

## Another World 1811

### Chapter 1811: Preparing to Dispatch Troops

Zhao Hai was lucky, the wine called Seductress had just been created by the Hundred Flowers Valley. The valley had some finished cauldrons to perform experiments with. But the valley has yet to find people to use it on. In the conference, Li Xunhua was looking for people to give the wine to, and then he met Zhao Hai. Therefore, he gave Zhao Hai two bottles of the wine. Zhao Hai was the first target of the seductress wine.

Zhao Hai took all four bottles of wine because he was afraid that Zhang Feng would get too excited and drink it. But in Li Xunhua's eyes, Zhao Hai's actions meant that he had been deeply poisoned and couldn't live without the wine.

After Zhao Hai took the bottles away, the group sat down once more. Li Xunhua looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Junior Brother, I heard that the conference could no longer continue after we left. Now, the nine super sects looked for small sects close to them and formed their own alliances. Naturally, the alliance of the super sects are stronger than our own alliances. However, I think the nine super sects still felt suffocated. Because of you, they were unable to unify the Great World of Cultivation."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I dislike the arrogance of the nine super sects. Isn't it better now that we have our own alliances? Right, Senior Brother, how is your side doing? Are you finished establishing your alliance? Also, what does the Hundred Flowers Valley want from our Black Tiger Gang?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, Li Xunhua laughed and said, "I must say, I like Junior Brother's character. It's refreshing that you don't waste time. Good. The Hundred Flowers Valley wants a defensive partnership with the Black Tiger Gang. Naturally, that also involves the alliances we have formed. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "This isn't my decision to make. I don't handle matters of the gang. You should discuss it with First Senior Brother." After he said that, he turned towards Zhang Feng.

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "Since Mister Xunhua wanted to form a partnership, naturally I welcome it. However, this defensive partnership needs specific terms. I ask Mister to lay them out for me."

Li Xunhua replied, "The Heavenly Demons have entered the Great Realm of Cultivation and both of our sects don't want to be controlled by the nine super sects. Because of this, we formed our own alliances. But to be honest, each of our alliances aren't very strong. We're still too weak compared to the alliances formed by the nine super sects."

"At this time, we have two enemies. One is the Heavenly Demon Army. The Heavenly Demon Army doesn't care about our relationship with the nine super sects. The enmity we have with the nine super sects have nothing to do with the invading Heavenly Demons. In their eyes, we are enemies to be purged. They wouldn't show us any mercy."

"Our second enemy is the nine super sects. We have ruined their plans. They certainly wouldn't let this go. They will definitely retaliate. We have to be guarded against them all the time."

When Li Xunhua stopped, he looked at Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng. The two gave him a nod. Seeing them agree, Li Xunhua continued, "Our strength, compared to our two enemies, is still too little. Therefore, being partners, when one is having a difficult time, the other should offer support. Only then can we deal with the Heavenly Demons and the nine super sects. What do you think?"

Zhang Feng nodded. Li Xunhua wasn't wrong. Just like Li Xunhua said, they were now faced with two enemies, the Heavenly Demons and the nine super sects. If they formed a partnership with the Hundred Flowers Valley, the burdens they would bear would become lighter.

Before Zhang Feng could say anything, Zhao Hai opened his mouth and said, "First Senior Brother, I think we should ask Uncle Hu's opinion on this. Uncle Hu knows more than the both of us. If we cannot have his approval, things will be more troublesome in the future."

Hearing what Zhao Hai said, Zhang Feng's complexion couldn't help but change. He knew Zhao Hai. His words were basically telling Zhang Feng that they shouldn't agree immediately. Hu Liangchen was just an excuse. Hu Liangchen was now very concerned about the Black Tiger Gang's matters. If Zhang Feng made a decision, Hu Liangchen wouldn't oppose it. Using Hu Liangchen made Zhao Hai's message very obvious. The reason Zhang Feng's complexion changed was because of Zhao Hai's attitude. First, he took away the wine Li Xunhua gave, and now he was blocking the partnership. It seems like Zhao Hai knew something that he didn't. It was clear that Zhao Hai was wary towards the Hundred Flowers Valley.

When he heard Zhao Hai, a thought passed through Li Xunhua's mind. It was hard for people in the Northern Divergent Province to be unaware of the Black Tiger Gang's internal struggles. He also heard

about Hu Liangchen's name before. Hu Liangchen was in the same generation as Li Xunhua. Moreover, at that time, the reputation of the two were roughly equal.

Later on, as Hu Liangchen took care of the matters of his clan, his reputation began to disappear. But Li Xunhua didn't forget about him. He would never underestimate Hu Liangchen.

In the eyes of Li Xunhua, Zhang Feng's change in complexion was a sense of dread towards Hu Liangchen. This caused him to think about a few things. In his mind, it seems like the internal strife of the Black Tiger Gang hasn't been completely solved. Conversely, it seems like the powers of the Black Tiger Gang were having problems.

Li Xunhua, who managed to find something out, couldn't help but be secretly delighted. At the same time, he was observing Zhang Feng's change in expression.

After some time, Zhang Feng let out a long breath and said, "Mister Xunhua, please forgive me, but this isn't a small matter. We would need the input of the sect elders before I could give you a confirmation."

Li Xunhua gave a nod of understanding and said, "This is a major matter. It should be discussed well."

Zhang Feng cupped his fist towards Li Xunhua and said, "Mister, please stay in the sect first. Once a decision is made, I will immediately inform you."

Li Xunhua also cupped his fist and said, "I'll wait for Gang Leader's message."

Zhao Hai also cupped his fist towards Li Xunhua before saying, "Senior Brother, please take a rest first. Once I'm free, I'll accompany you to drink a few cups."

Li Xunhua laughed and said, "Alright, I'll be waiting." After that, he followed a Black Tiger Gang disciple back to his room.

When Li Xunhua left, Zhang Feng quickly turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, what's all this about? Why do I think that you're very vigilant towards the Hundred Flowers Valley?"

Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, "These fellows are up to no good. Let's wait for Uncle Hu to arrive, I'll tell you at the same time." Zhao Hai sat down and Zhang Feng as well. Before long, Hu Liangchen arrived.

After asking Hu Liangchen to take a seat, Zhao Hai reported, "On the first day of the conference, I proposed the Elder's congress causing the day's meeting to end. At that time, Li Xunhao approached me saying that he supported my proposal. Then we talked about cooperation. Just as I was about to leave, he gave me two bottles of hundred flowers wine. Since I was busy, I wasn't able to touch those two bottles. When I heard that he came over, I remembered the wine. I took one bottle out and studied it. As you know, my ability allows me to remake materials. I want to see what the wine was made of. But after remaking the wine, I found that it had a hidden poison. Once you drink this wine, you will always look for it. When that happens, you would be under the control of the Hundred Flowers Valley. Therefore, I took the four bottles and threw them away. Although there seems to be no problem with cooperating with the Hundred Flowers Valley, I'm still a bit worried."

When he heard Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng couldn't help but slam the table, "Good, Hundred Flowers Valley. They actually tried to scheme against us. They're dreaming if they want to partner with us."

Hu Liangchen hesitated, then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, does Li Xunhua know that you discovered the poison in their wine?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "He doesn't. It's even possible that he suspects me of being addicted to their wine."

Hu Liangchen nodded, "That's good. This partnership, I think we can agree to it. As long as they don't suspect Little Hai, they wouldn't suspect us. Wouldn't that be better? Just like what Li Xunhua said, an enemy of an enemy is a friend."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I also agree to the partnership. Although the Hundred Flowers Valley plotted against me, I wasn't affected. We can take advantage of this. And the Hundred Flowers Valley aren't doing much better than us. It's true that they want to form a partnership with us."

Zhang Feng has already calmed down. He let out a long breath and said, "We'll form the partnership, but we must be on guard against the Hundred Flowers Valley. Those fellows aren't good."

Zhao Hai sneered and said, "Those fellows aren't going to cause us trouble. As long as we fight together, everything will be easy. The opponents of the Black Tiger Gang are the Heavenly Demons and the nine super sects. The Hundred Flowers Valley aren't qualified to be our enemies."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng and Hu Liangchen couldn't help but stare. Then they felt a heroic feeling in their heart. Correct, the Black Tiger Gang's enemies were the nine super sects and the Heavenly Demon Realm. The Hundred Flowers Valley isn't qualified to be the Black Tiger Gang's enemy.

Hu Liangchen stood up and said, "I won't be seeing that person. I'll leave this matter to the both of you. Agree to the partnership. The Heavenly Demons are coming, we don't have time to offend the Hundred Flowers Valley. Maintaining a good relationship with them would save us a lot of trouble."

Zhang Feng and Zhao Hai nodded. When Hu Liangchen left, Zhao Hai looked at Zhang Feng and said, "First Senior Brother, I don't want to see him as well. I'll have to leave this matter to the Gang Leader." After he said that, Zhao Hai quickly vanished from sight.

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly. Then he sent someone to get Li Xunhua and then discussed with him the matter of the partnership. The partnership was the same as the alliance of two countries. There's no alliance leader and both sides are equal. If one side gets in a difficult situation, the other would send their support. It was a simple alliance.

Li Xunhua naturally didn't suspect anything. He also asked about Zhao Hai, but Zhang Feng told him that Zhao Hai was still busy. Li Xunhua didn't think much of it. After all, Zhang Feng already mentioned that the Black Tiger Gang was preparing to attack the Heavenly Demons. There must be a lot of things that need to be prepared. Zhao Hai was a powerhouse of the Black Tiger Gang, it was normal for him to be busy.

Nevertheless, Li Xunhua thought that Zhao Hai had already been poisoned by the wine. The poison was silent and even the poisoned person wouldn't feel it. The effects of the poison was hidden by the benefits that it gave its drinker. Slowly, the cultivator would be used to the benefits and would even crave it. Li Xunhao never expected Zhao Hai to discover the secret of the wine. Therefore, he didn't have any doubts.

The Hundred Flowers Valley also had a lot of things to prepare for. Therefore, Li Xunhua didn't say. After establishing the partnership with the Black Tiger Gang, he immediately left. The Black Tiger Gang also entered the state of war.

The sects that allied with the Black Tiger Gang were located not far from the sect. Those who were close to the Myriad Demons Sect didn't dare form an alliance with the Myriad Demons Sect's enemies. Since the alliance involved people close to each other, the Iron Blade Sect, Heavy Sand Sect, and the Great Strength Sect were also part of the Black Tiger Gang's alliance. As for the Withered Vine Sect, since they were on good terms with the Myriad Demons Sect, they immediately became a branch sect of the Myriad Demons Sect when the Heavenly Demons arrived. But because of this, the Withered Vine Sect's domain has been deeply invaded by the surrounding sets. The Black Tiger Gang also obtained a piece of the Withered Vine Sect's territory.

After this, the Black Tiger Gang arranged the army that would face the Heavenly Demons. The small sects didn't object. Since the Heavenly Demon Army that they were going to attack was close to the Black Tiger Gang, it was also close to their sect. If they managed to deal with this army, then their sects would be in a relatively good state.

The Black Tiger Gang treated this matter with great importance. This was the alliance's first move since its establishment. The only acceptable outcome of this action was victory. Defeat wasn't an option. Winning this battle would increase the unity and morale of the alliance. The Black Tiger's Voice in the alliance would also be louder. If they lost, the sects would have less confidence in the alliance. When the time comes, the alliance would be dissolved. Therefore, the Black Tiger Gang needed to win the battle. Not only was Zhao Hai in charge of the army, the Black Turtle Ancestor was also taking part.

It has already been some time since the Black Turtle Ancestor joined the Black Tiger Gang. He already gained some understanding about the sect. He also heard that Hu Shan wasn't unable to make a move for some time. When he thought about Hu Shan's age, the Black Turtle Ancestor knew that Hu Shan was nearing the end of his life. He shouldn't be able to go out as much as he wants. When he thought about this, the Black Turtle Ancestor was convinced that he was currently the strongest expert in the Black Tiger Gang. His cultivation level was enough for him to rule the sect.

But before the Black Turtle Ancestor could make a move, five powerful spiritual forces locked onto him. The five spiritual forces clearly belonged to immortal experts. The Black Turtle Ancestor couldn't help but shake. He underestimated the Black Tiger Gang. From then on, the Black Turtle Ancestor behaved. They no longer had any illegal thoughts.

#### Chapter 1812: Tough Stance

Zhao Hai stood on the Hell King's Ship beside a thin old man. As he looked at Zhao Hai, the thin old man couldn't help but become curious.

This thin old man was the Black Turtle Ancestor. He knew Zhao Hai through the news spread about the Black Tiger Gang. In fact, not knowing Zhao Hai was difficult if you're in the Northern Divergent Province. But the curiosity of the Black Turtle Ancestor didn't come from the rumors surrounding Zhao Hai.

Immortal Experts were top figures in the Great World of Cultivation. Even the Myriad Demons Sect would at least give immortal experts the position of an elder. Moreover, the position held more power compared to common elders and core disciples.

And because of their strength, when normal cultivators see an immortal expert, they would feel extreme pressure which would cause them to be respectful.

However, Zhao Hai had none of this. The Black Turtle Ancestor could feel that Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of him. The bit of respect that Zhao Hai had for the Black Turtle Ancestor was because of his age rather than strength. This raised the Black Turtle Ancestor's eyebrows.

Although the Black Turtle Ancestor was now a Supreme Elder of the Black Tiger Gang, he wouldn't shout at Zhao Hai. The old man knew very well what kind of person Zhao Hai was in the Black Tiger Gang. Although Zhao Hai was still a core disciple, his status in the sect was definitely higher than a Supreme Elder.

Because of this, the old turtle was very curious. He wanted to know why Zhao Hai was so calm in front of him.

Zhao Hai could feel the gaze of the Black Turtle Ancestor. However, he didn't care. The immortal experts who died in his hand didn't number one or two. There was nothing for him to fear.

Zhao Hai turned his head behind him. At the back were about a hundred large artifacts. Some of these large artifacts belonged to the Black Tiger Gang while some belonged to the other sects. The Black Tiger Gang brought 50 large artifacts while the other sects had about 50 as well.

A hundred large artifacts might not be a lot, but this battle was different from the past. In Zhao Hai's previous battles, the people inside the large artifacts weren't necessarily strong, only Undead with rifles. But this time, the people who rode the large artifacts were at least at the core formation stage.

Moreover, each large artifact had at least 10 thousand people. It can be said that the current alliance army was a million-people strong.

Zhao Hai was the Supreme Commander of the entire army. However, he could only command the 200 thousand people from the Black Tiger Gang. The other sects have their own commanders to lead them. Zhao Hai could only give orders to those commanders and not the troops under them.

Zhao Hai doesn't like this method, but he couldn't do anything about it. Although these sects have formed an alliance with the Black Tiger Gang, it was impossible for them to trust their entire army to Zhao Hai. They were similarly afraid of the Black Tiger Gang turning them into cannon fodder.

Taking a look at the large artifacts behind him, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. He saw the large artifacts of the Heavy Sand Sect, Great Strength Sect, and the Iron Blade Sect. If Zhao Hai could control all of their large artifacts, the alliance army's strength would increase by at least 30 percent. However, Zhao Hai knew that this was impossible.

To the sects, large artifacts were weapons only inferior to immortal experts. It was impossible for the sects to hand the control of large artifacts to outsiders. Moreover, because of the different refining methods, controlling large artifacts differed. Take the large artifact of the Great Strength Sect, for example. Because of its structure, it required peculiar control methods. And the Great Strength Sect wouldn't just hand this control method over. If other people had this control method, they might be able to find ways to deal with the large artifact. This was equivalent to exposing your weak point to the enemy.

To be honest, Zhao Hai lacked confidence in the army to face the Heavenly Demons. Although he commanded large armies in the past, the entire army was under his command. But with this army, not a lot of people would follow his words to completion.

Seeing Zhao Hai sigh upon looking back, the Black Turtle Ancestor asked, "Little Hai, is there a problem?"

Zhao Hai looked at the Black Turtle Ancestor and then forced a smile as he said, "I'm quite worried about this army. As you can see, although I'm the commander, when it comes to battle, it would be difficult to send orders to these people."



The Black Turtle Ancestor was an ancient beast, so there are a few things he hadn't seen. So he agreed with what Zhao Hai said. Looking at the large artifacts he sighed and said, "This is the nature of an alliance. Its structure doesn't inspire sturdiness. But the fact that we're able to gather this many people is already very good."

Zhao Hai sighed and no longer thought about it. He already made preparations if the worst case happens. Laura and the others already prepared a few emergency plans.

Zhao Hai thought that if these people listened to him, it would be good. If they don't listen, then he would no longer care about their lives. Maintaining the strength of the Black Tiger Gang would be enough.

About a hundred large artifacts moved forward in a mighty charge. No matter where such a fleet was located, it would definitely cause people to feel pressure.

A day after the large artifacts began flying, Zhao Hai commanded the fleet to slow down. This was because they had entered the region where the Heavenly Demons were roaming around.

The invasion of the Heavenly Demons was indeed being deliberately prepared. The way their invasion worked was also very unusual. Their movement significantly slowed down. After opening their passage and destroying the surrounding sects, the Heavenly Demons began building bases and slowly expanded to all four directions. They began increasing their territory and putting everything they conquered under their control.

Most importantly, the Heavenly Demons didn't leave behind any surviving cultivator. Therefore, all lands that the Heavenly Demons seized were purged of any cultivators.

Although this method was ruthless, it was also very effective. With the cultivators being eradicated, the Great World of Cultivation completely lost control of the territory that was seized. They couldn't even obtain any information from inside.

After the fleet slowed down, Zhao Hai immediately sent a scouting unit composed of five large artifacts. Naturally, these five large artifacts were from the Black Tiger Gang. And all large artifacts were controlled by Zhao Hai's Undead.

Zhao Hai didn't dare send a small number of people to scout around. These people were more likely to be destroyed by the Heavenly Demons. Therefore, large artifacts should be sent to scout with each large artifact having 10 thousand people inside. In this way, even if they encounter enemies, they would have an ability to protect themselves. They could persist until Zhao Hai and the others arrive to provide help.

Once the scouting team were sent out, representatives of the other sects were welcomed in the Hell King's Ship. Inside the ship's meeting hall, representatives began arriving one after another. As people arrived, they gave Zhao Hai their greetings while also giving the Black Turtle Ancestor a salute.

The Black Turtle Ancestor were just calmly sitting on the side with his eyes closed. He didn't pay attention to the people who greeted him. This also allowed Zhao Hai to see the haughtiness of an immortal expert.

Before long, all of the representatives were present. Zhao Hai looked at them and said, "Everyone, I called you over to inform you that we're about to enter the area controlled by the Heavenly Demons. Expect a battle to happen at any time. Please make your preparations when you go back."

Everyone nodded. Zhao Hai swept them with his gaze before adding, "We're now allied with each other. But since I was assigned as the commander-in-chief, I hope that you can cooperate with me. I will make sure that we lose as little as possible. However, to those who don't follow my orders to benefit yourselves, I apologize but I have to deal with you using the laws set by the alliance. At the same time, I will propose the sect responsible to be kicked from the alliance. I will also make sure to hunt the sect down. If anyone has any problems with what I said, you can say it right now."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the representatives couldn't help but stare. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to say such words. Although these sects were confident in their strengths, being kicked out of the alliance and being chased down would definitely spell the end of their sect's existence.

Most importantly, inside the room was an Immortal Expert from the Black Tiger Gang. This caused Zhao Hai's words to cause even more pressure.

However, one cultivator managed to stand up and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, since we're now acting together and you're the commander, we will definitely listen to you. However, how could we guarantee that you're treating all of us fairly?"

Zhao Hai looked at this person and recognized him as the representative from the Heavy Sand Sect. The Heavy Sand Sect had some issues with the Black Tiger Gang in the past. So it was understandable if they were worried that Zhao Hai would scheme against them.

Zhao Hai replied, "Our common enemy right now is the Heavenly Demons. I will never use our enemy to deal with you. After all, in the end, all of us are cultivators of the Great World of Cultivation. If you don't believe me, then you are free to leave. But if you remain, then I'll have to ask you to follow my orders."

The representatives didn't expect Zhao Hai to be robust in his stance. At the same time, they agreed to what he said. This time, they were facing the Heavenly Demons. It was very likely that they would suffer losses. Although Zhao Hai's words were harsh, those present knew that it was required at this time.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "When I participated in the Heavenly Demon Trial, I was able to witness the strength of the Heavenly Demons. They aren't easy to deal with. If we aren't united, then we would definitely suffer immense losses. I promise that I won't take advantage of you. Therefore, I hope that you follow my orders."

#### Chapter 1813: Violent Clash

An enormous fleet advanced as Zhao Hai calmly looked at the horizon on the Hell King's Ship's bow. The Black Turtle Ancestor already entered his room, leaving Zhao Hai alone.

It has been a few hours since the meeting. The outcome of the meeting was a success. Zhao Hai was able to make it clear that he would punish those who wouldn't follow his orders. Although the sects still had some doubts, they still agreed. This made Zhao Hai more confident in the upcoming battle.

Actually, there was no need for Zhao Hai to send out a scouting team. He has silver needles to spy on the movements of the Heavenly Demon Army. However, he couldn't reveal that he has such an ability.

At this time, Cai'er suddenly said, "Young Master, the enemy has detected the scouting ships. They have already exchanged blows." Then an image appeared inside Zhao Hai's mind.

The scout ship was a black tiger ship that was being driven by the Undead. The people onboard were also from the Black Tiger Gang. Scouting was an important matter, so Zhao Hai couldn't just leave it to the other sects to handle

At this moment, the tiger ship was being besieged by several large artifacts. These large artifacts were in the form of a huge octopus with tentacles as their weapons. There were four large artifacts each with eight tentacles that were attacking the tiger ship.

At this time, Zhao Hai's communication token made a sound. The Black Tiger Gang disciples on the tiger ship were reporting their current situation. Zhao Hai immediately ordered the fleet to shift its direction towards the tiger ship. At the same time, he ordered the ships to get ready for action. The other four scouting ships were also heading the same direction.

The scout ships didn't go far from the fleet. Additionally, with the tiger ship being controlled by the Undead, it was able to survive despite being under the assault of four large artifacts.

After a while, Zhao Hai and the others finally saw the battlefield with their eyes. The Heavenly Demons also noticed the fleet's approach. They initially wanted to leave, but they weren't given the chance. They were entangled by the scout ship. And with the Hell King's Ship being Zhao Hai's fastest ship, he was able to quickly join the battle.

When one of the four octopus large artifacts was entangled, the three other artifacts tried to rescue it first. But after failing for some time, they knew that they needed to leave or else they would all be taken down. Therefore, the three other octopus large artifacts turned around and ran away, leaving one of them behind.

At this time, Zhao Hai's Hell King's Ship also arrived. Without hesitation, it rushed towards the giant octopus. Looking at the battle, Zhao Hai knew that the octopus didn't have very strong ramming strength. However, its eight tentacles were very hard to deal with. There were barbs in each tentacle, this increased the strength of the tentacles when it slammed down like a whip.

In addition to being flexible, the tentacles were also very quick. But Zhao Hai could see that the tentacles followed a certain pattern. After all, the octopus was a large artifact and wasn't a true octopus. A real octopus can move its tentacles without any fear of collision. On the other hand, since the octopus large artifact was being controlled by multiple people, if they didn't follow a certain pattern, the tentacles would risk colliding with each other.

Because of this, although the tentacles looked flexible, their direction were predictable. This made it inflexible in return.

Cai'er already calculated the movements of the octopus and found a flaw. The Hell King's Ship used this weakness to rush over while avoiding the movements of the octopus. The Hell King's Ship's battering ram ejected and hit the octopus' body. With the strength of the formation breaking spirit snake needle in the battering ram, the hull of the octopus was immediately damaged.

Since the octopus was a large artifact, it could still move despite being damaged. But at the same time, its movements were greatly affected. There were two tentacles that no longer moved.

The octopus was already having a hard time dealing with the tiger ship when it was fully functional. Now that two of its tentacles were damaged, it didn't take long before it was heavily damaged.

At this time, Zhao Hai's complexion suddenly changed. He waved his hand and commanded the tiger ship and the Hell King's Ship to retreat. When the two ships retreated about a hundred meters back, the octopus suddenly exploded.

The reason Zhao Hai retreated was because Cai'er told him that a strange energy fluctuation was detected from the octopus. It's possible that the fluctuation would cause the large artifact to explode. Since Zhao Hai trusted Cai'er's deductions, he immediately retreated.

Despite retreating for over a hundred meters, the explosion still rocked the black tiger ship and the Hell King's Ship.

By the end, the shields of the two ships broke. The shockwave of the explosion also reached the fleet. But since the fleet was quite far from the battle, the large artifacts weren't damaged.

After the tiger ships entered the fleet, Zhao Hai ordered the fleet to continue advancing. But this time, the fleet was more careful. Although Zhao Hai continued to send scout ships ahead, their distance to the fleet has been significantly reduced.

As the fleet advanced, Zhao Hai was also monitoring the movement of the Heavenly Demon Army. Naturally, the four octopus ships were just scout ships of the Heavenly Demons. Upon receiving information about the existence of Zhao Hai's fleet, the Heavenly Demon Army began to move.

The Heavenly Demon Army that Zhao Hai and the others were about to face was very strong. There were no less than 500 large artifacts. There were also more than 100 immortal heavenly demons present in the fleet. As for manpower, the army was about 5 million strong.

However, Zhao Hai knew that the entire army wouldn't be dispatched against them. After all, the Heavenly Demons have a base that needs defending. Therefore, as long as it's not the entire Heavenly Demon Army they're facing, Zhao Hai was confident that the alliance fleet would be able to defeat them.

And just like Zhao thought, the Heavenly Demons didn't gather all of their troops to deal with the incoming fleet. But at the same time, the Heavenly Demons wanted the fleet to be dealt with as soon as possible. Therefore, they sent 200 large artifacts as well as 2 million troops. At the same time, 50 immortal experts would accompany the fleet. They reckoned that this force was enough to deal with Zhao Hai and the others.

Despite the powerful numbers of the enemy, Zhao Hai still wanted to fight them. While the Heavenly Demons Sect immortal experts, the alliance army also had their own immortal experts. Additionally, Zhao Hai was confident in his large artifacts. As for the large artifacts of the other sects, they were ignored for the time being. With 50 large artifacts under his complete control, he believes that he would be able to defeat the enemy.

The interesting thing about the Heavenly Demon Army was that their ordinary troops weren't inside their large artifacts. Instead, they flew behind the ships. The people inside the large artifacts weren't a lot.

The two fleets slowly approached each other. An hour later, the two sides began to see each other. Zhao Hai immediately ordered the ships to get into an attack formation. Then the fleet slowed down as it slowly welcomed the other party.

When the two fleets were two kilometers apart, they stopped at the same time. Then from the large Heavenly Demon Fleet, a loud voice was heard, "The person in charge of the Great World of Cultivation Fleet, come out!"

The voice was very impolite. It was as though he was beckoning a slave over. Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, "The Heavenly Demons are truly from a barren hellhole. They don't even understand basic courtesy." Zhao Hai's voice was loud enough to be heard from a huge distance. However, the voice was quite mellow, there was no trace of anger at all.

Zhao Hai's words enraged the Heavenly Demons. Naturally, they didn't like what Zhao Hai said. If the Heavenly Demon Army didn't have set rules, the Heavenly Demons would have already charged over to beat him up.

The voice from the Heavenly Demon Army coldly snorted and said, "The Great World of Cultivation is truly arrogant. You always think you're at the center of the world. A group of poor fellows. To the Heavenly Demons, all of you are nothing but a group of ants!"

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Ants? This isn't the first time the Heavenly Demons invaded the Great Realm of Cultivation. And every time, you have been repelled like the dogs that you are. So what if we're arrogant? At least we didn't give ourselves a stupid name like 'heavenly demon'. Hahaha. Do you really think that your name sounds great? I would rather kill myself than being named like that! Hahaha."

The people of the Great World of Cultivation also laughed along with Zhao Hai. The representatives of the sects laughed even more. To be honest, seeing that the Heavenly Demons had more people than them caused them to be anxious. But Zhao Hai's words caused this tension to disappear. At the same time, the hesitation they had towards Zhao Hai has disappeared.

In their previous meeting, Zhao Hai made it clear that he would punish those who didn't follow his orders. Although the sect representatives showed their obedience, they held grudges in their heart. But now, after laughing at the enemy, this grudge has been completely erased.

The person from the Heavenly Demon Army angrily snorted as he replied, "You people from the Great World of Cultivation only know how to move your tongues. Today, I will show you the strength of our Heavenly Demon Race!" After speaking, the Heavenly Demon fleet began to move. At the same time, 50 figures flew out from the fleet. These figures were very fast. And as soon as they appeared, they released their dao avatars. There were the immortal experts of the Heavenly Demon fleet.

Chapter 1814: Immortal Experts

Seeing that the Heavenly Demon Army was moving, Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Good, come. Elder Black Turtle, please pay attention to the rear. Combatants, prepare to disembark. Ships, line up! Charge!"

Zhao Hai also flew out and threw himself towards the immortal experts. In the air, his figure became a hundred as he rushed towards the 50 immortal experts.

Soon the two sides were fighting in the air. It was Zhao Hai versus 50 people. But what people in the distance could see were 100 Zhao Hais fighting against 50 immortal experts. Moreover, it doesn't seem like Zhao Hai was going to lose.

This peculiar fighting method was thanks to Zhao Hai's movement technique, the Cosmic Stars Technique. Since his body movement technique was combined with his cloning technique, he was able to fight with the immortal experts on his own.

Zhao Hai's method of combat caused everyone to be startled. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be this formidable. Moreover, the cultivation that Zhao Hai used seems to be very mysterious.

However, they didn't forget their tasks. Cultivators from large artifacts flew out at the fastest speed. At the same time, the large artifacts were charging with all of their might.

Two kilometers might seem far, but it was a very close distance for large artifacts. Since the artifacts were in a stopped position, they would need to accelerate before reaching their peak speed. This also gave the cultivators inside the large artifacts the chance to disembark.

Before long, the large artifacts of both sides began to hit each other. The alliance fleet kept their charging formation but the other side did the same. The two sides would definitely clash head-on.

Unfortunately for the Heavenly Demons, spearheading the alliance army's charge was Zhao Hai's Hell King's Ship. It was impossible for any large artifact to smash the Hell King's Ship. After a loud bang, the large artifact that faced the Hell King's Ship was directly smashed.

The Hell King's Ship continued its charge without stopping, its speed even increased. However, the other large artifacts of the cultivators weren't doing as well. It was only the Black Tiger's Gang that were having a better time. These large artifacts were all made by Zhao Hai and were very sturdy. The large artifacts of the other sects weren't as well-made. This time, more than 30 large artifacts were damaged by the charge.



Naturally, the Heavenly Demons were suffering the same losses. They lost nearly 50 large artifacts, three of which were destroyed by the Hell King's Ship while the others were no longer usable in the battle. As for the Great Realm of Cultivation, two of their large artifacts were destroyed. This was because these large artifacts were being targeted by more than one enemy ship.

Although the alliance army profited from this clash, their gains weren't that big. Both sides also stopped their large artifacts. They were reluctant to make another charge.

Production of large artifacts, whether it be in the Great Realm of Cultivation or the Heavenly Demon Realm, wasn't an easy task. It only took one charge to damage so many large artifacts. This caused both sides to feel a heartache. So they all stopped. Instead, cultivators and Heavenly Demons began to rush over and fight.

It didn't take long before the Heavenly Demons discovered their mistake. They shouldn't have sent all of their immortal experts in that initial charge. Now, all of their immortal experts were being tied down by Zhao Hai. Meanwhile, the Black Turtle Ancestor still has his hands free. The Heavenly Demon Army no longer has any immortal experts in their ranks. Because of this, nobody was able to stop the Black Turtle Ancestor. A huge black turtle could be seen rampaging among the enemy ranks with no stopping.

Casualties from both sides began to pile up. Large artifacts also came to offer their help. But this time, instead of charging, they were disrupting the enemy's formations.

It was at this moment that the Heavenly Demons discovered that they made another mistake. They should have used their numerical advantage to eliminate the large artifacts of the enemy. Even if they suffered heavy losses, they would have come on top of the clash. This was because they saw that the cultivators were better at controlling large artifacts compared to them.

The Heavenly Demons didn't realize that if it were ordinary cultivators, their control wouldn't be any better than theirs. Moreover, the Heavenly Demons might even be better.

But today, the Heavenly Demons were facing Zhao Hai. With the majority of the large artifacts being under Zhao Hai's control, it would be strange if the enemy didn't suffer heavy losses.

Everyone also failed to notice that the bodies of the Heavenly Demons that fell to the ground were disappearing from time to time. Meanwhile, the corpses of the cultivators remained the same. When

cultivators die and fall, their bodies would mysteriously slow down before they hit the ground. This spared the corpses from being damaged by the fall.

At this moment, Zhao Hai was very surprised by his technique. Although the Cosmic Stars Technique integrated the Cloning Technique, it wasn't the same as the Cloning Technique. The Cloning Technique would form an incarnation that had worse combat strength than the original. If Zhao Hai used the Cloning Technique to create 1 thousand incarnations, then each incarnation would have a thousandth of his strength.

The Cosmic Stars Technique wasn't like this. The Cosmic Stars Technique was a movement technique that uses his bodies to create a formation. With the magic formation as well as his speed, it seems like Zhao Hai released 100 clones of himself. But in reality, he was the only person fighting the immortal experts.

Zhao Hai was using his movement technique to deal with the immortal experts of the Heavenly Demon Realm. But after fighting for some time, the Heavenly Demons were beginning to adapt to his fighting style. Although Zhao Hai was still able to tie the immortal experts down, he felt that it was becoming more difficult to do so.

But at the same time, Zhao Hai has yet to use Firegod City, Elder Zhu, or the Five Discolored Venerables. He was waiting for a good opportunity to catch enemies off-guard.

When Zhao Hai could no longer tie down all 50 immortal experts, two Heavenly Demon immortal experts were able to wrap around Zhao Hai and charge towards the Great Realm of Cultivation's army.

But at this moment, seven figures appeared around the two immortal Heavenly Demons. When the seven figures appeared, they immediately attacked the two. This caused the two Heavenly Demons to stare, then they immediately defended. However, they soon discovered that they weren't a match against the seven figures. This was because the seven were also at the immortal stage.

Although the two immortal Heavenly Demons weren't weak, it's impossible for them to win against seven immortal experts. Before long, the two immortal Heavenly Demons were killed. Then their corpses were sent to the Space. When they reappeared, they were now Zhao Hai's subordinates.

Nine immortal stage Undead immediately threw themselves towards the other immortal Heavenly Demons. When the Heavenly Demons noticed that their two comrades were having a hard time, they initially wanted to lend a hand. However, Zhao Hai's attacks suddenly intensified. Because of this, the two immortal experts didn't get any help.

But the Heavenly Demons didn't think that their comrades would be turned into Undead. At this time, the Heavenly Demons also discovered that the seven immortal experts that ambushed the two were also Undead. No wonder they felt that there's something wrong with the seven immortal experts.

This caused them to be surprised. They didn't think it would be like this. Immortal stage Undead? When did the Great Realm of Cultivation have such things?

However, there's one thing that the Heavenly Demons were certain of. The immortal-level Undead had something to do with Zhao Hai! But they weren't able to think about it too much since nine immortal experts joined the fight. In addition to Zhao Hai, the immortal experts were immediately in chaos.

Also, the immortal experts discovered another terrifying matter. Their comrades that had been turned into Undead were no weaker than when they were alive!

At this time, another Heavenly Demon let out a miserable cry before his body fell. His head was smashed in. There was no longer life in his eyes.

A lot of Heavenly Demons were still surprised by the Undead, only a few noticed that the one who just died was smashed by a weapon that looked like a brick.

This caused the Heavenly Demons to feel some dread. They were unable to get a sense of Zhao Hai's methods. In a blink of an eye, another three immortal heavenly demons were killed. These immortal heavenly demons weren't cabbages on the road. Their death was a massive loss to the Heavenly Demon Realm.

But this wasn't the end. The immortal Heavenly Demons that had been killed by Zhao Hai reappeared and attacked the other Heavenly Demons. This caused the remaining Heavenly Demons to panic.

Although these Heavenly Demons were at the immortal stage and held the numbers advantage, they couldn't help but be terrified by the sight before them.

Despite only facing Zhao Hai and his Undead, the Heavenly Demons suddenly had a terrifying discovery. The enemy they were facing right now would get stronger the longer the fight went on. Meanwhile, their numbers could only get smaller and smaller. The comrades they fought with in one moment could become their enemy in the next. How could they not be terrified by it?

These immortal experts were from the Heavenly Demon Realm, but that doesn't mean that they don't have their own sects. The Heavenly Demon Realm was similar to the Great Realm of Cultivation, it also had a lot of sects scattered throughout the lands. These immortal experts were from different sects.

It was also because of this that the Heavenly Demons weren't able to go all out against Zhao Hai. This was because they were the pillars of their own sects. If they died in battle, their sects would have hard days ahead. It might even be destroyed. There was no such thing as morality or justice in the Heavenly Demon Realm. Once a sect loses their immortal experts, other sects would immediately devour them.

This was also the reason why Zhao Hai was able to tie down 50 immortal experts. If these Heavenly Demons fought with all their strength, then Zhao Hai wouldn't be able to stop even ten of them.

The hairs of the Heavenly Demons stood up upon seeing Zhao Hai continually reviving the dead immortal Heavenly Demons.

At this moment, another immortal stage Heavenly Demon was battered to death by Zhao Hai's Firegod City. At the same time, two immortal Heavenly Demons were killed by the Undead. In a blink of an eye, Zhao Hai gained three more immortal-level Undead. The immortal Heavenly Demons could no longer hold on. One began to run away which caused the others to run away as well. In a short time, the Heavenly Demon Army was devoid of any immortal experts

The Heavenly Demons and the Cultivators that were fighting didn't notice the battle of the Immortal Experts. This was because Zhao Hai and the immortal Heavenly Demons fought in an area quite a distance away from the main battle.

But there was one person who noticed, and it was the Black Turtle Ancestor. Although the old turtle listened to Zhao Hai's words and stayed with the army, he was still quite concerned with Zhao Hai's

situation. After all, Zhao Hai's position in the Black Tiger gang was very special. He didn't want Zhao Hai to be in danger.

In the beginning, he was surprised by Zhao Hai's strength. But as a bystander, he was able to notice the weakness in Zhao Hai's fighting style much earlier than the immortal Heavenly Demons. It can be said that Zhao Hai was relying on his movement to tie down the immortal Heavenly Demons.

But when the Undead appeared later on, the Black Turtle Ancestor was startled. The immortal experts of the Great Realm of Cultivation have their own circle. Each immortal expert knew each other. Every time a new immortal expert emerges, they would immediately be part of this circle. The cultivators below didn't know that this circle exists.

Because of this, the Black Turtle Ancestor immediately recognized the Undead. They were the Wandering Soul Group's immortal elder, the Myriad Demons Sect's Elder Zhu, and the Five Discolored venerables. All of them were very famous in the Great Realm of Cultivation. It was impossible for the Black Turtle Ancestor to not recognize them.

#### Chapter 1815: Repelling the Heavenly Demon Army

The rumors were true!

When the Black Turtle Ancestor saw Elder Zhu and the others, he immediately thought of a rumor that spread in the Great Realm of Cultivation. According to the rumor, when Zhao Hai fought against the Wandering Soul Group, the immortal expert of the Wandering Soul Group was killed. This was just one of the rumors. The other rumor said that when Zhao Hai attacked the Wandering Soul Group, he encountered two immortal experts. In the end, he killed them both.

This was one of the rumors that people liked to spread but didn't really believe. They might believe it if the Black Tiger Gang's immortal expert killed the Wandering Soul Group's immortal expert. But this was Zhao Hai, so they didn't believe it. Everyone believed that Zhao Hai could only survive against immortal experts, not kill them.

As for the second rumor, even more people didn't believe it. What were immortal experts? In the entire Great Realm of Cultivation, immortal experts were the ultimate weapon. They were the symbol of invincibility. Only immortal experts could kill immortal experts. They haven't heard of a transcending tribulation expert jumping stages and killing an immortal expert.

But now, the Black Turtle Ancestor has no choice but to believe it. With these Undead, Zhao Hai could certainly kill immortal experts. He could even tie down 50 immortal experts on his own. His true strength was terrifying.

Seeing Zhao Hai kill an immortal expert and immediately turning them into Undead, the Black Turtle Ancestor felt a chill run through his body. He was terrified. He now understood why the Black Tiger Gang didn't care about him. They accepted him and then left him alone. With Zhao Hai, this monster, present in the sect, there were no issues with the Black Turtle Ancestor joining.

The Black Turtle Ancestor was now secretly rejoicing that he didn't act excessively in the Black Tiger Gang. Otherwise, he would have been turned into an Undead already.

Now that the immortal Heavenly Demons have been repelled, Zhao Hai received all of the Undead. Then he charged towards the battlefield.

The Black Turtle Ancestor looked at Zhao Hai in awe. Zhao Hai also looked at the Black Turtle Ancestor and then gave him a slight nod without saying anything. However, the Black Turtle Ancestor understood what he meant. Nobody else saw Zhao Hai's battle, so they didn't see Zhao Hai's ability. It seems like Zhao Hai doesn't want people to know about the matter of immortal experts being turned into powerful Undead.

Thinking of this, the Black Turtle Ancestor knew that it would be best to shut his mouth. The tighter the better.

Zhao Hai returned to the Hell King's Ship. The Black Turtle Ancestor returned as well. As both of them looked at the battle, the Black Turtle Ancestor said, "Mister, we have a lot of losses. The other side also lost a lot of people. Generally speaking, we're at a tie. Our large artifacts are more formidable, but the other side has more people."

Zhao Hai nodded, "We have to finish the battle sooner. The immortal Heavenly Demons have retreated, if they sent reinforcements, our situation would be worse."

The Black Turtle Ancestor nodded and said, "Should I go all out? I think I'll be able to defeat them quickly."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's no need. Leave it to me. We'll never lack people with me here. Hahaha." Then Zhao Hai waved his hand as a large number of Undead around the Hell King's Ship. Zhao Hai waved his hand once more, commanding the Undead to rush towards the Heavenly Demons.

The sudden arrival of the Undead caused a one-sided slaughter against the Heavenly Demons. At the same time, the Heavenly Demons discovered that their immortal experts had disappeared. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai was standing on the Hell King's Ship, leading his Undead to attack.

The Undead immediately caused the Heavenly Demons to fluster. They quickly understood that their immortal expert had been defeated by Zhao Hai.

Although they didn't know how Zhao Hai defeated the immortal Heavenly Demons, Zhao Hai already proved his strength. This was a startling realization.

The Heavenly Demons might have the numerical advantage, but they knew that they couldn't stop the attack of immortal experts. Not only was Zhao Hai present, there was also an immortal expert beside him. This caused the Heavenly Demons to worry.

But soon, another surprise came to the Heavenly Demons. They discovered that the Undead were very strong. They were very hard to deal with.

Most importantly, the Undead were lined up in neat formations. Moreover, their formations kept changing during battle. Although the Heavenly Demons were stronger than these Undead, they couldn't do anything to them. Most importantly, the attacks of the Undead were very effective against the Heavenly Demons.

The offense of the cultivators also became more violent. When they saw Zhao Hai and knowing that the enemy immortal experts had been defeated, their morale soared through the heavens. Naturally, their attacks became more spirited.

The sudden reversal shook the Heavenly Demons army. It reverberated throughout their lines. This was also what Zhao Hai wanted to happen.

Zhao Hai understood that the Heavenly Demons had a similar situation with the cultivators. The Heavenly Demon Army was comprised of various sect troops. They were built the same way as the Black Tiger Gang's alliance. The only difference was that the allied Heavenly Demon Army was more trained and prepared compared to the cultivators.

With the current development, the Heavenly Demons became afraid. These people were elites of their own sects. If they lost too many people, their sect would become weak. They don't hope to see their sect fall because of their death.

Seeing the Heavenly Demons, Zhao Hai smiled faintly. Then he turned to the Black Turtle Ancestor and said, "Elder, please take action. Rout them in one go."

The Black Turtle Ancestor also discovered the changes to the battlefield. Hearing Zhao Hai, he immediately complied. He turned into a large turtle and then threw himself towards the Heavenly Demons.

The Black Turtle Ancestor was a genuine immortal expert. Although his attack was inferior to his peers, his defenses far surpassed them. And against transcending tribulation experts, he was more than enough. He quickly ravaged the battlefield. Every Heavenly Demon he encountered were immediately killed.

This caused even more chaos among the Heavenly Demons. But strangely enough, they didn't run. Instead, they organized themselves to block the Undead as well as the Black Turtle Ancestor.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai's pupils couldn't help but narrow. He didn't expect this to happen. But upon looking carefully into the Heavenly Demon Army, he discovered something. Among the Heavenly Demons were people that wore special armor. This armor was different compared to what most Heavenly Demons wore since it was blood red. Moreover, those who wore these armors stood behind the Heavenly Demons, neither commanding nor joining the fight. The Heavenly Demons who were panicking would change their expressions upon seeing these people. In the end, they had to brace themselves and face the Undead.

Combat Enforcers! These words immediately flashed through Zhao Hai's mind. These blood red armor-wearing Heavenly Demons should be combat enforcers. Zhao Hai didn't expect the Heavenly Demons to have combat enforcers in their army. No wonder the Heavenly Demons kept fighting despite their miserable state.



Zhao Hai coldly snorted as he made a move. He released his dao avatar and threw himself towards the enemy army. His targets were these combat enforcers.

These combat enforcers weren't any stronger compared to the other Heavenly Demons. Naturally, they weren't Zhao Hai's opponents. One by one, combat enforcers were being hunted down. Without the combat enforcers, the Heavenly Demons quickly lost any hesitations they had.

With Zhao Hai joining the fight alongside the Black Turtle Ancestor, the Heavenly Demon Army finally produced deserters. The first deserter caused a chain reaction that led to more Heavenly Demons leaving the battle. Before long, a huge crowd of Heavenly Demons could be seen retreating from the battlefield.

As the enemy retreated, the attacks of Zhao Hai and the others became more fierce. This caused even more Heavenly Demons to run away. The large artifacts also began to turn around.

In the end, Zhao Hai killed more than 100 combat enforcers before the Heavenly Demon Army went into a full retreat. Those who didn't run away were immediately purged from the battlefield.

At this time, what the cultivators needed to do was simple, to chase the enemy down. However, Zhao Hai didn't give the Heavenly Demons a chance to turn the fight around. After chasing for a while, Zhao Hai ordered everyone to retreat. Then he took all of the bodies of those who perished in battle. The damaged large artifacts were also being pulled over by the functioning ones. Then they began to retreat.

Zhao Hai did this because the Heavenly Demon Army's reinforcements were coming over. Moreover, the reinforcing army included immortal experts as well as new large artifacts. If Zhao Hai and the others didn't retreat at this time, they would definitely suffer even heavier losses.

The alliance army slowly retreated. At the same time, Zhao Hai sent a message to Zhang Feng and the others, sending them battle reports. In the battle, they were able to kill about 150 thousand enemies while losing 50 thousand. It was a three-to-one loss ratio. It wasn't low, but it wasn't devastating either. It must be known that they were facing Heavenly Demons, it was already good that they had a positive loss ratio.

Naturally, the slain Heavenly Demons were also turned into Undead by Zhao Hai. As for the dead cultivators, he didn't touch them. These people would be sent back to their sects to be given a proper ceremony. In any case, these people were allies who fought by his side. Although Zhao Hai wanted more Undead, he wasn't greedy to the point where he'd turn his allies into Undead.

#### Chapter 1816: Flipping Moods With Ease

This battle was actually a test. Not the Freedom Alliance's testing of the Heavenly Demons, but the other sects' test towards the Black Tiger Gang. These sects wanted to see the strength of the Black Tiger Gang. At the same time, they wanted to see if the Black Tiger Gang could use this opportunity to attack their previous enemies.

Because of this, there weren't a lot of experts in this alliance army. And the only immortal expert in the army was the Black Turtle Ancestor. There weren't even core disciples among the troops sent by the other sects, just inner disciples.

And now, Zhao Hai's performance was very good. Although the loss ratio was one to three, he defeated an army of 2 million Heavenly Demons with only a million or so troops. The enemy also had twice the amount of large artifacts compared to the alliance army. Such a victory could be considered as a great one.

This victory was more than winning the battle. The more important thing was that Zhao Hai gained the confidence of the other sects. These sects would be more confident in working with the Black Tiger Gang.

In the end, the Freedom Alliance was a very loose organization. If the Black Tiger Gang doesn't show capabilities that could defeat the Heavenly Demon Army, then these sects might consider joining with the super sects. Although they would be schemed against, it was better than being destroyed.

Cultivators were selfish people. They would always consider their own benefits first, then the benefits of their sect. Any considerations after that were fake.

When Zhao Hai and the others set off, representatives of the sects went to the Black Tiger gang to wait for news. They were all afraid that their sects would suffer great losses, especially the small sects.

After the battle, Zhao Hai invited the commanders of the other sects to the Hell King's Ship once more. This time, these commanders were more behaved than before. Back then, they were unconvinced with

Zhao Hai being the commander-in-chief. What they heard about Zhao Hai were all rumors. However, they didn't believe these rumors. They all wanted to challenge Zhao Hai's position.

However, after the battle, they all behaved themselves. Zhao Hai was more competent than what they thought. One person was able to hold off 50 immortal level Heavenly Demons. Although they didn't know how Zhao Hai was able to repel the immortal Heavenly Demons, the mere fact that he did it was a testament to his capabilities. With such an expert in front of them, none of these commanders dared to be arrogant.

The commanders of the sect were very quiet as they entered the Hell King's Ship. Zhao Hai also understood why these people were like this. After all, strength spoke the loudest in the Great Realm of Cultivation. With him showcasing his strength, he naturally won the respect of these people.

Zhao Hai looked at the people in front of him and then said, "Everyone, this battle is our victory. Although we lost a lot of people, we were able to drive the Heavenly Demons Back. Against Heavenly Demons who had more people, we were able to triumph. This means that these Heavenly Demons could be killed and defeated. They aren't a big deal. We can definitely win against them. In the future, we can even invade the Heavenly Demon Realm!"

The cultivators quietly listened to Zhao Hai's words. If Zhao Hai said those words earlier, a lot of them would have sneered. But now, nobody would dare dismiss Zhao Hai's words. Instead, they could feel their blood boil. They just won against the Heavenly Demons.

Seeing the people in front of him turning red with excitement, Zhao Hai continued, "I have to thank everyone. If not for your cooperation, it would be impossible for us to defeat the enemy. You're all heroes of this battle. This Zhao Hai expresses his gratitude to all of you." After he said that, Zhao Hai cupped his fist towards the commanders.

The commanders quickly stood up and returned Zhao Hai's salute. All of their faces showed an ashamed expression. Some of them even shouted, "Mister, we're unworthy!"

Zhao Hai waved his hand towards these people. Once everyone sat down once more, Zhao Hai opened his mouth and said, "The reason we were able to defeat the Heavenly Demons was because we are united. As long as we work together as one united group, nobody would dare bully us whether it be the Heavenly Demons or the Nine Super Sects. So I hope that we can continue our unity like what we did today. It's only in this way that we wouldn't need to fear anyone!"

Everyone nodded at the same time. Then Zhao Hai added, “We weren’t able to gain a lot of loot in this battle. We only gained a few damaged large artifacts. But it doesn’t matter, we will get more in the future. These damaged large artifacts would be repaired once we head back. They will become our trophy, the best trophy there can be!”

The commanders laughed with glee. The atmosphere of the room immediately rose by a few points. Zhao Hai took out some spirit wine and said, “Today, we’ll drink to our victory. However, please don’t drink too much or else I will go bankrupt. If that happens, I’ll go to your places to steal food and drinks!”

Hearing Zhao Hai, those present roared with laughter once more. Their fear towards Zhao Hai’s strength melted and was replaced with intimacy. Everyone went over and got themselves some wine to drink.

All of this was seen by a person who stood on the side. This person was the Black Turtle Ancestor. This time, the Black Turtle Ancestor didn’t sit beside Zhao Hai like the last time. Instead, he went to a quiet corner and observed Zhao Hai. He saw firsthand how Zhao Hai was able to flip the mood of the room with the same ease as flipping pancakes. The dread that the commanders felt towards Zhao Hai’s strength was immediately transformed into intimacy.

Seeing the people in the room happily drinking wine, the Black Turtle Ancestor couldn’t help but sigh. He was truly shaken by Zhao Hai’s abilities. Not only was Zhao Hai a martial anomaly, he was also a cut above normal commanders. More importantly, his people skills were as terrifying as his fighting strength. No matter which sect he was placed in, he would eventually become an extraordinary existence.

The Black Turtle Ancestor now understood why the disciples of the Black Tiger Gang held great respect towards Zhao Hai. The Black Turtle Ancestor was even certain that the rise of the Black Tiger Gang had something to do with Zhao Hai.

After sharing a drink with everyone for some time, Zhao Hai had everyone return. At the same time, the fleet entered the territory controlled by the Great Realm of Cultivation. Zhao Hai was worried that the Heavenly Demons would retaliate, so he made sure that there was enough space between the two. The sects close to the border were ready to retreat at any time. He also led 500 thousand people as well as 50 large artifacts to take guard while the rest would go back to have their large artifacts repaired. Also, reinforcements were being sent by the rear to supplement the strength of the alliance army.

Zhao Hai knew clearly that the war wouldn't end with just one or two battles. This will be a long-term war. In addition to military strength, supplies and manpower would be critical to winning the war.

Zhao Hai had the small sects leave first to prevent them from suffering too many losses. After all, small sects were also a power of their own. If they evacuated, they would be taking their belongings with them. This would mean that the Heavenly Demons wouldn't be able to gain a lot from looting the sects.

Reinforcing the walls while cleaning the wild. This was the strategy that Zhao Hai employed. This would prevent the Heavenly Demons from gaining resources too easily. Zhao Hai would defeat the Heavenly Demons through attrition. Once the Heavenly Demons run out of resources, they would have no choice but to retreat. And once they left, Zhao Hai and the others would win.

Zhao Hai didn't only pay attention to his battle against the Heavenly Demons, he was also looking into the Hundred Flowers Valley's battle as well as the battles of the Myriad Demons Sect.

But disappointingly, Zhao Hai saw that the Hundred Flowers Valley and the Myriad Demons Sect had yet to fight the Heavenly Demons. The Hundred Flowers Valley was still mobilizing troops, the Myriad Demons Sect was doing the same.

Zhao Hai and the others would have to face two Heavenly Demon armies with a total number of 7 million troops. There's also another army not far away from the Freedom Alliance's territory. However, this army only had 2 million Heavenly Demons and not a lot of immortal experts. They weren't a threat for the time being. However, having such an army exist wasn't good. As long as this small army existed, Zhao Hai and the others would have to allocate a part of their troops to defend against them. This means that Zhao Hai and the others wouldn't be able to fight more important enemies with all of their strength.

The army that the Hundred Flowers Valley would have to face had about 5 million troops. It was a large army that didn't divide itself. Both sides looked like they had no intentions of moving, which was a surprise to Zhao Hai.

As for the enemy that the Myriad Demons Sect would face, it was an army of about 15 million Heavenly Demons. Naturally, the Heavenly Demons did research before their invasion. They were aware of the strongest sect in the Northern Divergent Province.

In total, the Heavenly Demons allocated 30 million troops for the Northern Divergent Province. This number was terrifying. But at the same time, the number of people that the cultivators could mobilize wasn't small. A head on collision between such powers would definitely be very intense.

The enemy that Zhao Hai has to face numbered 5 million. However, he only left 500 thousand people behind to guard against them. It was a 1 to 10 ratio. The defenses might look small, but Zhao Hai wasn't worried. They were now in the alliance's territory. The location of the defenders could be easily reinforced. Moreover, with their recent victory, the support towards the alliance should be at an all-time high. There were also the small sects that retreated to the backlines. Their transmission formations weren't destroyed. This allowed quick reinforcements for the alliance army. Therefore, Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of the enemy's attack.

More importantly, Zhao Hai's Undead population was enriched by the recently slain heavenly Demons. Although he was no longer afraid of the Heavenly Demons, this wasn't the time for him to show his strength.

Zhao Hai could feel that something wasn't right with the Great Realm of Cultivation. The sects of the Great Realm of Cultivation were shrews and crafty. How could they not be aware of the Heavenly Demon Realm's threat? Since they were aware, how could they still think of seizing power? This matter was a bit strange. Was there something that Zhao Hai didn't know?

#### Chapter 1817: Promotion To Immortal Stage

When Zhang Feng received Zhao Hai's report, he was in his study with Hu Liangchen. He couldn't help but grip the jade sword message with excitement.

Hu Liangchen was also excited. Naturally, he also read the contents of the jade sword message. Hu Liangchen looked at Zhang Feng and then chuckled as he said, "Gang Leader, should we send the news to the sect representatives?"

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "There's no use. I'm afraid they already know. Maybe they're sending people over right now. I don't believe their people wouldn't send them a report. Little Hai did a great job once more."

Hu Liangchen also had a happy expression on his face. But in the end he was someone who had weathered through great storms, he quickly calmed down and said, "Little Hai sent half of the alliance

army back for repair and maintenance. The frontline only has 500 thousand people. It's dangerous. I think we should immediately send reinforcements. Those Heavenly Demons wouldn't just give up."

The joy on Zhang Feng's face shimmered down as he nodded and said, "Right. We need to support Little Hai. It's too dangerous for 500 thousand people to face 5 million."

Hu Liangchen nodded. At this time, a voice was heard from outside, "Gang Leader, representatives from the Iron Blade Sect, Heavy Sand Sect, Great Strength Sect, Bone Armor Sect, and the other sects wanted to have a meeting."

Zhang Feng turned to Hu Liangchen and said, "The noses of these fellows are indeed very sensitive. They came just at the right time. Now it's time to squeeze them dry."

Hu Liangchen gave a nod, "Now we're officially dealing with the Heavenly Demons. If they still don't send proper troops, it would be too much for them. Let's go and see them."

Zhang Feng nodded and then walked out of the room with Hu Liangchen. It was impossible for Zhang Feng to see all these people inside the study. Although the study was huge, it was a place generally used to discuss internal matters of the Black Tiger Gang. The meeting with the other sects would happen in a special meeting hall.

When Zhang Feng and Hu Liangchen arrived, several hundred sect representatives were already sitting inside the meeting hall. These sect representatives all had joyful expressions on their faces as they discussed with each other.

Seeing Zhang Feng and Hu Liangchen's arrival, the representatives immediately stood up and gave both of them a salute. The two knew why these people were so polite to them. It was due to Zhao Hai's huge victory on the battlefield. The two weren't uncomfortable by the new respect they were given. After all, Zhao Hai was the Black Tiger Gang's representative.

Zhang Feng and Hu Liangchen sat down in front of the representatives. Zhang Feng waved his hand which caused the place to turn peaceful. Then he said, "Everyone, you should have received the news. Little Hai brought the Freedom Alliance Army to fight the Heavenly Demons and won. This is very important for the alliance. At the same time, this battle would show the prestige of the Great Realm of Cultivation. This would inform the Heavenly Demons that cultivators aren't easy to deal with."

The crowd loudly cheered. They clapped vigorously. Just as Zhang Feng said, the battle was important for the alliance. This removed a huge pressure from the heart of the sects. They felt their hearts becoming more free compared to before. Because of this win, cultivators could see that Heavenly Demons weren't invincible beings.

Zhang Feng also joined the crowd in clapping. After everyone stopped, Zhang Feng continued, "Now half of the army is rushing back to perform repair and maintenance. It is necessary for us to reinforce the frontline. What do you all think about this?"

The sect representatives were also aware why Zhang Feng mentioned this. And this was exactly why they wanted this meeting. The army in the frontline only had 500 thousand people. How could they be relieved? They couldn't allow the Heavenly Demons to enter the territory of the Freedom Alliance.

Because of this, the representatives didn't object to the proposal. However, they didn't make any noise to offer any ideas. Zhang Feng was surprised at this. Then he said, "Everyone, the ones we'll face first is an army of about 5 million Heavenly Demons. We have to be on guard. I suggest that we form an army of 3 million troops. These 3 million troops would go and reinforce the frontlines. At the same time, we'll form a second army of no less than 1.5 million troops. The second army would face another Heavenly Demon army. What do you think?"

The representatives discussed among themselves. To be honest, there wasn't anything interesting with Zhang Feng's proposal. The number of troops that Zhang Feng proposed was also within their acceptable range. However, the representatives couldn't take responsibility for this matter.

At this time, the Iron Blade Sect's representative stood up. He gave Zhang Feng and Hu Liangchen a short bow and said, "Gang Leader, Elder Hu, we agree to this plan. However, the final decision will be made by our sect masters. We have to report it first and listen to the opinion of our sects. But please be rest assured, I'll include my opinion in the report."

The other representatives also had the same opinion. Zhang Feng looked at them and couldn't help but sigh. He wanted to send reinforcements as soon as possible. He was afraid that something unexpected would happen to Zhao Hai's army. Although the Black Tiger Gang was the nominated leader of the alliance, Zhang Feng has no control over the sects that followed them. Therefore, the representatives need to send their report first. Zhang Feng has no way to change it.



This was an inefficient method that would waste a lot of time. Especially during war when everything could happen at any time.

So upon hearing the representatives, Zhang Feng replied, "Everyone, I understand. But you should also know that time is life on the battlefield. A lot of our disciples are currently in the front line. It's 500 thousand people against 5 million. You should be aware how disadvantageous this is. I hope that your sects can send troops at the quickest time. Otherwise, we wouldn't be able to react when something happens in the frontlines. This matter involves all of us, not just the Black Tiger Gang."

The representatives nodded. Zhang Feng was about to say a few more words when an imposing aura suddenly erupted from the depths of the Black Tiger Gang's base. Zhang Feng was stunned for a moment before his expression changed. There weren't any immortal experts in the base. Could there be enemies that broke into the base?

Thinking of this, Zhang Feng immediately stood up as he turned towards Hu Liangchen. Just like Zhang Feng, Hu Liangchen also had a surprised look on his face. He was also affected by the strong aura.

The two thought that the base had been broken through, but they soon trashed this idea. The aura came from inside the base. The Black Tiger Gang's base has defenses that even immortal experts couldn't pass through. So how could an immortal expert infiltrate the base?

Suddenly, a thought passed through both of their minds. Then the surprised expression on their faces turned into glee. Zhang Feng looked at the representatives and said, "Everyone, the gang currently has some issues to deal with. Please return to your residences and report the matter of sending reinforcements. I hope we can deal with this as soon as possible."

The sect representatives weren't fools, they also felt the immortal-level aura. They knew that something must have happened to the Black Tiger Gang. But seeing Zhang Feng's expression, it doesn't seem to be bad.

The eruption of an immortal-stage aura should be a good thing for the Black Tiger Gang. And it wasn't difficult to guess who broke through. It should be the former gang leader of the Black Tiger Gang, Tie Zhantian!

Tie Zhantian secluded himself to attack the immortal stage. This wasn't a secret in the Northern Divergent Province. However, Tie Zhantian had yet to succeed. Therefore, people eventually forgot about it. But now, it seems like Tie Zhantian succeeded in breaking through.

This was important news. It must be known that the Freedom Alliance was formed by small to medium-sized sects. These small to medium-sized sects have almost no immortal experts. Some sects might have immortal experts, but they didn't have a lot, only one or two. Now, the Black Tiger gang has another immortal expert. This meant that the strength of the alliance has increased by a lot.

Since they needed to report to their sects, the representatives didn't remain in the meeting hall. They quickly returned to their residences and sent out jade sword messages to their sects. In addition to the matter of increasing the number of troops, Tie Zhantian's breakthrough was also reported.

At this time, Zhang Feng and Hu Liangchen were rushing straight into the depths of the Black Tiger Gang base. There were other influential figures of the sect who were doing the same thing. They had the same thoughts as Zhang Feng and Hu Liangchen. They wanted to know if the aura was from Tie Zhantian or not. If so, this would mean that the Black Tiger Gang's strength has risen once more.

Before long, the group arrived at the origin of the strong aura. Seeing the place, the expression on Zhang Feng and the others' faces lit up with glee. This was because the origin of the aura was Tie Zhantian's room.

The immortal-stage aura got stronger and stronger before it froze the surrounding space. Then the aura began to vanish. Although Zhang Feng and the others weren't immortal experts, they were aware of this scenario. The aura meant that Tie Zhantian has entered the immortal stage. The eruption of aura earlier on was Tie Zhantian still not being used to the strong aura he was emitting. The aura slowly vanishing meant that Tie Zhantian was slowly taking control of his aura. Once the aura disappeared, this would mean that he had stabilized his cultivation.

Not long after Zhang Feng and the others arrived, the strong aura was completely restrained. Then a voice was heard from the cave residence saying, "Everyone, you can come in." Zhang Feng and the others immediately entered.

Inside the cave was a person with a smile on his face. The person was Tie Zhantian. Looking at everyone, the smile on Tie Zhantian's face suddenly disappeared as he asked, "Where's Little Hai? Did something happen?"

Because Tie Zhantian was in seclusion, he didn't receive any news about the events outside. Therefore, upon seeing that Zhao Hai was absent, he thought that something might have happened.

Zhang Feng immediately briefed Tie Zhantian about what happened in the past year or so. Naturally, he told Tie Zhantian was currently leading the troops outside. He has no time to return to the sect.

Hearing Zhang Feng, Tie Zhantian let out a sigh of relief. Then he said, "So the Heavenly Demons arrived. This is a catastrophe for the Great Realm of Cultivation. A lot of small sects would perish."

Zhang Feng replied, "Martial Uncle, Zhao Hai is currently outside with the army. We're planning on having the sects send reinforcements to support him. Martial Uncle, since you're out, I'll hand the control of the sect back to you.'

Tie Zhantian smiled faintly and said, "What happened? You don't want to be the Gang Leader? You forgot. Now that I'm at the immortal stage, based on the Black Tiger Gang's rules, I am now a Supreme Elder. It's impossible for me to be the Gang Leader. The sect is now yours to manage. From now on, you're the official gang leader of the Black Tiger Gang. Hahaha. You think you're allowed to quit? Didn't you always want to be the Gang Leader?"

Hearing Tie Zhantian, Zhang Feng bitterly smiled and said, "Martial Uncle, to be honest, being the Gang Leader is very tiring. I don't want to do it. I want to fight the Heavenly Demons together with Little Hai. You might not know, but fighting with Zhao Hai is very relaxing. From the moment I met Zhao Hai, I never encountered a loss in battle."

Tie Zhantian laughed, "You brat. You're still thinking about this. You can no longer do that. Don't worry, you'll get used to being the Gang Leader. Right, didn't you say that Little Hai needed reinforcement? How soon can these reinforcements be sent? If they're late, Little Hai may be in danger."

Zhang Feng's expression changed. He lowered his head as he thought for a while before he looked at everyone and said, "Martial Uncle, everyone, I didn't tell you this in the past to ensure Little Hai's security. Actually, even if the 500 thousand troops are wiped out, Little Hai will be fine. This is because in addition to his spatial ability, Zhao Hai also had another special ability."

Speaking up to here, he scanned everyone and said, "When he broke through his tribulation, he gained another ability. It allowed his Undead to maintain their strength. Zhao Hai has a background of dark magic, so he has a lot of Undead. And now, not only could he revive dead cultivators as Undead, the strength of these revived cultivators would also have the same strength as they were alive. Even if the revived cultivator is at the Immortal Stage."

Hiss! Everyone couldn't help but take a deep breath. They understood what Zhang Feng meant. And it was because of this understanding that they were extremely surprised!

Let an Undead preserve its initial strength? This meant that revived immortal experts would be immortal-level Undead. Isn't this going against heaven's will? Everyone had the expression of disbelief!

#### Chapter 1818: Ruthless Plan

"Are you telling the truth?" Tie Zhantian confirmed what he heard with Zhang Fang.

Zhang Feng nodded and added, "In fact, Little Hai currently has seven immortal-level Undead. They are the Myriad Demons Sect's Elder Zhu, the Wandering Soul Group's Supreme Elder, and the Myriad Demon Realm's Five Discolored Venerables. Elder Zhu and the Wandering Soul Group's Supreme Elder was killed when we were attacking the Wandering Soul Group. The Five Discolored Venerables were killed when they ambushed us back in Bright Yang City. It was because of this knowledge that I dared to receive the Black Turtle Ancestor into the sect."

Upon hearing Zhang Feng, Tie Zhantian and the others blanked out. Then they couldn't help but breathe in cold air. They were worried that the Black Tiger Gang was lacking in immortal experts. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to have seven immortal-level Undead. Wasn't this too abnormal?

Tie Zhantian looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Why didn't you tell us before?"

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "Martial Uncle, how could I reveal it? If I told you, the entire Great Realm of Cultivation might find out. If the super sects knew about Little Hai's ability before the Heavenly Demons arrived, they would immediately come and destroy us. They would be afraid of Zhao Hai's existence."

Tie Zhantian was silent, then he nodded and said, "That's true. It's good that you didn't tell us. Hearing Little Hai win against the Heavenly Demons and defeating 50 immortal Heavenly Demons, I'm sure that he used his immortal-level Undead. Now information about his ability would be known. But with the

Heavenly Demon Invasion currently going on, nobody could keep Little Hai in check. This is a good thing for our Black Tiger Gang.”

Zhang Feng nodded, “I was thinking the same. If Little Hai didn’t use his Undead, it would be impossible for him to defeat the immortal-level Heavenly Demons. Although Little Hai didn’t send a detailed report of the fight, I can imagine what happened during the battle.”

Tie Zhantian gave a nod, then he knit his brows and said, “Little Hai causing trouble in the Demon Slaying Conference is something that I would expect. What surprised me is his proposal for the Elder’s Congress. I don’t know how many wars Little Hai has been part of, but he came from the lower realms. He should be aware that the Elder Congress isn’t suitable for the battlefield. Why did he still propose it?”

Hearing Tie Zhantian, everyone thought about it. They all looked at Tie Zhantian. Only Hu Liangchen’s eyes lit up. Then he said, “I was also surprised about this matter. But if it is what I thought, isn’t Little Hai’s plan a bit too big?”

Zhang Feng looked at Hu Liangchen and Tie Zhantian as he asked, “Martial Uncle, Uncle Hu, what do you mean?”

Hu Liangchen looked at Zhang Feng, then he sighed and said, “You’re still too tender compared to Little Hai. Little Hai is indeed worthy of being an ascendant from the lower realms. He knows how to be ruthless. He deliberately proposed the Elder’s Congress because he knows that it isn’t suitable for the battlefield. An Elder’s Congress would make decisions very slow to become finalized. As a result, it would be normal for cultivators to lose a lot against the Heavenly Demons. And the bigger the loss, the weaker the Great Realm of Cultivation would be. When the time comes, as long as the Black Tiger Gang has enough strength, we would be able to dominate the entire realm!”

Hearing Hu Liangchen, Zhang Feng and the others couldn’t help but breathe in cold air. They didn’t think that Zhao Hai would have such plans as he proposed the Elder’s Congress.

Tie Zhantian interjected, “Although Little Hai’s plan is somewhat ruthless, we have to agree that it’s the most suitable plan for the Black Tiger Gang. Although the Black Tiger Gang has existed for a long time, we’re still far from the background of the super sects. If we don’t use tricks and schemes to shorten the distance, we would never catch up to them. I don’t know if Little Hai meant to do it or not, but no matter what, nobody is allowed to spread about today’s events. Treat it as though nothing happened.”

Everyone responded at the same time. They knew that if what they discussed were to go into public, Zhao Hai would be unlucky along with the Black Tiger Gang. There were countless people who were thinking of excuses to deal with the Black Tiger Gang. If they were given a reason, they would definitely make use of it.

Tie Zhantian looked at everyone and saw that they understood what he meant. Then he said, "The most important thing right now is sending reinforcements to the frontline. No matter what Little Hai's goal was, we cannot make the sects comfortable. Although they are our allies, they weren't people of the Black Tiger Gang. We don't have to take care of them. Little Feng, release information about my breakthrough. At the same time, make the other sects speed up their deployment of troops."

Zhang Feng nodded, "Yes, Martial Uncle. I'll deal with it immediately."

Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "Alright, all of you go. I still need to consolidate my strength. Right, tell Little Hai about what we talked about. Ask him about his plan. See if we can coordinate with him. This period is an opportunity for the Black Tiger Gang to grow."

Tie Zhantian was never an honest and good-natured person. To be honest, although Zhao Hai's plan was ruthless, it suited Tie Zhantian's tastes. As long as this plan succeeds, the rise of the Black Tiger Gang would be inevitable.

Everyone followed Tie Zhantian's instructions and left. After Zhang Feng left Tie Zhantian's room, he took out a jade sword message and sent it to Zhao Hai. At the same time, he also ordered the news of Tie Zhantian's breakthrough to be spread. The news of a new immortal expert in the Black Tiger Gang was announced to the entire Great Realm of Cultivation.

After completing these two tasks, Zhang Feng began to urge the other sects to hurry up with their reinforcements. The other sects also understood Zhang Feng's urging. After all, the situation of the frontlines wasn't optimistic. If they couldn't send troops as soon as possible, the frontlines might suffer an accident. Therefore, the various sects also quickened their mobilization of troops.

Zhao Hai stood on the Hell King's Ship with a jade sword message in his hand. This was the message that Zhang Feng sent him. Its contents were very simple. First, it informed him of Tie Zhantian's breakthrough to the immortal stage. The second thing was asking him what his plan was in proposing the Elder's Congress.

Zhang Feng asking this question meant that his plan had been discovered. However, Zhao Hai didn't care even if this was known to everyone. People were selfish, Zhao Hai's proposal for the Elder's Congress might be good for the Black Tiger Gang, but other people might not think so. This was because other people have no clear idea of the Black Tiger Gang's true strength. Moreover, people wouldn't want to give up their power with the alliance head system. Zhao Hai's proposal for the Elder's Congress wasn't made for the Black Tiger Gang, but for these other people instead.

Because of this, Zhao Hai wasn't worried that his plan was seen through by Tie Zhantian and the others. Besides the Black Tiger Gang, nobody would know about his true goal.

Zhao Hai immediately sent a reply to Zhang Feng. He congratulated Tie Zhantian for his promotion. Then he told Zhang Feng about his plan. Then finally, he informed Zhang Feng that the Heavenly Demons were beginning to attack once more.

Zhao Hai wasn't speaking nonsense. The attack of the Heavenly Demons was truly about to begin. The Heavenly Demons weren't willing to accept defeat, especially if they were defeated by an enemy they outnumbered by double. The result of the battle was unbearable for the Heavenly Demons. So after the reinforcements caught up with the defeated army, they reorganized themselves and charged once more. Naturally, their target was Zhao Hai and the others. And this time, their army was much larger.

Zhao Hai was monitoring the Heavenly Demon Army. Therefore, their action couldn't be hidden from Zhao Hai. So after sending a letter to Zhang Feng, he immediately gathered the commanders who were still on the frontline.

These commanders now fully believed in Zhao Hai. So when Zhao Hai called them over, they immediately arrived. Once everyone was inside the meeting room, Zhao Hai said, "I called you over to tell you bad news. The Heavenly Demon Army is coming for us. This time, the enemy sent more people. Now, their total troops reached about 2 million, which is more than the army we just faced. We will be facing a hard battle that we cannot retreat from. If we retreat, we would be giving the Heavenly Demons a large territory. Most importantly, if we retreat, half of the sects behind us will be occupied. Once that happens, we could no longer use transmission formations for reinforcement. Therefore, we can only stop them here."

Everyone nodded. Nobody made a noise. They knew that Zhao Hai must have a plan. They were waiting for him to lay it out.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "It's almost impossible for our numbers to block 2 million Heavenly Demons. Currently, we have 50 large artifacts. These 50 large artifacts would be essential to our defense. I won't ask anyone to sacrifice their lives. I don't want you to die in vain. So if everyone wants to keep your lives, there's only one way. Hand the control of your large artifacts to me. Only in this way can we block the attack of the Heavenly Demon Army."

#### Chapter 1819: Stellar Transformations Great Formation

The sect representatives were quiet. To be honest, they couldn't do anything else other than to be quiet. This matter wasn't something they could decide on.

Although these people were the representatives of their sects, they weren't high-ranking individuals. These people were sent by their sects to probe the Black Tiger Gang. It was impossible for the sects to send influential people to probe the alliance. On the other hand, the large artifacts were important assets of the sect. Giving Zhao Hai control over the large artifact meant that Zhao Hai would grasp the weakness of the large artifacts. To any sect, this wasn't a favorable matter.

Large artifacts might not be as important as immortal experts, but their strength and presence would affect the status of a sect. One could see from this point how important the large artifacts were to any sect.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and knew what they were thinking. Just as he was thinking about how to convince these people, the representative of the Heavy Sand Sect stood up and said, "Commander, the Heavy Sand Sect agrees to give you control over our large artifact."

This caused Zhao Hai to stare. The Heavy Sand Sect had conflicts with the Black Tiger Gang in the past. Moreover, Zhao Hai himself led people to attack the Heavy Sand Sect. He didn't expect the Heavy Sand Sect to be the first people to support his action.

The other sects were also puzzled by the action of the Heavy Sand Sect. The representative of the Heavy Sand Sect looked at everyone and said, "Everyone, as you all know, Commander once fought against my Heavy Sand Sect. We're very proud of our Heavy Sand Great Formation. But at that time, Commander used the Black Tiger Gang's large artifacts to break our great formation. I believe the Commander wants to use our large artifact to set up a great formation. Only with this method can we block the Heavenly Demon Army." After he said that, the Heavy Sand Sect looked at Zhao Hai to look for confirmation.

It was still strange for Zhao Hai to be addressed as commander. They were the first alliance army of the Freedom Alliance. Naturally, Zhao Hai was appointed as the commander of this army. But at that time, the representatives of the sects weren't fully obedient towards him. Therefore, they only addressed him



as Mister Zhao Hai, sometimes he wasn't addressed with the title 'mister' at all. But after the battle, Zhao Hai established his position in the minds of the sect representatives. Therefore, the Heavy Sand Sect representative was willing to address Zhao Hai with his title of commander.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Correct. I plan to use a great formation with the large artifacts. We're currently at a numbers disadvantage. Only through formations can we face the Heavenly Demon Army."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, the representatives looked at each other. Finally, they clenched their teeth as they all stood up and then bowed, "We're willing to obey Commander Zhao Hai!"

Zhao Hai nodded, then he said, "Alright. After everyone returns to your large artifacts, have everyone operator leave immediately. I'll be sending over Undead to take control over the large artifacts. The formation should be set up soon. Although the great formation wouldn't cause much damage to the Heavenly Demon Army, it wouldn't be a problem for us to tie them down until the reinforcements arrive."

Everyone nodded. Then Zhao Hai allowed them to leave. Once they arrived at their own large artifacts, the operators were immediately asked to leave. Before long, Zhao Hai dispatched his Undead to take control over the various large artifacts.

It only took a short time before Zhao Hai became familiar with the large artifacts. He was also able to see the advantages and disadvantages of each large artifact. Once the Undead became used to the large artifacts, they began to set up the great formation. The great formation Zhao Hai was going to use was the Stellar Transformations Great Formation. However, he was using the two-dimensional version and not the three-dimensional one.

The reason Zhao Hai used the two dimensional version was because he had no other choice. There were too few large artifacts present. There were only 50 ships. If these ships were arranged into a three-dimensional formation, the area they could cover would be very small. This would be unfavorable for defense. If the Heavenly Demons get through, then Zhao Hai's goal wouldn't be achieved.

The Stellar Transformations Great Formation's two-dimensional form had a much larger area. Zhao Hai can even control how big he wanted the formation to be. It was more than enough to block the incoming Heavenly Demons.

The reason why Zhao Hai was so anxious to set up the great formation was because the Heavenly Demons were about to arrive. Meanwhile, the reinforcements were going to take some time before arriving.

In order to prevent the reinforcements from ruining his plans, Zhao Hai sent some people back to the transmission formations of the evacuated sects to wait for the reinforcements to arrive. These people would explain the current state of the battlefield. This way, the new large artifacts wouldn't destroy Zhao Hai's great formation.

After an hour of preparation, Zhao Hai's Stellar Transformation Great Formation was finally arranged. The 50 large artifacts became the planets of the formation. They were now prepared to receive the Heavenly Demon Army.

Not long after Zhao Hai's great formation was set up, the Heavenly Demon Army arrived. A large darkness was seen creeping up from the horizon.

People usually refer to an army of 10 thousand people as endless. And now, the Heavenly Demons have an army 2 million strong. It was a terrifying sight.

However, despite their numbers, the Heavenly Demon Army had to stop. This was because in front of them was a huge starry sky. They could see planets revolving through the large space.

The Heavenly Demons knew that this starry sky wouldn't appear for no reason. There's only one explanation, this was a formation that the Great World of Cultivation has set up.

It must be mentioned that the Heavenly Demons were having problems with this action made by Zhao Hai. Formations were the Heavenly Demon Realm's weakness. Compared to the Great World of Cultivation, the Heavenly Demon Realm was far behind in terms of formation research.

Zhao Hai's Stellar Transformation Great Formation happened to be a huge problem to the Heavenly Demons. If they wanted to continue their invasion, they would need to break through this great formation. This was especially hard for Heavenly Demons who had no formation experts.

The Heavenly Demon Army Commander looked at the starry sky with a frown on his face. The commander's name was Mo Like. he was the Army Commander of a 5 million strong army. Hearing that Zhao Hai's army was very strong, he went with the army to witness the battle. But he didn't expect the enemy to set up a great formation.

Mo Like turned towards a nearby Heavenly Demon and said, "You fought with the cultivators before, did they use this formation?"

The Heavenly Demon was the commander of the army that Zhao Hai defeated. Upon hearing Mo Like's question, he shook his head and said, "They didn't. The previous battle was an ordinary fight. They didn't use any formations."

Mo Like knit his brows. He didn't know how to handle this situation. After frowning at the Stellar Transformation Great Formation for some time, he said, "Send five large artifacts to probe. Remember, we're just probing. There's no need to get into battle. If you discover something wrong, retreat immediately." Those present nodded immediately before sending a message bat.

Shortly after the message bats were sent out, five large artifacts flew towards the Stellar Transformations Great Formation. They were flying very carefully. They left a lot of opportunities for themselves to retreat immediately.

Before long, the five ships got in contact with the Stellar Transformations Great Formation. Once the five ships entered the formation, they immediately felt pressure that didn't belong to the Great World of Cultivation. This pressure seemed to come from the starry sky. A tearing pressure came down on the octopus ships.

Moreover, the planets in the starry sky charged towards them. Seeing this, the five octopus ships immediately retreated. When they retreated some distance, the formation stopped attacking them. Then the octopus ships immediately sent message bats detailing their experience inside the great formations.

After Mo Like heard these reports, his frown became worse. He sent the five ships to see the great formation's strength. Now, it seems like the formation was indeed formidable. This was troublesome for the Heavenly Demons.

However, Mo Like was unwilling to admit that their 2 million Heavenly Demon Army was kept off by a formation. Looking at the Stellar Transformations Great Formation, his eyes flashed a cold light as he said, "Everyone, prepare to charge towards the formation. I don't believe our 2 million troops couldn't break through this formation."

The Heavenly Demons were a militant race. The urge to fight was merged into their blood. Faced with a difficult opponent, not only were they unflinching, they were elated by Mo Like's command. The Heavenly Demon Army immediately went into a battle formation. The large artifacts were centralized front and center. The Heavenly Demons stationed themselves behind and prepared to charge.

Seeing that the army was ready, Mo Like waved his hand forward. The Heavenly Demon Army began to charge. The large artifacts slowly sped up. The ships became faster and faster.

A rumbling sound was heard as the large artifacts of the Heavenly Demons clashed with the Stellar Transformations Great Formation. There were more than 100 large artifacts in the Heavenly Demon Army. All of them plunged straight into the starry sky.

Mo Like's large artifact also entered the starry sky. The moment he entered the great formation, Mo Like immediately felt a premonition. He felt that his order to charge was the wrong decision.

The reason for this feeling was because as soon as he entered the Stellar Transformations Great Formation, he could no longer feel the other large artifacts. He was also surrounded by an unpleasant energy. His spiritual force was also compressed to its lowest point. It wasn't a good feeling at all.

Chapter 1820: Retreating Slowly

"Contact the other ships immediately!" Mo Like commanded the people around him as he looked at the surroundings. The people around him immediately released a few message bats.

However, as soon as these message bats left the large artifact, they were immediately ripped apart by an invisible pressure. There simply was no way to contact the others.

Seeing this, Mo Like was startled, then he said, "Use demon tokens. We need to contact the others as soon as possible." The people around him immediately nodded. One of them took out a small metal token. The token was no larger than one's palm. In front was the face of a demon while there was nothing on the back.

The Heavenly Demon immediately carved characters on the back of the token. But because of the token's small size, only a few characters were engraved. Once he was finished, the Heavenly Demons released the token.

However, after the demon tokens were released, they just kept swirling around the large artifact. They weren't able to go far. This caused Mo Like and the others to be surprised.

Mo Like's expression was ugly as he asked, "What is going on?"

The person beside him replied, "The surrounding space is being distorted. The demon tokens couldn't find the others at all. It doesn't know where to fly."

Mo Like's expression turned uglier. He looked at his surroundings and saw that some planets were slowly moving towards him. It was clear that these planets were going to attack. Mo Like coldly snorted before walking towards the large artifact.

Mo Like's large artifact was a giant scorpion. On the back of the scorpion were access tunnels. Mo Like entered one of these tunnels.

The other Heavenly Demons knew where Mo Like was going. This time, along with the regular army were an additional 30 immortal Heavenly Demons. All of these immortal Heavenly Demons were in this large artifact. They were specifically tasked to deal with Zhao Hai. The immortal experts who retreated already reported Zhao Hai's capabilities to the high-level figures of the Heavenly Demon Realm. They were very concerned with the report.

The high-level figures of the Heavenly Demon Realm knew that if Zhao Hai could really create immortal-level Undead, then he would be the greatest threat to the invasion. If he could turn immortal Heavenly Demons into Undead, this also meant that he could revive dead immortal cultivators. This would preserve the strength of the Great Realm of Cultivation while also reducing the strength of the Heavenly Demon Realm. As time went on, the invasion would find it impossible to progress.

Therefore, the Heavenly Demons sent out a batch of immortal-level combatants with this consideration. All of them were here to deal with Zhao Hai. However, they didn't expect that Zhao Hai would deal with them using his Stellar Transformations Great Formation. This caused their plan to fail.

Mo Like seriously underestimated the strength of Zhao Hai's formation. He knew that it would be impossible to rush out of the formation with their current state. There was only one way to go out. It was to ask the immortal Heavenly Demons to take action and break the formation as soon as possible.

Mo Like was aware that the great formation wasn't just good-looking. If the Heavenly Demon Army followed him, the consequences would be unimaginable. Therefore, killing Zhao Hai was no longer the main concern. The most important thing was to bring everyone out of this formation.

Sure enough, it didn't take long before about 30 immortal experts flew out of the large artifact. As soon as they appeared, they immediately attacked the planets around them.

Attacks made by immortal experts couldn't be underestimated. All planets that were hit were immediately broken. Some of them immediately fell down.

However, the starry sky was still up. It didn't show any signs of breaking down. This caused Mo Like and the others to be more anxious.

On the other hand, what the cultivators of the Freedom Alliance felt was completely different. They already handed the control of their large artifacts over to Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai told them that if the Heavenly Demons enter the great formation, they could choose to attack. However, they couldn't go out of the large artifacts. They can only attack from inside.

When the cultivators of the Freedom Alliance saw the 2 million troop army of the Heavenly Demons, they couldn't help but feel a chill in their hearts. However, they couldn't run away and escape since they were part of the Stellar Transformations Great Formation. They also couldn't see the changes that happened within the formation.

They cultivators just saw their large artifacts flying according to a set pattern. Then at this moment, the Heavenly Demon Army began to charge.

The cultivators began to prepare themselves for a battle against the Heavenly Demon Army. But then, they suddenly discovered that the Heavenly Demons couldn't see them. They just passed through the cultivators and then began to go in circles. It was as if they were looking for something.

The cultivators of the alliance were shocked by the actions of the Heavenly Demons. They didn't know what the Heavenly Demons were doing. As more and more Heavenly Demons entered the formation, the formation began to get crowded.

At this time, some Heavenly Demons appeared on one of the large artifacts. These Heavenly Demons were very powerful. Once these Heavenly Demons appeared, they immediately attacked their surroundings. At first, the cultivators were nervous, but they soon found out that these Heavenly Demons seem to be targeting something and yet they didn't hit the cultivators. If they hit something, then it would be the other Heavenly Demons. This caused the cultivators to be confused.

But soon, the other cultivators were also attacked. After all, the foundation of the Great Formation were the army's large artifacts. Even if the Heavenly Demons were blind, they would still hit a few targets.

Since the attacks were from immortal experts, each blow was very powerful. Although the large artifacts were able to escape being hit in vital areas because of the control of the Undead, the large artifacts were still damaged. They basically lost the ability to fight.

There were too many Heavenly Demons inside the great formation. This greatly affected the formation's operation. Therefore, the great formation was beginning to become unstable.

Zhao Hai stood on the Hell King's Ship as he looked at the recent developments. He knew that the Stellar Transformations Great Formation wouldn't be able to hold the Heavenly Demons for a long time. If he used large artifacts made with liquid silver, he might last a longer time. However, the large artifacts he used were ordinary ones. Therefore, the formation's limit would be two hours.

Fortunately, some of the reinforcements have already arrived in the territory of the evacuated sects. Zhao Hai also arranged for people to receive the incoming troops. The reinforcements were now lined up behind the great formation. Although not a lot of people had come, Zhao Hai wasn't anxious. After an hour or two, more would arrive. Then they would have enough strength to fight the Heavenly Demon Army.

If Zhao Hai continued to use the great formation to deal with the enemy, then the cultivators from the other sects wouldn't be able to participate. Even if they wanted to participate, they could only hide inside the large artifacts and launch attacks from there. And such attacks wouldn't be of much use to the Heavenly Demons. And since the cultivators don't understand the Stellar Transformations Great Formation, they would only affect the formation if they decide to head out.

Naturally, Zhao Hai can use his Undead along with the great formation. This would definitely cause the Heavenly Demons to be in dire straits. However, Zhao Hai cannot do that. Not only would it expose his strength, it doesn't conform to his plans. Holding the Heavenly Demons back until the reinforcements arrived was enough. Then the alliance army would clash with the Heavenly Demons head on. Only then can they defeat the enemy while also ensuring that Zhao Hai's plans would continue.

In fact, Zhao Hai thought that what he did was enough. He defended with 500 thousand people on his side, and he didn't waste any lives. He also used the Stellar Transformations Great Formation to tie down the Heavenly Demon Army. This was already very benevolent for him.

Contrary to Zhao Hai, Mo Like was very anxious. It has been a long time since the immortal experts began attacking. However, the formation didn't change too much. At the same time, Mo Like was startled.

Time passed and the immortal-level Heavenly Demons had been attacking for nearly one hour. However, Mo Like didn't make them stop. This was because he was able to see hope. He could see that the pressure coming from the formation was slowly decreasing. He believes that as long as they continue attacking, the formation would break.

And just as Mo Like thought, after an hour of attacking, the energy of the formation completely vanished. Mo Like was finally able to see the other Heavenly Demons. When he saw what was in front of him, Mo Like had an impulse to spit out blood. The more than 2 million strong army was now reduced to less than a million troops. In just two hours, the losses of the Heavenly Demons surpassed 300 thousand.

The large artifacts of the Heavenly Demons also suffered some losses. In the beginning, the Heavenly Demons had about 60 large artifacts. But now, the large artifacts that were in good condition were less than 30. Mo Like lost more than half of his large artifacts.

Mo Li can also see that an army of cultivators has assembled not far from them. They numbered at least a million and about 30 large artifacts. However, this cultivator army were full of energy. They looked stronger than the current Heavenly Demon Army. Naturally, being trapped inside a great formation for two hours, the Heavenly Demons were quite drained.



Mo Like clenched his teeth. If possible, he would want to eradicate this army of cultivation. But he was clear that he doesn't have the ability to do that.

The losses of his army caused Mo Like to feel distressed. Also, the state of the immortal experts caused Mo Like to have a headache. Although they were attacking in batches, the immortal experts were showing traces of fatigue after attacking for two hours. Mo Like knew that this fatigue wasn't due to excessive consumption of spiritual qi. Instead, it was mental fatigue from being under pressure.

For over two hours, the immortal experts were attacking planets they didn't know were real or not. This caused them to feel mentally fatigued.

Mo Like was aware that the Heavenly Demon Army was currently not in the best state to fight against the cultivators. If they fought with their exhausted state, they wouldn't fare very well. The most proper action right now was to retreat.

Thinking of this, Mo Like couldn't help but feel unwilling. He stubbornly stared at the cultivator army. He can see that the enemy was properly organized. Their lineup might be standard, but their energy and morale was very good.

Mo Like growled before calming himself down. Then he said, "Get in formation. All large artifacts that can be recovered, drag them over."

With his order, the Heavenly Demon Army immediately gathered together. One has to recognize the training of the Heavenly Demons. Compared to the cultivators, the Heavenly Demons were elite soldiers.

Seeing the Heavenly Demons gather, Zhao Hai didn't order the attack nor did he make everyone line up. This caused the cultivators to be confused. Zhao Hai was the only person who knew that the Heavenly Demons were going to retreat.

Mo Like looked at the cultivator army and clenched his teeth. Then he ordered, "Defensive formation. Slowly retreat!" The person beside him stared. He thought he misheard the order. But upon seeing Mo Like's expression, he knew that he heard the order correctly. Then he immediately passed the word.

Before long, the Heavenly Demon Army formed a defensive formation before retreating slowly. Zhao Hai also didn't order the army to attack. He knew that the opposing commander wasn't simple. He was able to retreat in an orderly manner. If Zhao Hai attacked, the army would lose people for no reason. The reinforcements still needed time to integrate into the main army. They wouldn't be able to fight efficiently against the Heavenly Demons at this time.