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Chapter 871: Destroying the Battle Array

"Can we discuss how to deal with the current situation together?"

Everyone was stunned when they heard the gentle voice in the dark mountain range. Their eyes flickered. All the various forces who gathered here were competitors. They guarded and plotted against one another. But now, Zhantai Liuli from the Divine Pavilion wanted them to join forces?

Mu Chen had a slight change in his expression, but he remained calm. Zhantai Liuli may have looked soft and weak, but she had some resolve. Moreover, it was impossible to break the deadlock individually, even if one tried his best.

But it was up to Zhantai Liuli to convince the various forces who had an ax to grind to join together.

Whispering followed after Zhantai Liuli spoke, but no one agreed... yet. Everyone clung to their hostilities.

Zhantai Liuli did not find their cold response surprising, so she continued to speak slowly. "I guess everyone is definitely not satisfied with the little harvest you all had on this trip. As you can see, the big feast is just right in front of everyone. If this army is purified, it will be able to refine at least over a 100,000 Meteorfall Alchemy pills. We can complete our collection tasks successfully, too."

The various forces held their breath when they heard her words. Over 100,000 Meteorfall Alchemy pills was a considerable sum to any one of them. With this amount of Meteorfall Alchemy pills, they might be able to decipher the seal on the Earthly Sovereign Secret Treasure.

"Apart from the Meteorfall Alchemy, there were a lot of top powers who perished a long time ago in this army. You can also benefit from the powerful Primordial Divine Art they left behind, if you can find one.

"As for this army, they are indeed formidable. Neither one of us can deal with it alone. But they are not indestructible. According to my source, there is a tyrannical Spiritual Four Battle Array hidden in this army that even a Grade Seven Sovereign cannot handle if he enters."

The various forces were speechless when she made the sudden remark about the Spiritual Four Battle Array. Their facial expressions changed when they heard it was unbreakable, even for a Grade Seven Sovereign.

She knows quite a lot. Mu Chen was a little surprised. She seemed to know more about this death relic than anyone else. They only learned about the Spiritual Four Battle Array a short time ago.

While everyone had their own thoughts, Zhantai Liuli spoke again. "Although the array is powerful, it is not flawless." Strange confidence was in her soft and gentle voice.

"Where does your confidence come from when a Grade Seven Sovereign can't even break through?" Some of the top powers could not help but speak their mind. They did not believe her.

"As long as everyone agrees to join forces, I will reveal the breakthrough method. I will not include anyone who is not keen on this," Zhantai Liuli said indifferently.

Everyone looked at each other, wondering if Zhantai Liuli really had ways to overcome the array.

Mu Chen and Nine Nether looked at each other with surprise. Could Zhantai Liuli really break through the array? If so, she was even more dangerous than they thought.

Mu Chen thought about it before he smiled and said, "Hehe, if Zhantai Liuli is really confident in it, we, Daluo Territory, are interested." He was very keen on the Death Relics. They had already made it this far, and they should give it a shot if Zhantai Liuli really had a solution.

Of course, Mu Chen was not naive at all. Zhantai Liuli would not be so generous. She just wanted to make use of the combined power to destroy the array.

After the breakthrough, there would be another brutal conflict ahead of them when they needed to fight for the treasure of the relic.

On the other side, Liu Yan kept quiet before he finally spoke. "If what you say is true, Xuan Tian Hall is willing to give it a try." Their mission for this trip was to obtain the method of cultivation left in the relic by the previous war troop dispatcher. But apparently, it was impossible to do it by themselves.

Therefore, Liu Yan shared the same thought as Zhantai Liuli.

Xiao Tian, who was standing beside Liu Yan, was looking at Mu Chen with his bloodshot eyes and his darkened expression. But Mu Chen did not even mind and chose to completely ignore his death stare.

The agreement to work together from the two top forces stirred some commotion as the rest of the forces, who were hesitant earlier on, were considering whether they should change their minds.

They were smart enough to understand that Zhantai Liuli was only using them. But even if they were to cut a deal with her, they would need to ensure that they could preserve their own strength, so that if they could not vie for the treasure, they could at least scrape together some Meteorfall Alchemy pills and quickly retreat.

The various forces quickly did some calculations in their heads. Finally, they came to a conclusion without any further hesitation.

"Since the Divine Pavilion has such great confidence, the Qing Yun Sect would love to be part of it."

"Same for the Vajra Sect."

"The Obelisk Sect, too."

Each of those voices represented a sect from one of the regions. Although they may not have been able to overcome a top-notch force as individuals, when they combined their strength and power, they could even cast fear into the hearts of any top-notch forces.

Mu Chen looked at those who agreed to join forces indifferently. Both Mu Chen and Nine Nether exchanged gazes and smiled faintly. With such a combined force, they were looking forward to a breakthrough in the deadlocked situation.

But Mu Chen was really curious about how the array could be overcome. As he was sensitive to the fighting spirit around him, he could sense a faint fearsome fluctuation emanating from the dark army in the plains.

With such a fluctuation, he doubted any Grade Six Sovereign could put up much of a fight.

While Mu Chen had his thoughts, a few figures flitted over from the Divine Pavilion. Zhantai Liuli was the first to land on one of the mountain peaks.

She was in her wheelchair, and she looked frail and weak in her white gown. Her red lips revealed a slight trace of persistence.

Fang Yi stood at the back like a guard, sweeping his cold-looking gaze occasionally in Mu Chen's direction.

"Can all the commanders of the troops come forward to discuss the plan to break the array?" Zhantai Liuli said with a smile while casting her gaze on all the various forces.

Mu Chen and Lord Mountain Cracker looked at each other and nodded. They flitted together and showed up at the peak along with Nine Nether. Mu Chen cupped his fist with a smile and said, "Mu Chen from Daluo Territory. Nice to meet you, Zhantai Liuli."

Zhantai Liuli looked over at Mu Chen and was surprised by his youthful and handsome appearance. The gentleness he had with him now was very different from the sharp radiance he had displayed when he fought with Xiao Tian.

"Nice to meet you too, Lord Mu." Zhantai Liuli nodded slightly.

Shoo!

Liu Yan and Xiao Tian flitted over, but the way both of them looked at Mu Chen was so cold, a fight would have broken out if it were not for the inappropriate venue.

Shoo! Shoo!

Other leaders from the various forces landed on the peak, too. Within a short while, the summit was crowded with all the top powers, and the line-up was extravagant.

Liu Yan cupped his fist and asked, "Miss Zhantai, can you tell us now about how we can destroy the array?"

The rest gazed at Zhantai Liuli, who looked weak and soft. But she did not show any timidity, even though all the top powers were staring at her. With a gentle voice she said, "From the information I got, the current army was known as the Spiritual Four Army in ancient times. The commander of this army was called the Sky Array Emperor. He was a true war troop dispatcher.

"There were millions of soldiers when the Spiritual Four Battle Array was in its prime. Judging from their current scale, their strength was left with less than half of their original number. But even so, they are still difficult for us to manage now."

Everyone looked stern when they heard about the army with millions of soldiers. After all, the soldiers were not any disorderly troop. They were elite warriors who had been cultivating for at least a few years. Anyone below Earthly Sovereign would not be able to fight against the fighting spirit that they gathered.

"But there is no need to fear. Although they were strong, now they have all turned into rotted corpses with less than half of their previous power."

Zhantai Liuli smiled and continued, "The Spiritual Four Army is divided into the internal and external troop. The external troop has a large number of soldiers, which makes it hard to break through, while the internal troop is guarded by the Spiritual Four Battle Array. This array is so powerful that breaking it by force is not going to work. As the array is further separated into four smaller arrays, we must destroy all four of them at once. Otherwise, if only one is damaged, it will be repaired immediately by the other three.

"Most importantly, all of us cannot rush in together with our attacks, as the arrays will get stronger whenever they meet a stronger opponent. As such, we can only invade the array and destroy it with one army's strength lead by one of the four commanders."

Zhantai Liuli looked at everyone and continued, "So we need the combined troops to deal with the external troop, and another four talents to control the fighting spirits to join hands and destroy the four internal arrays."

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"Four fighting spirit talents?"

Mu Chen and the rest gave stunned looks and knit their brows slightly upon hearing Zhantai Liuli's words, as there were only three talented ones over here: Mu Chen, Xiao Tian, and Zhantai Liuli. If Zhantai Liuli wanted to find another one it would not be easy, as there were less than ten proclaimed talents to be found in the entire North Territory.

Zhantai Liuli saw the frowns on their faces, then said with a smile, "I know it is troublesome to find the fourth talent, so I have another solution. The fourth person can be replaced by three commanders, who are highly proficient in the fighting spirit. They can lead the troop into the array."

"This might not work." Being talents themselves, they knew very well that three commanders would not excel, because they are on completely different levels in regards to understanding and control. Moreover, if the three of them could not fight against the array together, it would be difficult for them to overcome the Spiritual Four Battle Array on their own.

"According to what you have said earlier, even if we destroy three arrays, our efforts will be futile, if the fourth one is not destroyed as well, right?" Mu Chen asked.

"Yes, but that is only if all the other arrays were in good condition," Zhantai Liuli said softly. "But, due to the years of erosion, the four arrays were no longer in perfect condition. This will at least give us some leeway. As long as we can destroy the three arrays within the shortest period of time, the fourth one will then be weakened significantly. Thus, it will be easier to destroy it."

"So, the fourth person will just need to hold out, while the three of us destroy the arrays."

Zhantai Liuli gazed at everyone, a smile on her smooth cheeks. "What does everyone think about that?"

All of them looked at one another. They had no idea about the Spiritual Four Battle Array, but since she said it was so, they had no other comments about it. If worse come to worst, they could just retreat.

Mu Chen watched the fair-looking girl. He did not say anything, and his only expression was a flicker in his eyes.

"Since no one has any comments, let's get ready to act. Please choose the strongest commander from each of your armies. These will act as the three commanders to replace the fourth talent," Zhantai Liuli said with a nod, a stern look on her face.

Everyone looked at each other without saying much, before retreating back to their individual camps to prepare for the war. Mu Chen did not leave immediately. Instead, he waited for everyone to leave, before he smiled at Zhantai Liuli and asked, "How did you know this place so well, even being familiar with the ways to destroy the array?"

Zhantai Liuli looked at Mu Chen, then laughed. "I was lucky enough to meet some of the remaining commanders, who had been commanded by the previous Sky Array Emperor, upon my arrival at this place. I am sure Lord Mu would have seen them before."

"But, my limited knowledge was not as detailed as yours. Since we have decided to work together, I hope you will not play against us." Mu Chen was not convinced by her explanation, but since she did not want to reveal the intricate details, he did not wish to probe any further. He held his fist up, then left with Nine Nether.

Fang Yi was watching Mu Chen as he left, his sharp, cold eyes intent upon his back. He then looked at Zhantai Liuli and said, "You promised to help me deal with Mu Chen."

"He is not an easy target. Moreover, the death relic is more critical, as it determines if I can become a real war troop dispatcher. So, get your priorities right. Otherwise, it will be hard to answer to the Pavilion Master." Zhantai Liuli lowered her eyes, speaking with a weak and indifferent voice.

Fang Yi frowned, but kept quiet for a moment. He then spoke coldly, "I have already made my terms clear. You may have the time, but your sister might not be able to wait that long. The Nine-Days Soul Revival Herb is a precious thing in the Divine Pavilion. Even though you are one of us now, it is hard to earn our trust, due to past events. I can only beg for an opportunity for you."

Her slanted fringe of hair left a shadow on her fair-looking face. She paused a while, before she lifted her head to give a faint smile. "Don't worry. The Big Hunting War has just started. We still have time."

Fang Yi nodded, then left. Zhantai Liuli watched him leave. She had a calm look, but her hands were clenched tightly under her sleeves. All of her slender fingers turned pale, due to her forceful grip.

After all of the leaders from the various forces returned to their base camps, they started to prepare their troops for war. The vast and mighty line-up of the army was daunting.

Mu Chen stood at the peak, his mighty troop from the Daluo Territory spread out behind him. The vast fighting spirit that they eluded seemed like a lurking beast, stretching its massive body.

Nine Nether was watching the troop from behind Mu Chen. She frowned slightly. "Do you think that what Zhantai Liuli said was true?"

"She is definitely making use of us, but none of the people here are dumb. So what if she makes use of us? Nobody wishes to return empty-handed. All of them knew that joining forces would be the only way to gain any advantage. But, no one is able to take the lead. Since Zhantai Liuli has the capability, so be it."

"But, we should at least be careful. I have a feeling that she is hiding something from us." Mu Chen squinted his eyes, looking in the direction where Zhantai Liuli was.

Nine Nether nodded.

The mobilization of the troop took an hour to complete. A large army with strong military strength spread across the skies of the vast mountainous area. The surging of the magnificent fighting spirit also soared through the sky. From afar, the scene looked extremely spectacular.

"Is everyone ready?" Zhantai Liuli projected her gentle voice over the loud roars in the air. She attracted much attention instantly.

All parties cupped their fists towards the mountain peak where Zhantai Liuli was standing. This was the official signal that they were ready.

"Since we are all ready, let us prepare for action! Although the external troop was not as talented and strong as the internal troop, they had an advantage in numbers. But, fortunately, they presently were operating with less than half of the fighting spirit as compared to before, when they were in their prime. As long as everyone listens to my command, I can guarantee that our losses will be minimized." Confidence could clearly be heard in her slow and steady voice.

The various forces nodded. Everything was good, assuming Zhantai Liuli could break through the troop, without incurring much damage. However, if she was discovered to have been only using them as cannon fodder, they would withdraw immediately, thus leaving her in the lurch. In this way, Zhantai Liuli would not dare to just blindly follow her, doing whatever she likes. Mu Chen and Lord of Mountain Cracker exchanged gazes, before they also nodded.

"Everyone, the Divine Pavilion will be the vanguard, while the rest of the army will stay as wings. Let's move!" Zhantai Liuli took a deep breath, while many people looked at her. Her eyes were usually calm, but passion now surged within them. She lifted up her fair hand, then slammed it down with force.

Boom!

The massive army from the Divine Pavilion roared towards the sky, emanating a magnificent fighting spirit that flowed like great, vast oceans. Instantly, the sky turned dark and violent.

Shoo! Shoo!

The enormous army whistled away amid the dark clouds. The rest of the forces flit orderly and closely behind the great army of the Divine Pavilion.

The forces of the alliance army were overwhelming. They shook the earth and mountains wherever they moved. Although the fighting spirits were individualized among the ranks, and they were not gelling together, the amount of it was already daunting.

Mu Chen led the army of the Daluo Territory, following right behind the main troop. He was stunned secretly, as he saw the scale of the grand alliance force. He was feeling excited.

The dark clouds that were formed by the black figures of the troop flit across the sky. They rushed into the dark plains within an hour. The endless now decayed soldiers showed up in front of them with standing flags, eluding fighting spirit. Everyone felt nervous about it.

But Zhantai Liuli, who was leading the main troop, did not have any fear. The fire in her eyes was burning, and her clear voice rang out in everyone's ears.

"Charge!"

Boom!

With the Divine Pavilion as the vanguard, the entire army charged forward like a sharp knife, piercing through the defense line of the decayed army. They bashed against each other, like two colliding waves, shaking the earth.

The tyrannical fighting spirit soared towards the sky. As it did so, the entire space vibrated. The ground also cracked, as two fighting spirit collided. The first defense line of the decayed troop was torn instantly. The grand alliance army broke into their defensive line, like violent torrents. They rushed deep into the heart of their enemy, as quickly as a cheetah.

Countless decayed soldiers turned into ash, then disappeared with the wind. But, the grand alliance army still did not stop their pace. They continued to sweep in, tearing the decayed army apart with fierce looks in their eyes. The alliance went even deeper.

Mu Chen, being part of the alliance army, took a deep breath, as he saw the collision of the fighting spirits. It was such a grand scene!

He watched the figure in white, who standing far ahead, a stern look on his face.

This woman is really something!

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Dong!

The flag poles stood on the dark plains. The decayed fighting spirit roared in the sky. But the decayed army was badly shaken now as a similar daunting alliance army was aggressively breaking through their defense line.

The tyrannical fighting spirit from the alliance army reduced the numerous decayed soldiers to ashes scattering in the air.

The daunting alliance army was, of course, led by the Divine Pavilion.

The alliance army displayed their magnificent strength right from the start. They broke through the first line of defense, penetrating far behind the enemy's line like a raging sea.

They quickly rampaged all the way into the heart of the enemy's territory.

Mu Chen watched calmly. He did not look excited like the rest of the forces, as he knew that this easy situation would not last long.

Even though the decayed army was an external troop, it would not be easy to deal with them. The weak defense must have given them a good start.

Moreover, the alliance army may have seemed strong, but they were fighting individually. The fighting spirits had not gelled like the decayed troop had, blending their fighting spirit perfectly with each other. Although both armies had similar strengths, they had a huge gap in their power.

If the decayed army had not lost their minds, the alliance would have suffered a massive number of deaths and injuries had they circulated their fighting spirit.

But even so, it would not be easy to break through the blockade of the entire army.

Eventually, things turned out how Mu Chen had expected. The alliance army slowed down their pace after the smooth beginning. The decayed fighting spirit, like dark clouds, surrounded and engulfed them furiously. The pressure exuded shook the earth.

At the vanguard, the Divine Pavilion army felt the intensified pressure from the vast fighting spirit. They were suppressed, and their fighting spirit could not match up to the decayed fighting spirit. They began to gradually lose their hold on the forefront.

Just when the fighting spirit of the Divine Pavilion army weakened, Zhentai Liuli gave a soft yell, "Qing Yun Sect and Vajra Sect, circulate your fighting spirit!" Her gentle voice was mixed with a stern tonality.

The Qing Yun Sect and Vajra Sect were right behind the Divine Pavilion army. The respective leaders nodded after hearing the orders. They quickly rushed out with violent fighting spirit. Together with the Divine Pavilion army, they managed to oppress the daunting fighting spirit ahead of them.

Boom Boom!

Two daunting fighting spirits confronted each other. Shockwaves filled the air. The space twisted continuously so that even a Grade Five Sovereign would have been shocked.

"Young Hall Master, I will leave the right wing to Xuan Tian Hall." Zhantai Liuli looked in the direction of Xuan Tian Hall. They were at the right of the alliance army, and enormous fighting spirit was sweeping from the right in an attempt to tear them apart.

As the alliance army had been surrounded by the decayed troop, Liu Yan dared not be careless. After all, if the alliance army was crushed, they would suffer a severe loss when they retreated.

Liu Yan immediately gave a nod to Xiao Tian. Xiao Tian then gave a hand signal to the troops behind. Their fighting spirit soared even more. The earth shook when the soaring fighting spirit gushed out like roaring tides. The violent fighting spirit exuded blocked the decayed fighting spirit from the right.

Mu Chen was watching from the back. He raised his eyebrows slightly. Although Xiao Tian was an irritating fellow, he did have some skill. They were able to stabilize the situation at the right wing with the power from Xian Tian Hall alone.

"Lord Mu, I will leave the rear of the army in the hands of Daluo Territory." Zhantai Liuli shifted her gaze in his direction. The gentle voice passed into Mu Chen's ears.

Mu Chen held up his fist from afar and nodded. "Everyone is in the same boat now. We will do our best."

"Thank you." Zhantai Liuli nodded.

She spoke once again at a steady pace, "All troops, you are to remain at your various positions. Remember to seek help when you are losing your fort."

Her gentle voice was incredibly calm. She did not seem to panic even though they were surrounded by the decayed army. In fact, she was able to command the entire army in an orderly manner with her calmness. Her defense was flawless. Mu Chen was admiring her ability from the bottom of his heart. He could tell that she was talented in warfare even though she might look soft and weak.

He knew that if he were the commander of the army, he might not be able to command such a smooth offense and defense with divided forces from various parties.

"This woman has some skills." Nine Nether sang her praises as well. Lord Mountain Cracker and the rest all nodded in agreement. They envied her, too. She had a talent for fighting spirit, and she could lead an army. She was considered to be an extraordinary person.

Who knew? She might be able to take out the external troop as a leader of the alliance army and compete with the Spiritual Four Army in the Spiritual Four Battle Array.

While Mu Chen and the rest were singing her praises, the violent fighting spirit broke out from the alliance army, defending the decayed fighting spirit that was coming from all directions.

As the two great armies collided, there were no fancy tricks. Every collision reduced countless decayed soldiers into ashes. But at the same time, the alliance army incurred losses as well. The number of casualties was still acceptable by the various forces. They knew if it were not for Zhantai Liuli, they would not have been able to make it this far, even if they had sacrificed the entire army.

With each collision, the formation of the decayed army collapsed. The alliance army went deeper into the darkest area of the plains.

The front line of the alliance army sustained the highest pressure among all other areas. No troops would be able to stay alive if they remained in the same position for long. But Zhantai Liuli was smart enough to rotate the troops. Dozens of soldiers rotated their positions under her command. When one's fighting spirit weakened, another stronger one replaced it. Consequently, they were able to keep charging and breaking the defense line of the Spiritual Four Army.

Zhantai Liuli took care of the other wings even though she was looking at the front. All the positions were well taken care of by her.

But most of the superior forces took the position at the vanguard most of the time. In contrast to the Divine Pavillion, Daluo Territory and Xuan Tian Hall, who were stabilizing their positions, had more losses.

In those situations, Zhantai Liuli explained to the rest of the forces who suffered more significant losses, "The three armies had to conserve energies for the upcoming battle in the Spiritual Four Array. If we consumed too much of our fighting spirit now, what would be the purpose of our trip?"

Upon hearing her, the rest of the forces could only swallow whatever words they had in their mouths, as they knew that they could only reap any benefits after the Spiritual Four Battle Array was destroyed.

And they could only rely on Zhantai Liuli, Mu Chen, and Xiao Tian to do it.

Mu Chen gave a faint smile. He looked at Zhantai Liuli from afar with thoughts in his mind. He then turned and smiled at Nine Nether and the rest. "It should not be difficult to break through the external troop soon."

They all nodded in agreement. They could feel that the weakening of the decayed fighting spirit was because they were closing in on the border.

However, they could not lower their guard even after breaking through the external troop's defense. In fact, all of them were nervous about it. They cast their gazes into the deepest part of the plain. In the darkest area, a giant beast seemed to be waiting for them. Although they could not see it, they could feel the pressure from it.

The Spiritual Four Battle Array laid in the most daunting part of the Death Relics.

No one had absolute confidence that they could destroy the array. And if the army failed to do so, they would have even more casualties.

The earth continued to shake under the collision of the fighting spirits. As countless decayed soldiers turned into ashes, numerous soldiers battled to their last breath as they spat out their last mouthfuls of blood.

Although Zhantai Liuli was good at commanding, the damage from the collision was real. The entire army could perish if they were not careful.

But when two of the superior forces were getting ready to take over the vanguard position with their circulated fighting spirit, the immense pressure that shrouded the body like a mountain suddenly completely disappeared.

Countless soldiers lifted their heads in astonishment. They realized that the endless decayed troops in front of them had disappeared. The alliance army stood in an open space, and the countless decayed soldiers at the back seemed to be in great fear as they refused to move a step more.

"We have made it!"

The various forces lifted up their spirits. Their faces were filled with surprise. After close to two hours of fighting, they had finally made it through the blockade of the external troop.

But while they were feeling excited, Zhantai Liuli, Mu Chen, and Xiao Tian had a change in their expressions. They lifted their heads and looked at the faraway land in front of them with serious looks on their faces.

They could not breathe as the more immense and daunting oppression engulfed them from the darkness as if dark clouds were over their heads.

There lies the Spiritual Four Battle Array!

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The rotten smell lingered around the land of darkness. Bones were vaguely exposed, scattered along the soil. The ground was filled with hideous cracks, which signified the numerous fierce battles that broken out here in the ancient times.

The alliance army entered into an empty zone between the external troop and the internal troop, having made it through the blockade. The external troops had never been to this piece of land before.

They opted to no longer attack the alliance army at the moment, even though they have lost their minds. Thus, the alliance army was able to take a small break from the intense battle.

But, while the army regrouped, the leaders from the various forces wore stern looks, gazing forward. The darkness loomed, blocking any clear vision ahead. Everyone could sense the daunting pressure that was exuding from the darkness. Even the expression on the face of a Grade Six Sovereign could not help but change.

Everyone knew that the most dangerous spot in the entire death relic was right there in the darkness. It was the Spiritual Four Battle Array! The real battle array was still exuding its intimidating power, despite the many years that had passed!

Zhantai Liuli stared at the darkness, while standing at the forefront of the troop. Her eyes flickered. After a short while, she turned to smile in the direction of Mu Chen and Xiao Tian. "Everyone spent a great deal of effort in sending us here. So now, it's our turn to do our job."

Upon hearing her words, the leaders all turned to look at Mu Chen and Xiao Tian. Although they did not say anything, their eyes were full of excitement and expectation.

In the previous battle with the external troop, the three top forces suffered a small loss, at least when compared to the rest of the sects. But, the reason that they hadn't given it their all yet, was because they had been conserving their energies for the Spiritual Four Battle Array! Now that they had finally made it this far, it was time to see if the three top forces would indeed be able to destroy the array, just as Zhantai Liuli had said.

Mu Chen could also sense the expectations of the others. He drew his lips together. Judging from the current atmosphere, they might turn resentful, should they fail to destroy the array. But, since the team was being led by Zhantai Liuli, they should not be coming after the Daluo Territory.

With this thought, Mu Chen took a glance at Zhantai Liuli. With a gentle smile on her pretty face, she looked calm and steady, despite the pressure being exerted by the other forces.

This startled Mu Chen a little, as he pondered in his heart many things.

Why does she look so confident?

Does she really have ways of destroying the Spiritual Four Battle Array?

Boom!

While Mu Chen was having his thoughts, a clap of thunder rumbled from deep within the darkest part of the plain. Everyone was startled. They lifted their heads, seeing that the darkness that was looming over the plain now seemed to be receding. Then, when the darkness had finally completely receded, everyone's eyes narrowed.

The receding of the darkness had revealed the endless dark army, right in front of everyone! There was no end to the vast number of soldiers now before them.

They stood there quietly in the dark plain, like javelins. All of them had an ancient aura about them, lingering around them, as if they were ethereal beings.

The new army did not have nearly so vast a number of soldiers. Hence, everyone had difficulty breathing when they saw the stone-like army.

The army spread out across the vast plains. They were divided into four regions. It seemed like they were grouped into a random formation. But, when Lord Mountain Cracker and the rest cast their sights over, they instantly felt chills all over their bodies.

The real Spiritual Four Army was right before them! This was the only army that belonged to the Sky Array Emperor!

Weng!

The earth suddenly shook, while everyone was shocked by the dark army that had just appeared out of the blue in the distance. Everyone watched in horror. The army that was standing still, like stone statues, finally opened their eyes. These were the same eyes that had been closed for thousands of years!

Dong!

Desires to battle were flashing deep in their recently opened eyes. They were born to kill, and they would continue to fight, even unto death!

At the same moment, a tsunami-like black fighting spirit soared towards the sky above the army. The entire land shook beneath such an appalling fighting spirit.

Boom! Boom!

The fighting spirit rippled out like an ocean. The space seemed to be screaming in sorrow. The vast fighting spirit changed the expression of Mu Chen, Zhantai Liuli, Xiao Tian and the rest.

"What an intimidating fighting spirit!" The rest of the leaders exclaimed in horror. They had fear on their faces, as they knew that even a Grade Seven Sovereign would have difficulties in escaping it.

Zhantai Liuli clenched her hands tightly. She stared hard at the huge army, her face stern.

Shoo!

While they were still staring, shocked, the fighting spirit above the Spiritual Four Army transformed again. The black light expanded into four different squares of light shields, which were hundreds of thousands of feet tall! The light shields expanded in all directions, while the connecting mysterious light runes on the light shields exuded mysterious and strange fluctuations.

Seeing this, Mu Chen narrowed his eyes. He could see a lurking troop within those four gigantic light shields. But, he could not see it clearly, due to the lingering fighting spirit.

This he knew to be the so-called "Spiritual Four Battle Array." However, Mu Chen could not detect how powerful it was, as the array was not yet activated.

"Everyone, this is the Spiritual Four Battle Array. The death relic will be broken, as long as we destroy it. The decayed soldiers will also get purified. That will be the moment that we reap our benefits." Zhantai Liuli watched everyone with her beautiful eyes, a smile on her lips.

"Miss Zhantai, are you really confident in this?" one of the leaders asked. They were a little intimidated, especially after witnessing the power of the array.

"Do we have any other choice?" Zhantai Liuli smiled. "Yes, the Spiritual Four Battle Array is indeed powerful. But, don't worry about it. They are dead soldiers, and their power has been reduced dramatically. So, we do actually have a chance to succeed."

"Well, we will need the full assistance from Lord Mu and Xiao Tian." Zhantai Liuli turned towards both of them, while she said the words.

"Heh, I would like to test out the Spiritual Four Battle Array!" Xiao Tian gave a cold sneer.

Mu Chen took a look at Zhantai Liuli, a flicker in his eyes. "What should we do?"

Zhantai Liuli looked over to the other forces. "Has everyone chosen the three commanders? The ones who will look after the fourth array?"

The rest nodded. Three people walked out from the crowd, sharp radiances emitting from their eyes. They were the strongest commanders in their respective forces. Although they were not as talented as some in controlling the fighting spirits, they were still not to be underestimated.

"The fourth array will be taken care of by these three commanders."

Zhantai Liuli nodded to the three of them. She then turned around to look at Mu Chen and the rest. "This time, there is no restriction to the scale of the army, but you can only lead the troop by yourself, as the array will increase its power if it is challenged by more powerful people. Luckily, no one is controlling them now. But, top powers with strong spiritual fluctuations cannot enter the premises without permission. Otherwise, it will only increase the formidableness of the Spiritual Four Battle Array."

Mu Chen was slightly stunned. He turned to look at Nine Nether and the clique. According to what Zhantai Liuli had said, Nine Nether and Lord Mountain Cracker, who possessed strong spiritual fluctuations, could not enter the array with him.

The clique looked at each other, pondered for a while, then nodded. "Lord Mu, you can dispatch our troop at any time. Just be careful."

Mu Chen nodded, then cupped his fist, a sign of appreciation.

"Are there any other objections?" Zhantai Liuli said smilingly.

Everyone shook their heads.

"Okay then, let's get ready to leave. I hope we can join hands to destroy the array," Zhantai Liuli smiled. "Since the battle was initiated by the Divine Pavilion, we will take on the vanguard position this time."

She turned, ready to lead the troop into the array. However, just as Zhantai Liuli was preparing to leave, a voice sounded off.

"Wait!"

Everyone was startled and looked over. Xiao Tian was staring at her, not knowing if he was smiling or not.

Zhantai Liuli frowned at Xiao Tian. With slight unhappiness in her voice, she said, "What do you mean by this?"

"Miss Zhantai Liuli has contributed so much information. It will be really too much for us to let you lead the front. So, I was thinking that it would be better if I lead the troop." Xiao Tian grinned.

Hearing this, Mu Chen's eyes flickered. Xiao Tian did not seem to trust Zhantai Liuli. Zhantai Liuli hardened her expression.

"Why? Are you unwilling to do so? Or, is there something else that we do not know?" Xiao Tian laughed.

The surrounding gazes now gathered on Zhantai Liuli. They had some doubts in their eyes, as Zhantai Liuli had been leading the battle. They could not help but suspect that Zhantai Liuli might be hiding something from them.

Under the gaze of everyone, she drew her lips together, then gave a faint smile.

"Since you have the courage to do so, you may take over the lead."

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"Since you dare to do so, you may take over the lead," Zhantai Liuli said with an indifferent expression. Although she looked calm, everyone could feel the coldness in her words.

"In that case, let me be the first to try out the power of the Spiritual Four Battle Array for everyone."

Xiao Tian did not mind her coldness. He grinned and exchanged gazes with Liu Yan, who was at his side, before he swung his palm.

Boom!

As his palm swung, violent fighting spirit soared from the back of the alliance army. A large troop of soldiers dashed towards the sky. It was the Tian Xuan Troop, an army directly commanded by Xiao Tian.

The Tian Xuan Troop hit a scale of 15,000 soldiers, a number that even Mu Chen and Lord Mountain Cracker could not compare to, even though they had a large number of soldiers as well.

However, while everyone thought that Xiao Tian was only going to lead this Tian Xuan Troop, the latter gave a faint smile and took a cold glance at Mu Chen. He waved his palm again.

Boom!

Another fearsome fighting spirit roared once more. The rest of the forces were shocked to see that another army of about 10,000 men appeared at Tian Xuan Troop's side.

The new troop that appeared was part of the Tian Xuan Army, but it was not directly under Xiao Tian's command. It looked like he was going to lead the two troops into the Spiritual Four Battle Array.

Xiao Tian's action was undoubtedly a shock to many forces. They spoke in whispers immediately.

"Xiao Tian can actually control two troops at the same time?"

"This is his trump card. If he had revealed his hand when he was up against Mu Chen, Mu Chen would not have had any advantage at all."

"Xiao Tian is really amazing."

"..."

Xiao Tian stared at Mu Chen with his lips curled when he heard the whisperings. This backup troop was indeed his trump card. But to use this troop, he had had to make a little sacrifice. If it were not for this reason, he could have used it against Mu Chen, then there would not have been any chance for Mu Chen to show off in front of him.

Mu Chen sensed Xiao Tian's cold gaze but he did not mind at all. He was looking down with surprise as he was not expecting this from Xiao Tian.

He could feel it. The backup troop may not have been as elite as the Tian Xuan Troop, but they were definitely not weak, either. Most importantly, Xiao Tian and the backup troop cooperated very well with each other.

That was to say, both of them had been training together for an extended period of time.

Mu Chen could not help but secretly gasp. After all, his time in Daluo Territory was too short, and therefore, his preparation was insufficient when compared to Xiao Tian, who had been in Tian Xuan Hall for many years.

But that was all. Even though Mu Chen was surprised by Xiao Tian's backup troop and the ability to control the fighting spirit of 20,000 soldiers, there was still no room for him to concede defeat.

With this thought, a sharp radiance surged in his eyes.

Xiao Tian made a move and appeared in the front of the two troops. As he looked down, he could sense the apprehension and fear in the eyes of various forces. He curled his lips even more. Without any further hesitation, he swung his palm and yelled, "Follow me!"

"Yes!"

Hundreds of thousands of voices roared together like thunder rumbling in the land. The tyrannical fighting spirit whooshed like storms.

Looking at the strong army behind Xiao Tian, Zhantai Liuli turned to Mu Chen and said, "Lord Mu, if you don't feel comfortable, you can move ahead of me, too."

Mu Chen laughed. "No, I trust Miss Zhantai, so you can go first."

Although he was wary of her, he did not think it was necessary to go ahead since Xiao Tian had already made the first move.

Zhantai Liuli saw Mu Chen smiling and nodded. She turned around and swept her gaze at the large army led by Xiao Tian. She curled her red lips into a sneering smile.

But she quickly covered up the smile, and no one saw it except Mu Chen, who had been keeping an eye on her. He was slightly shocked by it.

Zhantai Liuli raised her delicate hands. With a gentle wave and a clear voice she said, "Liuli Army, listen to my orders!"

"Yes!"

The thunderous voices resounded fiercely. Countless top powers were shocked. They quickly looked up and saw a dazzling cloud rise from the alliance army, suspending itself in the air.

But that was not a real cloud. It was made up of a huge army. They were wearing crystal-like armor made of glass. The army was emitting a strange fluctuation.

"This troop..."

Mu Chen's eyes narrowed immediately when he saw the troop, as they were made up of an astounding 30,000 soldiers.

Moreover, the soldiers were all trained together as they exuded the same fighting spirit.

Zhantai Liuli hid her army well. Mu Chen was a little shocked. When the alliance army first came in contact with the decayed troop, he observed the Divine Pavilion army. But he did not discover the Liuli troop. Obviously, Zhantai Liuli deliberately camouflaged them with the rest of the soldiers in the Divine Pavilion.

Thirty thousand soldiers almost suppressed the impressive display from Xiao Tian's army.

Xiao Tian's expression darkened. After a while, he smiled. "Miss Zhantai should be careful with 30,000 of soldiers. Don't be too hard on yourself. The violent fighting spirit might consume your own willpower."

Controlling the fighting spirit was not as easy as it sounded. The vast fighting spirit contained the spirit and the willpower of countless soldiers. Consequently, the commander must have a strong will to control it. If the willpower was not strong enough, the violent fighting spirit would destroy one's own willpower and eventually cause one to lose their mind.

This was also why large scale armies such as those under Lord Mountain Cracker had many commanders to share the load. Among them, no one dared to control all of the troops directly.

"You don't have to worry, Xiao Tian Commander," Zhantai Liuli replied indifferently. Instead, she looked at Mu Chen and said, "Lord Mu, the Spiritual Four Battle Array is a tough array. Your Nine Nether Troop could be a little lacking in number."

Zhantai Liuli was not being sarcastic. It was true that with a strength of 5,000 men in the Nine Nether Troop, it was incomparable to the Liuli Army. The Tian Xuan Troop was already thrice as much as his. Moreover, each soldier could not counter thousands of super soldiers. So if Mu Chen was relying on only the Nine Nether Troop, he would not be able to get past one array regardless of how capable he was.

Mu Chen smiled politely to Zhantai Liuli. After which, he turned to Lord Mountain Cracker, Lord Blood Hawk, and the rest.

Sensing Mu Chen's gaze, Lord Mountain Cracker said without any hesitation, "If Lord Mu has the need and is capable of handling it, our troops are under your dispatch."

"Thank you all." Mu Chen cupped his fist in appreciation. He paused for a while before he displayed a bright smile on his handsome face. "Then I shall borrow four troops!"

"Four troops?!"

The smile on Lord Mountain Cracker and everyone's faces hardened. Even the rest of the leaders nearby stared at Mu Chen as if they had seen a ghost.

Nine Nether also looked at Mu Chen with a shocked expression. She had not expected that Mu Chen would borrow four armies at the same time. In that case, he would need to control five armies including the Nine Nether troop!

These five armies had different fighting spirits, and the soldiers added up to more than 30,000! It would not be easy for Mu Chen to control all five armies!

Zhantai Liuli also showed surprise on her pretty face for a short while before regaining her usual composure. She looked at Mu Chen hard, but she did not say much.

"What an arrogant fellow!" Xiao Tian said coldly. In his view, Mu Chen deliberately tried to borrow them from other Daluo Territory's commanders so as not to lose out to him.

If this army was not controlled well, Mu Chen would lose his mind before he could go through the array.

"Lord Mu..."

Lord Mountain Cracker and the rest woke up from their shock and looked at Mu Chen with astonishment. But when they saw Mu Chen's calm face, they knew that he was not joking with them.

They looked at each other and gritted their teeth. "Since you are so confident, we will hand over our armies to you!"

At that point in time, they could only choose to believe Mu Chen's capability in controlling five different armies with five different fighting spirits.

Mu Chen did not pay attention to those gazes that were looking at him as though they were looking at a madman. He cupped his fist in front of Lord Mountain Cracker. "Thank you."

He did not say anything further. He looked in the direction of Daluo Territory and waved his palm.

Boom!

Five armies of different scales rose into the sky. The mighty postures seemed to be even more powerful than the Tian Xuan Troop and Liuli army.

After all, it was made up of five troops.

Mu Chen made a move and appeared in front of them. He ignored all the shocked gazes and showed an open hand gesture to Xiao Tian with a smile.

"Commander Xiao Tian, please!"

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Chapter 876: Xiao Tian Was Set Up

In a hidden corner of the dark plain, several massive troops were standing tall in the sky, their vast and mighty fighting spirits surging out in continuous waves that distorted the air unceasingly. These were the troops that were led by Mu Chen, Zhantai Liuli, and Xiao Tian.

After summoning their troops, the other three commanders also led out their strongest soldiers. This immediately caused a strong fighting spirit to pervade the air.

Standing at the head of the Tian Xuan Troop, Xiao Tian looked down at the crowd. His eyes swept over Mu Chen coldly. Then, the edges of his lips curved into a mocking smile, seeing the five massive troops behind Mu Chen.

He found Mu Chen's behavior to be utterly idiotic, but reasoned that the latter probably knew that it would be impossible for him to break the array with only his tiny Nine Nether Troop. Hence, that is why he seemed to be dragging the other troops along, relying on strength in numbers to improve his chances in breaking through the array of troops.

"Please don't hold us back. If we lose because of you, the Daluo Territory would have to bear the consequences of breaking the array," Xiao Tian sneered at Mu Chen.

Xiao Tian clearly had an ulterior motive in saying this. This is because, if they fail to break the array, he could blame Mu Chen, thus igniting discontent among the other forces towards the Daluo Territory.

But, Mu Chen merely gave him a glance, then replied, "The same to you, Commander Xiao Tian, do be careful not to shoot yourself in the foot."

"You two should stop arguing! Instead, you should focus on joining forces to break the array," Zhantai Liuli interrupted their hostile bickering, casting Xiao Tian an unamused look.

"Tian Xuan Troop, with me!"

Xiao Tian gave Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli a look, but didn't say anything. With a sweep of his sleeves, he let out a cold yell. He then pushed ahead viciously, taking the lead, with his troops following closely behind, sweeping away in an all-encompassing manner towards the Spiritual Four Battle Array that was engulfed in black light.

"Let's go!"

Zhantai Liuli watched Xiao Tian's diminishing figure. Then, with a soft yell, she flew out in her chariot, speedily followed by the brightly resplendent Liuli Army.

"I'm leaving too," Mu Chen muttered towards Nine Nether and Lord Mountain Cracker.

"Be careful."

Nine Nether paused, lightly biting her silver tooth. She then said, "If you can't break the array, forget about it and save yourself. This death relic isn't that important."

Clearly Nine Nether was also aware of the frightening power of the Spiritual Four Battle Array. Moreover, she was worried that Mu Chen might not be able to control the five troops. If Mu Chen stubbornly held his ground, there might be disastrous consequences.

Reading the concern between Nine Nether's words, Mu Chen nodded with a smile. He did not reassure her, knowing full well that breaking the array would not be an easy task.

"I will try my best," Mu Chen said softly. Then, without further hesitation, he pushed ahead viciously, with his five mighty troops behind him, moving with a whistling sound that rang out across the horizon.

Behind Mu Chen, came the coalition army, which was led by the other three commanders. They seemed much less imposing, when compared to Mu Chen and the other two ahead of them.

Under the numerous watchful eyes in heaven and earth, that vast and mighty army had also appeared in front of the Spiritual Four Battle Array. Xiao Tian looked at the pervasive black light, hesitating slightly. After a few moments, he finally set his jaw and pushed onwards.

The minute they rushed into the black light, their figures disappeared. It was as if that had been swallowed whole!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Behind Xiao Tian, Zhantai Liuli and her Liuli Army resolutely marched forward. Behind her, Mu Chen did the same.

The screen of black light was like a bottomless black hole, swallowing the vast army that entered it, without even the slightest ripple. This sight struck a chill in the hearts of all of the spectators.

"They are in the Spiritual Four Battle Array!"

However, that spine-chilling darkness did not last long. Suddenly, a loud cry echoed from within it. Above the Spiritual Four Army, the spectators saw that a bright light was shining from within the four massive black arrays, which were separated from one another by black light. When the light faded, the four vast armies appeared inside the Spiritual Four Battle Array.

Roar!

The moment the four armies appeared inside the light array, everybody heard the soldiers of the Spiritual Four Army let out a low growl. The growl reverberated through the air, creating menacing ripples.

Buzz buzz!

The black fighting spirit rolled out like a black hurricane, surging out like giant waves. The whole world trembled under the might of this fighting spirit!

All of the forces watched the abrupt violence of the Spiritual Four Army, stunned. Half a second later, they took a deep breath, their expressions turning solemn. They knew that the Spiritual Four Battle Array was now finally operating in full force. However, they still couldn't predict whether the joint efforts of the three Geniuses of War would truly be enough to break this battle array.

While the numerous forces were looking on nervously from the outside, Mu Chen was also assessing the foreign environment in front of him. They were currently in a dark space. The all-enveloping darkness that was enfolding them, layer by layer, was stiflingly thick.

Although the forces could see them clearly from the outside, Mu Chen and the rest of the troops naturally did not have a clear view from inside the battle array. Although his vision was obstructed, Mu Chen did not panic, as he had guessed the reason behind it.

Turning his head to look at the five troops behind him, he found that his soldiers also were not panicking, because they had focused their sights on Mu Chen. As the commander was the heart of a troop, as long as Mu Chen was alright, the soldiers would still maintain their morales and fighting spirits.

The five troops that were standing behind him, gave Mu Chen a lot of confidence. With these five troops, he could remain calm and unafraid, even when facing a master of the same level as Lord Mountain Cracker.

Let's see just how scary your Spiritual Four Battle Array is!

Mu Chen mumbled to himself, his eyes surveying the dark space surrounding them.

Boom!

Mu Chen had barely finished his thought, when the dark space shook. Mu Chen sharpened his gaze, as he noticed the black fighting spirit that was emanating fervently from the darkness.

The vast and immense fighting spirit immediately transformed into a black ocean in the dark space, surging violently. Mu Chen tensed up, immediately vigilant. Just as Mu Chen had put up his guard, a faint ancient voice resounded gradually from the darkness.

"The Spiritual Four Battle Array was created from the four spirit symbols, which were transformed by the fighting spirit. The four arrays are the Azure Dragon Array, the White Tiger Array, the Black Tortoise Array and the Vermilion Bird Array. The first of the four arrays is the Azure Dragon Array. Therefore, it is the mightiest. Thus, the first person shall enter the Azure Dragon Array, the second shall enter the White Tiger Array, and so on. The four arrays must be activated at the same time, and the first to break the array will have passed the battle array's test. He shall then be allowed to pay his respects to my king."

The ancient voice stunned Mu Chen. He never would have thought that the Spiritual Four Battle Array assigned the battle array according to the order of entry. This meant that he, as the third to enter the battle array, should be in the Black Tortoise Array now.

Zhantai Liuli was in the White Tiger Array, which meant that Xiao Tian must have entered the strongest Azure Dragon Array. Mu Chen couldn't help but slightly twitch his lips, when he finally recalled that Zhantai Liuli had planned it all out!

She never intended to be the first to enter the battle array, because she didn't want to face the strongest Azure Dragon Array! But, if she had revealed that information beforehand, nobody else would volunteer to be the first to enter the battle array. Hence, she revealed a flaw on purpose, in order to make Mu Chen and Xiao Tian suspicious of her. That way, they would not let her take any initiative and would even object to anything that was suggested by Zhantai Liuli!

For instance, when Zhantai Liuli acted like she wanted to be the first to enter the battle array, Xiao Tian, who was more distrustful of her, immediately stopped her in her tracks, choosing to go instead! Thus, he was automatically assigned to the strongest Azure Dragon Array!

What an incredible lady. The Spiritual Four Battle Array was also not at all like how she had described it. She told us that all four arrays must be broken simultaneously, but in actual fact, the first person to break the battle array that was assigned to him would be able to escape the array and receive the Sky Array Emperor's inheritance!

Mu Chen inwardly smacked his lips, realizing that they had been played by Zhantai Liuli all along. By withholding some information, she had managed to manipulate everyone!

Recalling Zhantai Liuli's delicate appearance, Mu Chen couldn't help but shake his head, lamenting that one really could not judge a book by its cover. He had been a little suspicious all along, but he had never once imagined that the latter had been seriously playing them all along!

However, Mu Chen was not angry in the slightest. This was because it was really Xiao Tian, who should be furious, as he was the one that had been assigned to the Azure Dragon Array! Since the Azure Dragon Array was considered to be the strongest array, it would be the hardest to defeat. Xiao Tian would be lucky if he got out alive! For him to break the array before them, would be nearly impossible.

Looking at it from a certain angle, Xiao Tian had already lost the right to the Sky Array Emperor's inheritance. Mu Chen was obviously very pleased with this. He didn't have a good opinion of Xiao Tian, so he could only laugh at his misery after being set up so harshly by Zhantai Liuli!

What an unlucky fellow.

While Mu Chen was laughing and mumbling to himself, on the other side of the dark battle array, Xiao Tian's face turned ashen. Finally, he couldn't resist tilting his head and roaring to the sky.

"Zhantai Liuli, I will remember this!"

Boom!

Following Xiao Tian's furious roar, the Spiritual Four Battle Array was activated. A rumbling noise was heard, immediately followed by a strong murderous energy, which exploded from within the battle array.

The Spiritual Four Battle Array had finally been activated!

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Chapter 877: The Black Tortoise Array

Boom!

The entire dark space seemed to be shaking. Vast and mighty black fighting spirit seeped out from the darkness like a black ocean and dominated the dark space.

Mu Chen eyed the space in front of him warily. The black fighting spirit had already changed into an ocean so vast that its ends could not be seen, with huge waves and a growl roaring out endlessly from its depths. A terrifying sense of oppression emanated from this black ocean formed by the fighting spirit.

The Spiritual Four Battle Array could already be considered to be truly activated. Therefore, the space they were in would reveal its savage side very soon.

Mu Chen glanced backwards and waved slightly.

Boom!

The moment Mu Chen made the gesture, the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop behind him almost simultaneously burst out their fighting spirit. Two powerful fighting spirits emerged together in the space behind Mu Chen.

After initiating the fighting spirits of the two troops, Mu Chen's gaze never again left the vast black fighting spirit ocean. The sheer size of it was at least ten times stronger than the fighting spirit ocean formed by the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop...

Splash.

While Mu Chen was waiting warily, the sound of water splashing rang out from the vast black fighting spirit ocean. Mu Chen saw extremely huge waves rising from the fighting spirit ocean. Within the waves he could faintly see the outline of a massive object being unveiled.

Hiss!

A bizarre growling noise rang out abruptly from the huge waves, shaking the space. The already shocking sense of oppression became more stifling, so much so that even Mu Chen's breathing had turned sluggish.

"It's coming!"

Mu Chen tensed his body in preparation, clenching his fists tightly.

Boom!

The huge waves finally came crashing down, splattering the vast fighting spirit everywhere. Within the waves, a giant black tortoise slowly came into sight.

The giant black tortoise was enormous beyond belief. It had a savage-looking head and a python-like tail. It was making a hissing sound while flicking its tongue in its snake-like mouth. Its torso was completely decorated in black battle runes. Terrifying fighting spirit fluctuations emanated from the tortoise's huge torso that made it so fearsome, it was as if its terror could swallow the sky and the earth.

So this is the battle array spirit of the Black Tortoise Array.

Watching the enormous monster emerging from the black fighting spirit ocean, Mu Chen's heart rattled in his chest, and his expression turned somber. He could feel just how terrifying the fighting spirit fluctuations emanating from the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit in front of him were. Facing this type of Spirit of Fighting Intent, even a peak force of Grade Six Sovereign like Lord Mountain Cracker would quail in fear.

Roar!

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit stood like a mountain peak with its four feet planted firmly in the fighting spirit ocean, and its huge, awe-inspiring gaze was fixed directly on Mu Chen. It released a roar which sounded like thunder and actually stirred up a storm in the area.

Boom!

Since its appearance, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit had shown no sign of resting. The countless battle runes on its huge torso sparkled. While it surged with fighting spirit, black light gathered in its huge mouth. The next moment, a huge black beam of fighting spirit shot out violently piercing through the void, immediately enveloping Mu Chen and the troops behind him whole.

Clear ripples appeared in the space where the black beam of fighting spirit swept past. The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit did not pull its punches. An attack of this caliber would overwhelm even a Grade Six Sovereign.

Mu Chen gazed somberly at the terrifying attack that came hurtling out from the void. Without risking even the slightest delay, he stomped his foot. Behind him the mighty fighting spirits above the Nine Nether Troop and Blood Hawk Troop suddenly roared to life.

Squawk!

Amid sharp cries, the Nine Netherbird Fighting Spirit and the Blood Hawk Fighting Spirit materialized in the air above the two troops almost simultaneously. With a shake of their wings, two huge fighting spirit ribbons swooped outwards as quick as lightning and started grappling with the black beam of fighting spirit.

Boom!

Upon impact, an astonishing shockwave was ferociously released. Mu Chen was pushed backwards by the force, but in the next moment, his inner spiritual energy burst out and resisted the power of the shockwave.

Behind him, the Nine Netherbird Fighting Spirit and the Blood Hawk Fighting Spirit were similarly forced backwards by the impact. Some of the soldiers in the two troops let out a faint cry, and their faces were drawn and pale, clearly affected by the impact.

Mu Chen's face twisted. He never thought that the army at his side would be completely suppressed by just the first random clash. The Black Tortoise Array Spirit was indeed incredible. It was capable of resisting the attacks of his side's two fighting spirits with its own strength while being able to achieve complete suppression.

So this is the power of the battle array?

Mu Chen pursed his lips tightly. When the fighting spirits of the two sides collided, he could clearly tell that the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was undoubtedly more cohesive and powerful.

Needless to say, the power of fighting spirits could be differentiated into high and low grades. And clearly, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was of a higher grade than the fighting spirits of the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop.

The high grade power originated from the strength of the battle array, which made the power of the fighting spirit even greater.

Had Mu Chen only relied on the fighting spirit of the Nine Nether Troop to resist, it would have caused huge losses to the Nine Nether Troop because the gap in strength between the two sides was too big.

Mu Chen looked at the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit standing tall in the far-off black fighting spirit ocean. He gradually clenched both fists tightly. Although he had firsthand experience of how terrifying that fighting spirit was, it was not enough to make him afraid. On the contrary, fiery passion glinted within the depths of his black eyes.

Perhaps in this clash with the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit, he could experience how a fighting spirit boosted by a battle array differed from a normal fighting spirit.

Hence, he might be able to figure out the key to becoming a war troop dispatcher.

Just as Mu Chen's gaze blazed with heat, Nine Nether, Lord Mountain Cracker, and the rest in the outside world witnessed the clash between Mu Chen and the terrifying Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit through the black screen.

Their expressions darkened when they saw that Mu Chen was almost completely suppressed at the first clash, despite commanding both the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop that had materialized their fighting spirits to confront the enemy.

"The fighting spirit materialized by the battle array is not an easy opponent," Lord Mountain Cracker commented somberly. He understood well how powerful Mu Chen was with the support of the fighting spirits of the two troops. In that regard, Mu Chen was comparable to a Grade Six Sovereign, and yet now

he was backed into a corner by the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit. By this turn of events, he could tell just how powerful the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was.

"Will Mu Chen be okay?" Lord Spiritual Sword could not help asking. His concern for Mu Chen was genuine, but he was also equally worried for his Spiritual Sword Attendants whom he had trained for many years. If they were completely annihilated here, he would be so sad that he would have no tears left to cry.

While the cold expression on Nine Nether's pretty face had turned slightly somber, she still had the utmost confidence in Mu Chen, despite him not having the slightest advantage in the confrontation before him.

"Don't worry too much, Mu Chen would not have so rashly led all five troops into battle without a trump card," stated Nine Nether.

Lord Mountain Cracker hesitated a while but could not help asking, "Can Mu Chen really control five troops with different fighting spirits?" Exactly what kind of astonishing fighting spirit talent would be able to do that?

Hearing this, Nine Nether smiled bitterly and shook her head saying, "I have no idea, but he would definitely have his reasons for doing so."

Lord Mountain Cracker and the rest also could only smile bitterly while shaking their heads. If that was the case, they could only wait and see what cards Mu Chen would play.

"The situation within the other three battle arrays is also not looking good."

Nine Nether's pretty eyes turned towards the other three battle arrays where extremely violent confrontations were also taking place. And just like Mu Chen, none of them were able to gain the upper hand.

Zhantai Liuli was faring the best out of the four. She had clearly entered the White Tiger Array with preparation. She had brought along along 30,000 soldiers in her Liuli Army, but she only deployed 20,000 soldiers to materialize a mighty fighting spirit, which was bitterly resisting the maniacal attacks of the White Tiger Fighting Spirit...

Despite being at a disadvantage, Zhantai Liuli managed to keep her cool. It seemed everything that was happening was within her calculation.

Apart from Zhantai Liuli, Xiao Tian and the three coalition commanders were in dire straits.

Xiao Tian, who had entered the strongest array, the Azure Dragon Array, was completely suppressed pretty much the minute the battle array was activated. Between the roars of the Azure Dragon Fighting Spirit, terrifying fighting spirit ribbons shot out ferociously, encompassing the area and bombarding the Python Fighting Spirit Xiao Tian materialized from the Tian Xuan Troop to the extent that it kept on letting out mournful wails. Some of the soldiers were already spitting blood...

As for the three coalition commanders who entered the weakest Vermilion Bird Array, they had joined forces because individually they were vastly inferior to Mu Chen. However, they still incurred the most severe losses among the four arrays.

In the outside world, the powers to which the three commanders belonged, who were witnessing this scene, were so anxious that their eyes turned red. However, they could not do anything because none of them dared to rashly enter the battle array at this critical moment.

The murderous battle array was already in force, and they could do nothing but wait to see who would be the first to break one of the four arrays.

Within the Black Tortoise Array.

Boom! Boom!

The terrifying fighting spirit continued wreaking havoc. Its attacks, which were as heavy as the entire weight of Mount Tai, kept on sweeping towards Mu Chen. Under the assault of these attacks, Mu Chen kept on retreating, and the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop managed to persist only with much difficulty. The battle runes on the torsos of the two fighting spirits were starting to dim, apparently no match for the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit.

Whoo.

Mu Chen, who was retreating in reverse, fell on the torso of the Nine Netherbird Fighting Spirit. Looking at the dimming battle runes on the its torso, uneasiness flickered across his handsome face. He immediately took a deep breath. While eyeing the three other troops behind him, he slowly raised up his palm.

All the soldiers of the three troops at the back tensed in preparation.

Seeing Mu Chen raising his palm from the outside world, the eyes of Nine Nether, Lord Mountain Cracker, and the rest narrowed all of sudden, and they even stopped breathing. This was because they knew that Mu Chen was finally going to release the fighting spirits of all five troops.

But could he really control them all?

Even Nine Nether could not help but clench her delicate fists tightly.

Under numerous shocked gazes, Mu Chen resolutely waved his palm, and his low-pitched command resonated in the ears of all the soldiers of the five troops.

"Activate the fighting spirit!"

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Chapter 878: Simultaneous Emergence of the Five Fighting Spirits

"Fighting spirit, activate!"

When Mu Chen's low growl erupted, the battle cries of the five armies behind him exploded like thunder. Their vast fighting spirit swept through the sky and the earth, like a furious storm.

Boom!

The five fighting spirits of completely different elements hovered above the five armies, as if projecting countless roars from within. The spirit of violence from this scene had the whole space rippling.

The five fighting spirits suffused the air. But, they still existed independently, without blurring the lines between one another. None of them showed signs of polymerizing with one another, despite the absence of any hostility. After all, they could be considered as the same force of energy, at least up to a certain extent.

The fighting spirits were filled with the consciousnesses of tens of thousands of warriors. It was impossible to combine all of these consciousnesses without the control of a single strong and forceful consciousness.

Among the five vast and immense fighting spirits, the Nine Nether Troops and the Band of Blood Shadow had already condensed their spirit of fighting intents. These two fighting spirits had always been in control of Mu Chen.

As for the fighting spirits of the other three armies, they were only roaring and bellowing with rage, showing no signs of their spirit of fighting intent condensing whatsoever. At a moment like this, these three troops of armies basically could not contribute much, especially if their spirit of fighting intent could not be condensed!

This is why Mu Chen knew that he must condense all five of the spirit of fighting intents simultaneously. Only then would he be able to contend against the spirit of fighting intent from the Black Tortoise Battle Array.

Huffffff.

Mu Chen took a deep breath of the chilly cold air, his face straight and serious. He fully comprehended the challenges that were involved in condensing and controlling five spirits of fighting intent. Such a difficulty level might even surpass that of Zhantai Liuli's, when she controlled thirty thousand Liuli Troops alone!

Mu Chen tipped his toes, then abruptly took a few steps backwards. Immediately, he emerged directly above the Mountain Cracking Army. Right beneath his feet, the immense fighting spirits from the three armies gushed forth furiously, like a torrent.

Mu Chen slightly shut his eyes, sending his consciousness rushing out and instantly gushing into the spirit above the three armies.

Wham! Wham!

A deafening roar thundered towards him, as Mu Chen forced his consciousness into the spirit. This roar converged the minds of over a hundred thousand warriors!

However, Mu Chen had already experienced this kind of situation, when he had attempted to condense the spirit of fighting intent of the Mountain Cracking Army. He did not resist. Instead, he dropped all of his defenses, allowing his own consciousness to swiftly seep into the fighting spirit of the three armies.

As Mu Chen's consciousness started to penetrate it, the fighting spirit began to surge, as if it possessed an intelligence of its own. Then, the condensing started quickly, but did not succeed immediately. The spirit of fighting intent had yet to form a shape of its own, but only revealed a vague impression of its existence.

A drop of sweat glided down Mu Chen's face. Both of his fists were clenched tightly. His expression showed his struggle.

The process of condensing the spirit of fighting intent was not easy. After all, he had to focus on all five simultaneously. This wasn't something that could be easily achieved, even for a prodigy like him.

As he focused on condensing the spirit of fighting intent from the other three armies, the fighting spirit of the Black Tortoise did not merely sit around and wait for him to succeed. Instead, it kept launching waves of attack. Under such an assault, the fighting spirit of the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop kept backing down, causing the battle runes on their torsos to gradually dim.

Standing beyond the battle array, Nine Nether and Lord Mountain Cracker were anxious. They could not hide the worry on their faces. They understood that, if Mu Chen failed to condense the five battle spirits, he would not stand a chance against the fighting spirit of the Black Tortoise.

Wham Bamm!

The fighting intent whirled crazily above the three armies, while countless warriors looked on. The fighting intent seemed to have inched towards forming a shape, but at a painfully slow pace.

"Mu Chen should be able to do this! He just needs more time. Hopefully, the fighting spirits of the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop can fend off the assault from the fighting spirit of the Black Tortoise long enough." Nine Nether let out a sigh of relief, as they watched the slow formation of the three spirits of fighting intent. They remained anxious, as they watched the fighting spirit of the Nine Nether Troop and Blood Hawk Troop ebb and flow.

Drip.

Droplets of sweat kept gliding off of Mu Chen's forehead. However, even at critical moments like this, Mu Chen only became more composed. He knew that, the more he fretted, the closer he would be to failure.

"Almost there..." Mu Chen muttered softly to himself.

Wham!

Another ray of extremely violent fighting intent bombarded the shield, which had been formed by the spirits of fighting intent of the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop. This caused numerous warriors in the troop to cough up blood.

Roar!

The Black Tortoise's fighting spirit growled ferociously, its enormous eyes suddenly locking onto Mu Chen. It seemed to have sensed something.

The huge python tail of the Black Tortoise abruptly stretched open its serpent mouth. In a split moment, a dark fighting intent pierced through the void, between the defense area that was created by the spirit of fighting intent of the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk Troop, like a javelin. It was heading straight at Mu Chen! Nine Nether and Lord Mountain Cracker panicked at the sight of it.

Wham!

The black fighting intent swept by in an instant. Just as it was about to reach Mu Chen's body, the oceanic fighting intent soared angrily above the three armies. The fighting intent exploded, causing the three vast spirit of fighting intent to form almost simultaneously!

Above the vast ocean of fighting intent that was on top of the Spiritual Sword Troop, a sword-wielding giant figure slashed its gigantic sword downward, protecting Mu Chen in front of him, like a shield. As the figure did this, he also blocked the fighting intent that was coming towards him!

Bang!

The great sword bounced back, as the fighting intent dissipated. Mu Chen seized this short window of opportunity to readjust himself. He sprung into the air, hovering above the five armies.

At that moment, five vast spirits of fighting intent appeared above the ocean of fighting spirit. Strong gushes of fighting spirit permeated the space, shaking the space violently.

The appearance of the five spirits of fighting intent was obviously shocking to many. Beyond the battle array, all parties were astonished to witness the incident. Liu Yan, who was from the Tian Xuan Hall, and Fang Yi, who was from the Divine Pavillion, could barely mask the shock in their eyes. Their faces also turned deathly pale.

"I can't believe he was able to condense them all at once!"

Lord Mountain Cracker let out a long sigh of relief. He then applauded, "What a talented young man Lord Mu Chen is. Condensing and controlling the five spirits of fighting intent is hardly possible to be achieved, even for Geniuses of War!"

Lord Spiritual Sword relaxed his face, then even smiled a little. They could not help but catch themselves in awe, as they watched the momentum that was boiling among the five armies. Although they were not joining the war themselves, they could still sense that the spirit of fighting intent that was condensed by Mu Chen was far different than those that they had condensed in the past. Troops like this could only operate as a truly divine weapon, when they were being led by a Genius of War, like Mu Chen!

Just like everyone beyond the battle array felt a huge weight had been lifted from their anxious shoulders, Mu Chen himself was also relieved. Fortunately, he had condensed the fighting spirit for the Mountain Cracking Army previously, which had contributed to his familiarity with them.

Otherwise, it could have taken even longer to condense the spirit of fighting intent. In that case, the fighting spirits of the Nine Nether Troop and the Blood Hawk troop would have collapsed completely under the constant waves of attack! Luckily, he made it in time!

Mu Chen took a look at the spirit of fighting intent that was hovering within the ocean of fighting spirit above the five armies. Aside from the spirit of fighting intent of the Spiritual Sword Troop, which wielded the Great Shadow Sword, the spirit of Mountain Cracking Troop was wielding the Great Shadow Axe with ferocity. The Hong Army's spirit was a physical shadow of a giant turtle, emitting a sense of sturdiness to its surrounding.

"The Cracking Mountain's spirit should be the strongest among all of these spirits of fighting intent."

Mu Chen felt that the spirit of fighting intent from the Mountain Cracking Army was radiating the strongest waves of power. There were over six thousand stripes of battles runes on its body, making it seemingly more powerful than the Nine Nether Troop's spirit, which had four thousands stripes of battle runes.

Of course, this did not mean that the overall fighting quality of the Mountain Cracking Troop was better than the Nine Nether Troop. After all, they had an advantage in number, as the tens of thousands warriors in their troop was twice the manpower of the Nine Nether Troop.

"Since they weren't troops that were directly under my command, their compatibility and cooperativeness were too low." Mu Chen expressed his regret aloud.

With the five thousand warriors from the Nine Nether Troop, he was able to condense a spirit of fighting intent that had over four thousand battle runes. In contrast, with the Mountain Cracking troop, tens of thousands of warriors could only summon a spirit of battle intent that had two thousand more battle runes. Although such a result was pitiful, Mu Chen also knew that he had done all he could to fend against the spirit of fighting intent from the Black Tortoise.

Right now, I have control over thirty thousand warriors. Yet, I can vaguely feel something starting to slip out of my control. If there were any more of them, I am afraid I would collapse, and my consciousness would be flushed away by this hurricane-like fighting intent...

Mu Chen's eyes glistened a little, as a thought kept running in his head.

How do the great war troop dispatchers manage to control hundreds of thousands of warriors, or even millions of warriors, all at once? How can the mind of a person be so powerful? There must be something that I am missing. Perhaps, that is the ultimate secret of a war troop dispatcher...

Mu Chen's black pupils flashed. War troop dispatchers in this era were rather mysterious. Rarely did any information about them circulate among the general population. This was exactly why the inheritance of war troop dispatchers had become so precious in the Death Relics.

Nevertheless, if he were to make it out of here alive, he would finally be able to learn the secrets of a war troop dispatcher! By then, he would be able to overcome his own bottleneck to become a true war troop dispatcher himself!

Mu Chen gradually tightened his fists. Then, with a gaze as hot as scorching flames, he lifted his head to glare directly at the ferocious Black Tortoise spirit of fighting intent.

Try me, if you can! But, with the five spirits of fighting intent backing me, you won't beat me today!

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Chapter 879: Brutal

In this dark space, frantic fighting spirit surged furiously like ocean tides. Periodically, the impacts even left the space in turmoil. The space in this very moment had been conquered by endless fighting spirit.

Mu Chen hovered in the air, and below him were five enormous Spirits of Fighting Intent lined up next to one another. They locked their gazes forward, eyeing the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit in the black fighting spirit ocean.

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit naturally had the absolute advantage in terms of sheer size when all six fighting spirits were in confrontation. It was almost twice the size of every Spirit of Fighting Intent on Mu Chen's side. However, Mu Chen had the advantage of numbers with five against one, and their combined fighting spirit contributed to enhancing their position.

At least the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was showing some reservation in its waves of attack at the moment. It had slowed down compared to its violent assault a moment ago. There was a brief moment of deadlock as every party held their ground without moving a single muscle.

This deadlock gave Mu Chen joy. He ordered the injured Nine Nether Troops and the Blood Hawk Troops to take a moment of rest to reassemble themselves after taking in all the impacts from the previous attacks. They would have to stabilize the disturbed surges in their veins due to colliding fighting intent in order to prepare themselves to reach peak performance. This was so they could engage in a real fight with the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit.

With his previous experience, he was aware how much of a challenge Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit could be. Even now that he possessed control over the Spirits of Fighting Intent from the five troops, he still did not have the full confidence to take down the Black Tortoise's Spirit of Fighting Intent.

Whatever it took, he still had to give it everything he had.

As Mu Chen was pondering, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit did not allow the deadlock to continue. Although it was not quite intelligent, and its current form was only held together by the ruins of this battle array, it had an unmovable mission, which was to wipe out any enemy that attempted to enter this battle array.

Roar!

Looking fierce, the gigantic spirit of the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit let out a deafening roar that shook the heavens and earth. Countless battle runes on its body glimmered with vibrant color, and its raging fighting spirit even evolved black glowing rings that spread on the surface of its body.

The Black Tortoise's Fighting Spirit had become a living beast of Black Tortoise.

Boom!

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit stomped the ground with its mighty foot, causing the black ocean of fighting spirit beneath it to rock with great waves. The wall of waves was up to thousand feet tall and hurtled towards Mu Chen with all its ferocity.

Roar!

The five Spirits of Fighting Intent simultaneously exploded with furious growls, and five fighting spirits of different colors swept out like blades. Combining forces with one another, they forcibly tore apart the great wave wall that had transformed from the black fighting spirit.

At the moment the great wave was torn, Mu Chen's gaze turned grave, and he commanded the spirits with his thoughts. The five Spirits of Fighting Intent lashed out on their own and closed up to trap the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit.

Wham!

The Spirits of Fighting Intent from the Nine Nether troop and Blood Shadow flapped their wings. The wings transformed from fighting intent were like the deadliest shower of sharp blades as they overwhelmingly rushed at the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit.

Meanwhile, the other Spirits of Fighting Intent, such as the Cracking Mountain and Spirit Sword, were sprinting towards the front line. They relentlessly cut down the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit with their Great Sword and Great Axe filled with majestic strength.

The five Spirits of Fighting Intent were now deploying a siege against the enemy.

Being outnumbered five-to-one, the Black Tortoise Spirit of Fighting Intent did not flinch at the confrontation. It flipped its head vigorously, and then a majestic fighting spirit surrounded its body like a shield of light.

Boom! Boom!

The five Spirits of Fighting Intent's attack fell limp on its shield, and only a circular ripple formed on the surface of the shield from its impact. The attack did not even manage to break the shield. This showed how strong its defense was.

Roar!

The Shield of Fighting Spirit blocked off all attacks coming from the five Spirits of Fighting Intent. The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit stretched its large, fearsome mouth. The rage of the fighting intent surged within it. Its sharp fangs could actually rip the space apart.

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit extended its head, and its speed was even faster than a speeding dragon, fast and precise. It locked its teeth on one of the wings of the Blood Hawk Troop's Spirit of Fighting Intent. With a violent jerk, half of its wing was forcibly ripped from its body.

Mu Chen had already suffered damage on his side merely from the first contact. Warriors in the Blood Hawk Troop threw up blood as a result from the damage they took along with their Spirit of Fighting Intent. The looks of the warriors showed the state of turmoil they were in.

Mu Chen felt a chill run down his spine as he watched all this take place.

Vroom!

The Great Axe and the Great Shadow Sword suddenly descended from above, simultaneously landing on the same spot on the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit's shield. A huge eruption of fighting spirit occurred, and it split the shield into pieces.

The fighting spirit of the Nine Nether Warrior soared. Both its wings were like the sharpest blades, tearing space apart, slitting through the protective shield in lightning speed. The blade landed on the exposed head of the Black Tortoise, exposing a deep long crack. Within the crack, black fighting spirit leaked.

Roar!

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit howled. Its python-like serpent tail transformed into a violent black ray, and the berserking fighting intent that it carried threatened to collapse the void.

Swoosh!

A humongous shadow of a tortoise rushed out of nowhere and blocked the front, allowing the huge serpent to strike violently upon its shell. A fearsome wave of impact spread, pushing the giant tortoise back a thousand feet.

The giant tortoise was transformed by the fighting spirit of the Hong Troop. This troop excelled in defense, thus their fighting intent was also thick and sturdy like a mountain. Although their attack did not threaten the tortoise as much, their defense, however, surpassed all other Spirits of Fighting Intent.

If it were any other Spirit of Fighting Intent that had taken on that strike from the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit, they would have suffered great damage like the Blood Hawk's Spirit of Fighting Intent did. However, with the Hong Troop's impressive defense, these attacks were merely brushed off.

As the giant tortoise took on the incoming attack, the other four Spirits of Fighting Intent went berserk and hurled themselves towards the enemy. Fighting spirits were swept everywhere, bombarding the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit.

Confronted with such circumstances, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit did not show any hint of weakness. It returned the attacks with even fiercer might. The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit made the space tremble. With overpowering forces, every counter move it made sent the other four Spirits of Fighting Intent scattering to dodge its strikes. The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit might have even torn them to pieces if it were not for the defense held strongly by the Hong Troop's Spirit of Fighting Intent.

Despite that, a siege attack by the five Spirits of Fighting Intent was still extremely brutal. Under the crazy attacks, cracks gradually appeared and fighting spirit seeped out from the five Spirits of Fighting Intent.

Beyond the war array, all parties were astonished as they watched the war array Mu Chen was in.

Although every strike by the five Spirits of Fighting Intent was received by the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit, and every counter move it made also did great damage to other Spirits of Fighting Intent, everyone could see that the five Spirits of Fighting Intent were gradually combining their forces of attack cooperatively under Mu Chen's command. Thus, as cracks on the five Spirits of Fighting Intent gradually accumulated, cracks also formed on the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit's body.

Who would have thought these five Spirits of Fighting Intent that were not considered powerful on their own could demonstrate such fearsome power after being combined by Mu Chen.

"What an impressive feat Lord Mu has achieved...The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit is obviously much stronger than any of these five armies. If they were to face it on their own, they'd probably be shredded into pieces before lasting more than three rounds. It is truly impressive that Lord Mu could utilize the distinctive attributes of five Spirits of Fighting Intent for their defensive and attack roles. Together they are as good as the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit itself." Lord Mountain Cracker could not help but find himself in awe as he watched the brutal battle taking place in the war array.

Although they were not geniuses in fighting intent, they were not weaklings, either. They knew very well how difficult it was for Mu Chen to battle against the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit with five Spirits of Fighting Intent that were far less superior.

"The battle array Zhantai Liuli is in seems to be stabilizing itself," Nine Nether suddenly said. Her soft gaze locked onto another war array, and her face seemed surprised. Within the White Tiger war array, the White Tiger Fighting Spirit started to stabilize itself against the Liuli Troop's Spirit of Fighting Intent after going through the initial rounds of brutal attack. Gradually, it was the Liuli Troop that was showing signs of counterattack.

"Zhantai Liuli, too, is a genius."

Lord Mountain Cracker's face twisted as he realized Mu Chen was engaged in a battle with the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit. Zhantai Liuli took a leap to suppress the White Tiger's Spirit of Fighting Intent. If she successfully found an opportunity, she could easily take down the White Tiger Fighting Spirit and be the first one to break the array.

However, there was nothing they could do to stop her. Zhantai Liuli came prepared. The 30,000 warrior troop that they brought, up to a certain extent, was much more powerful than the five armies of theirs combined. They were, after all, one entity that did not need to be separated.

It seemed to be that probably only Zhantai Liuli stood a chance of breaking the array before Mu Chen managed to do so. As for Xiao Tian, the most he could do was to save himself from the attacks of the Azure Dragon Fighting Spirit, even if he activated his entire Xuan Tian Troop. He did not stand a chance of fighting back, let alone breaking the array.

In the White Tiger battle array.

Zhantai Liuli looked at the White Tiger Fighting Spirit as it charged forward with such ferocity. She squinted just a little and then slowly tightened her fists. "Almost there," she muttered to herself.

She lifted her hand gently and then made a forceful motion downwards.

Right behind her, a blinding ray shot up into the sky above the vast Liuli Troop, and fighting spirit soared.

Boom!

Within the Black Tortoise battle array.

A black fighting spirit transformed by the Hong Troop's fighting intent swept by and struck violently on the giant tortoise's shell. The thick shell instantly split into several pieces. Hundreds of Hong Troop warriors suffered badly from the blow.

Bang!

The Great Axe, the Great Sword, and the sharp Light Wings descended from the sky. They seized the opportunity to bombard the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit mercilessly. All the rage of the fighting spirits bombarded the Black Tortoise's Spirit of Fighting Intent as it backed off with a roar.

However, with its ferocity, even as it was pushed back by the attack, it could still give out a mighty roar that managed to fight off the Nine Nether's Spirit of Fighting Intent. This made Nine Nether's Spirit of Fighting Intent crash heavily to the ground, and cracks were seen everywhere on its gigantic torso.

Mu Chen trembled as he hovered in the void. His face was pale, and sweat slid down his face. Controlling fighting intents did not cause physical damage, but it did take a great toll on his consciousness. Mu Chen could vaguely feel a sharp, painful sensation coming from deep inside his mind

That was a sign that he was reaching his limit in controlling the fighting spirits

This cannot be dragged out further.

Mu Chen tightened his jaws at the thought. Whoever broke out of this array first would claim the inheritance of the Sky Array Emperor. Although he knew it was impossible for Xiao Tian and the other three generals to break through first, Zhantai Liuli posed a great threat.

If he kept on dragging this out, Zhantai Liuli may possibly break through first. By that time, there would be no point in Mu Chen breaking the array.

That was why he could not procrastinate any longer.

Right now, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit stood in front of him like a mountain. Even with the seamless cooperation between the five Spirits of Fighting Intent, they still could not take it down completely. The five Spirits of Fighting Intent were not sharing a body, after all. Their attacks could damage the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit, but they were not fatal.

"If such is the case..."

Mu Chen's dark pupils glistened as he tightened his jaws.

"All or nothing it is!"

As his words faded, Mu Chen did not hesitate any longer. He lifted his palm, and his voice rang in the ears of every warrior, causing their hearts to race.

"Attention all warriors, combining the five spirits!"

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Chapter 880: Condensing the Five Spirits

"All armies heed my command! Five Spirits, condense!"

Mu Chen's low growl was like thunder, ringing in the ears of every warrior on the battlefield. The natural instinct to obey was triggered by the sound of the command, and the warriors were stunned for a moment, doubt beginning to creep into their eyes.

However, the moment of indecision was gone in the blink of an eye, and the warriors clenched their teeth to suppress the urge. As warriors, their many years of training had taught them that, as long as the commander was present, they were to heed any and all commands, even if some of those commands were sometimes incomprehensible to them.

As such, the warriors of the Five Armies suppressed their hesitations extremely quickly. As their hearts and intents moved, the Five Spirits of Fighting Intent suddenly made an ear-splitting sound. Then, the ferocity of their hearts shot out, taking the form of explosive beams of light, which struck each other in the sky.

Boom!

At the moment of impact, an earth-shaking explosion reverberated throughout the heavens. Differently colored fighting spirits gushed out, then turned into a magnificent ring of light. Within the ring of light, a unique majestic fighting intent could be felt colliding with the others. Every collision jarred the space around it.

Beyond the edges of the battle array, each force looked upon the situation before them with fright. Five minutes later, they helplessly exclaimed, "Has Mu Chen lost his mind? Only a crazy person would dare try to combine five totally different fighting intents together!"

Nine Nether and Lord Mountain Cracker looked at each other, both paling. The disturbance and distress was apparent in their eyes. It was clear that the actions of Mu Chen were beyond their expectations as well.

Even though they were not exceptionally gifted with fighting intent, they were still very skilled individuals. As they say, mastering one path opens up insight into others. It was obvious to both of them how crazy Mu Chen's actions were. He meant to force all five different fighting intents to combine!

Intending to amalgamate energy of different types was truly insane to attempt. This involved taking spiritual energy with different characteristics and forcefully mashing them together. The only result would be a spiritual energy explosion, which would likely blow the one who attempted it into smithereens!

Even though Nine Nether did not know if this fighting spirit would react the same, even getting to that stage was incredibly difficult.

"Lord Mu, you are too brave." Lord Mountain Cracker laughed bitterly. They naturally knew that, should the five fighting intents be united, the potential power would definitely be stronger than it had been when they were apart. While this was easy in theory, actually performing it would be incomparably dangerous.

A true war troop dispatcher might be capable of integrating different fighting intents, but it was evident that Mu Chen was not truly a war troop dispatcher yet. Thus, the move he was making was extremely dangerous.

However perturbed the others seemed to be on the outside, Mu Chen remained completely undisturbed. The latter had his eyes shut tightly, as a cold sweat dripped down his forehead. The veins in his forehead throbbed, and a painful expression spread across his face.

Condensing the five different fighting intents, even for Mu Chen, was extremely difficult. But, in order to quickly break the array, the only way was to fuse the five fighting intents together, then launch the strongest attack possible to thoroughly destroy the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit. Otherwise, if they were drawn into a deadlock, it was likely that the first person to gain the advance would be Zhantai Liuli.

In his heart, Mu Chen knew clearly that Zhantai Liuli had come prepared. The Liuli Army's fighting spirit clearly outranked the five armies, which were not working together. That was why, if the battle continued to drag on, the latter might be able to break through the array first, then steal away the

inheritance of the Sky Array Emperor. This would mean that Mu Chen's group would be left with only the unwanted scraps.

This was obviously not the result that Mu Chen desired. That was why, no matter what, he had to take a gamble!

However, Mu Chen did not have absolute certainty that his plan would work, especially since every time the five fighting spirits directly interacted with each other, he could feel how strong the rejection and resistance between the spirits were. There was not much that Mu Chen could do about the resistance, so he could not try the most heavy-handed method, which was to try to introduce and use his own consciousness in order to force the coalescence of all five forces!

Unfortunately, the toll of this method on the consciousness would be extremely high. Imagine when one consciousness is to rule over countless millions of other wills, and those wills are struggling against each other, exactly how large a burden that would be on a person's own consciousness! Even if one was an extremely skilled person of Lord Mountain Cracker's caliber, it was not guaranteed that their consciousness would not be totally annihilated, thus causing immense or even fatal trauma to one's mind and spirit.

Had Mu Chen not been a Spiritual Array Master, possessing a consciousness that was stronger than the average person, and had the five fighting spirits had even a shred of resistance towards Mu Chen, this method would not even be a consideration, regardless of how confident Mu Chen might be.

Even so, the Mu Chen presently had an agonizing headache. It felt like his head was about to split apart! The veins on his forehead twitched alarmingly in a horrifying manner.

As Mu Chen's forehead vein throbbed, the fathomless ring of light in the sky lit up in beautiful colors, thundering repeatedly through the sky. Its immense beauty was a representation of the confrontation between the fighting spirits.

Boom!

While Mu Chen tried to merge the five fighting spirits, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit also began to notice the ring of light, emanating an undulating aura of menace. With a piercing scream, its ghastly eyes locked onto Mu Chen. Instantly, Mu Chen felt a chill come over him.

Without pausing, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit viciously swung its python tail. At that moment, an enormous glow tore across the void to envelop Mu Chen.

The glow emitted a terrifying aura. It was so fierce, even a typical Grade Six Sovereign wouldn't dare to face it directly. Without the protection of his fighting spirit, Mu Chen's battle prowess was only at the level of Grade Four Sovereign. To him, this level of attack would be fatal.

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was incredibly crafty. It seized the very moment that Mu Chen was distracted with the fusing of the five fighting spirits to attack him.

This situation was seen from outside of the battle array, garnering several shocked exclamations from onlookers. The expressions of Nine Nether and Lord Mountain Cracker, among others, changed dramatically, while they watched the scene.

Boom!

The glow was too quick. Before anyone could react, it was already in front of Mu Chen. The menacing undulations sent barbs of pain through his body. In the space of a single heartbeat, he clenched his teeth, his hands working fast to form a seal!

Ommm!

A valiant spiritual energy rose up like a storm, bursting forth from Mu Chen's body. A great shadow emerged suddenly, protecting Mu Chen within it. Behind the head of the huge figure, a golden sun was suspended in the air.

It was The Great Solar Undying Body!

At that critical moment, Mu Chen used everything in his power to move his spiritual energy, summoning The Great Solar Undying Body.

Boom!

The glow howled past, mercilessly throwing itself upon The Great Solar Undying Body at the very moment that the brilliant light exploded. The seemingly strong Great Solar Undying Body had been shattered apart!

Mu Chen's pride, The Great Solar Undying Body, was only able to hold off the glow for a moment. The second that The Great Solar Undying Body shattered, a miserable silhouette fell backwards. Then, a part of the glow splintered. It then shot towards Mu Chen as fast as lightning, hitting him square on his chest.

Poof!

The glow burst apart on Mu Chen's torso. His face lost all of its color, and a mouthful of blood sprayed out from his lips. The clothes on his upper body were blown to dust, and a vein was exposed at his shoulder.

Mu Chen's pathetic figure was blown back quite a distance, causing his face to become as pale as paper. He looked down upon the fresh blood that was now spurting from his bloody wound, as his eyes slowly filled with horror.

At the entrance of the wound, a purple-gold dragon symbol slowly emerged. It was the golden dragon symbol, but this particular golden dragon symbol was especially dark and wilted. This was because it had withstood a trauma for Mu Chen's sake. Otherwise, Mu Chen's shoulder would not just be wounded, but would have totally been turned to dust!

With just one hit of the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit, Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body had been broken apart. In fact, the blow had almost cost him his life!

"Without fighting spirit as a backup, I am not much different from a Grade Six Sovereign," Mu Chen muttered to himself. If the Spirit of Fighting Intent had been protecting him, there was no way for the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit to hurt him. But, the moment the Spirit of Fighting Intent disappeared, it was almost impossible to contend, at least by only using his Grade Four Sovereign strength.

Boom!

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit could see that the attack had not yet eliminated Mu Chen, which caused it to roar in anger. Then, a dark fighting spirit emanated from its large ferocious mouth, focusing at one point violently.

As she was watching from afar, Nine Nether's face grew pale. Without the Five Spirits of Fighting Intent, it was impossible for Mu Chen to resist the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit's attack!

Boom!

The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit viciously shrieked through the dark space. Then, as that unfathomable fighting spirit beam pierced through, it headed directly towards Mu Chen!

Unable to condense his energy in such a short time, especially after the destruction of his Sovereign Celestial Body, Mu Chen, facing this level of destructive power, would surely be killed! All forces were looking at the scene, their expressions changing constantly.

Liu Yan, Fang Yi, and others had looks of surprise. While they were watching the scene, their shared happiness was apparent.

Boom Boom Boom!

The dark fighting spirit beam pierced through. However, Mu Chen stood bravely facing the terrifying attack of the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit once again. Mu Chen was able to easily wipe away the blood at the corner of his mouth, his black gaze gushing out menacing killing intent.

"You want to kill me, using only that mongrel that lacks any spiritual intelligence?!"

A low, vicious shout came from Mu Chen, as he quickly formed a seal. As he changed the seals, countless other powerful people felt a change happening in their hearts. Their heads jerked up, seeing that, within the void, was the brilliant fathomless ring of light.

Then, they all suddenly shrieked, as an iridescent pillar of light shot down from the sky! The imposing fighting spirit that was emanating from the pillar of light made countless powerful people pale in terror. They could feel that, imbued within the pillar, the coalescence of the five fighting spirits was raging on!

At the last moment, Mu Chen had actually managed to thoroughly combine the fighting spirits into one!