

## Another World 1821

### Chapter 1821: Under the Moon Before the Flowers

In the Black Tiger Gang's base, inside Zhang Feng's study, Zhang Feng was looking at the report in front of him. Then he turned to Hu Liangchen and said, "Uncle Hu, how is Little Hai doing?"

Hu Liangchen smiled and said, "The Heavenly Demons have retreated for the time being. The reinforcements from the other sects are still rushing over. Earlier, you proposed to send 2.5 million troops and the sects agreed. Little Hai should now have enough troops in hand. All of the reinforcements would arrive within two days."

Zhang Feng nodded, then he let out a long breath and said, "Since there's nothing wrong with Little Hai, what about forming a second army? Do the sects have opinions about this?"

Hu Liangchen replied, "They don't have any objections. However, they said that the commander of the second army shouldn't be from the Black Tiger Gang."

When he heard Hu Liangchen, Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare. Then his eyes narrowed. He hesitated for a while before asking, "Uncle Hu, what's your opinion?"

Hu Liangchen answered, "This is another test by those guys. They felt uneasy when they found out that the Black Tiger Gang has another immortal expert. They're afraid that the sect would use this opportunity to grow bigger. So they want another army not under our control. I think we should agree to them."

Zhang Feng stared, then he raised his brows and said, "Alright. We can't have those guys be vigilant towards us. Otherwise, they won't cooperate or even surrender to the Myriad Demons Sect. But Uncle Hu, if we do this, our sect will be losing a lot."

Hu Liangchen smiled faintly and said, "It won't be easy for those guys to make the Black Tiger Gang lose people. Little Feng, this time, I'm going to let Huaqian and Yuexia head out. Both of them have the same strength and have reached the transcending tribulation stage. Our Hu Clan's combined attack is very famous. We have also taken care of the clan's affairs over the years. Letting Huaqian and Yuexia go out won't only preserve the strength of the Black Tiger Gang, he also won't attract a lot of attention. What do you think?"[1]

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "Alright, we can send Huaqian and Yeuxia out. However, Uncle Hu, you have to make sure that they are careful. After all, this second army won't be under our control."

Hu Liangchen was moved by Zhang Feng's words. He smiled and said, "Gang Leader, don't worry. They will be fine. The Black Tiger Gang is the dominant power in the Freedom Alliance. Those people wouldn't dare make a move on our key members. Although we aren't in control of the army, we can choose a sect with a good relationship to the Black Tiger Gang to command the army. This way, we won't need to worry."

Zhang Feng nodded, "Alright. But I can't bear to see the young couple go to the battlefield. But if Uncle Hu is willing, then I can only agree. Hahaha."

Hu Liangchen also laughed when he heard Zhang Feng. The Hu Clan practice dual cultivation. This meant that they would only have one dao companion their entire lives. Moreover, because of their cultivation method, the pair of dao companions would have the same level of cultivation. It could be said that they would live and die together. Because of this their names would become somewhat strange. Take Hu Liangchen and his wife, for example. After marrying him, Hu Liangchen's wife changed her name to Meijing. In the same way, Hu Liangchen's granddaughter-in-law was renamed to Yuexia. Liangchen and Meijing(Beautiful scenery and a great morning), Huaqian and Yuexia(Under the moon before the flowers). These were their names.

Hu Liangchen looked at Zhang Feng who had a smile on his face and then said, "Gang Leader, it would be good to tell Little Hai about this. Let him know about the sect's affairs. At the same time, remind him that the sects are still vigilant towards us. Let him be more careful."

Zhang Feng nodded. Then he looked at Hu Liangchen and said, "Uncle Hu, just call me Little Feng like before. You're too polite. With our relationship, calling me Gang Leader is too distant. As for Little Hai, there's no need to worry about him. I reckon Little Hai already thought about this."

Hu Liangchen nodded, "I'm not really too worried about Little Hai. With his methods, those people can't do anything to him at all."

Zhang Feng chuckled and said, "Little Hai's method is indeed very good. Not to mention 2.5 million, even if they sent an extra 1 million troops, Zhao Hai wouldn't have any problems."

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "Alright. Little Feng, I'll go back and let Huaqian prepare. With the establishment of the second army, the Black Tiger Gang would also send some people to join the second army. Who do you think we should send for the second army?"

Zhang Feng thought for a moment and said, "We should send people from all levels of cultivation. We cannot avoid sending troops. If something happens to them later on, we'll make sure to take care of their family members. Even if they died for the Black Tiger Gang."

Although Zhang Feng was biased against the second army, Hu Liangchen understood that what Zhang Feng said was right. Those who would be sent to the second army would have a higher chance of perishing. After all, even if the other sects wouldn't dare sacrifice the men of the Black Tiger Gang, the second army doesn't have Zhao Hai. This caused Zhang Feng to lose confidence in it.

In fact, it wasn't only Zhang Feng. Although Hu Liangchen was confident in his grandson, he had to recognize that his grandson was still too far from Zhao Hai's ability.

At this time, Zhao Hai was reorganizing his army. With the arrival of the reinforcements, Zhao Hai now has nearly 2 million troops under his command. There were also about 50 immortal experts present. This shows how much importance the sects attached to the army.

However, this doesn't mean that Zhao Hai could attack the Heavenly Demons once the entire army was complete. This was impossible. These newcomers still need to go through a period of training. Moreover, these newcomers would disrupt the status quo of the army. They needed to be reassigned.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't go too far in managing the newcomers. He would have the other sects manage them. However, these people would be briefed by Zhao Hai. These people would be those who fought with Zhao Hai before. These were the people who had been won over by Zhao Hai.

However, problems would arise with this method. The first people to be sent to the alliance army were those who didn't have a good standing in their sects. And now, among the reinforcements were influential elders as well as core disciples. If an inner disciple orders a core disciple, it would be strange if conflicts didn't arise.

Zhao Hai also realized this issue, but he didn't take back his order. On the contrary, he doubled down and decisively dealt with a few core disciples. Naturally, he didn't slap the faces of these core disciples.

These were young masters in their respective sects. It would definitely cause a backlash if he touched their pride. Instead, Zhao Hai directly sent these troublesome core disciples back to their sects along with a message explaining the situation.

After expelling more than 20 core disciples, the others finally behaved themselves. They understood that only one person could be prideful in the alliance army, and that person was Zhao Hai. In the army, their status as core disciples was useless.

Three days after Zhao Hai's second battle against the Heavenly Demons, all 2.5 million reinforcements finally arrived. At this point, Zhao Hai has 3 million troops under his command. There were also 100 large artifacts. Although the Black Tiger Gang has a lot of large artifacts, they would take a lot of them all at once. Doing so would just scare the other sects.

Each sect also sent immortal experts this time. There were 50 of them in total. These immortal experts belong to different sects. After their arrival, Zhao Hai immediately made things clear for them. They won't have any positions in the first army. They would also obey all orders. Otherwise, they would be asked to leave.

In the Great World of Cultivation's history, only Zhao Hai dared to speak to immortal experts this way. Although these immortal experts were angry inside, they didn't say anything. After all, their sects had a lot of disciples in the first army. With Zhao Hai being in control over the entire army, these immortal experts also needed to consider these disciples whenever they made a move. If they get in conflict with Zhao Hai and get expelled, then it would bring no benefit to their sects. Moreover, who knows if Zhao Hai would find an excuse to cause their sects to suffer some losses.

Additionally, Zhao Hai's strength wasn't inferior to these immortal experts. There was also the Black Turtle Ancestor on Zhao Hai's side. Even if the immortal experts wanted to get in conflict with Zhao Hai, they didn't have any strength to pressure him.

And through various channels, they found out that Zhao Hai held back 50 immortal level Heavenly Demons. They didn't know what methods Zhao Hai used, but they were sure that Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of them. Therefore, these immortal experts could only acquiesce to Zhao Hai's methods.

But this didn't mean that the immortal experts didn't hide any feelings of resentment in their hearts. They would find trouble for Zhao Hai sooner or later. As long as Zhao Hai dared to embarrass their sects, these immortal experts would immediately target him. However, these immortal experts were soon disappointed. They found that Zhao Hai didn't treat anyone unfairly. Instead, he organized the army

properly and made sure to understand the fighting style of the sects. It was said that the Airblast Sect was assigned by Zhao Hai to be scouts. Because of their cultivation method, disciples of the Airblast Sect had the fastest speed among the sects present.

Zhao Hai also divided sects according to their weapons. This way, they could use their strengths in the most appropriate way. Those with great defenses like the Great Strength Sect were also assigned a defensive positions in the army.

Hu Liangchen's grandson 'Little Flower' and his wife.

Chapter 1822: Happy

When he was in the lower realms, Zhao Hai commanded cultivators in battle multiple times. But back then, whether it be the Hundred Treasures Sect or the Giant Spirit Sect, most of their methods were close-combat techniques. Large scale battles were also mostly fought by large artifacts. In long-distance battles, cultivators would use artifacts to send their attacks.

But in the Great Realm of Cultivation, the main force of the battles were still the cultivators. However, cultivators in this realm had dao avatars. With these dao avatars, their strength has increased. Cultivators no longer depended too much on their artifacts. Their battles looked more like a brawl.

Because of this, battles in the Great Realm of Cultivation were different. Commanding the cultivators wasn't also the same.

In order for the cultivators to better display their combat strength, Zhao Hai had to use the Universal Scanner. Then Lizzy and the others researched how to use each branch of the army and refined their operation.

In the beginning, the immortal experts were finding ways to cause trouble for Zhao Hai. But upon looking at Zhao Hai's actions, they all stopped. They discovered that Zhao Hai had no intention of embarrassing them. But if they tried to meddle in the army's matters, Zhao Hai definitely wouldn't let them off.

Now these immortal experts were convinced and recognized Zhao Hai's abilities. They behaved themselves and no longer looked for trouble.

It has been seven days since the army has been fully formed. In these seven days, the Heavenly Demons sent some probing attacks towards Zhao Hai. However, both sides didn't fight a large-scale battle like before. Only small skirmishes happened between the two.

Something happened in the past seven days that made Zhao Hai happy. The alliances of the Hundred Flowers Valley and the Myriad Demons Sect finally fought against the Heavenly Demons.

The Hundred Flowers Valley only had to face one army of the Heavenly Demon Realm. However, this army has about 6 million Heavenly Demons. As for the Hundred Flowers Valley's alliance, their army consists of around 5 million people. Both sides clashed, but the final result was the loss of the Hundred Flowers Valley. They lost around 1 million people. By relying on the terrain and great formations, the Hundred Flowers Valley completely shifted to a defensive stance.

To be honest, Zhao Hai wasn't surprised by this result. The Great Realm of Cultivation wasn't well-prepared against the invasion of the Heavenly Demon Realm. At the same time, the sects didn't treat the Heavenly Demons with importance. Otherwise, the nine super sects wouldn't have thought about using the invasion as an opportunity to seize power.

The Hundred Flowers Valley's disastrous defeat shook the Northern Divergent Province. Then the battle of the Myriad Demons Sect and the Heavenly Demons caused the entire province to lose its voice.

The Myriad Demons Sect's alliance was the biggest alliance in the province. Their army was 13 million strong. However, the Heavenly Demon Army that they faced comprised 15 million Heavenly Demons.

If this army was well commanded, then the Heavenly Demons wouldn't be able to get their way. However, the final result of the Myriad Demons Sect's battle was surprisingly similar to the Hundred Flowers Valley. They nearly lost a million cultivators in the battle. In the end, they could only turn defensive after their defeat. They no longer took the initiative to attack the Heavenly Demon Army.

This result surprised the sects of the Northern Divergent Province, especially the sects in the Freedom Alliance. This was because Zhao Hai was able to win against 2 million Heavenly Demons with only 1 million troops. Moreover, they were able to stall a 2 million Heavenly Demon Army with only 500 thousand people. The Freedom Alliance thought that the Heavenly Demons were mediocre opponents, but they still felt proud of their victory.

As soon as they heard the battle results of the Hundred Flowers Valley and the Myriad Demons Sect, the entire Freedom Alliance was speechless. In the three alliances in the Northern Divergent Province, the Freedom Alliance was the smallest and weakest one. Although the Black Tiger Gang has been domineering recently, it still fell short compared to the Hundred Flowers Valley or the Myriad Demons Sect. The reason the sects joined the Freedom Alliance wasn't because of the Black Tiger Gang's strength, it was because the alliance was more free than the other two. The Black Tiger Gang wouldn't suppress them using the alliance.

The sects who joined the Freedom Alliance weren't confident in the Black Tiger Gang's strength. Otherwise, they wouldn't have only sent inner disciples during the first foray of Zhao Hai's army.

When they heard the losses of the Hundred Flowers Valley and the Myriad Demons Sect, the sects in the Freedom Alliance suddenly realized that their group was very powerful. Both the Myriad Demons Sect and the Hundred Flowers Valley were well-known and established sects. However, they could only retreat against the Heavenly Demons. In comparison, the Freedom Alliance was doing more than well.

The Black Tiger Gang also didn't expect that the losses of the Hundred Flowers Valley and the Myriad Demons Sect would become an invisible help towards them. Now, the sects in the Freedom Alliance were feeling more confident towards the Black Tiger Gang.

On the other hand, Mo Like wasn't having a great time. He had eaten two losses from Zhao Hai's hand. While the two armies were reporting their victory, only Mo Like reported his loss. This caused Mo Like's face to turn red. Therefore, Mo Like was planning on sending another 5 million-strong army to attack Zhao Hai one more time.

Fortunately, Zhao Hai's army has been completely reorganized. He was no longer planning on turtling up. He brought his army and went on to meet the attacking army.

Zhao Hai gathered the large artifacts of the army to form a large stellar transformation great formation. Meanwhile, the cultivators left the large artifacts and positioned themselves behind the great formation, ready to tear all the enemies that dared enter the starry sky.

This way, the opponent wouldn't be able to cause damage to the great formation. As long as Zhao Hai tied down the large artifacts of the enemy, they would have no choice but to send their people out to attack. By that time, the dispatched Heavenly Demons would need to go through the great formation.

However, the cultivators behind the great formation were now in a different form compared to before. The original army was a mixed bunch with no efficient way to work with each other.

But after Zhao Hai's reorganization of the army, various branches were established to form a new battle formation. Each branch would attack in one direction and with equal strength. They would all obey Zhao Hai's command. In this case, if the Heavenly Demons managed to rush out of the great formation, they would definitely be faced with a meat grinder.

Zhao Hai didn't wait for the Heavenly Demon Army to come to him. Instead, he brought his army forward to close the distance between the two sides.

At this moment, another army of 2 million Heavenly Demons moved towards the territory of the Freedom Alliance.

Fortunately, the Freedom Alliance was able to form its second army of 1.5 million cultivators. The commander of this army was a core disciple of a medium grade sect. This sect was called the Giant Axe Group. The Giant Axe Group was an established medium-grade sect in the Northern Divergent Province. They had a good body cultivation method that uses the great axe to fight. But since their cultivation method was taxing to the body, the sect didn't have a lot of disciples. This was the biggest reason for their slow growth.

The Giant Axe group and the Black Tiger Gang had a great relationship with each other. This was because the ancestors of both sects were good friends. Moreover, the two sects were quite a distance away from each other. This meant that there were no conflicts of interests between the two. This allowed their relationship to continue for a long time.

Because the Black Tiger Gang couldn't take control over the second army, they suggested that the Giant Axe Group should lead the second army. This increased the friendship between the two sects.

Although the other sects knew why the Giant Axe Group became the army commander of the second army, they didn't say anything to the Black Tiger Gang. In any case, the sects were quite satisfied with the Black Tiger Gang and the Freedom Alliance. Moreover, the main reason why the two sects had a good relationship was because they don't have conflicts of interests. This meant that it would be impossible for the Black Tiger Gang to command the Giant Axe Group. If the Black Tiger Gang asserts their command, the two sects would have a falling out, which would also be good for the other sects.



The other sects doesn't hope for the Freedom Alliance to be monopolized by one sect. If the Freedom Alliance was monopolized, then the benefits of the sects would be affected. Although they could withdraw from the alliance at any time, their sects were still close to the Black Tiger Gang. When the time comes, the Black Tiger Gang might move against them. If they also allied with the Myriad Demons Sect or the Hundred Flowers Valley, it wouldn't matter since the Black Tiger Gang could just send troops to their sects in a quick manner. The Myriad Demons Sect and the Hundred Flowers Valley were currently licking their wounds, so they don't have time to help smaller sects. Moreover, these two sects were currently looking unreliable in the eyes of the small sects. Otherwise, they wouldn't have lost against the Heavenly Demons.

Meanwhile, the small sects could see that the Black Tiger Gang was getting more and more powerful. So what could they do? These sects need to work together and prevent the Black Tiger Gang from monopolizing the Freedom Alliance. There needs to be a balancing force on the opposite side of the Black Tiger Gang. This was where the Giant Axe Group entered. They could use the sect to keep the balance of power in the alliance.

The Black Tiger Gang was also satisfied with this decision. They had a good relationship with the Giant Axe Group. The Giant Axe Group also wouldn't stupidly send the Black Tiger Gang's disciples to their deaths. The Giant Axe Sect was also satisfied. They gained greater power and were able to position themselves beside the Black Tiger Gang in the Freedom Alliance. And the small sects were satisfied. The Freedom Alliance was no longer monopolized by the Black Tiger Gang. The decision caused everyone to be happy.

#### Chapter 1823: The Second Army

Li Kuangge was standing on the special large artifact of the Giant Axe Group. His face was full of ambition. Li Kuangge was a genius of the Giant Axe Group. He was in the same generation as Zhang Feng. In addition to his talent, he was also very strong and has reached the transcending tribulation stage. It can be said that he was one of the stars of the Northern Divergent Province. Even the disciples of the Myriad Demons Sect couldn't hide his brilliance.

Li Kuangge was a high-profile and arrogant person. He had a much louder reputation than Zhang Feng. No matter where he went, he would be sought after and some cultivators would even bow their heads upon hearing his name. This caused Li Kuangge to affirm that he was indeed a genius and was loved by thousands of people.

However, all of this changed when Zhao Hai debuted. Zhao Hai was valiant and his prowess in the battlefield was unmatched. Li Kuangge felt like a child with his toy stolen. Before long, his hatred and jealousy of Zhao Hai began to brew.

And with the arrival of the Heavenly Demons, Zhao Hai's fame increased once more. After Zhao Hai defeated the Heavenly Demons two times, nobody could match his name in the Northern Divergent Province.

Li Kuangge also wanted to go to battle and gain a bigger reputation for himself. However, he doesn't want to be ordered by Zhao Hai. Therefore, he didn't go to the first army but instead to the second army. And under the Black Tiger Gang's proposal, Li Kuangge became the commander of the second alliance army. This caused Li Kuangge to feel that his time to rise up has arrived.

Li Kuangge has no hatred towards the Black Tiger Gang. The Giant Axe Group has been maintaining good relations with the Black Tiger Gang for a very long time. Moreover, Li Kuangge's position was recommended by the Black Tiger Gang. Li Kuangge was just jealous of Zhao Hai. He wanted to compete with him and inform the Northern Divergent Province that he, Li Kuangge, was the true genius of the province.

Li Kuangge has a reason for being happy. Although he only had 1.5 million people in his army, the enemy he would face only numbered 2 million. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai's army of 3 million would face 5 million Heavenly Demons. In Li Kuangge's mind, the heavens were helping him. As long as he uses the 1.5 million troops to defeat the 2 million Heavenly Demons, his reputation would certainly surpass Zhao Hai.

Li Kuangge was the same as the sect masters in the Freedom Alliance. They don't have much information about the power of the Heavenly Demon Realm. Zhao Hai's two victories caused these sects to look down on the strength of the Heavenly Demon Army.

Although news of the Hundred Flowers Valley and the Myriad Demons Realm's defeats has reached their ears, the sects of the Freedom Alliance only increased their vigilance by a little among. They still looked down on the Heavenly Demons. This was especially true for Li Kuangge who was a hot-blooded youth who was hungry to prove himself.

Li Kuangge was now leading his 1.5 million army to meet the Heavenly Demon Army head-on. The army on the opposite side of the second army also moved and charged towards their enemy. The two armies were a day's travel away from each other. Naturally, Li Kuangge wouldn't just sit there and wait for the enemy to knock on his door.

Li Kuangge was currently riding the large artifact of the Giant Axe Sect called the arrow ship. The name of the ship didn't mean that it was a ship that could be launched like an arrow. It also wasn't a ship that

could shoot arrows. The reason it was named as such was because it resembled an arrow. Therefore, it was called an arrow ship.

And because of its shape, the arrow ship was very fast and had great collision strength. It held some fame in the Northern Divergent Province.

Although the second army had inferior numbers compared to the first army, their number of large artifacts was around the same. The second army also had around 100 large artifacts. However, only ten of these large artifacts were from the Black Tiger Gang, the rest came from different sects.

At the same time, the large artifacts of the Black Tiger Gang were operated by the disciples of the sect, not Zhao Hai's Undead. It was Hu Huaqian who led the Black Tiger Gang's delegation. Everyone was acting in a very low-key manner. They just regarded themselves as ordinary members of the second army.

This was also the instructions that Hu Liangchen gave them. They have to be as low-key as possible. The Black Tiger Gang has been everyone's sights long enough. If they acted too high-profile, then they might be disliked by the other sects. This wasn't good for the Black Tiger Gang.

Hu Huaqian stood on a black tiger ship and looked at the arrow ship in front of him before sighing. His wife Hu Yuexia looked at him and asked, "What's wrong?"

Hu Huaqian gestured towards the arrow ship and said, "Li Kuangge is on that ship. To be honest, I'm not confident in this army. I met Li Kuangge before. He is indeed strong, but he's extremely arrogant. He never listens to anyone's advice. Such a person might be good at cultivation and might even become a powerful expert, however, his qualities aren't fit for being a commander. Compared to Little Hai, he's still very far away."

Hu Yuexia smiled faintly and said, "There aren't a lot of people who could compare with Little Hai in the Northern Divergent Province to begin with. We should think about how we could preserve our strength. We took 100 thousand disciples with us this time. We have to bring back as many as possible."

Hu Huaqian nodded and said, "Although Little Hai's plan requires blood sacrifices from us, once it's successful, the Freedom Alliance will belong to the Black Tiger Gang."

As he said that, the ships in front of him slowed down. Hu Huaqian looked at the distance and saw a dense sea of black welling up from the horizon.

Hu Huaqian knew that the Heavenly Demon Army had arrived. He immediately sent orders to stop the Black Tiger Gang's large artifacts. Moreover, he had them keep their formation and be on standby.

Since the Black Tiger Gang dispatched 100 thousand people, 10 large artifacts were sent. They don't have any cultivators outside the large artifacts. But now that the army had stopped and began to line up, cultivators flew out of the large artifacts and lined up at the back. The other sects were also doing the same.

Once Hu Huaqian finished his preparations, the Heavenly Demon Army arrived in front. However, the enemy didn't immediately attack. Instead, they stopped a kilometer away and then a voice was heard, "Leader of the cultivators, come out and talk!"

Li Kuangge laughed and said, "Heavenly Demon bastard, quickly release your fart!"

"Snort!" A cold snort was heard from the Heavenly Demon Army. This snort resonated with the air and boomed loudly in the surroundings. When the people from the Great Realm of Cultivation heard this, they knew that although the Heavenly Demon had yet to reach the immortal stage, he was very close to it.

"Cultivator from the Great Realm of Cultivation, your mouths have always been stronger than your hands and feet. I can see that from your realm's Zhao Hai. When he's in the Heavenly Demon Realm, he was chased around and luckily escaped. As for you, make sure that you show something. Or else you'll become a joke." The voice on the other side mellowed down. Except a mellow hum, nothing else was heard.

Upon hearing the other side talk about Zhao Hai, Li Kuangge's expression changed. Then he coldly snorted and said, "Comparing me to Zhao Hai, then I will show you the real strength of the Great Realm of Cultivation. Your Heavenly Demon race invaded our realm for no reason. I, Li Kuangge, pledge that I will purge you from our lands!"

"Hahaha! That's the funniest joke I heard." The opposite voice answered. Then he continued, "Purge the Heavenly Demons? Even your nine super sects wouldn't dare say such words. Truly a calf that doesn't

fear the tiger. Young Man, you should know that the best spirit veins, pills, and land should be enjoyed by those with more talent and strength. The Heavenly Demon Race is more than qualified to occupy the Great Realm of Cultivation.”

“Fart!” Li Kuangge called out. “You Heavenly Demons are a bunch of uncultured bastards. What qualifications do you have to get the Great Realm of Cultivation? You deserve to suffer!” After he said that, Li Kuangge waved his hand and commanded, “Attack! All large artifacts, charge!”

With this order, more than 100 large artifacts began to charge towards the Heavenly Demon Army with all of its strength. However, the Heavenly Demon Army’s response was somewhat late. Surprisingly, they didn’t charge forward as well.

Hu Huaqian also followed the charge of the second army, but upon seeing the response of the Heavenly Demons, he couldn’t help but stare. Then he commanded his ships, “Inform all of the Black Tiger Gang’s artifacts, reduce your charging speed!”

Hu Yuexia looked at the Heavenly Demon Army and said, “According to the Gang Leader, the Heavenly Demons are stronger than the cultivators of the Great Realm of Cultivation. It’s impossible for them to react this slowly. There should be some problems with what the Heavenly Demon just said. He even praised Little Hai.”

Hu Huaqian coldly snorted and said, “He should have seen how young Li Kuangge is. He mentioned Zhao Hai to see how Li Kuangge would respond. If he angered Li Kuangge, then his goal would be achieved. If Li Kuangge didn’t bite the bait, then there’s no loss to them. Now that the response of the Heavenly Demon Army is late, there’s definitely a trap. I think they want to deal with our large artifacts.”

The people of the Black Tiger Gang immediately followed the orders and slowed down. However, they decreased their speed just enough that others didn’t notice that they were already at the back of the army.

The distance between both sides was about a kilometer, which was not enough for a large artifact to reach its max charging speed. Not reaching the maximum speed when crashing into an enemy would affect a large artifact’s offensive strength.

However, Li Kuangge didn't think too much about his order. He was very impulsive in his decision to let the large artifacts charge at the enemy. In a blink of an eye, the large artifacts reached the front of the Heavenly Demon Army. The Heavenly Demon Army also made its move. But instead of charging, the army retreated instead.

When he saw the retreat of the Heavenly Demon Army, Li Kuangge became excited. He immediately ordered an all-out charge of the large artifacts. But then at this time, dozens of huge sword qi appeared from the Heavenly Demon Army.

Each sword qi was dozens of meters long and were solid gold. They all looked like large swords that cut towards the large artifacts.

Seeing the golden sword qi, Li Kuangge's expression couldn't help but change. He could see that all of these attacks came from immortal experts. It seems like the other party was planning to destroy the large artifacts.

However, it was too late for Li Kuangge to regret. The distance between the sword qi and the large artifacts was too small. It was simply impossible for the large artifacts to dodge the incoming attacks.

As Li Kuangge's face turned deathly pale, the sword qi began to slash the large artifacts. All large artifacts of the second army were striving to be the first to charge. They weren't arranged the same way as Zhao Hai's army. Because the large artifacts of the second army differed from each other, their speeds were different and their charge was irregular. This caused the charge to come in waves. On the first wave were 50 large artifacts, the second wave had around 40, and the last had about 10. The last ships all belonged to the Black Tiger Gang.

And because of the irregular charge, there was no structure to the army. The first wave wasn't able to block the attacks for the second wave. This allowed the attacks of the Heavenly Demons to reach the second wave as well.

Attacks made by immortal experts were extremely powerful. The sword qi cut the protective shields of the large artifacts as though they were tofu. Explosions were heard as the large artifacts of the first wave were defeated. Some large artifacts lost their power. There were even some who exploded from the sheer power of the attack.

The second wave of large artifacts also received attacks. Fortunately, the immortal experts of the Freedom Alliance were able to respond in time. They released attacks to counter the incoming sword qi. However, one side was prepared while the other was just reacting. The defenses were immediately destroyed and the sword qi hit the second wave's large artifacts. But because of the counterattack of the immortal experts, the damage to the second wave wasn't as big. The sword qi only slashed through the shields of the large artifacts, causing minimal damage to the ships.

#### Chapter 1824: Different Tricks

Li Kuangge hasn't been injured. Although the attacks were strong, Li Kuangge still has some real skill. An immortal expert would need to exert some effort if they want to kill him. Not to mention that he was inside a large artifact and the attack was just a sword qi. Therefore, Li Kuangge was safe. However, his arrow ship was destroyed.

Li Kuangge's eyes turned red. He didn't think that this would happen. This was his first time commanding an army and this was his first order. How could he accept this result?

Li Kuangge seems to have lost his mind. He wanted to charge towards the Heavenly Demons and go all out against them.

But just as Li Kuangge was about to move, he was suddenly captured. Li Kuangge's blood red eyes turned his head to the person who grabbed him. It was the Supreme Elder of the Giant Axe Group, an immortal expert.

The Supreme Elder was currently looking at Li Kuangge with anger as he said, "What are you doing? Hurry up and command the rest of the large artifacts to retreat and prepare to defend against the enemy. Although you have lost a lot of large artifacts, we haven't lose yet. We still have more than a million troops behind us.

Li Kuangge calmed himself down. His eyes returned to normal as well. He gave the immortal expert a bow before he gave his order. Large artifacts, slowly retreat. Immortal Experts, bring up the rear. The rest, line up and prepare to meet the enemy!"

It has to be said that Li Kuangge was still a smart person. There was nothing wrong with his order this time. The large artifacts began to retreat and guard against the enemy's attack. As for the immortal experts, they began to exchange moves with the enemy's immortal experts. The immortal experts were protecting the cultivators while they lined up in a defensive formation.

However, Li Kuangge forgot that the Heavenly Demon Army were prepared to deal with them. Moreover, the Heavenly Demons had the numbers advantage. Using this method to deal with the Heavenly Demons wasn't ideal.

As soon as Li Kuangge's order was sent out, he saw dozens of figures flying out of the Heavenly Demon Army. These figures were all at the immortal stage. The immortal experts of the second army also moved out and met the enemy. The number of immortal experts from both sides were roughly the same. They continued to fight in the air for some time before moving their fight away from the battlefield.

However, this wasn't the end. The large artifacts of the Heavenly Demons also began to charge. The large artifacts of the Heavenly Demon Army wasn't more than the second army's, they might have even brought less. It was because of this that Li Kuangge dared to order his charge. He just didn't expect that he would walk into a trap setup by the Heavenly Demons.

While the large artifacts of the Freedom Alliance were retreating, the large artifacts of the Heavenly Demons began crashing in.

Following behind the charging large artifacts were the rest of the Heavenly Demons. One side was retreating while the other was charging over. Now the large artifacts of the cultivators were powerless to fight back. They were just waiting to be attacked by their enemy.

Li Kuangge quickly discovered his mistake. The distance caused by the retreat of the large artifacts only provided more room for the Heavenly Demons' large artifact to reach their peak speed.

Li Kuangge took a deep breath. Seeing that it was useless to retreat, he immediately shouted, "Large artifacts, halt! Prepare to defend against the enemy!"

Just as his voice fell, the large artifacts of the Heavenly Demons were already rushing over. The large artifacts of the cultivators stopped. But the strange thing was that in front of the charging Heavenly Demon Army were octopus ships. These were large artifacts that had weaker impact power.

Octopus ships were very flexible, they were very useful for dogfights. However, when it comes to its impact strength, it falls behind compared to flying iron centipedes. But now, the octopus ships were actually placed in front of the charging army.



Hu Huaqian stood on the black tiger ship and looked at the octopus ships that were getting closer and closer. His eyes shone as he ordered, "All black tiger ships prepare. Begin storing energy, we'll be attacking at any time!"

Storing energy was one of the abilities of large artifacts. However, only a few people would use it. This was because this action risks the large artifact being damaged. It was an uncontrollable and reckless expenditure of money.

Hu Yuexia looked at the octopus ships and said, "The octopus ships of the Heavenly Demon Realm are known to be flexible. Sending the octopus ships first means that they're likely trying to go through the line of large artifacts. If that happens, the main formation of our troops will be dismantled. And once the army is scattered, that would be the end."

Hu Huaqian nodded and said, "I was thinking the same thing. Therefore, I had the tiger ships prepare. Once the enemy comes, we will immediately make a move."

At this time, the octopus ships were already very close to the alliance army. Hu Huaqian also ordered the black tiger ships to prepare. All of a sudden, the octopus ships changed their directions and flew upwards. It was clear that they were trying to jump over the large artifacts and attack the cultivator army.

Li Kuangge also saw this and felt his head explode. He knew that if these octopus ships reached the cultivator army, it would spell the end of the Freedom Alliance's second army.

However, Li Kuangge doesn't have the means to prevent this. Although, in theory, transcending tribulation experts could knock down large artifacts. However, this was only applicable to small skirmishes. It wouldn't apply on the battlefield. On the battlefield, even idiots would know that large artifacts might contain immortal experts. So even if a transcending tribulation expert was sent, it was impossible for them to attack a large artifact.

Transcending tribulation experts were useless while the immortal experts were preoccupied, and the large artifacts were stopped. There was no way to block the octopus ships. Li Kuangge could only watch the enemy helplessly as they charged towards the cultivator army formation.

As Li Kuangge was despairing, ten shadows suddenly leapt up. These ten figures charged towards the octopus ships. Before long, a rumbling sound was heard.

Li Kuangge's expression lit up. He fixed his eyes on the figures and found that they were the black tiger ships of the Black Tiger Gang. The black tiger ships were currently clawing the octopus ships under their feet. The octopus ships tried to struggle but all of their efforts were in vain.

Nobody from both sides expected this change. However, the attack of the Heavenly Demons didn't stop. Their large artifacts were still charging forward. At this time, the defensive line of the Freedom Alliance has finally stabilized. Although they couldn't counterattack, they were still able to block the enemy's attack.

The leaders of the sects weren't idiots. Seeing the situation, they knew that it wouldn't be easy to block the enemy's large artifact with their own. Therefore, before they clashed, they retreated a certain distance to cushion the blow from the enemy's charge.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Explosions were heard as the large artifacts crashed into one another. Since there was still not enough distance between the two armies, the collision between the two sides didn't end in a disastrous manner for the Freedom Alliance. And now that the Heavenly Demon Army has slowed down, they would find it hard to cause any major damage to the alliance army.

Originally, the Heavenly Demons weren't planning to deal with the second army using this method. They were counting on the octopus ships to wreak havoc within the enemy's formation. However, they didn't expect Hu Huaqian to see through their plan and block the octopus ships.

Now that the Heavenly Demon Army's large artifacts had lost their speed, the Heavenly Demon Commander knew that if the large artifacts stayed, they would only be overwhelmed by the enemy army. Therefore, he commanded the large artifacts to retreat. At the same time, he commanded the main army to attack. The second army also slowed down after the clash. Their main army also clashed with the Heavenly Demons.

Li Kuangge also joined the fight. He understood that the battle would be difficult with their reduced numbers. In the past, he wanted to match Zhao Hai. But now, it was made clear that he was far behind in comparison.

As the two sides fought, the second army began to be at a disadvantage. After all, they were short 500 thousand people compared to their enemy. Moreover, it was given that an average Heavenly Demon was stronger compared to the average cultivator. As the matter stands, it was normal for the alliance army to lean towards the losing side of the battle.

At this time, a powerful aura was flying over from a distance. Everyone could feel that the aura came from an immortal expert. Most importantly, everyone could feel that the aura came from a cultivator of the Great Realm of Cultivation.

The reinforcements have arrived! Although it was only one person, it was an immortal-level expert. At this moment, a single immortal expert can change the course of the battlefield. The expressions of both sides immediately changed.

The people of the Great Realm of Cultivation were naturally happy. On the other hand, the Heavenly Demons had difficult looks. At this moment, the commander of the Heavenly Demon Army ordered, "Line up in formation. Prepare to retreat. Large artifacts, stand guard!" With his order, the Heavenly Demon Army began to retreat. Although they were retreating, they did it in an orderly manner. This blocked the cultivators from pursuing them.

Moreover, the large artifacts were protecting the army. Even if the immortal expert attacks, they would have to get through the transcending tribulation experts on those large artifacts. It would be impossible for one immortal expert to get through them in a short time.

The immortal experts of both sides who were fighting at a distance also gave up and returned to their respective armies. Although there were wounded experts on both sides, none of them were killed. In general, although the battle was ugly for the Freedom Alliance's second army, their losses weren't that bad.

#### Chapter 1825: Deadlock

Li Kuangge stood there with a livid expression on his face. They were now back to the second army's camp. Li Kuangge and the others were now in a meeting.

Besides Li Kuangge and the sect representatives, there were also the immortal experts. And among these immortal experts were unexpectedly Tie Zhantian.

Tie Zhantian was the immortal expert who rushed to the battle at the last minute. His appearance caused the Heavenly Demon Army to retreat. If it weren't for Tie Zhantian's arrival, who knows what would have happened to the second army.

The atmosphere of the meeting hall was very thick. Nobody dared to talk. After some time, Li Kuangge said, "Everyone, let me offer my apologies first. What happened today is my mistake as the commander. I ask everyone's forgiveness for the losses we incurred."

Hearing Li Kuangge, everyone stared for a moment before they shook their heads. It must be said that although Li Kuangge made the wrong decisions, the rest of the army weren't doing well either. While faced with the Heavenly Demons, they were also flustered and didn't know what to do.

They also thought that the Heavenly Demons were no big deal. Now they realized their mistake. The Heavenly Demons don't drag mud and water when they attack, they always go for the killing blow. Moreover, the strength of the Heavenly Demons wasn't worse than the cultivators, they were even stronger. Such an opponent was never easy to deal with.

Li Kuangge looked at everyone and said, "Everyone, although I don't want to admit it, I have to. We cannot face the Heavenly Demons head-on. If it wasn't for Elder Tie Zhantian, we would have been in danger."

Everyone nodded. Then Li Kuangge continued, "I think we should take a defensive position and use our base as a fortress. We'll defend through various formations and stall the Heavenly Demons as much as possible. What do you think?"

A hum of discussion was heard from below. Li Kuangge's proposal was unexpected. Most importantly, this proposal sounded familiar. It seemed like the method the Myriad Demons Sect and Hundred Flowers Valley decided to use to deal with the Heavenly Demons. In the past, they laughed at the two sects because of this.

Li Kuangge didn't make any noise. Although he was the commander of the second army, he didn't have the same tricks as Zhao Hai. He couldn't pressure the others to obey his orders like what Zhao Hai did in the first army. Therefore, he has to listen to everyone's opinion. If they don't agree, then whatever plans he thought up would be useless.

At this time, Hu Huaqian stood up and said, "Everyone, I agree with the army commander's plan. We already fought against the Heavenly Demons. And I think everyone is now aware of their strength. This isn't the time to save face. We're here to protect our sects. Taking a defensive stance is the most correct decision."

Everyone nodded. Although Hu Huaqian's words were unpleasant, it was true. They had to be defensive. Now was not the time to recover their face and waste resources. With Hu Huaqian being the first to agree, the others also nodded.

Hu Huaqian looked at everyone and said, "The attack of the Heavenly Demons came very suddenly. We already suffered some losses. But as long as we can block the Heavenly Demons, we can buy time for the realm to make countermeasures. When the time comes, we can drive all of the Heavenly Demons out of the Great Realm of Cultivation."

As soon as Hu Huaqian finished talking, everyone gave him an applause. Hu Huaqian gave everyone a salute before sitting down. This time, nobody objected to taking a defensive stance.

The matter was quickly decided. All of the sects fully supported Li Kuangge's proposal. Although Li Kuangge's performance wasn't very good, they cannot say it in front of Li Kuangge's face. If they did, then they might incur the hatred of the Giant Axe Group. If the Giant Axe Group doesn't cooperate, then no matter who becomes the army commander, the second army wouldn't be able to work well.

Because of this, Li Kuangge was able to maintain his position. And since they decided that Li Kuangge gets to keep his position, they naturally had to support his plans. Even if they were unwilling, the sects had to give their support.

Seeing this, Tie Zhantian's expression relaxed. He came here to help because Zhao Hai wanted to support the second army. Otherwise, Tie Zhantian would have stayed in the Black Tiger Gang.

This caused Tie Zhantian to be confused. Zhao Hai was on the other side of the territory. How could he know about the second army's situation?

But because he trusted Zhao Hai, Tie Zhantian came. To his surprise, he was able to arrive in time to rescue the second army. Thinking of this, Tie Zhantian couldn't help but be even more worried. He wanted to know how Zhao Hai was doing right now.

Zhao Hai's situation was good, very good. His stellar transformations great formation was able to stop the charge of the Heavenly Demon Army's large artifacts. This meant that the large artifacts of the Heavenly Demons were useless. But at the same time, the large artifacts of the first army also couldn't be used. This was also good. This meant that both sides would need to rely on their own strengths. Only the strong would win.

This might seem like Zhao Hai's army would suffer a loss. After all, the first army has 2 million less troops than the Heavenly Demons. It was natural for deaths to appear in the army.

However, Zhao Hai's army was different. After reorganizing everyone and ensuring that they would obey his commands, the first army was like a well-oiled machine for war. This made sure that every inch of fighting prowess that the army could give out was given out in full.

On the other hand, the Heavenly Demons didn't have the same tricks. Although they held the numerical advantage and trained together for a period of time, the army was only a bit stronger than the average army of the Great Realm of Cultivation. Compared to the Freedom Alliance's first army, they were a lot worse.

All of the sub commanders of the first army were given communicators by Zhao Hai so that he could give them direct orders. They just needed to follow the orders after that. It can be said that the cultivators of the first army have become Zhao Hai's chess pieces. He can place them wherever he wants.

However, in reality, these chess pieces weren't moved by Zhao Hai but by Lizzy and Megan instead. It must be said that Zhao Hai wasn't as good in command as the two women. Naturally, he would hand this job over to them.

With Lizzy and Megan's command, the first army were able to face 5 million troops with only 3 million cultivators without ever being at a disadvantage. They were even able to kill a lot of Heavenly Demons while losing only a small number of people.

And what was Zhao Hai doing right now? Zhao Hai was currently commanding his immortal Undead along with the immortal experts of the first army to fight against the immortal experts of the Heavenly Demon Army. It can be said that the final result of the battle was always decided by the outcome of the battle between the immortal experts.

On this day, Zhao Hai didn't make a move. Instead, he sent the immortal experts he had in his hand to participate in the fight. It must be said that the first army had less immortal experts compared to the Heavenly Demon Army they were facing. If Zhao Hai didn't release his immortal-level Undead, then the immortal experts of the first army would suffer a lot of losses.

Both sides battled for several hours and wounded each other. But generally speaking, the Heavenly Demons suffered more losses compared to the cultivators. The Heavenly Demons lost about 100 thousand people while the first army only lost 10 thousand. It was a loss ratio of 10 to 1.

Mo Like was naturally aware of this loss ratio. He looked at the battle statistics with a complex look on his face. He was confident that he could defeat the enemy despite their reinforcements arriving. But in the end, he still lost a lot of troops in the battle.

However, Mo Like can't do anything about it right now. This was because Zhao Hai was just too difficult to deal with. Although Mo Like has an army of five million and had more immortal experts than Zhao Hai's army, he wouldn't dare send them all to attack. Zhao Hai still has his great formation set up. If he really sent all of his troops to attack, Zhao Hai might make his formation go forward. If Mo Like wasn't careful, Zhao Hai might just eat up all of his large artifacts.

Therefore, Mo Like used his immortal experts to suppress Zhao Hai's high-level strength and then he used his ordinary troops to clash with the first army's cultivators. And because Mo Like was wary of the stellar transformations great formation, the Heavenly Demon Army's number advantage wasn't used to its full potential. In this case, the Heavenly Demons suffered a lot against the well-organized first army.

Zhao Hai was also paying attention to Mo Like's state. To be honest, he was also afraid that Mo Like would throw all of his troops into the battle. If that happens, the first army would be strained. It was for this reason that Zhao Hai didn't move the stellar transformations great formation.

If Mo Like really sent all of his troops, then Zhao Hai would have to reveal his strength and have Cai'er control the great formation to swallow all of the Heavenly Demon Army's large artifacts. Once these large artifacts were destroyed, it would be akin to crippling the arms of the Heavenly Demon Army. Then this would increase the chances of the first army winning the fight.

But it was clear that the commander of the Heavenly Demon Army wasn't an idiot. Therefore, the fight remained as it currently was. Both sides refused to take a step back while also tied down with nothing else to do.

Naturally, Zhao Hai was happy with this result. It must be known that the Great Realm of Cultivation was beginning to get used to fighting the Heavenly Demons. Their losses each fight were decreasing. Battles like the one the first army was faced with can be duplicated by other alliances. It wasn't just Zhao Hai that could accomplish this.

Zhao Hai knew the reason why the first army ended up in this situation. Firstly, it was because of his strength. Zhao Hai could defend against the Heavenly Demons, this meant that the army they sent couldn't do anything to him. Secondly, it was a matter of command. Both the Great Realm of Cultivation and the Heavenly Demon Realm treated individual strength as the most important. It can be said that they were like ancient heroes on earth. They only paid attention to their own strength which made them terrible at commanding others. Zhao Hai's previous experiences allowed him to understand how to maneuver an army during large-scale battles. Zhao Hai's army might not win when it comes to one-on-one battles. But when it comes to a battle involving multiple people, the one with the better commander would certainly win!

Chapter 1826: Held In High Esteem

Bang! Mo Like pounded his table before issuing his command, "Withdraw the army!" Mo Like didn't want to issue this order, but he has no other choice but to do so. It has already been seven hours since they began fighting the first army. In these seven hours, they had already lost 100 thousand people. Immortal experts were tied down, large artifacts couldn't be used. Mo Like felt suffocated by the battlefield.

Most importantly, the long hours of battle have drained the energy of the Heavenly Demons. If they didn't retreat, their rate of losses would only increase.

The reason Mo Like thought this way was because he found that there were still people who had energy among the 3 million people in the first army. He also observed their army arrangement for some time. The army formation of the first army allowed fluid movements for offense and defense. People could retreat and be supplemented by others, this would allow them to recover their energy. In long-drawn battles, this was an important property.

Additionally, cultivators have pills that make them recover sooner than normal. Seeing this, Mo Like ordered his troops to retreat.



Being selected as a commander of a 5 million troops army meant that Mo Like wasn't simple. He also has his own experience in commanding troops. Mo Like thought that his commanding ability was very good. However, compared to Zhao Hai, he discovered that he was still quite far off.

Mo Like discovered early on that the cultivators were able to rest during battle. He also wanted to do the same for the Heavenly Demons, but he found that he couldn't do that at all. Whenever he wanted the Heavenly Demons to rest, there would be cultivators targeting them. This blocked the Heavenly Demons from retreating to recover their energy. Mo Like knew that the reason for this was Zhao Hai's superior ability to command.

Mo Like was also aware of why they only lose less than 200 thousand troops. It was because Heavenly Demons were innately stronger than cultivators. If the cultivators commanded by Zhao Hai had the same fighting strength as the Heavenly Demons, Mo Like's army would have lost far more troops.

The Heavenly Demons have already reached their limit. If they didn't retreat, then they might not be able to leave. Therefore, Mo Like ordered the retreat, even though he was very unwilling.

With his order, the Heavenly Demons began to retreat. The immortal Heavenly Demons also went back. The immortal Heavenly Demons that with Mo Like also flew out to shield the retreating army.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai didn't order his army to pursue. He also ordered his army to retreat. He knew that the cultivators were also feeling mental fatigue after 7 hours of battle. If he made them pursue the enemy, they might not be able to perform well. And to be honest, Zhao Hai was already satisfied with this result.

Both sides slowly retreated and returned to their camps. Generally speaking, the cultivators held the superior position in this battle while the Heavenly Demons ate some losses. However, the effect on both armies wasn't big.

At the same time, the battle also convinced the cultivators in the first army that Zhao Hai had real commanding ability. They only paid the price of 12 thousand to kill nearly 200 thousand Heavenly Demons. No matter where, this was a dazzling result.

The cultivators who returned during the battle to recover their energy were also observing the fight. They couldn't help but recognize Zhao Hai's process of command. It was simply an art. An army of 3 million was able to lead an army of 5 million by its nose. The Heavenly Demons were running in circles without any chance to take a rest. Most importantly, the losses of the first army were minimized. Nobody would object to having such a masterful commander.

Zhao Hai welcomed all of the immortal experts of the army into the Hell King's Ship. Looking at the immortal experts, Zhao Hai was silent for a while before he gave them a salute. Then he said, "Seniors, this junior offers his thanks to all of you for listening to my commands. It's thanks to you that we were able to achieve good results in the battle. Please forgive me if I've been disrespectful to you before."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the immortal experts actually stood up. Then one of them said, "Mister Zhao Hai is too polite. All of us here admire your commanding ability. Later on, you can give us orders with ease. We would certainly follow them."

The other immortal experts echoed the first one. Today's battle allowed them to see Zhao Hai's ability. Naturally, they were convinced of his talent.

These immortal experts were open-minded, but their dignity cannot be stepped on. In the past, Zhao Hai was very rude to them, but for the sake of the alliance, they didn't do anything. They wanted to see what kind of person Zhao Hai really was.

But after today's battle, they understood why Zhao Hai insisted that everyone should obey his orders. With less than 20 thousand casualties, he was able to kill nearly 200 thousand Heavenly Demons. This record caused the immortal experts to look at Zhao Hai with admiration. Therefore, they let go of their grievances towards him.

Hearing the immortal experts, Zhao Hai relaxed. Then he smiled and said, "Thank you very much, seniors. This junior has prepared a few jars of spirit wine for you. Please have a proper rest." After he said that, Zhao Hai took out several jars of spirit wine. At the same time, tables appeared in the room. The immortal experts sat down and then proceeded to enjoy the wine.

The immortal experts weren't polite and partook in the wine and chatted. Zhao Hai gave them one final bow before leaving.

When Zhao Hai left the room, one of the immortal experts sighed and said, "What a genius. The Black Tiger Gang is really lucky. Who would have thought that a person from the lower realm would have such an ability. It's truly rare."

Another immortal expert said, "He does things in an orderly manner. He knows when to advance and when to retreat. A true rare talent. Most importantly, his personal strength is very good. He's also proficient in formations. I heard that his status in the Black Tiger Gang isn't any less than Zhang Feng, the current Gang Leader. When I heard the news, I didn't believe it at first. But now, I believe it. If our sect had the same genius, we would also give him a very high status."

Everyone nodded. But at this time, everyone realized that the Black Turtle Ancestor was among them. All of them turned to look at him.

The Black Turtle Ancestor looked at everyone and then said, "Everyone, it hasn't been a long time since I joined the Black Tiger Gang. However, I have some idea about the Black Tiger Gang's situation. The Black Tiger Gang is very strong. Moreover, they're fully prepared to face the Heavenly Demon invasion. The reason they were able to prepare is because of Zhao Hai."

"More than a year ago, Zhao Hai participated in the Heavenly Demon Trial. When he came back, the Black Tiger Gang began to prepare. We can say that Zhao Hai already discovered the plans of the Heavenly Demons. Of all the cultivators who went to the Heavenly Demon Realm, only he was able to see this. This is why nobody can blame Zhao Hai for not convincing the other sects to believe him. Because even if he did, would anyone believe him? Even some people in the Black Tiger Gang were doubtful about the invasion, much less the other sects."

The Black Turtle Ancestor let out a long sigh and then continued, "When the Heavenly Demons invaded, even if the Black Tiger didn't ask for external help, they could still defend against the attack of the Heavenly Demons. If you don't believe me, then I can't do anything about that."

The immortal experts were silent. Then one of the immortal experts looked at the Black Turtle Ancestor and said, "Old turtle, you're already a Supreme Elder of your sect. Do you really intend to join the Black Tiger Gang?"

The Black Turtle Ancestor looked at the person and saw that it was the Supreme Elder of the Heavy Sand Sect. He could also understand what this person was thinking. He was asking for the Black Turtle Ancestor's future plans while driving a wedge between him and the Black Tiger Gang.

The Black Turtle Ancestor smiled faintly and said, "You're asking if I'll leave the Black Tiger Gang? I'm the Supreme Elder of the Black Turtle Sect before and now I'm still a Supreme Elder of the Black Tiger Gang. And back in the Black Turtle Sect, I would always worry about the sect. But now I'm doing better. Being a Supreme Elder, my position in the Black Tiger Gang is very high. More importantly, I can accept disciples from the Black Tiger Gang to pass on my legacy. So why would I leave? Even if the Black Tiger Gang allows me to leave, I would still stay."

As soon as they heard the Black Turtle Ancestor, the room became quiet. They all arrived at the immortal stage and have reached a very high status in the Great Realm of Cultivation. In their realm, they were always thinking about how to improve their strength further and how to increase their lifespan. Rather than going to battle and worrying about their sect, the immortal experts would rather have the same life as the Black Turtle Ancestor.

There are three things that are important to cultivators. The first was strength, second was lifespan, and third was legacy. There's no need to mention how important strength is. Without strength, you wouldn't be able to move much. Also, what was the purpose of cultivation? It was to go against the will of the Heavens. It was to gain more life than what the heavens gave you. As for inheritance, although there were plenty of ruthless cultivators, they would still attach great importance to their inheritance. Even immortal experts would want their dao to be passed on.

The Black Turtle Ancestor has strength and longevity. As for his legacy, it was still a problem for him. If the Black Turtle knew how much hard work it requires to establish a sect when he was young, he wouldn't have done it. With that time, he could cultivate more and increase his lifespan. Now, being a Supreme Elder of another sect was also very good. He can even accept disciples and pass on his dao. As what the Black Tiger Ancestor said, who wouldn't want that?

The immortal experts in the room were old ghosts. How can they not see through the words of the Heavy Sand Sect's Supreme Elder. The atmosphere of the room became strange. Therefore, nobody discussed the Black Tiger Gang anymore. They chatted about other topics and the warmth of the room returned once more.

The immortal experts happily drank wine and didn't pay attention to what's happening outside. The army has returned to their base. The base was a repurposed headquarters of an evacuated sect. The base wasn't built halfheartedly. When the base was completed, the several halls of the sect could act as peripheral strongholds. Not only can they block the attacks of the Heavenly Demon Army, they can also use the transmission formations for supply transport and reinforcement.

Additionally, the location of the base was on a mountain. This allowed him to see the changes in the surroundings. This made it impossible for the Heavenly Demons to attack the Freedom Alliance's territory without being spotted. It can be said that if the Heavenly Demons wanted to attack the territory of the Freedom Alliance, they would need to destroy the base of Zhao Hai's army. If this nail wasn't pulled out, the Heavenly Demons wouldn't be able to invade.

Upon arriving at the base, Zhao Hai immediately ordered the injured to rest and be treated. Those who died had their corpses delivered to their respective sects to be buried with dignity. There were a lot of post-battle matters that needed to be taken care of.

As for the corpses of the Heavenly Demons, there was no need to worry about them. Their corpses were immediately turned into Undead by Zhao Hai. Because of this, there was no burial needed.

However, Zhao Hai didn't plan to use the Undead to deal with the enemy anytime soon. This was because he knew that if he did, the Heavenly Demons would make adjustments to their army in order to eliminate him as fast as possible.

Zhao Hai was aware that using immortal-level Undead was too eye-catching. If he used the immortal-level Undead once more, then the Heavenly Demons would place him on the top of their hit list.

Zhao Hai also knew that people were thinking that there was a limit to the number of Undead that he could revive. After reaching a certain number, they thought that he could no longer gain more Undead. The existence of the Space being able to produce an unlimited number of Undead needed to be kept a secret. It was because of this that Zhao Hai limited his usage of Undead in the battle.

After handling these things, Zhao Hai immediately sent a jade sword message back to the gang. He also asked about the state of the second army. Of course, Zhao Hai was aware of the second army's situation. By this point, all of the Black Tiger Gang's large artifacts were remade by him. And while he was doing this, he left silver needles inside. Through these silver needles, he became clear about the surrounding situation. But he still needed to ask, otherwise people would be suspicious.

Chapter 1827: Soaring Dragon

Zhao Hai was currently soaking in the Space's hot spring alongside Laura and the others. Once in a while, the group would laugh from their conversation.

Seeing Zhao Hai was sitting there with his eyes closed, Meg slowly swam over and gently massaged his shoulders. Zhao Hai let out a breath of comfort as he said, "Meg, your technique is getting better and better."

Meg smiled faintly and said, "I'm not like the other sisters. I don't have much talent. I can only serve the Young Master the best I can."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and didn't say anything about it. He smiled faintly and said, "It has been hard on you." Meg just smiled.

At this time, Laura went beside Zhao Hai and asked, "Brother Hai, what should we do next? Judging by the current situation, it would be impossible to drive the Heavenly Demons back to the Heavenly Demon Realm. Through liquid silver, we saw low-level Heavenly Demons harvesting herbs and materials. It seems like they're also preparing for a long and drawn-out war."

Zhao Hai nodded, "That seems to be the case. But now is not the time to attack with all our strength. I always felt that the nine super sects are holding a secret. Moreover, they seem to be holding back against the Heavenly Demons. It seems like they're waiting for something."

Laura frowned, "Brother Hai, why do you have this feeling?"

Zhao Hai replied, "Did you forget? Even small sects in the Heavenly Demon Realm have several immortal experts. So if the Heavenly Demons wanted to occupy the Great Realm of Cultivation, why would they send so little immortal experts? Although they have more troops than us, the scale is much lower than what I expected. Isn't there something wrong about this?"

When he heard Zhao Hai, Laura couldn't help but stare. Then upon thinking about this, he nodded and said, "That's true. Almost all of the sects in the Great Realm of Cultivation sent their immortal experts to fight the Heavenly Demons. However, the Heavenly Demon Realm only sent a small fraction of their immortal experts. There's something strange about this matter."

Zhao Hai replied, "There's also the reaction of the nine super sects. They should be aware of the Heavenly Demon Realm's strength. But when the invasion arrived, they were still thinking of seizing power. Being the top sects of the Great Realm of Cultivation, they shouldn't be so stupid. So I believe that the nine super sects must have some trump card that they had yet to use. And the Heavenly

Demons were aware of this. Therefore, they didn't attack with all of their strength. It was as if they were waiting for the nine super sects to reveal their aces."

Laura thought about it before she said, "Brother Hai, how about asking Elder Hu Shan? He should have some ideas."

Zhao Hai stared, then he patted his head and said, "I'm an idiot. I didn't think of that. Alright, I'll go ask him later."

Laura laughed and said, "Hu Shan is living well in the Space. He's learning new things with Grandpa Green and the others. If they aren't learning, they would be drinking wine. He's living a good life."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "This might be the life he wants to live. Alright, there's no need to worry about him. I'll just ask him what's going on with the nine super sects." After speaking, Zhao Hai stood up and then went to see Hu Shan.

Like what Laura said, Hu Shan was living a comfortable time in the Space. Together with Grandpa Green, they researched formations and looked for ways to utilize it to make life more comfortable. They didn't bother about using formations for battle.

Zhao Hai didn't mind them. It's good that they want to research whatever they want. Hearing that Zhao Hai was looking for him, Hu Shan immediately came out."

Zhao Hai gave Hu Shan a bow and said, "Master, I have something to ask you. The Heavenly Demon Realm has invaded the Great Realm of Cultivation. But I discovered that they weren't doing their best to attack. Moreover, the nine super sects don't seem to be afraid of them. Do the nine super sects have a secret they could use?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, Hu Shan smiled and said, "I didn't expect that you would think about this. But yes, the nine super sects do indeed have a secret. However, they would only use it if they're in a life and death situation. Otherwise, they wouldn't bring it out."

Zhao Hai looked at Hu Shan in confusion. Looking at Zhao Hai's expression, Hu Shan smiled faintly and said, "This universe is composed of multiple realms on different layers. How many layers, nobody

knows. There's the small realms at the bottom, then the Hundred Treasures Realm that you came from can be said to be at the second layer. The Great Realm of Cultivation is at the third layer. The higher the layer, the more powerful the realm. Naturally, the pressure of the heavens and the earth would be more powerful the higher you go. If you enter the fourth layer, I'm afraid you wouldn't be able to display a thousandth of your current strength. It's only on the first three layers that the pressure isn't as powerful."

This was the first time Zhao Hai heard Hu Shan say this. He couldn't help but be more serious. He knows that what Hu Shan was going to tell him next would be very useful.

Hu Shan looked at Zhao Hai and said, "In the bottom three layers, as long as you're strong enough, you would be able to ascend without much trouble. But if you want to go to the fourth layer from the third layer, you would have a hard time. Do you know why the Great Realm of Cultivation uses things like the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield?"

Zhao Hai shook his head. Then he said, "Isn't it to select talents from the lower realms? After all, the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield is created by an almighty senior from the Great Realm of Cultivation."

Hu Shan nodded, "You're right but also wrong. The Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield is indeed used to get talents from the Lower Realms. However, the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield was actually not made by a cultivator of the Great Realm of Cultivation. Instead, it was granted to the Great Realm of Cultivation by a Great Sect in the fourth layer."

Zhao Hai was stunned. Hu Shan continued, "There's a place similar to the Ten-thousand Realms Battlefield in the Great World of Cultivation. However, that place isn't for everyone. Only immortal experts of the sects are qualified to go there."

Zhao Hai was shocked, thoroughly shocked. He didn't think that a place like the Ten-thousand Realms Battlefield would exist in the Great World of Cultivation. This was truly unexpected.

Hu Shan replied, "The Ten-thousand Realms Battlefield in the Great Realm of Cultivation is more powerful than the one in the lower realm. Firstly, the suppression is greater. Immortal Experts could only display strength equivalent to transcending tribulation experts. The battlefield is divided into 81 areas. Our Great Realm of Cultivation occupies area 72. Moreover, it doesn't mean that you're qualified to enter the battlefield even if you manage area 72. Of course, the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield in the third layer isn't named like that. Instead, it was called the Soaring Dragon Realm."



“Soaring Dragon Realm? A fish leaping through the dragon’s gate?” Zhao Hai muttered.

Hu Shan nodded, “Correct. Not just anyone can enter the Soaring dragon Realm. If you aren’t in the immortal stage, you can’t enter. If you don’t have the permission of the fourth layer, you can’t enter. People of the third layer can enter, but they can’t stay there forever. If you’re too weak, you would be expelled from the Soaring Dragon Realm. There have been cases where entire realms were kicked out of the Soaring Dragon Realm.”

Zhao Hai nodded. In other words, the Soaring Dragon Realm has regulations. If an individual or a realm’s strength isn’t enough, then they wouldn’t be qualified to enter.

Hu Shand added, “Every ten thousand years, people from the fourth layer would come and conduct an inspection of the Soaring Dragon Realm. If they find that a certain realm is too weak, then they would be thrown out and then another stronger realm would replace them. Those who enter the Soaring Dragon Realm would cultivate there and strive to become the strongest. If the people from the fourth layer see that you’re qualified, you would be taken to the fourth layer and become a disciple of a fourth layer sect. At the same time, your sect would be rewarded with a benefit similar to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. And if you’re unqualified, you would be kicked out and barred from entering again for 100 years.”

Hu Shan looked at Zhao Hai and elaborated, “You shouldn’t look down on the 100-year period. That is 100 years in the Soaring Dragon Realm. The flow of time in the Soaring Dragon Realm is 5 times faster than the Great Realm of Cultivation. This means that spending 100 years in the Soaring Dragon Realm is 500 years in the Great Realm of Cultivation. The Soaring Dragon Realm has all kinds of powerful beasts. In addition to battling other people, there are also regions that are extremely dangerous. It’s normal for immortal experts to perish in battles.”

Zhao Hai couldn’t help but breathe in cold air. He didn’t expect that the Soaring Dragon Realm would have a different time flow compared to the Great Realm of Cultivation. If you go to the Soaring Dragon Realm, your lifespan would burn five times as fast. A person with a lifespan of 1000 years would only have 200 years of life inside the realm. Such a time flow was terrifying.

Hu Shan continued, “It’s because of this time flow that the people of the fourth layer stipulated that only immortal experts could enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. It must be known that the fourth layer has a time flow 10 times faster than the Great World of Cultivation. In other words, if you have a lifespan of 10 thousand, it would be reduced to 1 thousand in the fourth layer.”

Zhao Hai was stunned. He didn't expect the fourth layer to have a more unforgiving time flow than the Soaring Dragon Realm. But why would the people of the Great World of Cultivation strive to enter the fourth layer?

Looking at Zhao Hai's confused expression, Hu Shan knew what he was thinking. So he explained, "Are you thinking why people of the Great Realm of Cultivation would still want to enter the fourth layer? Why they are willing to reduce their lifespan by a factor of 10?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I'm confused. Why would an immortal expert want to go to a place where their lifespan was reduced?"

Hu Shan smiled bitterly and said, "To live longer!"

#### Chapter 1828: One Hundred Thousand Experts

Zhao Hai looked at Hu Shan in confusion. Hu Shan forced a smile and said, "Right, to live longer. Cultivators in the Great Realm of Cultivation strive to become immortal experts. However, those cultivating in the Great Realm of Cultivation are bound by the laws of the heavens. Cultivators here generally live around 10 thousand years. Some special beings could live up to 15 thousand. However, that's the limit."

Zhao Hai didn't say anything. Hu Shan continued, "But the fourth layer is different. Although the time flow on the fourth layer is faster, once you get there, your lifespan limit would increase to 20 thousand. And that's 20 thousand years in the fourth layer."

Zhao Hai understood. No wonder everyone wants to go to the fourth layer. While they could live up to 15 thousand years in the Great Realm of Cultivation, living for 20 thousand in the fourth layer was evidently much better.

Hu Shan added, "Moreover, if you enter the fourth layer, the sect you came from would get a lot of benefits. Benefits like the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield that the Black Tiger Gang controls. Of course, its other name is the Sky Tower. This is the benefit that the Black Tiger Gang was given after one of us joined the fourth layer sect. This benefit is the reason why the Black Tiger Gang has what it has today."

Zhao Hai gave a nod. Then Hu Shan said, "The Heavenly Demon Realm was originally inside the Soaring Dragon Realm. While they were inside, the Great Realm of Cultivation wasn't. Then later on, when the

Great Realm of Cultivation entered the Soaring Dragon Realm, it was the Heavenly Demon Realm that was kicked out. It's for this reason that an enmity formed between the two realms. From then on, the Heavenly Demons continued to suppress the Great Realm of Cultivation so that they could replace us in the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Zhao Hai nodded. No wonder the Heavenly Demon Realm and the Great Realm of Cultivation always attacked each other. So there was this history between the two.

Hu Shan continued, "Recently, a lot of immortal experts from the Great World of Cultivation entered the Soaring Dragon Realm. There's also a rule in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Once you enter and then leave on your own volition, you would no longer be able to enter again. The reason the Heavenly Demon Realm has more immortal experts than the Great World of Cultivation is because of this. Our immortal experts are inside the Soaring Dragon Realm. It's impossible for the nine super sects to withdraw all of these immortal experts. Because once they go out, they would no longer be able to enter again. The loss they would suffer would be huge. Unless it's a life and death situation, the super sects wouldn't withdraw their experts"

Hu Shan breathed in and continued, "The spiritual density of the Soaring Dragon Realm is very thick. Cultivating there is more efficient than in the Great World of Cultivation. Therefore, defeating the Heavenly Demons shouldn't be a problem if these experts return. Naturally, if the Heavenly Demons have a backing, it would be a different matter. This is also the reason why the Heavenly Demons aren't going all out against the nine super sects."

Speaking up to here, Hu Shan couldn't help but sigh as he said, "Although a lot of immortal experts have entered the Soaring Dragon Realm, most of those experts are from the nine super sects. There are very few sects that could send their people there. The nine super sects have almost regarded the Soaring Dragon Realm as their private property. This is very disadvantageous to the Great Realm of Cultivation. Because of this, the nine super sects have become stronger while the other sects have become a lot worse."

Zhao Hai now understood why the nine super sects seemed confident that they could deal with the Heavenly Demon Realm. So they had this ace in their hand. No wonder they're still thinking of seizing power despite the Heavenly Demons already knocking on their door.

The Heavenly Demons were naturally aware that the Great World of Cultivation had sent their people to the Soaring Dragon Realm. So they sent a small number of their immortal experts to come and attack. As for the rest of the Heavenly Demon Realm's immortal experts, they were reserved to deal with those who would return from the Soaring Dragon Realm. If the experts in the Soaring Dragon Realm were to

return, an earth-shaking battle would certainly occur. During this battle, the small sects in the Great World of Cultivation would be out of luck.

Just as Hu Shan said, small sects in the Great World of Cultivation have become worse. If they get involved in the battle between the two sides, they would definitely suffer a lot.

Zhao Hai stood up and gave Hu Shan a bow before saying, "Master, thank you for clarifying my doubts. I will make sure to use this opportunity to grow the Black Tiger Gang. After this event, the Black Tiger Gang will definitely become the top sect in the Northern Divergent Province. It would stand above the other super sects."

Hu Shan smiled faintly and said, "I believe you. With your present strength, even if the Black Tiger Gang does nothing, you can still clean up the Heavenly Demons. I'll leave the Black Tiger Gang to you."

Zhao Hai gave Hu Shan a salute before leaving. When he arrived at the villa, Zhao Hai let out a long breath. Hu Shan's words caused Zhao Hai to see a more prosperous world ahead of him. It seems like the universe is more exciting than he imagined. He still has a long way to go.

After he returned, Zhao Hai sat down and thought about the Great World of Cultivation and the Heavenly Demon Realm's matter. The situation between the two isn't simple. It seems like he needs to make adjustments to allow the Freedom Alliance to protect itself once the two sides fight for real.

No mistake, Zhao Hai wanted the Freedom Alliance to survive. By this point, Zhao Hai has regarded the Freedom Alliance as the Black Tiger Gang's property. Since this is the case, then he naturally would need to protect it. And if the members of the Freedom Alliance dared to disobey the Black Tiger Gang, then Zhao Hai would be impolite.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wasn't going to make a huge move. The plans he made before don't need to be changed that much. It only needed some additions. Besides the Freedom Alliance's battles, Zhao Hai didn't receive corpses from other battlefields to be turned into Undead. This was because they were too far and Zhao Hai was also afraid that he would be discovered.

But now, it seems like Zhao Hai needs to receive those corpses to increase his number of Undead. It doesn't matter if they were cultivators or Heavenly Demons, their corpses needed to be used.

This was the method that Zhao Hai thought about to increase his strength. No matter how formidable immortal experts were, they could still die from wave tactics. Naturally, Zhao Hai wasn't planning to sacrifice the lives of the Undead. These Undead would provide him with a rich amount of faith power. This was what Zhao Hai needed the most.

The conversation between Hu Shan and Zhao Hai was also broadcasted to Cai'er and the others. However, they don't know what Zhao Hai was thinking about. Because of this, they stayed quiet as Zhao Hai began to organize his thoughts.

After some time, Zhao Hai made his decision. He looked at Cai'er and said, "Cai'er, did the Space already map all nine provinces?"

Cai'er nodded, "All of it has been mapped. Besides the core areas of the nine super sects, almost all of the realm is saved. There are only a few sects that we haven't mapped out yet."

Zhao Hai nodded, "The battlefields where the cultivators and the Heavenly Demon Armies fought, have they been mapped as well?"

Cai'er gave a nod.

Zhao Hai said, "Alright. Starting today, as long as there are corpses in the battlefield, take them all in and turn them into Undead. It doesn't matter if they are cultivators of Heavenly Demons."

Cai'er stared. Then she nodded and said, "Young Master can rest assured. I'll take care of this task."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he sighed and said, "I have a lot of Undead, but I still have very few powerful ones. What a pity. Immortal experts won't die that easily. And training one is much harder."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Cai'er suddenly smiled and said, "Young Master, did you forget something? There's a place that can get you as many powerful experts as you want. However, we would need enough strength to conquer it."

Zhao Hai asked, "Where is it?"

Cai'er smiled and said, "Young master, remember the place you were sent to after leaving the Heaven Sect? It seems like the Hell Space, and it has all kinds of Undead inside. There's also immortal-level Undead. Because we're in a rush at that time, we didn't look much into it. You also tasked me to map out the place. Why don't we go there to capture some Undead?"

Pa! Zhao Hai slapped his forehead. To be honest, with how busy he was, he forgot about it. His expression suddenly lit up. He looked at Cai'er and said, "Thanks for reminding me. Otherwise, I would have completely forgotten about this matter. Right, Cai'er, how many experts does that subspace have?"

Cai'er chuckled and said, "A lot. The subspace is almost as big as the Northern Divergent Province. It's filled with death qi and very suited for Undead. There aren't a lot of Undead inside, only about a hundred thousand or so. However, these Undead are very strong. Most of them were at the transcending tribulation stage. Then there are about a thousand immortal-level Undead. Once we get them to the Space, we would no longer lack experts. We won't even need to worry about the Heavenly Demon Realm."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Good. These one hundred thousand experts, I want them!"

Chapter 1829: General Hu Wei

The Heavenly Demon Army opposite the Freedom Alliance's first army was very quiet recently. Although they would send some squads from time to time to harass the first army, there were no longer any large-scale battles.

The people of the first army knew why this was the case. Zhao Hai just repelled a 5 million Heavenly Demon army with only 3 million cultivators. This made the Heavenly Demons understand that the first army isn't as easy as the other cultivator armies. Therefore, they quieted down.

Thinking about their situation, the people of the first army couldn't help but feel lucky. Looking at the Northern Divergent Province, or even the entire Great Realm of Cultivation, it can be said that the achievements of the first army were very rare. When others lost to the Heavenly Demons, they won. They felt extreme pride in themselves.

Because of this, the people in the first army were fully convinced of Zhao Hai. They were clear about why they were able to defeat the Heavenly Demon Army. It was entirely due to Zhao Hai's command. Even those who didn't know how to lead know that they just played around with the Heavenly Demons.

And they knew how strong the Heavenly Demons were. To be honest, when they thought about it afterwards, they didn't quite understand some of Zhao Hai's commands. However, the more they thought about it, the more beautiful it became. This caused them to admire Zhao Hai even more.

Zhao Hai also sent squads out from time to time to attack the Heavenly Demons. There were wins and there were losses. But in general, there were more wins than defeats. This made people even more confident towards Zhao Hai.

At this time, Zhao Hai was busy catching Undead in the gray subspace. Just like Cai'er said, the Undead in the subspace were very powerful. It must be mentioned that Zhao Hai already has a lot of transcending tribulation Undead in the Space. So what attracted Zhao Hai were the immortal-level Undead.

The immortal stage didn't mean that you'll have eternal life. It was only a name that described one's strength. Otherwise, the Undead could live forever if no accident happens. And their lives were already longer than other immortal-stage experts.

An unknown subspace has very powerful Undead, there were even about a thousand immortal-level Undead. Those Undead have lived in this subspace for who knows how long. Some may have lived longer than Hu Shan. Therefore, they're stronger than average immortal experts. This made it quite hard for Zhao Hai to deal with them.

Fortunately, Zhao Hai has more than a dozen immortal-level Undead. Additionally, there were also powerful creatures in the Space. This eased the process in dealing with the powerful Undead.

Zhao Hai never dared to let the other inhabitants of the Space join in his battles. He was afraid of causing suspicion. In fact, there were very powerful beings in the Space.

There's the Sea Dragon Race, the Bug Race, and some beasts that progressed far in cultivation. But showing them during battles might reveal the existence of the Space.

But this problem doesn't apply to this small subspace. The Undead can't get out of the subspace while others can't get in. As long as Zhao Hai subdues all of the Undead, nobody would find out.

Also, Zhao Hai doesn't have much time to waste on these Undead. Therefore, Zhao Hai sent all kinds of beings from the Space to subdue the subspace as soon as possible. There were about 1 billion troops sent in.

Zhao Hai dealt with the transcending tribulation-stage Undead first. There were nearly 100 thousand of these Undead. It wasn't a small number. The First Army only had this amount of transcending tribulation experts. The rest of the troops were composed of Nascent Soul and Core Formation experts. Obtaining 100 thousand transcending tribulation Undead was very impressive.

A hundred thousand transcending tribulation Undead against 1 billion creatures from the Space. It's easy to imagine the result. It didn't take long before all 100 thousand Undead were taken by Zhao Hai and thrown into the Space.

Once the transcending tribulation Undead were sent to the Space, Zhao Hai's attention shifted to the immortal-stage Undead. Zhao Hai knew that the effort he would need to get these immortal Undead would be greater than when he captured the 100 thousand transcending tribulation Undead.

These Undead have wisdom that's no less than a human. In addition to their strength, the immortal-stage Undead divided the subspace among themselves. Each immortal-stage Undead has a large group with them. This was the reason why Zhao Hai wanted to deal with the transcending tribulation Undead first. Without the transcending tribulation stage Undead, the strength of these immortal Undead would be cut off. Without their troops, the immortal Undead would be more easy to deal with.

But in order to do this, swiftness was required. The 100 thousand transcending tribulation Undead needed to be dealt with as quickly as possible. The transcending tribulation Undead needed to be gone before the immortal Undead could react. Only in this way can this plan succeed.

If Zhao Hai didn't have the Space, it would have been impossible to achieve this. Even if he has 1000 immortal-stage Undead, it would still be impossible for him to deal with the 100 thousand Undead.

But with the Space, Zhao Hai can place troops wherever he wants as long as it's mapped by the Space. Therefore, he was able to surround the 100 thousand immortal Undead and capture them to the Space immediately before the immortal-level Undead could react. When the immortal-stage Undead noticed, it was already too late.



After dealing with the 100 thousand transcending tribulation-stage Undead, Zhao Hai immediately used his army to surround the immortal-level Undead.

The immortal-level Undead weren't slow. Although they had some grudges with each other in the past, they now gathered together on a stone mountain. The stone mountain was very strange. The stone mountain looked very strange. Looking from above, it looked like a skeleton that had fallen down. Its head, body, and the rest of the bones comprised the bumps on the mountain. It was like a skeleton that had been magnified multiple times.

Most importantly, while Zhao Hai was looking at the stone mountain, he could feel a very strong soul. Zhao Hai couldn't understand how a mountain could have a soul.

But this isn't the time to research this. The 1000 immortal Undead were gathered on the mountain. Although Zhao Hai surrounded them with 1 billion troops, he didn't dare attack immediately. These immortal experts were truly powerful. A rash decision might cause Zhao Hai to incur unnecessary losses.

Zhao Hai went out of the army and walked into the front of the immortal Undead. Every single one of the immortal Undead were very strong. Moreover, they were zombies. This meant that their appearances weren't any less than a real person.

The immortal zombies were wearing fully body armor. The style of the armors were very ancient. All of these immortal-level Undead were looking at Zhao Hai with a cold gaze.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he bowed towards the immortal experts and said, "Everyone, this Zhao Hai extends his greetings to you."

The 1000 Undead didn't make any noise. They were still looking coldly at Zhao Hai. Seeing this, Zhao Hai said, "Do you have time to talk?"

After some time, someone walked out from the immortal-level Undead. This Undead was wearing a phoenix wing helmet and held a long spear. He looked like a general. As he sized Zhao Hai up, he said, "Human, where did you come from? Why can you enter the Ancestor Corpse World without being affected by the death qi?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "So this is called the Ancestor Corpse World. I apologize, I didn't know the name of this place. I was sent here before by some people. But since I don't have time, I have to leave in a hurry. I came back this time to take the Undead here for my own use."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the Zombie Commander couldn't help but stare. They might not have thought that Zhao Hai would be so direct. After hesitating for some time, the Zombie Commander said, "So the Human aura I felt back then belonged to you. But its impossible for you to take us away. We're all here to protect the remains of our master. We would rather perish than leave this place."

Zhao Hai stared. Then he knit his brows. These zombies indeed had intellect not worse than a normal person. Moreover, they kept their loyalty. These types of Undead couldn't be easily dealt with. It would be troublesome if all these immortal-level Undead goes in a suicidal rampage.

Zhao Hai looked at the other zombies and saw the determination in their faces. Zhao Hai couldn't help but admire them. After their master died, they turned into zombies in order to protect their master's corpse. Seeing loyal guards like them, it was impossible for Zhao Hai to ignore them.

Hesitating for some time, Zhao Hai said, "I wonder if you can allow me to pay respects to your Master?"

The Zombie Commander looked at Zhao Hai and then glanced at the army behind him. In the end, he nodded and led Zhao Hai into the mountain. They flew to the skull of the mountain and entered through its left eye hole.

The eyes, nose, and mouth of the skull all led to the underground. Zhao Hai followed the Zombie Commander into a certain cave.

Before long, the two arrived at the cave. Upon entering the cave, they entered an enormous hall. When he entered, Zhao Hai actually stared. The arrangement of this hall was very special. It was basically arranged like a huge military tent.

In the innermost part of the hall was a stone platform. A person was on top of the stone platform sitting on a tiger pelt. The tiger's eyes and mouth were wide open and were aimed towards Zhao Hai. The tiger looked like it was ready to pounce and devour someone.

The man on the stone platform was also wearing armor. The armor was gold and had a tiger's heads for a helmet and shoulder armor. The chestpiece was also engraved with a lifelike tiger. Tiger head engravings were also on the boots.

Seeing this person, Zhao Hai couldn't help but exclaim inside, "A Valiant General!" Zhao Hai was reminded of someone when he saw the person in front of him, Zhang Fei! [1]

In front of the general was a table with a giant beastskin map. Drawn on the map was a stretch of mountains and rivers. The map was very simple. Moreover, looking at the drawing, the map wasn't a map of the Great World of Cultivation.

At this time, the Zombie Commander knelt down on one knee. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "This is our master. Tiger General Hu Wei!"

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he gave three bows of respect towards the corpse. No matter who this person was, having followers that were willing to become Undead to protect his corpse was worth Zhao Hai's respect.

Seeing Zhao Hai give his respects, the Zombie Commander couldn't help but smile. His impression of Zhao Hai improved. After Zhao Hai straightened back, he discovered that Hu Wei had a wound on his chest. He was probably injured by a firearm and his wound was burnt black.

But what surprised Zhao Hai was that he could feel a soul inside Hu Wei's body. This soul was very weak. If Zhao Hai wasn't a dark mage and had researched souls, he wouldn't have noticed it.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but be surprised. Then he turned to the Zombie Commander and said, "Your Master's body has a faint sense of a soul. What's happening? Also, why do I feel a strong soul pressure from the mountain?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, the Zombie General replied, "Master has been schemed against and was killed in battle. I took the Master's body along with the tiger guards and escaped from the battlefield. We fled to a mountain. Suddenly, lightning hit the mountain and we lost consciousness. The next moment, we woke up in this place. Later on, we found this mountain and settled inside. As for the strong soul aura, I don't know."

General Zhang Fei

Chapter 1830: Self-destruct

The Zombie Commander might not expect much from Zhao Hai, but Zhao Hai has an idea what happened. Because he was schemed against, Hu Wei was killed. Then his men brought his corpse away from the battlefield and they hid inside a remote mountain. Then an anomaly suddenly happened that brought them to this subspace. The stone mountain they were currently in seems to have a function that nurtures souls. Because of this, instead of dispersing, Hu Wei's soul was kept inside his body.

Zhao Hai nodded, and he said, "So how did all of you become Undead?"

The Zombie Commander shook his head and said, "I don't know. Not long after we arrived here, we all died of starvation. Then one day, all of us began to wake up with this appearance. Then we decided to protect master and create a cave on the mountain to put Master's corpse in."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked at the Zombie Commander and said, "You might see your master as dead, but to me he is not. His soul is still inside his body. But because his soul is too weak, even with the soul energy in the mountain, it's still impossible for him to recover. I can find a way to restore his soul and become like you. Are you willing?"

When the Zombie Commander heard Zhao Hai, his body shivered with excitement. He looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Are you telling the truth?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I am."

The Zombie Commander bowed towards Zhao Hai and said, "As long as Mister can revive the Master, we will be willing to follow your orders as repayment."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Get up first and discuss it with your companions. It's not too late to make a decision."

The Zombie Commander stared then he nodded and said, "Mister is too polite. Please wait a moment. I will discuss it with the others immediately." Then he stood up and ran out.

Before long, the sound of surprise was heard outside. Then all of the zombies entered the hall. But because the hall was big enough, everyone was able to come in.

Once everyone was inside the hall, one of the Zombie Soldiers looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, is the Commander speaking the truth? Do you really have a way to revive the Master?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "He's telling the truth. I have the means to revive him."

Right after he said that, the Zombies knelt down and said, "Mister, please. If the Master is revived, we'll be willing to go through fire and water for you!"

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Get up. Wait for me to revive your master first before you make a decision. Right, I need to bring him to another place. You can also follow me. What do you think? Do you agree?"

The Zombie Soldiers looked at each other before saying, "We're willing to go with Mister." They actually have no other choice but to do so. Zhao Hai was the sole hope for them to revive their Master. They need to take the risk.

A flash of glee passed through Zhao Hai's eyes. He was truly intending on reviving Hu Wei as a zombie. But what if Hu Wei doesn't agree to follow him? Therefore, Zhao Hai wanted to bring Hu Wei and the others into the Space. Once inside, everything else would be easier to deal with. If these immortal-level Undead enter the Space, they would already be in Zhao Hai's hands.

Although the Zombie Soldiers didn't know what Zhao Hai was planning, they couldn't give up on this opportunity. For them, this might be the last chance they have to revive their master.

They didn't know for how long they stayed in this subspace. Once in a while, there would be people who enter and attack them. However, they were all repelled and turned into Undead by the subspace. None of these people have the capability to revive Hu Wei. When they heard that Zhao Hai was confident of reviving Hu Wei, the Zombie Soldiers immediately agreed to him.

Seeing everyone agree, Zhao Hai nodded. Then he waved his hand and opened a spatial rift. Looking through the spatial rift, the Zombie Soldier saw that the place on the other side was similar to the

subspace. Most importantly, they could see Undead on the other side. They couldn't help but stare, but later on they were relieved.

They were worried that Hu Wei's last strand of soul would dissipate once they left the mountain. But seeing the Hell Space, they were completely relieved.

After opening the rift to the Hell Space, Zhao Hai said, "Carry your General and come with me." Then Zhao Hai stepped into the Hell Space. The Zombie Commander and the others lifted Hu Wei's stone platform and followed Zhao Hai to the Hell Space.

When the immortal-level Undead entered the Hell Space, Zhao Hai immediately heard a prompt, "Robots not belonging to the Space have been detected. The robots can be suppressed, but they hold an obsession. Hoping that the host would follow through with his promise. Otherwise, these robots would self-destruct!"

Zhao Hai was startled. This was the first time he heard a prompt like this. The Space would directly subdue any Undead before, but now he was asked to achieve his promise.

However, Zhao Hai soon understood what was going on. In the past, some of the Undead that were sent to the Space went in voluntarily. Naturally, those Undead could be easily subdued. Other Undead had been captured and were treated as hostile robots by the Space. So they were forcibly subdued.

But the Zombie Soldiers were special. They weren't hostile to Zhao Hai, so they weren't seen as a threat by the Space. They were just too loyal to Hu Wei. If Zhao Hai can't revive Hu Wei, then the Zombie Soldiers would self-destruct. It seems like instead of attacking Zhao Hai if he fails, these Zombie Soldiers would rather kill themselves.

This was also good since Zhao Hai wasn't thinking of deceiving them. He just wanted to move to the Hell Space just in case Hu Wei refused to follow him and become aggressive. It would be safer for Zhao Hai to make his moves inside the Hell Space than outside.

After reaching the Hell Space, Zhao Hai found a place for the Zombie Soldiers to put Hu Wei down. Then he waved his hand and took out a wisp of soul fire. Soul fire was the purest form of soul power.

After grasping the wisp of soul fire, Zhao Hai separated it into smaller pieces and then fed it bit by bit to Hu Wei's body. He could also feel the changes in Hu Wei's soul.

Soul fire was the best tonic for the soul. However, Hu Wei's soul container was too large. Zhao Hai was afraid that he couldn't replenish Hu Wei's soul. If Zhao Hai fails, the Zombie Soldiers would immediately kill themselves. Zhao Hai wouldn't have enough time to subdue them.

When the soul fire entered Hu Wei's body, the wisp of soul left inside immediately absorbed it. Then the power of the soul grew a bit.

Seeing that there was improvement, Zhao Hai continued to add soul fire little by little. At the same time, he paid attention to the changes of the soul inside Hu Wei's body.

As soul fire were absorbed by Hu Wei's soul, it continued growing little by little. Before long, Hu Wei's soul stabilized and could now absorb whole soul fires without being damaged.

Zhao Hai took out more soul fires for Hu Wei to absorb. Hu Wei's body also absorbed the soul fire faster and faster. This caused Zhao Hai to be surprised. Despite the amount of soul fire being fed into Hu Wei's body, there had been no signs of him waking up.

Hu Wei's soul was clearly very powerful. The soul fires he absorbed could almost match a Core Formation Cultivator's. And yet he still didn't wake up.

The Zombie Commander was anxiously looking at Zhao Hai. Seeing Zhao Hai frown, the Zombie Commander's heart sank. Then he quickly asked, "Mister, is there a problem?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "There's no problem. But it's strange. He already absorbed a lot of soul fire. He should be awakening right now. Let me take a closer look."

After he said that, Zhao Hai touched Hu Wei's body with his hand. He found that Hu Wei's body was still very soft, like a living person. Then after feeling for a moment, he discovered that Hu Wei's body was very tough. His muscles showed how strong he was. He should be stronger than immortal experts who took the body cultivation path.

This discovery caused Zhao Hai to realize why Hu Wei has yet to awaken. Hu Wei's soul was very weak. However, his body has been constantly absorbing the yin qi in the subspace. This transformed his corpse into something much stronger than immortal experts. It was precisely because of this that his soul still hasn't caught up with his body, thus explaining why didn't wake up.

Hu Wei's soul was only at the Core Formation Stage and will soon arrive at the Nascent Soul Stage. But compared to his body, the soul was still very far. Hu Wei's soul was too weak to control his powerful body.

The Zombie Commander continued to look at Zhao Hai with concern. Zhao Hai showed a pondering expression after prodding Hu Wei's body two times. Then Zhao Hai showed an expression of understanding before he smiled. This made the Zombie Commander confused even more. He couldn't help but ask, "Mister, how is Master's situation?"