

Black Iron 1431

Chapter 1431: Crown Prince Changying's Hospitality

"How do you feel about Purple Manor? Are you satisfied with it?" Crown prince Changying asked out of concern with a smile after seeing Zhang Tie taking those secret pills and powders.

As an imperial landscape garden, Purple Manor covered over 3 million square meters. It contained dozens of courtyards, over 1,000 pavilions and attics, either large or small. There were various landscapes. The price of land in Xuanyuan Hill was very high. All the lords and dignitaries of subcontinents would feel proud to have a private residence in Xuanyuan Hill. The high value of land in the core of Xuanyuan Hill was out of people's imagination, which couldn't even be bought even if you had enough money. The emperor's imperial city was the most prosperous region for humans. Each flower, grass, brick and tile across Purple Manor was the best in the world. Take this long, rectangular table facing the two people as an instance, besides looking decent and magnificent, it was made of starry catalpa wood, a wood which was provided to the imperial households from other subcontinents. Less than 10 clans in the emperor's imperial city were qualified to use furniture made of such wood.

All the glazed tiles on the roofs of buildings in Purple Manor came from the official kiln under the affiliation of imperial financial and living affairs ministry. According to secret methods, they were well carved in each detail. Each glazed tile of the building here would be a rarity among the people with a name called glazed tile inkstone. Because some literati would be proud of having one glazed tile like this and displaying it in a private party.

The carpets in rooms here were also provided by the imperial households from other subcontinents, which could barely be bought from the market.

Such a place was even more luxurious than mansions of princes and marquises. Few places across Taixia Country could match Purple Manor. Of course, Zhang Tie was very satisfied with it.

"Thanks, Elder brother Changying. I've taken a walk around the landscape garden today and found that everywhere here is picturesque. Purple Manor carries the soul of mountains and rivers, the masterpieces of craftsmen and the rarities in the world. It's inclusive. How could I not be satisfied with such a place?"

"Ahh, glad to hear that!" Crown prince Changying said with a smile, "Younger brother, you might have no private estate in Xuanyuan Hill. I've already ordered the imperial financial and living affairs ministry to transfer the property rights of Purple Manor to you. From now on, Purple Manor would be your private manor in Xuanyuan Hill. If the younger brother comes to Xuanyuan Hill in the future, you could directly live in Purple Manor. Oh, I've already had people change Purple Manor into Qianji Manor when I came in. Younger brother, If you have enough people in Firey Dragon Bounty Territory, you could have your stewards come here to deal with the affairs in this manor. Now, this manor is guarded by the guards of Imperial Guards for the time being. When younger brother recovers, these guards would be able to leave..."

Zhang Tie forced a bitter smile inside. Now that Crown prince Changying had done so much for him, how could he say no. Therefore, Zhang Tie could only cup his hands towards Crown prince Changying as he

said, "Thank you so much, Elder brother Changying, when I came to Xuanyuan Hill last time, I just lived in Lord Guangnan's Manor due to lack of private residence here. Previously, I was also thinking about purchasing a residence in Xuanyuan Hill as it's so prosperous here. Now that Elder brother Changying presents it to me, I will not decline..."

"That's good; that's good; that's good..." Crown prince Changying became more thrilled when he saw Zhang Tie accepting his gift. His eyes even shone. After that, the crown prince clapped his hands while a team of mesmerizing slave servants and maids entered the parlor. Zhang Tie was instantly dazzled by so many beauties.

"Qianji Immortal..." Those people lowered their bodies at the same time towards Zhang Tie as if hundreds of larks and orioles were twittering in the parlor.

There were a total of 36 women, whose looks and figures could even match that of Bai Suxian. In smooth and fair skin and imperial gown, all of them behaved gracefully. No sooner did they enter the parlor than they lowered their bodies towards Zhang Tie in two lines. They fixated onto Zhang Tie at the same time.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at them as he immediately noticed their deep cleavages under their belly bands.

As Zhang Tie had seen too many women, he was not curious about women; however, strangely, all the 36 women were Zhang Tie's favorite types like Linda and Olina. They all had a graceful bearing that was possessed by mature women, plump breasts and butts. Being tall, their ages ranged from 30 to 40. Due to good skin care and health care, they all had fair skin and the most beautiful looks. What was more, Zhang Tie found that these women were still virgins. Additionally, each of them was distinctive.

It might not be difficult to find one beauty like them; however, it was difficult to find 36 beauties like them.

When Zhang Tie was looking at them, these women were also looking at Zhang Tie with different eye light. Some women's eye light was affectionate as if Zhang Tie was their Mr. Right. Some women's eye light was bashful and a bit scared like what young girls usually did in front of their beloved ones; the moment they made eye contacts with Zhang Tie, they would lower their heads out of shyness with a blush on their face. Some women's eye light was elegant and intellectual like how a female professor looked at her student. Some women's eye light contained flirtation. The moment they made eye contact with Zhang Tie, their eye light would be as tender as water. Some women's eye light felt indifferent and arrogant. Being similar to that of Yan Feiqing, such eye light could easily arouse a man's desire to conquer...

"I know that the younger brother likes mature women. These women are all Hua women who have learned in the Imperial Etiquette Academy for many years. Their family backgrounds are all innocent. They're proficient in music, the game of go, calligraphy, painting and dance. They could even match top geishas in recreational sites and local female poets. Additionally, they're all good at flirtation. Some of them possess musical instruments and other necessary tools, which could spice up your free time. As the younger brother has just woken up and is recovering rapidly, why not let them sing and dance for you..."

Zhang Tie had not imagined that his dissolute reputation in Youzhou Province had spread to Xuanyuan Hill. Even the crown prince had known it, who especially prepared these beauties to amuse him. 'It seems that I could not cast off the gossip of "cougar master" in the future.'

Now that Zhang Tie had received Purple Manor as his private estate in Xuanyuan Hill, he couldn't decline the following gifts. Although they were 36 beauties, actually given their value, even 10 more times beauties might not match a pill in Crown prince Changying's eyes. Crown prince Changying just used these beauties to express his sincerity to Zhang Tie...

What else could Zhang Tie say? Zhang Tie then waved his arm to have people take these beauties away.

"Hahaha, younger brother is indeed dissolute; you're not hypocritical at all. This is how a hero should behave! From now on, if younger brother likes, you could select whichever you want from the beauties in the Imperial Etiquette Academy. As a Hua knight, if you marry too many foreign wives and concubines, it might arouse some gossips, why not marry some more Hua wives and concubines..." Crown prince Changying burst out into laughter.

"Haha, erm, it's already enough to have so many wives and concubines. Otherwise, the grape trellises at home would fall; if the largest grape trellis fell, it would be earth-shaking and I wouldn't bear it. I'd better not do that; I'd better not do that..." Zhang Tie said as he waved his hand.

The two people then looked at each other before bursting out into laughter at the same time.

After recovering his composure, the crown prince took up his teacup and had a sip. After putting down the teacup and being silent for a few seconds, he finally opened his mouth, "Younger brother, I've got a question to ask you out of curiosity. If it sounds offensive, please don't blame me. If you feel inconvenient to answer it, you could keep silent!"

"Please, Elder brother Changying. I will answer it if I could. I will not blame His Majesty if I couldn't answer it!" Zhang Tie put it straight.

"Hmm, actually Commander-in-chief Zuoqiu also wants to know the answer!" Xuanyuan Changying gazed at Zhang Tie for a second before tossing out the question, "Younger brother, you've not talked about your master. I wonder whether your master is Fairy Sea King from Penglai Immortal Island. Whether did you learn the skill of divine dominator from Fairy Sea King?"

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "I've not seen Fairy Sea King. I got the essence of the ability of divine dominator myself by luck. It's nothing to do with Penglai Immortal Island!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Crown Prince Changying raised his eyebrows as he asked, "You got the essence of the ability of divine dominator yourself by luck?"

"Yes, no trick!" Zhang Tie threw a glance at Crown prince Changying. After a pause, he added, "The key for common knights to become a divine dominator lies in making a breakthrough in their spiritual energy..."

"The key for common knights to become a divine dominator lies in making a breakthrough in their spiritual energy?" Crown prince Changying's eyes sparkled.

Zhang Tie nodded.

“Younger brother, trust me. Nobody else will know this secret except you and me!”

“It doesn’t matter even if others know this secret. Making a breakthrough in one’s spiritual energy is far more difficult than promoting to a knight. I succeeded after experiencing too many life or death situations. The others might not grasp it even if they want...”

“Younger brother is the good fortune of Taixia Country. Younger brother alone could match the army of 100,000 knights...” Crown prince Changying sighed with emotions gain, “As younger brother has just recovered, I will not disturb you any longer. Younger brother, have a good rest! It’s said that the younger brother likes heavy weapons. On the battlefield that day, your heavy weapons and silver secret items were all destroyed by the thunder of nirvana. After a couple of days, when you further recover, I will take you to take a look in the imperial warehouse. There’re many silver secret items. I promise to select some proper weapons for you. Here’s one remote-sensing finger ring. You could directly contact me with it. If you have any problem, you could ask me directly...” Crown prince Changying told Zhang Tie as he gave a remote-sensing finger ring to the latter. After that, he stood up and bade a farewell to Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie also stood up to see off the crown prince. Because the crown prince has already presented Purple Manor to him, Zhang Tie accompanied the crown prince to pass three doors continually before returning to his courtyard at the request of the crown prince according to the etiquette.

Crown prince Changying came here only for being solicitous about Zhang Tie health. Besides gifting recipes, manor, beauties and secret items, he even called Zhang Tie younger brother. He almost gave his throne as the crown prince to Zhang Tie; instead of mentioning anything else. Zhang Tie could only speak highly of the crown prince’s hospitality inside.

After returning to his courtyard, When Zhang Tie wanted to dispose of those beauties gifted by the crown prince, he was told that Bai Suxian had already taken those beauties to the other courtyard.

After shaking his head, Zhang Tie returned to the courtyard where he stayed with Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing just now.

After entering the courtyard, Zhang Tie heard some music. Along the music, Zhang Tie came to the house beside the peach wood. The moment he entered the room, he had seen Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing leaning against the bedstand of a soft bed and appreciating the performance of those beauties...

Bai Suxian’s eyes sparkled as if she was a bit thrilled while Yan Feiqing slightly frowned.

Growing up in Lord Guangnan’s Mansion, Bai Suxian had been used to such a scene; however, Yan Feiqing was not used to Zhang Tie bringing back dozens of beauties after taking a round outside.

Watching Zhang Tie coming in, Bai Suxian waved her arm. All the beauties then stopped and lowered their bodies towards Zhang Tie at the same time.

“These beauties gifted by the crown prince are great in both looks and talents. I’m checking their talents...” Bai Suxian smiled at Zhang Tie, “Husband, do you want to appreciate them with us...”

Zhang Tie then came to the front of the bed before sitting down in between Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing. Putting his arms around their waists, he replied, “Nice, I will appreciate it. You remind me that I’ve enjoyed too few songs and dances. I have to feast my eyes on them today...”

Bai Suxian then threw an enchanting smile at Zhang Tie, then Yan Feiqing. After that, she told those beauties calmly, "Play a Jade-Crown Backyard Flower¹ for husband then!"

Zhang Tie almost spurted out a mouth of tea water. He hurriedly checked Yan Feiqing's look. After finding that Yan Feiqing remained as serious as usual who just threw a glance at Bai Suxian, Zhang Tie couldn't help but slap Bai Suxian's butt only to get a sweet smile from her.

Only after a short while, the music started while a maid sang the wong. Over 20 maids then danced and shuttled in front of Zhang Tie like butterflies, constraining butts and raising legs, swaying sleeves and spinning.

'Like fragrant flowers contending in front of high pavilions and buildings, concubines, you look most beautiful after well dressed-up.

When you cover the windows, the fascinating spring scenery couldn't be seen.

After you leave your bedroom, all the spring sceneries become dwarfed.

With cute smiles, you walk out of your room dexterously.

Your faces are like fresh flowers being adorned with crystal dew.

Your frames are as beautiful, resplendent, elegant and chic as jade trees.

It's a very temporary period for flowers from contention to droop.

When all the petals fell, everything would return to commonplace.'

The song was as euphonious as the sounds of nature. The dance was also enchanting and tender. They were both top class. No sooner did he hear the song and see the dance than he was attracted by them. What charming music and dance!

Enjoying the song and the dance, with beauties in arms, Zhang Tie couldn't help but let out a sigh with emotions, 'If only there were no demons...'

'Crown prince...'

Zhang Tie could only shake his head as he forced a bitter smile inside...

Chapter 1432: In Gradual Recovery

Zhang Tie recovered very quickly. Except for the two wisps of energy of the thunder of nirvana in his mind sea and qi sea, Zhang Tie had been as vigorous as before on the 4th day after he woke up for the second time with the medical treatment of Du Zhongling the Immortal Medical Pills, Fei Zhengtao the Medicine Sage and Sun Tiancheng the Medicine King in various methods.

Lately, the crown prince didn't come to Qianji Manor anymore. However, His Majesty would assign his subordinate or female director in the imperial palace to inquire about Zhang Tie's sickness in Qianji Manor every day with items from the imperial warehouse. Those officials in imperial financial and living affairs ministry almost came here to visit Zhang Tie every day. Some sent contracts of the estate of

Qianji Manor; some sent imperial chefs to help Zhang Tie adjust his diet; even tailors, brewers, gardeners and hostlers of imperial financial and living affairs ministry were sent to Qianji Manor by batches.

As the imperial financial and living affairs ministry was exclusive to imperial households, all the personnel assigned to Qianji Manor actually served imperial households, including the crown prince previously. These people had top abilities across the country. At the order of the crown prince, they were sent to Qianji Manor to serve Zhang Tie. Therefore, Zhang Tie had a chance to experience the living of imperial households although being not in the imperial palace.

Growing up in Lord Guangnan's Mansion, Bai Suxian was very familiar with affairs in the mansion and possessed great demeanor. Zhang Tie then had Bai Suxian take charge of the internal affairs of Qianji Manor. As for Zhang Tie himself, he just waited for someone to put on his clothes, eat a ready-cooked meal, watch beauties dance and flirt with Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian day by day.

After the large-scale war between knights over 3 months ago, demons suffered a great loss. Besides a heavenly demon knight and 5 shadow demon knights who were killed by Zhang Tie, it was said that the demon general itself was also heavily injured by Zuoqiu Mingyue. The demon army had already retreated 300 miles away from Weishui River. As a result, human army and demon army were in a new stalemate, which was relatively calm for the time being; especially after the thaw set in, the latest round of attack of the demon army would be launched at least in winter.

As for Heavens Reaching Empire, the disappearance of those powers caused some chaos to those provinces inside the region occupied by demons. The remnants of Heavens Reaching Church were in great confusion. In this case, the demon army could barely launch a large-scale attack. Therefore, they could only stop it for the time being. Over these months, the demon army still brought stress to Taixia Country in Helan Mountain Range. The troops of both parties were still in fierce battles in that region. Although Taixia Country's individual fighters couldn't match that of demon fighters in battle strength, with the support of a multitude of fiery-oil weapons, Taixia Country was still not in disadvantageous position over there.

Not only that, besides regular elite corps of Taixia Country, many clan elites and paladins also entered the Helan Mountain Range, most of which were above LV 10. They entered that region to hone themselves and adapt to fight with demon troops; some were for bounty award. After these heroes poured in that region, the gaps between Taixia Country and demons on the ground forces and the armed forces were further evened up. As of now, Helan Mountain Range had completely become a battlefield for powerhouses below knights between humans and demons.

In Huanzhou Province, Kangzhou Province, Ningzhou Province and Military Province, after Zhang Tie was appointed as Wei General of the Western Theater of Operations last year, the bumper harvest helped the four provinces to recover its vitality completely. With the further expansion of production capacity of Fiery Oil, Pilot Training Academy spread over the country, leading to a greater army of air cavalries. In only a few months, Taixia Country had already matched its second-tier troops with fiery-oil weapons in the Western Theater of Operations. With the completion of the spring plowing across the Western Theater of Operations, the homecoming tide even happened in some places of the 4 provinces— Those major clans which escaped away from the 4 provinces last year constantly assigned people back to deal with their undertakings in the four provinces.

The decline of demon forces and the recovery of human forces determined that this holy war would definitely last long. As long as demons didn't gain an overwhelming advantage over Taixia Country again, the battle situation at Weishui River could remain stable for a couple of decades.

Zhang Tie learned this information after waking up when he became completely reassured.

If Weishui River was in peace, Jinwu City and Fiery-Dragon Prefecture in Youzhou Province would remain as peaceful as before. Not only that, after the news that Zhang Tie killed a heavenly demon knight by striking it 9 times with a rod spread over there, Jinwu City and Fiery-Dragon Prefecture had been pretty boisterous these months. Besides those major clans in Youzhou Province and Northeast Military Region, all the major clans from the other military regions had assigned representatives to visit Zhang family with precious gifts too, even from far away.

Those who would like to marry their female youngsters to Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang, have their clan disciples join Iron-Dragon Sect and strike up an acquaintance with Zhang family were as many as fish across the river.

What Zhang Tie had not imagined was that many major clans which were gagging for establishing marital relationships with Zhang family in Jinwu City and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory had fixated onto the children of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang. As a result, Zhang family's third generation became pretty popular.

According to the schedule, Zhang Yang would come to Xuanyuan Hill for Zhang Tie by airboat after Zhang Tie woke up for 2 days. However, due to an emergency, Zhang Tie's elder brother had to postpone it for a few more days.

The emergency was that Zhang Tie's parents also wanted to go to Xuanyuan Hill with Zhang Yang.

Like before, in order to make their parents reassured, Zhang Yang only told their parents that Zhang Tie suffered wounds in the frontline and was accepting the best medical treatment in Xuanyuan Hill.

In the beginning, Zhang Tie's parents were reassured as they thought that Zhang Tie was not severely injured. Additionally, being in Xuanyuan Hill, Zhang Tie should be fine. However, when Zhang Tie's military exploits and the news that Zhang Tie was close to death and couldn't wake up anymore after being struck by the thunder of nirvana spread over the world, as long as Zhang Tie's parents took a walk in the streets, they would hear various gossips about Zhang Tie. By then, Zhang Yang's white lie didn't work anymore.

During the period when Zhang Tie was in a coma, Zhang Tie's parents were always worried about him. If not Zhang Yang pointed to the sky and swore that Zhang Tie was still alive and was receiving the medical treatment of some national level imperial doctors, they might have long come to Xuanyuan Hill.

This time, after hearing that Zhang Tie had already woken up and recovered, being afraid of getting cheated by Zhang Yang again, their parents also wanted to see Zhang Tie in Xuanyuan Hill out of concern.

Besides Zhang Tie's parents, Aimei, Aixue, Linda, Fiona and Beverly wanted to visit Zhang Tie on behalf of Zhang Tie's wives and concubines in Ironheart Palace of Fiery-Dragon Bounty Territory along with his kids.

After receiving the news, Elder Muyuan also came to Xuanyuan Hill to visit Zhang Tie on behalf of the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace.

Therefore, a great batch of family members finally would like to go to Xuanyuan Hill. Before they left home, of course, they had to deal with domestic affairs properly. As a result, a few more days were required.

Everything was in the right place, in the frontline and at home. Therefore, Zhang Tie just stayed at his manor for recuperation. By the way, he would wait for the arrival of his family members.

These days, peach flowers were in full bloom and most beautiful in Xuanyuan Hill. Therefore, Zhang Tie expected for such a family reunion in Xuanyuan Hill in this period, more or less. Zhang Tie knew that it would be his parents' first time to visit Xuanyuan Hill.

After being told that Zhang Tie's parents were coming, Bai Suxian became more passionate. She had long made people prepare the rooms and daily needs for Zhang Tie's family members. She really expected to show off her talent on management as a princess to Zhang Tie's parents.

These days, Du Zhongling, Fei Zhengtao and Sun Tiancheng came to review Zhang Tie's sickness every day. In gradual recovery, Zhang Tie became more aware of his sickness. Zhang Tie knew that the problem caused by the thunder of nirvana couldn't be cured by average medical pills and skills.

One day, after reviewing Zhang Tie's sickness, Du Zhongling, Fei Zhengtao and Sun Tiancheng frowned as they were discussing about which medicine and skills to use to eliminate the effect of the thunder of nirvana in Zhang Tie's body, Zhang Tie waved his arm over the table, displaying 3 jade cases in front of the three national level imperial doctors.

As Zhang Tie had not recovered his spiritual energy in his mind sea, he still couldn't use his skills as a divine dominator. The increasing spiritual energy was being constantly devoured by the energy similar to that of a black hole. Even so, the remaining spiritual energy in his mind sea was available to space-teleportation equipment, including Castle of Black Iron.

These days, under the gaze of so many people, Zhang Tie didn't have a chance to enter Castle of Black Iron to take a look at the human fruit of redemption; however, it was no problem for him to use space-teleportation equipment in front of the public.

No sooner had the 3 jade cases been presented than the entire room was filled with an ethereal fragrance. With a sense of bizarre magic and flexibility, when one sniffed it, one would feel much younger...

After presenting the jade cases, Zhang Tie watched the three national level imperial doctors with a smile...

Chapter 1433: A Heavy Gift

Among the three people, Sun Tiancheng's response was more exaggerating. After sniffing the air for a couple of times like a monkey, that old urchin gazed at one jade case with a dubious look as he scratched his face, "That's strange. I've not smelt such a fragrance before. That's impossible! I could

identify over 100,000 herbal medicines and poisons even if they were mixed with each other. What's inside this jade case? It's so strange..."

Compared to Sun Tiancheng's straightforwardness, Du Zhongling silently touched his beautiful long beard in a reserved manner but with a confused look.

Fei Zhengtao slightly changed his face; however, he remained silent.

Among the 3 people, only Fei Zhengtao immediately recognized what was inside the jade case. Fei Zhengtao must have seen it in the imperial warehouse. As for the other two, although they were still national level doctors, they didn't have a chance to contact such an item.

Zhang Tie told them the answer directly, "Each jade case contains a cross-realm flower's fruit. I'd like to extend my gratitude to you with them. Without your help, I might have already died. Of course, I'm clear about my sickness. Since God didn't want me to die, he sent you to save me. The effect of the thunder of nirvana couldn't be solved by average medical pills and skills, as you've already exerted your utmost efforts to cure me, I will deal with it myself. Sincerely and hopefully, you could take my gift!"

Fruits of cross-realm flowers?

After hearing the answer, Sun Tiancheng and Du Zhongling both were shocked. Fruits of cross-realm flowers were legendary items. Very few people across Taixia Country could have a chance to see it. It was even rarer than silver secret items. Even though the imperial palace in Xuanyuan Hill collected very few of them. Many dignitaries in the imperial palace were drooling at them.

The gift was too precious. If one fruit of cross-realm flower was to be auctioned in Gold and Power Market of Xuanyuan Hill at this moment, the entire Xuanyuan Hill might be in chaos at once. Some women would definitely do everything they could to get this item.

"Immortal, you have made great meritorious services at the risk of your life above the bank of Weishui River. It's my responsibility and honor to treat immortal at the request of the crown prince. The fruit of cross-realm flower is too precious. This humble official dares not accept it!" As Fei Zhengtao had stayed in imperial palace for too long as the official of Taixia Country, he was a bit more meticulous. After realizing that Zhang Tie presented a fruit of cross-realm flower to each one of them, he hurriedly shook his head as he changed his face.

"Hahaha, Old Fei, if you don't want to take it, why not give it to me?" Sun Tiancheng became straightforward and witty at this moment. After bursting out into laughter, Sun Tiancheng immediately took a jade case and teleported it into his portable space-teleportation finger ring without looking inside, "This item is very useful to me. I've been looking for it for dozens of years. It's out of my imagination that I could make my dream come true after coming to Xuanyuan Hill. Immortal is really forthright. Thank you so much..."

After saying that, Sun Tiancheng looked at Zhang Tie while his little nose and eyes almost stuck together, making him pretty bizarre. He then asked Zhang Tie very seriously, "Would you think that I'm especially here for your fruit of cross-realm flower?"

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Herbal Medicine King, you're chivalrous, hot-blooded and righteous. You came to Xuanyuan Hill for the sake of humans in the holy war. How could I despise your temperament

because you took a fruit of cross-realm flower from me? In my heart, you're not tall, but you're not shorter than anyone else either..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Sun Tiancheng gazed at Zhang Tie for a short while in a sophisticated look before suddenly letting out a deep sigh, "Alas, I've not come here in vain. Hurry, you two, don't be hesitant any more. It's Qianji Immortal's sincerity. Just take it. As you both have wives, you could gift it to one of them. All the women like it. Even if you don't gift it to your wife, you could exchange it for whatever rare medicines you want. With those rare medicines, you could make some obstacle-breaking pills, spirit-gathering pills and stars pills for yourself so that you could promote to knights easily; especially Fei Zhengtao, if your lioness knew that you didn't bring back the fruit of cross-realm flower due to shame, you might not only kneel down on washboard..." n.(0velb1n

After hearing Sun Tiancheng's words, Fei Zhengtao's face blushed at once as he said bashfully, "It wouldn't be that worse; it wouldn't be that worse..."

When he was young, Fei Zhengtao was very poor; however, he had exceptional talent. Later on, he came to Xuanyuan Hill for learning, where he was favored by a lady in a major clan and got married to her. With the financial assistance of that major clan, Fei Zhengtao gradually made brilliant achievements in medical pills and medical science. However, at the same time, he also formed a habit—being afraid of his wife. Even though Fei Zhengtao had become an influential figure in Taixia Country and was an honored guest wherever he was in the emperor's imperial city, he had to be docile to his wife at home. A few years ago, Fei Zhengtao stealthily married a concubine outside and made her pregnant. Later on, after being discovered by his tigeress, he faced great trouble. The lioness directly had her servants take Doctor Fei's concubine away from Xuanyuan Hill. Nobody knew where his concubine was hidden. It was said that Doctor Fei had to kneel down on washboard for half a year due to this reason. This event didn't come to an end until that concubine gave birth to his baby.

Even commoners had heard about Doctor Sage's domestic affairs in Xuanyuan Hill.

"Thanks, Immortal. Whenever you need me, just let me know. I would definitely come for you regardless of the distance..." Du Zhongling cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie solemnly. After that, he put that jade case into his portable space-teleportation equipment.

After Du Zhongling took his jade case, Doctor Fei could only take his with a blush, "All right...thanks...thanks..."

Chapter 1434: Traveling to Peach Mountain

After the three national level doctors received his gifts, Zhang Tie burst out into laughter, "It's just a bit sincerity of mine. Never mind. If you need my help, just let me know!"

The three doctors then exchanged a glance with each other before extending their solemn thanks to Zhang Tie in unison...

Zhang Tie didn't return to his courtyard until he saw the three national level doctors out of the gate of Qianji Manor.

After that, Zhang Tie let out a sigh of relief.

Zhang Tie would deal with his health problem himself in the future instead of bringing troubles to the three national level doctors. Additionally, Zhang Tie had told someone to notice the crown prince to not have people send any rarities to him anymore. Neither did he want any young maids who met the conditions mentioned by Sun Tiancheng. If such young maids touched him every day, there might be new troubles. As Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing had already been troublesome, Zhang Tie didn't want to incur more troubles anymore.

Zhang Tie's main courtyard in Qianji Manor was called Zhenghua Courtyard. Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian respectively occupied the east and the west pavilion inside the courtyard. All the 36 beauties gifted by the crown prince were also living in the rooms of this courtyard. Plus some beautiful maids, Zhang Tie felt to be in a women's kingdom.

"Husband..." Bai Suxian had already hung herself over Zhang Tie's arm the moment Zhang Tie returned, "Have the three doctors left?"

"Hmm, they would not come here anymore!" Zhang Tie said as he threw a glance at Bai Suxian and coughed twice, "Erm...after a few days, dad and mom would come...erm...you'd better not keep so many women in this courtyard. Find another courtyard for those beauties gifted by the crown prince. As for those maids, their costume could be a bit...a bit more official..."

As it was in spring, the courtyard was growing warmer. Being influenced by Bai Suxian, all the other women's skirts became increasingly thinner except for Yan Feiqing. In belly bands and one-piece skirts, their plump breasts rose and fell. Take Bai Suxian as an instance, she only covered half of her secret parts. As she hung herself over Zhang Tie's arm, her white rabbits pushed Zhang Tie's arm and almost jumped out of her undergarment. Not only that, her yarn skirt was thin and transparent. Even without lotus flower eyes, Zhang Tie could still clearly see her snow-white arms and thighs.

"Ahh? why..." Bai Suxian pouted her cherry mouth.

Zhang Tie let out a sigh before replying, "I'm in recuperation and has just recovered a bit. I'm always docile these days. If my mom sees this, she would think that I don't treasure my health and stay with beauties all day long. By then, I'm afraid that my ears would be pulled off by my mom..."

"Well, I see..." Bai Suxian smiled at once. Closely after that, she threw a bizarre glance at Zhang Tie as she asked, "Don't you feel pitiful sending 36 beautiful virgins away? It's still a few days left before your family members come. During these days, these beauties are still waiting to serve you on the bed..."

Zhang Tie replied with a smile as he pinched Bai Suxian's pretty face, "I will make an arrangement for them!"

"What arrangement?"

Zhang Tie let out a sigh with feeling before saying, "Thos women are poor. They grew up in an Imperial Etiquette Academy. Their whole lives are under the control of others. In the eyes of the crown prince, they might just be an item or a piece of furniture in the manor, which could be gifted to others by hand. They're most valuable when they're young. When they age and have grey hair and wrinkles, most of them would be abandoned in remote rooms like sundries. Facing faint lamplight, they would die alone. How could I bully such beauties? I'm afraid of not living up to beloved ones, not to mention them. At

their age, the most important is to find a reliable man to marry them and accompany them for the rest of their lives!"

Bai Suxian was a bit moved by Zhang Tie's explanation as she let out a sigh slightly, "They're fortunate to meet you. Okay, now that you think in this way, I know what to do!"

"Where's Qing'er?"

"She's cultivating in the peach wood!" Bai Suxian said while showing signs of jealousy, "Why do you always mention her in front of me..."

Zhang Tie scraped his finger on Bai Suxian's nose as he said, "You should learn more from Qing'er on cultivation. Spend more time on it. Each knight should make progress step by step. No indolence is allowed!"

"Do you mean that you will not love me if I don't promote to a heavenly knight..." Bai Suxian asked in a spoiled way.

"I wish to see my baby as beautiful as now in 800 years..."

Bai Suxian revealed a big smile after hearing Zhang Tie's words.

Zhang Tie then took Bai Suxian to the peach wood. After feeling their arrival, Yan Feiqing who was cultivating in a pavilion immediately opened her eyes as she put away her fire element crystal and stood up.

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he put his arm around Yan Feiqing at once.

"It's said that the peach mountain outside the emperor's imperial city is most beautiful in this season. These days, we've stayed too long in the manor and I've almost recovered and could move freely. How about taking a walk in the peach mountain?"

Yan Feiqing's eyes sparkled as Bai Suxian clapped her hands at once, "That's great..."

"What do you think, Qing'er?"

"It's fine!" Yan Feiqing nodded too.

"Haha, Qing'er, when we come to peach mountain tomorrow, you have to show us the very peach tree where you beat someone. I wonder whether that peach tree is still there?" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter.

"That tree has already been removed!"

"How do you know that?"

Yan Feiqing covered her mouth with a faint smile as she said, "That man said himself. Before he came for me for the second time, he had already uprooted the peach tree so as to pluck up his courage..."

"Never mind. The pit must be still there..." Zhang Tie waved his hand and said heroically, causing the two women to laugh...

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On the second day, Zhang Tie left Qianji Manor with light luggage and few attendants, accompanied by Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing.

With Yan Feiqing, a heavenly knight and Bai Suxian, a powerful black iron knight, on his side, Zhang Tie didn't need any bodyguards anymore. Even though some powerhouses of Imperial Guards still disguised and followed them from far away. Zhang Tie was speechless about that.

Looking from afar, the peach mountain was like a pink dreamland. Tens of millions of peach trees were in full bloom while the fragrance of peach blossoms reached miles away.

With so many travelers, literati, playboys, young ladies, servants and maids of major clans, the peach mountain was pretty boisterous.

Zhang Tie was very familiar and obsessed with such a scene. Watching this beautiful scenery, Zhang Tie felt like staying far away from the holocaust on the battlefield and relax completely.

On the way up the mountain, there were roadside taverns and pergolas where waiters were peddling peach blossom spirit, dried peaches, peach wood swords and tokens which were used to exorcise evil spirits, peach blossom essence which women favored and dazzling delicate items.

In such a populated place, of course, the intimate behaviors between the teenager and two beauties who were much older than him attracted the attention of so many people on the way.

Given Zhang Tie's tender face, everyone else thought he was still a teenager. When he walked together with Bai Suxian who was noble and beautiful as a princess and Yan Feiqing, who had a super strong qi field, it was hard for them to not be attractive. Anyone who saw them couldn't help but glance at Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian stealthily...

Some dissolute literati purposefully recited "Gentlemen always have a liking for beautiful women" around them by shaking their heads so as to attract the attention of Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing. Bai Suxian had been used to that; however, Yan Feiqing wanted to lose her temper for several times.

As for a heavenly knight, even if she didn't reveal her realm or just replied with a cold harrumph, the strong qi field of her spiritual energy could already make those literati's faces turn pale. As a result, they all escaped away; some even threw themselves onto the ground in a very embarrassed way.

"The dried peaches in the front pergola must taste great as so many people are queuing there. It's cold here. You could wait here for a second. I will buy some snacks for you..." Zhang Tie ran forward after saying these words.

Watching Zhang Tie to jostle there among commoners only to buy snacks for them, Yan Feiqing's eye light turned as tender as water as she felt pretty moved and sweet inside...

On this peach mountain, the first man that Yan Feiqing met betrayed her and showed his despicable and selfish look at the critical moment. The second man she met here was hung over here and beaten almost to death. By now, Yan Feiqing finally confirmed that what she experienced in the peach mountain was for watching a man who could kill a heavenly demon knight by striking it 9 times with a rod jostled among the commoners in order to buy some dried peaches for her...

“That’s my man. I would like to do everything for him. As long as he’s happy, I don’t mind how many wives and concubines he has. However, if someone wants to grab him away from me, I will fight her to death...” Yan Feiqing told Bai Suxian using battle qi.

After turning around, Yan Feiqing found that Bai Suxian who looked pretty happy just now was watching her very seriously with a firm will in her eyes.

Chapter 1435: Old Friends

It took them almost 4-5 hours only to visit a small corner of the peach mountain. The peach mountain occupied a large area in Xuanyuan Hill. It was full of picturesque sceneries such as brooks, cliffs, waterfalls, stone carvings left by generations of literati and underground karst cave which was known as one of the top 10 sceneries in the peach mountain, and the like. It would take people at least 1 week to travel across the entire peach mountain.

After taking a walk near the place where Yan Feiqing hung over and beat someone, it was already noon.

As the taverns near the brook at the foot of the peach mountain started to be boisterous, Zhang Tie then pleasantly took Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing to a nice-looking tavern for lunch and nap.

Those waiters were known by their sharp eyes across the country. As these people had been used to various people such as lords and dignitaries, rich businessmen and imperial households from other subcontinents, peddlers and exotic people, they had long formed great power of discrimination.

No sooner did Zhang Tie take Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing to the gate of that tavern called Immortal Guests Pavilion, a waiter had shouted towards inside euphoniously like singing, “A ‘heavenly’ private room for the three honorable guests...” After saying that, the waiter immediately nodded and bowed towards the three people with a big smile as he extended his arm to invite them, “Please, come on in, come on in. It’s this humble tavern’s great honor to have you here. We guarantee to meet your demands...”

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter. He flipped a gold coin towards the waiter as he said, “Take the tip; lead the way...”

The waiter nimbly caught the gold coin as his smile became a bit more genial with a more enthusiastic service.

As it was lunchtime, there were already many people inside the tavern, making it pretty boisterous.

There was a courtyard in the tavern, which lay a platform in the middle of the courtyard. There was an echo wall behind the platform. A decent and beautiful woman was sitting on a stool and plucking strings of a dulcimer, sending out a jubilant, euphonious and fascinating music which was as tender as spring water.

Sitting around the courtyard, diners were eating and listening to the tender tunes of the dulcimer. They occasionally shouted “bravo” as they threw some copper coins and silver coins into the flume in front of the platform as an award.

Because it would be inelegant for them to directly throw their awards into metal boxes, which would cause noises and might influence the performance of the woman. Therefore, they threw their awards into the plume. Being silent, being elegant! After each music, the boss of the tavern would count the awards. After taking away his share, he would leave the rest to the performer. “Water” money was legal. Across the country, tens of thousands of people were living on “water” money. Performers and audience’s awards formed a spectacular scenery in taverns across Taixia Country.

With the guidance of the waiter, the three people came to the 2nd floor through the stairs in the winding corridor on the left of the entrance before entering an elegant private room.

The private room was isolated by a two-ply foldable peach wood barrier. The window in the back of the private room faced the peach brook while the other faced the performance understairs.

“What do you think about this room?”

“Not bad!” Zhang Tie wasn’t always picky about similar things. If not with Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian, Zhang Tie even feel easy in the lobby understairs. As this private room was clean and elegant, the three people decided to stay here at the table.

“It’s said that the mandarin fish in the peach brook of Xuanyuan Hill tastes good...” Bai Suxian told Zhang Tie with a smile.

“This humble tavern doesn’t provide mandarin fish today. If you want it, you’d better wait for another 2 months...” The waiter immediately reminded them with a bashful smile.

“Ahh, but why?”

“Honorable guests, look!” The waiter then pointed at a painting and a couplet on two sides of the painting in the private room.

—mandarin fish with slightly bigger bellies are swimming in the limpid peach brook. Some of them were opening their mouths to eat the peach blossom petals that fell onto the water; some birds were twittering on the peach twigs as they were feeding squabs in nests. These birds and fish were all vivid.

A couplet was on two sides of the painting.

“Please don’t eat fish in March as a sea of roe are in their bellies.”

“Please don’t catch birds in March as their fledglings are waiting for their parents in nests.”

“This is this humble tavern’s rule. So was it in most of the taverns in the peach mountain. I beg for your forgiveness, sir...” These days, except for mandarin fish in the peach brook, this humble tavern actually has many special cuisines and brand dishes. Our peach pastry and peach blossom spirit are also superb. I promise to satisfy you...”

“Hmm, serve us your best snacks and dishes then!” Zhang Tie replied with a smile instead of making the waiter embarrassed.

“In case of waste, how about some branded fruits in season, some tea and pastry?”

“Fine!”

The waiter bowed as he exited the room by moving backwards.

After throwing another glance at that painting and the couplet, Zhang Tie suddenly told Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian with emotions, “Not until now did I know that Hua people and Taixia Country are powerful not only in their large quantity of knights, but also in culture. Due to the rise and fall of dynasties and races, subcontinents would see a new overall situation in each 200-300 years. Dynasties and major clans in subcontinents would always decline after reaching their apex; however, since the Catastrophe, Taixia Country has grown more and more powerful. Because only Hua people know how to treasure good fortune and accumulate virtue. It’s rooted in the powerful genes inherited in Hua culture. How could Hua people not be powerful with such a cultural inheritance?”

Hearing Zhang Tie’s words, Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian both nodded.

Only after a short while, the food and drinks had been served.

They then started to enjoy the food and drinks as they chatted and appreciated the performance downstairs in a pretty relaxed and pleasant way.

When they finished half of their meal, they heard heavy footsteps from the winding corridor outside. It seemed that a team of people were approaching them. Among the footsteps, a man shouted loudly in coarse, non-standard Hua language, “What? If we don’t consume more than 30 silver coins, we have to spend 2 silver coins as a service fee? It’s too expensive!”

Hearing that voice, Zhang Tie became spirited at once as he stopped his chopsticks...

Zhang Tie could never forget this voice as it belonged to Captain Kerlin, the cyclops who had left the most darkest and terrifying impression to all the horny male students in their puberty in National 7 Male Middle School in Blackhot City. None of those horny ones in National 7 Male Middle School were living in his shadow. Even Zhang Tie felt that cyclops might be the most terrifying person in this world during that period.

If he hadn’t recovered his hearing, Zhang Tie almost doubted that he had got a hallucination.

After realizing Zhang Tie’s abnormal movement, Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing both fixated onto him as they guessed that Zhang Tie might be familiar with that person outside the door.

“You know that man?” Yan Feiqing asked Zhang Tie using battle qi. Zhang Tie nodded.

After exchanging a glance with each other, Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian became silent as they both wondered the relationship between Zhang Tie and the one outside.

“Kerlin, it’s a private room, not a standard room. I’ve told you so many times. Why do you always mix them?” Another helpless and a bit sluggish voice sounded, which Zhang Tie was familiar with too—It’s Zerom. Compared to Captain Kerlin’s non-standard Hua language, Zerom spoke Hua language much more fluently, “Alright, as there’s no table downstairs, we will order a private room upstairs...”

Zerom told the waiter.

“Could we afford that? Who told me to be frugal this morning? Although it’s very cool to dine and dash, but I’m afraid that we can’t bear the outcome...” Captain Kerlin complained in Hebrew.

“Who told you we will dine and dash? Although we are a bit frugal, we shouldn’t treat ourselves too bad...” Zerom answered in Hebrew as a group of them entered a private room beside Zhang Tie, “If we run out of money, apply for a bit more expenditure from Milton...”

“However, that old d**chebag’s face has turned increasingly bad these days. I feel that he might think we’re liars. He might deal with us by chopping us into pieces!” Captain Kerlin muttered in Hebrew.

“Please show us your menu?” Zerom told the waiter in Hua language, ignoring Captain Kerlin.

After they ordered some dishes and the waiter left their private room, Zerom said in Hebrew, “He’s just suspecting us, nothing’s confirmed yet. We’re in Xuanyuan Hill, the capital of Taixia Country. Even knights would be beheaded if they killed people here. Any influential figures from any country doesn’t have the right to execute punishment here, neither does Milton. In addition, it’s not our fault. After coming here for over 3 months, he has not even got a chance to meet a diplomat of the Lesha Republic in Xuanyuan Hill, not to mention a diplomat of Taixia Country itself. What can we do...”

Chapter 1436: The Same Person

“Even if Milton doesn’t dare to harm us, will we continue to stay here like this?” The Cyclops asked with a complaint, “I don’t think that we should come to this motherf*cking place. Do you know how much is Milton’s rent in that inn per day? It’s said that it’s cheap there. All the money that I accumulated for so many years couldn’t afford me to live here for 2 years! Those foreign people who could live in Xuanyuan Hill are all nouveau riche from those subcontinents. The number of imperial households and dignitaries here is even greater than that of prostitutes near the railway station of Blackhot City. We’re still in the periphery of Xuanyuan Hill. It’s said that more dignitaries were living in the emperor’s imperial city. Additionally, although Milton always held his head high, he dared not breath smoothly in Gold and Power Market. It seems that they could grow gold coins in the farm. They spent tens of millions of gold coins by hand. God knows how heavy those gold coins weigh if they’re piled up. You know, in Blackhot City...”

“Stop, let’s not mention Blackhot City anymore!” Zerom interrupted the Cyclops, “If you always mention a remote city in a subcontinent, others would treat us as yokels who have not seen the world...”

“Yokel? So what? I feel Blackhot City is good, at least better than here!” The Cyclops muttered, “Didn’t Zhang Tie live in Blackhot City? His first job was even introduced by me...”

“That’s Zhang Tie. He’s the No. 1 human knight who killed a heavenly demon knight as a shadow knight. Do you think that we could compare with him? We can’t even imagine about his current social status. If not him, who knows Blackhot City in Waii Subcontinent?”

“Therefore, Blackhot City is not bad, at least a powerful knight comes from Blackhot City!” The Cyclops said stubbornly.

“If you feel that Blackhot City is better than here then that’s because you’re poor. When you’re as rich as those nouveau riche in subcontinents, you would feel here better too. Before coming here, do you know how Humans Pharmacists Union look like? Can you imagine that so many human elites and senior professionals are in one building here? Can you see so many knights? Can you see so many imperial

households, dignitaries and beauties of all human races on one street? Can you imagine about so many rarities? Can you imagine how a country or throne is traded in a market?" Zerom explained with full of emotions as if he was in a dream, "I feel we're in the paradise, the paradise of the rich. We have to be rich. This time, at least we know how real people in authority and dignitaries live. By comparison, those capitals in Western Continent are just barren lands of barbarians..."

"Do you think that Zhang Tie would still treat us as his friends if he were here?" The Cyclops asked Zerom hesitantly.

"I think you know him better than me. When in Wild Wolf Valley, you gifted him that secret book Immortal Iron-blood Fist. Sometimes, you have much greater intuition than me on judging people. At least I've not imagined that Zhang Tie could be a knight and reach such a high level. What do you think?"

"I feel...I feel he shouldn't be that merciless, at least based on his performance in the past!" The Cyclops became much more cautious speaking of Zhang Tie as he lowered his tone, "However, I failed to see through him when I saw him last time. After so many years, I'm afraid that he doesn't feel like meeting us at all given his current social status..."

"At least we might have a chance to meet him, right?" Zerom remained optimistic as he continued, "We didn't come here in vain if there's a minor chance for us to meet him. Because it's a chance for us to improve our fate. Additionally, we could save a lot of people. Doesn't it worth a try even if it's a minor chance? You know that those important ones in our eyes might not be important in his eyes anymore. However, those unimportant ones in our eyes might still be very important in his heart. Additionally, we don't want to bring him trouble or make him embarrassed; instead, we only want to cooperate with him. It's beneficial to both parties. As long as he nod, you and me would not worry about the rest of our lives anymore. It's nothing shameful. We're looking for an anchor at most..."

"Well, you're right. But we only know that he's receiving medical treatment in the emperor's imperial city now. We could never access to that place. Even Milton couldn't make it. Neither does Zhang Tie know that we're here. Would we stay here all the way?"

"If we couldn't contact him in the next 2 months, we will go to his bounty territory to wait for him to come back. It would be much easier for us to meet him in his private territory!" Zerom put it straightforwardly.

"What if Milton leaves?"

"Let him go then!" Zerom said in a nonchalant look, "You've seen Fiery-Oil airplanes, Fiery-Oil buses and Fiery-Oil yachts on water these days, how do you feel about Fiery Oil?"

"To be honest, I don't believe that Fiery Oil is produced by straws in the farm. It only existed before the Catastrophe. It's said that Fiery Oil could be also be used in powerful weapons in the Western Theater Operations!"

"Therefore, as long as Zhang Tie nods, we will be able to find new partners with his license. If we're authorized to produce Fiery Oil, are you still afraid of lacking partners? I'm afraid that people would come to us by then..."

After hearing their dialogue, Zhang Tie knew the target of Zerom and Captain Kerlin.

Zhang Tie's reputation had been spread over the Western Continent along with his marvelous Fiery Oil. After hearing Zhang Tie's news, Zerom and Captain Kerlin came to Taixia Country, aiming to contact him.

Zhang Tie had not heard about Milton. Now that Milton was someone that Zerom and Captain Kerlin acquainted with on the Western Continent, he must be insignificant for Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie exclaimed about his amazing fate by meeting these two people in Xuanyuan Hill.

Last time Zhang Tie saw Zerom and Captain Kerlin in his first rotating chakra ceremony in Yiyang City, Huaiyuan Prefecture, Waii Subcontinent. Zerom and Captain Kerlin attended that ceremony as the backbones of Thor's Mercenary Regiment under the affiliation of Armes, an empire of mercenaries. Since then, Zhang Tie didn't see them anymore. Later on, he heard that the two people evacuated from Waii Subcontinent to Western Continent with the other backbones of Thor's Mercenary Regiment.

It had soon been 11 years since the 895th year of Black Iron Calendar when Zhang Tie saw them last time. Plus the 60 years that he stayed in the tower of time, it had been 71 years since Zhang Tie saw them last time.

Zhang Tie wasn't the only one who had heard the dialogue between Zerom and Captain Kerlin, even Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing had heard it. The two women had almost guessed the relationship between Zhang Tie and the two strangers.

Zhang Tie made a hand gesture to the two women before he picked himself up and left his private room. After coming to the outside of the folding screen of the private room of Zerom and Captain Kerlin, Zhang Tie let out a sigh of relief slightly before entering it calmly.

"Captain Kerlin, Mr. Zerom, long time no see..." Zhang Tie watched the two people sitting in front of a table with a smile the moment he entered the room.

After hearing the familiar voice, the two people turned around at the same time as if they saw a ghost.

It had been 11 years since they met last time. Captain Kerlin's and Zerom's looks had changed to a certain degree. However, Zhang Tie's face remained unchanged.

In the same black eyeshade, Captain Kerlin looked like a vicious pirate with some more wrinkles on his face. Zerom had some more grey hair. Both of them looked a bit elder and more experienced. It seemed that they didn't live smoothly on the Western Continent over these years in troubled times...

Zerom and Captain Kerlin almost sprung up at the same time. Due to a big belly, Captain Kerlin almost knocked over the table...

"You...you...you..." Captain Kerlin stammered as he pointed at Zhang Tie.

Not just Captain Kerlin, even Zerom who used to be able and crafty didn't believe in Zhang Tie's sudden appearance.

"What's the color of Shrek's hair..." Zerom asked a strange question immediately.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Of course, it's brown. Oh, how are Jordan and Professor Simon?"

Zhang Tie acquainted with Jordan and Professor Simon in Heavens Cold City in Waii Subcontinent. They were also backbones of Thor's Mercenary Regiment. As Zhang Tie violated the rule by leading Zerom, Captain Kerlin, Jordan and Professor Simon to Heavens Cold City for first-hand raw materials of demonized puppets, he was punished by the clan elder.

"This is real!" Zerom became thrilled at once after confirming Zhang Tie's identity. He wanted to embrace Zhang Tie; however, he slightly hesitated.

Noticing that the two people were a bit hesitant, Zhang Tie strode forward and gave a bearhug to the two people as he slapped their backs forcefully, saying, "It's so nice that you're alive; it's so nice that you're alive..."

When he embraced them, Zhang Tie had an indescribable complex feeling, watching the familiar aging faces.

Zhang Tie would never forget that Zerom and Captain Kerlin had saved him in Wild Wolf Valley.

"Ahh, how come sand gets in my eyes..."

The Cyclops' only eye turned wet in Zhang Tie's passionate arms. After Zhang Tie separated from him, Captain Kerlin hurriedly wiped off his tears as he made an excuse bashfully.

Zerom's eyes turned a bit red. With such a warm embrace, Zerom knew that Zhang Tie was still the same one in Heavens Cold City...

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Chapter 1437: Fates

"Soon after the Thor's Mercenary Regiment arrive at Western Continent, it had disbanded. If an organization like mercenary regiment wants to survive in troubled times, it has to establish a wide network of relationships, have a powerful reliance or at least a knight on its back. Pitifully, Thor's Mercenary Regiment didn't meet either of the three conditions. Additionally, it was pushed aside by the other mercenary regiments. Of course, we could barely develop. After one year's struggle, Thor's Mercenary Regiment received a task which was schemed by someone. Our director was heavily injured in the execution of this task. Additionally, we lost 1/4 of middle- and high-level backbones. From then on, Thor's Mercenary Regiment had been declining. Later on, it was disbanded and we separated from each other..."

As they had not seen each other for a long time, of course, they would have a drink. After having cups of 10-year peach blossom spirit, Zerom and Captain Kerlin both blushed as they started to pour out their experience to Zhang Tie over these years.

In troubled times, very few people could really live well in a foreign country. What Zerom and Captain Kerlin experienced on the Western Continent was the epitome of many middle- and low-level fighters.

Watching the wrinkled faces of the two people, Zhang Tie let out a sigh inside as he bottomed up his spirit and said, "Where did you go after that?"

"After leaving Thor's Mercenary Regiment, Kerlin and I also attempted to join other mercenary regiments in 2 years. However, we didn't feel having a good prospect of joining them. Facing the threat

of demons, those mercenary regiments on the Western Continent were all cheap pieces in the hands of countries. There're many shady deals in this line. It was nothing different than being the cheapest cannon fodders like those youngsters who expected to prove their own values out of their passion using sabers and swords on the battlefield for us to join those powerful mercenary regiments. Even our compensations would be saved..."

Hearing Zerom's words, Captain Kerlin took his glass and bottomed up his spirit with a bit gloomy look. After that, he forcefully put the glass onto the table, causing a loud sound, "All those b*stards should be torn to shreds. They're even more inhumane than demons..."

Zerom forced a bitter smile as he threw a glance at Captain Kerlin, "We met a female fighter in that mercenary regiment. Like us, she was also treated as cannon fodder. Additionally, as a female, she would even encounter some special troubles in the male-dominated mercenary regiment. If not help her, she might even face a more miserable situation than males. Later on, Kerlin killed a middle-level backbone of that mercenary regiment out of fury for the sake of that female fighter. As a result, we were hunted by that mercenary regiment and could only leave out of there. And that female knight fell in love with Kerlin in this process. Additionally, they had the father of a church hold a wedding ceremony for them in a rural area of Shardline Dukedom by force at the cost of 2 silver coins. That is to say, Captain Kerlin has already got a family..."

Zhang Tie really felt happy for the Cyclops after knowing that he met his beloved one in an escape. At this moment, Captain Kerlin blushed with a happy look, "You've got a family too." Captain Kerlin said as he turned around and unveiled Zerom's secret, "You could never guess this guy's wife."

"Who is she?"

"You know her!" Captain Kerlin revealed a smile.

"I know her?" Zhang Tie became amazed as he really couldn't imagine whom he got acquainted with would marry Zerom.

"It's Miss Killy!" Captain Kerlin unveiled the answer.

"Miss Killy?" This name sounded familiar. No sooner did Captain Kerlin mention it than Zhang Tie recalled a beautiful figure who drove away Glaze on the square of Wild Wolf Castle. Of course, at that time, that female teacher who always gazed all the male horny ones in an alert way also disliked Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie felt a bit abrupt hearing Mr. Zerom got married to Miss Killy. However, after considering it for a short while, Zhang Tie admitted that Zerom and Miss Killy really had pretty harmonious qi fields.

"What? How did you contact Miss Killy on the Western Continent?" Zhang Tie watched Zerom with a curious look as he added, "I've not imagined that Mr. Zerom could have such a great secret, hahaha..."

"Ahem, ahem, erm, before leaving Blackhot City, I had been contacting Killy. She had an uncle doing business in Nordinham Commercial Federation on the Western Continent. Killy said she would go to find her uncle after leaving Blackhot City. After crossing a small part of the Western Continent, Kerlin, Angelina and I finally came to Nordinham Commercial Federation after escaping from the chase of that mercenary regiment. As a scaled organization on the Western Continent, Nordinham Commercial

Federation was coveted by some forces. In order to divide the sphere of influence of Nordinham Commercial Federation, those forces bribed many mercenary regiments to fight the army of Nordinham Commercial Federation. After tiding over those crises, Nordinham Commercial Federation has forbidden to carry out any campaign with any mercenary regiment in its territory. After coming to Nordinham Commercial Federation, we settled down there. I also started to contact Killy. As to what happened later, you already know..." Zerom shrugged...

"Milton is the deputy president of Nordinham Commercial Federation. After coming to Nordinham Commercial Federation, both Kerlin and I wanted to settle down as we didn't want to have any relationship with any mercenary regiment anymore. In the beginning, we found a job in a business group under the affiliation of Nordinham Commercial Federation and did a good job. We could barely see big figures like Milton. Last year, Milton knew that Kerlin and I came from Blackhot City by accident and got acquainted with you; therefore, he wanted to establish a relationship with you using us. Previously, we didn't know about your situation in Taixia Country. It was Milton who told us about your situation!" Zerom forced a bitter smile as he continued, "I also felt that this was a good chance for us to improve our fate. Therefore, we came to Taixia Country with Milton by an airboat of Golden Roc Bank..."

Chapter 1438: Making an Arrangement

Zerom and Captain Kerlin had been in Xuanyuan Hill for almost 3 months. During this period, although they both knew that Zhang Tie was receiving medical treatment in Xuanyuan Hill, they couldn't have a chance to meet Zhang Tie, even those who were familiar with Zhang Tie.

Milton was the deputy president of Nordinham Commercial Federation, which had a good relationship with Rhesa Republic on the Western Continent. Precisely, Rhesa Republic provided protection to Nordinham Commercial Federation to a certain degree. As one of the most powerful countries on the Western Continent, Rhesa Republic could almost match Sacred Light Empire in overall strength. Its overall strength was far greater than that of Nordinham Commercial Federation; they were not on the same scale at all.

Taixia Country had established an official diplomatic relationship with Rhesa Republic. They had dispatched ambassadors mutually. By comparison, because Nordinham Commercial Federation had just risen for dozens of years, such as small force on the Western Continent had not established an official diplomatic relationship with Taixia Country. Actually, it only had a small office in Xuanyuan Hill. After realizing that Zerom and Captain Kerlin couldn't have a chance to meet Zhang Tie, Milton even dreamed about having Rhesa Republic's diplomat in Xuanyuan Hill to facilitate the relation so that Zerom and Captain Kerlin could enter emperor's imperial city to meet Zhang Tie.

However, such a request was absolutely a big joke for the Rhesa Republic's diplomat in Xuanyuan Hill.

The Rhesa Republic's diplomat in Xuanyuan Hill was aware of Zhang Tie's influence and social status in Taixia Country. How would he dare to guarantee two strange guys to enter the emperor's imperial city without doing any harm to Zhang Tie, who was receiving medical treatment? If an emergency occurred, all the Rhesa Republic's diplomats in Xuanyuan Hill would be sentenced to death; even Rhesa Republic as a whole couldn't bear the fury of Taixia Country. Even the speaker of Rhesa Republic posed the

request, their diplomats in Xuanyuan Hill should also confirm it with their domestic authorities before making a decision, not to mention the deputy president of Nordinham Commercial Federation.

Therefore, Milton couldn't have a chance to meet Rhesa Republic's diplomats even though he had tried so many times that he even became emaciated.

After learning the situation from Zerom and Captain Kerlin, Zhang Tie became hesitant for a few seconds before asking, "How's Milton Clan's power in Nordinham Commercial Federation?"

"Milton Clan have one city, some towns and some small mines in Nordinham Commercial Federation. Additionally, they control over 7 million people and have a federal army of about 50,000 people. According to the rankings on wealth issued by Nordinham Commercial Federation, Milton Clan had about 12 million gold coins last year. In addition, they employed a clan knight..." Zerom answered.

Stroking his jaw, Zhang Tie continued, "How's the power of Nordinham Commercial Federation?"

"Nordinham Commercial Federation has totally 87 members of parliament, which represent 87 cities. Anyone who has one private city is qualified to join Nordinham Commercial Federation and become a member of the parliament of the federation. The clan of Angor the speaker has an experienced black iron knight and 6 seats of members of parliament in Nordinham Commercial Federation. They're the most powerful one in the federation. There're 5 deputy speakers. Milton Clan has one, who ranks 3rd among the 5 deputy speakers. This man is ambitious, insightful and adventurous..."

"They could employ one knight with one city?" Zhang Tie became amazed, "I remember that all the clans which could employ a knight in Waii Subcontinent are unusual. Many knights were No. 1 knights of countries. Andaman Federation had 17 cities; however, they couldn't afford a knight!"

Zerom forced a bitter smile, "Erm, there are a bit more knights on the Western Continent. Cities and countries are a bit more prosperous over there, which could not be matched by Waii Subcontinent. Additionally, these knights employed by small clans don't take too many compensations. Accordingly, they have greater freedom and discretion. Generally, they would not interfere with the common disputes of these clans. Conversely, these clans are a tool of these knights. Actually, employed knights could have these clans do something for them for the sake of convenience. Each takes what they need. There're also many No. 1 knights on Western Continent. Being similar to those in Waii Subcontinent, their compensation are in line with their efforts!"

After hearing Zerom's explanation, Zhang Tie had given up meeting Milton. In Zhang Tie's eyes, this deputy speaker was absolutely a trivial role who had not seen the world. What to negotiate with such a person? Based on the power of Milton Clan, they could at most run a Fiery-Oil Production Base with an annual output of 500,000 tons. It was unnecessary for Zhang Tie to negotiate with him on it.

Like how Zerom had concluded, although Milton was ambitious, insightful and adventurous, such a kind of person could be found almost everywhere across the Western Continent. This guy was just lucky enough to meet Zerom and Captain Kerlin and wanted the two people to introduce him to Zhang Tie for profit. Therefore, they came to Xuanyuan Hill. Such a person was useful; however, it was not necessary to expect too much from him or respect him too much.

With growing experience and ability, Zhang Tie's horizon was far greater than that a few years ago. Even the halos priest of Sacred Light Empire had to kneel down in front of him and become his puppet and

piece, not to mention a deputy speaker of a small organization on the Western Continent. In Zhang Tie's eyes, the overall strength of the Milton Clan was so weak that it could even be ignored.

After looking at Zerom and Captain Kerlin, Zhang Tie became hesitant for a few seconds before saying, "Do you want to settle down in Taixia Country. If you want, I could make an arrangement for you. You could settle down wherever you want, even in Xuanyuan Hill, not to mention Guizhou Province and my private territory. If you want, I could have Golden Roc Bank bring your wives and family members here by airboat today!"

After exchanging a glance with each other, Zerom and Captain Kerlin shook their heads at the same time.

"Although Taixia Country is great, I prefer Western Continent. Like how you Hua people like Hua people-populated places, I would also feel comfortable on the Western Continent. Additionally, we could have more chances on the Western Continent. What could we do in Taixia Country?"

Zerom said as Captain Kerlin kept nodding forcefully on one side.

"In many cases, I couldn't even understand people's words here. I'm afraid that I couldn't even find a job in Taixia Country!" the Cyclops let out a sigh as he continued, "There's not even a mercenary regiment here. Even if I want to be a watchdog for rich people, very few people would employ me. Even though I don't have to worry about my daily needs, I don't want to live out my life in retirement so fast. I'm already LV 10; I might make a few more progress in the future..."

Zerom and Kerlin were both enterprising and didn't feel like being average for the rest of their lives. Although Taixia Country was great, they still felt that it would be a bit easier to develop a great undertaking on the Western Continent.

"Hmm, I see..." Zhang Tie considered it for a few seconds before taking out a remote-sensing finger ring and ten gold checks from his space-teleportation finger ring. Each gold check was worth 10,000 gold coins. Closely after that, he gave them to Zerom and Kerlin as he said, "Take them. You could contact me whenever you want. You'd better live in Xuanyuan Hill for the time being. I will make arrangements for you. Don't worry about that..."

Many people might not be able to make a gold check worth 10,000 gold coins for their whole lives. Even Zerom and Kerlin barely saw gold checks of such a big denomination. At the sight of those gold checks, they both felt thirsty. As for the remote-sensing finger ring, it must be a senior communications device matched for knights. Zerom and Kerlin had not seen such a delicate device before at all. What they had seen were as large as alarm clocks and hourglasses.

"Is this a remote-sensing communications device?" Zerom took that remote-sensing communications mithril finger ring and fondled with it seriously.

"Yes, its usage is as same as that of common remote-sensing communications device. Its communication code is the universal code that we used in Wild Wolf Valley!"

After gazing at those gold checks for a few seconds, Captain Kerlin finally moved his eye away from them as he stammered, "It's...too much, more than we could spend..."

Zhang Tie replied with a smile as he blinked his eyes, "In Xuanyuan Hill, it's not too much. Just take it. I promise that you will not feel it's too much soon!"

After having enough drink and talk, Zhang Tie had already made a decision inside. Therefore, he told the neighboring room, "Qing'er, Suxian, come over here to see my two teachers. They saved my life in Wild Wolf Valley!"

Sitting in the neighborhood, of course, the two female knights could hear Zhang Tie's words. Actually, all the contents of their dialogue had entered their ears.

"Ahh, you've got friends here?" Zerom and Kerlin uttered with an amazed look in unison.

"We're traveling to the peach mountain today. Soon after we arrived here, I've heard Captain Kerlin's voice..." Zhang Tie gave an explanation.

Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing had already entered the room when Zhang Tie explained it.

At the sight of the looks and qi fields of Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing, Zerom and Kerlin were shocked so much that they hurriedly sprung up as they held their breath.

"This is Mr. Zerom whom I've talked to you about. This is Captain Kerlin, the most powerful man in the hearts of all the male students in No. 7 National Male Middle School..." Zhang Tie introduced them, "This is Bai Suxian, the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, a black iron knight; this is Yan Feiqing, the owner of Fantasy Women Palace, Cloud Dream Mountain, Wuzhou Province, a heavenly knight. They're both my wives..."

Zerom and Kerlin were both dumbfounded by the identities of Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing as they didn't know what to say. One was the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion; the other was a heavenly knight. They were absolutely legendary existences in the hearts of Zerom and Kerlin.

"Thanks for saving my husband!" Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing exchanged a glance with each other before lowering their bodies and tilting to one side elegantly.

"Ahh, pleasure, pleasure, Zhang Tie is favored by the god. He was not destined to die!" Zerom hurriedly answered fluently as Captain Kerlin couldn't utter a word due to shock.

Given Zhang Tie's introduction, Zerom realized that the two women were both very dignified. If not meet Zhang Tie here, they were not even qualified to run an errand for Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing, not to mention receiving their thanks.

After having Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing greet Zeron and Kerlin, Zhang Tie stayed in the private room for a few more minutes. After saying some words, he left the tavern with Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian.

Not until the three left for a few minutes did Zerom and Kerlin recover their composure as they exchanged a glance with each other.

The Cyclops swallowed his saliva forcefully before saying, "The moment the two women entered, I've felt pretty intense and couldn't run my battle qi smoothly. I even felt breathless and head buzzing. One of them is a princess; the other is a heavenly knight. Am I right?"

"Yes, you're. Zhang Tie indeed said so!"

The Cyclops scratched his head as he asked, "What does a princess in Taixia Country mean?"

"Is Waii Subcontinent large?" Zerom asked.

"Yes!" The Cyclops nodded.

"I'm afraid that that princess' private territory is 5-6 times that of Waii Subcontinent. Her father is a lord. I'm afraid that her family has tens of hundreds of knights and hundreds of millions of soldiers!"

"Is she Zhang Tie's wife?"

"Yes..." Zerom's voice turned ethereal like a somniloquy, "The other woman is a heavenly knight. Given battle strength and influence, that woman might even match that princess' father. For the sake of your comprehension, that woman might be like a pope of Sacred Light Empire or a sage of Rhesa Republic who's responsible for the national security!"

"Am I...dreaming..." The Cyclops pinched himself forcefully.

"No, you're not dreaming. Do you remember what I told you in Wild Wolf Valley?—I feel that Zhang Tie might be a person out of our imagination in the future like today..." Zerom fondled with the remote-sensing communications finger ring meticulously as he gave the gold checks to the Cyclops and said, "Take them. It might be safer if you take them. At least I don't have to worry about being robbed in Xuanyuan Hill..."

"I also remember that you said that Zhang Tie would never be an average person based on his talent on flirting with girls!" the Cyclops watched Zerom with a bit of admiration.

"Yes, we two won't be average either from then on..." Zerom said as he meticulously put on the finger ring before observing it carefully, revealing a bizarre smile.

"Ahh, how? 100,000 gold coins are unable to make us famous!" Captain Kerlin asked as he kept scratching his head with a dubious look.

After hearing Kerlin's words, Zerom rolled his eyes on him at once. He could only raise the remote-sensing finger ring in front of Kerlin along with his face as he said carefully, "Look at this using your remaining eye carefully."

"It's just a senior remote-sensing finger ring, why?"

Zerom patted his own forehead as if he was passing out. He then rolled his eyes on Kerlin again as he said, "Alright, listen, if I go to Western Continent and tell others that I could contact Zhang Tie directly and help people pass one message to him at the price of 100,000 gold coins, people who need our help would queue up all the way from here to the hotel. Do you believe that we would accumulate more wealth and acquire higher social position than Milton Clan in one month by doing nothing else but passing messages for others..."

"Ahh, how could we make so much money only by passing messages using a finger ring?" Captain Kerlin watched Zerom with a dubious look—I didn't read too many books. Don't cheat me.

Zerom became speechless. He could only let out a sigh again as he said, "Alright, it might be a bit difficult for you to understand it. I will deal with the part which requires intelligence. I could only tell you

that we don't need to depend on Milton's favor anymore. On the contrary, Milton should depend on our favor. Let's go back to the hotel. I will let you feel being in the limelight today..."

After saying that, Zerom walked outside the room.

"Hua language is too difficult to learn. How could the same meaning be expressed in so many ways? What's "in the limelight"? Shouldn't it be showing our face in the public on the Western Continent?" The Cyclops muttered as he walked outside.

Hearing Kerlin's words, Zerom almost fell down.

Zerom turned around as he watched the Cyclops helplessly, "Kerlin, you could describe those women who were in the most time-honored professions near the railway station of Blackhot City as showing their face in the public but not us..."

"Really? But I feel it's good. When I saw Zhang Tie's two wives, I even wanted to speak highly of their "tiger backs and bear waists". They really have good figures and great power. However, I didn't say it due to intension..." Captain Kerlin said with a pitiful look.

Zerom oozed sweat as he sighed, "Alright, you'd better not speak Hua language when I'm with you; especially Hua idioms. You're really not suitable to live in Taixia Country. I'm afraid that you would be beaten to death sooner or later!"

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Chapter 1439: Zhang Tie's Plan

After a few hours of journey in the peach mountain and a good talk with Zerom and Kerlin at lunch, it was already late than 2 pm. Zhang Tie, Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian then left the tavern and returned to Qianji Manor.

Both Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing were clear about Zhang Tie's temperament. When Zhang Tie chose to meet Zerom and Kerlin, the two women had already known that Zhang Tie would never let them come here in vain.

Because Zhang Tie was an affectionate person.

The vehicle was a black, low-key, long Fairy-Dragon Limo exclusive to Qianji Manor with a driving license that could access to the emperor's imperial city. The backspace was isolated from the cab of the vehicle. There was a set of circular sofas and a mini-bar in the backspace. The driver was a powerhouse from Imperial Guards. After coming to the peach mountain, the driver parked it in the parking lot and waited for Zhang Tie, Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing to come back.

This vehicle returned to Qianji Manor, followed by two vehicles.

"Are you thinking about arranging your two teachers?" Sitting at the back of the vehicle, Bai Suxian made a glass of spirit for Zhang Tie and gave it to him before asking, "I find that they're also working hard. Why not give them some money or directly buy a city for them on the Western Continent? As long

as the relationship between you and them is exposed to the public, I think nobody dares find them trouble on the Western Continent...”

After taking the glass, Zhang Tie had a sip. In a split second, a sour and sweet feeling spread over his body; his tipsy feeling flew away at once. The liquor in this mini-bar was also top-notch. Smacking his lip, Zhang Tie shook his head and said, “Are emperors and lords born to be dignified? Many commoners don’t have a chance to display their ability instead of having no ability. Given cultivation talent, Captain Kerlin could match many senior brothers below knights that I met in the Hidden Dragon Island of Huaiyuan Palace. Over these years, Captain Kerlin has already promoted to LV 10. He could go further in cultivation. Zerom is very wise. His insight and judgment are far greater than commoners. If there’s a chance, the two people would definitely make a great achievement. Therefore, I don’t only intend to give them some money. Actually, I prepare to let Zerom become the speaker of Nordinham Commercial Federation!”

“Ahh, won’t it overreach him?” Yan Feiqing asked as she slightly frowned, “Sometimes, haste makes waste. Additionally, one’s ability couldn’t be trained in one day!”

“I see. I won’t push him. It’s just an objective. He could start by becoming a member of the parliament. I think that Zerom should be able to be a member of the parliament of Nordinham Commercial Federation now. When there’s an opportunity, he could compete for deputy speaker and speaker step by step. As for Kerlin, actually, he’s most suitable to stay in troops as an officer. He’s forthright and is born to be a soldier. If he could join Fiery-Dragon Corps, he might become a corps leader in the future. On the Western Continent, he could coordinate with Zerom to rule his subordinate troops!”

“But the two people should at least have a private city so that Zerom could become a member of the parliament of Nordinham Commercial Federation. Are you ready to buy a city for them on the Western Continent?”

Zhang Tie shook his head as he said, “When the two people talked about Rhesa Republic, I recalled that I actually have a private territory on the Western Continent. If everything goes well, I don’t need to buy any city for them anymore!”

“Ahh, you’ve got a private territory on the Western Continent?” Bai Suxian’s interest was aroused at once as she continued, “I’ve not heard of it! When did you get it?”

Not only Bai Suxian, but even Yan Feiqing’s eyes also shone. As for Yan Feiqing, she was more interested in the source and purpose of Zhang Tie’s “case-dough”.

Zhang Tie smiled as a map that Sacred Light Empire gifted him for mediating the event of its expedition army against Ice and Snow Wilderness appeared in Zhang Tie’s hand. Zhang Tie showed it to Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian.

“After the expedition fleet that Sacred Light Empire assigned to attack Ice and Snow Wilderness was exterminated, Sacred Light Empire assigned an envoy to negotiate peace with me. That special envoy was called Astor, a chief priest and a clerk of the pope of Sacred Light Empire. According to the pope of Sacred Light Empire, they exchanged for my forgiveness with Fadiland, an enclave on the southwest corner of the Western Continent. I agreed. Therefore, jurisprudentially, I’m already the owner of the autonomous region of Fadiland on the Western Continent!”

"Ah, not bad. Fadiland covers about 6 million square miles although being smaller in size. Additionally, it has a part of the coastline and some islands in the sea in the southern border. It might not lack resources. This place is adjacent to a barbarian federation in the northeast and adjoins Rhesa Republic in the northwest. Now that Sacred Light Empire spent efforts in getting this region, it seems that this region is not too poor..." Bai Suxian analyzed as she watched the map.

"Fadiland Province's predecessor is Fadiland Empire. After joining the Sacred Light Empire, this region is not bad as a whole besides being a bit chaotic. Additionally, look..." Zhang Tie pointed at a region linking the Barbarian Federation and Rhesa Republic in the north of Fadiland Province which was marked as Nordinham Commercial Federation on the Western Continent. The entire territory of Nordinham Commercial Federation covered about 1,300 square miles. Zhang Tie drew a circle on a place as he said, "As long as I build a city here and buy this region, my private territory would adjoin Nordinham Commercial Federation..."

"This place might link barbarian federation and Rhesa Republic. It covers about 600,000 square miles. Barbarian Federation and Rhesa Republic are both powerful forces that could match the Sacred Light Empire on the Western Continent. God of barbarians and National Saint of Rhesa Republic were both heavenly knights. It might not be easy for you to get land from them!"

Zhang Tie replied with a confident smile, "No need to fight them. As long as the condition is proper, I believe that everything could be exchanged. Now that Sacred Light Empire could cut off Fadiland Empire for me, it's not strange for Barbarian Federation and Rhesa Republic to cut off some land for me too!"

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Chapter 1440: An Invitation Card for National Banquet

Zhang Tie was not ambitious about occupying the Western Continent. Now that he had already got Fadiland Province on the Western Continent, he should make some preparation for the future. Likewise, a farmer collected some firewood for stockpile; it didn't mean that he wanted to occupy the entire mountain.

As Zhang Tie was pondering the map of Fadiland Province, Barbarian Federation, Rhesa Republic and Nordinham Commercial Federation and the future of Zerom and Kerlin, his vehicle had already entered emperor's imperial city and returned to Qianji Manor.

After returning to Qianji Manor, Zhang Tie didn't imagine that an imperial official had been waiting for him.

After having Bai Suxian and Yan Feiqing return to their courtyard, Zhang Tie received that imperial official in a parlor of Qianji Manor.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, that imperial official immediately gave an invitation card which was made of violet gold to Zhang Tie.

After taking it and skimming over it, Zhang Tie's face turned strange, "The crown prince is about to hold an evening reception in the imperial palace?"

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“Yes!” That imperial official behaved very respectfully; instead of looking straight into Zhang Tie’s eyes, he watched the part below Zhang Tie’s knees, “Since demons invaded Taixia Country, crown prince had been busy with national affairs, and no more banquet was held anymore in the imperial palace. After Taixia Country made a triumph in the Western Theater of Operations and the general woke up, the crown prince is thrilled as he prepares to hold an evening dinner for celebration and displaying the power of Taixia Country to the foreign forces!”

A whim occurred to Zhang Tie as he asked, “Will any other foreign ambassadors attend this banquet?”

“Yes, it’s a national banquet. Besides those prominent chancellors of Xuanyuan Hill, many foreign ambassadors and imperial households from other continents and subcontinents would attend it!”

Zhang Tie threw a glance at the date and found it would be held after 10 days. Family members were also allowed to attend it. Only after being hesitant for a second, Zhang Tie had told the imperial official, “Please notice the crown prince that I will attend it on time!”

After hearing Zhang Tie’s promise, the imperial official immediately felt a sense of relief as he deeply bowed towards Zhang Tie and said, “If the general doesn’t have other order, this humble official would return to notice the crown prince!”

After Zhang Tie nodded, the imperial official left the parlor. After arriving at the gate, he bowed towards Zhang Tie again before leaving. After seeing off that imperial official, Zhang Tie sat in his room for a short while. After that, he fetched a steward and gave a name card to him, having him pay a visit to Rhesa Republic’s Embassy in Xuanyuan Hill. After leaving some words to the steward, Zhang Tie stroked his face as he returned to his courtyard with that invitation card.

In the courtyard, Yan Feiqing and Bai Suxian took the invitation card and skimmed over it. Yan Feiqing then let out a sigh, “I remember that Emperor Xuanyuan issued so many orders to invite Immortal Sea King to Xuanyuan Hill, even by assigning many fleets to look for him in overseas. Your military exploits on the battlefield could even match that of Immortal Sea King. It’s His Majesty’s great virtue and honor to invite you to Xuanyuan Hill by holding an evening dinner. If you could attend it, the crown prince’s prestige among officials and the people would definitely rise rapidly. It’s not enough for him to gift you 10 Purple Manor...”

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, “I see, but he’s too hospitable to be declined. In addition, it’s just a banquet, not a big deal. Taixia Country is in a holy war. Emperor Xuanyuan is still missing. Such a big country should have a ruler in the crisis. Crown prince is virtuous. The greater reputation and prestige he had, the stabler the overall situation facing Taixia Country would be. In this case, I prefer to show my face in the public for the crown prince. No need to think too much about it!”

After Zhang Tie expressed his attitude, Yan Feiqing became silent. After staying with Zhang Tie for so long, Yan Feiqing found that Zhang Tie still kept his innocence.

“Alas!” Bai Suxian sprung up as if she thought up something, scaring Zhang Tie a lot.

“What’s wrong?” Zhang Tie asked out of concern.

"If I attend this banquet, I have to customize a new set of costume. How should I dress on this occasion? And, the clothes have to be matched with proper jewelry. No, I will have to prepare for it right now..." Bai Suxian shouted as she ran away out of excitement.

Zhang Tie sighed inside, 'How could two women have such a great difference...'

"Do you remember Hongyi?" Yan Feiqing suddenly asked Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie revealed an 'embarrassed' smile towards Yan Feiqing whose emotion was uncertain as he replied, "Erm, of course..."

"How do you prepare to arrange her?"

"Have you told her to return to Fantasy Women Palace?"

In Taixia Country, on one occasion, knights who had received the order to fight demons could be set free in advance——exchange demon knights' heads for freedom. Such regulation was very flexible. Taixia Country made this rule for some sects and major clans which had powerful knights. In some occasions, not each people would like to be restrained to the army or would like to fight in large formations. Therefore, as long as any human knight of these sects and major clans could bring back the heads of two demon knights on their own level as his or her military exploit, they would be set free.

When Yan Feiqing went to the frontline of Weishui River for the second time, she saved Zhang Tie and escorted him back to Xuanyuan Hill for medical treatment. At the same time, she dropped off some demon knights' heads so that Guo Hongyi could be set free in advance.

Zhang Tie heard about it from others after waking up.

"Hongyi couldn't stay in Fantasy Women Palace for the rest of her life..." Yan Feiqing threw a glance at Zhang Tie with a bit blush as she added, "If not being god-damn destined to meet you, how could Hongyi and I be in such an embarrassing relationship?"

Zhang Tie refuted in a serious look, "In Taixia Country, master and apprentice are not forbidden to fall in love with the same man. It's not the god-damn destiny, but real love. Never care about others' comments. No matter what, I would not lose hair. After I return to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory in a few days, you'd better call her back. You need a good talk, so does she and I. Ahem, ahem...you may be master and apprentice in Fantasy Women Palace, but you could also be sisters in front of me..."

"Alas, you're really the destined god-damn star in our hearts!" Yan Feiqing let out a sigh gloomily.