

Black Iron 491

Chapter 491: A Bloody Suppression

Zhang Tie's plan was very simple; to clean all the demonized puppets on the three main horizontal avenues and three main longitudinal avenues using the force and speed of Thor's Hammer in Eschyle City around the red circle. Additionally, to break through the city gates being linked to the 6 main avenues so as to create a tunnel for those alive to escape out of the city.

Being different from common maps, the widths and depths of the six avenues on the military map of Eschyle City had been marked for the convenience of the xiphodons or common rhino-horse cavalries.

Zhang Tie only had one requirement about Thor's Hammer in the whole plan—In any case, maintain the maneuverability and speed of the troops. Keep moving; otherwise, once being surrounded by the demonized puppets, the Thor's Hammer would be gnawed sooner or later like fierce tigers being trapped in marsh.

As the others had not fought the demonized puppets before, they could hardly sense the terror of the demonized puppets, not to mention that they could make a battle plan like Zhang Tie. Whereas, as Zhang Tie had already experienced the similar battles in Heavens Cold City, he was very familiar with the battle patterns of those demonized puppets. Furthermore, he knew it clearly how to defeat demonized puppets using his own advantages.

If the Thor's Hammer included 50,000 warriors, perhaps Zhang Tie would consider to take a look in the neighborhood of the Iron Bear Castle. However, in the current situation, it was really not sensible to crash that hard bone with Thor's Hammer.

"As the military officials and generals of Thor's Hammer, you have to keep one thing in mind after leading your troops into Eschyle City, 'If you lose your speed, you will lose your life.' The first battle of Thor's Hammer will sustain until this 12:00 am. By then, you have to retreat from the north gate. After that, you will converge outside the north gate and take a rest. I don't expect to see any cavalry of Thor's Hammer being trapped in the city by then. Although casualties cannot be avoided, I don't allow any member of Thor's Hammer to die unless on the back of xiphodons while in movement, if possible. Am I clear?"

As Zhang Tie was so solemn, all the military officers and generals of Thor's Hammer nodded solemnly.

"Well, go pass my order to your warriors. We will set out on time!"

All the generals and military officials heavily pounded their own left chests.

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Half an hour was actually very temporary. After the cavalries of Thor's Hammer finished massaging their xiphodons and allowed them to drink water, they took a rest for less than 5 minutes. When the twilight exposed in the skyline, the troop set out once again.

Speed, speed, speed—this was what their colonel required them. Each cavalry of Thor's Hammer kept this in mind.

When it was still over 10 km away from Eschyle City, they saw many residents escaping out of the city in a flurried way.

These people were awakened from their fears by the booms of the xiphodons' hoofs. They hurriedly gave a way to the xiphodons in front of them. Hiding aside, they widely opened their eyes as they saw this batch of powerful cavalries flashing before them.

"Papa...who...are them?" a 11-12 year-old boy asked his father with his frightening eyes fixed on a male xiphodon which he had never seen before escaping out of the city while standing on an earth slope.

Looking at those xiphodons, his dad became silent for a short while with a complicated look while his face was still sprayed with some blood stains. Only one tribe could afford so many xiphodon cavalries at once across Ice and Snow Wilderness. This must be the army of 100,000 warriors of this tribe, which had frightened the entire Eschyle City these days.

"They...they are the King's Knights Regiment!"

At this moment, the man didn't know that the King's Knights Regiment had been changed to Thor's Hammer.

"King's Knights Regiment..." the little boy stared at the backs of those strong cavalries who were darting towards Eschyle City. From then on, the tough backs and the fierce beasts left a deep impression in the little boy's heart, which would accompany with him for the rest of his life.

When some escaped out of that hell, some rushed into that hell!

The little boy was very innocent.

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In a wink, the north gate of Eschyle City appeared in front of Zhang Tie.

When Zhang Tie arrived at the north gate, he saw the 3000 vanguards of the huge bear tribe fighting 6000-9000 demonized puppets. They were fighting from the outside of north city gate to the doorway.

The moment the vanguards heard the hoofs of xiphodons of the Thor's Hammer, they instantly gave a way to them, allowing thousands of demonized puppets to rush out of the city through the doorway with grim, bloody eyes.

Seeing this ugly demonized puppets, a killing thought flashed across Zhang Tie's mind. He knew that the real people had died, all these were bugs cultivated by demons which were manipulating and profaning the human corpses...

The moment those demonized puppets rushed out of the city, they had seen the xiphodons surging towards them.

Closely after that, constant sounds of breaking bones, tendons and breaking jars of pickled vegetables dropping onto the ground from 3rd or 4th floor drifted from the north gate of Eschyle City.

A lot of demonized puppets were bumped and sent flying back dozens of meters. Each demonized puppet struck by a xiphodon could collide a lot of its kind onto the ground like a flying flesh balls. As for

those being collided onto the ground, before they climbed up, they had already been kicked back onto the ground by the hoofs of xiphodons.

The cavalries then reached out their long javelins and stabbed into the heads of those demonized puppets precisely and sharply. After that, they shook their javelin and directly injected their surging battle Qi inside, exploding the heads of demonized puppets.

Zhang Tie rushed ahead of the Thor's Hammer. Each time he waved his terrifying battle hammer, he would split a demonized puppet's body into pieces like a broken porcelain, sending them flying back to dozens of meters and shooting down a great number of demonized puppets.

The deputy regimental commander behind Zhang Tie was thrashing his iron javelin horizontally towards those demonized puppets like using a common wooden stick, causing rows of demonized puppets to fly backwards in weird gestures.

A qizhang's javelin was connected with 5 or 6 struggling demonized puppets like sugar-coated haws [1]. After the qizhang's battle Qi flashed by, it blew up all the demonized puppets...

Under the gaze of the 3000 vanguards, the 5000 cavalries of Thor's Hammer formed a triangular arrowhead. After that, the arrowhead rolled towards the 7000-8000 demonized puppets like how a herd of mad cattle trampled on the roadside scarecrows without declining their speed.

After that, the arrowhead penetrated through the north gate of Eschyle City and disappeared in front of them, leaving a hundreds of meters long flesh swamp. Only a few of the 7000-8000 demonized puppets were left there. They were standing on two sides of the flesh swamp with a confusing look and looking around, seemingly could not figure out what was happening.

This was Thor's Hammer, the most powerful warriors in Ice and Snow Wilderness led by the clan elder.

After a couple of seconds, the 3000 vanguards yelled. Soon after that, they swarmed back and killed all the rest alive puppets. By then, they took control of the north gate of Eschyle City once again.

Zhang Tie was also shocked by the first battle. Such a powerful cavalry was dreamed by each commander. Zhang Tie was sure that this team's fighting strength could rank within top five even top three across Blackson Humans Clan on the premise of the same population, not to mention in Ice and Snow Wilderness.

However, there were thousands of human cavalry teams across Blackson Humans Clan.

After rushing into the north gate of Eschyle City, the Thor's Hammer didn't stop. Instead, they split into three parts. Zhang Tie led 2000 of them forward while each of the two deputy regimental commanders led 1500 of them towards the two sides.

Like plows, the three cavalries plowed towards south along three main avenues in Eschyle City...

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The six main thoroughfares were very broad. Benefited from the developed industry, commerce and trade in Eschyle City, the width of each thoroughfare was greater than 40 m.

As curfew was implemented these days in the Eschyle City, no vehicle or traffic tool could be seen in the thoroughfares across the city.

Based on Zhang Tie's experiences, in such case, the average people in the city might be hiding in their homes or chose hidden and safe paths to escape out of the city together with their friends and neighbors. Those who were fighting demonized puppets would also take advantage of the terrains. Nobody dared to swagger in the main thoroughfares so as to attract the attention of those demonized puppets unless they wanted to die. However, those who really wanted to seek for death could not be more dead at this moment.

Therefore, those who were swaggering in the main thoroughfares of Eschyle City were all demonized puppets. What was there in front of Zhang Tie verified his judgment.

Seeing those demonized puppets rushing towards his xiphodon with bloody eyes, Zhang Tie roared as he waved his battle hammer to suppress them all with the help of his 2000 warriors of Thor's Hammer...

As they moved forward, the road behind was gradually paved with flesh and rolling heads.

Facing those slow-witted demonized puppets who only knew about killing using their instinct, Thor's Hammer had an overwhelming advantage. In the broad main thoroughfares, all the cavalries of Thor's Hammer only needed to do this; kept the formation, followed the team, raised their javelins, charged, charged and charged forward.

No demonized puppets could block such a cavalry.

If demonized puppets had high intelligence, they would set road blocks or change their tactics and fighting ways. In this way, they could bring huge trouble to the cavalries of Thor's Hammer.

However, as these demonized puppet couldn't grow mature due to the death of the maternal puppet worm, they only knew about killing and destroying others. They had no intelligence at all. Therefore, they did two things to Thor's Hammer—rushed toward the cavalries while waving their arms; shrielled towards the cavalries of Thor's Hammer out of fury and chased after them.

However, the Thor's Hammer only did one thing—each team chose one horizontal and one longitudinal main thoroughfares and kept galloping their xiphodons in them.

At the beginning, the two deputy regimental commanders didn't understand Zhang Tie's order—keep galloping their xiphodons in the main thoroughfares. In their mind, after killing those demonized puppets in the main thoroughfares twice, they would have no demonized puppet to kill anymore; however, when they made a round trip in their own main thoroughfares, they found they could not clean them all at all as the other demonized puppets in the far would soon arrive after hearing the shrills of their same kind...

What the two deputy regimental commanders needed to do was to keep "refreshing" the roads to and fro like a road roller together with their cavalries on the terrain which was most beneficial for xiphodons to play their role.

Before arrival, no general of Thor's Hammer had imagined that they would fight this way...

Chapter 492: The Brilliant Military Exploits

Since they rushed into Eschyle City, the 5000 cavalries of Thor's Hammer had been rushing and killing in the six main thoroughfares of the city until 12:00 am. When the three troops of Thor's Hammer converged at the fixed time and retreated out of the north gate of Eschyle City to take a rest, 5000 cavalries and 5000 xiphodons were all covered with blood and aggressive killing intent.

Seeing them coming out of the city, all the alive people who had escaped out of the north gate of Eschyle City watched this cavalry with awed and appreciative eyes. Many people's eyes were filled with tears as they gave a way to the cavalries silently. Everyone knew that they might not be able to escape out of the city at all without this powerful cavalry.

Because of the impact of Thor's Hammer, the other 5 city gates of Eschyle City were also opened consecutively. All the demonized puppets nearby the 5 city gates were eliminated by Zhang Tie's moving tactics. When Thor's Hammer were attracting and killing those demonized puppets in the six main thoroughfares of the city, a great number of residents escaped out of the city gate through the safe roads which had been cleaned by Thor's Hammer, including some established detachment of city guards.

Based on the population and power of Thor's Hammer, Zhang Tie knew that he could not consider each street and each residential area. However, he indeed had already played the role of Thor's Hammer to the utmost extent and tried his best to create conditions for those alive people who wanted to escape out of the city.

All the Thor's Hammer cavalries and xiphodons had only rested half an hour before daybreak since rapid march last night; plus 5 hours of consecutive high-intensity fight, the whole Thor's Hammer was very fatigued, by noon, including cavalries and xiphodons.

The temporary camp of Thor's Hammer was over 200 m outside the north gate, being close to the north gate tower and a section of the city wall. As an important material storage warehouse of the city guards of Eschyle City, this place was very spacious.

There were over 300 guards here previously. Since last night, the great changes in the city made the guards flurried. As they didn't receive any order, they could only stay here to defend this place. After Zhang Tie rushed towards them with Thor's Hammer and declared that this place had been expropriated, the military officers opened the gate of the warehouse only after a few seconds.

After the cavalries jumped off the xiphodons, their military exploits were soon reported.

——In the entire morning, 278 cavalries of Thor's Hammer were slightly wounded, 24 were worse yet could still fight while 3 were heavily wounded, who could not join the battle anymore. They were receiving the medical treatment and were no longer in danger. However, they killed 80,000 to 100,000 demonized puppets in total, 30,000 of them were the original regular army of Eschyle City.

This was a very brilliant victory which was out of one's imagination--Killed 100,000 enemies, yet lost no one itself.

Roslav's voice trembled when he reported this military exploit to Zhang Tie. Although such a brilliant military exploit was caused by the sharp difference between demonized puppets and xiphodons in

fighting strength, it was benefited more from Zhang Tie's command and fighting tactics. Although being boring and mechanical, the moving tactic played a great role in the battle. Otherwise, it was not even possible for the 5000 xiphodons cavalries to kill 100,000 mad dogs, not to mention 100,000 demonized puppets.

After receiving the report, Zhang Tie was also shocked. Honestly, Zhang Tie had not accepted any systematic military and command training since he was born. The reason that he insisted on this fighting tactic lay in his experience in fighting demonized puppets. He just felt it was practicable. And he could not think about better fighting tactics for Thor's Hammer in Eschyle City.

Given the military exploits, this fighting tactic was not especially effective.

After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie found that he had already reached a supreme level in military command mentioned by chief of staff Guderian, which was desired by most of the commanders and generals—to complete the battle in the most advantageous way with more powerful forces on the predetermined battle field.

Although Zhang Tie also felt very fatigued, after hearing this report, he still stood up and told Roslav, "Let's take a look out there..."

For Zhang Tie, as long as he put down his Thor's Hammer, it would be the best rest. In order to maintain the morale of the cavalries, Zhang Tie kept waving his Thor's Hammer until now. After putting it down, Zhang Tie felt that his arms were in so much pain that they almost became numb.

Even though he had eaten a lot of seven-strength fruits, he still could not bear it after the high-intensity march and battle from last night to now with that Thor's Hammer.

At this moment, Zhang Tie felt coming back to Iron Blood Camp.

When he walked out of the door of the tent, Zhang Tie silently "transported" some all-purpose medicament into his mouth before forcefully swallowing them like swallowing his saliva. After that, he gradually recovered.

Feeling the cold north wind, Zhang Tie raised his head and found that it was already snowing in the cloudy day.

"Is it snowing?"

Zhang Tie reached out his hand, having the glittering snow flakes fall on his hand.

"It's good. At least, now we don't have to worry about the corpses in the city being rotten. If those corpses could not have timely dealt, it would probably have arose plague in the neighborhood and killed more people." Zhang Tie sighed inside.

"Perhaps, even the God would not like to see this city become worse."

When it snowed, Zhang Tie took a look at those warriors.

As a result, all the fatigued warriors silently climbed up from the ground and watched Zhang Tie's back when they saw Zhang Tie passing by them. Some of them even punched their chest to pay their tribute to him.

The brilliant military exploits also spread across the Thor's Hammer at this moment.

Looking at those awed eyes, Zhang Tie knew that his status as the regimental commander of Thor's Hammer was fully accepted and sincerely advocated by all the warriors of Thor's Hammer until now. Before this, the warriors of Thor's Hammer accepted Elzida's prophecy more than him.

Whatever the prophecy was, Zhang Tie knew that only the commanders and generals who could win a battle and survive their subordinates would win the adoration and support of the warriors. If his performance was too bad, like how a wastrel squandered his 1 million gold coins of deposit in bank, sooner or later, he would lose everything, including all the resources left by Elzida to him like that marvelous halos and the warriors' belief in him.

Zhang Tie took a round among the warriors of Thor's Hammer to check those who were moderately or heavily wounded. After confirming that those wounded warriors had been properly managed and had been no longer in danger, Zhang Tie walked out of the wards.

"Open the warehouse. There are some things available inside. Deliver them to the warriors first!" Zhang Tie walked as he sent an order to the one beside him, "Pick up the thick clothes, tents and food first to ensure the supply of Thor's Hammer and the vanguards; after that, dispatch some people to other places outside the city, if there are other material warehouses near us, expropriate them; after counting the materials inside, prepare to deliver them to the refugees!"

Zhang Tie didn't know how many people had he saved. Therefore, he could only try his best at this moment.

"Yes, sir!"

"Bring me that garrison officers. Something in Eschyle City has to be managed by them. As we have no surplus people to consider about other things in this couple of days, it's nothing different than killing them if we sent them into the city; however, they could play their role in other places!"

After the Thor's Hammer took over this material warehouse, they had already put the 300-odd guards under house arrest.

Receiving Zhang Tie's order, someone soon brought the garrison officers here.

He was a 50-year old middle aged man with the rank of captain. He looked very experienced and honest. Being promoted to a captain and was dispatched here to defend the warehouse in his 50s, this person must be a rather honest guy.

That person also knew about Zhang Tie's current status; however, he had not imagined that Zhang Tie wanted to meet him. Therefore, he looked very tense while his forehead was oozing. He did not dare to look straight into Zhang Tie's eyes.

"Don't bully honest ones.", this was the code of conduct to be a man taught by his mom. Therefore, at the sight of such an honest man, Zhang Tie looked kinder at once.

"Take a seat, captain. What's your name?"

"My...my name is Cruyff!"

"Are your family members still in Eschyle City?"

"My family members are outside of the city; however...my brother's family is still in the city!" Cruyff said after a second.

"Captain Cruyff. You must have known what happened in Eschyle City. To put it straightforward, you might not determine the future of this city; but are you willing to do one thing if it could help a lot of residents in Eschyle City, even save a lot of them without having to risk your life?"

After a short hesitation, Cruyff raised his head and looked at Zhang Tie's sincere eyes before nodding, "I am!"

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Several minutes later, Cruyff left together with his 300-odd subordinates...

Without taking a rest, after making an arrangement to Thor's Hammer, Zhang Tie rushed into Eschyle City again with Roslav, Waajid and the other 7 bodyguards whose comprehensive fighting strength was above LV 7...

Chapter 493: Only for Peace of Mind

It took Zhang Tie's team less than 20 minutes to arrive from the north gate to the Duhaer Avenue after killing dozens of demonized puppets on the way.

Duhaer Avenue was a common place in the west of Eschyle City. There were all sorts of commercial firms and buildings of 4-5 storeys on both sides of the avenue.

Many gates of the commercial firms on the first floor of the buildings was broken. The avenue was covered with over 100 corpses and blood stains.

When they arrived here, they saw a group of demonized puppets who were squatting on the roadside and tearing some fresh corpses.

"Kill them!" Zhang Tie muffled his voice as he charged towards the demonized puppets right away.

Feeling enemy rushing towards them, those demonized puppets instantly raised their bloody face from the incomplete corpses and darted towards Zhang Tie's team.

Roslav and Waajid were both LV 10 strong fighters, the other members except for Zhang Tie were all above LV 7. Therefore, before those demonized puppets arrived in front of Zhang Tie, a lot of them had been stricken down by Roslav and Waajid.

Holding a common long sword, Zhang Tie only chopped off the ugly heads of the two demonized puppets before the battle came to an end.

Before the next batch of demonized puppets arrived, the whole avenue became quiet temporarily. Because the population of demonized puppets in Eschyle City was less than that in Heavens Cold City. Heavens Cold City was where most of the people became demonized puppets and was the real hell. In that city, each step should be meticulous. If the current situation in Eschyle City was the same as that in

Heavens Cold City, Zhang Tie would never let Thor's Hammer involve in, no matter how sharp Thor's Hammer was. Facing millions of dauntless demonized puppets, each step forward was like facing a flesh wall of dozens of meters in thickness. In that case, it was nothing different than sending them for death by dispatching army in.

It snowed heavily while the white snow formed a sharp contrast with the blood stains in the avenue, which felt very cruel.

After jumping over a roadside metal barrier, Zhang Tie rushed forward while looking at the door-numbers on either side of the streets and names of those small commercial firms or stores.

When No. 176 in Duhaer appeared in front of Zhang Tie, he felt a bit cold inside as the gate had been broken while some fresh blood and broken glass were spread over the steps outside the gate.

There was a blue signboard called Isle & Mays Commercial Firm on the broken gate.

Zhang Tie rushed in, followed by his men.

Behind a counter on the first floor, a young man's neck was bitten off while the fresh blood was flowing over the floor. Nobody else was in the 1st floor. However, hearing the loud sound on the 2nd floor, Zhang Tie instantly rushed upstairs.

It was a warehouse on the 2nd floor while many goods were piled inside. Nobody was in. Therefore, Zhang Tie rushed to the 3rd floor.

The 3rd floor was more chaotic. The moment he rushed to the entrance of the stairs, Zhang Tie had already seen a demonized puppet twisting its head and reaching its hand towards the axe head on his shoulder. However, as the axe head was deeply stuck into its shoulder and the handle was on his back, the demonized puppet could not take it off.

Seeing Zhang Tie rushing up, that demonized puppet became shocked for a second. Closely after that, Zhang Tie waved his sword and chopped off its head, sending it flying in the air.

After passing by two rooms on the 3rd floor, Zhang Tie found the source of the sound. Five demonized puppets were hacking a metal door crazily using axes and various objects. As they hacked it, they uttered terrifying shrills.

However, after each hack, some kids inside the door would burst out a scream of terror.

Waajid instantly rushed forward and chopped off the heads of the five demonized puppets. After swaying on the ground for a while, the headless corpses finally fell down while the rich bloody smell instantly spread in the narrow corridor.

Zhang Tie walked over there and found that door had already been transformed while some steel bars being linked into the wall had been exposed. Zhang Tie slightly waved his head, "If I didn't come here, I really wonder how long would it stand."

Zhang Tie grabbed the door-frame of the metal door. After releasing his barbarous strength, he instantly pulled open the metal door, causing a crack.

When the metal door fell down, an axe was thrown out from inside.

"Stop, Isle, it's me!" Zhang Tie instantly caught the handle of the axe as he pulled that mad guy out of there.

This guy was a friend that Zhang Tie made on Polar Light, a small businessman in Eschyle City who was especially in food and fur trade.

At this moment, Isle's face was completely pale with bloody eyes while his clothes were covered with some blood stains. If the other cavalries of Thor's Hammer caught sight of his red eyes, they might have already killed him.

After being rocked heavily by Zhang Tie twice, Isle finally woke up. He glanced at the headless corpses, then Zhang Tie with his eyes widely opened in an unbelievable way.

"Peter..."

Zhang Tie glance at that narrow room and found a 20-odd woman was tightly hugging her two kids while huddling up at a corner with a frightened look.

The elder kid was a 5-6 year old boy who looked a bit like Isle while the younger one was a 2-3 year old girl. The woman covered their eyes with her hands as she didn't want them to see the scene when the door was broken.

At the sight of a safe, Zhang Tie guessed that this room might be the financial affairs office of this commercial firm. As something important was put inside, the door was a solid metal door. When in danger, Isle's family just hid here; unexpectedly, their lives were saved.

"Hurry up, call all of your family members out. We have to leave out of here right now!"

"Peter, why are you here?"

"It's a long story. I will tell you on the way!"

"Mays, come out, he is our friend!" saying that, Isle turned around and ran into the small room. He hugged that little boy and covered his face into his chest to hide the bloody scene of outside. After that, he walked out with the woman who he called Mays.

"Isle, are they your kids and wife?"

"Yes!"

"After a while we have to leave out of here. Women and children may not be able to keep pace. For safety reasons, only people can carry them away!"

"As long as you can take my little Kevin and Tess out of here, Isle and I could stay here. We will never bring trouble to you..." Isle's wife glanced at Zhang Tie and his men. Feeling that they were powerful fighters, she said that very decisively.

Zhang Tie was moved by the braveness and maternal love of Isle's woman. After hearing Mays' words, Isle also nodded towards Zhang Tie in a solemn way.

At the critical moment, both the parents hoped to save their kids.

"Mom, don't leave me...wuhwuh..."

"Mama..."

Although the two kids were hugged by Isle and Mays and couldn't see what happened outside, they could hear what their parents were talking about. After hearing their mom's suggestion, the two kids both cried as they tightened their grip.

Seeing this, Zhang Tie took a deep breath as he put one hand onto Isle's shoulder heavily "Isle, do you believe in me?"

Isle nodded.

"I will carry your family members out of here, including you, your wife and your two kids for sure!"

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After a couple of minutes, Zhang Tie's bodyguards carried Isle's kids and his wife as they rushed out of the Isle & Mays Commercial Firm towards the north gate along the path they came from.

As it was too terrifying outside, Isle's wife took two pieces of handkerchiefs and covered her kids' eyes. Additionally, she didn't allow her kids to open their eyes.

Even after carrying a person, the fighters were still running very fast at a speed of 100 m per second. Although Isle was healthy and young, he also lit some surging points. However, after following them over 500 m, Isle had been panting heavily.

"Peter, leave me here..."

Before Isle finished his words, Zhang Tie, who had been paying attention to him, immediately grabbed him and carried him on the back.

At the sight of Zhang Tie's movement, his bodyguards were shocked inside as all of them felt like being injected with a boiling flow...

Roslav and Waajid hurriedly rushed to Zhang Tie's side. They wanted to say something; however, after seeing Zhang Tie's eyes, they didn't say anything.

Isle instantly burst into tears...

Zhang Tie felt that it was his responsibility to help most of the residents to escape out of this city through the safe paths that had been cleaned by Thor's Hammer.

At this moment, he also thought that he should carry his friend out of here.

When he rushed in the north gate with Thor's Hammer, he had thought about taking Isle out; however, that whim just flashed across his mind. He soon rejected that idea due to the rigorous situation. At this moment, seeing that Isle's family members were safe, Zhang Tie was very satisfied; thankfully, he had no regret about that.

Zhang Tie knew that he might not save everyone, neither would he satisfy everyone; What he did was only to be not regretful and for peace of mind. As to what other big figures would do facing such a situation, it was nothing to do with him...

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Right then, a dangerous person on the roof of a 10-odd storey building on the roadside over 100 m away instantly stopped when he saw Zhang Tie carrying Isle on his back. He had been following Zhang Tie since Zhang Tie entered Eschyle City for the second time.

That was an old man with silver hair. Standing on the roof of the building, he looked as steady as a mountain.

Seeing Zhang Tie running fast with Isle on his back, the old man looked sophisticated while the last bit of killing intent in his eyes gradually disappeared. After a long while, the old man let out a deep sigh as he looked at the direction of the Iron Bear Castle. As he moved his feet, he disappeared from the roof of the building. When he reappeared, he was already on the roof of another building over 300 m away...

After this person left this building in less than 10 seconds, the snow had started to twist weirdly in the sky. After that, a pair of blurry, profound eyes appeared like an inverted image on water. After a glance at that old man, it immediately disappeared.

When the blurry image appeared again, although the old man had already arrived at the Iron Bear Castle almost 10 km away from here, his body became stiff for a second as he turned around and looked at that direction where he stood just now...

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Over 200 km away in the northwest of Sciatta Town, Pontiff Sarlin opened his eyes...

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The next noon, when the army of 100,000 warriors of the huge bear tribe arrived at Eschyle City, the periphery of the whole Eschyle City had become a huge refugee camp. In a recent couple of days, millions of people escaping out of Eschyle City had already occupied each available place within dozens of kilometers of Eschyle City with tents or movable wooden cabins.

Those refugees filled all the small towns nearby Eschyle City. Some brave people even directly crowded in the commercial area from the south gate of Eschyle City to the harbor area as they were waiting for the day to return to Eschyle City.

The periphery of the whole Eschyle City had been overcrowded; thankfully, the basic order was maintained...

Chapter 494: The Negotiation

When the army of the huge bear tribe arrived, Zhang Tie had already finished today's "cleaning mission" in the six main thoroughfares of Eschyle City with 1000 xiphodon cavalries.

After the 5000 xiphodon cavalries finished their mission in Eschyle City that morning, besides those being wounded, all the others were divided into four groups, 1000 for each. They entered Eschyle City one group after another to constantly clean the demonized puppets in three horizontal and three longitudinal main thoroughfares.

For Thor's Hammer, this was a very simple mission. Each group only needed to rush one time in 6 main thoroughfares before returning. It only took each group 2 hours to complete their mission. After resting 6 hours, they started the second strike.

In such a wheel war, the six main thoroughfares were unimpeded. Therefore, a lot of residents escaped out of there. Meanwhile, the demonized puppets in the city gradually decreased.

Within two days, over 150,000 demonized puppets had been killed by Thor's Hammer.

After putting on the armors and the protective gear that were found in the combat readiness warehouse, the cavalries of Thor's Hammer were well protected in the later actions. No soldiers were heavily wounded anymore. Most of the wounds were minor.

The moment Zhang Tie came out of the north gate, he had seen the army of the huge bear tribe. They were pitching tents on the riverside in the north of the city.

At this moment, it was already immense white in the wild. After snowing for 24 hours, the accumulated snow on the ground had been as thick as 15 cm. The warriors of the huge bear tribe moved away the snow and nailed their tents onto the ground.

At the sight of the army of 100,000 warriors, Zhang Tie finally let out a sigh, "As the demonized puppets in Eschyle City have been cracked down, it's time for the huge bear tribe to negotiate with Spencer clan."

After this battle, Zhang Tie didn't know how many people were left alive in Spencer clan. Over 20,000 guards of Spencer clan escaped out of the city. Based on such a small population, they could not control the entire city anymore. Zhang Tie knew that even though the huge bear tribe didn't occupy Eschyle City, the powers that envy about the resources of Eschyle City would not give up this opportunity either.

Spencer clan was in various crisis. Its foundation in ruling Eschyle City had been completely shaken. In the past two days, there was already a gossip that the one who arouse this tragedy was Pears, a member of Spencer clan. As the former clan elder, he not only brought an alchemist's bomb into Iron Bear Castle, but also activated the puppet worms across the city, including the army.

It was not the ordinary people who came out with this news, but some military officers of the city guards in Eschyle City. At this moment, after suffering such a huge catastrophe, everyone escaped out of the Eschyle City was furious. As such an accident happened in the city under the rule of Spencer clan, although Spencer clan also suffered a great loss, especially a great amount of city guards became demonized puppets, Spencer clan should shoulder the responsibility.

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When the night fell again, the wind and snow grew fiercer. The wuthering sound of north wind drifted everywhere. Not only Eschyle City, even the entire land started to sleep in the darkness.

Besides some guards who were residing and controlling the city gates of Eschyle City, even the demonized puppets slowed their action in the city.

Zhang Tie cancelled the action of Thor's Hammer in this evening. Everyone just stayed in the camp to recover themselves, including the army of 100,000 warriors of the huge bear tribe.

Almost everyone knew that a big war was going to break out tomorrow. However, before the big war, the huge bear tribe could negotiate with Spencer clan tonight—the huge bear tribe would not bleed for the interests of the iron bear tribe while Spencer clan would not just gift Eschyle City to the huge bear tribe unconditionally.

The result of the negotiation tonight would determine the future of Eschyle City.

At this moment, almost all the senior military officers of the huge bear tribe had gathered in a tent not far from the main tent. When they waited for the news from the main tent, they started to do tactical deduction for Thor's Hammer on the new sand table of Eschyle City.

After the army of huge bear tribe arrived, they were immediately shocked by the brilliant military exploits of Thor's Hammer. Killed 150,000 enemies safely without losing even a single warrior, if not happened to their own troop, nobody would believe in that.

The tactical deduction on the sand table was implemented by some senior military officers. When the deputy regimental commander of Thor's Hammer was explaining about the details, the other military officers had fixed their eyes on the sand table while standing on the side.

After the result of the rigorous deduction came out, all the military officers in the tent became silent. Nobody knew what to say. They were all in awe of Peter for the time when he chose to attack Eschyle City and the brilliant military exploits of Thor's Hammer under his leadership.

Although not everyone had witnessed the man's manifestation of the God's will in the underground but everyone witnessed the "God's will" that he manifested on the ground.

Right then, Spencer clan finally posed their bottomline in the main tent not far from this tent.

Only two people of Spencer clan were qualified to negotiate with the huge bear tribe, Rodolfo that Zhang Tie had seen a couple of days ago and another knight whom Zhang Tie had not seen before.

Pontiff Sarlin told Zhang Tie that the elder was Turin, the only knight of Spencer clan.

For knights, their ages could be hardly identified. Although elder Turin looked only 60-70 years old, if not being warned by Pontiff Sarlin, Zhang Tie actually would not believe that this guy was over 200 years old.

Elder Turin looked icy. Since he entered the main tent, he didn't speak at all with his eyes closed. In the whole process of negotiation, elder Rodolfo was negotiating with Toles and Gouras of the huge bear tribe on behalf of Spencer clan. The old man kept his eyes closed until the two parties showed their hands when he looked at Zhang Tie.

"If you agree, Eschyle City will be your personal territory from then on, including all the human resources, materials and wealth of Spencer clan and the numerous resources that Eschyle City contains. If you don't agree, from tomorrow, Spencer clan will exert its full efforts to fight the huge bear tribe to

the end for its own benefit! Although Spencer clan could fall or perish but we would never survive ourselves as timid as a rabbit!" Elder Turin opened his mouth, making the main tent colder.

At this moment, everyone silently fixed their eyes on Zhang Tie, including Pontiff Sarlin, Toles and Gouras and waited for Zhang Tie's final decision.

Zhang Tie was considering it carefully. The condition of Spencer clan was very simple—Eschyle City would be incorporated into the huge bear tribe as Zhang Tie's private territory. He could enjoy everything in Eschyle City. However, Zhang Tie had to marry some Spencer women and had babies with them. All the kids' family name should be Spencer. In the future, the Eschyle City could only be inherited by one of those Spencer kids, even the new clan elders of Spencer clan had to be succeeded by one of those Spencer kids.

This was Spencer's plan to the future of Eschyle City.

Zhang Tie felt that this condition was really shrewd. He really wondered who thought out this condition. Only through simple inter-marriage and inheritance, the huge bear tribe and Spencer clan both would feel like owning Eschyle City.

"Based on such a condition, Spencer clan would not suffer any loss. After tiding over the current difficulty with the help of me and the huge bear tribe, they would have the whole city once again. I would not suffer any loss either. As they are my children, if they had equal powers over Eschyle City, they would not cause a loss to the huge bear tribe. As the head of the huge bear tribe, my willingness is also the willingness of the huge bear tribe. Even in the future, the one who rules this city would also be the son of the clan elder of the huge bear tribe."

Zhang Tie had not imagined that he had to experience a political inter-marriage so fast.

Actually, no man would refuse such a condition. The only condition for you was to have others' money, women, foundation and resources, to have your son succeed to all of this!

Zhang Tie was also a man, a man who would not do bad things or limit himself with too many moral sentiments.

Therefore, only after thinking for half a minute, Zhang Tie had nodded before saying, "I agree!"

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Only after a few minutes, the result of this negotiation had been passed to the tent of the military officers in the tent not far from that main tent. After hearing this result, everybody yelled. From today on, the one who ruled this city would be their Lord and the offsprings of their Lord. They didn't care whether the Lord's kids were male or female.

"Prepare for the battle. We will kill all the demonized puppets in Eschyle City tomorrow!"

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Chapter 495: Step by Step

On the next day, both wind and snow stopped while the accumulated snow outside the Eschyle City was about 30 cm in thickness. Although it was still cold, the whole Eschyle City gradually boiled like a burning furnace of a steam machine.

100,000 warriors of the huge bear tribe, over 20,000 city guards of Eschyle City, plus 180,000 young adults who had escaped out of Eschyle City started to march towards the core area near the Iron Bear Castle.

After the 5000 xiphodon cavalries of Thor's Hammer swept over the six main thoroughfares once again and left, 60,000 warriors of the huge bear tribe entered Eschyle City from six city gates to clean the demonized puppets.

The most powerful warriors of bear-killing camp were divided into six parts as the vanguards for eliminating demonized puppets. Each part contained 1500 people. While the rest 1000 people prepared to fight outside the city as the reserved force.

Each one of the 10,000 people was above LV 6. According to Zhang Tie's requirements, each of them put on a heavy plate armor weighing over 160 kg provided by Spencer clan. Besides, they had to hold a broadsword and huge axe.

Together with the bear-killing camp were hundreds of shield carts, the front of which were two riveted layers of thick steel plates. There were sharp metal spines and thorns. The steel plates fixed in front of the cart were 2.5 m in height and 1 m in width. The cart could be moved by two common warriors. When these shield carts moved in a row, they could form a solid steel shield formation in the streets. Additionally, they could be freely organized according to the width of the streets. They were suitable to both avenues and alleys.

Behind the shield carts formation and the soldiers of bear-killing camp, there were also fully-armored warriors of the huge bear tribe and the former city guards of Eschyle City. These soldiers and warriors held javelins or lances. When they moved, they looked like a wood.

Behind these troops were the young adults that were recruited from Eschyle City temporarily.

When Thor's Hammer rushed into Eschyle City, the six troops were already ready to set out. When Thor's Hammer rushed out of Eschyle City, the six troops had already gathered outside the city gates.

At this moment, the huge airship of Spencer clan had already reached above Eschyle City. The three elders of the huge bear tribe, Zhang Tie and the other two elders of Spencer clan were all watching the war situation on the airship.

A huge sand table of Eschyle City was placed in the spacious hall on the first floor of the airship. The advisers of the huge bear tribe and Spencer clan were waiting for the message from below around that huge sand table.

On the deck of the airship, more than 10 people were observing the city below with a telescope.

The light signal team on the airship was ready...

The crystal remote-sensing communication team was also ready...

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Sitting in the command module on the second floor of the airship, Zhang Tie watched the snowwhite city below through the huge circular glass window.

Thor's Hammer rushed in Eschyle City and worked as efficient and sharper as before.

After detouring the core area of Iron Bear Castle, the 5000 cavalries of Thor's Hammer rapidly finished their task, offering a good start for the great battle.

Under the gaze of Zhang Tie, the cavalries of Thor's Hammer left the north gate of Eschyle City. Before he delivered an order, he had already received a message.

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Only after 10 more seconds, a voice sounded in the command module of the airship.

"Clan elder, Thor's Hammer have already completed the first stage of mission and left Eschyle City safe and sound!"

After hearing this sound, everyone in the command module of the airship fixed their eyes on Zhang Tie's face.

Zhang Tie just nodded calmly before sending the order, "Start!"

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Seeing the changing light signal on the airship, the six troops below started to enter the city from six directions.

The bear-killing fighters rushed ahead and chopped off the heads of those wandering demonized puppets. Those demonized puppets in the streets could never fight the bear-killing fighters. Therefore, within a few minutes, each troop had already marched forward 100 m in Eschyle City.

Behind the bear-killing fighters were the shield carts.

Soon after the bear-killing fighters cleaned a small section of roads, the shield carts and soldiers with javelins and lances had occupied the area and closed all the entrances in all directions in case of being raided by demonized puppets.

After that, the bear-killing fighters started to rush towards various buildings on both sides of the roads in a group of 10 and started to clean the possible demonized puppets in the buildings.

After the team of bear-killing fighters came out of a building, the young adults being recruited from Eschyle City would rush in at once. They then carried the corpses of demonized puppets or residents out of the buildings and transported them to the outside of the city to deal with them.

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of people were digging in a pit which was almost as deep as a football field outside the city while oozing sweat like it was raining.

The heads of corpses of demonized puppets were chopped off. Therefore, the moment they were transported to the outside of the city, they were thrown into the huge pits. After pouring oil on them, people would burn and bury them. Those corpses being killed by demonized puppets would be transported to another place for the recognition of their relatives.

Battle calls drifted in the city while ground-breaking cries could be heard outside the city.

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"Troop 1 enter 200 m forward Roseville Avenue, Clear..."

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"Troop 2 enter Gurness Department, shield carts are blocking the crossroads..."

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"Troop 4 complete the cleaning in Spring Avenue, turning to Buckthorn Street..."

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"Troop 5 complete the cleaning of 300 m in Harbor Road East, keep going..."

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"Troop 3 meet over 2000 demonized puppets. Some of the demonized puppets are LV 10 strong fighters, Troop 3 have casualties...demonized puppets clear...200 m in Harbor Road West clear!"

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"Troop 6 surround D1 residential area...D1 residential area clear. Some residents in D1 residential area have been rescued. We're heading for D2 along Snowwhite Avenue..."

The shield carts pushed forward step by step. The six troops followed the shield carts entering each street, each building and each residential area...

With constant reports, more and more streets, buildings and communities were cleaned on the sand table of Eschyle City in the hall of airship while more and more blue flags, which represented safety, started to appear on the sand table of Eschyle City.

After receiving each new message, the advisers would push forward the sign cards on the sand table for a distance; meanwhile, they constantly passed the information to the command module on the second floor of the airship.

The six troops pushed forward orderly according to the prefixed routes interdependently. As a result, all the demonized puppets were separated, surrounded and eliminated by the six troops. After that, the corpses of the demonized puppets were soon thrown into the huge pits outside the city by the young adults of Eschyle City.

Zhang Tie constantly delivered his order in the command hall,

"Warn troop 5. They are moving too fast. After cleaning Harbor Road East, they need to stop marching ahead temporarily. They must wait for troop 4 and troop 3 on their left and right flanks to clean up Buckthorn Street and Harbor Road West before moving on. It's too risky to move alone..."

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"Warn troop 2. To be ready for over 10,000 demonized puppets who are surging towards them from the west along Thunderbolt Square!"

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"Notice troop 6, there's a great batch of residents on the roof of some residential buildings in D2. Some demonized puppets were attempting to break the safety door leading to the roof. The residents are defending them. tell troop 6 to dispatch some elite teams to rescue them. Meanwhile, tell the follow-up troop to cover them."

"Let Thor's Hammer be ready for the coming enemies. A great number of demonized puppets are forced back in the main thoroughfares. Let them clean there in 5 minutes..."

The orders were delivered down there from the airship through light signal. After seeing the signal, some people started to coordinate and command the actions of the six troops.

At this moment, Zhang Tie was pretty clear-minded. After seeing what was happening in Eschyle City, he instantly delivered orders one after another.

Zhang Tie was not used to command so many people. However, at this moment, Zhang Tie had to take the position of the supreme commander.

At the beginning, Zhang Tie was afraid of making any mistake. However, he soon found that he could easily command about 10 people, who would manage 300,000 soldiers for him. He only needed to command the six troops like commanding six people.

Additionally, based on his experience in fighting demonized puppets, he only needed to take the six people as himself. If he imagined what he would do facing the same situation down there, it would be much easier.

Zhang Tie didn't know how would others command and deliver orders in his position. Because he had no such experience at all. However, at this moment, Zhang Tie felt that he could see clearly the battle field and the battle situation.

Through such an efficient and steady advancement, only after one morning, the troops had already killed more than 100,000 demonized puppets at a low cost and reached the core area of the city around Iron Bear Castle.

This core area was about 5-6 square kilometers, which gathered over 400,000 demonized puppets. Almost all the buildings in this area had been destroyed by the crazy demonized puppets. Zhang Tie felt goosebumps all over when he looked at the densely populated wild beast-like demonized puppets from the airship.

This place gathered the most populated demonized puppets in Eschyle City.

According to Zhang Tie's plan, after the six troops reached here, they would not rush forward any more; instead, they would adopt new strategies.

In Zhang Tie's words, the new strategy was a seesaw battle. To be concrete, it was like how wild dogs drew intestines.

When the six troops reached here, they encountered a greater resistance from demonized puppets. They then stopped moving forward; instead, under the protection of the shield carts, they started to retreat.

Of course, the demonized puppets who only knew about killing wouldn't let go their preys. Therefore, they chased after the retreating troops.

When a number of demonized puppets left the Iron Bear Castle, the six troops launched an counterattack and killed them all. After that, they repeated the series of movement——move forward, retreat, move forward again. Like a seesaw battle, they gradually cleaned all the hundreds of thousands of demonized puppets.

By then, they didn't need any command anymore.

If demonized puppets were a bit smarter or they might have a commander, this tactic would be ineffective. All the demonized puppets could bring a big trouble or a miserable loss to the troops only by attacking the troops in one or two directions. However, they were only using their instinct to kill just like a worm. They were even more primitive than wild beasts. It was too difficult to let these demonized puppets to move in an organized way. However, it was not impossible. These demonized puppets could only respond to certain stimulations.

Sitting in the command module of the airship, Zhang Tie watched that fiery battle on the ground as his blood gradually boiled. The powerful battle intention of iron-blood fist that was deeply rooted in his blood, flesh and soul started to explode.

"If not practice in such a great battle, how could I improve my iron-blood fist? How can I have a bright future?"

"Isn't the battle field down there the real trouble-reappearance situation?"

"Aren't those fighters on the battle field as average as me? How can I just sit here and watch them fighting there?"

"Am I more advanced than those fighters or have I already forgotten about my former status as a commoner after enjoying the privilege for a few days? Have I forgotten that my real name is Zhang Tie and started to belittle these who are same as me in a vain, arrogant and lofty manner? "

After closing his eyes for a long while, Zhang Tie opened his eyes. With a wisp of smile, Zhang Tie lifted his hands and put them in front of him carefully...

"If not for this pair of hands, how would you create any miracle?" Zhang Tie mocked himself inside...

After that, Zhang Tie stood up from the high, gorgeous chair and delivered one order which shocked everyone at present.

"Move above the Iron Bear Castle, I will go down..."

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, the whole command module became silent. Everyone stared at Zhang Tie, including the three elders of the huge bear tribe, Turin and Rodolfo from Spencer clan and some Spencer women who served as female servants in the command module.

Since Zhang Tie boarded on this airship, he had already found some Spencer women in the command module, some of whom were familiar such as Matias and Beryl, some of whom were strange yet delicate faces. Their age ranged from 16 to 20-odd. It was said that Spencer clan always trained these women outside the city; therefore, these women escaped from this catastrophe.

Spencer clan seemingly intended to arrange Spencer women to contact Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie didn't care about it. In Zhang Tie's eyes, the alleged Spencer women were nothing different than those women in Rose Association at all. They were just a bit better than those girls in Rose Association as they could contact better people and knowledge. It was not improper to treat them as advanced girls in Rose Association. Zhang Tie didn't refuse to find a smart and beautiful mom for his kids after 10-20 years. Because this was also one of his humble dreams.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, a Spencer woman who was adding an expensive tea water into Zhang Tie's cup was instantly stunned. As a result, the tea water even flew out of the tea cup.

"Lord, the battle below has not ended yet. It's very dangerous for you to go down there just now. Especially in the ruins of Iron Bear Castle, there were the most populated demonized puppets!" breaking the silence, elder Gouras stood up as he told Zhang Tie respectfully.

"I want to join the battle. It would be meaningless for me to go down there after the battle. Additionally, I know how to survive there."

"If so, Lord, you can choose any one of the six troops. After knowing that Lord is going to join them, they would be greatly spirited. All the fighters have been sincerely respectful about the military exploits and braveness of the Thor's Hammer under your command!" Elder Toles stood up from his chair.

"Each troop have their own commander. If I join them, I would make the commander embarrassed. I don't want to show something. Don't ask me why. I just want to fight with my fighters in the most dangerous place..." seeing that Elder Gouras wanted to say something, Zhang Tie raised his hand, "This is not my request. This is my order. As the clan elder of the huge bear tribe and the owner of Eschyle City, I hope this is the last time I interpret the reason to you. I don't want to repeat my order for the second time!"

After saying this, Zhang Tie looked at the coxswain, "Move it above Iron Bear Castle and drop the wire cable!"

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Chapter 496: The Iron-Blood Fist Intention

The airship soon arrived above the Iron Bear Castle and started to circle over 100 m high in the air. After that, the airdrop hatch was opened and filled with cold wind immediately.

Seeing the black points of demonized puppets down there, everyone in the airship drew in a cold breath, It was nothing different than putting themselves in the circle of hundreds of thousands of demonized puppets.

"Lord..." Roslav wanted to say something.

"No more persuasion. Whatsoever, if I cannot bear that, at least I can escape away!" Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he waved his hands. After that, he looked at the red faces of his bodyguards and Waajid, "I will go down alone. This is my own battle. But I treasure my life very much; I won't play jokes about my life. It's not good for you to go down there!"

Everyone became silent.

The cable wire being put down reminded Zhang Tie of the spiral rotachute in Huaiyuan Palace. Pitifully, that object was too expensive. Many aspects were relatively underdeveloped in Ice and Snow Wilderness. Nobody would like to establish any airship troops which would cost a lot. Therefore, those objects being matched for elites could not be seen here. "If I'm still in Hidden Dragon Island, I might have already learned how to use rotachute. Whereas, I have to accept the fact."

After revealing a smile to the others, Zhang Tie put on his dark tore gloves before sliding off by the cable wire.

Gouras glanced at Elder Turin of Spencer clan, who also revealed a smile. Seeing Zhang Tie sliding off the wire, Turin's eyes glittered, "We can pull him back if he couldn't stand anymore. This man is very special. Only such a talent is qualified to own Eschyle City. A Lord having not experienced bloody fight was nothing different than a lion in cage."

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The moment Zhang Tie jumped out of the hatch, he felt much colder. The wuthering north wind drilled in Zhang Tie's collar through the gaps between the pieces of his armor. Zhang Tie was ready for the battle right away.

This scene reminded Zhang Tie of his experience in raiding Heavens Cold City by the airship of Huaiyuan Palace several months ago. He jumped off the airship like how he did last time. When he declined quickly in the air, Zhang Tie realized that he preferred joining such a battle himself than sitting high in the warm command hatch to watch his army fighting. Compared to that role as a commander who had to be responsible for hundreds of thousands of soldiers, he was more suitable and excel at being responsible for himself in the battle.

"Is this the nature that I'm born with?"

Some people would like to control everything at a high position while some people would prefer to practice something themselves at the cost of their own sweat and efforts.

I should be the second kind of people.

When this whim in his mind broke apart and disappeared, those grim faces gazing at Zhang Tie became clearer...

After loosing his grip, Zhang Tie instantly landed. After that, he bounced towards those demonized puppets who were rushing towards him. Meanwhile, he waved his dark tore gloves; with a blurry shadow, the sharp edge of the pair of gloves flashed by the necks of a pile of demonized puppets who were wearing the military uniforms of the city guards of Eschyle City, sending their heads flying in the air.

Closely after that, Zhang Tie kicked out consecutively like a windmill, releasing his iron-blood battle Qi at the same time, booming a great number of demonized puppets into pieces around him.

Uttering shrills, the other demonized puppets charged towards Zhang Tie from all aspects at once.

"Kill!" Zhang Tie roared as he pounced at them; he was attacking his enemies with his hands, feet, shoulders, elbows and knees in each movements.

There was no road or space in front of him anymore as they were all crowded with red-eyed demonized puppets.

However, Zhang Tie chose a "killing" road using his force...

As he was surrounded by densely populated demonized puppets, Zhang Tie also gradually increased his speed and used his movements in a handsome way. He punched 12 times and kicked 6 times. As a result, 18 demonized puppets were boomed into pieces at once, spraying their flesh and blood all over the ground.

At that moment, everyone was watching Zhang Tie's battle in the airship. They could only see constant blossoming red flowers which were cruel, horrible and beautiful. Magically, they could not even move their eyes away from that.

However, there were really too many demonized puppets, especially down there. The battle, the bloody smell and the constant shrills attracted more demonized puppets.

Those in the airship could only see the surging heads of demonized puppets on the ground. Bloody flowers always blossomed around Zhang Tie. However, narrowing space was available for Zhang Tie to move. Facing hundreds of meters thick demonized puppets, even armored vehicles could hardly move, not to mention a person.

Among the surging demonized puppets, Zhang Tie was like a sailor on an isle. The black tide gradually flooded the isle, leaving increasingly fewer part of the isle above water...

Watching Zhang Tie's smaller movable space, some Spencer women who had known about their mission in the future widely opened their eyes. When Zhang Tie was almost covered by those demonized puppets, those women immediately covered their mouth with hands.

Zhang Tie directly sprung up from the ground...

The heads of the demonized puppets reminded Zhang Tie of the scene where he practiced his basic footwork in Hidden Dragon Palace. The quincuncial piles were extremely similar to the current scene.

Zhang instantly stepped onto a head, breaking it into pieces. At the same time, he directly rushed out. With each foot forward, he would collapse a head of demonized puppet.

With laughter, Zhang Tie rushed forward about 100 m while stomping on the heads of those demonized puppets. He kept stomping, shoveling and kicking at the original place, booming over 100 demonized puppets' heads...

The demonized puppets were infuriated. They poked their weapons towards Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie grabbed two lances. After slightly putting forth his strength, he grabbed away the lances from the hands

of the two demonized puppets. After that, he started to run on their heads; at the same time, he kept whipping their heads on both sides like how a kid whipped roadside weeds with a small wooden stick while running jubilantly in the wild.

Zhang Tie's strength was extremely great. The two common lances were nothing different than straws in Zhang Tie's hands. Along with the wuthering sound of the lances were the cracking sound of heads.

Some demonized puppet shrilled as it also sprung up and rushed towards Zhang Tie while stepping on the dense heads of demonized puppets.

The demonized puppet was wearing the uniform of military officers of city guards in Eschyle City. Judging from its rank, it was a lieutenant colonel. Meanwhile, its battle-Qi totem was rolling around him. It might be a LV 10 strong fighter before death.

When the demonized puppet was over 40 m away from Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie threw out his lance...

The lance broke the air before striking off its head, leaving a boom in the air.

Zhang Tie caught another lance and continued to run, stomp and whip like he was on the ground. Any place that Zhang Tie passed by would spurt out blood plasma under his foot and his side. Coincidentally, some LV 10 or LV 9 demonized puppet appeared; yet they were all killed sharply by Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie didn't know how many powerhouses above LV 11 were there in Eschyle City, whether they had been killed by these demonized puppets or had been killed by the alchemist's bomb. After fighting for quite a while, he had not encountered any powerhouse above LV 11 at all. This made him reassured completely. Although there were so many demonized puppets around Iron Bear Castle, none of them could really threaten him.

Zhang Tie didn't know how long had he fought. He only remembered that he had broken over 10 lances and killed numerous demonized puppets. Later on, he jumped off their heads and dropped off the bent lances. After a roar, he applied his iron-blood fist once again, booming all the demonized puppets completely into pieces.

If it was someone else, he would feel fatigued for sure. However, as Zhang Tie had eaten nine wild wolves seven-strength fruits, nine iron-teeth hyena seven-strength fruits and nine demon rat seven-strength fruits, one of which was demon rat king seven-strength fruit, Zhang Tie felt that his spiritual energy and endurance were out of commoners' imagination. He could almost keep fighting like a machine. As long as he didn't want to stop, he could maintain that extremely high fighting efficiency.

Zhang Tie completely immersed in the cool battle by iron-blood fist. He absolutely forgot about the existence of time. He didn't care about it even if his armor was broken. He didn't even know when his bloody and fiery curtain would start to explode...

When Zhang Tie found that none of demonized puppets were beside him, he finally stopped. However, it was already deep night...

Standing on the ruins of Iron Bear Castle, Zhang Tie looked around and found that the corpses of demonized puppets within 300 m had been as thick as 1 m. The closer he was to it, the higher the pile of corpses would be. Standing on the piles of corpses, he boomed all the surging demonized puppets into pieces one after another.

At the same time, the over 200-m high bloody and fiery curtain brightened the whole sky. Six troops of the huge bear tribe and the cavalries of Thor's Hammer were standing out of this ring. Over 100,000 military officers and soldiers and over 100,000 young adults of Eschyle City behind them were silently watching Zhang Tie who was standing high on the corpses of demonized puppets.

In the battle, when Zhang Tie's bloody and fiery curtain rose from the ruins of Iron Bear Castle, all the soldiers of the huge bear tribe were driven crazy. They knew that their Lord was fighting together with them in the core, the most dangerous place of the battle field.

"Have we eliminated all the worms...of demons?" the moment Zhang Tie opened his mouth, he found that his voice had become hoarse. Meanwhile, he felt painful all over his body and could not help but frown slightly.

This was a worthwhile battle. Seeing the numerous corpses of demonized puppets, Zhang Tie finally understood what was the real iron-blood fist.

In the end of the battle, his iron-blood fist had been blurry in movements as he could attack and counterattack his enemies casually on the right moment.

Although visible things were shattered, invisible things started to boil in Zhang Tie's blood. It was the iron-blood fist intention, which gradually appeared and stimulated each cell and each wisp of Zhang Tie's strength, resonating the surging masculine strength and willingness in the universe.

That wisp of strength and willingness was hiding in each flying snowflake, in each tender grass that drilled out of the broken bricks and stones in the ruins, in the vast starry sky behind the clouds, under everyone's feet and blood.

All the lives and existences might die out or be destroyed; however, they would neither fail nor retreat. As long as they existed dauntlessly, they would live forever!

The flying snowflakes originated from this strength and willingness...

The tender grass drilled out of the ruins in the wind and snow with this strength and willingness...

The silent and firm land originated from this strength and willingness...

The vast starry sky above him originated from this strength and willingness...

The iron-blood fist intention originated from this strength and willingness.

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On November 12th, after one day's fierce battle, all the hundreds of thousands of demonized puppets in Eschyle City were eliminated. Therefore, the city was back in the hand of humans.

After this battle, each people in Eschyle City remembered a great name, Peter Hamplester!

——the new owner of Eschyle City and the clan elder of the huge bear tribe!

When the two powerful bear tribes in Ice and Snow Wilderness were merged by one person in only a couple of days, the entire Ice and Snow Wilderness was shocked.

The fire bear tribe, wild bear tribe, mountain bear tribe, sea bear tribe, black bear tribe and demon bear tribe dispatched their important figures or elders to Eschyle City almost at the same time...

Chapter 497: Sacrifice

On November 15th, Eschyle City was covered with white snow. It was already the third day since Eschyle City recovered its order. No flesh and blood pulp like that two days ago could be seen in the streets any more. Whereas, the whole city still looked a bit cold and sluggish, especially in the six main thoroughfares of Eschyle City. Few pedestrians could be seen there.

The accumulated snow in the main thoroughfares had been shovelled away by environmental sanitation workers. However, the blue-gray granite ground bricks on the six main thoroughfares had already become dark brown like people have changed them. Looking at the color-changed ground bricks, all the environmental sanitation workers and passers felt chilly and showed their awe to Peter, Hamplester, the new ruler of this city.

The color of the ground bricks of the six main thoroughfares were tainted by the fresh blood of demonized puppets. Those young adults who participated in cleaning the six main thoroughfares a couple of days ago described them as the blood and flesh avenues.

That scene could wake up anyone in nightmares. In other words, all the nightmares were dwarfed in front of the six blood and flesh avenues.

"The six main thoroughfares in Eschyle City are six huge sausages being filled with shattered corpses of demonized puppets. Broken corpses and heads as high as mountains could be seen everywhere. The six main thoroughfares had been paved with a thick layer of bones and bloody flesh, which had been trampled by xiphodons repetitively and they were pretty disgusting and terrifying..."

"People being responsible for cleaning six blood and flesh avenues had to shovel the pulp from the ground like shovelling cattle dung in the stable. Even though the most strong-willed volunteers being recruited would vomit heavily in less than 10 minutes. However, no matter what, they have to do that..."

Among those who survived, someone who served as a writer for a small paper in Eschyle City was jostling down what he witnessed in this catastrophe in Eschyle City in case that the event was forgotten by people in future.

People in future might forget about these details. However, these residents of Eschyle City could never forget about details as the six most spacious thoroughfares in Eschyle City had completely changed their colors due to the current ruler of Eschyle City.

On November 12th when Eschyle City was retaken, it was said that a man called Peter had killed over 10,000 or 20,000 demonized puppets by himself near the Iron Bear Castle. Additionally, all these demonized puppets were former city guards of Eschyle City who were the hardest to deal with.

Besides frightening people, these gossips also made people awed. For the most of residents in Eschyle City who looked like flurried birds, such a ruler could at least bring them a sense of safety during crisis.

Although people were relieved from fear and concern, the reality of facing Eschyle City pushed people back into the sad river.

This crisis lasted four days, in which period, the death and missing population in Eschyle City reached 1.37 millions, namely 1/4 of the total population in this city disappeared in this world. Almost each person in this city had lost some relatives, friends or familiar people in this catastrophe. This was not a small stimulation for everyone.

At 9 am, the whole city was drifted with the silvery bell rings——duang...duang...duang...

After hearing the bell rings, all the residents in the city and in the towns outside the city stopped what they were doing and started to stand in silent tribute for the dead people. As a result, a sad atmosphere immediately spread across the whole city.

At the same time, at the foot of a hill miles away from Eschyle City, hundreds of thousands of residents of Eschyle City were standing in line in a solemn way and watching a monument being erected at the foot of the huge cemetery hill where were buried with over 1million people.

All the big figures of Eschyle City and some elders of huge bear tribe attended this sacrificial ceremony.

Elder Rodolfo of Spencer clan was standing in the heavy snow on the high platform in front of the monument with tears and was loudly accusing about the atrocity and catastrophe of demons and their lackeys towards Spencer clan, Eschyle City and all the people across Ice and Snow Wilderness.

Rodolfo's thin body shook in the wind and snow. For many times, he almost passed out due to excessive excitement, which looked extremely miserable and pitiful.

'Spencer clan also suffers a miserable loss in this catastrophe. We almost lost all of our clan elites.' Rodolfo revealed the loss in a very skilled way, which aroused the resonance of numerous people in front of him.

Zhang Tie, in a thick black bear fur, was also one of them. He looked a bit pale out of sickness.

On November 12th, after feeling the iron-blood fist intention and killing numerous demonized puppets, Zhang Tie also suffered a lot of wounds. On the very evening, after peeling off the broken armor from Zhang Tie's body which had been soaked in blood. Everybody became silent when they saw Zhang Tie's wounds. Some women who were cleaning Zhang Tie's body even cried.

Zhang Tie's body had been covered with 137 wounds in total. If Zhang Tie was a common person, he might have long lost his life. However, Zhang Tie survived with his strong will. He even forgot about these wounds during the battle.

"What on earth were you thinking about?" Elder Turin of Spencer clan asked Zhang Tie.

"I just felt that I was nothing different than those soldiers. I cannot just watch them fighting. If I can kill one more enemy, I might save a soldier's life!" Zhang Tie answered.

After hearing Zhang Tie's answer, Elder Turin became silent for a long while. Finally, he let out a sigh.

The simple dialogues between Zhang Tie and Elder Turin instantly spread among the soldiers of huge bear tribe and the remaining city guards of Eschyle City.

Although Zhang Tie was listening to the mournful complaints of Elder Rodolfo at this moment, he was picturing what he saw in Pears' basement—the teenager lying on the aged ice cube and the bloody lines on the wall left by Pears.

Pears had known that someone would come to his basement after that ages ago. Therefore, he wrote down the reasons on the wall.

This was a mad revenge of a hopeless man towards the entire Spencer clan. As a result, three-eye association even became the tool of this man.

Pears knew that he would die. so, he just thought about revenging Spencer clan regardless of the result.

Such events were rarely seen in big clans.

This was the biggest scandal of Spencer clan. Once it was exposed, the Spencer clan's reputation would be destroyed. Additionally, they had to bear the fury of residents in Eschyle City. Therefore, only five people were qualified to enter that basement and see the bloody contents on the wall—the only two survived elders of Spencer clan, Zhang Tie, Elder Toles and Elder Gouras.

After reading the contents, they cleaned the bloody contents. From then on, the catastrophe in Eschyle City became a plot towards Eschyle City and humans dominated by demons and three-eye association. A small figure called Pears was controlled by three-eye association and became a puppet-like victim. It was reasonable to explain this event in this way as this was the original intention of those scums in three-eye association.

Everything was buried in this huge cemetery, including that teenager lying on the ice bed called Hellfire.

Seeing Elder Rodolfo's endless vivid speech and those residents of Eschyle City whose faces were covered with tears, Zhang Tie's face slowly changed.

Elder Rodolfo was obviously putting on a show and telling a lie. However, Zhang Tie just listened in silence. He didn't know whether it was because of being mature or experienced, out of the benefits of the overall situation or selfishness, maintaining the benefits of Spencer clan or preserving his own benefits, the moment he thought that he might become a common audience under the platform, he would feel hateful towards this liar on the high platform who acted as the pawns of the tiger. Gradually, Zhang Tie looked worse.

"What's wrong? Are you sick?" O'Laura, on Zhang Tie's side, slightly pinched Zhang Tie's hand as she asked in a low voice out of concern.

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Chapter 498: Being Urgent

The grey eagle tribe heard about the events in Eschyle City and Zhang Tie's performance on the morning of November 12th. O'Laura and Setton arrived at Eschyle City to unite with Zhang Tie at noon on November 13th, when everything had passed.

Because Zhang Tie was heavily wounded, O’Laura just stayed there to look after him. At this moment, O’Laura had already picked off her mask, revealing her cold yet delicate face.

"No, I’m not sick. I’m afraid that one day I might turn into the kind of people that I hate!" Zhang Tie said in a muffled voice.

"How come?" O’Laura comforted him.

Zhang Tie slightly revealed a bitter smile, "Nobody deteriorate in one day. People were not born to be greedy and hypocritical; people were not born to be familiar with game rule, shrewd and indifference; people were not born to criticize things; people were not born to cheat others for their own benefits."

Previously, Zhang Tie hated such persons very much; however, at this moment, when he covered the cause of the catastrophe and the strategy of the event in Eschyle City where over 1 million people were killed, Zhang Tie realized that he was right in the very position that he hated and despised before. If he was still that one in Blackhot City, he must have hated the one who covered the truth. He couldn’t wait to tell everyone about the truth. However, he became an important member of the community of interest who covered the truth. As a result, Zhang Tie felt blue at once.

O’Laura who always hid herself and was not good at peeping into others’ inner hearts, she didn’t find Zhang Tie’s changing mood. However, Sabrina, on Zhang Tie’s side, glanced at him after hearing his low voice.

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Numerous residents of Eschyle City had been full of hatred and spirit by the last words of Elder Rodolfo. Therefore, they started to shout slogans loudly.

When the slogans declined, Elder Rodolfo opened his mouth once again in another affectionate and solemn tone.

"Hundreds of years ago, Elzida, the greatest prophet and Pontiff of Slavs left a prophecy that a great figure would lead all the Slavs in Ice and Snow Wilderness to prosperity and magnificence!"

"One month ago, out of the plot of the demons and their lackeys, all the soldiers of the eastern tribes alliance and tens of thousands of pioneers were trapped in the underground relics ruins of Haidela Glacier Crack. When everyone ran out of ammunition and grains and was going to fight each other for the limited water resources out of despair, this person appeared. He manifested the God’s will for many times. He let the sweet spring flow out of the kettle and cured the wounds of soldiers immediately; he even led over 100,000 despairing people out of the underground world..."

"Pontiff Sarlin of the huge bear tribe knew his arrival and confirmed his identity. Therefore, he led 100,000 soldiers of the huge bear tribe towards Haidela Glacier Crack to welcome him. This man opened the key box left by Elzida!"

"Several days ago, people in Eschyle City appeared to be in a great trouble. He led Thor’s Hammer to break through the safe roads in Eschyle City, allowing numerous residents to escape out of the

dangerous place. On November 12th, he rushed ahead of his army of the huge bear tribe and those young adults to eliminate hundreds of thousands of demonized puppets in Eschyle City.

"He is the first clan elder of the huge bear tribe and the very hero who saved Eschyle City out of the demons' plot. From today on, our Spencer clan will follow the expectation and will of Elzida, our great prophet. In order to realize the rejuvenation of the entire Slavic race, we will hand over Eschyle City to this person. From today on, this man becomes the patron and ruler of Eschyle City!"

"This man is standing behind me. I think all the people in Eschyle City have already heard about his name. Right, he is Peter Hamplester!" after saying that, Elder Rodolfo moved aside.

Those people down there surged, agitated and swarmed; however, they were blocked out of the cordon by the strong warriors of the huge bear tribe.

Under the gaze of everyone, Zhang Tie slowly walked forward.

Zhang Tie silently glanced at the dense population, then the biggest alchemist equipment under his feet, which was a loudspeaker made by alchemists.

In Zhang Tie's glance, the crowd gradually became quiet. Everyone was staring at him and waiting for him to say something.

After a long while, Zhang Tie raised his head, "Actually, I don't want to stand here at this moment! If I could save the 1.37 million people, I prefer to abdicate. "

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, everyone became silent when Zhang Tie's voice spread to the distance and resonated in the wild.

"I was pushed here to stand on this huge alchemist equipment which is more expensive than the same volume of gold of the people, the hope, the responsibilities and the force behind me.

"Before coming to Ice and Snow Wilderness, I've not imagined that I could stand here. I wonder if it's my fate to stand here. The so-called fate is the most illusory and marvelous trace in the maze of time and space. Even if Elzida was also just a passerby on this trace. He came, saw and left something; then he was gone..."

"Elder Rodolfo said that I was the very person who led Slavs onto the brilliant road. I don't agree with him. Due to his respect for Elzida, he believed that the prophecy left by the great prophet and pontiff must have a magic, which would send everything back onto the brightest track. However, what could push the fate of the Slavic race back onto that bright track? Nothing. I tell you. Nothing could do that. Neither do I nor others have such an ability. Even the Almighty God doesn't have such an ability!"

"Do you want to know what Elzida left to us in the key box? That's a letter. On the letter, Elzida told me that he saw the destiny of Slavs in the third holy war between humans and demons. In the future, the last Slav would be killed by the army of demons in Ice and Snow Wilderness. Like those human races disappeared in the former two holy wars between humans and demons, all the Slavs would be killed in the 3rd holy war!"

Zhang Tie said calmly. However, the contents of his words shocked everybody at present like a lightning bolt. Not only those common residents of Eschyle City, even the elders of the huge bear tribe and

Spencer clan behind Zhang Tie had changed their faces. Those standing behind Zhang Tie moved their eyes onto Pontiff Sarlin, whose look made their heart pound.

At this moment, Pontiff Sarlin lowered his head and became silent.

"Elzida saw your fate; however, he could not see my fate. He only knew that I would arrive in Ice and Snow Wilderness at a certain time. Therefore, he shouldered me the responsibility for your lives in that prophecy. He expected me to change the fate of the entire Slav race using my unknown fate. He requested me to bring hope to the rejuvenation of Slavs at the most dangerous moment. Because of this reason, he left the huge bear tribe to me and made me the leader and clan elder of the huge bear tribe!"

"The fate of each Slav is not a brilliant avenue, but a mysterious road interwoven between death and unknowns. I'm not born to be dignified. Neither do I know whether I would be used to tell a lie. I don't want to lie to you here. I only want to tell you the fact that I don't know how to lead you to the brilliant road; I'm even not sure whether I can save you in the future. I can only tell you that the third holy war between humans and demons is very close. Next year, the 3rd holy war would break out in an all round manner. This war would be even crueler than the former two holy wars. Nobody could escape from it. The battle fire of the coming holy war would cover the ground, the sky and the oceans. Hundreds of millions of living beings would die in the war."

"If the army of demons truly arrive at Ice and Snow Wilderness one day, in front of the 1.37 million souls here, I promise you that I will accompany you to the end as long as the last Slavic fighter who's loyal to me is fighting on this ground!"

"Meanwhile, I will also tell the other tribes in Ice and Snow Wilderness and those who are watching me in a terrifying way, the huge bear tribe and the iron bear tribe will keep the current situation. We will prepare for the coming holy war; however, we won't allow Slavs to slack Slavs. When the holy war is coming, any war between tribes in Ice and Snow Wilderness would be a betrayal to the whole Slavic race!"

"This is all I want to say!"

"Wish the dead to rest in peace; wish the alive ones to prepare well for the coming holy war!"

After saying this, Zhang Tie turned around and bowed towards that monument...

When Zhang Tie watched the ground, he recalled the bloody words on the wall of Pears' basement once again.

——The demonized puppets in Eschyle City are set to mature at the beginning of the next February.

After combining with the key information that Zhang Tie had obtained in Heavens Cold City, Zhang Tie knew that the holy war would arrive in next February. This meant they only had at most 3 months to prepare...

"I have to go back to Blackhot City and help my friends out of there..."

Chapter 499: Preparation

Of course, Zhang Tie was serious about the preparation for the coming holy war. On the second noon since the Eschyle Victim Cemetery was founded, the five elders of huge bear tribe and Spencer clan sat together with Zhang Tie and started to discuss officially about how to respond to the coming holy war.

What Zhang Tie said yesterday outside Eschyle City not only shocked common people but also 4 of the 5 elders who were sitting on Zhang Tie's sides. Elder Sarlin was the only one who stayed calm.

This conference was held in a manor of Spencer clan outside Eschyle City. After leaving the cemetery, they arrived here.

This place was once the vacation center of the clan elder of Spencer clan. But it became Zhang Tie's sanatorium now.

Superb white pine wood floor and the ceiling lamp of a pile of class-IV pyramid crystals made this place low-key and luxurious. In winter, the superb white pine wood floor would radiate a wild pale fragrance of pine needles. As long as you sniffed it, you would feel relaxed completely. However, the crystal ceiling lamp above their heads formed a special natural energy which filled the room with a pleasant and energetic environment.

Zhang Tie admitted that the former ruler of Eschyle City really enjoyed his life. It would take them at least 10,000 gold coins for the layout of this average-look room.

This morning, Zhang Tie made an investigation about huge industries of Spencer clan in Eschyle City by car. Yesterday, the ownership of all the properties of Spencer clan in Eschyle city had been officially transferred to Zhang Tie.

Under the supervision of some influential figures in huge bear tribe, wild bear tribe and Eschyle City, Zhang Tie, Elder Rodolfo, Elder Turin, Elder Gouras, Elder Toles and Pontiff Sarlin respectively signed their name on a document, which represented that Zhang Tie, Spencer clan and huge bear tribe officially confirmed his ownership, position and the right of succession of this city in the future, etc..

Spencer clan transferred 75% of the whole Eschyle City and its ownership of clan industries to "Peter Hamplester", namely Zhang Tie. Spencer clan only kept 25% of its ownership to its clan industries.

In future, the above ownership and property of Spencer clan that Zhang Tie owned would be succeeded by a kid between Zhang Tie and a Spencer woman. That kid would also be the clan elder of Spencer clan in the future.

All the elders of huge bear tribe agreed with the document.

In a sense, this was only a symbolic document, especially for the top decision makers of two tribes. However, sometimes, such a symbol was unnecessary as those words on white papers could make people reassured and reduce a lot of troubles.

After signing that document, Elder Rodolfo read a book like an account book for more than 10 minutes when Zhang Tie finally understood what did it mean by 75% of the properties of Spencer clan.

Eschyle City alone would have over 2.8 million gold coins of tax revenue and over 1.7 million gold coins of property fee and wharf annuity a year.

Moreover, Spencer clan also had dozens of business groups and commercial firms, hundreds of factories and workshops, dozens of manors and farmlands and thousands of square meters of land of different exploitable value and more than 10 mines...

Zhang Tie felt confused after listening to them.

"You tell me, how much can I use each year and how many people can I mobilize?" Finally, Zhang Tie had to interrupt Elder Rodolfo.

"Except for the expenditures and accumulations for the normal operation of Eschyle City and Spencer industries, 7.8 million gold coins and over 13.4 million people are available each year. Except for the organs of violence like city guards and policemen, 1.26 million people are employed by you in various industries. After the policemen and city guards are re-organized, you have 250,000 city guards and over 40,000 policemen. All the others would follow your order."

Zhang Tie finally understood. He only remembered two figures, 7.8 million gold coins and over 1.5 million people that could be mobilized by him. The two figures were great. After having the people and resources of Eschyle City and Spencer clan, Zhang Tie genuinely felt the great power of a bear tribe in Ice and Snow Wilderness.

In order to deepen his impression on these things, Zhang Tie especially took a round in Eschyle City this morning.

Zhang Tie paid special attention to three places, Eschyle Steel Plant, Iron Bear Steam Power Corporation and North Wind Shipyard. All of them belonged to Zhang Tie now.

The three companies were the most important industrial enterprises under the affiliation of Spencer clan. Except for Iron Bear Steam Power Corporation which was located in Eschyle City, the other two companies were in an industrial park area called Spias Gulf 30 km away in the east of Eschyle City, where gathered most of industrial enterprises of Eschyle City.

The main products of Iron Bear Steam Power Company were some locomobiles whose power ranged from 5 horsepower to 100 horsepower.

In this age, locomobiles which connected steam engine with boiler was almost human's best friend. This machine could play a great role in rural areas, cities or plants. As long as it was connected with the proper equipment, it would be used to irrigate farmlands, saw wood, mill rice, drill well, extract oil, thresh, build roads, process and forge machine. Its steam exhaust could also be used to dry, evaporate and warm up as a heat source.

Locomobiles could be fed with both firewood and coal. Besides a heavy weight and a slow start-up speed, this was one of the most perfect machine that humans could produce in this age.

The locomobiles produced by Iron Bear Steam Power Corporation were famous across Ice and Snow Wilderness. One or two locomobiles could always be seen in tribe agglomerations. Even in Kurgan village, Zhang Tie had also seen a small low-speed 5-horsepower locomobile. The machine was used to drill well in Kurgan village.

Iron Bear Steam Power Corporation produced about 3000 sets of various locomobiles a year, which were mainly sold in Ice and Snow Wilderness; few of them were sold to Ewentra Archipelago. Those

average buses in Eschyle City were also produced by this company. However, they could only produce a limited number of buses.

The Eschyle Steel Plant could produce 280,000 tons of steel a year as the largest and only steel producer in Ice and Snow Wilderness.

The Eschyle Steel Plant was supported by an iron mine over 40 km away in the east of Spias Gulf which covered about 15-16 square kilometers. This iron mine area contained 940 million tons of high-quality open-air iron ore, which were easily exploited. There was a coal mine about 210 km away in the north of Eschyle City. It contained above 2 billion tons of coal, which was enough to support the demand for coal of the steel industry in Eschyle City.

Of course, the coal mine and iron mine both belonged to Zhang Tie.

Each year, North Wind Shipyard would consume about half of the total production of steel products in Eschyle City. This shipyard was much bigger than the Milky Way Shipyard of Zhang Tie's grandpa in Golden Sea City. It was already able to build huge steamers of tens of thousands of tons. Whereas, being restricted by the poor industrial development across Ice and Snow Wilderness from various reasons, North Wind Shipyard and Eschyle City didn't have the ability to build key equipment for steam turbine of large ships. North Wind Shipyard purchased the key parts of steam turbines from Gantiyadu Island and assembled them on Eschyle City.

This was the Eschyle City in Zhang Tie's eyes and the overall industrial development situation across Ice and Snow Wilderness. According to Zhang Tie's knowledge, due to extremely rigid living environment and the scarcity of various materials, life styles of tribes across Ice and Snow Wilderness were divided into three categories, 1/3 for farming work, 1/3 for nomadism and 1/3 for hunting.

Each bear tribe in Ice and Snow Wilderness had their fixed territory. They lived a relatively poor life in their own territory. Except for bear tribe in Eschyle City, almost no other tribe had a well-developed industrial system.

Facing such a situation, Zhang Tie felt pretty frustrated. For Zhang Tie who grew up from Blackhot City, he clearly knew about the importance of steam and steel to human living and prosperity. It could be said that without steam and steel industries, people would never sustain to the end in the former two holy wars between humans and demons.

Xiphodons were fierce; cavalries that rode xiphodons were also tough men and powerful fighters; however, neither could each one have an xiphodon, nor be a fighter above LV 6. For most of commoners, if they could drive a high-performance steam tank or armored vehicle towards a demon, they would not play a weaker role than xiphodon cavalries on the battle field...

"It's the most reliable and effective way for us to face the threat from demons by using steel and steam. I wonder how the industry of Eschyle City and huge bear tribe would develop?" Zhang Tie determined the theme—To Respond to the 3rd Holy War between Humans and Demons through Industrialization at the beginning of the conference...

Chapter 500: Industrialization

"Costari Plain where huge bear tribe lacks major steel and coal resources which are necessary for industrialization. There's no major coal mine and iron mine across Ice and Snow Wilderness except for the coal mine and the iron mine near Eschyle City!"

Elder Gouras who was responsible for civil affairs in Ice and Snow Wilderness opened his mouth after being silent for a while.

"There's no major coal mine and iron mine in other places of Ice and Snow Wilderness?" Zhang Tie felt unbelievable about this. From the map, Ice and Snow Wilderness occupied more than 20 million square kilometers. Previously he only thought that the weather here was worse. Unexpectedly, it also lacked natural resources.

"There are resources. However, we cannot exploit them. Due to the very severe climate and living conditions, many resources could not be exploited in a large scale. Take the Fire Dragon Coal Mine outside Eschyle City as an instance. We need at least 70,000 miners to exploit such a coal mine. It's easy to feed such a great number of people near Eschyle City; however, if they were dispatched to the wilderness in the north of Eschyle City, a bear tribe might be dragged down. This is equal to supplying an guerrilla of 70,000 soldiers all the year round. It requires a very terrifying daily expenditure which is far more than the value created by these workers." Elder Gouras added.

"Large-scale industrial development has to depend on sufficient population. However, people have to survive on enough grains and suitable living conditions. Workers need to get married and live. It's impossible for them to exploit ores constantly. What's more, Ice and Snow Wilderness severely lacks grains and suitable living conditions. When each tribe chooses their living territory, they have to solve the food problem firstly, instead of directly choosing a place with ores. Only when everyone is full could tribes attempt to find and exploit some ores so as to meet their basic demand. However, they dare not exploit too much ores considering the cost. "

"Whether it was experience from the development of human society before the Catastrophe or the objective conclusion in this age, over 40 million population is the priority for a country or region to complete industrialization. However, even though huge bear tribe has the most population among all the tribes in Ice and Snow Wilderness, we only have less than 20 million people. Such population could hardly complete industrialization in Ice and Snow Wilderness."

Zhang Tie rubbed his forehead as he had to face the reality, "You mean we could only depend on the coal mine and the iron mine near Eschyle City based on the current condition?"

"That's true. Before these fundamental living conditions in Ice and Snow wilderness are improved and enough grains could be produced to meet the basic demand of people, we have to maximize the use of the current resources!" Elder Rodolfo answered.

After thinking for a short while, Zhang Tie said, "However, less than 300,000 tons of irons a year is too low for Eschyle Iron Plant. What's the highest capacity of Eschyle Steel Plant?"

"Its highest capacity could reached above 2 million tons. Previously, as there was no such a market and demand in Ice and Snow Wilderness, each tribe could almost solve their own demand about steel. Therefore, we didn't expand our capacity. Additionally, it requires a lot of money for expansion of capacity. If we want to expand the capacity of Eschyle Steel Plant, we have to expand the mining scale of

the coal mine and the iron mine outside the city! Besides money, we also need a lot of workers and technicians to ensure the smooth operation of the steel plant!"

"Don't worry about money. Get people to make the plan first. We will make further plan after knowing the demand!" Zhang Tie glanced at the elders, "My principle is that I would not spend any cent of the 7 million gold coins per year in Eschyle City, neither would I spend them in other places outside Ice and Snow Wilderness. We will spend all these money in the preparing for the coming holy war. We will use them to lay the foundation of huge bear tribe and wild bear tribe!"

All the elders nodded inside.

"Now that, we will soon start to expand and optimize the capacity of Eschyle Steel Plant. This might take us about 2 years and over 10 million gold coins..."

"Even if it's completed a bit late, it's always better than the current situation! This is just the prior program. I will spend my money in such a place at first. However, if we want to play the role of steel and steam, it's not enough to just increase the steel capacity. What's more, we need to turn steel into something and put them in certain places so as to enhance our strength to the utmost. Now I want to ask you about a key question. where about do you think the demons would arrive here, if possible, sky, sea, above ground or underground? I heard about some answers about this, but I still want to confirm."

"From sea, for sure!" Elder Toles confirmed while the other elders nodded, "The geological position of Ice and Snow Wilderness is very special. The deepest place under Ice and Snow Wilderness is full of lava. Therefore, demons would never enter here from underground. We have demon north wind belt in the sky which would isolate all the airships. Ice and Snow Wilderness is adjacent to sea in three directions. Only our north is an Ice-Capped Continent. Ice-Capped Continent is a vast depopulated zone, which is hundreds of times bigger than the entire Blackson Humans Corridor. Many places in Ice-Capped Continent have extreme climates. Most areas of Ice-Capped Continent are below 50 Celsius degrees and suffer from ice storm in the evening. Even though knights might not come back alive if they deepen into the Ice-Capped Continent, not to mention major troops. Therefore, demon troops have to come here by sea!"

"If demons are doomed to come over here by sea, we have to do something to stop them. After expanding Eschyle Steel Plant, we need to expand the capacity of North Wind Shipyard too. The North Wind Shipyard cannot produce steam turbine now. We cannot just import steam turbine. When demons arrive here by sea, we will not be able to import any thing any more. Therefore, I think we need to learn the technology by spending money, inviting people or directly moving the factory of steam turbine from Gantyadu Island to Ice and Snow Wilderness. Steam turbine is the most sophisticated steam power equipment. As long as we get this technology, we will improve the overall technology strength of Eschyle City greatly!"

"I have some friends in Gantyadu Island. I will go there in a couple of days. I will bring back the equipment and technicians of steam turbines!" Elder Turin talked in a calm way like it was very easy.

"Didn't Spencer clan want to master this technology before?" Zhang Tie asked.

"The relationship between us and Ewentra Archipelago is very special. Most of the big clans and business groups in that island are our business partners. Whereas, they are also worried about suffering

a loss firstly if we want to leave Ice and Snow Wilderness one day; therefore, they keep the key technology for manufacturing huge ships. There's even a confidential agreement among those great powers and big clans who have great sea power in Ewentra Archipelago. The moment Spencer clan or Slavic armored fleet pass by Oro Strait, they would join hands with each other to eliminate this fleet. Therefore, in order to avoid stimulating them excessively, Spencer clan always purchases steam turbine from them. Although we could obtain the manufacturing technology and equipment of steam turbine through other channels. They also know that we are compromising to them. Therefore, they always sell the products to us at a relatively reasonable price, which is even cheaper than that we can produce, if possible." Elder Rodolfo answered Zhang Tie.

However it would be different now. The 3rd holy war between humans and demons were urgent while demons and their lackeys were growing rampant. Additionally, Spencer clan were sharply weakened. As long as those people were normal, they would never believe that Eschyle City would fight them with armored fleet. Furthermore, although the technology of steam turbine was expensive, it was not unreachable, neither it was a patent. It could be produced in many countries. Now that Elder Turin had promised, this problem would be solved for sure.

In the following minutes, Zhang Tie made his 3rd decision, sending everyone at present in silence.

Zhang Tie wanted to build a railway from Eschyle City to Costari Plain, which penetrated through the entire Ice and Snow Wilderness from south to north. The railway was over 9000 km in length, the two ends of which were respectively linked with huge bear tribe and iron bear tribe. Besides, the railway would connect too many small and medium-sized tribes.

This was Zhang Tie's real plan, which he named as—Tribal Axis!

The moment the elders heard about this ambitious plan, they had been shocked.

"It requires at least 50 million gold coins to build such a railway!" Elder Rodolfo swallowed his saliva, "It's too hard to support such a plan by huge bear tribe and wild bear tribe!"

Zhang Tie smiled, "Don't worry. The two tribes don't need to pay a single cent!"

Hearing Zhang Tie's words, the others glanced at him with a dubious look, 'It's impossible even by the God's will...'