

Black Iron 1211

Chapter 1211: The Plot of a Plot

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After hearing that question, Zhang Tie looked at the seats of Taiyi Fantasy Sect's representatives once again.

That representative of Taiyi Fantasy Sect might not ask this question out of a good intention; however, it was indeed a good chance for Zhang Tie to launch a counter-attack towards Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

It was a knight at his 50s who asked that question. He had a dislikeable long face and an emaciated figure. His words made all the guests move their eyes onto Zhang Tie once again.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "May I know your name, sir?"

"This humble man is Bai Zhonghe, a junior of Taiyi Fantasy Sect!" That man stood up as he replied and cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie.

Under the gaze of everyone else, Zhang Tie looked at Bai Zhonghe for a short. After that, his body started to ripple like water waves. After the water waves calmed down, Zhang Tie had already incarnated into the look of Ba Zhonghe; besides clothes, his figure, look and hairstyle became as same as that of Bai Zhonghe.

With a sound of crashing, the entire auditorium was in an uproar. Many people stood up out of amazement while watching Zhang Tie who had incarnated into another person.

"This humble man is Bai Zhonghe, a junior of Taiyi Fantasy Sect!" Zhang Tie stood up as he repeated Bai Zhonghe's words in the same voice and the same movement.

"You...you...you..." Bai Zhonghe stammered like seeing a ghost as he pointed towards Zhang Tie.

Actually, Bai Zhonghe was not the only one who felt like seeing a ghost; besides very few people who had seen Zhang Tie's body-changing immortal bloodline, almost all the 2,000-odd guests became stunned at the sight of Zhang Tie's performance.

Zhang Tie just incarnated into another person casually in such a short while. That was what made people feel terrified.

All the knights had stood up out of amazement, including the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

After repeating Bai Zhonghe's words, Zhang Tie's body rippled and incarnated into his original look once again under the gaze of the public.

"Immortal bloodline, immortal bloodline..." The auditorium was in an uproar as many people exclaimed.

As it was their first time to witness the legendary and unique immortal bloodline, many guests thought that they were dreaming. Therefore, they all pinched their thigh forcefully.

If the deacons and disciples of Huaiyuan Palace were not maintaining order on the spot, the exclamations would have soon turned into chaos.

“Right, it’s my body-changing immortal bloodline. I could change my figure and look casually. It’s just a small trick of disguise. Don’t laugh at me!” Zhang Tie cupped his hands towards all directions. After that, he sat back. Closely after that, he stretched out one hand, which released a ball of five-elements battle qi which carried the features of gold, wood, water, fire and soil and constantly changed its color. At the sight of it, those who were familiar with it would know that Zhang Tie was cultivating “Five-elements Ground-look Sutra”. After a few seconds, that five-elements battle qi disappeared. Zhang Tie closed his eyes for a short while. When he opened his eyes once again, the same hand released the fiery fire-dragon battle qi. “This is the secret method of chaotic treasure body that I cultivate. As long as one grasps this secret method, one’s surging points would be chaotic. At that time, one could simulate the effect of any secret method as long as one has the secret method!”

Previously, Zhang Tie told the elders of Huaiyuan Palace that it would normally take his secret method of chaotic treasure body about half an hour to convert between different battle qis and secret methods, except today. According to Zhang Tie’s explanation to the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace, the rapid conversion between the battle qis of different secret methods would consume him a lot of vitality; additionally, after a rapid conversion, he could only release 30% of the total battle qi in almost one day. That was an evident and severe sequela. When in special occasion, rapid conversion might bring him fatal outcomes by sparing a chance for the enemy to attack him. However, it was very special today. In order to shock all the people who had malicious intentions about Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Tie would expose his trump cards to the public even if he had to “pay the price for that”.

The elders of Huaiyuan Palace believed in Zhang Tie’s words firmly; besides, they were touched too much. Whatever, only Zhang Tie could grasp the secret method of “Chaotic Treasure Body”, Zhang Tie didn’t worry that his lies would be exposed. Additionally, he didn’t feel that he could have any chance to fight the others in 2 days after the rotating chakra ceremony.

Zhang Tie didn’t know whether gentlemen would tell lies. Actually, Zhang Tie didn’t completely treat himself as a gentleman until today. He was not simply telling lies but responding to the situations timely with the chance of the rotating chakra ceremony. The latter was the main purpose of Zhang Tie’s rotating chakra ceremony. However, Zhang Tie really had not imagined that he could receive so many gifts.

Thousands of people at present witnessed the power of Zhang Tie’s body-changing immortal bloodline and secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body. Therefore, the entire auditorium was in an uproar. Exclamations and communications made the square before the Ancestral Shrine Palace as boisterous as a marketplace.

In this chaos, a person in class VI official uniform stood up as he cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie said loudly, “Please forgive me, Elder Mushen, this humble man is the land resources administrator of the northeast military region. Because Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was rewarded to Fire-Dragon Hermit Cui Li and all the certificates about Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory were signed by Cui Li, Elder Mushen should prove that Cui Li was your incarnation although you’ve just displayed your body-changing immortal bloodline before inheriting all the rights of Cui Li in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. Whatever, we have to follow the Taixia law. Commander Cheng especially ordered this humble man to confirm the

relationship between Elder Mushen and Cui Li and the ownership of all the rights and interests of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory in case of disputes and troubles!”

After hearing the official’s words, the square became quiet once again. They all wanted to see how Zhang Tie proved that he was Cui Li. It would be better if Zhang Tie could display his body-changing immortal bloodline once again. He finished it too fast just now. Although many people had witnessed how Zhang Tie incarnated into another person, they wanted to watch that one more time.

“How do you want me to prove it?” Zhang Tie asked kindly. At this moment, Zhang Tie didn’t believe that the imperial court of Taixia Country and Northeast Military Region would make him embarrassed on this issue. They just wanted to end the gossips. Additionally, Zhang Tie would indeed meet problems in inheriting the ownership of properties of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory if he didn’t prove the relationship between Cui Li and him. ‘These problems should be solved as soon as possible. Although Commander Cheng didn’t come here, he has already expressed his goodwill to me.’

“Cui Li has left the complete handprints on the documents of inheriting Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. The two complete handprints are the most important reference and certificate for us to confirm the identity of Cui Li. If Cui Li is indeed the incarnation of Elder Mushen. As long as Elder Mushen could show us the same complete handprints, we will believe that Cui Li is your incarnation!” That official of Northeast Military Region Command said as he took out 2 lead slime seals that could keep Zhang Tie’s handprints from his portable space-teleportation equipment. After that, he threw a glance at the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace and had him hand the two seals to Zhang Tie.

“It’s simple...” Zhang Tie replied with a smile as his two hands started to grow larger and coarser and darker; even the grains of his palms and fingers were changing. Finally, they turned as large as a pair of cattail leaf fans. After that, Zhang Tie pressed a clear handprint on each lead mud seal, including the complete prints of his 10 fingers.

One deacon of Huaiyuan Palace handed the two lead mud seals back to the land resources administer of Northeast Military Region. The land resources administer took out an item like projector from his portable space-teleportation equipment under the gaze of the public. He put a photographic negative-like semi-transparent black card on the mirror of the machine before inserting the two lead mud seals into the two slots of the machine. Four clear handprints were reflected onto the screen. After that, the 4 handprints gradually aligned with each other under the manipulation of the land resources administrator, which proved that Cui Li was indeed the incarnation of Zhang Tie.

“Elder Mushen, the handprints that you’ve just incarnated are as same as that left by Cui Li. It could be proved that Cui Li is your incarnation. Later on, you need to sign some more documents so as to confirm your rights in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory!” The land resources administrator told Zhang Tie after teleporting the lead mud seals and the projector into his portable space-teleportation equipment.

“Thanks!”

“You’re welcome, Elder Mushen. It’s my responsibility!” The land resources administrator sat down after saying that.

“Elder Mushen, I wonder where did you get the secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body? How could you not be discovered by others when you disguised as Cui Li?” Another official of Supreme Court stood up as he asked Zhang Tie politely.

“I gradually learned the secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body through gnosis in a bizarre state after being struck by a lightning bolt. My achievement mostly benefitted from the experience of being struck by a lightning bolt. As for how I could be not discovered by others when I disguised as Cui Li, Cui Li was also disguised by a wanted man in Taixia Country. That wanted man is called Zhu Liang the poisonous wolf. When I returned to Taixia Country at the beginning, I met Zhu Liang the poisonous wolf who was being chased after by some bounty criminal hunters. Zhu Liang found I was alone and wanted to kill me; however, I killed him; before his death, I read his memory in soul reading skill. Later on, I could only incarnate into Cui Li with the ability of body-changing immortal bloodline and the secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body!”

“Soul Reading Skill?” The official of Supreme Court quivered slightly all over.

“Yes, when I was fighting clans of Three-eye Association in Waii Subcontinent, I discovered a secret method called “Soul Forbidden Method” from a member of the clan of Three-eye Association. Therefore, I grasped soul reading skill!”

Body-changing immortal bloodline, Chaotic Treasure Body and the soul reading skill in the Soul Forbidden Method. After thinking about the 3 phrases for a short while, a gasp sounded in the auditorium at the same time.

Did it mean that Zhang Tie could disguise whoever he wanted below knight level? After reading one’s memory, he incarnated into that one’s look. Who else in the world could identify Zhang Tie’s incarnation? If someone offended him, they didn’t even know how they were killed.

Nangong Sheng’s face changed a bit. Closely after that, the two elders of Immortal Fist Position Sect exchanged a glance with each other as they all saw a faint fear and shock in the opponent’s eyes. ‘Thankfully, we didn’t completely offend Zhang Tie at that time; otherwise, we didn’t even know how we were killed...’

“Hahaha, what a soul reading secret skill...” When the others were shocked too much, a hoarse laughter suddenly drifted from above Ancestral Shrine Palace. At the same time, a knight in a gloomy black robe appeared in the sky.

This knight had a hooknose. With weird sparkling eye light and silver hair swaying in the air, he was covered with a bizarre and grim black mist, which was constantly twisting around him like a vigorous flame as if it was going to shake off an invisible iron chain. What an amazing scene!

Black robe, hooknose, grim face, silver hair and weird mist. What a vivid image! Even though he had not appeared for a few years, the moment he showed up, he would be recognized by others at once.

“Black-robed knight Gorath, the most terrifying human voodoo pharmacist...” Someone immediately exclaimed in the west of the Ancestral Shrine Palace.

The well-known image of black-robed knight Gorath impressed people deeply. With the terrifying moons-demon miasma, this man had exterminated an entire demon corps and hundreds of millions of

demonized puppets, turning a subcontinent into a ghost region. He was the most terrifying black iron human knight.

Nobody could imagine that they could see Gorath here.

Gorath's intention was unknown; however, his extremely terrifying moons-demon miasma and changing black mist made many people in the auditorium intense.

Gorath could destroy a city or a subcontinent easily. Like a biochemical weapon which would explode at any time, this person would make others intense wherever he was. In some legends, even the air that Gorath exhaled was severely poisonous. Of course, his appearance would make some commoners feel intense. Even though those knights became alert at the sight of him; meanwhile, they all wondered why Gorath could appear here.

At the sight Gorath, Elder Muray raised his eyebrows as he intended to shoot up and ask Gorath about his intention.

"Elder Muray, take easy. This person is my friend!" Zhang Tie stopped Elder Muray with a solemn look as he looked up at "Gorath" and said, "It's nice to see you again, my friend, do you want to have a drink downside here?"

"No need, my friend, it's not inconvenient to do that. I've just collected a new destructive ptomaine recently. I cannot control it easily for the time being. I prefer to stay in the air. It would be safer!" Gorath's cold sound drifted from the sky, "Soon after I left Earth-elements Realm, I've been told that you've returned to Youzhou Province and promoted to an earth knight. I especially came here to take a look at you. I remember that you were a black iron knight a few years ago, it's really out of my imagination that you've already promoted to an earth knight. Congratulations, you're really the best Hua knight I've ever seen."

After hearing Gorath's words, everyone believed that Zhang Tie got acquainted with Gorath before. Additionally, they were good friends.

"Hoho, I'm just lucky..." Zhang Tie replied modestly.

"According to the proverb of you Hua people, nobody could promote to a knight by accident. It's all your hard efforts. I'm going to leave Taixia Country. Hope we could see each other later on!"

"Where are you going?"

"I've not decided. I will think about it after leaving Taixia Country, I might go to an unpopulated isle in the ocean or somewhere in a subcontinent!"

"Well, congratulations, bon voyage. Additionally, thanks for coming to see me!" Zhang Tie cupped his hands towards Gorath.

"Gorath" nodded in the sky. After that, he threw a distant glance at Zhang Tie before flying towards the open waters outside Tiger Embracing City.

When Gorath was flying away, some knights in the auditorium wanted to chase after him; however, they were all stopped by those on their side. Therefore, nobody chased after him in the end because of the words of Gorath. He had just collected a new destructive ptomaine. Even Gorath himself couldn't

control it. They realized that they'd better stay far away from Gorath. What was more, Gorath targeted at demons and Three-eye Association. Additionally, he had no evil deeds; therefore, those knights who used to treat themselves as righteous ones didn't have a reason to chase after Gorath. Additionally, it was in the territory of Huaiyuan Palace and Taixia Country. If Gorath was driven mad, he might release his terrifying ptomaine miasma in Embracing Tiger City or Taixia Country as a whole. By then, who would be responsible for that?

When they thought about this, they just watched black robe knight Gorath disappearing in the sky.

"Elder Mushen, you and Gorath are friends?" Elder Muray looked at Zhang Tie with a shocked expression.

Zhang Tie nodded seriously as he replied, "I got acquainted with him in Waii Subcontinent. At that time, I protected Huaiyuan Prefecture to the end. Occasionally, I met him. He was severely injured at that time and was being chased after by demon general and the knights of Three-eye Association. I helped him beat back those knights of Three-eye Association. After that, we became friends. I didn't know what he had done in Waii Subcontinent since I left there. We've not seen each other for many years!"

Zhang Tie replied as if it was the truth. However, nobody doubted him. Because Gorath just appeared in front of him and chatted with him just now. Someone might be able to disguise as Gorath; however, they couldn't imitate Gorath's temperament especially that vigorous black mist around him which was actually a terrifying ptomaine miasma or a form of moons-demon ptomaine.

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In the chilly wind, the black-robed knight Gorath arrived above the ocean. After ensuring that nobody was chasing after him, he dove into the sea at once.

The moment Gorath entered the sea, he had reached 60 miles away and entered an oceanic trench being covered with reefs and marine plants.

It was absolutely safe here. Nobody could see him. Gorath looked back at the direction of the Tiger Embracing Mountain. After that, he looked at his body and turned his black robe into powders by battle qi. After that, he muttered to himself, "What a powerful body-separation skill..."

After saying the words, Gorath's body disappeared into the bubbles and twisted shadow under the water...

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Chapter 1212: The New Layout (I)

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After the rotating charka ceremony finished for 2 days, various news about this rotating chakra ceremony were gradually fermenting. On February 6th, Zhang Tie had finished his reunion within his family members and left Jinwu City for Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory together with the disciples of Iron-dragon Sect, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Bai Suxian, Bai Suxian's elder brother, Feng Cangwu, Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and their disciples, Donder and Zhang Su, Zhang Tie's cousin.

The airboat of Heavens Fortune Sect left Youzhou Province yesterday. After meeting their dad and reuniting with their family members, Zhang Tie's 3 sons returned to Heavens Fortune Sect together with the grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect.

Zhang Tie became reassured about his 3 sons. The grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect attended his rotating chakra ceremony. After the ceremony, Zhang Tie had talked with the grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect carefully. Through this talk, Heavens Fortune Sect had become Zhang Tie's ally officially. Because of this relationship, Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei could receive the best education in Heavens Fortune Sect for sure.

Speaking of education, besides Gold and Power Law, the educational systems of the other 6 top sects of Taixia Country were the best among humans. Without such high educational levels and systems, they couldn't be top sects in Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie's 3 sons were instructed by Deyang Immortal, the grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect. Zhang Tie had met him in White Tiger Platform. This time, Deyang Immortal attended Zhang Tie's Rotating Chakra Ceremony on behalf of Heavens Fortune Sect too.

Immortal was an appellation of shadow-knights in Taixia Country. Deyang Immortal's original name was Wang Deyang. Because his cultivation method was a top-secret method in Taiyi Fantasy Sect, which was also cultivated by someone else; additionally, many people had promoted to shadow knight by the same secret method. Therefore, according to the universal appellation of Taixia Country, the appellation "immortal" should be prefixed with his original name. By contrast, as Mountain Lifting Hermit was the only one who cultivated *Mountain Lifting Sutra*

, like how Cui Li cultivated *Fire Dragon Sutra* alone, "hermit" could be prefixed with the name of their cultivation method.

Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal talked about the relationship and cooperation between Zhang Clan and Heavens Fortune Sect and the current situation facing Taixia Country as well as the cultivation of Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei in Heavens Fortune Sect.

Top sects such as Heavens Fortune Sect definitely had more than one secret method that could be used to promote to knights. Such top sects concentrated on teaching students in accordance with their aptitudes. Due to different gifts, abilities, advantageous resources, cultivation resources and support strength, disciples of Heavens Fortune Sect would cultivate different cultivation methods for sure.

The top cultivation method was the throne-level *Heavens Covering Sutra*. Under *Heavens Covering Sutra*, there were over 20 complete cultivation methods ranging from baron level to marquis level. Except for the duke-level cultivation method, Heavens Fortune Sect had collected all the cultivation methods on all levels. Ordinary disciples of Heavens Fortune Sect would be imparted with different cultivation methods through enlightenment optionally; however, top elites such as Feng Cangwu and Deyang Immortal of Heavens Fortune Sect were cultivating *Heavens Covering Sutra*.

Deyang Immortal promised Zhang Tie that his 3 sons could be imparted with Heavens Fortune Sect through enlightenment in the future. Therefore, Zhang Tie became completely reassured.

Although *King Roc Sutra* was an emperor-level secret method, it was incomplete for the time being as Zhang Tie had not got the corresponding battle skills. Additionally, the cultivation of *King Roc*

Sutra required a lot of resources. Zhang Tie could only slowly comprehend it himself. Without the help of Castle of Black Iron and the small tree, Zhang Tie didn't know that whether he could make such a great achievement.

At this critical moment, he preferred to have his 3 sons cultivate the complete throne-level *Heavens Covering Sutra* rather than imparting the incomplete emperor-level secret method to them at a high risk; because they could easily become outstanding and make a great achievement by cultivating the complete *Heavens Covering Sutra*.

Zhang Tie was never greedy; neither had he thought about dominating the world. In his opinion, ordinary people could barely enter Heavens Fortune Sect, not to mention cultivating a throne-level secret method. Therefore, he had been satisfied with that.

Emperor Xuanyuan was something; however, he was the only one among billions of people. At that supreme position, although he looked imposing, Emperor Xuanyuan's hardships might only be perceived by himself. Zhang Tie didn't pose such a high request towards his 3 sons. As a dad, Zhang Tie only hoped for his sons to be happy, healthy and grow into real men who dared shoulder their responsibilities instead of falling into a wrong path. If not the holy war and people could expand their longevity through cultivation, Zhang Tie even felt it was unnecessary for people to cultivate.

Heavens Fortune Sect was actually a super interest group. Thousands of clans, various industries were relevant about this sect, either large or small. Tens of billions of people might be involved due to interest. Of course, it was not just a lip service to be the ally of such a sect. Zhang Tie had to provide actual interests to Heavens Fortune Sect so as to stabilize their cooperation.

Knights needed element crystals and golds; however, more commoners only needed golds instead of element crystals.

Super interest groups such as Heavens Fortune Sect also needed to make profits. The greater the interest group was, the more it needed money to maintain its operation and cohesive force. As long as commoners had demanded, they had to make money. Even knights couldn't only survive on element crystals.

Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal talked something about profits too; namely the expansion and selection of the sites of production base of all-purpose medicaments and high-power alcohol.

As all-purpose medicaments gradually became well-known across Taixia Country, its market demand also grew larger. As a result, the capacity of all-purpose medicaments in Jinwu City and Yanghe Prefecture couldn't meet the demand of the market anymore. Now, less than 100 million vials of all-purpose medicament could be produced in Jinwu City and Yanghe Prefecture in each year. Such a low supply was absolutely insufficient for the huge market in Taixia Country. The gap in the market was terrifyingly large.

Zhang Tie's return completely stabilized the foundation of Jinwu City and Zhang Clan. After that, Jinwu Business Group and Zhang Yang had been considering about building another production base of all-purpose medicament outside Youzhou Province so as to meet the increasingly larger market demand.

It symbolized that Jinwu Business Group started to enter a larger stage outside Youzhou Province after accumulating enough strength.

The all-purpose medicaments in the market were expensive. Besides being rare, it was mainly caused by the high transportation cost. Youzhou Province was basically in the northernmost part of Taixia Country. It would take a vial of all-purpose medicament at least 2 months to arrive at Xuanyuan Hill from Youzhou Province even by airship. The farther it was, the longer the transportation process would be. Due to such a high transportation cost, its supply couldn't meet its demand.

According to Zhang Yang's plan, the first production base of all-purpose medicament that was founded outside Youzhou Province should produce at least 500 million vials of all-purpose medicaments annually. Given the size and population of Taixia Country, such an industrial base could only accomplish the basic production layout. Over 20 production bases with the same annual output should be founded across Taixia Country so as to meet the lowest demand in Taixia Country. After this step, Jinwu Business Group intended to build one production base in each province of Taixia Country so as to meet the demand of each province. Thirdly, they would consider building more production bases on the Western Continent and the other subcontinents which had civilized human countries.

By then, all the places that all-purpose medicaments could be seen and bought in the world would be covered by Zhang family's influence in Jinwu City. Such a layout was akin to the strategy which was adopted by some human petroleum interest groups who controlled petroleum resource and wanted to control the supply and demand of petroleum in the world before the Catastrophe. As long as a clan and a group could turn something under their control into the daily necessity of humans, they would have a greater power and influence.

Zhang Tie's return and the fact that he had promoted to an earth knight made Zhang Yang more ambitious about expanding the commercial empire of Jinwu Business Group by producing all-purpose medicaments outside Youzhou Province. This was the first step for them to build a commercial empire in the future.

At least now, Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang family in Jinwu City didn't have the ability, power or human resources to support the layout of Zhang Yang's commercial empire. If they wanted to further expand their market, they had to choose an ally. Cooperation was the best and stablest way for them to realize that.

Heavens Fortune Sect was the ally that Zhang Tie selected. The new production base with an annual output of 500 million vials of all-purpose medicaments would be built in Xuanzhou Province where Heavens Fortune Sect was located in.

The above was what Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal had determined. As for the distribution of profits, shares of sales volume and sales channels, it was the matter of the managers of Heavens Fortune Sect and Jinwu Business Group...

Whatever, Zhang Tie didn't need to worry about the trick of burning the bridge after crossing as long as the production of all-purpose medicaments had to depend on his essential-energy aura yeast. As long as he would like to do that, he could ensure that none of the production bases could produce one vial of all-purpose medicament. This was Zhang Tie's trump card, the confidence of Jinwu Business Group on

cooperating with the other forces and the eternal efficient means that Zhang family adopted to control the production and supply of all-purpose medicaments.

Chapter 1213: The New Layout (II)

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Like the production of all-purpose medicaments, the output of the first phase of high-power alcohol in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was only 50 tons. It was like throwing the stone to clear the road. Zhang Tie needed time. He needed this production base to produce high-power alcohol as fast as possible. The main function of this production base of high-power alcohol could be used to display the high performance of this sort of alcohol.

As long as the high-power alcohol entered the market, such a low output might only meet the demand of a prefecture in Youzhou Province. Given the huge market in Taixia Country, the urgent demand for such useful items could definitely be anticipated in the future. Therefore, the second topic that Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal talked about was about the cooperation between Zhang family in Jinwu City and Heavens Fortune Sect. They wanted to build a larger production base of high-power alcohol in the territory of Heavens Fortune Sect.

The annual output of the new production base of high-power alcohol should be at least 10 million tons.

The production and layout of the large-scale industrial base was a professional learning, which required experts with professional backgrounds to be responsible for selecting a site, designing and optimizing assembly lines and the construction of corresponding railways or highways. Zhang Tie was not worried about these issues. Given the ability and resources of Heavens Fortune Sect, they could easily deal with such things. Zhang Tie just gave a drawing of raw materials fermentation tank that he had designed to Deyang Immortal, which was the core component of the entire production base of high-power alcohol. As long as the raw materials fermentation tank could produce high-power yeasts constantly, the base would be able to produce alcohol constantly.

If Heavens Fortune Sect was highly efficient, they could put this base into use before this autumn harvest. By then, they could take advantage of a large number of straws.

As the catastrophe of bloody figures had spread over Taixia Country, the holy war was posing increasingly greater influence to Taixia Country. Nobody knew what would happen in Taixia Country half a year later. Although it was super fast for this high-power alcohol base to be put into use in half a year, both Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal had a sense of urgency.

Now that Huaiyuan Palace could discover that Heavens Reaching Church might play tricks on grains supply, the Heavens Fortune Sect could discover it too. Zhang Tie had to admire the smartness of influential figures in Heavens Fortune Sect once again. According to Deyang Immortal, within the sphere of influence of Heavens Fortune Sect, the agricultural production and grains supply of all the clans being affiliated to Heavens Fortune Sect were always manipulated by the business groups of Heavens Fortune Sect. Heavens Fortune Sect had been preventing from foreign grains like preventing from thieves; especially the flow-in of foreign grains. As Gold and Power Law was a "black hand" for imperial households of Taixia Country to involve in the affairs about the other 6 tops sects in Taixia country, Heavens Fortune Sect had to prevent Gold and Power Law and the Agricultural Ministry from

penetrating in grains production within their sphere of influence. Therefore, although the clans of Heavens Reaching Church could have their grains and grain seeds circulate across Taixia Country, they could barely have their grains and grain seeds penetrate into the sphere of influence of Heavens Fortune Sect.

Actually, besides Heavens Fortune Sect, all the other 5 top sects were also preventing the imperial court and the agricultural ministry of Taixia Country from involving in the grains supply within their sphere of influence. They would never put the vital industry of grains production in the hand of others.

This might be the only good news that Zhang Tie had heard over these years.

Zhang Tie was not sure which step would the overall situation of Taixia Country evolve to, better or worse. If a grain crisis broke out on a large scale in Taixia Country, grains would be the most important resource. By then, the imperial court of Taixia Country would be afflicted by the deteriorated overall situation. By contrast, the top 6 clans of Taixia Country had numerous grains. How would the imperial court maintain balance with the 6 top sects by then? As long as this equilibrium was broken, the chips and strengths of both parties would be reversed. Taixia Court would not be able to suppress the other 6 top sects by then. What would happen then?

The moment Zhang Tie thought about the above problem, he would be faintly worried.

'I'm definitely not the only person who could see this step and have such a concern.' Zhang Tie thought. Why didn't Commander Cheng of Northeast Military Region attend Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony? Because Commander Cheng had been making an inspection across Northeast Military Region; especially the major grain producing areas and urging all the provinces within his territory to accomplish the spring plowing of grains. As a result, those agricultural officials in Northeast Military Region were in a general turmoil.

Over the past 2 decades, it was the first time for Commander Cheng to care about grains production within the Northeast Military Region.

As the commander of Northeast Military Region, he must have been noticed by Xuanyuan Hill about something.

As a countermeasure, Zhang Tie's family also spent millions of gold coins in expanding irrigation works, reclaiming fertile farmland and founding villages around Jinwu City.

Over these years, they had reclaimed about 1400 million square meters' land around Jinwu City. This year, the total area of the arable land near Jinwu City would reach 2100 million square meters.

Zhang Tie stealthily spread a lot of No.1 earthworms in the arable land near Yanghe Prefecture and Jinwu City. Besides, he handed a batch of mutated quality soya beans, rice, wheat to Zhang Yang and told him to have people sow them all this year.

Besides establishing cooperation with Heavens Fortune Sect, Zhang Tie also made secret talks with the representatives of Gold and Power Law and Supreme Court and reconciled with them.

Interestingly enough, both Gold and Power Law and Supreme Court extended the olive branches to Zhang Tie once again.

Gold and Power Law invited Zhang Tie to join them once again by providing the title of bright golden dragon head to him. The Supreme Court provided Zhang Tie with the title of procurator in chief, with which, Zhang Tie could manage all the Buildings of Brightness and all the bounty criminal hunters across Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie declined all the invitations of Gold and Power Law and Supreme Court politely.

After the real identity of Han Zhengfang was exposed to the public, the position of Gold and Power Law almost dropped out of the top 7 sects of Taixia Country as it was suffering from condemnations from all parties. During the past 2 months, Zhang Tie learned that the top 6 sects had assigned elders to hold two conferences; however, Gold and Power Law was excluded from both conferences. This could never be possible a few years ago. However, now, it became possible. Gold and Power Law was pushed aside by the other top 6 sects of Taixia Country. That was to say, the other top 6 sects might elbow Gold and Power Law out of the name-list of the top 7 sects of Taixia Country. Zhang Tie had been betrayed by Gold and Power Law, if he agreed to join Gold and Power Law which was squeezed out by the other top 6 sects, Zhang Tie must be muddle-headed.

‘What’s bright golden dragon head? Is that cooler than being a boss?’

Although Zhang Tie declined the invitation of Gold and Power Law, he still recommended his elder brother Zhang Yang to join Gold and Power Law. It was still very profitable for Zhang Yang to join Gold and Power Law if it was regarded as a pure commercial alliance or commercial guild. Whereas, as Emperor Xuanyuan was too arrogant and urged to found a sect which was on equal footing with the other top 6 sects of Taixia Country, Gold and Power Law became neither fish nor fowl. Commercially, it was profitable for Zhang Yang to join Gold and Power Law as the boss of Jinwu Business Group.

When the representatives of Gold and Power Law left Youzhou Province, Zhang Tie’s elder brother Zhang Yang had become the bright gold manager of Gold and Power Law, which granted him with one more halos.

Gold and Power Law was very satisfied with such a result too. Whatever, it was Zhang Tie’s elder brother who joined Gold and Power Law. From another perspective, it indicated that Zhang family had agreed to reconcile with Gold and Power Law. Powerful organizations such as Gold and Power Law preferred to have people such as Zhang Yang who was a businessman and had knights and powerful forces on his back; because the purer the businessman was, the more he would understand the value and power of gold coins and the more he would be able to integrate with Gold and Power Law. This was also the doctrine of Gold and Power Law.

From a perspective, the fact that Zhang Yang joined Gold and Power Law indicated the balance between Zhang family in Jinwu City, the imperial court and the other top 6 sects in Taixia Country.

Besides, Zhang Tie asked Donder to leave Gold and Power Law and join him.

Both Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and Iron-Dragon Sect required a reliable person who was proficient in economy, management and could get along well with all parties. Zhang Tie considered it carefully as he found that Donder was the most suitable person.

Of course, Gold and Power Law agreed on letting Donder join Zhang Tie’s Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

Zhang Tie let Donder be his general steward of Iron-Dragon Sect. With that title, Donder had a great power. In one word, Donder was entitled to care about the daily necessities, the taxation and management of 10 cities being affiliated to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and the management and development of millions of square miles under the name of Zhang Tie. Even Donder had not imagined that he could have such a day and such a great power. If Zhang Tie's territory was regarded as a small country in a subcontinent, Donder's title was equal to the prime minister of that small country.

Zhang Su, who was Zhang Tie's cousin, also joined Zhang Tie.

To be honest, Zhang Su had the best cultivation gift among Zhang Tie's peers. Actually, Zhang Su's cultivation gift was even greater than that of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang; additionally, Zhang Su was wise, courageous and brave to shoulder responsibilities. Of course, Zhang Tie would keep such a good cousin on his side.

Zhang Tie felt that his family should have some more knights. His cousin Zhang Su should be one of the most promising people for promoting to knights in Zhang family...

The greater Zhang Tie's layout was, the more helpers would he need...

Chapter 1214: The New Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory

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In the process of heading for Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Zhang Tie and a lot of people were sitting or standing around a long table in a large luxurious lounge on the top of the airboat while drinking and talking about a map on the table.

The map was sent by the land resources administrator of Northeast Military Region before the airboat left Jinwu City today along with a lot of documents and contracts about the ownership of the land in Youzhou Province.

This time, the official efficiency was pretty high. After confirming that Zhang Tie was Cui Li, all the formalities had been dealt with in less than a week; additionally, the land resources administrator of Northeast Military Region sent them to Zhang Tie himself.

Zhang Tie's land in Youzhou Province was composed of 4 parts: first, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, which was rewarded by the imperial court of Taixia Country; second, the rest part of Yangui Mountain Range which was gifted by Guan Clan after he won the bet with Guan Qianchong; third, Zanggu Plateau in the north of Youzhou Province that he bought; fourth, 1.2 million square miles' land that was gifted by Gold and Power Law in this rotating chakra ceremony.

On the map, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was connected with Yangui Mountain Range; Zanggu Plateau was over 1,200 km away in the north of Yangui Mountain Range, which was a barren land. However, the land gifted by Gold and Power Law was right in between Yangui Mountain Range and Zanggu Plateau. As a result, Zhang Tie's private land in Youzhou Province became one piece.

Given this point, Gold and Power Law had carefully selected the gift for Zhang Tie. Based on the relationship between Gold and Power Law and the imperial court of Taixia Country, it was as easy as winking for the former to look up the private land of Zhang Tie in Youzhou Province. When Gold and

Power Law saw the open land between Zhang Tie's two pieces of land, of course, they selected the open land as their sincerest gift.

Zhang Tie marked his private land in Youzhou Province red on the map.

It was an irregular half-moon shaped region. The upper part of the region was Zanggu Plateau, which had the highest terrain; the middle part of the region was gifted by Gold and Power Law, which was mainly plain; the lower part of the region was Yangui Mountain Range.

This red region on the official map of Northeast Military Region covered about 5.35 million square miles, which was much larger than 5 million square miles as was imagined by Zhang Tie. There were two reasons for this: first, 1.4 million square miles' land that Gold and Power Law's representatives reported on the spot of Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony was only to correspond to the quantities of the other gifts in the list of presents. Actually, such a large area of land had to be divided according to the topographic features such as mountains and rivers within the territory. Therefore, it was hard to get an integer. In fact, Gold and Power Law gifted him 1.35 million square miles' land; second, the precise land areas of Zanggu Plateau and Yangui Mountain Range were slightly greater than that estimated by Zhang Tie.

According to Zhang Tie's request, the total 6.25 million square miles' land area was called Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

"I remember that there were large batches of green unpopulated areas within the territory of Youzhou Province 5 years ago. It's really out of my imagination that most of such regions have disappeared..." Zhang Tie let out a sigh with emotion.

Since this map was taken out, Zhang Tie had been standing beside the table and watching this map seriously. He felt a bit thrilled and satisfied as if he was watching the building structure plan of a house or a villa like how commoners usually did. The red region on the map belonged to him as his foundation in Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie was very happy. The lounge was in a relaxing atmosphere too.

Zhang Tie was really good at getting along well with people from all walks of life. There were royal highness and princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, able apprentices of top 7 sects of Taixia Country, a couple of knights who had founded a sect in Taixia Country, managers who had experienced hardships since they were young like Donder and Zhang Tie's elder male cousin. As Zhang Tie's friends, all of them could get along well with each other easily. Zhang Tie treated all of them on equal terms. None of them felt uneasy on Zhang Tie's side; therefore, Zhang Tie became the core figure of this circle unconsciously.

Zhang Su and Donder integrated into this circle a few days ago. In the beginning, they were still a bit restrained. Whatever, all the others in this circle were knights. After staying with the others for 2 days, Zhang Su and Donder didn't feel restrained any longer; they could even chat with Bai Suxian and her elder brother after having a drink.

"Youzhou is a lower province which has just been established. As long as it is pacified, land resource in Youzhou Province could be easily sold out. Additionally, the earlier, the cheaper. Those major clans within Northeast Military Region which come to Youzhou Province for development bring a great demand for land. As it is in the holy war, these major clans would not put all the eggs in one basket.

Look at the territories of those provincial governor's clans within Northeast Military Region on the map. All of them have bought land in Youzhou Province. Actually, major clans in Taixia Country are growing up step by step in this way. Not only the major clans within Northeast Military Region, even the land of local major clans in Youzhou Province such as Gu Clan in Eastriver Prefecture, Lu Clan in Spiritualmaple Prefecture, Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture, Yan Clan of Sunny Prefecture, Liu Clan of Changshan Prefecture, Ximen Clan of Xingbei Prefecture and Sun Clan of Guide Prefecture have expanded greatly respectively. Gu Clan and Lu Clan expanded their land mostly, followed by Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture. The total land area of Eastriver Prefecture and Spiritualmaple Prefecture almost reaches 1.8 million square miles; the land area of Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture also reaches about 1.2 million square miles and connects with Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory...by contrast, Huaiyuan Palace doesn't expand land too much over these years..."

After Zhang Tie finished his words, Donder wagged his head as he drunk the *early sunshine after the small snow*; meanwhile, he pointed at the map and said,

"Mountain Lifting Hermit nodded on one side as he also took a glass of *early sunshine after the small snow*."

When the alcohol entered the mouth, it tasted sweet and cold; however, its strength was lasting, deep and unique like taking sunshine and snow which further turned into plum blossoms and brought the drinker a warm feeling. Only after having two glasses of *early sunshine after the small snow*, Donder and Mountain Lifting Hermit had blushed while the air that they exhaled carried the chilly fragrance of plum blossoms.

Early Sunshine after the small snow was produced in White Deer Building on the top of Long Dragon Mountain outside Youzhou City. It was said that the brewing method was utterly different than that of common liquors. The water of this liquor came from the annually first drops of snow water on plum petals of Long Dragon Mountain. Therefore, White Deer Building could only build less than 100 jars of *early sunshine after the small snow* each year. In Youzhou Province, even Zhang Taixuan couldn't drink it as long as he wanted. In Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony, White Deer Building sent Zhang family 30 jars of 10-year elder *early sunshine after the small snow*. These days, those guys who liked drinking had taken the greater part of these liquor. Feng Cangwu and Bai Suxian's elder brother drank most, followed by Lu Zhongming and Donder. Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhang Su ranked third; Bai Suxian and Lin Huanxi's drinking capacity were ordinary. By contrast, Zhang Tie ranked last.

On the map, Zhang Tie's Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was originally neighbored that of Li Clan of Miyun Prefecture; now, the private land of Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture closely neighbored the land which was gifted by Gold and Power Law.

The Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory covering about 5.35 million square miles had been the largest private land in Youzhou Province, which was even larger than the total land area of Gu Clan and Lu Clan.

When it came to Threespring Prefecture, Zhang Tie recalled how Guo Hongyi turned around and looked at him after the rotating chakra ceremony came to an end that day.

Zhang Tie felt that Guo Hongyi would never leave if he invited her to stay that day. However, Zhang Tie didn't; neither did he say anything. Guo Hongyi's gloomy eyes made Zhang Tie's heart pound at that moment.

Watching the border area between Threespring Prefecture and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Zhang Tie stroked his jaw as he thought, 'Is that God's will? Otherwise, why would the land which was gifted by Gold and Power Law neighbor Threespring Prefecture? I hope nothing would happen; otherwise, it would be boisterous on my side.'

Zhang Tie could always sense an invisible sense of gunpowder between Bai Suxian and Guo Hongyi after they met in the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect. If the two female knights were both on his side, Zhang Tie would be giddy for sure.

Zhang Tie turned around and threw a glance at Bai Suxian who was sitting on his side. Coincidentally, Bai Suxian threw a glance at him at the same time.

"Are you missing that woman?" Bai Suxian asked in a secret way.

'F*ck, woman's intuition is too terrifying.'

Of course, Zhang Tie denied it. He couldn't pretend to be muddle-headed as he replied in a secret way too, "Which woman? Didn't I stay with you at home these days?"

"Harrumph, liar, I saw you ogling at each other on your rotating chakra ceremony..." Bai Suxian replied out of jealousy.

"You're thinking too much..." Zhang Tie replied with a solemn look.

"Hahaha, young brother Zhang Tie and young sister Suxian are really intimate. You're talking romantic words even at this moment..." Lu Zhongming burst out into laughter as he discovered that Zhang Tie was talking with Bai Suxian secretly. As a result, Bai Suxian became a bit embarrassed.

However, Zhang Tie burst out into laughter too, "Haha, women are hard to convince, not to mention a female knight. As I'm a junior on this aspect, I have to learn from Elder brother Lu. You and elder sister Lin are really immortal couples!"

Lu Zhongming burst out into laughter; however, Lin Huanxi blushed as she said, "How could you say such words as an earth knight?"

"Well, it's my fault, men are hard to convince, not to mention male knights. It's not Elder brother Lu who convinces you, but it's you who convinces Elder brother Lu. How about that?" Zhang Tie put up his hands at once, making Bai Suxian and Lin Huanxi laugh at the same time.

Bai Suxian's elder brother had been a bit drunk who was leaning against a long couch in the lounge and killing time with Zhang Su by playing the game of go. They were on even. On the checkerboard, they were really well-matched. Zhang Tie's Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was indeed very large; however, in the eyes of the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he was really not excited about Zhang Tie's private land which was even smaller than 6 million square miles. Therefore, he didn't feel like looking at the map. Among the borderless region in the south border of Taixia Country, any mountain cave, a mountain peak or a mountain range under the rule of the king of beasts would be much greater than his land.

After boarding the airboat and drinking a half jar of *early sunshine after the small snow*, Feng Cangwu had been sleeping soundly on the soft bed on the other side of the lounge. It was said that it was a bizarre cultivation method of Heavens Fortune Sect, which was really admiring.

The atmosphere was tranquil in the lounge. All of a sudden, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion turned around and looked at Zhang Tie before saying, "You said you wanted to broaden our horizon in Iron-Dragon Sect, what on the earth do you want to show us?"

"Haha, you will know when you arrive there. Elder brother, you can bring back some souvenirs to the south border of Taixia Country. It's good if the corps in the south border could use it; if they don't need it, elder brother, just take it as a business!"

Zhang Tie didn't put on his airs. As for these men who were treated as friends by him including royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he would call them elder brother regardless of their cultivation base as long as they were evidently elder than him. These men also liked that. Only after a few days, they had been used to that.

After hearing that Zhang Tie wanted to gift him a business, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion burst into laughter as he asked while being a bit drunk, "Do you want to gift me the business of all-purpose medicament in the south border? It's a big business. We can talk about it carefully. I will not have you suffer a loss. Except for this business, I'm really not interested in those businesses that could only make millions of gold coins a year. Although I have to feed a lot of subordinates and over 10 corps which means a great consumption per year, if the business that I'm involved in couldn't bring me a big profit, I would lose my face in the south border of Taixia Country; someone would think that I have poor insight and ability. If so, I'm afraid that some brothers would think that I'm not qualified to be the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion..."

"The business of millions of gold coins is indeed too small. It's not about all-purpose medicament. Elder brother, you've already seen how we produce all-purpose medicament in Jinwu City..." Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Based on the power of Lord Guangnan's Mansion in the south border, if elder brother really wants to do this business, you could easily make hundreds of millions of gold coins a year. So could elder brother Lu and elder sister Lin. You couldn't sustain Minling Swordsmanship Sect without money. You won't live well only by the annual tributes of your disciples and the land rent. Therefore, I called elder brother Lu here to see whether you would like to do this business in Guzhou Province. If you feel you could, we can make fortunes together..."

Chapter 1215: Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks

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The route from Jinwu City to Iron-Dragon Sect of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory crossed the entire Youzhou Province horizontally. The entire distance was over 6,000 mile. Zhang Tie's group left Jinwu City on the morning of February 6th. After one day's relaxed flight, the airboat arrived at the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect soon after the dark fell at over 7 pm when they just finished their supper.

Since the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect last August 18th, it had been almost half a year. After almost half a year's rapid construction, the main peak of Xuantian Eighteen Peaks had manifested its grand look.

After hearing that they had arrived at the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect, the crew came to the movable deck of the airboat and watched the landscape below.

Xuantian Eighteen Peaks were in Yangui Mountain Range which was over 120 miles away in the south of Xuantian City. The dragon head of the entire Yangui Mountain Range was over there. Xuantian Eighteen Peaks had grotesque and elegant sceneries. Before Youzhou was promoted to an established lower province, Xuantian Eighteen Peaks were a scenic spot in Yangui Mountain Range within Northeast Military Region. After making an investigation in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Zhang Tie determined to build Iron-Dragon Sect over there.

The main peak of Xuantian Eighteen Peaks was Xuantian Peak. Looking from above, there were continuous buildings from the foot to the top of Xuantian Peak, including grounds, pavilions, audience halls, protective fortresses, galleries, terraces, mountain passes and stone steps, which formed an organic entity. As the dark fell, the lamplight inside these buildings extended all the way from the foot to the top of the main peak as if a shiny long dragon spiraled up from the top of the mountain, making it pretty fascinating...

Besides the main peak, there was also some lamplight on Immortals Gathering Peak, whose lamplight and buildings were much fewer than that of the main peak.

Being not far from the Immortals Gathering Peak, there was another mountain peak. Looking from afar, a lot of airships were hovering above that mountain peak. Although it was already dark, a great number of craftsmen were still working on that mountain peak by building houses with courtyards and pavilions.

When the airboat approached Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks, it slowed down.

As the founder of Iron-Dragon Sect, it was his first time to see Iron-Dragon Sect's site after half a year.

Standing on the deck of the airboat and watching the brilliant lamplight in the distance, Zhang Tie became thrilled more or less and felt complex inside.

It was his Iron-Dragon Sect, also his foundation in Taixia Country. Hua people always persisted that men became independent at the age of 30 years. At 30, Zhang Tie finally could have his own undertaking in Youzhou Province. Although the Sacred Iceland Kingdom was good, Zhang Tie always felt estranged by ruling those Slavs in disguise as Hua; neither did he feel having a strong sense of belongingness. Additionally, his identity as Tsar meant responsibilities and works rather than power and reputation for Zhang Tie. Only when he founded his undertaking in Taixia Country where his family members and the other Hua people lived could he have a sense of belongingness and become not that fickle.

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"When I visit Immortals Gathering Peak by foot, I see continuous clouds in the depth of sunglow.

Sunglow is still far away when the sun reaches the top of the mountain peak; cranes return in flocks when the moonlight is thrown on the pines.

Soon after I saw a dragon rising above the Hua buildings, I see phoenixes hovering in the crystal river.

As my heart integrates with the grotesque scenery of Yangui Mountain, I'm shocked by the grotesque mountain peaks that reach the sky.

Beyond the boundless grasses, woods and sunny clouds, there are looming phoenixes.

The twittering Cuiping birds on the banks must be calling their friends to drink the immortal spring water.”

After drinking up the last bit of liquor on the airboat, Feng Cangwu looked at the lamplight at the foot of the mountain while leaning against the handrail; meanwhile, he couldn't stand reciting the poem about Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks written by an ancient poet, which matched Feng Cangwu's romantic temperament pretty well.

“Haha, this ancient poem is really nice. Besides describing the landscape, it mentions all the names of the 18 mountain peaks. What's more, all the lines are close to nature, unlike having been processed at all...” Lu Zhongming replied with a smile too, “Xuantian Peak, Immortals Gathering Peak, Morningclouds Peak, Sunrise Peak, Distant Sun glow Peak, Moonlight Peak, Pines Peak, Cranes Gathering Peak, Rising Dragon Peak, Hua Buildings Peak, Hovering Phoenixes Peak, Crystal River Peak, Towering Sky Peak, Boundless Peak, Deep Clouds Peak, Looming Peak, Cuiping Peak and Immortal Spring Peak. I've heard the names of the Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks when in Guzhou Province. At the sight of them, I find they're really magnificent, forbidding and immortal...”

“What men of letters! When they saw knights flying in the sky, they thought they saw immortals; when they heard birds twittering, they thought birds were calling friends to drink immortal spring water. 1 million poets couldn't defeat a knight; however, their natural dictions could never be matched by us!” Mountain Lifting Hermit shook his head.

“Hahaha, each one has his strong points; each one has his strong points. If we just fought demons on the billions square miles' land in Taixia Country, it would be similar to drawing on a board with just one color. That would be monotonous. These poets make the world more splendid...” Bai Zhengnan, Bai Suxian's elder brother, laughed as he added, “Zhang Tie really selects a good place!”

After hearing Bai Zhengnan's words, they all looked at Zhang Tie. At this moment, they found that Zhang Tie looked a bit strange while looking at the nearby Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks.

At this moment, Zhang Tie was indeed thinking about something else. Since he saw Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks and the site of Iron-Dragon Sect, he had recalled what Donder told him in the grocery in Blackhot City.

“Hua people persist that kind-hearted people don't enter politics; merciful people don't master military power; righteous people don't do business. Zhang Tie, you're too kind-hearted and always stick to principles; you could barely have a great achievement in politics, military or business. If you do a small business, you could only be a small boss at my age. Unless you're favored by the God, you could barely make any further progress. I find you're enthusiastic about the guests and always introduce our commodities to them carefully. You're too talkative. With this temperament, you might live a comfortable life as a teacher at school; otherwise, you might have a bright future by being a jerk priest in Sun Dynasty...”

This was Donder's comment on Zhang Tie before he gained Castle of Black Iron. Zhang Tie admitted that Donder has a sharp judgment. Over these years, Zhang Tie had done business; served the army and

ruled Hurricane Corps; he had also served as Youzhou Provincial judge for a few days; however, none of the above jobs lasted.

It was really a bit strange. He should make money when doing business; however, when he helped Donder mind the grocery and helped his family sell rice brew, it was his poorest period; he even grudged to spend one copper coin. Therefore, Donder said Zhang Tie was not suitable to do business.

In Donder's words, if a person whose sales volume was at least 1 gold coin a day when he had the right to sell the commodities couldn't even afford cheese and bread which were worth over 10 copper coins, he was humiliating the word "businessman".

When Zhang Tie served the army, he was almost killed; when he ruled Hurricane Corps, he stayed to deal with demonized puppets and preferred to return to Taixia Country alone.

Although Zhang Tie had served as the chief justice of Youzhou Province, he resigned as he couldn't stand the intrigues and mutual attacks between different parties.

Zhang Tie didn't learn too much from his experiences in business, military and politics. He only received some lessons on how to survive himself.

Today, Donder's judgment on Zhang Tie had come true step by step. Zhang Tie's largest achievement really came from other aspects except for politics, military and commerce.

—After pretending to be a jerk priest, he founded the Sacred Iceland Kingdom and built Ancient God Church.

—After becoming a "master", he opened Iron-Dragon Sect and enrolled a lot of disciples and laid his foundation in Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie always felt being much more comfortable and pleasant by pretending to be a jerk priest and a "master" than his former experiences. "Jerk priest" and "master" had many common places. If jerk priests could forget about their doctrines and beliefs, most of them could be masters. If masters advocated beliefs, masters became jerk priests.

Watching the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect, Zhang Tie figured out these laws at once as he had a bizarre feeling, 'Will I really act as a master in Iron-Dragon Sect and a jerk priest in the Sacred Iceland Kingdom at the same time?'

'Donder really became a "prophet"!'

"What's wrong with you?" Bai Suxian asked Zhang Tie out of concern which woke Zhang Tie up.

Zhang Tie glanced around the surrounding people before revealing a smile to Donder, "I've just remembered what you told me in Blackhot City. You hit that. I really don't have a bright future in business, politics and military. I cannot match my elder brother in commerce; when in politics, I was almost screwed to death as Gobbling Party and Heavens Reaching Church both hated me too much; I have no interest in ruling army. I'm afraid that I could only make fool of some disciples in the rest of my life. I feel comfortable doing that too!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Donder became stunned. Closely after that, he remembered what he told Zhang Tie. He then threw a deep glance at Zhang Tie with a bizarre expression, "When a master

reaches a realm, his sect would be like the top 6 sects in Taixia Country. By then, a sect would be like an immortal dynasty. You will get whatever you want. A lot of people would serve you in commerce, politics and military. No need to admire others...”

Gold and Power Law didn't develop through the relationship between master and disciples, its type of organization was utterly different than ordinary sects; therefore, Donder didn't include Gold and Power Law in his words.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, “The objective of top 6 sects is too far away. I'm not that ambitious. Actually, by establishing Iron-Dragon Sect, I just hope that we will not be bullied by others as we don't want to bully others. At least I'm not free; by the way, I could have those people surrounding us live better lives. Moreover, we could contribute to the humans in the holy war.”

After hearing Zhang Tie's explanation, all the others exchanged a glance with each other as they started to laugh with a different expression. Some of them shook their heads; the others nodded. If it was told by others, they might not believe that; however, after staying with Zhang Tie for so many days, they felt that Zhang Tie didn't tell them a lie; especially Bai Zhengnan. Zhang Tie could easily be satisfied. Like the immortal bloodline and secret methods that Zhang Tie exposed in this rotating chakra ceremony, he just exposed them so as to shock those who wanted to bully him, his family members, relatives and the others. If being ambitious, Zhang Tie would barely expose such secrets to the public; instead, he would have done a lot of evil things for his targets.

When Zhang Tie talked, the airboat had already arrived at the hillside of Xuantian Peak, the main peak of Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks and slowly landed on it. There was a large-scale step-style airport covering about 1.8 square miles. A lot of people were waiting for it at the airport.

After the airboat landed on it, the hatch door was opened when Zhang Tie walked out of the airboat.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, Lu Yishan, the boss of Threerocks Building Business Group in Dashang City of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory had bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie, followed by a lot of people, “Master, Lu Yishan and my subordinates have long been waiting for you!”

Zhang Tie glanced around the new airport and those well-proportioned buildings on Xuantian Peak in the far before nodding inside. He felt that he had chosen the right person. ‘It seems that Lu Clan is indeed suitable to be responsible for the construction of Iron-Dragon Sect.’

All the buildings on Xuantian Peak had preserved the beautiful natural scenery to the most extent. Artificial buildings could unite with nature in a perfect and harmonious way. Even though Zhang Tie didn't know architecture, he knew that all the buildings here had been delicately designed by masters. No wonder his disciples always spoke highly of the buildings in Iron-Dragon Sect in front of him after his rotating chakra ceremony. Even Mountain Lifting Hermit felt it was not bad.

“It's fine. Thanks to your hard work over the past half a year. Lu Clan indeed has not disappointed me!”

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Lu Yishan became relaxed at once as he replied, “It's, it's my responsibility. It's Lu Clan's honor to serve the master. The first phase of the project on Xuantian Peak have been completed. The entire Xuantian Peak could hold over 3,000 people; all the main halls, the residences of master and elders, the living areas of master and your direct disciples and all the supporting facilities of the first phase have been completed!”

“According to your plan, how many people could be held in Xuantian Peak at most?”

“We’ve just completed the first phase of Xuantian Peak. If you need, new courtyards and buildings could be added in many places from the foot to the top of Xuantian Peak. The entire Xuantian Peak could almost hold 50,000 people. Xuantian Peak could hold about 80,000 people if your disciples and servants squeeze up!”

“Not bad!” Zhang Tie nodded as he glanced around those typical buildings with rich Hua features on Xuantian Peak from the foot to the top of the peak. After that, he said, “Just hold 50,000 people according to the plan. No need to squeeze up here. According to the current scale of Iron-Dragon Sect, the scale of the first phase is acceptable. As for the other buildings and facilities, step by step!”

“Yes! Master, do you want to make an inspection now?”

“No need, we’ve already carefully seen these facilities and buildings on Xuantian Peak on the airboat. How about the projects in Immortals Gathering Peak and Pines Peak?”

Lu Yishan peeped at Bai Suxian stealthily before saying carefully, “Erm...Princess Bai’s subordinates are responsible for the construction of Immortals Gathering Peak; Threerocks Building Business Group is only responsible for giving a favor to Princess’s subordinates or providing some raw materials for them. Elder Gan selected Pines Peak as his base a few days ago. We’re building the mountain passes from Pines Peak to Xuantian Peak. Besides, we’re leveling the ground on Pines Peak. We’ve already drawn the maps and are waiting for Elder Gan’s decision...”

After hearing that, Zhang Tie knew that Bai Suxian’s subordinates had already contracted the project on Immortals Gathering Peak. Of course, Lu Yishan dared not go against those people from Lord Guangnan’s Mansion; therefore, he couldn’t be involved in the construction of Immortals Gathering Peak. Needless to say, Immortals Gathering Peak was selected by Bai Suxian as her base. There were two reasons: first, it was close to Xuantian Peak; second, its name carried the word “immortal”. The moment Bai Suxian saw its name, she had felt that she was pre-destined to have it. Therefore, she selected Immortals Gathering Peak as her base in Iron-Dragon Sect.

Mountain Lifting Hermit’s secular name was Gan Yanlai; his official name was called by outsiders; however, inside Iron-Dragon Sect, they all called Mountain Lifting Hermit Elder Gan. Being similar to Elder Qingfeng in Heavens Fortune Sect, the words “Qingfeng” was the honorific title of Deyang Immortal inside Heavens Fortune Sect; however, outsiders called him Deyang Immortal.

Chapter 1216: A Sharp Weapon

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That earth knight who came to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory with Bai Suxian last year had already left Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for the south border of Taixia Country when Bai Suxian and Zhang Tie returned to Youzhou Province. However, Bai Suxian’s subordinates stayed in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. A part of her subordinates stayed in Immortals Gathering Peak to serve Bai Suxian; the rest part built manors, workshops and farms in the hills and basins at the foot of Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks and formed the first spontaneous town within the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect. Her subordinates included a great number of able workers who also became the first batch of people who relied on Iron-Dragon Sect.

Any sect of Taixia Country included master, disciples, elders and a lot of producers and servants. Take Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Fortune Sect as an instance, they could almost produce everything and get involved in all aspects. The sects in Taixia Country were super armored interest groups in terms of interests, secret methods inheritance and bloodlines. The masters were the heads of these super armored interest groups.

Such groups had strong vitalities as they had lasted thousands of years. In the era of science and technology before the Catastrophe, due to various reasons, sects were sluggish in a period; however, they didn't disappear. After the Catastrophe, the sects in Taixia Country won their vigorous development once again.

The Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks of Iron-Dragon Sect covered over 6,000 square miles. Besides Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks, there was a large area of basins, hills, slopes, even abundant water resource at the foot of the mountain. Zhang Tie targeted at building a unique Class A city within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory based on Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks in Northeast Military Region.

Rome was not built in one day. Besides money, population and attraction counted most for running a Class A city. Zhang Tie was not anxious about that. Whatever, the Xuantian Peak of Iron-Dragon Sect had been established. Iron-Dragon Sect finally had a glorious face. As for the others, step by step. Zhang Tie was confident to meet this objective as Iron-Dragon Sect gradually grew prosperous.

After getting off the airboat and having a short talk with Lu Yishan, Zhang Tie had led Bai Suxian, Bai Zhengnan, Mountain Lifting Hermit and Donder to a warehouse which was not far away from the airport.

Zhang Tie knew what they were interested in. Therefore, he didn't tantalize them. They indeed didn't need to wait until tomorrow.

On the way, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi were evidently interested in the mountain peaks that Bai Suxian and Mountain Lifting Hermit had in Iron-Dragon Sect as they kept inquiring Bai Suxian and Mountain Lifting Hermit about the situation inside Iron-Dragon Sect.

"Actually, his identity of the master is just relative to those disciples in Iron-Dragon Sect. You've already seen that. In the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect, he just treats me and Mountain Lifting Hermit as his friends like how he did when we organized a team in the Earth-elements Realm. The difference was that he became our team leader this time. We've already reached an agreement. Within the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect, as long as we don't violate the rules and regulations of the sect, he, the master of this sect would not interfere with the internal affairs of each mountain peak. We could enroll disciples when we want; if we don't want to enroll disciples, we could be hermits on our own mountain peaks!"

After hearing Bai Suxian's explanation, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi threw a glance at each other silently.

Only after a short while, Zhang Tie had led them to the front of a closed warehouse, which was made of a steel structure. Being covered with blue corrugated steel tiles, the warehouse looked very firm. The gate of the warehouse was tightly closed. The open airport was on the opposite of the gate.

"What's inside here? Would it be an airship? But it's a bit low for airship!" Donder said curiously as he looked up at the height of the gate.

All the others then looked at Zhang Tie out of doubt.

Zhang Tie revealed a smile towards them before saying, "You will know it!"

As for Zhang Tie, although there was a gate in between, he could still see clearly what were inside the warehouse.

Zhang Tie had people carry that thing into this warehouse by airship on the 2nd day after the rotating chakra ceremony. Besides, Zhang Tie, even his disciples and Mountain Lifting Hermit had not seen it.

When he replied, Zhang Tie clapped his hands. Closely after that, the gate was opened. Zhang Tie entered it at once, followed by all the others out of great curiosity.

The inside of the warehouse was brightly lit by crystal lens fluorite lamps. Right in the warehouse, there were three huge odd-looking objects being covered with cloths.

Under the gaze of everyone else, Zhang Tie walked over there and forcefully jerked off one piece of cloth from the huge object, exposing a silvery odd-looking aircraft which was over 4 m in height, over 9 m in length and over 11 m in wingspan.

Under the lamplight, the entire aircraft was like a fabulous, brilliant artifact being covered with halos.

Besides Zhang Tie, all the other 100-odd people were stunned including Feng Cangwu and Zhang Tie's disciples.

"This is a glider...ah, no...glider is much smaller. Additionally, there's no propeller in front of a glider...is it an antique that you collected? But...how...how could it be so new?" Bai Suxian's elder brother responded to it at once. No matter what, most of the people of this age were familiar with airships and gliders. Those who could contact airship troops must have seen the real airships and gliders. However, for those people who understood the history, science and technology of humans before the catastrophe, they could immediately discover that it was similar to a propeller-driven airplane before the Catastrophe.

There was no propeller-driven airplane in this age anymore because of the exhaustion of fossil energy before the Catastrophe. In this age, only airships were driven by steam; the coal-fueled airplane had not been invented although many people were studying about it over the past hundreds of years. It was destined to be a distant dream. Efficiency, weight, volume of the steam engine and coal weight couldn't correspond to the maximal takeoff weight that it could output. Even though all the rest weight except for that of the steam engine and coal was zero, such an airplane couldn't fly off either.

Someone claimed that nobody in this age could invent the airplane anymore.

Almost everybody believed in that humans could only build three kinds of aircraft in this age, namely, glider, airship and airboat. Strictly, glider was not an aircraft.

However, it was a real airplane in front of them.

This airplane had a two-seat cabin. Behind that water-drop shaped cockpit, there was a steam crossbow which could flexibly change its direction.

As they were all attracted by this airplane, none of them noticed the 10-odd 1 m-higher thick green iron pails at a corner.

When the others were wondering about this model of airplane, Zhang Tie had already seen through this airplane. As the best and most experienced glider pilot, Zhang Tie was clear about the flight principles and operation skills of aircraft. Additionally, as the dual-drive engine of this airplane was designed by him, he was clear about the principle of operation of the dual-drive engine. With these strengths, Zhang Tie had grasped the functions of all the operational bars and buttons in the cockpit

Only by throwing a glance at this airplane, Zhang Tie had grasped the driving skills of this airplane.

Under the amazed expressions of the others, Zhang Tie nimbly jumped onto the wing of the airplane. After that, he slid open the cover of the cockpit and put his upper body into it. After pressing the oil supply button, he jumped off and ran to the front of the airplane. He then held the propeller of the airplane and forcefully rotated it in a clockwise manner...

The dual-drive engine was started through machine strokes. The engine could only be started by external strength.

At the beginning, Zhang Tie didn't dare use too much strength in case of ruining the engine. He just used a little strength. However, the engine stopped running only after 2 seconds.

"Ahh, what are you doing? Is this really an airplane? But what could this airplane work for?" Lu Zhongming asked out of amazement.

Soon after Lu Zhongming's words, Zhang Tie had held the propellor for the second time and rotated it in a clockwise manner once again...

The loud boom and the heat wave that was released through the vents blew over the surroundings in a split second. As Bai Suxian and Lin Huanxi were standing beside the propellor, their skirts were blown up by the hot air flow at once.

Combustion of alcohol was different than the combustion of the other fossil fuels as burning alcohol only led to water and carbon dioxide; instead of black smoke and smelly flavor...

"No way, am I dreaming?" Donder watched the rotating propellor with widely opened eyes and sensed the strong cold wind brought by the propeller as he exclaimed unbelievably.

At this moment, nobody felt that Donder was impolite, because everybody wanted to shout out the same sentence...

Chapter 1217: An Unusual Night

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Only with a slightly greater strength than commoners, he had started up the engine. Therefore, Zhang Tie felt pretty good.

"Hahaha..." Zhang Tie burst out into laughter. After that, he ran to the belly of the airplane pleasantly and took away the non-slippery lock which was seizing up the wheels of the landing chassis of the airplane. After that, Zhang Tie drilled out of the belly of the airplane and sat in the cockpit. He then

looked at the crowd; at the same time, he beckoned Zhang Su, who was also shocked greatly, to the back seat. Zhang Su immediately ran over there. After jumping onto the wing, he pulled open the cover of the back seat and sat flexibly.

Zhang Tie had his plan by calling his cousin Zhang Su to sit on the back seat at this moment. Previously, Zhang Su might be unknown; however, since he jumped onto Zhang Tie's airplane, the name of Zhang Su was destined to be recorded in the history of humans.

Because it was the first trial flight of the first airplane in the Black Iron Age over 900 years later after the Catastrophe, a great attempt for commoners to convince the sky once again. Besides Zhang Tie, Zhang Su also joined this trial flight.

Because it was humans' first trial flight in the black iron age, it carried a special meaning. The name of Zhang Su was destined to be remembered by people. 'Zhang Su is too inconspicuous at the present. If he works for me, he'd better have a bit reputation.'

Of course, Zhang Tie would grasp such a rare chance; instead of bothering others. The 3 airplanes had been assembled and passed the engine performance test. They did not have a trial flight yet.

It was at Zhang Tie's request. However, those onlookers might have not responded to it as they were still in shock and wondering how could Zhang Tie run this airplane; neither were they sure whether this airplane could fly.

Zhang Tie closed the cover of his cockpit, so did Zhang Su. After that, the entire airplane slowly moved under the gaze of everyone else. After circling a small half of the warehouse, it drove out of the gate of the warehouse and came to the airport.

The plain airport provided the airstrip for the airplane. Zhang Tie gradually accelerated the airplane. After moving hundreds of meters away, Zhang Tie and Zhang Su felt being weightless while the entire airplane took off under the gaze of all the people at present. After leaving the ground, the landing chassis of the airplane was also slowly drawn back beneath the wings.

Zhang Tie then drove the airplane and had it fly around Xuantian Peak.

The wuther of the engine aroused the attention of many people on Xuantian Peak.

Zhang Tie soon became familiar with the driving skills and know-how of this airplane. Therefore, Zhang Tie could have this airplane do more and more actions in the sky. In the evening, it constantly rolled and ascended and did various maneuvering movements as flexibly as a huge bird and a monkey on the tree.

After flying a few circles around Xuantian Peak in the sky, Zhang Tie played a trick. He had the airplane fly over the warehouse upside down from over 3 m higher above the warehouse. When they almost crashed against the cliff of Xuantian Peak, Zhang Tie pulled it up vertically rapidly, shocking those onlookers pretty much.

Bai Zhengnan patted his head as he flew towards Zhang Tie's airplane, closely followed by Mountain Lifting Hermit, Feng Cangwu, Bai Suxian, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi. They caught up with Zhang Tie's airplane in the blink of an eye...

Zhang Tie soon realized the result of showing off in front of a team of knights by airplane—he was surrounded by those knights out of curiosity.

Bai Zhengnan flew onto the left wing of the airplane; Mountain Lifting Hermit flew onto the right wing of the airplane; Bai Suxian, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi flew to the top of the airplane; Feng Cangwu flew to the front of the airplane as he just flew backward while observing the airplane...

Of course, this airplane couldn't match knights in speed; therefore, these people could surround it and watch it easily.

When they were gazing at the airplane and Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie felt like being put in a cage. At the speed of 360 miles per hour, the onlookers and the airplane were relatively still, no matter how the airplane moved. When those knights watched the airplane, they kept speaking highly of it.

Thankfully, they were all familiar ones. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't feel too embarrassed. He just tested this airplane's performance to his heart's content. All the onlookers just watched him manipulating it quietly. As knights, they all realized the significance of what Zhang Tie was doing. They all knew that they were not watching something fresh out of curiosity, but witnessing a sharp weapon which could change the balance of air forces between humans and demons in this age.

On the evening of February 6, the 904th year of Black Iron Calendar, the first human airplane accomplished its first ever flight above Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory which, as a whole, was tranquil with sparse lights.

As the airplane constantly ascended, Xuantian Peak which was higher than 8,000 m was instantly lagged behind. Meanwhile, the wuther of the engine grew increasingly acuter too; however, it was still steady. When Zhang Tie looked at the altimeter of the airplane, he sensed the performance of the airplane. When it reached about 12,500 m in height, Zhang Tie tried many times and found that the airplane couldn't reach higher any more no matter how the engine of the airplane wuthered. Later on, Zhang Tie properly declined the airplane to over 4,000 m in height before flying towards Tianxuan City.

Only after over 10 minutes' flight, Tianxuan City had appeared under Zhang Tie's foot.

Tianxuan City was a large city with a big population. Although the dark had fallen, it was a nice nightscape while the sky was adorned with brilliant stars. When Zhang Tie had the airplane fly over Tianxuan City, the metallic texture of the surface of the airplane and the sound of its engine attracted the attention of many people in Tianxuan City, causing a bit turmoil.

After flying over Tianxuan City, Zhang Tie had the airplane fly over the hinterland of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. Closely after that, he flew over Xinlu City, Langyun City, Ningan City, Xuesong City, Yande City, Qinghe City, Dashang City, Wugong City and Dongyang City within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory one after another. After over 5 hours' flight, he returned along Yangui Mountain Range, ignoring the turmoils that he aroused among those cities.

When the airplane was approaching Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks, Zhang Tie's heart pounded as he told those onlookers, "The performance of the steam crossbows has not been tested. How about testing the air combat capability of this airplane by scattering a bit and releasing your protective battle qis like wing demons?"

As for knights, as long as they released their protective battle qis, these steam crossbows could never threaten them, at most make them itchy. After hearing that Zhang Tie wanted to try the air combat capability of this airplane, all of them felt it was interesting as they all nodded as if they were playing a game. They all released their protective battle qis while extending the distances between them and the airplane.

After saying “star” to Zhang Su, Zhang Tie immediately started to test the performance of those steam crossbows on the airplane by shooting bolts towards those knights.

The steam crossbows were as powerful as usual; additionally, being installed on the airplane, they could be manipulated flexibly. When in normal flight, besides the direction of the propeller, the tail unit and the space below the body of the airplane, there was almost no dead ground. He could also shoot those dead grounds as Zhang Tie adjusted his flight attitude.

Gliders could never match airplanes in flexibility and maneuverability.

Bai Zhengnan and Mountain Lifting Hermit both felt it was interesting. Until Zhang Su shot all the bolts, Zhang Tie noticed them before returning to Xuantian Peak by airplane. The airplane landed on the same runway before slowly entering the same warehouse.

The entire process took them about 6 hours. When Zhang Tie drove the airplane back to Xuantian Peak, it was over 1 pm on February 7.

Donder, Zhang Tie’s disciples and the disciples of Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi were all waiting for them back in the warehouse.

What happened today shocked everybody too much. Even Donder and all the others became very excited, not to mention Zhang Tie and those knights.

After parking the airplane, Zhang Tie opened the cover of his cockpit and jumped out of it closely followed by Zhang Su.

A lot of people came around Zhang Tie at once. They all watched Zhang Tie with their shiny eyes as if they were watching a rare pre-historical beast. As a result, Zhang Tie felt goosebumps all over. He had not even been watched in this way even in the rotating chakra ceremony a few days ago.

None of those knights spoke. Donder and those disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect both felt that the atmosphere was weird; therefore, they dared not open their mouths either.

Zhang Tie shrugged as he said, “Don’t look at me like that. Just say something!”

Zhang Tie broke the silence.

“Maximal flight height, 12,500 m!” Feng Cangwu opened his mouth.

“Maximal speed, about 420 miles per hour!” Lu Zhongming said.

“The crossbows on the airplane have advantages over airships on power, flexibility and speed.” Bai Suxian nodded as she said.

“Over the past 6 hours, this airplane has flown about 2,380 miles. How long could it fly now?” Bai Zhengnan looked at Zhang Tie and asked him.

“There’s still half fuel in the oil tank...” Zhang Tie answered straightforwardly.

“You mean the maximal operational radius of action of this airplane is about 2,380 miles and it could fly 4,560 miles...” The royal highness of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion took in a deep breath as he looked at Zhang Tie in a profound manner, “With this airplane, Iron-Dragon Sect could enjoy a good fame among humans too!”

Before Zhang Tie finished his words, Donder suddenly coughed twice before saying, “Hmm, it’s already too late. Don’t stand here anymore. It’s cold. We can talk in the room...”/

It was indeed not the right place for Zhang Tie and those knights to talk about it.

Chapter 1218: High-Power Alcohol Production Base

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Over the half past year, although Zhang Tie was not in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, he was still paying special attention to everything in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

The construction of the site of Iron-Dragon Sect was one of the most attractive things to Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie knew that Threerocks Construction Business Group had mobilized over 300,000 people, hundreds of airships of all types and over 10,000 sets of mechanical equipment and vehicles to build the site of Iron-Dragon Sect in the half past year. Even now, over 2,000 craftsmen were still constructing the site of Iron-Dragon Sect a day.

With such a large scale and great efforts, Threerocks Construction Business Group carried out multi-tasks at the same time. Some high-class highways leading to Youzhou Province, Yanzhou Province and the other places across Youzhou Province from Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks had been open to the traffic in the half past year. Various buildings and living facilities on Xuantian Peak were also gradually improved.

Last night, Zhang Tie shocked the public too much. Even Bai Suxian couldn’t believe that Zhang Tie invented dual-drive engine which couldn’t even be invented by senior mechanical engineers.

Therefore, early morning, they all urged to visit the production bases of Zhang Tie in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

Undoubtedly, Bai Zhengnan, Bai Suxian’s elder brother was most interested in Zhang Tie’s high-power alcohol and new-type airplane.

As the royal highness of Lord Guangnan’s Mansion, Bai Zhengnan ruled over 10 corps in the south border of Taixia Country. He understood military affairs, people’s livelihood and political affairs. Therefore, he was the first one who saw the great value of Zhang Tie’s high-power alcohol and new-type airplane. After those knights talked it through with Zhang Tie last night, Bai Zhengnan rushed to the warehouse of Xuantian Peak and teleported all those barrels of high-power alcohol into his portable space-teleportation equipment with the reason that those lanterns over Immortals Gathering Peak

lacked fuel and he felt this high-power alcohol was proper; therefore, he moved them himself instead of bringing trouble to Zhang Tie.

Before going to bed, Zhang Tie heard this message from his subordinates and became speechless about that.

'How could those lanterns on Immortals Gathering Peak need fuel like those inferior lanterns? It's absolutely a joke given the magnificence of Lord Guangnan's Mansion and Bai Suxian's daily needs.'

'Even if Immortals Gathering Peak really lack fuel, when did the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion become the butler of Immortals Gathering Peak?'

'Speaking of value, the production cost of those barrels of high-power alcohol is just a few silver coins. How could the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion take them away without my consent as if he was afraid that I wouldn't agree with him instead of feeling bashful?'

When Zhang Tie heard this news before going to bed, he forced a bitter smile.

This night, Zhang Tie lived in the Master's Pavilion of Iron-Dragon Sect on Xuantian Peak.

Master's Pavilion was not just a pavilion; instead, it was a complex which was connected by bucket arches and elevated high bridges. Being in the depth of the most beautiful wood, brook and garden on Xuantian Peak, the entire Master's Pavilion included Zhang Tie's main building, 21 various pavilions, buildings and courtyards for the loving of guards, maids, servants and Zhang Tie's family members. At least 300 people could live in the Master's Pavilion comfortably.

The entire Master's Pavilion had not been put in use yet. It was Zhang Tie's first time to live in it. Although it was a bit empty inside and not as boisterous as Zhang Mansion, Zhang Tie was still very satisfied with it.

Because the courtyard and facilities on Pines Peak had not been completed, Mountain Lifting Hermit lived in an elder's courtyard on Xuantian Peak for the time being; Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi, Donder and Zhang Su had their own courtyards; Zhang Tie's disciples had long got their residences on Xuantian Peak; Bai Suxian and Bai Zhengnan directly flew to Immortals Gathering Peak and lived there.

As her elder brother and so many knights were here, Bai Suxian felt embarrassed sleeping with Zhang Tie; therefore, Zhang Tie enjoyed a rare, personal sleep.

This night, there were only 5 people in the Master's Pavilion, Zhang Tie and 4 of his disciples.

Liu Xing and Zhao Bing were responsible for Zhang Tie's safety when he was sleeping; Qian Bingbing and Zhang Yawei served as Zhang Tie's maids.

Serving one's master when in need. Almost everyone in Taixia Country felt it was reasonable. It was not just a lip service. Because Iron-Dragon Sect had not established its personnel affairs system, Zhang Tie's Master's Pavilion didn't have enough servants; therefore, on the first evening when Zhang Tie came back, his disciples were on night duty for Master's Pavilion.

Zhang Tie was not used to that; however, he knew that it was absolutely acceptable in Taixia Country. Additionally, those people were arranged by Liu Xing. Given their facial expressions, they all felt very

honorable serving as Zhang Tie's guards and maids. Now that they were all excited, Zhang Tie didn't need to say anything else.

Liu Xing, Zhao Bing, Qian Bingbing and Zhang Yawei stood there still overnight.

After a few hours' deep sleep, Zhang Tie had woken up before daybreak.

The moment Zhang Tie got up, Qian Bingbing and Zhang Yawei had opened the bead curtain and entered Zhang Tie's bedroom. Before they started to help Zhang Tie put on clothes and cleanse up, Zhang Tie said bashfully, "Erm...I will do it myself!"

"Master, do you blame Yawei and I for being ham-handed and want to be served by other senior or junior sister apprentices? Are you chasing us away?" Qian Bingbing opened her mouth. At the same time, the two female disciples' eyes were filled with glistening teardrops. With innocent looks, they almost cried.

Facing such a situation, although he was their master, Zhang Tie could only stay silent. Zhang Tie had a similar experience. At school, sometimes, a teacher's casual sentence might make a student unhappy for many years, even cause a knot in his heart. Therefore, besides preaching his knowledge to disciples, Zhang Tie always reminded himself that he had to pay attention to his diction in front of his disciples. "Whoops, alright, but you don't need to stand outside overnight if you still want to be on night duty in the future!"

"Don't need to stand outside...Master...Master...do you want us to help you go to bed?" Zhang Yawei whispered as she lowered her head.

The two female disciples blushed at once as they lowered their heads and peeped at Zhang Tie.

If it was a male disciple in front of Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie had long slapped him and sent him flying away. However, they were two female disciples. Zhang Tie became speechless, 'What are the two girls thinking about?'

Now that he couldn't slap them and send them flying away, Zhang Tie could only straighten his face as he flicked Zhang Yawei's head by finger in an imposing manner.

Zhang Tie had determined to establish his personnel affairs system in Iron-Dragon Sect. At least, he could select some dare-to-die members from those gifted by Lord Guangnan's Mansion and have them assume the night duty for these guards and maids. With so many girls on his side, he might have love affairs with them one day. Similar things were not fresh in Taixia Country. Take Nangong Sheng the master of Immortal Fist Position Sect as an instance, some of his current concubines who accompanied him to attend the rotating chakra ceremony were his former disciples. As for knights, such romantic affairs were acceptable. Some sentimental love stories might be deducted from such affairs. However, Zhang Tie could barely accept such affairs.

Perhaps, he was deeply impressed by Miss Daina. The relationship between him and Miss Daina was always a hazy and pure friendship between teacher and student. Therefore, Zhang Tie unconsciously treated Miss Daina as a model and would never break the friendship between a teacher and a student.

As of now, although Miss Daina couldn't teach him anything more; what she instructed Zhang Tie were deeply buried in Zhang Tie's memory. The last lesson of Miss Daina taught Zhang Tie how to be a qualified teacher.

This was a sort of memory that could only be understood by Zhang Tie.

"Hahaha, young brother Zhang Tie. The day is breaking. Will we take a look at the production base of high-power alcohol and dual-drive engine that you taught us last night?" Bai Zhengnan's loud laughter drifted from the sky. Soon after he flew off Immortals Gathering Peak, his voice had reached the Master's Pavilion on Xuantian Peak.

This was a senior tactic of voice transmission. In this means, the voice could reach over 10 miles away. When it reached the destination, it would diffuse as if he was talking to you in front of you. Ordinary earth knights could barely grasp this skill.

Before Zhang Tie went to wake him up, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion had left for Zhang Tie's Xuantian Peak and urged him to get up. Perhaps, the royal highness didn't even fall asleep last night. As for a knight, they only needed to enter meditation by crossing their legs with eyes closed for a short while to recover their spirit and energy.

Bai Zhengnan's arrival broke the embarrassed atmosphere in Zhang Tie's bedroom coincidentally.

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When Zhang Tie put on his clothes, cleansed up and walked out of the Master's Pavilion, Liu Xing and Zhao Bing in iron armors both bowed towards him outside the Master's Pavilion with gleaming eyes.

"Master!"

"Hmm, thanks!" Zhang Tie threw a glance at them. After standing outside the Master's Pavilion overnight, the two men's iron armors had been covered with hoar-frost and dew.

"It's disciples' responsibility to serve our master!"

Bai Zhengnan and the other knights had just arrived at the opening land outside Master's Pavilion and were waiting for Zhang Tie to come out.

"Have you had breakfast?" Zhang Tie asked.

"How about having breakfast on the airboat? I've already had people to prepare it on the airboat!"

Bai Zhengnan answered. Feng Cangwu shrugged. Mountain Lifting Hermit didn't say anything. Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi revealed a smile. With red eyes, Donder might not have a good sleep last night. Zhang Su was waiting for Zhang Tie's decision. Bai Suxian looked curious.

Watching the expressions of the other knights, Zhang Tie said, "Let's go then..."

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In less than half an hour, soon after they finished their breakfast on the airboat, the airboat had already landed on a vast and smooth land in the south of Dongyang City within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory which bordered Gaoping Prefecture in Yanzhou Province. Right in the middle of this open land which

covered over 1,400,000 square meters, there were rows of huge erect metal cans and intensive pipelines.

This was the first production base of high-power alcohol within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory according to Zhang Tie's plan.

The airboat directly landed on an open land within the production base of high-power alcohol.

Soon after the airboat parked, a lot of armored guards had swarmed up from all directions while blowing whistles. At the same time, they had pulled their sabers out of their sheaths as if they were facing a sharp enemy.

These ordinary guards could barely see senior airboat in usual times. After the rotating chakra ceremony, Zhang Tie returned his Iron-Dragon airboat to Taiyi Fantasy Sect; therefore, it was difficult for them to identify whether this airboat came from Lord Guangnan's Mansion or other places.

The airboat arrived abruptly without any notice. Therefore, these guards could only surround the airboat rapidly; meanwhile, having people notice the director of the base. They also knew that those who could take a flight by airboat were definitely not commoners.

Zhang Tie didn't open the hatch door of the airboat at once. Zhang Tie was also waiting for the arrival of the director. If he went out at this moment, these guards might not be able to identify him. In case of any trouble, he didn't feel like explaining anything to them.

Only after a short while, the boss of Zhongpin Business Group in Dongyang City, which was a branch of Li Clan of Wansheng Palace in Wuhua Prefecture, Zhuozhou Province had run over here while smoothening his clothes.

At the sight of Li Tao, Zhang Tie had people open the hatch door. After that, he walked out of the airboat.

Li Tao had seen Zhang Tie twice. The construction of this high-power alcohol production base was a task that Zhang Tie delivered to Li Tao. Li Tao was invited to attend Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony too. However, on that occasion, Li Tao was just a trivial person like Lu Yishan. It was already his great honor to have a seat in the auditorium. By contrast, those who were waiting to be received by Zhang Tie in Xuantian City together with him were not even qualified to talk to Zhang Tie. However, in this rotating chakra ceremony, Li Tao knew the real identity of Cui Li and was in much more awe of Zhang Tie because of the talents that Zhang Tie exposed.

At the sight of the young man walking out of the hatch door, Li Tao became slightly stunned. Closely after that, he bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie and said, "Master, Li Tao feels sorry for being late!"

Watching Li Tao's movement and hearing his words, those surrounding guards hurriedly put their sabers back into the sheaths as they knelt down by one knee towards Zhang Tie.

Chapter 1219: The First Myrmidon

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Zhang Tie told Li Tao to show around this high-power alcohol production base to his followers. Meanwhile, those guards kept patrolling in the base.

This was Zhang Tie's private high-power alcohol production base; however, it was Zhang Tie's first time to visit here. Therefore, Zhang Tie was also interested in those tall and huge iron cans and pipelines in the base.

"Those guards have a quick reaction speed. Are they new?" Zhang Tie asked Li Tao as he looked around those facilities in the base.

"Master, they are guards of Zhongpin Business Group. After the base was completed, this humble man only assigned a part of them here for the sake of the safety of this base. However, after the catastrophe of bloody figures broke out in Tongzhou Province, I was told that many bloody figures had entered Yangui Mountain Range; therefore, this humble man assigned all of them here!"

"Do you live in here too?"

"There are fewer than 5 LV 9 fighters among them; all the others just rank from LV 4 to LV 8. I was told that all the bloody figures are LV 9 fighters. Therefore, I was worried that these guards might not deal with those bloody figures and directly live in the base!"

Li Tao was a LV 13 battle general. As long as he was here, he could deal with 10 bloody figures. Even if a big group of bloody figures raided here, he could at least resist them for a short while. During the process when he resisted those bloody figures, as long as he sent the distress signal, the powerhouses of all the clans across Dongyang City would be able to come here for aiding him as soon as possible.

"If you and your guards move to the base, what about your business?"

"Compared to the task of Master, my business is nothing but sh*t!" Li Tao said meticulously without any arrogance or claiming merit for himself.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at Li Tao as he signed with emotion inside. 'What a young member of a family holding official rank for generations! His insight and trick couldn't be matched by ordinary businessmen. Li Tao knew that he could change his fate as long as he completes Zhang Tie's task and satisfies Zhang Tie. His Zhongpin Business Group, the annual sales volume of which was only hundreds of thousands of gold coins was nothing but sh*t in front of Zhang Tie's eyes.'

Zhang Tie was also told that Li Tao had exerted his full efforts in the half past year in order to complete the construction of this high-power alcohol production base within 3 months. The budget of this base was 5 million gold coins; however, in order to complete Zhang Tie's task, Li Tao added 600,000-700,000 more gold coins into the construction of this alcohol production base.

As long as money was in place, some equipment suppliers within Yanzhou Province could rapidly produce various facilities required by this production base; additionally, resources and relations could be coordinated in all aspects; thirdly, he used this money to set heavy rewards for those workers, technicians and engineers who could complete the works overtime. With the efforts and coordination of Li Tao, this high-power alcohol production base was finally completed within 3 months. However, those gold coins that Li Tao provided himself greatly weakened the foundation of his business group. Even so, Li Tao didn't complain about that; neither did he ask more money from Iron-Dragon Sect; instead, he just gritted his teeth and completed the task perfectly.

Li Tao's meritorious services ranked first in the construction of this high-power alcohol base.

Li Tao's efforts could be identified from his look. After half a year, he had been much thinner and darker.

What was more, after the first batch of high-power alcohol was produced, Li Tao blocked the news in case of arousing the attention of all parties as he was clear about the value of the alcohol. Additionally, nobody took away those high-power yeasts from the reaction kettle of the base. Zhang Tie was the creator of those high-power yeasts; if someone took away those high-power yeasts or if those high-power yeasts met some problems, Zhang Tie would have known that without having to come here.

As Li Tao had experience in producing alcohol; he knew what counted most in this base. However, he didn't lose his mind in front of interest when Zhang Tie was not here. Therefore, he was definitely reliable.

As Li Tao was capable, visionary, loyal and deeply believed in Zhang Tie, of course, Zhang Tie would not let him suffer a loss; instead, Zhang Tie would put him in an important position and gift him a bright future. As Zhang Tie urgently needed capable and loyal people like Li Tao, he brought Zhang Su and Donder here.

"Do you remember what I told you at the beginning? As long as you could complete this task well, I will gift you a bright future and enable you to return home one day with honors. Even the elders of Li Clan of Wansheng Palace would behave politely in front of you!"

"This humble man remembers it!" Li Tao said meticulously.

"Hmm, don't run your Zhongpin Business Group anymore!" Zhang Tie said calmly.

Li Tao's footsteps stagnated slightly.

"That business is too small. You couldn't make too much money in one year. You don't deserve to do that. Just stay on my side as the general manager of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory!" Zhang Tie threw a glance at Li Tao as he added, "This base is just a start in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. The scale of 500,000 tons is just the first step for throwing a stone to clear the road. In the future, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory would be able to produce at least 2 million tons' high-power alcohol a year. As the conditions gradually grow mature, I will found bases in Youzhou Province, Yanzhou Province and Tongzhou Province. You will be responsible for all the alcohol production bases within Northeast Military Region. As for the treatment, I gained 60,000 kg gold a year when I served as the judicial officer of Youzhou Province. You could choose between 60,000 kg gold and 1/100 of the total profit of the entire high-power alcohol industry within Northeast Military Region a year!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Li Tao blushed in a strange way as he took in a deep breath and bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie once again and said, "Master, from today on, Li Tao would like to serve you faithfully. Li Tao had confidence in the business of high-power alcohol and would like to choose the second compensation!"

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he thought, 'This guy is really smart and could take note of the situation. He could grasp the chance timely.'

After this bow, Li Tao became Zhang Tie's first myrmidon instead of a commoner within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

In Taixia Country, the relationship between master and myrmidon was similar to the relationship between teacher and student. Myrmidons enjoyed many privileges; meanwhile, they would be restricted in many aspects. Rights and obligations always went hand in hand. When Li Tao was not Zhang Tie's myrmidon, if Zhang Tie killed him out of no reason, he would commit a crime; however, after Li Tao became his myrmidon, if Zhang Tie killed Li Tao according to home regulation, he would not suffer any punishment. Similarly, before Li Tao became Zhang Tie's myrmidon, if he had any enemy, Li Tao had to deal with the enemy himself; however, after becoming Zhang Tie's myrmidon, Zhang Tie would be responsible for dealing with Li Tao's enemy.

All the major clans in Taixia Country had myrmidons, such as Lord Guangnan's Mansion and Huaiyuan Palace. The more powerful myrmidons a clan had, the more powerful the clan would be.

Now that Zhang Tie had determined to treat Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory as his foundation in Taixia Country, of course, he needed to consolidate this foundation in all aspects and expand his reliable ones for better ruling Fire-Dragon Territory. As Zhang Su was his cousin, Donder was his instructor and friend; of course, they couldn't be his myrmidons. Therefore, Li Tao was fortunate to become Zhang Tie's first myrmidon.

Bai Zhengnan and the other knights just saw Zhang Tie convince Li Tao on one side. Although they didn't know what Li Tao had done for Zhang Tie, they could see that Zhang Tie regarded Li Tao highly.

After realizing that this man might be responsible for the business of high-power alcohol on Zhang Tie's side in the future, even Bai Zhengnan threw a deep glance at Li Tao and bore this man's look in mind.

As the sun rose up, workers in the alcohol production base were in positions on time. Black smoke also rose out of the chimney of the base which indicated that they were producing alcohol. Most of these workers came from the former alcohol plant of Li Tao; some of them were recruited by him lately.

Li Tao introduced each production link to Zhang Tie and the other knights.

They saw hills of maize straws being transmitted into the huge grinder. After being shattered into pieces, the maize straws entered the stewing workshop. After that, they were divided into those huge reaction kettles for fermentation.

The entire fermentation process would take 21 days. 21 days later, the substances in the reaction kettles would be divided once again. The reaction kettles were connected to high-pressure steam pipelines. In high-pressure steam, different substances would be divided into different places once again.

The pale gold liquid that flew out of that pipe on the top of the reaction kettle was high-power alcohol. The substance flowing out of the pipe which was connected to the middle part of the reaction kettle was plant fiber pulp, the residue at the bottom of the reaction kettle was a special organic fertilizer...

After the plant fiber pulp entered the new production line, they were mixed with broken coarse coal cinders and turned into combustible honeycomb briquet before being pulled away by trucks...

Chapter 1220: Fiery OilTranslator: WQL Editor: Aleem

"Are all the products here made of maize straws?" "Right!"

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“What’s the efficiency of maize straw?”

“On average, 4 tons of maize straws could be made into 1 ton high-power alcohol, over 2 tons of special plant fiber pulp and over 900 kg organic fertilizer.”

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“Is this high-power alcohol drinkable or not?”

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“Which effect is better, this organic fertilizer or ordinary fertilizers?”

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“What’s the purpose of this special plant fiber pulp? Could it only be made into coal balls?”

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Donder’s eyes were always gleaming as if numerous gold coins were flickering in front of him after finding that all the products here were made of maize straws which were usually burned as wastes.

Among all the people at present, Donder had the most questions, which included almost all the questions of the others. With Zhang Tie’s consent, Li Tao replied them generously.

“This alcohol is different than ordinary alcohol which is brewed by grains; it’s not drinkable. Even though being mixed with water, it still tastes especially spicy and numb. You could easily identify it...”

After hearing Li Tao’s words, they all tried to taste the alcohol which had been mixed with 80% of water on the production line.

Its taste was similar to liquor; however, it was more stimulative than liquor. After being mixed with water, it was pale gold instead of being colorless. The moment they tasted it, their tongue would become numb. With such a terrifying taste, it could easily be identified.

“Pitiful!” Donder said in a disappointed way after having a sip.

“Nothing pitiful!” Zhang Tie replied with a smile, “It’s already very fortunate for us to make high-power alcohol using maize straw. This alcohol has a very high fuel value. As a payment, we will lose its drinking value. This alcohol is many times more poisonous than ordinary alcohol to the human liver. With one cup of it, you might suffer from hepatotoxicity. It’s the balance way of nature. We cannot make one thing that could be used by machine and eaten by humans. That’s not the balance way of nature!”

All the others nodded as they all felt that Zhang Tie’s words were reasonable.

“As for the effect of this organic fertilizer, it’s not too special. After one month’s commissioning and trial run, it was already December when the first batch of high-power alcohol was produced. However, we basically couldn’t plant crops in winter; we just distributed this organic fertilizer to those farmers who sent us their maize straws. The effect of the fertilizer couldn’t be seen until a few months later when they plant crops!”

At this moment, Li Tao threw another glance at Zhang Tie's expression before saying meticulously, "As for the purpose of this special plant fiber pulp, as of now, according to the request of master, we mix this plant fiber pulp with coal cinders and use them as fuel. This fuel is combustible; it's available to keep ourselves warm and cook dinner at home; it could even be used for heating up the boiler and driving various steam equipment. It could produce 10% higher heat quantity than ordinary coal. Additionally, it would produce much fewer soot than ordinary coal and honeycomb briquet. It's especially clean and convenient at home; additionally, after over 1 month's trial production, we discovered another interesting thing!"

"What's that?"

"Follow me, you will know it." Li Tao led them into another production workshop on the other side.

This workshop was also used to produce something using those fiber pulp and coal cinders. However, being different than those coal balls and coal bars, the machines and production line in this workshop were different than that in the neighboring workshop. There were two sets of locomotive grinders on a production line which could produce bricks.

Those coarse coal cinders in the neighboring workshop would be further shattered into finer coal cinders and sands. After being mixed with the fiber pulp, these coal cinders and sands would be transmitted onto that production line and be compressed into dark grey square bricks.

A lot of square bricks had been piled up tidily in this workshop.

"We found that this plant fiber pulp would carry a strong plasticity after being mixed with finer coal cinders and sands. Therefore, we slightly changed the technology and made those coal cinders finer and lowered its proportion in the mixture. In the beginning, I made it into square bricks only for the sake of stock; later on, I discovered that these square bricks could even work as building materials if there's not a high request in fire-resistance..."

Fire-resistance was relative. These things being produced in alcohol production base could burn for sure as long as they were thrown into the boiler or the hearth; however, unless someone purposefully burned them, they would not burn up spontaneously just like a pile of coal.

"These coal bricks would have a great purpose in troops, not to mention the alcohol!" Bai Zhengnan put it straight. As the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he picked up a dried brick and sensed its weight and hardness by weighing it in hand even though his hand was made dirty. He then said, "My airship troops, armored troops and transport fleets are all driven by steam engines. Therefore, the logistics departments have to carry a large quantity of coal in each action; especially when they're somewhere where coal couldn't be supplied, they would carry more coals. Otherwise, those armored vehicles, transport vehicles and airships might flameout at any time. Common coals are incompact and couldn't be easily transported. Given convenience, ordinary coal indeed couldn't match this kind of compressed fiber-coal brick. If the fuel of troops is all turned into this kind of bricks, the logistics troops would feel much more relaxed!"

"Additionally, these things could also be used to build temporary fortifications in the wild in emergencies; it would be much better than digging soil and setting sandbags..." Feng Cangwu also picked up one coal brick which felt like ordinary brick and timber and started to observe it while

narrowing his eyes, "Now that this thing has a very strong plasticity and could match coal as a fuel, if it's supplied for troops, we can make it a bit special; change the molds on the production line and press them into standard tenon-and-mortise pieces for the sake of assembly. Soldiers could rapidly build fortifications or small battle fortresses with these pieces..."

Donder widely opened his eyes as he said, "Does that work?"

"It could definitely not be used to defend powerhouses; neither could these bricks be used to build long-term fortifications and battle fortresses; however, they could be used to defend demons below LV 9 in emergencies!" Zhang Su said as he also picked up a brick, "Fieldworks and civil engineering are the most powerful means that humans adapted to deal with demons. This thing could definitely be used as fuel of troops and material to build fortifications rapidly!"

Bai Zhengnan, Feng Cangwu and Zhang Su had rich experience on battlefields. Therefore, their words all hit the nail right on the head. As this thing had a great portability, a good combustion effect and an extremely high plasticity, it's indeed very useful in corps. Some timbers could realize the same effect after being processed. However, no corps across Taixia Country could be that luxurious to use timbers as fuel; otherwise, a corps would go bankrupt after only one battle.

It was a surprise for Zhang Tie. Before coming here, he had known that these things were combustible; however, it was out of his imagination that the remains of alcohol brewage could have such a great purpose.

"I feel that those fiber pulp might be used to make paper!" Lu Zhongming opened his mouth too, "I've been to some paper mills in Guzhou Province. I feel that this fiber pulp was very similar to those pulp in paper mills; additionally, this fiber pulp was finer and smoother. I suggest you to have a try. Papermaking process is not that complex..."

Of course, this fiber pulp could be used to make paper! Zhang Tie had long known that. However, as it was his first time to visit this alcohol production base, in front of so many knights, Zhang Tie didn't need to act like a prophet. Now that someone had mentioned it, Zhang Tie just praised him.

"Elder brother Lu is right!" Zhang Tie nodded as he told Li Tao, "After a few days, find some professionals here to test the quality of paper made of this fiber pulp. If it's feasible, we can use some fiber pulp to make paper in the future." After saying that, Zhang Tie pointed at Donder and added, "He's Donder, my general steward. Later on, you two will be responsible for the management and financial affairs of this alcohol production base. Donder's words are also mine!"

"Yes, Master!" Li Tao nodded. Closely after that, he deeply bowed towards Donder and said politely, "General Steward Donder, I will learn from you!"

"Haha, we will learn from each other!" Donder had long been excited. With sparkling eyes, Donder chested out as he ticked off with fingers, "High-power alcohol means money; organic fertilizers mean money; coal bricks and coal balls mean money; paper means money; however, maize straws are wastes. Erm...this base is absolutely a coins-making plant. One base is too few, the more the better..."

"Elder Brother Bai and Elder Brother Lu, how do you feel about this business? Do you like that?" Zhang Tie asked Bai Zhengnan and Lu Zhongming.

“Is this the business that you’re going to introduce to us?” Bai Zhengnan asked Zhang Tie seriously. Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi also exchanged a glance with each other.

“Of course, if you like it, you could be responsible for this business in the south border and Northeast Military Region. We will share the profits!”

“If this business expands in the south border, do you know how much will it make a year? Do you know what a great influence it would pose? How could you be so generous?”

“We can make money together. I feel bored by making so much money alone!” Zhang Tie revealed a casual smile while his generosity moved them, “Heavens Fortune Sect has also boarded my ship. The elder of Guan Clan would come here after a few days too. Two elders, don’t be that courteous to me...”

“Which Guan Clan?”

“Guan Clan of Mingwu Palace!”

“Are the airplanes also produced here?”

“Airplanes and engines manufacturing plants are in Xuantian City!”

“Well, let’s take a look in Xuantian City. I want to say how many more good things do you hide!”

“Sure, let’s take a look in Xuantian City then!” After saying that, Zhang Tie told Li Tao, “You come with us. You’d better know the purpose of this alcohol in Xuantian City...”

“The name of high-power alcohol is too long; additionally, it’s not imposing and intuitive. The word alcohol would easily arise misunderstanding too. People would think that it’s eatable and cheap; therefore, it would hurt people easily. It’s inconvenient for us to raise its price in the future. If we want to sell it, we’d better give it an effective name which could be easily remembered.” Donder had a very sensitive commercial gift. Only after frowning and thinking about it for a short while, he had proposed a useful suggestion.

“There were gasoline, kerosene and diesel before the Catastrophe, whose names were all easily remembered. Now that high-power alcohol is produced in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, how about calling it Fiery Oil?” Zhang Tie instantly thought up a new name for high-power alcohol.

“Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Fiery Oil. It sounds good and is catchy!” Donder spoke highly of it at once. After muttering this name for a few times, all the others nodded one after another.

“I also feel that Fiery Oil sounds more elegant than alcohol!” Li Tao nodded as he added, “We can name this alcohol production base as Fiery Oil Refinery!”

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The airboat then left the Fiery Oil Refinery for Xuantian City.

After Zhang Tie showed those people around this Fiery Oil Refinery, they gained a wholly new name for high-power alcohol—Fiery Oil!

It only took the airboat about 1 hour to arrive at Xuantian City from the border between Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and Yanzhou Province. They saw the plant which could produce 100,000 dual-drive engines annually and the first airplane manufacturing plant in Taixia Country in Xuantian City...