

Black Iron 931

Chapter 931: The Crisis

If there was a battle qi, it indicated that a combat was breaking out. At this critical moment, any combat was very sensitive, combats between human knights and demon knights or internal conflicts between human knights.

Before Mountain Lifting Hermit uttered, the other members of his team had rushed towards the battle qi in terms of light.

At the same time, the other two teams also rushed towards that place in terms of light from their camps.

It only took them about 4 minutes to complete the distance of over 50 miles.

The moment they arrived there, they had caught sight of a corpse lying on the ground.

The corpse's head had been chopped off, leaving a puddle of blood on the ground.

After looking around the place, the knights ensured that there was no ambush in the surroundings; neither did they see any figure; therefore, they landed.

After landing there, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Zhang Anguo the grand elder of Tianlu Palace and Old Monster Qi threw a glance at each other before walking towards the corpse.

After checking the corpse, they confirmed the identity of the dead. However, they didn't find any clue of the murderer at the scene.

"It's Sun Sheng!" Old Monster Qi picked himself up from the ground as he glanced at Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhang Anguo with a weird, icy eye light. As he had seen the two earth knights fly off their camps just now, he didn't think they had a chance to kill Sun Sheng.

Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhang Anguo also stood up.

"He was raided. Before he released his battle qi, his heart had been fatally wounded. In the latter combat, he was chopped off in a few seconds!" Zhang Anguo said in a muffled voice.

Mountain Lifting Hermit looked icy. He just threw a glance at his team members silently.

Even if it was a close combat, it was also difficult for an earth knight to kill a black iron knight; however, a black iron knight could heavily wound or kill another black iron knight in an extremely short period by raiding the latter.

Everyone at present felt a solemn yet weird atmosphere among the three teams.

"Jia Xiong, wasn't Sun Sheng always with you? Why did he come here alone?" Old Monster Qi suddenly turned around and asked a knight on his team.

The knight was swarthy and short. After hearing Old Monster Qi's question, everyone focused on Jia Xiong, causing him to feel nervous and swallow his saliva, "Sun Sheng was with me 1 hour ago; however,

later on...later on he met...Miss Bai, after hearing that Miss Bai just ate some dried rations, Sun Sheng voluntarily said that he would hunt some smooth rats for Miss Bai, which was the tastiest food in the cave...Therefore...therefore he went out alone!"

"Where's Bai Suxian?" Old Monster Qi threw a glance at the team and didn't see that woman.

"Soon after Sun Sheng left, Miss Bai 1 had left too..." Someone in the team of Old Monster Qi replied.

Zhang Tie didn't know the name of "Young sister" until now. This name made him speechless. Although the female was pretty white, she had nothing to do with Su 2 and Xian 3 .

Soon after his words, some more lights arrived from afar, including the couple Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi, the two women and one man from Tianlu Palace and Bai Suxian the "Young sister".

"When we arrived here, we found this guy had been raided!" Mountain Lifting Hermit uttered after throwing a glance at them while accenting the word "raided".

Watching the corpse whose head had been chopped off and hearing Mountain Lifting Hermit's words, the latter ones changed their faces at once.

As they were late, they were suspects.

Old Monster Qi gazed at Bai Suxian before asked in a muffled voice, "Where have you been?"

The "Young sister" threw an aggrieved glance at Old Monster Qi before asking, "Do you also think it's done by me?"

"It's a human life. You're late, therefore, you need to explain it to us!" Old Monster Qi replied in an icy tone.

Under the gaze of everyone else, Bai Suxian's face blushed as she replied, "I am menstruating these days. As there were too many males in the valley, it was inconvenient for me; therefore, I was looking for a place to solve it..."

Soon after Bai Suxian finished her words, Old Monster Qi's eyes gleamed. In a split second, he had come to the side of Bai Suxian. Before Bai Suxian responded, he had caught her wrist. Bai Suxian was shocked. Before she wanted to launch a counter attack, Old Monster Qi had rapidly let off her wrist and retreated. The entire process was completed in a split second. When Bai Suxian responded with a pale face, Old Monster Qi had moved away.

It was almost like raiding Bai Suxian. However, it also reflected Old Monster Qi's power and arbitrary temperament, which shocked everyone else at present.

"I've checked your pulse condition. It's indeed the physical condition when a woman is menstruating. You're not lying!" Old Monster Qi explained. Everybody else then understood why he caught Bai Suxian's wrist just now.

Watching how Old Monster Qi do, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi were shocked immediately. They slightly moved away from Old Monster Qi. Lu Zhongming stood in front of his wife as he pressed one hand onto his sword handle. After throwing a glance at them, he said in a muffled voice, "Just now, we were seeking for some rare underground plants' seeds in the valley so that we could sow those seeds in

the underground mountain cave of our Minling Sword Sect and create a cultivation environment being similar to that of Earth-elements Realm..."

"As it's the first time for some young elders in Tianlu Palace to come to the Earth-elements Realm, I told them to be familiar with the environment here these couple of days. I know that they left the camp just now!" Zhang Anguo opened his mouth as he clarified the reason why the three people of Tianlu Palace were late. At this moment, anyone who dared find Tianlu Palace's trouble would be regarded as the enemy of Tianlu Palace as a whole.

Everyone at present then became silent.

Old Monster Qi then watched Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhang Anguo with a sneer, "We've just fixed the rule to forbid private duel or mutual trap less than half a day ago, and we met such an accident here. How do you explain this?"

"It's not necessary that one of us who killed Sun Sheng!" Mountain Lifting Hermit said.

"What do you mean?"

"We don't have the motive to kill him. Even if someone wanted to kill him, he would not risk the dangers until Sun Sheng came out of the hieron ruins. However, Sun Sheng had not entered the hieron ruins yet; neither did he have any valuable item with him that might arouse others' vicious intention. Additionally, he had no resentment with us, why would someone kill him in vain at the risk of being recognized and besieged by us? Old Monster Qi, don't forget that we're in the Earth-elements Realm. Besides us, demon knights are also wandering here."

After exchanging a glance with each other, all the others were shocked once again...

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After burying the corpse over there, the three teams of knights returned to their own camps in a weird atmosphere.

Zhang Tie was shocked inside as it was his first time to see a dead human knight.

Although Mountain Lifting Hermit's explanation was reasonable, Zhang Tie still was not sure whether Sun Sheng was killed by a demon knight or not. In this world, human's mind was most unpredictable.

Zhang Tie had tasted unpredictable human minds too much...

Because of this uncertainty, Zhang Tie ran his spiritual energy and released a lot of tracing tentacles and attached them to the sole of each knight at present before they left, including that of Bai Suxian, Old Monster Qi and those people in Tianlu Palace.

The biggest effect of tracing tentacle was to monitor each one's trace and position each knight at any time.

Whether Sun Sheng was killed by someone in the three teams or a demon knight, it was not a good news for all the others. Because this indicated that a dangerous enemy might beside them.

The temporary camp became more depressive and weird. Many people's eyes contained some hidden meaning when they looked at Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi.

No matter what, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi were suspects. As a human knight was killed, all the others had to beware of them more or less.

Now that Sun Shen was raided, it indicated that all the others at present might be raided too. Nobody could ensure that he or she was not the next one being raided.

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"These days, we three have to go out together. None of us should take any action alone..." Gong Ziyao told Zhang Tie in a secret way after returning to the camp.

Zhang Tie nodded.

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Two days soon flew past.

Nothing else happened in the two days. The knights completed their supplies in the valley in two days. With full preparations, they came to the magma sea once again.

The terrifying hurricane gradually faded away...

"Let's go!" Mountain Lifting Hermit said in a muffled voice while all the others followed him towards the center of the magma sea...

Chapter 932: A Mysterious Island

The hot and boiling magma sea appeared under their feet...

The magma sea was borderless.

Although being hundreds of meters high above the magma sea, Zhang Tie could still feel the hot waves from below.

Compared to the hurricane, the hot waves were as tender as spring breezes. Commoners might die out of hydration within a few hours; however, such a temperature didn't cause any effect to knights at all.

Except for the team of Zhang Clan in Tianlu Palace which felt to be united, the atmospheres in the teams of Mountain Lifting Hermit and Old Monster Qi were both subtle. Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and Bai Suxian unconsciously flew to the front of the team close to the three earth knights.

Nobody in the two teams would like to expose their backs to the three people. Therefore, the three people were subconsciously driven to the front of the two teams.

"5 days later, the hurricane would reappear above the magma sea. Therefore, we could only stay 5 days in the hieron ruins at most. If everything went smoothly, we would leave after 3 days, at most 4 days!" Mountain Lifting Hermit's voice sounded in the ears of the others on the team, "I feel that we might face some trouble in this journey. You'd better take care of yourselves!"

After hearing Mountain Lifting Hermit's warning, Zhang Tie's heart pounded. After exchanging a glance with Gong Ziyao and Zhou Shufan, they could see a solemn expression from each other's eyes.

"What are you concerned about?" Zhang Tie asked Mountain Lifting Hermit in a secret way.

After thinking for a few seconds, Mountain Lifting Hermit replied, "If the one who raided Sun Sheng was a demon knight, I'm considering what that demon knight would think and do after seeing us waiting at the entrance of this magma sea! Undoubtedly, that demon knight's battle strength could never match the jointed battle strength of us. In this case, what do you think I'm concerned about?"

Being hinted by Mountain Lifting Hermit, Zhang Tie understood it at once.

'If a demon knight is really following us, Mountain Lifting Hermit must be concerned about it whistling.'

'If that demon knight didn't know what were we here for before today. It might have already speculated something when he saw the hurricane to disappear over this magma sea.'

'This was the worst scenario and the most possible result we might face. If that demon knight really blows a whistle after confirming our trace and purpose, given the efficiencies of both parties, we might have a fierce combat with a team of demon knights the moment we come out of the hieron ruins. We might be outnumbered by demon knights. The longer we stay in the hieron ruins, the more dangerous it might get and we might have to collide with a team of demon knights.

In the Earth-elements Realm, no knight could avoid from fierce collisions with demon knights.

If Mountain Lifting Hermit, Old Monster Qi and Zhang Anguo could coordinate with each other and make an ambush in the magma sea behind all the others, they would definitely make an achievement if there was a demon knight behind them. At least, it could scare the demon knight away. However, it was a daydream for three earth knights to stay here to set a trap only for the sake of the black iron knights. Even though the heads of the three teams were black iron knights, they would not agree to do that either. At such a critical moment, who would like to give up such a rare chance to wait for fighting a possible demon knight?

Zhang Tie would. As long as he could kill a demon knight, he would make a big achievement. With the shield that he gained from the demon general, he could hide in the magma sea for a few hours; but it was useless for him to stay here alone. First, everybody else would think he was foolish; second, if there was an earth demon knight behind them, Zhang Tie was not sure that he could defeat it.

Facing such a situation, Zhang Tie could only let out a sigh inside. Closely after that, he spirited up to respond to the next problems...

They could only respond to the next situations in a flexible way.

As there were three earth knights in their teams, it was not his turn to make decisions.

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After flying almost 1,000 miles over the magma sea for over 2 hours at a high speed, they caught sight of a looming isle in the hot, rising, twisting vapor.

At the sight of this isle, everyone became spirited as they accelerated at once.

After flying close to it, they could see it clearly.

It was a big island that covered about 10,000 square miles instead of being an isle.

All the exposed rocks on this island were weathered and aged might be because of the hurricane. It was a taste of vicissitudes all over.

A tall, flat-roofed pyramid was standing in the middle of this island.

Zhang Tie took in a deep breath, 'Here we are.'

After reaching close to this island, the hot air that had been accompanying them over 2 hours instantly declined. The closer they were to this island, the faster the temperature would decline and be closer to normal temperature.

"Watch out, it's a no-fly zone in the island like that in Lion Fortress. When we are close to it, we'd better lower our flight altitude!" The grand elder of Tianlu Palace ahead of them opened his mouth as he declined his flight altitude rapidly, closely followed by all the other members of the three teams. When they were close to the edge of this island, they were only a few meters above the ground. The moment they entered the air territory of this island, they had lost their flying capabilities and fell down at once.

If not being warned in advance, those who came here for the first time might be very embarrassed after falling down from hundreds of meters in the air even though they would not die at once.

After landing, they felt that the temperature had recovered to normal while the air became refreshing at once.

Now that it existed in the hot magma sea, it already indicated that this place was very marvelous.

"After taking a rest, we will take action!" Old Monster Qi suggested.

They didn't reject him. Earth knights might not encounter any difficult to fly for 2 hours at a high speed consecutively; however, it was very difficult for most of the black iron knights...

They then found a place nearby to take a rest by sitting cross-legged, drinking water or eating something so as to recover their physical strength and battle strength.

Zhang Tie sat down against a huge grey rock. Filton then walked to him and stealthily gave him a vial of medicament. After taking a look at it, Zhang Tie became stunned, 'It's all-purpose medicament...'

"This thing just entered the Lion Fortress a few days ago. It's very effective to recover physical strength and cure common minor injuries and poisoning symptoms..." Filton explained it to Zhang Tie...

'Has my elder brother opened the market in the Lion Fortress?'

Zhang Tie felt complexed and gratified...

Chapter 933: The Hieron Ruins

After having a sweet vial of all-purpose medicament, a relaxed feeling started to spread across his body from his stomach. After a short while, the fatigue and physical consumption caused by 2 hours of flight had been recovered.

The 2 hours' flight was much easier for Zhang Tie than the others. It was a middle-and-high speed for others, however, it was just a bit faster than the cruising speed for Zhang Tie. Such a flight didn't cost him too much physical strength. In case of being too eye-catching, Zhang Tie had to take the vial of all-purpose medicament gifted by Gong Ziyao. Actually, he could recover his physical strength very soon without having to take all-purpose medicament at all. Even if he wanted to take the all-purpose medicament, he only needed to run his spiritual energy to move the well-brewed all-purpose medicament from Castle of Black Iron into his mouth.

After 1 hour, seeing someone standing up, Zhang Tie stroked the familiar pattern of manjusaka on the empty vial before throwing it onto the ground. Closely after that, he also picked himself up from the ground.

Zhang Tie didn't know whether he was littering freely; if someone could really catch sight of this empty vial, his advertisement for his domestic business would be a success.

Zhang Tie revealed a smile as he threw a glance at Gong Ziyao and Zhou Sufan who was sitting with crossed legs not far away and nodding towards Zhang Tie at the same time.

Before entering the hieron ruins, everyone wanted to adjust their conditions to the best.

Gradually, all of them picked themselves up from the ground.

Mountain Lifting Hermit exchanged a glance with the other two earth knights and nodded at each other.

"Now that we've had a good rest. Let's go then!" The grand elder of Tianlu Palace opened his mouth while everyone else set off once again.

As they could not fly in the island, they could only rush towards the huge pyramid in the distance by foot.

Before leaving, Zhang Tie looked back at the boiling magma sea.

'I wonder whether someone would follow us?'

'But who would like to stay here and be a sentry at this moment?'

As this whim occurred to his mind, Zhang Tie ran forward as he undid his abyss battle spear from his back and assembled it one part after another.

After being assembled, the 4 m long abyss battle spear looked pretty terrifying. Plus Zhang Tie's towering figure, it was full of killing intent and became the largest and most eye-catching weapon in the entire team.

Most of the people in the team used short weapons such as sabers or swords; some used exotic weapons such as the ax, hook, spine and 1 m long sickle. Bai Suxian the "young sister" used a steel whip which was circling around her slim waist. Only Zhang Tie used a long weapon.

The moment he took out his weapon, he became outstanding at once. Even the members of Zhang Clan in Tianlu Palace couldn't stand glancing at Zhang Tie.

Few of battle skills on knights level were about long weapons. However, all the battle skills with long weapons were overbearing and powerful. Many people were guessing what battle skill did Cui Li the sturdy tough man use with such a terrifying weapon.

The grand elder of Zhang Clan also recalled the battle skills of long spears that he had learned. After that, he shook his head faintly. He didn't remember that there was a powerhouse called Cui Li who excelled at long spear battle skills.

In running, Zhang Tie felt a hot eye light falling on his body. Zhang Tie turned around and saw that Bai Suxian was watching him with her watery eyes. When she caught sight of Zhang Tie's eyes, she hurriedly moved her eyes away. At the same time, she replied with a cold harrumph. However, her split vision was still on Zhang Tie's body.

It was evidently a gesture and signal of a woman who sought for coquetry and comfort.

If not at this moment and this place, Zhang Tie was sure that as long as he dared hug Bai Suxian shamelessly, the woman would definitely fall into his arms as soft as water.

'Does this petite girl really like tough men like me?' Zhang Tie touched his bald head as he smirked...

Bai Suxian moved very elegantly. The moment she touched the ground, she would throw her long sleeves. At the same time, she moved dozens of meters ahead like a fairy. In the entire team, her battle strength reflected by her movements was definitely at the medium level.

'How could such a woman raid and kill a man who courted her out of no reason?'

When he thought about this, Zhang Tie felt that Mountain Lifting Hermit's concern might come true.

'However, as the arrow is fitted to the string, we could only move forward. If we make some achievements in the hieron ruins, we could at least have a greater chance to survive the raid of the demon knights when we go out of here. Mountain Lifting Hermit and the other two earth knights might think in this way. None of those knights who dare enter the Earth-elements Realm are afraid of battle.'

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Based on the high speed of knights, after running less than half an hour, they had already arrived at the foot of the huge, flat-roofed pyramid in the middle of this island.

There were a lot of stony steps from the foot of the pyramid to the roof, each step was higher than 0.5 m. Led by the three earth knights, everyone rushed upstairs, 10 steps a stride.

When he reached the flat roof of the pyramid, Zhang Tie's sight expanded at once. He caught sight of a row of huge stony pillars while the entrance of an old, broken temple entered their visions. There were two rows of huge, time-honored statues at the entrance of the temple, each statue was higher than 10 m. At the sight of those statues, everyone became shocked once again, including Zhang Tie.

The statues were standing in two rows, one row on the left, the other on the right. The row on the right were armored human fighters who were holding their swords with solemn and dignified looks. Those on the left were demon fighters who were also standing in solemn looks with huge hammers in hands.

The two rows of statues didn't look aggressive to each other; instead, it seemed that they were commonly safeguarding the hieron.

As these statues were too old, it was hard to guess their ages. However, the statues reminded Zhang Tie that humans and demons might be two races living together peacefully in a far-ancient age. If not, how could humans and demons safeguard the hieron commonly at the entrance? No matter whether it was humans or demons who established this hieron, if they were in the antagonistic state at that moment, the party who established this hieron would never allow the other party's statues to be the guardians of the hieron...

If Zhang Tie was a historian or anthropologist, he might stop to study this question seriously. However, as a knight, he didn't need to do research; instead, he only needed to plunder so as to grow more and more powerful.

Therefore, although they were shocked inside, none of them would stop to study those statues. They just passed by the statues and arrived at the entrance of the hieron.

There were various animals such as cattle and sheep on the huge stony pillars. On the top of the only gate, there was a mysterious triangular sign being made of three scales of different sizes.

The mysterious triangular sign should be the symbol of this hieron or of a religious meaning like the signboard of yamun, bank or commercial group. However, like how they didn't know why statues of demons and humans were standing outside the hieron, none of the three teams of knights understood the meaning of the sign on the gate of the hieron until today.

They only knew that they would face dangers and might make good achievements inside.

After tens of thousands of years, everything in front of them became ruins. They only cared about interests; instead of the far-ancient yet unknown truth. If humans could kill all the demons, they might put their efforts in studying this place seriously; however, as the holy war had broken out, nothing was more realistic and meaningful than powerful punches and sharp blades.

Right at the entrance of the hieron, the time-honored metal gate being carved with exotic grains was shuttered, leaving three tidy and eye-catching pits on it.

After coming to the entrance, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Old Monster Qi and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace respectively took out a piece of shimmering diamond-shaped metal. After exchanging a glance with each other, they inserted their diamond-shaped metal piece into the pits respectively before moving a few steps back at the same time.

"Watch out. When the gate opens, as long as you enter it, don't exit casually. Being affected by the mysterious strength and guarding rule of this hieron ruins, everyone could only access to this threshold just one time. As long as you exit it, you will not be able to enter it again!" Zhang Anguo, the grand elder of Tianlu Palace warned the others.

As they had made it so far, if someone made such a stupid mistake, he or she would waste all the previous efforts.

Soon after Zhang Anguo's words, the entire pyramid quivered while the gate slowly opened. With a dazzling white light, a majestic qi poured out of the gate.

This majestic qi reminded Zhang Tie of the scene when he entered the tower of time, which also indicated that everything in this hieron could not be destroyed by knights...

Chapter 934: As a Lion, Like a Dragon

After the gate was completely opened, the three earth knights moved one step forward and put away their metal pieces. Closely after that, all the members of the three teams entered the hieron consecutively...

When he entered the gate, Zhang Tie felt an exotic energy sweeping over him...

Zhang Tie looked back. Although they had entered, the gate didn't close; he then ran his spiritual energy while a tracing feather flew out of his forehead and lay on the entrance of the hieron silently.

—After everyone entered, as long as someone else entered, the tracing feather would attach to the sole of the new arriver automatically. The moment the tracing feather moved, Zhang Tie would know that someone else had arrived!

As it was on the flat roof of the pyramid, there was no space behind the gate but an extremely serene, spiral staircase, which led all the way to the bottom of the pyramid.

Most of the knights who came here for the first time didn't know what was at the bottom of the pyramid. The ground in the pyramid was brilliant and carried a special metallic luster.

"Ah, it's too cold..." The arrivers quivered a bit when a chilly wind blew towards them from below the staircase.

Compared to the hot magma sea outside, the inside space of this pyramid was at least below minus 40 degrees Celcius. Even being knights, they could only move normally inside in a short period.

"Attention, it's even colder downside there. In 3 days, if anyone of you couldn't stand it any longer, you should exit in advance..." Mountain Lifting Hermit uttered.

When Mountain Lifting Hermit uttered, Old Monster Qi remained silent, who directly led his team and rushed downwards along the spiral staircase at a very fast speed. The knights of Zhang Clan in Tianlu Palace hurriedly followed them up. Mountain Lifting Hermit's team was in the end.

Although they could not fly by the strength of the chakras at this moment, they didn't slow down. Everybody was moving rapidly on the spiral staircase.

At this moment, everybody became a bit thrilled.

When Zhang Tie was running, he kept observing the surrounding environment.

The spiral staircase gradually turned wider and flatter due to the structure of the pyramid. Additionally, this spiral staircase was a distinctive, two-helical structure like the helical structure of DNA. No artificial trace could be seen on this staircase. It was a complete, mysterious structure.

In each dozen meters, there would be a fire basket near the handrail. Zhang Tie guessed that the fire baskets might be used to illuminate the staircase in the far-ancient times. However, it could not be authenticated now.

Due to the existence of night-viewing medicaments, even if there was no fire basket, knights could still clearly see the surroundings.

There were odd-looking mural paintings and strange words on both walls of the staircase. Zhang Tie saw many scenes about the co-existence between humans and demons. What shocked Zhang Tie was that those scenes were not about wars but about strange religious activities. In those religious activities, animals such as cattle and sheep were pushed in front of a tall and odd-looking joss for a sacrificial purpose...

There were empty stands on both sides of the staircase. The items on the stands might have been taken away.

The three keys in the hands of Mountain Lifting Hermit and the other two earth knights were from others. In the past 9 years, two batches of people had arrived here.

According to the introduction of the previous two batches of people, due to a short period, even knights could not stay too long below there. Therefore, many regions in the hieron ruins had not been fully explored. There might be some good items left. However, as those who had entered here once could not enter it for the second time, even though being the third batch of explorers, they might still find something good inside.

The Weapons Mountain and the possible space-teleportation equipment were both worthwhile for people to risk their lives here.

The deeper it was, the colder it would be. They felt like entering an ice cellar.

In less than 10 minutes, they had deepened over 13 miles inside the pyramid. Given the position, they must have entered the underground space of the pyramid.

After coming to the last step, the three earth knights stood there. Even Old Monster Qi didn't walk a step forward with shimmering eyes. Everyone else then stopped on the last step.

What in front of everyone else was a huge palace-like lobby, which lasted for miles. They could faintly see dozens of portals at the end of the lobby, large or small. The ground of the lobby was as clean as a new pin, which was covered with exotic grains. The entire lobby felt icy and quiet. On both sides of the lobby were two rows of exotic metal statues.

All the grim and dignified metal statues were taller than 3 m which looked like spiders in the lower body and humans in the upper body. They were holding a metal shield by the left hand and various weapons by the right hand.

When they stopped on the last step, the eyes of the two rows of metal statues started to turn red while their necks started to sound, "kakakaka". At the same time, they moved their heads towards the three teams of knights which were very terrifying.

They were not statues but powerful battle puppets in the hieron who had been staying there since they were put.

It was so terrifying that these battle puppets could still move after so many years.

"Ga...ga...ga..." Old Monster Qi laughed as he watched Mountain Lifting Hermit and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace while narrowing his eyes, "We three will rush over there together in this pass. After that, we will choose one portal respectively and enter it independently. After entering portals, we will not interfere with each other whether you're alive or dead, rich or poor. How about that?"

After exchanging a glance with each other, Mountain Lifting Hermit and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace nodded at the same time before replying in a muffled voice, "Good!"

The 3 earth knights rushed out in a split second...

The moment the 3 earth knights left the last step and landed on the grand of the lobby, all the battle puppets in the lobby started to move as fast as knights.

6 battle puppets who were nearest to the 3 earth knights instantly rushed out and stabbed three huge swords and three long spears towards the 3 earth knights...

"Go die..." Mountain Lifting Hermit roared as he released a battle qi punch towards two battle puppets from 5 meters away, causing them to move backward, instead of killing them or damaging them.

The two battle puppets blocked the greater part of the battle qi of the earth knight with their shields. Although a small part of Mountain Lifting Hermit's battle qi punch touched the bodies of the two battle puppets, it only slid off a part of the metal on the battle puppets...

With a loud boom, the 16 feet of the two battle puppets left 16 scratches on the ground. After moving 7-8 m backward, they rushed forward once again...

These battle puppets' defensive abilities and close-combat capabilities could almost match that of knights.

The roar of Mountain Lifting Hermit started the first battle in the hieron ruins.

"Hahaha, cool!" Zhang Tie rushed out of the black iron knights with laughter. Based on his powerful jumping ability, Zhang Tie instantly arrived at over 20 m in the air. He then waved his abyss battle spear in the air while a battle qi fire dragon appeared whose brilliant glow covered the entire lobby...

In the battle, the 3 earth knights couldn't stand throwing a glance at Zhang Tie.

Everybody then felt a hot sun shining in the air while the temperature in the surroundings rose up abruptly...

Zhang Tie was lifting the hot sun. Together with the dancing, odd-looking fire dragon with a pair of wings, the hot sun was thrown into the group of battle puppets.

Thunder-like booms and strong, hot wind and shock waves of battle qi swept over 100 m in a split second, sending 4 of the group of battle puppets flying backward at once.

What a fierce strike! It could almost match that of an earth knight.

All the black iron knights including Gong Ziyao and Zhou Shufan who saw Zhang Tie using his long spear battle skill for the first time were startled at once. They had not imagined that Zhang Tie could be so fierce.

Zhang Tie refreshed everyone's senses once again.

At the sight of this scene, the grand elder of Tianlu Palace was shocked too while a famous figure in Taixia Country occurred to his mind, he immediately hailed, "Fire-Dragon Heaven Burning Spear Battle Skill!"

"Hahahaah...Grand Elder Anguo really has a good taste!" Zhang Tie burst into laughter as he raised his spear horizontally to block two huge swords.

Closely after that, he changed the direction of the head of the long spear in a weird manner and penetrated it through the gap between a battle puppet's shield and huge sword like a living, golden snake. He directly stabbed his spear into the lower body of the battle puppet and lifted it up, smashing it towards another battle puppet; as a result, the two battle puppets were both sent flying away...

Each battle puppet here weighed about 5-6 tons. All the black iron knights' eyebrows kept jumping when they saw Zhang Tie lifting up a battle puppet with the spear so easily, 'F*ck, how powerful is this guy! Is he even a human or not?'

After touching these battle puppets, Zhang Tie felt that these battle puppets' metal was very defensive to long-distance battle qi strikes. As for these battle puppets, the most effective combat mode was the close combat.

More battle puppets rushed towards them...

In the laughter, Zhang Tie passed by the three earth knights and rushed into a group of battle puppets alone in an aggressive way.

After that, all the others could not see Zhang Tie's body clearly. Instead, they could only see huge battle puppets being lifted up by Zhang Tie's abyss battle spear one after another and smashed onto the other battle puppets in the distance. They could barely pick themselves up from the ground until quite a while...

1...2...3...4...16...17...18...

Zhang Tie kept lifting up 18 battle puppets...

In Hua legends, an unrivaled fierce general could lift up chariots one after another on the battlefield. Although they had not seen that; at the sight of Zhang Tie's performance, everybody else felt that the legendary general could not even match Cui Li.

Chapter 935: A Bloody Battle in the Lobby

The battle puppets could not be killed...

After Mountain Lifting Hermit, Old Monster Qi and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace, Zhang Tie was the 4th knight who penetrated through a battle puppet with abyss battle spear and broke the battle puppet into metal fragments and parts.

Zhang Tie thought that the battle puppet would die for sure; however, the fragments and parts of the battle puppet assembled once again automatically and recovered the original look of the battle puppet in less than half a minute.

This scene reminded Zhang Tie of his favorite game at home when he was young—find an empty box of leather shoes and throw some nails and screws in it. After that, move a piece of the magnet at the bottom of the box slowly. Gradually, those nails and screws would move and gather together...

Zhang Tie was obsessed with this game when he was 5 years old. At this moment, watching those parts assembling like being manipulated by a huge piece of magnet underground, Zhang Tie felt goosebumps all over. He finally understood why Mountain Lifting Hermit organized a team to explore this hieron ruins together with him.

Although those battle puppets' battle strength could almost match that of knights and their bodies could be damaged or shattered into pieces, their finest parts could never be destroyed, even by earth knights.

Knights might be killed; however, those parts of battle puppets could only be separated temporarily. In less than 10 minutes, they would assemble into a new battle puppet and join the battle once again.

They were not fighting battle puppets but thousands of indestructible fine parts and gears.

Besides the battle puppets, the entire palace seemed to be able to "heal" itself. The traces on the ground caused by Zhang Tie gradually faded away in less than 10 minutes too...

It took them more than 2 hours to march in 1/3 of the lobby.

Many battle puppets were rushing towards them all the time...

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With an explosive sound "boom", Zhang Tie penetrated through a battle puppet's chest after causing a special, shrill sound in the air. With his vigorous battle qi, the battle puppet exploded while thousands of parts scattered like how a heavenly maid scattered blossoms.

It was the 6th battle puppet that Zhang Tie had killed...

When a spider's leg flew off, Zhang Tie immediately caught it by his hand.

Noticing that Filton and the other two team members were being besieged by 7-8 battle puppets, Zhang Tie rushed to their side as he waved his spear to strike the 7-8 battle puppets' bodies and shields in a split second. After a tempest-like collision, the formation of the battle puppets was broken by Zhang Tie, resolving the crisis facing the group of three at once.

Only at this moment did everybody else feel being lucky to have Zhang Tie as their team member.

After Zhang Tie broke the formation of the battle puppets, two battle puppets rushed towards Zhang Tie at a high speed at once.

"Piss off!" Zhang Tie lifted up one battle puppet by his right hand and sent it flying away. At the same time, he fiercely smashed the spider leg onto the other battle puppet's shield, causing that battle puppet to slide over 10 m away.

The spider's leg weighed over 200 kg. It worked as an odd-looking wooden club in Zhang Tie's left hand. Even though being a club, it was also intimidating with the terrifying strength and battle skills.

With a spear in the right hand and a spider's leg in the left hand, Zhang Tie was surrounded by wild air-splitting shrieks and howls. He then rushed into the formation of the battle puppets and caused a great chaos at once like a fierce lion coming down a mountain.

Filton rushed to Zhang Tie's side and made a head-on collision with a battle puppet.

During this process, Filton asked Zhang Tie, "What do you take a leg of battle puppet for?"

Zhang Tie replied, "I want to see whether the battle puppet could recover while lacking one leg. Don't you feel it is interesting?"

"What the hell!" Filton replied.

Among all of them, perhaps only Zhang Tie felt that it was interesting to do an experiment with a broken leg of a battle puppet at this moment.

If he was alone, Zhang Tie even thought about throwing this broken leg into the abyss of chaos in Castle of Black Iron to check whether this battle puppet would still be that sharp or not after its broken leg was completely melted.

Besides being unable to use battle qi strikes and fly, these battle puppets' battle strength was really terrifying. A corps of 100,000 battle puppets outside the hieron in the pyramid could definitely be unrivaled in the world.

Right then, the first human knight was wounded...

He was from the team of Old Monster Qi.

The knight jumped higher than 30 m as if he wanted to jump over some battle puppets...

However, when he jumped up, some battle puppets in front of him lowered their bodies and jumped up at the same time; meanwhile, two huge swords and one spear pricked towards that human knight.

Actually, when a human knight lost his flying ability, it was very dangerous and stupid for him to jump up and fight his enemies in the air due to gravity.

Even the three earth knights who had greater jumping abilities than him were fighting step by step on the ground, he definitely had to bear the corresponding result for his jump.

It seemed that he had not imagined that these battle puppets could jump so high.

In the air, he was startled. After blocking three battle puppet's strike hurriedly, his protective battle qi was broken at once; meanwhile, he started to decline rapidly towards the ground.

At this moment, a battle puppet raised its head and threw out a spear towards him when his protective battle qi was broken.

It was out of his imagination that battle puppets could throw out a spear.

The target of the spear was his lower abdomen. The battle puppet wanted to kill him. In a panic, he used his instinct to strike the long spear by palm from a few meters away. Although the spear's head lowered and didn't hit his lower abdomen, it penetrated through his thigh. After spurting out a lot of blood from his thigh, the man uttered a muffled harrumph...

The moment he landed, he had rolled aside and poured a vial of all-purpose medicament into his mouth at the fastest speed.

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In a few minutes, a battle puppet with red eyes and one leg jumped towards Zhang Tie at a speed which was just a bit slower than that of normal battle puppets.

At this moment, the broken leg in Zhang Tie's left hand started to expand and contract forcefully. It felt like a living, running hind leg of a robust ox. The broken leg had a very great strength. Commoners could not hold it fast at all, except for Zhang Tie. However, the strength of the broken leg was dwarfed by the strength of Zhang Tie's hand.

Watching Zhang Tie holding fast its broken leg, the battle puppet chased after Zhang Tie like a lunatic. It seemed that it swore to kill Zhang Tie.

After a while, the broken leg started to get warmer. Gradually, it turned as hot as a red piece of iron. After that, with a sound "Pah", the broken leg automatically separated into many finer parts and dropped off Zhang Tie's hand. Closely after that, those parts started to bounce towards the very battle puppet like hopping beads. Gradually, a new leg formed...

'How great these battle puppets are! On this occasion, they could almost be unrivaled.'

'However, the one who created these battle puppets tens of thousands of years ago was greater.'

Zhang Tie sighed with emotions inside as he kept fighting those battle puppets...

After recovering its leg completely, the battle puppet rushed towards Zhang Tie once again...

In a few minutes, the battle puppet turned into pieces over again...

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Everyone was marching on as they fought battle puppets fiercely.

It was a bloody battle. Since the first human knight in the team of Old Monster Qi was injured, more and more people in the teams of Tianlu Palace and Mountain Lifting Hermit started to get injured consecutively. Even Gong Ziyao's shoulder was injured by a battle puppet's spear...

Thankfully, nobody was killed in this course.

After about another 4 hours' bloody fight, they finally drew close to the other end of the lobby. The arch doors on the fan-shaped walls could almost be reached in less than 100 m.

However, by then, above 90% of them had been exhausted.

"Hahahaha, see you. Wish you're safe..." Old Monster Qi burst into laughter as his battle qi suddenly surged. An image of a huge bloody toad rose up and beat back a row of battle puppets in front of him at once. At the same time, he dodged from the sharp weapons in weird movements and broke the final ring of encirclement. Closely after that, he disappeared behind an arched door...

Chapter 936: Woman's Heart

Now that he was called Old Monster Qi and was not favorable, he would always do something that made people abhorrent, exposing his selfish temperament sharply.

Take this moment as an instance, when the others were fighting battle puppets bloodily, Old Monster Qi suddenly broke out the encirclement and left all the others behind.

Zhang Tie wondered what Old Monster Qi and his team members had agreed with; however, at this moment, Zhang Tie felt that the other team members became Old Monster Qi's tools. As long as they could help Old Monster Qi pass this lobby, they would lose their value.

Although Old Monster Qi left without any hesitation, an earth knight's sudden departure severely weakened the overall battle strength of human knights; especially the battle strength of Old Monster's team.

After almost 6 hours of bloody battle, when they were going to pass this terrifying lobby, most of the knights had been exhausted. Old Monster Qi's departure immediately made his team suffer a great loss. As a result, one of his team members was injured at once.

Bai Suxian moved as agile as usual. Her soft steel whip was both sharp and crafty, which could be as hard as steel and as soft as water. Her ability was definitely above average black iron knights. Since they entered the lobby to the present, 3 of their team had been injured; however, the "young sister" was still safe and sound.

However, as a woman, even though her battle strength was not bad, after 6 hours of a tough endurance race, she had also almost run out of her physical strength. At this moment, Bai Suxian's face had turned abnormally pale while oozing sweat at her temples. Facing the fierce attack of so many battle puppets, she gradually became stagnated while her protective battle qi was only 1/4 of the original thickness. At the same time, it was undulating very unsteadily. For many times, the battle puppets' battle swords almost scraped her neck and nose tip. The remaining protective battle qi actually could not guarantee her safety anymore, which would be easily collapsed.

The battle puppets would not die; however, knights would die for sure. If the passage of this lobby was 1.5 times longer and only two earth knights broke in, perhaps even earth knights would be killed.

Mountain Lifting Hermit and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace had not exerted their full strength. Since the beginning of this battle, they had not shown their real strength. Besides, only Zhang Tie among all the other knights was still vigorous while being circled by a fire dragon. Holding an abyss battle spear, he was like a battle god. Wherever he went, he would sweep over his weapon as if he had determined to have a head-on fight with the battle puppets. Zhang Tie didn't look fatigued at all.

"Ah..." An exclamation drifted from Bai Suxian. Zhang Tie turned around and found Bai Suxian's long whip was twining around a battle puppet's neck. However, that battle puppet suddenly dropped its shield. At the same time, it suddenly stood up its lower body and started to draw the long whip forcefully. Having been very weak, Bai Suxian, after losing her balance, instantly flew towards the battle puppet. Right then, the battle puppet stabbed its spear towards the "young sister"'s breast forcefully with a shrill sound in the air.

Battle puppet didn't have a good taste. They only knew enemies instead of cup sizes.

As it occurred so abruptly, Bai Suxian had no chance to dodge at all. With a despairing look, Bai Suxian was going to be penetrated through by the spear and be severely injured in the blink of an eye...

Right then, Zhang Tie rushed over there and hugged her; at the same time, he bore the strike of that battle puppet with his back directly.

Zhang Tie found that he was genuinely soft-hearted. As that woman was not that vicious, he really couldn't stand watching a woman being severely injured or killed by a battle puppet in front of him.

Such a strike was very powerful. Although it didn't break Zhang Tie's protective battle qi, it rocked his protective battle qi. Additionally, Zhang Tie was sent flying backward together with Bai Suxian.

As Zhang Tie flew backward horizontally. The moment he fell onto the ground, he had hugged Bai Suxian with one arm and started to roll on the ground.

In such a case, even knights were disadvantageous while lying on the ground.

The surrounding huge swords were fiercely stabbed towards the two people. At the same time, the spider feet stomped towards their bodies mercilessly like sharp forks.

The battle puppets launched a tempest-like strike towards Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian.

As the old saying went, when you helped a person, you had to help him to the end; when you see off a Buddha, you'd better send the Buddha to the West. Now that Zhang Tie had determined to save Bai Suxian, of course, he would prevent her from being injured. If the one whom he saved was injured at this moment, he would lose his face greatly, 'No matter what, this father has experienced hundreds of battles and is cultivating an emperor-level secret method. Aren't I qualified to save her?'

When those swords, spears and spider feet fell, Zhang Tie protected Bai Suxian with his body while some swords and spears were directly stabbed onto his battle qi, causing his qi and blood to roll inside.

However, as Zhang Tie was strike-resistant and had a self-recovery body; even if he was stabbed and chopped a few times, he could still bear that. He was not afraid of that at all.

In others' eyes, such a fierce and thrilling attack would solve the battle in a split second.

The other knights just saw Zhang Tie rolling on the ground with Bai Suxian so as to dodge from the brutal and terrifying blades and spears. As a result, those ineffective blades and spears stroke the ground, causing booms across the lobby.

Gong Ziyao, Zhou Shufan and Filton were startled at the same time as they hurriedly came here to save Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie didn't notice that Bai Suxian whose face turned pale just now was raising her head and looking at him without blinking her eyes while her fearsome look had disappeared.

Bai Suxian unconsciously leaned against Zhang Tie's chest lightly with her face and listened to Zhang Tie's surging blood and heartbeats. At the same time, she embraced Zhang Tie's waist with closed eyes...

"Go die!" Zhang Tie finally found a chance to launch a counter-attack by sweeping over his spear while lying on the ground, breaking 4-5 spider legs within a radius of 4 m besides blocking those spears and huge swords.

Zhang Tie sprung up from the ground once again. At the same time, he caught the waistband of the imperial longuette of Bai Suxian. In the next second, he threw Bai Suxian towards the other end of the lobby like throwing a javelin.

Zhang Tie's strength was really great. Not until Bai Suxian landed on the other end of the lobby steadily and opened her eyes did those battle puppets respond to that.

Therefore, Bai Suxian became the second person who passed the lobby after Old Monster Qi.

There was an evident line of demarcation on the ground while the colors and grains of the floor on two sides of the line of demarcation were different. It seemed that those battle puppets within the line of demarcation didn't see Bai Suxian at all.

Standing outside the line of demarcation, Bai Suxian watched Zhang Tie while panting heavily. At the same time, she took out a vial of all-purpose medicament and drank it up...

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Previously, Gong Ziyao, Zhou Shufan and Cecilia were thinking about breaking the encirclement to save Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian; however, before they arrived, they had seen Zhang Tie spring up from the ground vigorously. At the same time, he threw Bai Suxian out of the battlefield.

At this moment, a battle puppet whose neck was circled with a soft whip rushed towards Zhang Tie. Watching this battle puppet and recalling his embarrassed look just now, Zhang Tie roared as he jumped up and fiercely struck the battle puppet's head with his spear by two hands like lashing a stick.

The battle puppet raised its shield to block Zhang Tie's strike; however, Zhang Tie's strike was evidently out of its endurance capacity.

As a result, its shield turned into pieces and scattered over the ground. Closely after that, one of its arms was broken. Finally, Zhang Tie's abyss battle spear smashed onto its head, breaking its head into parts and sending them flying in all directions...

The battle puppet didn't die; even though its head was chopped off, it had just lost its sense of direction, sense of judgment and striking capability for the time being while circling on the ground...

'What a man!' Everybody took a deep breath at the sight of this scene.

"Is that a man?" Filton roared what the others were thinking about...

Before the others came to save him, Zhang Tie had swept over once again.

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At this moment, Zhang Tie felt a white shadow flashing by. Zhang Tie was stunned as he had not imagined that Bai Suxian who had been thrown out of the battlefield could return.

Bai Suxian caught her long whip and protected Zhang Tie by waving it like a tempest.

Zhang Tie didn't appreciate her; instead, he was driven mad. He felt that he had borne hundreds of times of strikes for her in vain, 'Is she crazy?'

Zhang Tie roared towards Bai Suxian, "Are you motherf*cking sick? You've been out of the battlefield, why are you back? As a female, why are you flaunting your superiority at this moment?'

However, Bai Suxian didn't say anything; she just wove her steel whip more frequently.

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It took them almost 10 minutes to break through the last 100 m.

When everybody rushed out of the line of demarcation, the battle puppets in the lobby stopped their strikes. After wandering in the lobby for a while, the battle puppets returned to their original positions. When they stood still in two rows like statues, the glow in their eyes faded away like nothing had happened...

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The moment they passed the lobby, most of the knights threw themselves onto the ground and started to pant heavily like having escaped from a catastrophe...

Chapter 937: Crossing the Lobby of the Hieron

After about 6 hours of fierce battle, although nobody died, most of the 3 teams of knights threw themselves onto the ground as if they had survived a catastrophe.

They took a rest by drinking medicament and treating their wounds.

At this moment, even though there were so many portals near them, they didn't have the strength and spiritual energy to explore them for the time being. As they were safe temporarily, what counted most was to hurriedly recover their battle strength.

At this moment, besides Mountain Lifting Hermit and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace, there were only 3-5 people who were still standing, including Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie was concerned about the injuries of Gong Ziyao and Bolam. After confirming that the two people's injuries were not severe and they had drunk up a vial of medium-recovery medicament respectively, Zhang Tie became reassured.

"Brother Cui...aren't you tired?" Zhou Shufan asked Zhang Tie when he found the latter was still vigorous like nothing had happened. Zhou Shufan who would always remain his demeanor also looked a bit embarrassed at this moment—sweat all over his forehead; panting heavily; two broken parts on his soft armor.

"Ho...ho...I'm okay..." Zhang Tie revealed a smile.

"Oh, I heard Elder Zhang Anguo saying that you were using the fire dragon heavens burning spear skill, it might be..."

Zhou Shufan finally got a chance to ask this question.

"Yup, I'm cultivating 'Fire Dragon Sutra!'" Zhang Tie replied frankly.

It was a good moment to expose the secret that he was cultivating the "Fire Dragon Sutra". To be honest, Zhang Tie had to appreciate Zhang Anguo of Tianlu Palace, who was really an informed earth knight. The moment Zhang Tie showed it, it had been identified by Zhang Anguo. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't need to find another moment to explain it to others.

Nobody could imagine that Cui Li who was cultivating the "Fire Dragon Sutra" and Zhang Tie who was being wanted in Taixia Country were the same person.

After hearing that Zhang Tie frankly admitted that he was cultivating the "Fire Dragon Sutra", all the surrounding knights were shocked inside. In a split second, some more "admiring" eye lights focused on Zhang Tie. As a complete marquis-level classic, "Fire Dragon Sutra" was very precious even in Taixia Country. It could never be touched by a common clan or sect. It was really out of their imaginations that Zhang Tie was so lucky to cultivate the "Fire Dragon Sutra".

Even Lord Huaiyuan who wanted to seal the Far-ancient Immortal Stele founded Huaiyuan Palace and left remarkable exploits in Taixia Country only with a count-level "Breaking Sun Sutra", the significance of "Fire Dragon Sutra" which was a marquis-level cultivation method would be clear.

Although there were duke-level, throne-level and emperor-level cultivation methods above marquis-level classics, only Emperor Xuanyuan was cultivating an emperor-level cultivation method called "Xuanyuan God Sutra"; there were totally less than 10 throne-level cultivation methods in both the Eastern Continent and the Western Continent; there were less than 20 duke-level cultivation methods, most of which were mastered by super clans and sects. Such cultivation methods were the greatest treasures of huge empires in the Western Continent. Therefore, marquis-level cultivation methods were the highest level cultivation methods that most of the knights could touch, which had a very significant role.

"I've not imagined that brother Cui could be so lucky. I feel very happy for you. It's said that by cultivating 'Fire Dragon Sutra' people could be very powerful and be as vigorous as a dragon. It seems to be real..." Gong Ziyao and Zhou Shufan both felt happy for Zhang Tie as they treated Zhang Tie as their friend although they both admired him.

"7 decades ago, Fire Dragon Hermit was unrivaled and known as one of the top 10 powerhouses in using the spear in Taixia Country with the cultivation method "Fire Dragon Sutra" and the secret battle skills and fire dragon heavens burning spear skill in the "Fire Dragon Sutra". His heroic deeds were admirable. However, Fire Dragon Hermit suddenly secluded 6 decades ago and disappeared. I wonder about the relationship between young brother Cui and Fire Dragon Hermit? "The grand elder of Tianlu Palace walked towards them and asked Zhang Tie with a kind look after checking some injured members.

Based on the status of the grand elder of Tianlu Palace and his battle strength as an earth knight, Zhang Anguo was definitely respecting Zhang Tie too much by calling him a "young elder".

Zhang Tie's performance in the battle and his background of "Fire Dragon Sutra" could win him respect for sure.

After hearing Zhang Anguo's words, Zhang Tie realized that the sitting skeleton in the mountain cave of Lianyun Mountain must be Fire Dragon Hermit. As for why Fire Dragon Hermit suddenly secluded and died there, it was a mystery.

Zhang Tie touched his bald head and said, "Honestly, I don't know anything about the relationship between me and Fire Dragon Hermit either."

Zhang Anguo was stunned by Zhang Tie's reply, "What do you mean..."

"I found "Fire Dragon Sutra" and a sitting corpse in a mountain cave. If nobody else in Taixia Country has "Fire Dragon Sutra", that sitting corpse must be Fire Dragon Hermit. As I inherited the knowledge of Fire Dragon Hermit by accident, I should be his disciple in the secular world!"

'Is this the so-called marvelous experience? Many youngsters in Taixia Country could only read such a marvelous scene in novels. Is that real?'

Hearing Zhang Tie how he gained the "Fire Dragon Sutra", all the surrounding knights became dumbfounded.

Zhang Anguo gazed at Zhang Tie's facial expressions and movements with a pair of sharp eyes. After hearing Zhang Tie's explanation, Zhang Anguo knew that Zhang Tie was telling true...

'He found a marquis-level "Fire Dragon Sutra" in a mountain cave by accident? I remember that Zhang Clan in Tianlu Palace has sacrificed at least 10 knights after almost 100 years of efforts of so many clan members only for a count-level "Early Universe Sutra" which could be the No. 1 treasure of Tianlu Palace.' Zhang Anguo sighed with full emotions inside.

People could not be compared with each other; otherwise, someone would be driven mad for sure.

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The moment Zhang Tie turned around, he had seen the "young sister" who was watching him with a pair of amorous, watery eyes, causing goosebumps all over Zhang Tie.

After finding that Zhang Tie had noticed her, Bai Suxian walked towards him.

With a faint blush, she looked a bit bashful.

"Why...did you save me?" Bai Suxian muttered in a tender voice while lowering her head.

The moment Bai Suxian asked, all those beside them became quiet in a weird manner. Gong Ziyao, Zhou Shufan, Filton and Cecilia turned around at the same time; even Mountain Lifting Hermit prick up his ears. They had witnessed how Zhang Tie saved Bai Suxian just now. Not only roadside moms who bought vegetables were gossipy, even knights were curious.

It seemed that Bai Suxian had forgotten the lesson that she had learned when she talked to Zhang Tie at the beginning. After a few seconds, she had regretted asking Zhang Tie this question.

"Young sister, your breasts are as large as papayas. They must be juicy; how pitiful would it be if they were pierced by that battle puppet using a spear. If so, you would have a problem to feed your babies..." Zhang Tie shouted with a righteous look, "If you really appreciate me, when you give birth to a baby, let him call me Godfather. No matter what, I've kept this pair of feeding bottles for him!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, even Mountain Lifting Hermit and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace twitched their faces...

All the others who were waiting for the good result between a hero and a beauty were left dumbfounded by Zhang Tie at once.

Even Filton was stunned so much, 'According to the customs of Hua people, shouldn't this be a good marriage? How could Cui Li turn the romantic scene of butterflies flying in a pair in front of flowers under moonlights into a dialogue between a vulgar man and a female farmer who sells vegetables?'

Bai Suxian's face turned red and white as she didn't know how to react to him at all...

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After a few minutes, when most of the knights were still cultivating, Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhang Anguo couldn't stay here anymore. Otherwise, Old Monster Qi would have entered the rear region ahead of them. As they were here for treasures; of course, they should not lag behind.

As for Mountain Lifting Hermit, he had been merciful enough by leading his team members across the lobby. As for the rest time, it depended on themselves.

After talking something to their own team members, the two earth knights rushed into a portal respectively. As for the rest team members, they didn't fully recover and thus entered the region behind the hieron 3 hours later...

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At this moment, the demon baron appeared far away from the island above the magma sea...

Chapter 938: An Uninvited Guest

When the demon baron who had been following the three teams of human knights drew close to the island in the magma sea, those human knights had already landed on the island for a long time. It was

not because that the demon baron didn't want to come here; instead, it was because of the utter difference between the environment above the magma sea and that in the mountain cave.

As it was very spacious and highly visible above the magma sea, which was radiating glow everywhere, if a knight flew above the magma sea alone, it would be very eye-catching. As there was almost no object that could cover the demon baron above the magma sea, the demon baron would be discovered from dozens of miles away. If someone among the human knights was watching through a telescope, the demon baron might have been discovered from 70 miles away.

Of course, the demon baron could also move in the magma sea. As an earth knight, it could also stay a few hours in the magma. However, it would cost its physical strength too much in magma; additionally, its moving speed would be heavily reduced. Therefore, it preferred to fly above the magma sea.

In the beginning, the demon baron followed up the human knights purely for revenge by killing them.

Later on, the demon baron found three teams of human knights of over 20 black iron knights under the leadership of 3 earth knights were getting together. It was a great power even in the first abyss. After knowing that so many human knights had flocked together, the demon baron's curiosity was aroused.

If not a major event or something related to interests, such a great power could not be easily gathered by humans or demons.

A few days ago, the demon baron seized the chance to kill a black iron human knight decisively.

It was an attempt.

After killing that human knight, the demon baron hid somewhere and started to observe the movements of the other human knights.

He found that the other human knights didn't evacuate or change their foothold; instead, they were still stationed near that valley.

Did it indicate that the other human knights were very confident about their power? Of course not, it only indicated that these human knights were going to do a major event, which was considered more important than facing the threats of demon knights.

After confirming that the other human knights were still stationed in the valley, the demon baron realized that they must be waiting for something.

'Are they waiting for more human knights?'

The demon baron was confused about their intention. However, he knew that it was a good chance. As long as he could destroy human knights' movements and make humans feel unhappy, he would regard it as a good chance.

The demon baron became thrilled.

When the abyss hurricane disappeared, the demon baron finally knew what the human knights were waiting for.

This magma sea was located on the other ends of underground tunnels and mountain caves. In normal times, few people could arrive here; fewer of those who arrived here knew that the abyss hurricane would stop. As the abyss hurricane above the magma sea would stop 3-5 days in every 3 years, those who came here might have a probability of 1/200 to meet the situation when the abyss hurricane disappeared. Therefore, the demons didn't know what was hidden in this magma sea.

'However, human knights should know that; otherwise, they would not wait until the abyss hurricane came to a stop. There must be something valuable in the magma sea!'

The demon baron sniffed something special.

In the Earth-elements Realm, there were three situations that would stimulate a lot of human knights to move together: first, fierce combats and military actions between humans and demons; second, the opportunity to gain a lot of element crystals; third, the abyss secret items that were buried underground.

The first possibility could be excluded.

When the demon baron caught sight of the island in the magma sea and the pyramid in the middle of the island, it excluded the second possibility.

The demon baron was driven wild with joy from being thrilled.

The flat-roof pyramid looked like a hieron.

The world on the earth's surface was predominated by humans, the underground world was predominated by demons. Demons had learned about the history of the underground world much better than humans. Over the past tens of thousands of years, a lot of knowledge had been lacking among humans, which was caused by breaking-up human civilizations. However, among demons especially those high-level demons who had promoted to knights, these knowledge were carried forward.

The demon knight felt that the temperature surrounding the island was dropping sharply. After flying around the island and finding no ambush on the island, it knew that this island might have a no-fly zone. Therefore, the demon knight lowered its flight altitude and landed on the island steadily.

Mountain Lifting Hermit's concern that the demon knight would fetch its partners after finding their target here was right. However, it was out of his imagination that the demon knight who was following them up was not an average black iron knight but an earth demon knight, a powerful demon baron.

The boldness of execution stems from superb skill, this proverb was also suitable for demons.

After a few minutes, when the demon baron came to the entrance of the pyramid, it injected its spiritual energy into the remote-sensing crystal finger ring and prepared to send a message to its partners.

If it sent the message successfully, a team of demons which would be more advantageous than human knights in battle strength would arrive in 4 days at most.

Just like how humans would destroy demons' action when they found that demons were doing the same thing, demons would do the same to humans.

Before sending the message, the demon baron raised its head and caught sight of the symbol above the gate of the pyramid.

It was a time-honored, mysterious triangular symbol composed of three scales in different sizes.

At the sight of the symbol, the lizard-like jujube core-sized vertical pupils in the golden eyes of the demon baron expanded with a shrewd eye light. At the same time, the demon baron exclaimed, "Bloody Sacrificial Hieron!"

Those human knights didn't know the meaning of that symbol; however, this demon baron knew it.

Only after thinking about it for less than 2 seconds, the demon baron had revealed a faint, grim sinister. At the same time, it stretched out its tongue and licked its lips. After exiting its spiritual energy from the remote-sensing crystal, it strode into the hieron at once.

Besides being brutal, another feature of demons was greed.

The demon baron didn't notice that when he strode into the hieron, an invisible tracing feather had blown up like dandelion and stuck to his boots silently.

The tracing feather was much lighter than a speck of dust. As long as it didn't attach to the skin of high-level knights, it would not be easily noticed.

The moment the demon knight moved, the tracing feather moved too...

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At the same time, Zhang Tie stopped his footsteps in the underground space of the pyramid.

"What's wrong?" Filton stopped and turned around to ask Zhang Tie.

The moment Filton and Zhang Tie stopped, all the other 4 members of their group turned around to watch Zhang Tie. They thought that Zhang Tie had found something.

At this moment, they were walking among deserted palace-like rooms and a maze-like cloister and expecting to find something.

There were still very few battle puppets standing at the doors of one or two rooms, which were evidently outnumbered by Zhang Tie's group.

Zhang Tie's group was composed of 6 people, namely; Filton, Bolam, Cecilia, Gong Ziyao, Zhou Shufan and Zhang Tie. It was easy for them to defeat one or two battle puppets.

Besides the team of Tianlu Palace, the teams led by Old Monster Qi and Mountain Lifting Hermit had dispersed the moment they crossed the lobby.

In Zhang Tie's mind sea, the tracing feathers on Mountain Lifting Hermit, Zhang Anguo and Old Monster Qi had long left this region and been over 70 miles away. They were still rapidly moving towards afar. The latter tracing feather was also rushing downwards the pyramid at a high speed.

Given the moving speed of that tracing feather, Zhang Tie had confirmed that this one must be an earth knight.

It moved so fast that even Zhang Tie was shocked.

'I wonder whether that one is a human or a demon.'

"Nothing..." Zhang Tie shook his head as he tried to recover his composure, "I was just thinking that this region might not be valuable. As it's close to the lobby, it should have been explored by people. We would have a very low possibility to find any good item here. Why not speed up to take a look at the Weapons Mountain?"

"I agree with you. If we're lucky, we might get a silver secret item..." Gong Ziyao nodded.

After fighting some battle puppets outside the rooms in vain, Gong Ziyao also thought that there was no good item left here. Perhaps, there might be something good in a room; however, it would take them more than 3 days to explore all the rooms.

At this moment, two shadows flashed by them——Lu Zhongming and his wife had overtaken them...

Chapter 939: The Weapons Mountain

Zhang Tie thought that the earth knight behind them might hardly pass the lobby alone; however, the fact was out of Zhang Tie's imagination...

It took the demon baron less than 10 minutes to arrive on the last step at the bottom of the pyramid.

The moment it stood on the other end of the lobby, the demon baron stopped at once. With flickering, shrewd eye lights, he observed this lobby attentively and seriously.

The demon baron swept over the ground of the lobby and found that the battle traces were gradually recovering on the smooth and tidy floor. No single part of battle puppets was left on the floor except for some broken protective armors and fresh blood of human knights.

None of the human knights entering the lobby had imagined that their battle traces left a key information to the demon baron. Through the battle traces, the demon baron knew that those human knights didn't know too much about this hieron although they had keys to open the gate of this hieron——At least they didn't know as much as demons. If the human knights knew a lot about this hieron, they could completely pass this lobby without activating those battle puppets.

At the sight of this scene, the demon baron further strengthened its belief to take a risk. If human knights didn't know too much about this hieron, even if the demon baron failed its adventure, it could also leave here safe and sound.

At this moment, the eyes of the two rows of battle puppets in the lobby turned red once again. The battle puppets then moved their necks and watched the demon baron at the same time.

The demon baron looked at the ground seriously one inch after another.

Besides the previous battle traces, there were some exotic grains on the ground. When it observed them carefully, it found that those grains were faintly undulating and flowing like ripples under the sunshine in a rivulet.

Even demon knights knew many things that human knights didn't, not to mention demon nobles.

Although the grains on the ground looked irregular and meaningless in the eyes of human knights, they were meaningful in the eyes of the demon baron. They were like cipher turntable safe.

Most of the bandits and thieves would open safes by force; however, for those who knew cipher turntable of safe, they only needed to adjust the cipher turntable properly.

This was Bloody Sacrificial Hieron. If a bloody battle was unavoidable whenever humans passed the hieron, how did flamens and monks enter this hieron in that far-ancient age?

Zhang Tie had thought about this question; however, he couldn't think it through.

By contrast, the demon baron knew how.

After gazing at the grains on the ground seriously for 5 minutes, the demon baron went down the last step and stood onto a certain place of those exotic grains.

Although the battle puppets moved a bit, they basically stayed in the original places.

The demon baron let out a sigh as it stood still and watched the grains seriously.

The battle puppets didn't move, it indicated that the demon baron's judgment was right. It realized that the knowledge that he mastered still worked.

In less than 5 minutes, the demon baron strode out once again...

It took the demon baron a bit longer than 4.5 minutes to finish three footsteps.

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When Zhang Tie felt that the tracing feather had slowed down when it came to the lobby, Zhang Tie thought that the latter one was in a fierce battle.

Zhang Tie soon knew that he was wrong.

In the beginning, the tracing feather moved one time in every few minutes; gradually, it moved faster and faster, which startled Zhang Tie.

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After 1 more hour, when Zhang Tie's group passed through the palace complex and entered a wood, the tracing feather also passed through the lobby.

It took the latter one almost 1/5 of the time used by the three teams of human knights to pass the lobby. What an amazing speed! The reason that Zhang Tie was startled was that he thought that even two earth knights could not pass the lobby in such a short period jointly.

'What did such a high speed mean?'

'Did I make a wrong judgment? The uninvited guest is a heavenly knight?'

Zhang Tie's heart raced when this whim occurred to his mind.

"Ah, it's too motherf*cking cold..." Filton couldn't stand crying while running.

It was indeed growing colder. Zhang Tie felt that it was at least -80 degrees Celsius.

It was purely cold without wind or snow. Zhang Tie felt that everyone had entered a huge space being similar to that of "refrigerator" before the Catastrophe.

What did 80 degrees Celsius below zero mean? It meant that if Filton spat out a mouth of saliva, before the saliva reached the land, half of it would have been frozen. Not only that, their leather armors also turned stiff.

Even in running, everybody was still releasing a thin layer of protective battle qi so as to maintain their own body temperature.

Perhaps, there were indeed plants in this wood very long time ago; however, they had fully turned into crystal, ice sculptures or fossils.

The current scenery was very brilliant and dreamlike. However, it was not funny at all.

"I feel that we've made a circle around that architectural complex..." Gong Ziyao said as he was running.

"Yes, I think so..." Bolam nodded.

When they talked, they exhaled masses of white air, which instantly dispersed the moment they left the range of their protective battle qi.

"Are we in a maze?" Cecilia asked.

"It's not a maze. We're in the hieron. Tens of thousands of years ago, it didn't exist for the posterities to make circles. We were just in a common architectural complex in the hieron, which might be the dwelling place of flamens or monks. It was just a bit special in design and a bit large in size. All the designs in the hieron are functional which won't be too complex. We've just passed through that architectural complex and entered a garden in the hieron..." Zhou Shufan replied calmly, "Didn't you feel that we were still in the pyramid? The staircase was spiral; therefore, the lobby should be located at the edge of the bottom of the pyramid. I think we're marching towards the center of the bottom of the pyramid..."

"Ah, how is it possible?" Filton shouted, "We've already deepened dozens of miles below the pyramid!"

"The part above the ground is just a small part of the top of the pyramid. Most part of this pyramid is deeply buried underground. Each step I ran forward, I would release a battle qi towards the ground; I found that the ground would give me a feedback on my battle qi each time. The part below the ground here was same as that in the lobby. You can have a try..." Zhou Shufan explained which shocked everyone else.

The others sensed it seriously and found it was like how Zhou Shufan said. The strand of battle qi met a layer of powerful and plain obstacle after deepening into the ground for dozens of meters. The obstacle felt similar to that they sensed in the lobby.

If they were still at the bottom of the pyramid at this moment, this hieron was too huge. It was out of people's imagination that who could create such a marvelous hieron.

Zhou Shufan's explanation was soon verified. They found a fully frozen lake in front of them. Both sides of the lake were surrounded by handrails.

After crossing the iced lake, Zhang Tie caught sight of the team of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace.

All the members of Zhang Clan's team were over there. It seemed that they had not stayed in that architectural complex too long either. Additionally, they had a very clear target. Clan teams were usually featured by consistent actions wherever they were.

That team also caught sight of Zhang Tie's group who were catching up with them from behind.

As they were all safe and sound, they kept running forward.

"Brother Cui, why are you silent?" Gong Ziyao threw a glance at Zhang Tie as he asked the latter.

When they were engaged in a hot discussion just now, Zhang Tie remained silent, which was a bit abnormal; therefore, Gong Ziyao asked Zhang Tie out of concern.

Actually, Zhang Tie was sensing the whereabouts of the tracing feather behind them.

"Ah, it's okay, brother Gong; I was just wondering if someone else would come in!"

"Don't worry, young brother. Even if a demon knight enters, we've got three earth knights to resist it! Even if we could not defeat it, we would escape. In the Earth-elements Realm, it's very normal for demon knights and human knights to escape if they could not defeat the other party. It's not shameful at all." Gong Ziyao comforted Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie found that he became a bit intense because of the tracing feather behind him. It was good for him to have a tracing feather; however, it was really torturing after knowing that an unknown powerhouse was following him up. He felt like waiting for one boot to fall on the ground upstairs.

'F*ck, even if it's a heavenly demon knight, I don't need to be scared. After all, it's not coming only for me. Even if it was coming for me, this father would hide in Castle of Black Iron in the worst scenario. I don't believe that it could bite off my butt. Whatever, now that I've been here, I will see whether I could get some benefits first...'

Zhang Tie determined his mind!

"It's the Weapons Mountain..." A member of the team of Zhang Clan of Tianlu Palace in front of Zhang Tie's group suddenly exclaimed...

Chapter 940: Pearls of Silver Secret Items

The moment the knight of Tianlu Palace shouted, he had accelerated his speed.

Closely followed by Zhang Tie's group. They rushed out of the wood at once.

They then caught sight of a mountain in front of them.

At the sight of the mountain, although he was always steady, Zhang Tie couldn't stand swearing — F*ck.

It was a black high mountain which was at least 10,000 m in height. It was very magnificent. From its hillside above, it was misty. As a result, people could not see clearly the Qingfeng Peak.

This mountain absolutely verified the judgment of Zhou Shufan, namely, they were still at the bottom of the pyramid. Because the top of the mountain and its surrounding space formed a very regular dome. Of course, such a dome could not appear in the natural environment.

Zhang Tie felt that Mountain Lifting Hermit, Old Monster Qi and the grand elder of Tianlu Palace were trying their best to climb upon the Weapons Mountain. Zhang Tie wondered what was on the peak.

Zhang Tie felt that the higher they were, the slower the three earth knights would move. It seemed that they were facing a great obstacle on the Weapons Mountain.

When they caught sight of the mountain, some rainbow-like colorful lights were circling around the mountain like satellites. After a few seconds, they lurked into the enshrouding mist and didn't come out of there anymore.

"Silver secret items..." Even Gong Ziyao exclaimed this time while everyone else accelerated towards there like having taken drugs.

The closer they were to the Weapons Mountain, the colder it would be. However, they felt blood boiling all over.

Zhang Tie also followed up the team towards there rapidly. At this moment, Zhang Tie had totally forgotten about that tracing feather. He had made his determination that as long as that guy didn't appear in front of him and his friends, he would ignore it. 'When the sky collapsed, the taller ones would prop it up. As I'm not the tallest and most powerful one, I will focus on searching for the benefits first.'

'If concerns work, what punches are used for? I only need to be vigilant.'

Zhang Tie's group moved very fast. The team of knights from Tianlu Palace was soon caught up by them. The knights of Tianlu Palace accelerated once again and caught up with Zhang Tie's group. The two teams kept rushing towards the Weapons Mountain in this way.

Although they had not touched any silver secret item by now, the two teams of knights had already faintly become competitive.

According to the rule, anyone who could get one silver secret item first would have it. Of course, they needed to make their full efforts to strive for that.

Silver secret items! They could also be available to heavenly knights. The more the better! In Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Tie knew that only Elder Muray had one battle crossbow which was a silver secret item, even Zhang Taixuan didn't have one.

Actually, there were bronze secret items below silver secret items. Bronze secret items were also rarities. The Full-moons Dragon Soul Waistband and the first elements-gathering matrix that gifted by the imperial household of Raymlan Empire in the Castle of Black Iron were both bronze secret items. As for most of the black iron knights even earth knights, bronze secret items were their popular equipment. Silver secret items were greater than bronze secret items. The strong function that silver secret items

could automatically appear out of the void and their powerful light and shadow effects of silver secret items were definitely the best choices of some guys who would like to show off themselves.

Secret items could never be produced in this age.

At this moment, Zhang Tie heard some sounds from the back. Zhang Tie turned around and found Lu Zhongming and his wife rushed out the wood from the other side, who were also rushing towards the Weapons Mountain. After the couple, Bai Suxian was the fourth one who rushed out of the wood.

It seemed that many people were clear-minded or desperate. Compared to making circles in the palace and maze-like architectural complex and fighting those battle puppets meaninglessly, they preferred to come to the Weapons Mountain for a silver secret item.

At their full speeds, the knights of Tianlu Palace and Zhang Tie's group of 6 arrived at the foot of the Weapons Mountain at the same time.

The pitch-dark Weapons Mountain looked pretty solemn and depressive. Right at the foot of the mountain, there was a thin mist. If it was a few degrees lower here, their salivas would turn into ice scums before falling onto the ground.

The Weapons Mountain was definitely different from common mountains. There was no plant across the Weapons Mountain. It seemed to be completely composed of bulky, odd-looking metal lumps. As for the parts of the metal lumps being exposed to the air, some of them looked like brilliant geometrical crystal structures of metallic ores. Growing up in clusters, they formed odd-looking black metal flowers.

With the eyes of a great artisan master, Zhang Tie could not identify the metal in this Weapons Mountain.

It seemed to be an exotic, natural alloy. At least Zhang Tie had not seen it on the earth's surface with "Master Jiang".

After the knights of Tianlu Palace arrived at the foot of the mountain, the 9 knights instantly rushed in 9 directions upwards the Weapons Mountain.

As silver secret items were very precious, the number of which was far less than the number of the knights who had come here. Additionally, it was very hard to get silver secret items. Therefore, they could only move in different directions like spreading a fishing net and attempt to gain silver secret items by chance. If a lot of people gathered together, they were not fishing but angling. If so, they would definitely not have as many chances as the first one. Additionally, even if two people like Lu Zhongming and his wife cooperated to successfully gain a silver secret item, which party would the silver secret item belong to? Not to mention if a group of people worked together.

Zhang Tie's group of 6 stopped at once.

"Let's separate from each other too!"

Gong Ziyao proposed while everybody else nodded.

"If any of you is in trouble, remember to release your battle qi. The others will catch sight of it right away and arrive there soon. If someone dares to rob our achievements, we will f*ck him!" Filton said

with a furious look as he had already been ready for a fight, "After all, we've been clear about each other's battle qi!"

Although they would separate from each other, they could also gather rapidly if there was any trouble.

"Fine!"

"Wait for a second..." Zhang Tie touched his bald head with a bashful look as he asked, "Erm, what's the look of the silver secret item? How could I gain it?"

The moment the others heard Zhang Tie's question, they threw their amazed looks at Zhang Tie at the same time.

Gong Ziyao watched Zhang Tie with a dumbfounded look just like how he saw Zhang Tie using his abyss battle spear at the beginning, "Don't you know that?"

"As I've just been in the Earth-elements Realm and joined in such an action for the first time, nobody told me about that!" Zhang Tie shrugged as he replied helplessly.

Honestly, Zhang Tie thought that the so-called silver secret items in the Weapons Mountain would be excavated from the ground like how grave robbers dug items from the graveyard. However, when he came here, he found that it was utterly different from his imagination. Take the rainbow-like colorful lights that he saw just now as an instance, he didn't know what were they.

All the others felt being struck by lightning bolts. They had not imagined that Zhang Tie didn't know how to gain silver secret items. What a joke!

"Haven't you seen the rainbow-like lights just now?" Zhou Shufan asked Zhang Tie.

"Yes, I have!"

"That are the lusters of silver secret items!"

"Did all the silver secret items in the Weapons Mountain exist in that manner?"

"Not exactly. In the Weapons Mountain, silver secret items could move. Before having their own owners, all the silver secret items will exist in the form of virtual images of secret items, which are virtual, colorful animals being composed of numerous mysterious runes. They will fly around the Weapons Mountain. If you see illuminant animals in the Weapons Mountain, congratulations, you've caught sight of the virtual images of silver secret items! No matter what animals come into being, they are not aggressive at all. However, they could dodge and escape from you. You could follow them up and find their origins!"

"What then?"

"Silver secret items will always hide in the colorful pearls of secret items in the metallic crystals in the Weapons Mountain which are easily recognized. When you see a silver secret item entering a pearl of a secret item, you just stay there and smash the pearl of that secret item. Then, you will see the virtual image of that silver secret item. After that, you only need to squeeze a drop of fresh blood onto the virtual image before becoming its owner. At the same time, the virtual image of the silver secret item

will start to become a material object, which is the real look of the silver secret item in the material world!"

"So easy!" Zhang Tie blinked his eyes.

"Yes, so easy!" Zhou Shufan continued to explain it to Zhang Tie, "However, there's one point that you should pay attention to. The structure of pearl of a secret item is very special; it's very hard to smash. Even if you've discovered a pearl of a secret item, you could not break it in 1 or 2 days. What counts most in the Weapons Mountain is that not all the pearls of secret items contain silver secret items. Most of the pearls of secret items are empty. You'd better not start to break it until you're sure that there's a silver secret item in it. Otherwise, even though you've found a pearl of a secret item and had smashed it in a couple of days exerting your full efforts, you would probably find nothing inside. It's equal to a gamble by trying to smash a pearl of a secret item without seeing a virtual image of a secret item entering it!"