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Chapter 341: As Long as I have Full Control

Seeing that the Jialin Representative appeared, the man began to speak.

"I'm Larael Cassen, the Ancestor of Cassen's Royal Family. I came forward with a deal. Your country has already conquered quite a significant part of my own. That should be enough for whatever reason you need it since you said you wouldn't try to take us over completely."

"Let's end it here. I know that you guys are continuing this battle because you also learned about the mineral deposit. We can share that deposit equally between the four countries involved at the moment, 25% for each one, what do you say?"

Kocej narrowed his eyes as he looked behind. Zuan and the other two Saint Realm cultivators couldn't help but agree with that offer. Indeed, 25% wasn't the same as the entire deposit, but they would obtain it without having to risk their armies in this even fight.

In fact, Jialin didn't even know if they had the advantage. They had the communication formations spread on their side of the battlefield. That would indeed be of enormous help during the fight. However, the Cassen Alliance had the terrain advantage and an equal number of cultivators. The area they selected was really not very good for the attackers.

As for Tolak and Rorel Countries, their share would simply change from 33% to 25%. It wouldn't be too much of a difference. Not to mention that they would leave this country without having lost many soldiers. That was a deal that they were more than happy to take.

Kocej then looked behind at the Laan expert, Fuka. The territory they conquered so far was basically their new territory once they joined Jialin. It depended on whether this was enough for them or not.

Kocej then returned to the other three Saint Realm cultivators to talk.

"What do you think? Do any of you think that we can overcome their forces and take the entire deposit?"

Burin was the first one to talk.

"I'm not sure. Even if we can, it will be difficult. To be honest, I think 25% would be a good exchange."

Zuan shook his head in response.

"I think we should try. With the communication system on our side, I believe we can overcome their terrain advantage. An entire deposit is much better than just one-fourth, after all."

Kocei and Fuka, the other two Saint Realm Experts, turned silent. The offer was good, but both of them wanted something more. Jialin Royal Family wanted the deposit. Laan wanted a larger territory since the actual one was only barely enough to stay. However, it was true that they could prevent more losses if they took this offer now.

Back in the Death Unit, everyone was looking at the ancestors in the distance. They also heard the offer from the Cassen Country since Larael didn't try to hide his voice. The opinions all around were mixed. Some would prefer the war to be over so that they wouldn't risk more deaths. Others wanted it to continue since they wanted more merit points to exchange for rewards from the sects.

Suddenly, Roan looked back and narrowed his eyes. In his case, he wanted it to continue so that Calina and the others would have more chances to train. But he felt like the Ancestors would eventually opt for the safer path.

"Illia!"

Calina heard her fake name and immediately stepped forward.

"Yes!"

Roan looked at her before saying.

"You will be taking full control of the Death Unit. This will be your final test, so you better perform it accordingly. Rean will stay here with Kentucky to give you support with strategies. I need to go somewhere else, so I'm not participating this time."

Calina was taken aback. So far, Roan had always been the real commander behind everything. Even when he didn't come together with the group, he would still be the one giving orders from behind. All of Calina's orders were done with the mentality that Roan would be there to fix her errors if things went wrong.

"B-But... What if I make a serious mistake?"

Roan shook his head.

"Is that your resolve? Did you forget what you need to do? Or do you think I'll be able to offer help all the way? Wake up, girl! You will need to do something like this alone sooner or later."

Roan then turned in Rean's direction and sent him a message through their Soul Connection.

'I need to leave before they cancel this war.'

Rean could already imagine what Roan was going to do.

'Can you convince Zuan?'

Roan shook his head.

'I don't know, but I'll try. If you need anything, let me know through the Soul Connection. Make sure those two girls don't die.'

Rean nodded.

'Don't worry. If worse comes to worst, I'll drag both of them into the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.'

Roan turned around as soon as he heard that, quickly dashing to the back of the forces where the Ancestors were talking.

Zuan and the others were still talking. However, it was just like Roan predicted. It looked like they were about to accept Cassen's offer.

Suddenly, Zuan received a Spiritual Sense message.

'I'll lead the army. Just tell everyone to follow my orders, and we will crush this defense line.'

Zuan was shocked by those words and immediately looked down. There, he saw Roan coming out of the sea of cultivators while looking at him.

'Brat! What nonsense are you talking about? Let alone that I wouldn't let you do it, do you think the other sect representatives and ancestors would let you lead their armies? Quit dreaming.'

Zuan couldn't tell where Roan's confidence was coming from. However, he didn't consider accepting Roan's idea even for a split second. As impressive as the twins might be, he didn't think that they were this heaven-defying.

However, another person was together with the Saint Realm cultivators and sects' representatives, Kassie. Roan didn't send that Spiritual Sense message to Zuan alone, but her as well. Kassie saw Roan's power in Sisca. Still, she also thought that Sisca and real war were two different things. Yet, she was also curious why Roan seemed that confident.

'Ancestor Zuan, let's at least hear what he has planned.'

Kassie was one of the main strategists in this war, so Zuan still considered her opinions. Nevertheless, he narrowed his eyes.

'Are you serious?'

Kassie nodded.

'There won't be anything wrong with listening to what he has to say, right? Besides, I'm sure Ancestor doesn't want this war to end like this. Perhaps Roan has a way to convince everyone to continue.'

Zuan pondered a bit but nodded in the end. Just hearing a few words would not be a big deal.

'Speak, what do you want to do? Hurry up since it won't take long before everyone decides to give this war up.'

Roan sighed in relief. At least, they were willing to hear what he had to say. The hardest hurdle was now gone.

'This plan goes like this...'

Roan then compiled everything he had in mind and passed it to Kassie and Zuan through a Spiritual Sense Message.

Immediately, Zuan and Kassie looked at Roan with shock in their eyes once again.

'Is that even possible?'

Roan nodded.

'As long as I have full control, there will be no other outcome other than success.'

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Chapter 342: War Agreement

'Ancestor Zuan, what do you think?'

Zuan pondered a bit before saying.

'Even if I accept, the other leaders won't. At least, not if it's a kid who's suggesting it.'

Zuan then looked at Kassie before saying.

'But if it's you, they might agree with it. You can simply have Roan stay with you during this time and give the commands yourself. Roan would then use Spiritual Sense messages to tell you what to do.'

Kassie pondered a bit and admitted that it was a good idea. If anyone asked, she could simply say that she took him as a disciple or whatever. First of all, she wasn't obligated to give anyone an explanation to keep someone close to her.

'Alright, let's try.'

Kassie then turned to everyone before saying.

"I think I have a way to win this war. However, I will need full control of everyone's units."

Immediately, all eyes focused on Kassie. Soon after, Kocei Jialin spoke.

"You are the main strategist of the Dalamu Sect. Speak, what do you have in mind. If you can really convince us you can win this war, we might follow your arrangements."

Kassie nodded and immediately sent the entire plan through a Spiritual Sense message.

"What? Can you really do something like that?!"

"This is too crazy! Kassie, are you sure?"

Kassie immediately confirmed.

"I can, but I won't lie. There is a good chance of it failing. If you think it is not worth the risk, then we can disband right away."

Everyone immediately fell into thoughts as they analyzed their chances. Finally, Fuka looked at Kassie before saying.

"The chances of failing are significantly high. However, it also has a great chance of working if Kassie can pull it off. My Laan City members would obviously be delighted to get a bigger territory to manage. After thinking about the odds, I decided to accept her idea."

Kocei was the next one.

"My Jialin Royal Family also accepts it. At least, we do have a feasible method. Besides, Kassie is known for being a formidable commander. She might just be able to really pull it out."

Zuan, obviously, didn't have any issues.

"Kassie is part of my Dalamu Sect, so our opinion is the same as her."

The Raskiu, Lagan, and Rohe Sect also nodded in the end and accepted the idea. Seeing that everyone decided to follow the plan, Umbral Sect eventually accepted it as well.

"Alright, that's up to you now."

Kassie nodded.

"Leave it to me."

Koeci then turned around and headed back to where Larael Cassen was waiting.

"We decided to continue. In the end, the territory is not enough for what we need. However, once we conquer the Pali Mountain Range ahead, it will be enough."

Larael narrowed his eyes.

"So you decided to attack us even though we have the terrain advantage, huh? Seem like you've become too greedy about the Triliun and Transten Ores. Very well. In that case, I have another deal for you."

Koeci nodded.

"Speak, what kind of deal?"

Larael continued.

"Let's make this the last clash between our forces. If our side wins, your Jialin Country will immediately retreat and be happy with what you got. If you win, then we will retreat ourselves. Also, no cultivator above the Core and Soul Fusion Realm is allowed to participate in this battle. That way, both countries will be able to preserve their real experts. Of course, they can still give orders. After all, strategists are necessary for both sides. What do you think?"

Koeci narrowed his eyes. This deal seemed a lot more advantageous for their Jialin Country than it was to Cassen.

"You seem to be very confident in your chances of victory."

Larael didn't deny that.

"We are. However, the first deal is still up. We can end this war with an equal share right now."

Everyone then looked at Kocei. Everything that had to be said was said already. In the end, it would come up to the Royal Family's decision.

Finally, Kocei made his choice.

"We will fight. I also accept your second deal. No cultivators at the Nascent Soul Realm and above shall participate in this battle. If we lose, we will immediately retreat without getting anything from the Ore Deposit. Only the already conquered territory."

Larael Cassen smiled after hearing that.

"That shall be done."

Right after, he turned around and returned to the back of the defense line. Of course, none of the Saint Realm experts would retreat. They would keep their Spiritual Senses spread out, ensuring that neither side would intervene using high-level cultivators.

Kocei also went back to his side.

"You already heard what Larael said. We will not intervene in this battle with our power. Only the commanding is allowed. Kassie, we will leave it up to you from now on."

Kassie nodded, and she immediately soared higher in the skies. However, Zuan did something different. Instead, he went down and grabbed Roan with his Spiritual Energy before flying to another place. A few people noticed that, including the other Ancestors. However, neither of them cared too much. After all, a few of them also had a disciple or another on their sides to learn.

The plan was quite simple. Zuan kept Roan close enough to Kassie so that his Spiritual Sense could reach her. From there, he would give her the order, which she would repass to all the other commanders.

Kassie pretended to ignore that and then spoke.

"Listen up! From now on, I'm the one commanding all units. Those who refuse to comply with my orders will be executed, no questions asked. The other sect leaders already accepted this arrangement, so you can ask them directly if you want."

Obviously, everyone was surprised to see that an elder of a single sect would be in charge of all forces. But when they asked their own side about this, they found out that it was really the truth.

Kassie waited a few minutes until everyone had confirmed that her words were true before saying.

"I believe everyone has understood it by now. All forces! Prepare to battle!"

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Chapter 343: Taking Control

The Units then began to reorganize themselves according to what Kassie said. There were several types of Units around. Some had only Foundation Establishment cultivators, while others had a few Core Formation cultivators in between. A few elite teams had more or were entirely made up of Core Formation Realm cultivators. Usually, these elite teams would have a Core and Soul Fusion leader, but it was rare for more than one to be present.

However, there was one problem in the cultivation world. It was the fact that all cultivators relied too much on their individual prowess. That being said, even when they moved as a Unit, you rarely encountered a group moving with formations.

The Death Unit was basically the only one that solely relied on it. Of course, the first three months when Roan trained everyone was worth it in the end. Roan's group was considered one of the top Units in the War Ranking. However, they only had 300 members. Compared to the other elite Units, they didn't even have half of their forces.

Calina was in the front line, preparing their team to attack, when all of a sudden, she received a Spiritual Sense Message.

'Welloi, Salatis, Juka, Zouei, and Verder. Ask those five to take another 49 members and move to the positions I'll tell you.'

Calina was taken aback for a moment. That wasn't Roan's voice, but Kassie instead. Still, as the main commander in this attack, Calina had to comply with the orders.

Those five were puzzled when they received those orders as well. Of course, they didn't dare to ignore it and immediately divided the group into six parts. Soon after, they moved away to join other Units at the front line.

Seeing that, Calina couldn't help but sigh.

'How am I going to lead our Death Unit now? To think that we would be separated even before the battle started. Well, Rean and Kentucky are still here with the elites of our group. However...'

Calina then looked at the five people the order mentioned.

Welloi and company were five cultivators that showed some talent at leading. During the three months Roan had been training their Unit, not only did he focus on Calina, but also on those five. A Unit isn't just led by a single commander. Small unit leaders were also necessary to piece the whole Unit together through the main commander. Only through an action like this could they use the Formations properly.

However, she soon noticed something different.

"This..."

It turns out that although those five had been separated from Calina, they were still inside her Spiritual Sense range. That being said, she could still give them orders on how to move together.

Soon, more strange things happened. Welloi and the others noticed that several Units began to attach to them. Not to mention that those Units were the elite ones with many Core Formation Realm cultivators. Calina wasn't an exception. She was specially given three Units with Core and Soul Fusion Realm leaders in the middle.

"Why are they staying behind us?"

"How would I know? They simply came on their own."

"Is it part of the plan?"

Suddenly, Welloi, Calina, and the other four heard a Spiritual Sense message. However, it wasn't from Kassie this time, but Roan.

'You six groups will be responsible for guiding the main elite groups during the attack. Use everything you learned. It's still morning, so you have until the end of the night to teach them how to use the cutting edge formation. The success of this operation depends on you.'

Soon after, Roan began to focus on other groups. He didn't have enough time to deal with those guys, so he left it for Calina and the rest to deal with.

Calina's group immediately began to sweat all over. Let's not even talk about the limited time to work with these new teams. Would they accept being led by the six of them? Especially with 'Illia,' a teenager, as the main commander between them all?

Besides, the cutting edge formation is just...

Sure enough, complaints began to appear right from the start.

"Leader, I can't accept this! Why do we need to follow that brat's orders?! She's gonna get us killed!"

"This isn't right. Death Unit is indeed one of the top-ranked Units. However, we are not any weaker. Shouldn't it be us that should lead instead?"

"Forget them. Once the battle starts, we will move as we wish."

Several similar sentences appeared right and left, making Calina and the others feel helpless. How would they teach these guys when they obviously have no intention of following their orders? Besides, the

number of cultivators under her command right now was several times bigger than before. She had at least three thousand elite cultivators to lead!

It was then that Rean touched her shoulder and used a Spiritual Sense message.

'Calina, this is also a test. Tell me, how can you convince the Imperial Family of your rights to the throne if you can't even convince a bunch of low-level cultivators? This is just another roadblock in your path. Compared to what the future has for you, what can it be accounted for?'

Calina looked back at Rean, who seemed to be very calm. Finally, she took a deep breath and began to shout.

"Listen up! From now on, we are all a single Unit, and I'm the main commander! My orders are god's orders! What I say is the rule! Those who don't comply with it will be punished accordingly under the rules agreed between the Sects and Royal Family. Who are the leaders of the Units who joined me?! Step forward!"

All the Units looked at Calina with a surprised expression. Finally, one of the leaders stepped forward before saying.

"Little girl, no one here has any intention of doing whatever you want."

He was a cultivator from the Lagan Sect called Via Sunimai, his cultivation level at the Initial Stage Core and Soul Fusion Realm. The guy was quite big, being almost twice Calina's size. However, the girl didn't step back.

"Hmph! Should I consider it as you breaking the rules Senior Kassie put in place?"

Via narrowed his eyes. Kassie was very straightforward. Those who don't follow the order would be executed. Of course, Via and the other leaders wouldn't simply leave things like that.

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Chapter 344: Challenge

Roan could have asked Kassie to play the strict commander role to help Calina. All Kassie had to do was to say a few words. For example, she would follow their entire new Unit with her Spiritual Sense. If she saw as much as a single cultivator showing signs of rejecting Calina's orders, she would kill that guy or girl straight away.

With just this much effort, everyone in Calina's new Unit would be forced to follow her orders to the letter. After all, none of them wanted to die from an attack of a Nascent Soul Realm cultivator from behind. The other sects gave Kassie full control, so they knew she could do it.

However, Roan had left Calina to control the things on her own on purpose. Until now, it was he who put their group under the leash. Calina only had to worry about giving the correct orders and focus on the battlefield. However, that wouldn't be good enough in the future. This just so happened to be a golden chance to test Calina's abilities to deal with this situation.

While Calina thought about what to do, Roan switched his attention to the rest of the Units. Calina was controlling around 3000 elite members, but elite Units were somewhat rare. The majority were still common Units that were just as important in a war. After all, there's a limit to what one can do against numbers.

At the moment, the other Units out of Calina's command had a total of more than fifty thousand cultivators! Laan Experts counted only for two thousand or so of those, while the Royal Family had the biggest number since they had a real army under their command. As for the other five sects, each had around five thousand included in this army.

Roan knew that it would be impossible to teach these guys how to properly work with formations in just a single day. However, he would need to at least teach them the most basic forms of movement.

There was a big difference between the medieval era back on Earth and the cultivation world. Thus, it made things even harder to practice since Roan had to account for friendly fire. Even the most simple formations became a pain in the ass when the cultivator's skills were accounted for. However, once they understood how to work together as a unit, they were really unstoppable.

Different from the elite under Calina's command, Roan didn't refrain from using Kassie's authority. He never said or pointed anything out. All the words were transmitted through Spiritual Sense to Kassie, who then pretended that she was the one giving the orders.

Still, as time passed, Kassie became more and more shocked with Roan's abilities.

'How the heck does he know all the Units' average power and abilities this well?'

Roan didn't know what Kassie was thinking, nor did he care. His mind was working at full speed, thinking about nothing more than the war.

Meanwhile, Welloi, Salatis, Juka, Zouei, and Verder were becoming even more nervous. They were all in the Core Formation Realm. However, they couldn't possibly contend against all those elites. Not to mention the Core and Soul Fusion Realm ones.

Sure enough, Calina was having issues dealing with those guys.

Another leader of those elite Units also came out after hearing Calina's provocation. His name was Dillo Xarvei, an expert of the Rohe Sect.

"Hehe! Do you think we're afraid of such words? There's no way that Senior Kassie would kill all of us. At least two-thirds of the elites of the entire army are gathered here. Would she slaughter all of us? If so, how do you expect her to win this battle?"

All the cultivators that felt fear at first quickly calmed down. Indeed, killing them for ignoring these orders was far from realistic.

Calina laughed after hearing that, though.

"Hahaha! There is no need to kill all of you. I just need to report who the leaders are and get rid of them. The rest will definitely follow orders after that. If they don't, I can just keep spitting out names of random people until I believe no more leaders are remaining."

Via and Dillo were taken aback. This girl was small and seemed quite frail, but they had to admit that she had some courage.

"Little girl, do you think everyone will simply follow your orders just because you did that?"

Calina smiled.

"I know what you are thinking. You simply have to pretend to do what I want for now. Tomorrow, once the battle starts, you can simply move out on your own. At the very least, you can sabotage my plans just to seek revenge or say that I'm not suited to be the leader of this new Unit. Am I correct?"

Via nodded.

"It's that simple. We are from different sects. None other than us understand our Units best. Just stay quiet in your corner and let the grown-ups do their jobs."

Calina smiled after hearing that.

"Oh! So you're saying that I can't lead your groups better than you. Is that correct?"

Everyone nodded without even thinking.

"Very well. Should we make a small bet, then?"

Via and Dillo had puzzled expressions.

"A bet? What kind of bet?"

Calina then explained.

"Simple. As long as I can prove that I'm a much better commander than all your Units' leaders, you will strictly follow my orders. What do you say?"

Via snorted.

"And what if you lose?"

Calina laughed once again.

"In that case, I won't say anything about your little rebellion here. You can act as you wish when tomorrow arrives. I believe that not having your Unit leaders killed is already a good reward, no?"

Via, Dillo, and the other Units' leaders didn't like how Calina pieced her words. Still, she could really have them killed if they insisted on not following her orders. In a certain way, that was the fastest way to put an end to this issue. However...

"It looks good and all, but how do you expect to prove that you are a better commander than any of us?"

Calina nodded.

"Well, the answer to that is quite simple."

"I'll be challenging all of you together."

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Chapter 345: How to decide

Everyone was taken aback. Those were truly bold words. After all, a few of the leaders were even in the Core and Soul Fusion Realm. How does she expect to beat all of them with her Initial Stage of the Core Formation Realm cultivation?

However, Via soon noticed the loophole behind those words.

"Wait... You said you would prove that you are a better commander, so a direct battle is useless. How do you expect to do it, then?"

Calina smiled before responding.

"The idea was for me to command a unit against a unit controlled by you all. However, you all have your own way of leading your teams. If I really asked you guys for something like that, I would have the advantage since there would be no divergence of opinions and orders."

"That being said, we have two options. First, you can all select a leader who will represent your units and control a team against me. However, can all of you decide on who you'll put your trust in?"

Immediately, everyone went silent. Not a single one of them would select someone else. They all wanted to be the representative of the Units. Obviously, there would never be a decision in the end.

"This won't work. What's the second option?"

Calina shrugged her shoulders.

"The game that almost any cultivator who likes to command knows about, Sisca. With that, you can all discuss your commands and reach a decision together on how to move. As you all know, Sisca is a good way to test someone's ability to command. How about that? All your heads together against mine."

Roan had to admit that he liked this game called Sisca quite a lot. That being said, he also brought a Sisca Board with him inside the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. Every now and then, he would use Sisca to measure Calina's current progress other than just real battles. Even the map they used to check the terrain was used with Sisca game pieces.

The longer you spent on the planning table, the higher your chances of success. Roan truly believed in this saying. Other than Calina, he played several times against Rean too. Last but not least, he forced Malaka to learn how to play it. The girl didn't like to think that much, but she had to since the punishment for poor display wasn't anything funny. To a certain extent, Malaka had a good understanding of tactics now.

Unfortunately, it was just that Roan was way too good at this kind of thing. And so, he always crushed Calina, Rean, and Malaka.

At the moment, this was the only way Calina thought where she could defeat all the leaders of the other Units together in a small amount of time.

"Sisca? You want to bet the command of the elite Units in a game? That's ridiculous."

"That might sound idiotic. However, that would indeed prove her ability if she wins. Besides, suppose we don't accept anything. In that case, she can simply tell the Main Commander, Senior Kassie, that we are not following her orders."

"He's right. In any case, do you think she can win against all of us together? I don't know about you guys, but I've played Sisca with my grandfather hundreds of times. That's why I like being in command. If you want, I can play with her on your behalfs."

"Hmph! Do you think you're the only one good at this game? Forget it, I'll play with her. I doubt she would be better than me."

"Enough! There is no need for us to select a representative. We can all play together since we can take our time to discuss the best moves. As long as we don't need to follow her orders tomorrow, I don't mind what method we use."

In the end, they all nodded. Calina was right. Most of the cultivators who like to lead were also players of Sisca. Only one of the Elite Units had a leader that hasn't played the game before. The rest thought that they were very good at it.

Finally, they all reached the same agreement and accepted Calina's offer.

"Very well, but on one condition. Neither side can receive external help. Let's use a Spiritual Sense Alerting formation. That way, no one can send hidden strategies to others."

There were Anti-Spiritual Sense formations out there. However, those were harder to build and more expensive. However, if it was just a simple alert formation, then it was more simple. Even Rean could build one in just a few minutes. Of course, if the Spiritual Sense Level was too high, a simple formation wouldn't work. Fortunately, the highest cultivation in the middle of the elite teams was only the Core and Soul Fusion Realm.

Rean and a few more cultivators of the other teams quickly built a Spiritual Sense Alert formation. Sure enough, in the middle of over three thousand cultivators, there was bound to be a few who had Formation Master as a side occupation. With them working together, building the formation was faster, with higher quality, and prevented someone from playing some tricks.

"Wait! Does anyone have a Sisca Board?"

Suddenly, a white-haired young man appeared with the big board above his head. Naturally, it was Rean. The moment Calina brought her idea up, he retreated to somewhere hidden and took the board out of the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm. He then placed it close by before he helped in building the Spiritual Sense Alerting Formation.

'Where the hell did this guy keep this board?'

Rean smiled but didn't say anything. He simply placed the board in the middle of the formation.

"Alright. Here are the board and the pieces."

Calina smiled and couldn't help but send him a Spiritual Sense message.

'So, you don't think this is a bad idea?'

Rean shook his head.

'Nope. It's just as you said, we couldn't have all of them become commanders at the same time to fight you. Sisca is indeed a quick way to prove your side without them complaining.'

Calina then looked away before asking.

'Do you think Roan would approve this idea?'

Rean laughed after hearing that.

'Probably.'

Far away in the sky, Roan glanced at Calina's group. A faint smile appeared on his lips for a second before it disappeared.

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Chapter 346: Organizing

While Calina played with the other leaders, Roan paid attention to the army. He kept sending Spiritual Sense Messages to Kassie almost nonstop. It had even reached a point where Kassie was already having problems keeping up with everything.

'The 37th unit, their Core Formation Realm members are moving too far. Make sure they give cover to the back group.'

'The 26th and 28th Unit won't be able to form a double line defense like that. Tell their stupid leaders that you don't give a damn to whatever disputes they have. If they don't start cooperating, you will kill them and appoint two new leaders for their teams.'

'104th unit is too far ahead. They are one of the elite units staying out of the main elite group. They have too many high-level cultivators, so their speed is much higher. However, they aren't doing that on purpose. Tell them to swap 20% of their Unit Forces with the 103rd and 105th Units. That will force them to follow the pace of the nearby teams.'

'The 7th to 28th teams are starting to understand their role. Good, tell them that they can close their distance. I want to see them reduce their space while keeping the formation by at least 20% in the next hour.'

'What the hell are the 145th and 147th Units doing? It doesn't matter how low their cultivation level might be. They shouldn't be that slow. Those idiots are obviously afraid of the incoming clash, so they are lagging behind on purpose. Take away half of their merit points as a warning and tell them that next time, merit points will not be the only thing they will lose.'

'So what if the gathered spear team is made with members of several different Units? All they need to do is give support to the line formations, for fuck's sake! Tell them to fucking focus on straight piercing skills on the gaps between the line formations. Why the hell are they trying to show off here?'

After some time, Kassie began to sweat without even noticing. She was passing so many Spiritual Sense commands that even she herself was feeling overwhelmed.

'What kind of monster is he? How the hell can he pay attention to all those teams at the same time? I still don't know how he found about most of the Units' specialties either.'

Kassie couldn't be blamed. No one placed more importance on information than Roan in this world. If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained, you will also suffer defeat.

Roan was an information freak now that they had the communication system activated. Using Rean's authority over the communication formations, he gathered all possible information about everything he could. Obviously, he knew more about all the units than anyone else.

There was no need to tell Rean how important it was, so Rean did the same thing and memorized everything. Calina wasn't an idiot and followed in their footsteps. The three constantly exchanged information and opinions on cooperating with the other teams if the chance appeared. Well, Roan liked to call it 'how to take advantage of others if possible.'

Of course, in everyone's eyes, the one thinking about all those things was Kassie. She had to prevent the other strategists from complaining about her commands. That being said, all her Spiritual Sense messages also reached them.

"I knew about Kassie's ability to command. But when did she get this good at it?"

"Is she receiving help from someone else?"

"But who though? If any of you could do what she is doing at the moment, would you stay here and let her take all the credit?"

"Of course not. Still, it is hard to believe that Kassie can do all of that at once."

"Who cares? She said she would convince us about the power of combat formations before the battle tomorrow. So far, it seems like she wasn't lying. Don't forget that all that matters is to win this fight and take control of the Triliun and Transten Ore deposits."

Meanwhile, a fierce fight was happening in the elite groups where Calina and Rean were located. Well, not a real one, though.

"Just what is happening here? I've never seen someone using this kind of strategy before."

"It's your fault. Didn't you convince us to take the mountain approach so that we could cover our castle and attack at the same time? Look at what is happening. She found a flaw in the formation and is breaking through our middle."

"Shut up! I did come up with the idea, but you all analyze the pros and cons before agreeing with me."

Calina looked at all those leaders with a bright smile. Just how many times had she been utterly crushed by Roan during these ten months in Sisca? She even had nightmares about this game at night. All the ideas these guys were coming up with were things that she tried herself against Roan. Still, that block of ice wasn't only cold but could reflect all her thoughts as well. It looked like nothing worked against him. Compared to Roan, just what did these guys amount to?

Eventually, they reached a decision and made their moves. Every time it looked like they would retake control of the battlefield, they would fall for a more intricate trap.

As mentioned before, the objective of the game was to take control of the castle on the enemy's side. However, doing just that would not convince these prideful elite unit leaders. From the very start, Calina had only one objective. Kill all their forces until only the castle was left.

Doing such a thing was several times harder than conquering the enemy's castle. Because of how each piece could move, trying to achieve a slaughtering victory gives several chances for the enemy to conquer your castle instead. Nevertheless, Calina was doing just that!

'I will not give you any room to complain about the results.'

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Chapter 347: Last Day and Night

Rean just observed everything as Calina slowly but surely wiped out all of their forces with each move she made. Her opponents used every second they had to think of a way out, but in the end, it was useless. Finally, it reached a point where Via, Dillo, and the others simply couldn't retaliate anymore. From there on, it was a downwards slope until the last piece was taken away. The game was over with Calina's overwhelming victory.

"Well, then. I guess I won against all of you at the same time. As proud members of the five sects and royal family, you won't be going back on your promise, right?"

Via and the others had ugly expressions. The higher one's cultivation was, the more they cared about face. Losing to Calina was already terrible enough, considering that they were all thinking together. However, it would be even worse if these Core and Soul Fusion Realm experts decided to not uphold their part of the deal.

"Hmph! This old man has never gone back on his word in his life. However, if I see that you are bringing my Unit to a death trap, I will immediately take the command back."

"Same here. I don't know where you learned to play like this, but it shows that your commanding skill isn't too bad. I'll be watching what you'll do from now on."

The other leaders also said their pieces, but Calina didn't care that much.

"Fine by me. Who would willingly throw themselves at the enemies without thinking? Don't worry, you just need to learn what I'm going to teach you during the rest of the day."

Calina then looked at Welloi and the others. Obviously, they watched the game and sighed in relief after she won.

"Welloi, Salatis, Juka, Zouei, and Verder. Take control of the units, as Roan mentioned before. We are going to start training them on the cutting edge formation. We already spent an hour on this game, so we don't have much time."

With that, the elite units were quickly divided into six groups. Calina knew that it would be impossible to train everyone well enough with the limited time. Still, she could at least bring it up to a basic level.

Roan looked from far away and noticed how the six elite teams began to position themselves for the formation.

'She was quite fast. I guess there is no need to intervene in the end.'

Roan then focused on the Soul Gem Dimensional Realm.

'Sister Orb, how is the analysis?'

[It's going well.]

'Will you finish in time?'

[Yes. It was made in a hurry, so it is easy to find the flaws to take control of it. It should be ready by tomorrow when the battle starts.]

Roan nodded once again, satisfied.

With everything in place, time began to pass as training continued.

Of course, Cassen Country wasn't just staying there doing nothing. As Roan's army practiced their formations, they also increased the defenses on their side.

Cassen had selected an elevated area that was easier to defend. There, they built several walls, holes, traps, etc.

"Faster, faster! I want those spikes all in place before noon!"

"37th to 82nd Units, step forward to test the defense!"

"What are these guys doing?! Are they trying to kill me out of anger? Tell those idiots to bring more weapons right now! We need as many replacements as possible!"

The strategists of both sides looked as both countries prepared their armies. Because of the lack of time, neither side could care about looking for a hiding place to train them. Everything was being made on the spot.

Roan's Spiritual Sense couldn't reach that far, so he had Ancestor Zuan's help with this. Zuan kept his Spiritual Sense over the entire enemy's defense line, telling Roan of every single change. Roan then thought about how it would affect the actual formation and made the necessary arrangements.

Still, he couldn't help but narrow his eyes.

'The majority haven't participated in wars before. Because of that, they aren't used to formations. First of all, formations aren't that famous between cultivators due to their individual strength. I'm not sure if they will be able to reach the most basic level to fight tomorrow.'

There was one good thing, though. Cultivators could replace sleeping with Spiritual Energy. It wasn't as good as a good night's rest, but it wouldn't be a problem if it was done only once. That being said, Roan and Calina continued their army training during the night as well.

Torches and other light sources were lit up as they illuminated both sides of the battlefield. Several screams and shouts kept coming from both sides without stop all night long. The sound of several cultivators' skills echoed throughout the area for everyone to hear.

Deep into the night, Roan looked at the sky with a pensive expression. Finally, he reached a decision.

'This should be enough.'

He looked at the army and then at Kassie.

'Tell everyone to sit down and meditate. Make sure there are enough Spirit Stones for them to recover. The battle will start when the sun completely appears in the sky.'

Kassie sighed in relief before giving everyone the order to stop and recuperate. However, she was satisfied. In the end, Roan was still able to make these groups reach a basic understanding of the formations he explained to her.

"All Units, stop! Sit down and meditate! The supporters will give you Spirit Stones for your recovery. If there is anyone with some serious injuries, immediately inform us so we can help you recover."

Crash!

As soon as those words came out, everyone fell to the ground. Roan didn't hold back at all, so everyone was tired to the bone. If this wasn't the cultivation world, wishing this army to start battling just a few hours later would be a ridiculous thought.

The cultivators quickly received the Spirit Stones and used their energies to recover their fatigue. Unfortunately, there was one guy that couldn't rest yet.

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery.'

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery.'

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery.'

'Life Style, Second Form, Instant Recovery...'

Rean flashed everywhere, healing everyone who got injured during the battle.

'Fuck this shit! I won't even be able to stand up later if I continue like this.'

Roan didn't care.

'Stop complaining. Just use the Light Element to recover yourself if you get tired. You better make everyone get back to their peak condition if you want this battle to go as smooth as possible.'

'Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's quite simple for you to say that when you just have to float in the air looking around, right?'

'Oh! Is that so? Then why don't we change sides? I'll stay with Calina and protect her. You will lead the army during the war. How about that?'

Rean looked away and pretended that he didn't hear anything.

'Today is such a beautiful night, don't you think? Let's not get angry over details. Don't worry. Everyone will be healed in time.'

Roan snorted after hearing that but didn't say anything else.

Eventually, the sun came out, and everyone finished recovering their energy. It was time to start.

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Chapter 348: Forward!

The sun illuminated the battlefield as both arms prepared for the clash. Rean and Roan looked around and could see the red color of Killing Intent rising throughout the surroundings. Kentucky, of course, could see the same thing. Still, after many months, Rean and Kentucky were already used to it. Roan obviously didn't have this problem.

Kassie then looked at Roan for a moment before looking back at the battlefield.

"Left Wing, Right Wing, start!"

Jialin Forces were spread into three primary forces: Right Wing, Left Wing, and Center. The first part of the plan was to have both those wings move at the same time.

In an instant, tens of thousands of cultivators began to move in unison. Spiritual Energy got chaotic as they channeled it. They didn't charge forward but moved in a disciplined manner. However...

"Where are they going?"

"They aren't coming at us."

"Are they trying to surround us?"

"Don't be ridiculous! We selected an elevated terrain so that we could be ready for attacks from any side."

"Correct. It doesn't matter what side they choose. The final result will be the same."

The right and left wings opened even more distance from the main unit at the center. Yet, they weren't trying to surround the Cassen Country cultivators. Instead, those two wings formed what seemed to be a bowl or funnel shape.

Seeing that everyone was in their respective positions, Roan immediately gave an order to march forward to Kassie.

"Right and Left Wing, Echelon Formations! Forward!"

The two wings then assumed the echelon formation. The echelon formation was also called the ladder formation since it was in a ladder shape. This type of formation allowed the units to change into other formation types faster while moving all the companies together.

As one could expect, the Right Wing's ladder shape matched the right defensive line like how the left one did the same to the left line.

Everyone began to move in the direction of the enemy's defenses. Little by little, their movement speed began to increase as they moved together.

Roan then looked at Calina and her group in the body of the army.

'Tell the Elite groups to move forward as well. Illia already knows what to do.'

Kassie nodded as she passed to Calina Roan's orders.

Calina then looked at her group.

"Let's go! Don't walk too fast. Remember, we can't be the first group to arrive. The Left and Right Wings need to prepare the terrain for us first. Otherwise, the Cutting Edge Formation won't work properly."

Calina was putting on a strong front, but she was quite nervous. The Cutting Edge Formation was very hard to use. Roan had only explained to her how to use it, but had never tried in a real battle. It's not like Roan didn't want to, but it was that there were not enough cultivators to make it work.

In fact, the three thousand or so cultivators in Calina's Unit were just barely enough to bring it out of the theoretical stage. To make things worse, they didn't have time to properly train it. They could only achieve a basic level of understanding.

Fortunately, the Elite Units that formed this bigger one weren't called elite for nothing. They were much faster than the average warriors at grasping orders. If not for that, even the cutting edge's basic level wouldn't have come to fruition.

The Cassen Country wouldn't just watch as the enemy charged at them, though. Gofel, the commander in charge of all units, made a move as well.

"Ranged Cultivation Units! Begin the suppressing attack."

In less than a second, several attacks began to come from behind the defensive line. There were various cultivators specialized in long-range attacks. There were even a lot of archer cultivators as well.

However, Jialin's Left and Right wings were not slow either.

"Shield Formation!"

The various blocks of the Echelon Formation immediately changed into a defensive form. Although it was called the shield formation, shields were not the only things used in it. Several cultivators specialized in defense stepped forward and used their skills, armors, and finally shields to defend the units. This was the cultivation world. The cultivator's means were several times broader.

Clang, clang, clang...

Bang, bang, bang...

The attacks rained down as units defended against the attacks. However, several casualties already began to appear even though the defense was put in place.

Kassie looked at Roan from the corner of her eyes.

'Is this okay?'

Roan shook his head and sighed.

'There's no helping it. They had to learn how to use the shield formation in just a single day with the other types. Naturally, a lot of gaps and confusion would happen.'

'Still, it's already showing a result far better than I expected. Don't worry, we will not be in this passive form for too long.'

Roan was right. They could only defend at first due to the elevated terrain on the enemy's side. That allowed their opponents to throw all their attacks further away. If Jialin's group fired back, it would have little to no effect at that distance.

Eventually, the right and left wings moved forward enough so that they could retaliate.

"Ranged cultivators, Suppressing Fire!"

In the shield formation's center, several cultivators opened space for the ranged attackers to do their jobs. Immediately, several skills, arrows, and other means of long-ranged attacks began to come out. However, contrary to all expectations, they didn't target the cultivator's on the enemy side.

Boom, boom, boom, boom...!

"They are targeting our offensive!"

That was correct. Roan knew that using ranged attacks to deal damage on elevated terrain would be of little use. It's not that it wouldn't work, but that the enemy was prepared for it. The entire terrain on the enemy cultivator's side was protected by a vast formation that spanned the entire defensive side. As

soon as those ranged attacks arrived there, they would lose most of their attack power or not reach the enemy at all. That being said, it would be much better to focus on reducing the casualties first.

And just like that, Jialin Forces continued to advance.

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Chapter 349: More Enemies

Gofen looked at the approaching army and how they were suffering next to no losses from their ranged attacks.

'What kind of tactic is that? How did they succeed in making the cultivators work together like that?'

Gofen already expected that Jialin would try to minimize the losses in their ranks before arriving at the hill that they were standing. If their strategists had sent the cultivators without any plan, then why would strategists even exist? Still, he didn't expect that all their ranged attacks would have next to no effect. Roan's basic defensive formation was doing way beyond what Gofen expected.

Still, he didn't lose his calm just because of that. Instead, he looked at the main army coming through the front. It's just that he couldn't tell what they were planning to do.

'They seem to be quite slow. Is that a mistake? Forget it. As long as I deal with the two wings in time, I won't need to care about the late ones.'

He then looked down the hill and saw an enormous line made of Earth and Fire Affinity Cultivators. They were all waiting for orders without moving a single muscle. Everyone on Jialin's side thought that those would be the first enemies they would clash directly against. However...

'Begin!'

As soon as they received Gofen's orders, those cultivators stepped forward and moved to the very edge of the protection formation. Immediately, Earth Element began to gather around as it was channeled into the earth in front of them.

Tremble!

So many Earth Element users made the ground suffer an earthquake as the earth got loose in front of them. Any rock or stone present inside was reduced to rubble, making the area quite soft. Soon after, all the Fire Element users focused on that area with their own skills.

Kassie and the Jialin experts on the back bitterly smiled. Before their army could approach the mountain, Cassen's alliance had created an enormous lava moat! The moat extended so far that there was no gap for Jialin's melee forces to pass. If they wanted to reach the other side, they would need to fly above it.

The problem was that only the Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivators present could fly. All the rest would need to pass that moat by foot. Of course, they could stop and use other skills to cool down the moat so that they could traverse. Or perhaps they could jump to the other side if they were strong enough to cover the entire distance.

However, the first situation would make Jialin's forces stop and wait passively under their ranged cultivator's attack while they cooled the lava down. The second option would break the shield formations, which would be perfect for Cassen Country.

Kassie then looked at Roan.

'Maybe we should retreat and think of another way to cross this moat.'

However, Roan didn't seem to be too worried about it.

'There is no need. Although they can only use my formations at a basic level, it should be enough. Pass my orders. Make half of each Unit's ranged cultivators focus on the Earth and Fire Element Users on the other side. The other half will continue to defend against the incoming aerial attacks.'

'All Water Element cultivators will move behind the first line of defense inside of each Unit and focus on their Water Element skills. Make sure that they don't come out of the formation. They need to use their Water Element skills from behind the formations' defensive lines.'

Kassie couldn't help but ask.

'If they do that, they might hit the cultivators in front. They need a clear view of their target if they do such a thing. Besides, their own skills will disturb the cultivators focused in defense.'

Roan shook his head.

'Don't worry. The cultivators at the front already understand where the attacks are coming from. Even if their vision is restricted, they will be able to defend against most of the damage. As for the risk of hitting their allies with their water element skills, that will not happen either.'

Kassie narrowed her eyes but passed the order anyway. Soon, the Shield formation changed as half of the ranged cultivators began to target the lava moat creators. While they did that, the Water Element cultivators appeared right behind each Unit's main defense line. They were all nervous since they had to do all of that while receiving constant attacks.

However, as soon as they began to channel their water skills in the front, they noticed that they were having quite an easy time avoiding their allies. It turned out that the gaps left behind for the front defensive line were just enough for them to use focused Water Element Skills.

Roan's orders were straightforward. Don't try to use any area of effect skill since there was not enough space. As long as they used focused skills, they would have enough space to work with. The effect on the Lava Moat wasn't as significant as it would be with area of effect water attacks. Still, when you put so many cultivators at the same time, that problem wasn't as big.

The lava moat began to be cooled down from the border. All the Units on both sides then began to step on the solid rock that was lava just a few seconds ago and continued to advance. Although their movement was slowed down, it didn't reach a point where it could affect the general situation.

The Earth and Fire Element Users couldn't keep the Lava Moat active due to ranged attacks aimed at them. They needed to focus if they wanted to do that.

Gofen saw from the top of the hill that Jialin's forces would soon reach the other side of the Lava Moat almost intact. Obviously, that affected him quite a bit.

'Those combat formations can actually do such a thing?'

Still, he understood that the Jialin Forces would reach those Fire and Earth Element cultivators if he didn't do anything. That being said, Gofen sent their leaders a Spiritual Sense message.

'Give up the Lava Moat. Retreat to the first defensive line, and wait for orders.'

All those cultivators sighed in relief and immediately gave up the Lava Moat.

Gofen then looked behind at a middle-aged man with messy hair.

"Elder Rurio, can you help me stop their advance?"

Rurio laughed before saying.

"Hahaha! I thought you wouldn't ask."

Rurio then lifted his hand to the skies.

Creeeee!

As soon as he did that, everyone began to hear the sound of demon beasts coming from behind the hill.

Creeeee!

Creeeee!

Creeeee!

Creeeee...

Those sounds multiplied as they began to get louder and louder. Eventually, several aerial demon beasts appeared in the sky. One could also see one or two cultivators on their backs. But what really caught everyone's attention was the basket they carried. Each one had several red orbs of the size of a tennis ball.

"It's the Tolak Aerial Beast Army!"

The nervous Cassen cultivators immediately rejoiced at the sight. Tolak was famous for being a mountainous country. Naturally, many Aerial Demon Beasts lived there. With time, the cultivators in that place began to get used to tame large amounts of flying demon beasts. In the end, their country's forces became famous for their Aerial Beast Army.

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Chapter 350: Reliance's Help

Roan's eyes narrowed as he looked at the sky.

'So, they really brought the aerial army.'

Tolak helping Cassen was something that Jialin knew for quite some time already. Naturally, they also had quite a good deal of information about this country. After all, Jialin and Tolak were separated by just a single country, Cassen. That meant that they were still a threat to Jialin, depending on the situation.

Of course, none of the Aerial Demon Beasts surpassed the Stage Four level. In fact, the majority were at Stage Two, with just a few at Stage Three. Stage Four Aerial Demon Beasts could be counted on just one hand.

All of a sudden, one of the cultivators on the back of a demon beast took one of the red orbs. Soon after, he infused his Spiritual Energy into it before throwing the red orb at the Jialin Army.

The Army below was busy defending against the ranged attacks from the hill, so they had little time to pay attention to that single red orb. However, before it touched the ground, it was hit by one of the ranged attacks of the Jialin Army.

Boom!

An enormous explosion came out in midair. The explosion immediately attracted the attention of Jialin Units as well.

"Explosion Fire Beads!"

It was a similar product to the Lightning Beads. However, one needed to have higher cultivation to activate it due to the amount of Spiritual Energy necessary. Of course, the greater the Spiritual Energy, the larger the explosion. These Explosion Fire Beads couldn't be used by Energy Gathering Realm cultivators but were much stronger than the Lightning Beads once charged by Foundation Establishment cultivators or higher.

The results were for everyone to see. A single bead could generate an explosion on par with a Foundation Establishment Cultivator's full power attack. If a Core Formation Realm charged it, then the explosion would be even more frightening.

As soon as the first Explosion Fire Bead detonated, several more of them began to rain from the skies.

Boom, boom, boom...

Immediately, the Units of the Left and Right wings were caught in a chaotic environment. The Shield Formation's efficiency soon plummeted as the ranged attacks from the Cassen Cultivators increased the damage.

The few Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivators of the Jialin Army immediately shot into the skies. They were the only ones capable of flying, so they had to stop it. Unfortunately, Tolak Army was already expecting that.

Before the Jialin Experts could even cross half the distance, several other Core and Soul Fusion Realm cultivators appeared in front of them.

"Do you guys think we will let you do as you please?"

"Hahaha! Ignore the Demon Beasts above. Come and play with us for a while."

A small-scale battle was immediately initiated in the sky between Jialin and the other three countries' Core and Soul Fusion Realm experts. Seeing that made the units below feel even more helpless. After all, the Explosion Fire Beads did not stop coming down.

Just as everyone thought that the formations would be broken, something happened.

Creeee!

Creeee!

Creeee!

Creeee...

Suddenly, many more Flying Demon Beasts appeared from behind Roan's Army. Seeing that, the Cassen experts cheered even more.

"Even more reinforcements!"

"Those Jialin scoundrels are done for!"

"Hahaha! We gave them a chance, but they refused. This is the price of that decision."

However, as the Cassen Army rejoiced, Elder Rurio's expression went dark. Gofen noticed that and decided to ask.

"Are those flying demon beasts part of your Demon Beast Army?"

Rurio shook his head.

"No."

Gofen didn't have to hear any more to understand what was happening. Jialin had also brought their own Flying Demon Beast army to deal with Tolak.

When the battle against the three countries started, Roan understood that there was a big chance that Tolak brought their Aerial Demon Beast Army. Obviously, he wouldn't just stay still and do nothing about it. That being said, he called Elder Reliance and asked for his help.

Kentucky was participating in this war as part of the Death Unit. How could Reliance lose the chance to see the Minokawa improving its combat abilities? Reliance had always followed Roan's group closely while he researched the Minokawa's capabilities.

Once the information about Tolak arrived, Roan told Reliance that they would definitely need a way to stop their Aerial Demon Beast Army. With that said, Reliance had Zunzun fly back to the sect and gather all the Aerial Demon Beasts back in the Dalamu Sect. Most of them were his own demon beasts, so no one would complain if he took them all. Not to mention that he was the leader of the Demon Beast Faction in the sect.

However, everyone soon noticed that Jialin's Aerial Demon Beast Army was much smaller than Tolak's. Well, that was to be expected. One was a country specialized in taming Aerial Demon Beasts. The other was basically Reliance alone using his resources. he couldn't possibly tame more demon beasts than Tolak.

The only good thing was that Tolak didn't dispatch their entire army for this war. Only a small part of it came to give help to Cassen since Tolak also had to worry about their own land. Otherwise, Reliance's own forces would be far from enough to make any change in the situation.

The new cloud of Aerial Demon Beasts came flying in the direction of the Tolak ones. On their back, one could also see several cultivators ready for battle. However, there was another difference between the Tolak Demon Beast Army and Reliance's one. Roan didn't bring Explosion Fire Beads for them to use, nor did he have the time to request them. Naturally, they couldn't use the same strategy as Tolak. That being said, Roan changed his plans and gathered very specific types of cultivators.

Suddenly, one of Jialin's cultivators stood up on the flying demon beast and took a bow from behind his back. An arrow quickly appeared in his hand, which he used to pull the string. The Bow bent into a half-moon shape as the arrow was prepared to be shot. At the same time, Fire Element gathered on the arrow tip.

Finally, the cultivator shot the arrow that flew at a frightening speed against the Aerial Beast's bag of Explosion Fire Beads. That arrow was so fast that even the cultivator on the back of the Demon Beasts didn't have time to react. Everyone could already imagine the results when that arrow hit its target.

Boom!

An enormous explosion generated by tens of Explosion Fire Beads went out. The explosion also affected three more Aerial Demon Beasts nearby, making their Explosion Fire Beads detonate as well.

The Cassen Army's cheering immediately stopped when they saw that. They looked at the skies as the four Demon Beasts were annihilated together with their cultivators by the explosion of the beads.

Roan faintly smiled as he looked at the scene. Obviously, it didn't stop there—several other cultivators on the back of Reliance's Demon Beasts stood up soon after.

Roan had been very specific with the type of cultivators he needed for Reliance's Flying Demon beasts. At least at the Late Stage Core Formation Realm, specializing in ranged attacks, and a Fire Element user. Only with that could he prevent the enemy's cultivators from defending against the attacks on the Explosion Fire Beads through overwhelming attack power.

Tolak's Aerial Demon Beast Army had a lot more Demon Beasts than Jialin's. But at this moment, they all felt like they wanted to flee as fast as possible. None of them wanted to be there when the Explosion Fire Beads detonated.