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Chapter 881: Breaking through the Array!

Boom!

A huge, devastating spiritual energy fluctuation ran through the cloud as quick as lightning. In a blink of an eye, it appeared before Mu Chen, and with a ruthless swing like the scythe of a reaper, it shrouded Mu Chen.

Shadow was projected onto Mu Chen's face, but he remained calm and was not terrified by the incoming devastating attack. Instead, he crossed two of his fingers and made an oblique stroke downwards.

A whisper seemed to come from his mouth at that moment.

"Down!"

Rip!

There was an ear-piercing ripping sound in the sky. Mu Chen raised his head slightly, and a beautiful light beam with eye-catching luster projected into his eyes. That simple light beam came from the circular light high in the sky and unexpectedly consisted of five different fighting spirits!

That was the embodiment of the combination of the five fighting spirits.

Mu Chen actually managed to successfully merge the five fighting spirits together with his strong perseverance!

Although there was imperfection, the merged fighting spirit was still far stronger than the five fighting spirits individually.

Boom!

Under countless shocked gazes, the beautiful light beam swooped down. The beautiful light beam bombarded the black fighting spirit the instant before it struck Mu Chen.

At that moment of impact, glaring lights suddenly engulfed the sky, and an attack wave visibly spread out...

Puh!

The wave nonetheless struck Mu Chen. Blood instantly burst out from his mouth, and he flew back in a sorry state. However, the corner of his mouth actually twisted up as if he were relieved of heavy burden, and he gestured slightly with his fingers.

Boom!

The gorgeous light beam directly destroyed the enormous black spiritual light. The sky was painted with a glorious trail that looked like the trace of a comet in the sky. Eventually, it appeared on top of the

Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit. There was a moment of stagnation, and then in the next moment, it brought down a devastating attack wave in a clean sweep!

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At the same time, the Black Tortoise Battle Array was having a huge change in the tide of battle. Zhantai Liuli kept on defending in the White Tiger Battle Array, and then her beautiful eyes were suddenly stunned for a moment.

This was because she discovered that the sharp attack pattern of the White Tiger Fighting Spirit looked like it was slowing down slightly and seemed to be starting to weaken.

"Finally feeling tired, eh? Although the four battle arrays have not disappeared, their regenerated power is not perfect. I knew that its fighting power could not recover to its prime!"

Zhantai Liuli smiled gently, but her beautiful face suddenly became serious. In an instant, her delicate hand transformed, and unexpectedly she made an extremely strange hand seal. The hand seal seemed to contain many mysteries.

"Liuli Battle Seal!"

As Zhantai Liuli's shout faded, there was a huge, crystal-clear shadow behind her. The huge shadow also made the same strange hand seal Zhantai Liuli did with a single hand.

Vroom!

Violent fighting spirit madly gathered at the Liuli Fighting Spirit's hand seal. Blinding light burst out, and eventually, a 10,000-foot-long light seal appeared under the Liuli Fighting Spirit's huge palm.

The light seal was extremely peculiar. There was a pattern of lines inscribed on its surface, and the line pattern was not unfamiliar. It was precisely the battle pattern made up by fighting spirit!

This light seal was actually made up of the cohesion of the fighting spirit!

What Zhantai Liuli did shocked countless strong people. This was because it was the first time they had witnessed someone who could refine fighting spirit to such an extent!

This method was clearly more exquisite than Mu Chen and Xiao Tian's, who controlled fighting spirit roughly. Zhantai Liuli actually knew some of the true method of using the fighting spirit!

Boom!

However, Zhantai Liuli did not realize the shock caused by her actions. Instead, with her beautiful eyes focused on the White Tiger Fighting Spirit, she swung down her hand.

The Liuli Fighting Spirit's huge hand also swung down at the same time. The Liuli light seal pierced through the void in a swoosh, and then appeared on top of the White Tiger Spirit in the blink of an eye before relentlessly slamming down!

Boom!

Before the palm slammed down, the space around the White Tiger Fighting Spirit was already in a crumbling state. The White Tiger Fighting Spirit's fur on its whole body stood up, and it roared madly. There were actually some signs of fear in its roars.

Bang!

But no matter how it roared, the strange light seal was coming down in repression, and finally slammed on top of its huge body.

Boom boom!

At that moment, the darkness was rocking violently.

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Outside of the battle array, all forces stared in shock at the major turn of events in the battles in the White Tiger Battle Array and the Black Tortoise Battle Array. The White Tiger Fighting Spirit and Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit, who had had the upper hand, were now unexpectedly in a dire situation.

"Zhantai Liuli and Mu Chen are very powerful... they actually can force such strong fighting spirits into this situation!"

"Zhantai Liuli seems to be more skillful than Mu Chen. In terms of initiating fighting spirit, she was better than him. "

"But what Mu Chen did is impressive. He actually can forcibly combine five different fighting spirits together, which Zhantai Liuli might not be able to do."

"This is interesting, but it is an unknown which one of them will be the first to break through the array."

"It seems like this is their last resort, breaking the array will be hopeless if they fail."

"..."

Every kind of murmur spread out around the outside of the battle array. People from all forces had their impressions shaken. Apparently, they were shocked by Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's performances.

Both Nine Nether and Lord Mountain Cracker let out a sigh as if they had been relieved of a heavy burden, and then they smiled bitterly at each other. Mu Chen had so many ups and downs in his battle, that if he had been replaced with any normal person, they might suffer from a heart attack due to the anxiety of just watching this battle.

Liu Yan was looking at the battle array gravely. He felt very angry about Mu Chen's comeback, especially when he saw Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli both showed signs of breaking through the array. On the other hand, Xiao Tian was devastated. He was still being oppressed in a sorry state while his men kept on dying. Thinking of this, Liu Yan's veins could not help but throb with anger.

But no matter how angry he was, he could not alter the outcome of the battle array. The only thing that he could do was curse Mu Chen's comeback, hoping that he could not defeat the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit.

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Under countless gazes, the bright light within the Black Tortoise array gradually dimmed. The violent fighting spirit that could tear the sky and earth apart was also starting to wear off slowly, like an ebbing tide.

All gazes instantly turned towards it.

The light faded away. The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit remained standing on the fighting spirit ocean. It did not move its enormous body at all and was like a rock.

When Nine Nether and the others saw the surviving Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit, they were somber, but they did not feel hopeless. Instead, they were shocked. This was because there were huge cracks starting to spread on the body of the spirit of the Black Tortoise. Majestic fighting spirit was seeping out of those cracks.

Crack!

The cracks were spreading at an astounding speed. Within ten seconds, they actually spread over the entire enormous body of the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit.

Boom!

When the cracks could spread no more, the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit finally let out a miserable moan before its huge body suddenly exploded in front of numerous shocked gazes.

The fighting spirit ocean under the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit also disappeared completely as it exploded.

The dark surroundings became quiet again, and it was as if nothing had ever happened.

Puh.

When the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was gone, Mu Chen's face quickly became pale, and blood burst out from his mouth. He could no longer stand on his own feet as the spiritual power in his body wilted.

The circular light in the sky also disappeared. The armies from the five troops had exhausted expressions, and the fighting spirit surrounding them was not even at half of its full power. Although the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was successfully defeated, the five troops had paid a high price to achieve that success.

Mu Chen wiped the blood from around his mouth. Thanks to the valiance of his Dragon and Phoenix body that was comparable to that of Divine Beasts, his injuries had healed rapidly. He lifted his head and looked towards the place where the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit exploded. He saw that the dark space there suddenly twisted and gradually formed a black space gate. There was only darkness within the gate, which made people afraid.

However, when Mu Chen saw the black gate, a blinding light burst out from his eyes. He only hesitated for a moment before suddenly clenching his teeth and transforming into a light that directly flew towards the black gate.

Even though he had no idea what was behind the gate, his goal of obtaining the inheritance of the Sky Array Emperor had motivated him to get to this stage. Therefore, he naturally would not give up this rare opportunity.

However, Mu Chen did have a backup plan, as he had not ordered his warriors to follow him. He had secretly instructed them to inform the other lords outside to forcibly break through the battle array if something went wrong.

From Mu Chen's understanding, although they could not see the outside world, Nine Nether and the others should still be able to observe the things happening inside the battle array.

The moment Mu Chen rushed towards the black gate, an exclamation rang outside the battle array.

"Mu Chen actually successfully broke through the array. That gate must be a passage to the deepest part of the Death Ruins!"

"This should be where the inheritance of Sky Array Emperor lies, so Mu Chen is going to be the one taking it?"

"The black gate also appeared in the White Tiger Battle Array! Both Zhantai Liuli and Mu Chen managed to break the array simultaneously!"

"..."

As the people exclaimed, the White Tiger Fighting Spirit also shattered at the same time, similarly leaving a black gate in its place.

The moment the dark gate appeared, Zhantai Liuli rushed towards it almost without hesitation. Hence, both she and Mu Chen actually ran into the dark gate at the same moment!

They both disappeared from the two battle arrays simultaneously!

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Chapter 882: A Fragile Collaboration

The moment that Mu Chen's body rushed into the massive dark gate, he could clearly feel the darkness fading away like a tide. On the other side of the gate, it was an entirely different world.

It was a world that was filled with dark red. The earth and the skies were dyed a tint of mahogany. The ground was punctured with countless holes and covered in menacing scars. It was clear that an extremely fierce battle had taken place here.

The very moment that Mu Chen entered the crimson world, his body immediately tensed. A purplish golden light shone on his shoulders, and his wounds quickly healed. Owing to his body being as strong as a divine beast, the degree of these injuries was obviously of no real threat to Mu Chen.

An immense amount of spiritual energy gathered around Mu Chen. He looked around cautiously. Then, just when he wanted to take a step forward, his face turned grave. He had noticed something shimmering in the space on his right. Immediately, a slender figure emerged from the distorted space.

The two faced each other. As their eyes locked, they were both startled for a moment. With shocked expressions on their faces, they both retreated a few steps.

"Mu Chen?!" The charming figure shouted in surprise, her elegant face painted with shock. It was apparent that seeing Mu Chen here had struck her like lightning.

"Oh, hello there, Miss Zhantai." Overcoming his initial surprise, Mu Chen quickly calmed down. He looked at Zhantai Liuli with a half-hearted smile.

When she saw the smile on Mu Chen's face, she forced a smile as well. Her eyes were shimmering, hiding the disbelief in her heart.

She clearly had not expected Mu Chen to emerge from the Spiritual Four Battle Array at the same time she did, arriving here after passing the test.

How could this Mu Chen could triumph over the Black Tortoise Battle Spirit, especially with only five rag-tag armies?

Thinking of this, Zhantai Liuli could not help but clench her fists and bite her lip.

"Oh, it seems like Miss Zhantai is surprised that I am here?" Looking at Zhantai Liuli, Mu Chen spoke with a faint smile.

Crossing his arms, he looked at Zhantai Liuli teasingly. Previously, Zhantai Liuli had obviously tricked everyone. If it weren't for Mu Chen's desperate attempt in forcibly amalgamating the powers of the five fighting spirits, he could not have possibly broken out from the array. If Zhantai Liuli was able to snatch the advantage, they would've given it to her for free!

"Lord Mu Chen is truly capable, as breaking through the Black Tortoise Battle Array is nothing short of a miracle!" Zhantai Liuli stepped two steps back, speaking with a forced smile.

Now, her Liuli Army had yet to arrive, and she had only recently attained the level of Grade Four Sovereign. To Mu Chen, who had defeated Fang Yi by his own strength, her power obviously did not pose any real threat.

Without her army, Zhantai Liuli did not have the means to oppose Mu Chen. She was not like Mu Chen, who not only had an astonishing talent in controlling fighting spirits, but who also possessed keen skills for spiritual energy cultivation.

"Miss Zhantai really does know how to take advantage of others," Mu Chen said with a faint smile.

Hearing this, Zhantai Liuli could only laugh bitterly. Finally, she stopped beating around the bush. "The Great Hunt is supposed to be full of deceit and competition. Moreover, we, the Divine Pavilion, are an enemy of the Daluo Territory!"

Zhantai Liuli's frankness surprised Mu Chen slightly. He squinted his eyes. "So that means that you have no qualms about what I am going to do to you?"

"We are enemies. Even if you kill me here, there is nothing strange in that," Zhantai Liuli said calmly.

"Oh, really?" Mu Chen's eyes focused into a cold gaze, an indistinct killing intent surging within them. Zhantai Liuli could be considered as a dangerous threat, at least once she regained control of the Liuli Army. In that case, Mu Chen, even with the strength of the five armies, would have great difficulty in dealing with her.

Zhantai Liuli's eyes dropped slightly. She spoke with a calm tone. "But, instead of your killing me, the inheritance of the Sky Array Emperor should be the thing that you want the most. I am more familiar with the situation here. Thus, if you are willing to team up with me, your chances of obtaining the inheritance may be higher."

"Cooperation? Now you want me to trust you? Moreover, if I kill you, wouldn't there be no one else for me to have to compete with for the inheritance?" Mu Chen jeered.

"Strange traps and occurrences abound within the Death Relics. Lord Mu Chen, as cautious as you are, you must not have thought it would be easy to obtain the inheritance of the Sky Array Emperor! Although we have broken through the array, who can say for sure that the real threat does not begin now?"

Zhantai Liuli smiled faintly, the confidence seeming to have returned to her eyes. She raised her elegant face, looked at Mu Chen, then said, "From what I know, Lord Mu Chen is a decisive person. If you really wanted to kill me, you would've done it long ago, instead of just blabbering on."

Mu Chen squinted his eyes, then stared at Zhantai Liuli faintly. He was struck with awe, as Zhantai Liuli's cool demeanor and sharp wit were totally out of his expectations. He was surprised because she was right about this strange land, which also caused him to become more cautious and uneasy.

Although he had broken through the battle array, he could still feel, for reasons unknown, that it wasn't the most dangerous thing within the Death Relics. Zhantai Liuli was more familiar with the area, and she also possessed significant strength. As such, seeing that she could be of help, he did not seek to destroy her immediately, when he first saw her.

"If you want to collaborate, give me something to assure me that I can trust you." The coldness in Mu Chen's eyes gradually diminished, but his eyes were still locked onto Zhantai Liuli's.

Zhantai Liuli bit her lip. Then, after a short hesitation, she said, "Your intuition is right. Merely overcoming the battle arrays will not grant us an easy path to the inheritance. From the info I have obtained, this may be the most dangerous place within the Death Relics."

Mu Chen's face turned grave. He frowned, then asked in a low voice, "What do you mean?"

"Not only was the Spiritual Four Army invaded by evil energy, but so was the Sky Array Emperor in the great war. So, the most dangerous one here would be the Sky Array Emperor!."

Zhantai Liuli's expression turned solemn, then she said, "Due to the evil energy within him, his body is still preserved. If I am right, he should be in the depths, waiting for our arrival."

"Do you mean that, after breaking through the battle array, we have entered a land of death?" Mu Chen let out a sneer.

If what Zhantai Liuli had said was true, the Sky Array Emperor had been invaded by evil energy and lost his sanity. Thus, he was not someone to be easily dealt with. Yet, Zhantai Liuli, knowing this, still chose to enter!

Had she lost her mind?!

"I chose to enter because there is an opportunity that I can take advantage of." Zhantai Liuli understood Mu Chen's suspicions, so she explained her reasonings calmly, "When the Sky Array Emperor was invaded by evil energy, he prepared a battle array to suppress himself and the evil spirit in him within the depths of the Death Relics. In this way, he prevented the evil spirit from wreaking havoc with his body. If we can reach the depths and activate that battle array, we could suppress the evil spirit. Then, when the Sky Array Emperor regains his remaining sanity, we could obtain his inheritance from his hands!"

Having listened to her words, Mu Chen could feel that Zhantai Liuli did not seem to be lying. In fact, he sensed that there was a degree of truth to her words.

Of course, Mu Chen naturally could still not completely trust her. After several encounters, Mu Chen already understood the fox-like cunning nature of Zhantai Liuli.

"How do we activate the battle array?" Mu Chen's eyes shone, directly asking her the most crucial question.

"I chanced upon an ancient scroll that was left behind by the Sky Array Emperor. The method of activation is recorded in the scroll. As such, I am the only one who can activate it." Zhantai Liuli spoke without a sliver of hesitation.

"You mean that I have no choice but to get your help, if I want to obtain the inheritance?" Mu Chen asked with a laugh.

"That is a fact."

Zhantai Liuli nodded, ignoring the mocking tone in Mu Chen's laughter. She then said, "Don't even think of asking me for the method. I will not hand it over, even if you kill me. The only win-win situation that is possible here, is if you choose to work together with me."

Mu Chen squinted his eyes to focus on Zhantai Liuli. She returned the stare, not backing down a single inch. After locking eyes for awhile, Mu Chen retracted his gaze, then fell silent for a moment.

Then he nodded, saying, "Let's do it as you suggested. But, let me say this, if I notice anything strange about you, I will immediately take your life! Do not think you are my match! With your limited capabilities, and your being without the Liuli Army, killing you is as easy as flipping my palm!"

At the end of his speech, a fierce killing intent could be heard in Mu Chen's voice. Zhantai Liuli felt the killing intent, but remained calm and unfrightened, only smiling elegantly. She then extended her small and fair hand, saying, "I hope that we can cooperate cordially."

Mu Chen smiled faintly, then shook her hand. At that moment, a collaboration was formed between them. But, to what extent their trusts reached in this collaboration, only the two of them know...

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Chapter 883: Sky Array Emperor

Silence permeated between the dark red sky and earth, and not a trace of life could be sensed. It was as if the land were dead, and the deathly silence seemed as if it had begun eons ago and continued to this day.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, there was a gust of wind rushing across the deathly silent world, and there were two streams of light in the distant sky. At last, they flew across the sky in the blink of an eye.

With the emergence of those two streams of light, the dead silence between the heavens and the earth was finally broken, and fluctuations emerged in the depressing atmosphere.

These two streams of light, naturally, were Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli, who had intruded into the place. The two had decided to form a temporary alliance.

After all, in this strange land, both of them were on guard and fearful. If they could work together, they were more likely to succeed.

However, there was not much conversation as they rushed in. Mu Chen did not take the initiative to chat, but instead remained behind Zhantai Liuli, allowing her to lead the way. Apparently, even though the two had chosen to cooperate, he was still cautious and did not trust Zhantai Liuli wholeheartedly.

The two of them hurried along in silence for about ten minutes or so. As Zhantai Liuli gradually slowed down, her beautiful face became more and more solemn.

Feeling her slow down, Mu Chen's eyes looked far into the distance, and then his expression was slightly shocked. In the distance, the originally dark red world was gradually darkening even more. The dark area looked as if it were a bottomless prison.

In the black hole-like space, a stone pedestal could be seen. On that stone pedestal, there seemed to be a vague figure. A strong sense of oppressive aura emanated from that figure and gradually filled the whole space.

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli stopped at the same time, not going in, but instead gazing into the dark area and at the vague figure on the stone pedestal.

"I have been waiting for thousands of years, and finally, the next generation has come...."

A hoarse and ancient voice came from the dark area. The darkness there was fluctuating slightly, and the blurry figure above the stone pedestal also raised his head slowly.

It was a sallow and weathered face, the traces of time apparent on his features. His eyes were hollow but they seemed to shine when he saw Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli.

"I am the Sky Array Emperor. Both of you could break through the Spiritual Four Battle Array I have left behind, so you must have potential for controlling fighting intent. My willpower is dissipating soon, but my inheritance will be left to those who are destined for it..." the blurry figure said in a hoarse voice. His strength seemed to be fading, and then he waved weakly and said, "Come forward, the both of you..."

When they heard this, Mu Chen's and Zhantai Liuli's gazes flickered, but surprisingly, neither of them moved. They just stared at the Sky Array Emperor.

Seeing how the two remained unmoving and did not show any overwhelming joy in receiving the inheritance, his stiff face seemed to pause, but he did not say anything more. He leaned slowly against the stone pedestal, and his body grew weaker and weaker, as if his thoughts were about to fade away.

However, Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli stayed rooted to their spots.

The figure was silent, and the world became silent again, a strange stiff atmosphere enveloped the area...

The dead silence dragged on for ten minutes... Twenty minutes...

Zhantai Liuli narrowed her eyes and frowned. She looked at Mu Chen, but the latter gently shook his head imperceptibly, so she could only endure the anxiety in her heart.

As time began to pass again, the figure on the stone pedestal, which had his eyes closed feebly, opened his hollow eyes violently. The evil light in his eyes instantaneously burst out, and an unsettling malice twisted his features as he glared at the two viciously. His sharp voice was full of fury, "You two little brats are patient indeed!"

Hearing his voice, Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli heaved a sigh of relief. The former smiled and said, "You were really boring, even playing this kind of trick."

"Pchh."

Upon hearing this, Zhantai Liuli couldn't help but to giggle softly. Her beautiful eyes glanced across at Mu Chen. The evil spirit who was capable enough to invade the Sky Array Emperor's body was akin to a mere child who was throwing tantrums, in Mu Chen's estimation.

The "Sky Array Emperor" glared at Mu Chen maliciously. His stiff, skull-like face twitched as he said chillingly, "Even ants are superior to a Fourth Grade Sovereign brat like you. How dare you act so presumptuously in front of me!"

Mu Chen remained calm and said, "If you had the ability to do so, you'd have gotten rid of me already, so why would you still waste time spouting nonsense with me?"

The "Sky Array Emperor" glared eerily at Mu Chen and then he sneered. "There's a cautious fellow here, but if you want to delay it, feel free to waste time. I've survived for thousands of years, why would I still care about time? If you want to obtain that guy's inheritance, I'm afraid you are delusional. You'll have to get rid of me first."

Mu Chen paid no attention to him, but looked at Zhantai Liuli and asked, "Where are the battle arrays left by the Sky Array Emperor that you mentioned?"

The "Sky Array Emperor" was apparently taken over by evil spirits, and although Mu Chen was not sure how much power he had left behind, he would never easily enter the dark area.

Thus, the only way to get rid of this fellow was to rely on the battle array left behind by the Sky Array Emperor.

Zhantai Liuli surveyed the environment but a moment later, she knitted her brows in a frown because she could not find even half a trace of a battle array.

"Was the battle array destroyed by him?" Zhantai Liuli frowned, but quickly dismissed the idea. If the battle array had been destroyed, the evil spirit would not have used such deception at all but would have directly obliterated them.

Zhantai Liuli's gaze flickered. A moment later, she suddenly looked at the dark area. With a wave of her hand, immediately spiritual energy conjured a gust of wind that swept across, only to see that beneath the dark area, a black gas was blown away...

With the black gas dispersing, the scene below was also clearly revealed to Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli. Immediately, the two's gazes were focused.

Beneath the dark area, there was an army of about 10,000 troops. However, the army seemed to have been transformed into statues. Their motionless bodies were covered with black patches but they emanated a murderous aura. Even after thousands of years, it still existed.

"What a strong army!" Zhantai Liuli praised gently.

"They are not stone statues." He noticed that although the army had a stone-like appearance, their expressions were not devoid of emotion.

"This army was probably the most powerful guard army under the Sky Array Emperor's command. After he was invaded by evil spirits, this guard army petrified themselves and transformed into stone statues, forming a battle array, trying to kill the evil spirits in the body."

Zhantai Liuli sighed. "We are lucky that this guard army was not in the previous battle of the Spiritual Four Battle Array, otherwise, even if the battle array had been weakened over the years, it would not be something we could break through."

Mu Chen nodded and looked carefully at the "Stone Army." His gaze suddenly flickered as he saw that there seemed to be tens of thousands of gray light rays shining from the crowns of the Stone Army. The gray light rays passed through the dark area and seemed to converge under the stone pedestal where the "Sky Array Emperor" was.

It seemed that it was because of the gray light that the "Sky Array Emperor" could not leave the dark area.

In that dark area, the "Sky Array Emperor" saw that Zhantai Liuli had discovered the hidden Stone Army. His stiff face twisted, and his evil-spirited eyes began to turn vicious.

"Just you two brats can also activate the battle array that guy left behind?!" The "Sky Array Emperor" sneered, his voice full of sarcasm. With Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's strength, if he were in his heyday, he would have obliterated them with one breath, thus he belittled them completely.

"Miss Zhantai, I'm afraid I'll have to depend on you from now on." Mu Chen looked at Zhantai Liuli and smiled.

Zhantai Liuli nodded gently, clenching her fists. A flash of light emerged, and a rough stone seal appeared in her hand. The stone seal was only palm sized, but its surface had strange patterns. Mu Chen was familiar with these patterns, as they were battle symbols...

Mu Chen also found that when Zhantai Liuli took out this stone seal, the dark area beneath the Stone Army seemed to have emitted a sound of vibration.

"Lord Mu, this stone seal can activate this Stone Army, but to activate this stone seal would require a considerable amount of spiritual energy, which I may not be able to do alone, so I hope Lord Mu can help in this, too." Zhantai Liuli smiled.

Mu Chen took a deep look at Zhantai Liuli. The woman was also cautious as she was apparently worried that she would not be able to compete with him after she had expended her spiritual energy, which was why she planned for them to do this together.

However, Mu Chen did not object to this, as the most important thing was to get rid of the "Sky Array Emperor," thus he nodded and held out his hand.

The stone seal was suspended between their palms, and in the next instant, immense power poured out of their palms, quickly merging and fusing with the ancient stone seal.

Buzz.

And as the two streams of spiritual energy poured in, the stone seal buzzed and vibrated, and the dim battle symbols gradually became brighter.

Moreover, when the stone seal became bright, the Stone Army beneath the dark area, whose eyes had been closed for thousands of years, awakened little by little!

Atop the stone pedestal, the "Sky Array Emperor's" expression twisted violently!

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Chapter 884: Trus

Buzz!

Beneath the darkness, thousands of stone statue troops, along with the glowing stone seal in the palms of Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli, opened their eyes. These eyes had been closed for thousands of years.

Boom!

At the moment they opened their eyes, it seemed as if the scarlet world was shaking, and an indescribably horrifying fighting intent rolled out like a tumultuous wave. It seemed to rage throughout the entire world.

The fighting intent was as sharp as a spear, It felt as if it could pierce the heavens and the earth. In fact, it was more intense than any army that had ever been seen before. According to Mu Chen's expectations, in the heyday of the army, there was no Sovereign below the Earthly Sovereign that could contend with them.

Together with the Sky Array Emperor's battle array, even if this army encountered a powerful character like the Earthly Sovereign, they might still have had a chance to fight them valiantly.

When compared to the 10,000 Stone Army soldiers, even a million of the Nine Nether Guards were no match for them. This fact just shows the significant gap between the two sides.

When the Stone Army was activated by Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli, the Sky Array Emperor's expression on the stone pedestal suddenly became distorted. His hollow eyes surged fiercely, and his gaze seemed like it could tear them apart.

"You two brats!"

The Sky Array Emperor growled, as he rose up suddenly from the stone pedestal. As he did this, darkness swept through his body and his figure burst out into a black light.

Clank!

However, just when the figure rushed out a hundred feet from the stone pedestal, the sound of iron chains clattered beneath him. His figure paused abruptly, as the powerful impact had made him stagger.

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli glanced towards him. There were four gray chains wrapped around the limbs of the Sky Array Emperor.

The chains were gray and black, and they were covered with battle symbols, which were originally dim. However, with the awakening of the Stone Army below, the battle symbols on the chains had gradually brightened.

As the battle symbols on the chains grew brighter and brighter, the chains pulled the Sky Array Emperor back to the stone pedestal, bit by bit. At the same time, lime fell off on the stone pedestal, unexpectedly exposing a dense pattern of complex battle symbols that also were starting to glow brighter.

"You darn thing! You've been dead for thousands of years, and you still want to trap me?" The Sky Array Emperor snarled, his face becoming particularly distorted. He screamed skyward, as a huge amount of black gas suddenly swept out of his body.

The black gas was extremely thick, like ink, and wherever it made contact, even the space surrounding it became corroded and cracked. The thick black gas permeated everything around it with a strong and evil aura.

In the face of the Sky Array Emperor's counter-attack, the dragging force of the battle symbol chains was also forcefully resisted. All the while, the sticky black gas spread to the chains, beginning to corrode away the battle symbols upon it.

As the battle symbols on the chains gradually corroded them, the Sky Array Emperor struggled, little by little, out of the darkness. All the while, he was staring at the two with hollow and ferocious eyes, apparently intending to crush them to pieces. Upon seeing the tenacity of this fellow, Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's expressions changed drastically.

"Lord Mu Chen, don't show any mercy. Do your best to activate the spiritual energy. Once we let the Sky Array Emperor break out of the battle array suppression zone, the battle array will no longer work!" Zhantai Liuli said urgently.

Mu Chen nodded gravely. Although he did not really trust Zhantai Liuli, he did understand that, if the Sky Array Emperor really broke out of the scope of suppression, neither of them had any chance of escaping.

Mu Chen swirled his palm, then dealt out a blow. Suddenly, his spiritual energy gushed out like a tidal current, pouring into the stone seal. Beside him, Zhantai Liuli, who no longer had any reservations, also poured her spiritual energy into the stone seal.

Buzz.

With the two working together with all their powers, the speed of vibration of the stone seal grew more and more rapid. The light that bloomed upon it also became increasingly dazzling and bright.

Roar!

When the stone seal transformed, it seemed that the army was also encouraged, as it emanated a deep and thunderous roar. The roar caused the world to tremble violently.

Boom! Crash!

The growing immensity of fighting intent surged from their bodies, causing tremors. The light that had originally been emitted from their bodies, was also rapidly expanding at this time. It eventually turned into ten thousand gray beams of light, which was a quite spectacular sight!

The beams of light then swept across the sky and eventually made it into the dark arena, where they then poured into the stone pedestal. At that moment, the four battle symbol iron chains that bound the Sky Array Emperor became even stronger and more secure.

Clang.

The chains shook, trembled, then slowly pulled the Sky Array Emperor toward the stone pedestal.

"You jerk!"

The Sky Array Emperor roared furiously. His eyes were blood-red, and he glared at the two of them, growling, "Today, I will reduce the both of you to ashes!"

Boom!

After the sound of a roar was heard, black liquid began dripping down his eyes. The liquid seemed to have a life on his own, as it writhed slowly on his face. Then, finally, he seemed to be transformed into an incredibly strange black rune.

The rune was eerie and wicked. It looked like a crying grimace, which, in conjunction with the twisted face of the Sky Array Emperor, made it look even more terrifying.

Clang!

With the emergence of the evil rune, the power of the Sky Array Emperor surged. He then forcefully trudged forward, stepping into the void and heading out into the dark. Upon seeing this, Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli grit their teeth, then continued to activate their spiritual energy.

Boom! Crash!

Overwhelmingly volatile fluctuations constantly spread throughout the space. Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli did not dare relax at all, using all their might. The Sky Array Emperor obviously did not want to give up this good opportunity to escape, as he knew that it may be his last chance!

The Sky Array Emperor activated his powers madly, attempting to counter the vast fighting intent that was now surging out of the Stone Army below. He glared at Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli, growling ferociously, "You are just two weak ants! I don't believe that your spiritual energy can persist for long!"

This was also shrewd of him, as he knew that the strength of Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli was limited. So, even if they had the power of the stone seal, the amount of spiritual energy it consumed was terrifying, which meant that Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli would not be able to persist for long.

Hearing his voice, Mu Chen's and Zhantai Liuli's hearts sank, because they were keenly aware of their own state. It was just as the Sky Array Emperor had said, they simply could not persist for long.

"If you two want to get that guy's inheritance, there is no need to die with me! As long as you let me out, I can swear that the inheritance will be surrendered! But, after all, this inheritance can only be obtained by one person. So, between the two of you, who wants it?" The Sky Array Emperor suddenly smiled, his harsh voice becoming gentler.

The gazes of Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli both flashed. Then, Mu Chen immediately laughed and said, "Why do you use such a clumsy method for trying to make us turn against each other? Faith is worth nothing to you evil spirits! So, if we release you, I am afraid that the first thing that you would do is try to destroy and mutilate us."

Zhantai Liuli also chuckled, then said, "Well said, Lord Mu Chen! I completely agree."

The Sky Array Emperor saw that he had failed in turning them against each other, but had instead only ironically caused the two to sing even more in unison. His face suddenly became extremely ferocious, as he looked at both of them with malice, without saying a word.

He then desperately triggered the thick black gas, corroding the battle symbol chains madly. The two sides, like playing a terrifying game of tug of war, fell into a stalemate.

Zhantai Liuli looked at the stalemate situation, clenching her teeth. Then she said, "Lord Mu Chen, this is not the way to continue. We must force the evil spirit back to that stone pedestal, so that we can then completely activate the battle array to wipe out the evil spirit. Then, we can awaken the remnants of the Sky Array Emperor's willpower, so that we can obtain the inheritance..."

"Do you have a plan?" Mu Chen was also frowning. He knew that it would be extremely detrimental to them, should this stalemate persist, but there seemed to be no other alternative!

Zhantai Liuli was silent for a moment, then immediately said, "I have a way to detonate and explode the power of the stone seal in a very short period of time. If someone can attack the evil spirit directly to distract it from the battle symbol chains, then we can work together to drag it back to the stone pedestal."

Mu Chen heard her words and frowned even deeper. He turned to Zhantai Liuli. According to her, someone had to confront the Sky Array Emperor head-on, which was undoubtedly a very dangerous thing to do, especially with their limited strengths.

After all, they might be completely obliterated by the Sky Array Emperor in such a direct confrontation.

Unless...This was a scene that Zhantai Liuli wanted to see happen?

Under the flickering gaze of Mu Chen, Zhantai Liuli raised her beautiful cheeks to look directly at him. There was not a trace of a guilty conscience in her eyes.

Zhantai Liuli calmly said, "I suggested this because of the circumstances, but if Lord Mu Chen thinks that Liuli is intending to harm you, then treat it like I didn't say anything."

Mu Chen watched Zhantai Liuli's water-like eyes for a long time. At last, he took a deep breath, then turned his eyes to the dark area and said faintly, "I believe you, but just this once."

Hearing the equally calm voice of Mu Chen, Zhantai Liuli shivered. Her eyes looked at Mu Chen. She had complex emotions in her heart, as she knew exactly how dangerous the his actions were. If she did something sneaky then, she would probably cause Mu Chen to fall into mortal peril. But, he still chose to trust in her.

Although she had gained the trust of Mu Chen and many people through some of her tactics before this, this decision still made Zhantai Liuli feel a little conflicted. The trust that she had gleaned in the past had come from her deception, but this time, Mu Chen, even after knowing all of the dangers involved, as well as her cunning nature, chose to believe in her.

Looking at Mu Chen's handsome and young face, Zhantai Liuli bit her red lips lightly, then finally nodded gently.

"Well then, please be careful, Lord Mu Chen."

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After reaching a resolution with Zhantai Liuli, Mu Chen didn't hesitate much, either. He just looked at her, but he didn't say anything more. Instead, he turned and flew out.

Where he charged towards was, of course, that dark area where the "Sky Array Emperor" was tugging at the battle symbol chains, trying to break out of them to escape the battle array.

When he saw that Mu Chen dared to approach that area, his eyes suddenly flashed with malice. He licked his lips, and his face was full of intense murderous aura.

"You little brat, you are courting death!"

The "Sky Array Emperor" laughed fiercely, and his palm lifted sharply so that the black gas, which had gathered around his body, suddenly burst out like a stream of smoke and directly enveloped Mu Chen.

Whoosh!

Mu Chen saw the "Sky Array Emperor" attacking. His eyebrows knitted in a frown, but he did not take any defensive posture. Shaking his back, a pair of huge purple and gold phoenix wings stretched out. The wings vibrated as he swiftly retreated.

With the aid of the phoenix wings transformed from the Symbol of the Real Phoenix, Mu Chen's speed had clearly reached an amazing level that was incomparable even to those who were at the peak of being a Fifth Grade Sovereign.

The wicked beacons of smoke, though fierce, could never catch up with Mu Chen. As it pursued him, the black gas gradually became thinner.

That's because the power contained in it was rapidly consumed.

Seeing this, Mu Chen's gaze flashed slightly. In this dark area, it seemed that the power of the "Sky Array Emperor" had been greatly suppressed, and these kinds of attacks surging out from his body would continuously weaken, likely due to being enveloped in the battle array.

It seemed that it was not impossible for him to weaken some of the "Sky Array Emperor's" power if he resorted to using the suppression of the battle array.

"So, you're a little brat who can only run away like a mouse!"

The "Sky Array Emperor" was surprised to see that Mu Chen was so fast, but immediately he smiled, held out his dry and pale fingers, and suddenly pointed them in the air. "Since you like to run so much, then I'll let you run all you want!"

Boom!

As the fingers pointed, the thick black air around him rolled wildly and eventually turned into five enormous Black Demonic Serpents about 100 feet long. The serpents were covered with scales, ferocious and grotesque, smelling of rot all over their bodies. Even the space was corroded with traces of distortion.

Hiss!

The moment these five Black Demonic Serpents appeared with a hiss, they had pierced through the void and then surrounded it, charging directly towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen's face changed at the sight of the five Black Demonic Serpents. Judging by the fatal and dangerous fluctuations he perceived from them, although the "Sky Array Emperor" had been suppressed by the battle array for thousands of years, and now he was not half as powerful as he had been in his prime, he was still a massive mountain that Mu Chen could not contend with. If it had not been for it using most of its strength to fight against the Stone Army, it would have been possible for it to destroy Mu Chen effortlessly.

Even so, it could still be fatal to Mu Chen when it began to unleash its real power.

Whoosh!

The pair of phoenix wings flapped violently behind Mu Chen's back and sped up to their extreme potential. His figure actually left afterimages in the air, and sharp sounds of something whistling through the air rang out piercingly.

He already knew that the power of the "Sky Array Emperor" would be constantly suppressed and depleted as long as it was within the battle array, so he would only have to keep circling. The violent

offensive attacks would naturally be constantly weakened, and when they weakened to the point that Mu Chen could deal with them, he would be able to crush them.

Mu Chen's battle strategy was correct, but he somewhat underestimated the severity of the offensive attacks. The five Black Demonic Serpents were so unexpectedly swift that they seemed to be able to penetrate the void. They came from all directions in short bursts and tried to kill him.

Boom!

The space to the right of Mu Chen shattered first, and a Black Demonic Serpent shot out with a sharp Demonic Spear from its tail. The snake snapped out in front of Mu Chen and shot down towards his heart.

Mu Chen's silhouette rushed to a sudden standstill, and immediately his mind moved. Golden light burst out of his body, the Dragon-Phoenix Golden Armor emerged in a flash, and an indestructible wave spread out.

Mu Chen's arms folded in front of him, and golden light permeated like a golden shield, allowing the serpent's tail to shoot towards it fiercely.

Clang!

Both parties clashed harshly, and immediately sparks sputtered. The sound of gold and iron clashing violently reverberated, and the contact point in the space fluctuated with ripples visible even to the naked eye.

Whoosh!

Mu Chen's figure flew back hundreds of feet. At his arms, which were protected by the golden armor, there was a dent, and the tingling feeling of pain spread through his arms, which secretly alarmed him. This was the power of only one Black Demonic Serpent's tail, and it was powerful to that extent.

However, with the help of the momentum from flying backwards, Mu Chen had also withdrawn from the attack span of the Black Demonic Serpent, but he did not even have time to heave a sigh of relief. He saw that the space behind him was fragmented, and that another Black Demonic Serpent was coming fiercely and aggressively.

This speed was so fast, that even if Mu Chen had the phoenix wings to maximize his speed, he still could not escape.

Almost there!

Mu Chen's eyes flashed rapidly, and he could feel that, after delaying, the power above the Black Demonic Serpent was no longer as terrible as it had been at first, but he did not have much time to escape now.

Boom!

At this point, Mu Chen did not hesitate. With a movement of the mind, the majestic spiritual energy erupted from his body like a storm. The light spread, and a huge silhouette emerged.

Behind the silhouette, a golden sun hung in the air, and the figure was like a Buddha. The wave of strong spiritual energy was pervasive.

It was the Great Solar Undying Body.

"Power of Three Suns!"

Mu Chen conjured seals with both hands, and within the Great Solar Undying Body, three golden suns rose slowly and finally burst open. Golden light like liquid gold flowed freely, causing the Great Solar Undying Body to shine brilliantly.

Rumble!

The Great Solar Undying Body dealt a blow with its huge palms, and the golden light condensed into golden crystals on its arms. The power of that blow was enough to shatter mountains.

Boom!

The huge palm, covered with a golden layer of crystal, ended up clashing violently with the Black Demonic Serpent. The impact of the crash caused a shock to the space, and the violent impact caused fluctuations to spread wildly.

The Great Solar Undying Body flew back harshly as the entire palm was blown to pieces and dissipated into light spots.

However, although the Great Solar Undying Body paid the price of one palm, that Black Demonic Serpent also shattered into black spots of light.

Within the Great Solar Undying Body, Mu Chen wiped away a trace of blood from the corners of his mouth, and his face became extremely grave. In the previous blow, he had triggered the Great Solar Undying Body's strongest force, but even so, the palm had been shattered and even his own body was affected. After paying such a price, he had only gotten rid of one Black Demonic Serpent.

Now, four other Black Demonic Serpents were coming into the space, encircling him and driving him to despair.

Once the "Sky Array Emperor" really started to get serious, and Mu Chen was forced into a corner, the disparity in ability between both parties could clearly be seen.

Rumble.

Mu Chen's expression turned solemn. The surrounding space had violent turbulence as the four Black Demonic Serpents slithered across. Their raging momentum was incredibly ferocious.

"The more you fight, the weaker you will be, and I do not believe that you will kill me here!"

Danger was approaching, but Mu Chen was not afraid. Instead, there was a ferocious glint in his eyes. The next moment, the Great Solar Undying Body clenched its other fist, and the Great Meru Demonic Pillar bearing an ominous demonic force spirit flashed out, and the three golden suns within the body shined increasingly brighter. Apparently, Mu Chen had triggered his strength to its maximum.

Boom!

The Great Solar Undying Body stepped out with its huge foot as the Great Meru Demonic Pillar rushed out, emanating a demonic force and directly enshrouding a Black Demonic Serpent.

A ruthless battle suddenly erupted within the arena.

Every time Mu Chen made contact with the Black Demonic Serpent, huge cracks appeared on the Great Solar Undying Body, and even Mu Chen's own body was impacted as more blood at the corners of his mouth gradually trickled down.

However, just as Mu Chen was in a terrible mess, the four Black Demonic Serpents also paid a heavy price. When the Great Meru Demonic Pillar smashed harshly, the thick black gas around them was constantly dispersed and dissipated.

Crash!

The last Black Demonic Serpent could no longer endure when the Great Meru Demonic Pillar roared down again with its mighty power. It broke apart in a hiss, but at the critical moment before it shattered completely, the snake's tail collided hard on the Great Solar Undying Body's chest.

Boom!

The Great Solar Undying Body, which was already full of cracks, was unable to withstand the attack and burst into pieces. With the explosion, Mu Chen's figure flew back violently.

Spurt.

A mouthful of blood spurted out from Mu Chen's mouth. His face was a little pale, and he was thrown back 1,000 feet before he forcibly stabilized himself.

Deeper in the darkness, when the five Black Demonic Serpents were shattered to pieces, the "Sky Array Emperor," who was battling with the battle symbol chains, was aware, and immediately the eerie eyes were once again looking at Mu Chen.

Originally, he thought the previous attack was enough to get rid of Mu Chen, but how could he have expected that this mere ant of a Fourth Grade Sovereign could have resisted his attack?

This attack was powerful enough to obliterate even Fifth Grade Sovereigns.

"You have piqued my interest!"

The "Sky Array Emperor" grinned maliciously at Mu Chen, and the ghost face rune on his withered face seemed to begin to squirm. Seeing his smile, Mu Chen's face suddenly changed, for he felt a terrible, dangerous wave.

Boom!

The ghost-face rune on the face of the "Sky Array Emperor" suddenly split and opened. Half of the rune directly transformed into a black beam of light, shooting out and surging towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen saw this and without any hesitation, he sped up to his maximum limit and retreated swiftly. At the same time, his face was slightly steely. Why hasn't Zhantai Liuli dealt her blow yet?

Did she really want to kill him through the hands of another? If that was the case, then even if he had to pay a heavy price, he would have to kill her here!

However, just as Mu Chen was withdrawing hastily, outside the battle array, Zhantai Liuli's gaze flickered slightly. She hesitated for a moment and finally sighed softly, and immediately her expression became solemn.

She bit her finger, and a trace of red blood dripped down on the stone seal. Her hands conjured up seals with a lightning speed as she exclaimed, "Erupt!"

Boom!

With her exclamation, the ancient stone seal in her palm burst and exploded!

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Chapter 886: The True Sky Array Emperor

Boom!

Right where the ancient stone seal in Zhantai Liuli's hands had just burst into pieces, there was suddenly an overwhelming light that surged out. The brilliant light made the dark, red world look instantly bright.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

In the dazzling light, the sound of something whistling through the wind suddenly was heard. The sound was coming from countless beams of light that were flying forth, each of which seemed to have ancient battle runes wrapped within.

The battle runes soared up into the sky, then rushed directly into the dark area. Once there, they merged with the gray beams of light that had burst out of the crowns of the Stone Army.

Buzz!

After being combined, the beams of light swelled almost instantaneously at an astonishing rate. Then, the violent fighting intent erupted like a volcano!

The intense light then rushed into the sky, driving out the darkness of the dark area. Eventually, it even overwhelmed the stone pedestal that was covered with battle runes.

The ancient stone pedestal trembled violently. The battle runes upon it glowed brightly as well, making it seem as if it had awakened all of its powers.

Clang!

The four battle rune chains, which shot forth from the stone pedestal, rose sharply at this time. The battle runes on the chains shone brightly, and there was a surge of overwhelming fighting intent that was starting to spread.

All these changes happened in a very short time. The Sky Array Emperor had just dealt a brutal blow towards Mu Chen, and in the next moment, he saw something massive, coming at him from below. Immediately, its distorted face burst into a look of horror.

"No!"

It let out a sharp screech, and the half-ghostly black rune on its face squirmed rapidly. As it did so, a thick, corrosive black gas gushed forth, signaling its attempt to resist the fighting intent above the battle rune chains.

Boom!

However, by this time, the battle array in this area had obviously been triggered by Zhantai Liuli, as its strength was unparalleled. That fact, coupled with his previous attempt to kill Mu Chen, revealed that he had split his Ghostly Rune, resulting in its own strength being scattered.

Hence, its resistance was futile at this time! As such, the four battle rune chains were tied its limbs securely, leaving no room for escape. Then, with a loud and brutal gesture, they dragged it back to the stone pedestal that was full of battle runes.

Roar!

The Sky Array Emperor roared wildly, its eyes turning scarlet red. It apparently perceived a deadly danger, knowing that, if it was pulled back to the stone pedestal, it would be obliterated by the battle array.

Its power was far from what it had been at its peak. As such, it was dragged down in humiliation, finally forced to sit on the ancient stone pedestal.

"I'm gonna kill y'all!"

In the moment before it was pulled back to the stone pedestal, the grotesque and crazy gaze of the Sky Array Emperor suddenly locked onto Mu Chen. It then roared. Suddenly, the half-ghostly rune that was charging towards Mu Chen accelerated. Obviously, it was planning to drag them down with it.

Upon seeing this scene, Mu Chen's expression twisted. He then retreated rapidly. The Phoenix wings, which were behind him, shook rapidly, and the spiritual energy in his body surged wildly.

He could feel how terrible the Sky Array Emperor's power was. If he was hit, even though he was physically strong, it would be fatal.

Boom! Crash!

The dark stream of light charged forth with immense power. Its speed was even faster than lightning! In a few short moments, the light appeared in front of Mu Chen.

Mu Chen looked at the approaching glow, then grit his teeth severely. He knew that it was impossible to avoid it.

As soon as the golden light surged in his body, the Dragon-Phoenix Golden Armor re-emerged in a flash. At his chest, the golden dragon symbol swam, and the mighty spiritual energy gathered around him.

He had obviously activated all of his current means in order to counter the blow. Although he knew that putting up a hard resistance was a terrible method, he had no other choice now, as the deceptively weak glow was now right in front of him!

However, just as Mu Chen readied his defense to withstand the terrifying attack, there was a sudden screech that emanated from the stone pedestal. He could see that the Sky Array Emperor was bound to the stone pedestal, and that numerous bright lines of battle runes on the pedestal began to creep up, eventually pouring into it, like swarms of insects, densely covering its body.

The thick black gas around the Sky Array Emperor disappeared rapidly, and the ghost-face rune on its face emitted a mournful scream. The black gas then dissipated, becoming thinner.

The dense lines of battle runes eventually completely covered the body of the Sky Array Emperor. At that moment, the shrill scream finally stopped.

The ghost-face rune on its face was also melted away by the fury of battle runes. Just as the ghost-face rune melted, the glow of the other half of the ghost-face rune, which was about to hit Mu Chen, emitted a shrill screech. At last, with a bang, it shattered apart in the sky, then turned into a black spot of light.

At the sight of this scene, the heavily armed Mu Chen was stunned. He then heaved a sigh of relief, as a cold sweat dripped down his back.

He had not been absolutely certain that he would be able to counter the attack, he was just trying his luck. However, since he need not face such perilous danger now, he was naturally glad to have been saved the trouble!

Mu Chen wiped away the cold sweat from his forehead, then withdrew his defenses. At this time, the sound of something whistling through the air rang out, just as Zhantai Liuli was approaching in her wheelchair. Zhantai Liuli was rather pale, as she had expended much of her power previously.

"Thank you." Mu Chen looked at Zhantai Liuli and smiled. His tone was much gentler than before. It was clear that Zhantai Liuli had done nothing to harm him, which had helped her gain to his trust. At the very least, he was no longer as wary of her as he had been from the start.

Zhantai Liuli smiled softly, pursed her mouth, then said, "It's rare that someone would dare to trust me with his life, especially after knowing I cheat! In that case, I couldn't let you down, could I?"

Mu Chen smiled, then said, "It was a good collaboration."

He didn't mind that Zhantai Liuli had played them before, because if it had been him, he might have done the same thing. After all, in the eyes of Zhantai Liuli back then, maybe they were just free labor.

However, circumstances were different now. The two sides were in the same boat, which was why this could be regarded as a genuine cooperation. Zhantai Liuli did not squander the trust of Mu Chen, which gave Mu Chen good feelings towards her.

Zhantai Liuli nodded gently, as she cast her beautiful eyes towards the stone pedestal. Their gazes met, then both of them carefully swept out, landing 100 feet away from the pedestal.

The two stopped there, not recklessly approaching, as it was unclear whether the evil spirit inside the Sky Array Emperor had been completely erased yet. If they approached carelessly, they might be obliterated, meaning that their efforts would have all been for naught.

The two looked cautiously at the ancient stone pedestal. Above the stone pedestal, the Sky Array Emperor's body was covered with bright lines of battle runes. They realized that the lines were beginning to slowly fade. After a bit, they finally disappeared completely!

As the lines of battle runes dissipated, the two immediately tensed their bodies. Their bodies were surging with spiritual energy in order to prepare for any sudden or unexpected occurrences.

Under their watchful gazes, the battle runes on the body of the Sky Array Emperor disappeared completely. Then, his face appeared again. This time, however, the cruel and ferocious brutality on his face had vanished completely, having been replaced by only peace. As such, his face, although still a little pale, no longer seemed eerie.

He sat quietly on the stone pedestal. Suddenly, his closed eyes seemed to tremble slightly. Then, his eyes opened slowly. There was now light in his previously empty eyes, and vicissitude and wisdom appeared in his gaze. He twisted his neck stiffly. He looked down at his palm, then at the dark area, and then at the stone army, before finally sighing.

"Thousands of years later, and that evil spirit is finally killed..." His voice seemed hoarse, and was less harsh than before.

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli glanced at each other, but remained silent, not wanting to alarm him. The figure on the stone pedestal also raised his head at this time, looking towards the pair. Seeing his gaze, they tensed, keeping guarded postures.

"Did you activate the battle array, kill the evil spirit, and awaken my lingering willpower?" The figure smiled gently, then asked.

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli looked at each other, then nodded together.

"May I ask if Master is..." Mu Chen hesitated, then asked cautiously.

The figure laughed, then lifted his palm and pressed it lightly. Suddenly, the tremendous fighting intent swept up from beneath it, before quieting down, then finally pouring back into the Stone Army.

Seeing what he did, Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's were suddenly filled with relief. After all, who else could control this Stone Army's fighting intent so effortlessly, besides the true Sky Array Emperor?!

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Chapter 887: Technique of Mind Power

Between the dark red sky and the earth, the light surged, driving away much of darkness in the area, and on the ancient stone pedestal, the Sky Array Emperor waved slightly to suppress the horrifying fighting intent of the Stone Army beneath. Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli were shocked to see his means but were immediately relieved. If he could easily control the Stone Army's fighting intent, then the present identity of this figure had been revealed without a doubt.

After the Sky Array Emperor revealed his identity, his gaze was filled with wisdom and reflected the vicissitudes of the situation. That gaze swept around the space, and while the scene here was the same as before, he was aware that today's vast Great Thousand World was bound to witness a sea of change and the change of seasons as the stars changed their alignment.

The Sky Array Emperor's gaze eventually rested on the Stone Army below, and his face was painted with a touch of sadness. In order to help him suppress the evil spirit in his body, the Stone Army actively triggered their spiritual energy and petrified their bodies, transforming into stone statues, and were permanently suppressed here.

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli looked at each other and dared not disturb the mournful and pensive Sky Array Emperor. They also knew that the latter was only a vestigial spirit. If they annoyed him, it would dissipate directly, and their efforts to break in would be for naught.

Fortunately, the Sky Array Emperor did not fall into that state for a long time. A moment later, he looked up and smiled at the two and said, "I was surprised that with your young age, you two could break into this place and kill the evil spirit."

"I was lucky to obtain a battle seal left by you, Master, thus I could activate the battle array you left behind. Otherwise, with both of our abilities, we would have been defeated by that evil spirit." Zhantai Liuli stretched out her fair hand, and on her palm, there was also a shattered stone seal, which was the remnant of the stone she had previously exploded.

As soon as the Sky Array Emperor raised his hand, the piece of stone in Zhantai Liuli's hand flew into his palm. He glanced at it and immediately laughed and said, "It is the Stone Battle Seal left by me in those days. You do have some affinity with me, lass."

A look of pleasant surprise flitted through Zhantai Liuli's eyes, and she looked at Mu Chen. "Master, if he had not risked his life to stop the evil spirits, we might not have awakened you."

When Mu Chen heard Zhantai Liuli speak for him, he was stunned. Then, he nodded in acknowledgment and thanks. The latter did not snatch the glory all for herself, and her actions caused Mu Chen to feel more affection for her. Comparing Zhantai Liuli to Xiao Tian, it was obvious that her character was much better, and she was someone he could befriend.

The Sky Array Emperor also laughed before stating meaningfully, "Though I was in deep sleep, I knew what happened previously. If you had claimed all the glory for yourself, I would not have acknowledged you."

In his laughter, there was a significant sense of appreciation. Apparently, Zhantai Liuli's unintentional act had earned her many points in the Sky Array Emperor's heart.

Zhantai Liuli looked at Mu Chen and patted her ample chest secretly. Her joyful expression made Mu Chen smile. After taking away her calm commanding position in battle, Zhantai Liuli was obviously only a young girl who was just slightly older than he was.

"I am a dead man, and it is affinity and destiny that you come here at this time. Although the teachings of a war troop dispatcher have always been passed down one to one according to the rules, I am dissipating soon, so these rules are no longer applicable," The Sky Array Emperor stated slowly.

Upon hearing this, glee bloomed in Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's hearts. It was no wonder that the information about the war troop dispatcher was so scarce, as it was passed down one to one.

"Both of you have a good talent regarding fighting intent, both are good seedlings and qualified to be a war troop dispatcher." The Sky Array Emperor opened his mouth again, but what he said made joy flit

across both of their faces. They had taken great pains to venture into the Death Relics, and wasn't it all they wanted, to obtain information about the war troop dispatcher?

"The war troop dispatchers were born out of the Spiritual Array Masters, but they are of different origins. They have their own merits. The Spiritual Array Masters trigger the power of heaven and earth by battle arrays, while the war troop dispatchers pay attention to the strength of manpower to overcome heaven and earth..." The wise voice of the Sky Array Emperor slowly spread in this dark area while Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli listened attentively. They dared not lose focus, for this information about the war troop dispatcher was rather rare.

"However, the barrier to entry to become a war troop dispatcher is extremely high and harsh. If ordinary Sovereigns have a strong mind power, they are able to command an army's fighting intent, but they are ultimately limited, and it would be difficult for them to surpass controlling 10,000 troops."

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli both nodded quietly, as quite a few people, such as the various military commanders, were able to command fighting intent, but their control of the fighting intent was extremely limited. Once the fighting intent's strength reached a certain point, it could no longer be controlled with mind power. If one did it by force, the fighting intent would devour them.

"The reason is not difficult to guess, but it depends on the strength of the mind power."

The Sky Array Emperor said calmly, "This strength of mind power is quite different from spiritual power. It is even invisible and intangible, vague and difficult for ordinary people to grasp. Generally speaking, the strength and weakness of thoughts are innate, but even the strong-minded people cannot control the minds of millions of soldiers."

Zhantai Liuli could not help but to ask, "Why can the war troop dispatchers control millions, even tens of millions of huge armies?"

The Sky Array Emperor smiled. "That's because war troop dispatchers can cultivate their mind power."

Cultivate mind power?!

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's eyes narrowed at the same time, with an unbelievable look pouring out of their faces at the idea of this mysterious and vague concept that mind power could be cultivated.

They had never heard of such a thing before!

"Master, this... How can mind power be cultivated?" Zhantai Liuli asked incredulously. The idea of mind power was so intangible, it was impossible for ordinary Sovereigns to grasp it, let alone cultivate it.

"Millions of objects and concepts in the heaven and earth can be cultivated. Why can't mind power be cultivated?" The Sky Array Emperor questioned back.

Zhantai Liuli and Mu Chen looked at each other. They were speechless and could only laugh sheepishly. The Sky Array Emperor before them was a master, and his words were clearly authoritative, so no matter how incredulous they felt, they could only accept reality.

The Sky Array Emperor continued, "This Technique of Mind Power is the most precious thing for every war troop dispatcher. Even in ancient times, the technique was extremely rare, and if one was not a successor of the line, it would not be easily taught."

Mu Chen was silent. With how exclusive it was, it was no wonder that the inheritance of the war troop dispatcher became so rare after the catastrophe of ancient times. Guarding it behind closed doors, no matter what, it would be difficult to foster and enhance it in the end.

"The reason for the scarcity of war troop dispatchers is because cultivating the Technique of Mind Power is extremely dangerous. If the cultivation fails, the mind will descend into chaos, and will be severely damaged. It's hard to recover, so if we can't find the most suitable successor, the war troop dispatcher will not easily teach the Technique of Mind Power. Otherwise, if whoever we pass it on to dies, who could bear it?" The Sky Array Emperor also sighed, grieving over the hardship of the war troop dispatcher's inheritance.

Even for many of the top powers, mind power was an unfamiliar concept due to its intangible nature, and most of their mind power was in the primitive stage, so if they were traumatized and lost their sanity due to cultivating it, it would be a heavy price to pay.

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's expressions were solemn, and they were clearly overwhelmed by the danger of this technique. After all, if they cultivated a Divine Art, failing would not result in dire consequences. However, with the Technique of Mind Power, if they succeeded that would be great, but if they failed, they would become mentally retarded...

Ordinary people really would not dare to cultivate this technique.

However, although Mu Chen's heart palpitated, he was also amazed. This vast Great Thousand World was mysterious and unpredictable. Although spiritual cultivation was the fundamental way, there were many extraordinary people who had opened up other roads, and if these roads had reached maximum potential, they were not necessarily weaker than the potential of the spiritual way but were just focused on different things.

"Now that I have told you the danger of cultivating this technique, do you still intend to continue?" Sky Array Emperor smiled faintly.

Zhantai Liuli clenched her fists tightly and immediately nodded firmly. Her spiritual talent was not outstanding, so even if she had been practicing hard all her life, it would be difficult to become a great master. Thus, if she wanted to be truly strong and have the power to protect her clan, she had to take the road of becoming a war troop dispatcher.

Mu Chen was silent but nodded without hesitation. He had carried many things on his shoulders. In the future, he would not only go to the Luo God Clan, but also to the mysterious clan to search for his mother. Those places needed great strength, so he needed all the means possible to enhance his strength.

"Courageous indeed."

The Sky Array Emperor smiled, apparently satisfied with their courage, and immediately said, "In that case, let's test whether you are compatible with cultivating my Technique of Mind Power."

As soon as he finished speaking, he waved his hand, and five crystal spheres of light appeared, rising slowly from his palm. The five crystal spheres had different colors, but they were all emitting a mysterious light.

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's eyes were attracted to the spheres without blinking. These crystal spheres could not be obtained even at the cost of millions of drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid.

"Of these five crystal balls, only one contains the complete Technique of Mind Power I left behind, while the other four are those I unintentionally obtained but are mostly incomplete. Both of you trigger your mind power and approach them. If there is a degree of mutual compatibility, then the crystal sphere will glow..."

The Sky Array Emperor looked at them, smiled softly, and said, "And what you will eventually get depends on your fate..."

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Chapter 888: Nine Calamity Thunder Prison Visualization

Five crystal balls were suspended in front of Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli, and a faint mysterious light emanated from them. The light was not very strong, but it was immensely dazzling. The pair were very clear about the amazing value of these five crystal balls!

For these artifacts, even the top forces in the North Territory would scramble and fight to the death! Although it was not easy to train a war troop dispatcher, with these items, it would be much easier. Moreover, if they really succeeded in doing so, the gain would be tremendous!

Mu Chen stared closely at the five crystal balls, licked his lips, then looked at Zhantai Liuli. He saw that she also could barely conceal her excitement.

"Approach them with your mind power," the Sky Array Emperor smiled and said. "The method of cultivating mind power cannot be done forcibly. If the degree of compatibility is not high, even if you attain the technique of cultivating mind power, you would not be successful. Moreover, you might even end up dealing damage to your mind power. So, if you are not destined, you could only return from the trip empty-handed."

Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli's hearts jumped. They thought secretly to themselves that the conditions for becoming a war troop dispatcher were indeed harsh, and cultivating the Technique of Mind Power was extremely dangerous! Moreover, the technique even required a degree of compatibility.

However, it was apparent that the two of them had little say in the matter, so they could only take a deep breath at once, before they gradually closed their eyes and calmed their minds. As they did so, a gush of invisible mind power surged into the space.

Their sights darkened, the mind power surged. Mu Chen sensed the five lights that had appeared before him. The colors were different, but all of them emitted a mysterious glow. Within these five clusters of light, the brightest spot was right in the center.

Clearly, that crystal ball was the Technique of Mind Power that was left behind by the Sky Array Emperor, which was the most complete. The light of the other four crystal balls was dimmer and hence, was not comparable to the one in the middle.

However, this was not surprising to Mu Chen. After all, the other four crystal spheres that contained the Technique of Mind Power, according to the emperor's words, were also accidental acquisitions, not his exclusive possessions.

Mu Chen's mind power paused for a long time, floating just outside the five crystal spheres. It then went straight to the crystal sphere in the middle. Mu Chen's mind power skimmed over the area, then quickly approached the crystal ball, slowly wrapping it up.

Once Mu Chen's mind power was entangled with it, the crystal ball remained motionless. It then began to glow a little brighter, which was clearly enough! Thus, Mu Chen's attempt to obtain the complete Technique of Mind Power from the Sky Array Emperor was an utter failure.

This situation felt as if a basin of cold water had fallen down on Mu Chen's head, leaving his heart utterly frozen. The feeling that there was no degree of compatibility was beyond frustrating.

Although he was frustrated, Mu Chen was not a person who could not easily let go or admit defeat. He smiled bitterly, allowing his mind power to retreat. Since discovering that the complete Technique of Mind Power did not suit him, his only other option was to try another one.

After Mu Chen's mind power had retreated, he could sense another hesitant stream of mind power approaching. This mind power obviously belonged to Zhantai Liuli, as she was also aware of the importance of this crystal ball.

Mu Chen's mind power sensed Zhantai Liuli's. As he looked at her mind power, it approached tentatively, then entangled itself with the somewhat cold crystal ball...

Buzz!

Just as Zhantai Liuli's mind power was entangled with that crystal ball, Mu Chen suddenly saw a strong burst of light. Then, the crystal ball, which remained motionless when entangled with Mu Chen's mind power, now shone brilliantly, as if it had become a small sun. Its light was dazzling.

Mu Chen stared at this scene, speechless. Although he was an open-minded person, he couldn't help but feel annoyed, as this darn crystal ball did not react to him at all, but was so enthusiastic towards Zhantai Liuli! He had to wonder if it valued women more than men...

When the crystal ball burst out with a strong light, Zhantai Liuli was incredibly excited. In fact, she could not keep calm at all. She opened her eyes gleefully, looking at the glimmering crystal ball before her.

"I... Did I succeed?" Zhantai Liuli murmured, her eyes turning a little red.

Hers was an expression of extreme excitement. Her spiritual talent was not high, and if she had not been using the enormous resources of the Divine Pavilion for years, she would not have been able to attain even the rank of Fourth Grade Sovereign. Thus, she knew that, if she wanted to be truly powerful, since the road of spiritual cultivation did not suit her, the only option for her was becoming a war troop dispatcher!

She couldn't imagine how desperate she would be, should this last road be blocked. The Divine Pavilion destroyed her family, then brought her back forcefully to the Divine Pavilion, all because of her talent for fighting intent.

If she could not become a war troop dispatcher, then perhaps the Divine Pavilion would not value her anymore. Should that happen, her and her family would be in grave danger. Fortunately, the heavens were merciful, and her last road finally opened to her.

Mu Chen also opened his eyes at this time. He looked at the excited Zhantai Liuli, whose eyes had turned red. This slightly startled him. He immediately remained silent, as it seemed that there were also some unknown stories about her background. She clearly needed this Technique of Mind Power more than him!

At this point, the slightest regret in Mu Chen's heart also disappeared. Although being a war troop dispatcher was good, for Mu Chen, it was not the only way to live.

Thus, even if he really could not become a war troop dispatcher, he would not feel despondent. Moreover, even if the Sky Array Emperor's Technique of Mind Power was not suitable for him, that did not mean that other techniques were not suitable for him. After all, this Great Thousand World was endlessly vast, and although the Techniques of cultivating Mind Power were quite rare, they were not limited to only those belonging to the Sky Array Emperor.

"It seems like you truly have an affinity for me." The Sky Array Emperor smiled. As he glanced at Zhantai Liuli, his expression became more gentle.

"Thank you so much, Master!" Zhantai Liuli exclaimed, her eyes still red.

With a wave of his palm, the crystal ball swept out. Then, in a flash of light, it rushed into Zhantai Liuli's forehead, only to disappear quickly.

When the crystal ball was fully integrated into Zhantai Liuli's head, the latter's delicate body was also slightly shaken. Her beautiful eyes slightly narrowed, as she had apparently just become aware of some additional things that appeared in her mind.

"I have sealed it in your mind, so you can look it up at any time. There are many experiences that I have learned from my own practice, which you can now also learn from. I can't guide you anymore, so you need to go on your own way from now on," the Sky Array Emperor said gently.

Zhantai Liuli bowed respectfully. "Thank you so much, Teacher."

She was smart enough to change how she addressed the Sky Array Emperor. To some extent, she was the successor of the latter, as she had obtained his inheritance.

"Haha." When he heard how she addressed him, the Sky Array Emperor could not help but laugh. "Well, I didn't expect to be able to get a good successor on my deathbed! I truly hope that my legacy can be carried forward by your hands."

Zhantai Liuli nodded her head meekly, then immediately looked at Mu Chen with a bit of embarrassment and awkwardness, because the latter was still empty-handed.

The Sky Array Emperor also looked at Mu Chen. "There are four crystal balls left," he said. "You may try to see if you are fated with them. They were what I obtained in the ancient times, so don't think that they are shoddy items I randomly picked up! The hidden techniques in them have high reputations. In fact, were they not incomplete, their value would be far more than the Technique of Mind Power that I left behind."

As soon as Mu Chen heard this, he looked at the remaining four crystal balls with astonishment. He thought that they were just mediocre artifacts, never imagining that they had such origins!

"Slightly flawed and incomplete, is it..."

Mu Chen's gaze flickered, then he laughed. Throughout the years, there were many incomplete things that he had obtained, including the Great Solar Undying Body, which he had cultivated. As such, he felt more affinity with incomplete objects.

"Then, I'll try again." Mu Chen closed his eyes again, his mind power sweeping out, then twining itself around the four crystal balls that floated forward.

Zhantai Liuli and the Sky Array Emperor were both looking at Mu Chen. They could feel the latter's thoughts as they wrapped around the other four crystal balls.

They watched and waited quietly. Their silence lasted less than a minute, before their gazes suddenly became solemn. They suddenly saw, at the far left of the four crystal balls, there was a crystal ball that burst into a dazzling light.

The light of that crystal ball showed a dark color, but in that black light, it was as if there was lightning flashing, and a faint thunderous roar reverberated within it as well. When the Sky Array Emperor saw that Mu Chen had such a high degree of compatibility with the crystal ball, his eyes flashed, revealing a touch of amazement.

Mu Chen opened his eyes at this moment, then stared at the glowing crystal ball with some amazement. With a wave of his palm, the crystal ball came and fell slowly into his hands.

Mu Chen hesitated slightly, then took hold of the crystal ball, as its light penetrated into his body. His body shook violently, as if something had entered into it, along with the rumble of thunder and lightning.

The thunder echoed. Within that roar of thunder, there was an ancient script, like a thunderbolt, that surfaced in Mu Chen's mind.

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Chapter 889: Nine Calamity Battle Emperor

"Nine Calamity Thunder Prison Visualization..."

Mu Chen's eyes slowly opened, and the thunder in his mind seemed not to have completely disappeared. Then, the ancient thunder script was imprinted on his mind like a brand.

Although he did not take a closer look at the so-called, "Nine Calamity Thunder Prison Visualization," for some reason, he was able to faintly feel a sense of rage and oppression in his mind.

Such a technique was bound to be unusual.

When Mu Chen opened his eyes, the Sky Array Emperor looked at him in amazement and then slowly said, "I didn't expect you to have such a high degree of compatibility with it."

"Master, what are the origins of the Nine Calamity Thunder Prison Visualization?" Mu Chen asked curiously. Judging from the Sky Array Emperor's reactions, it seemed that this technique had a marvellous origin.

"The Nine Calamity Thunder Prison Visualization was left behind by the Nine Calamity Battle Emperor in the ancient times." The Sky Array Emperor smiled. Though his voice was still calm, Mu Chen could see that there were some peculiar fluctuations in his voice when he talked about the Nine Calamity Battle Emperor. There seemed to be a kind of reverence in his tone.

"Nine Calamity Battle Emperor?"

Mu Chen was shocked by the prestigious title and was immediately embarrassed, because he did not know who this elder was. Could he also be a war troop dispatcher?

"The Nine Calamity Battle Emperor is a legendary war troop dispatcher who could reach the rank of Ten Million Runes in ancient times," The Sky Array Emperor said slowly. His eyes were full of yearning when he mentioned the three words, "Ten Million Runes."

"Ten Million Runes?"

However, Mu Chen did not understand his yearning at all and had a headache because he found that he was completely unfamiliar with the terminology that belonged to the war troop dispatcher. What in the world was a rank of Ten Million Runes?

"Looks like you are really an ignorant youth who knows nothing about being a war troop dispatcher."

The Sky Array Emperor saw how bewildered Mu Chen was and was also a little speechless. He could only shake his head exasperatedly. He said, "Since you can condense the Spirit of Fighting Intent, then you should also understand that the strength of the Spirit of Fighting Intent has obvious differences in class, right?"

Mu Chen hesitated before asking tentatively, "Does it differ in the number of battle runes?"

He did not know anything about being a war troop dispatcher, but after all, he had successfully condensed the Spirit of Fighting Intent for the five armies and was aware of it. It seemed that the more battle runes there were, the more powerful the Spirit of Fighting Intent would be.

The Sky Array Emperor nodded and said, "In ancient times, the number of battle runes was used to distinguish between grades of war troop dispatchers. They were differentiated into four grades, 10,000 Runes War Troop Dispatcher, 100,000 Runes War Troop Dispatcher division, Million Runes War Troop Dispatcher, and Ten Million Runes War Troop Dispatcher."

When Mu Chen heard the distinction of ranks, his lips twitched. The war troop dispatchers were lazy enough that even the hierarchy was so roughly aggregated and straight to the point.

However, although the grades were so rough and simple, Mu Chen had to admit that it was very easy to visualize.

"However, the number of battle runes does not merely refer to the sum of the number of battle runes on the soldiers, but the integration of fighting intent, thus condensing the battle runes," the Sky Array Emperor explained.

Mu Chen was startled and instantly realized it was like how when he had been in control of five armies, each of the Spirits of Fighting Intent had thousands of battle runes, which if added up, would have exceeded 10,000, but that did not mean that he had reached the rank of the 10,000 Runes War Troop

Dispatcher, unless he could condense the fighting intent of the five armies into one Spirit of Fighting Intent. If this Spirit of Fighting Intent possessed tens of thousands of battle runes, then he could be regarded as a true 10,000 Runes War Troop Dispatcher.

"It is more difficult to condense battle runes the further you advance." Beside him, Zhantai Liuli said softly, "The Liuli Army I command has 30,000 battle runes, but the battle runes I can condense adds up to only about 9,000, and there is still some distance from attaining 10,000 battle runes."

Here, a touch of self-confidence flitted across Zhantai Liuli's beautiful face, and she laughed. "But that's because of the limitations of my mind power. After I cultivate the Technique of Mind Power that Master has left me, it should not be difficult for me to attain the rank of a 10,000 Runes War Troop Dispatcher."

When he took control of the Nine Nether Troops, only 4,000 battle runes could be condensed with 5,000 soldiers, while Zhantai Liuli, with 30,000 soldiers in the Liuli Army, could only condense 9,000 battle runes, which showed that the larger the number of battle runes, the more difficult it would be to condense.

However, according to Mu Chen's estimates, if he could control an army as powerful as the Liuli Army, he might be able to condense 10,000 battle runes, because he could see that his mind power, perhaps due to him being a Spiritual Array Master, was stronger than Zhantai Liuli's.

"The condensing and refinement of the battle runes depends on two factors. One is the quantity and quality of the army, and the other is the strength of your own mind power."

The Sky Array Emperor continued to explain to Mu Chen, an ignorant youth who knew nothing about the war troop dispatcher. "The army represents the fighting intent, which is indispensable to a war troop dispatcher. The fighting intent is the fundamental foundation to condense the battle runes, and the strength of the mind power represents whether you can make full use of the fighting intent."

Mu Chen nodded. The army's fighting intent was the equivalent of a Divine Artifact to a war troop dispatcher, and mind power was the strength that would give one the power to control the artifact. The stronger the mind power, the more powerful the artifact would be in one's hands.

"In addition, for a war troop dispatcher, 10,000 battle runes marks a certain phase. Once the Spirit of Fighting Intent you condense possesses 10,000 battle runes, then its power will undergo earth-shaking changes.

"Once the Spirit of Fighting Intent can condense 10,000 battle runes, it shows that its fighting intent has reached a certain degree of success and maturity, and at this point, the Spirit of Fighting Intent is able to further evolve to a Battle Seal."

"Using fighting intent to evolve into a Battle Seal?" Mu Chen's face was full of shock and bewilderment, clearly unfamiliar with this concept.

Zhantai Liuli explained, "Battle Seals are an advanced method of stimulating the fighting intent, which is like a Divine Art in cultivating spiritual energy, and it can unleash the ultimate strength of the fighting intent. Of course, 10,000 battle runes are also the most basic baseline for the layout of a battle array. Only by achieving this step, would it then be possible to develop a battle array. That will greatly increase the strength of fighting intent and form more attacks."

Mu Chen nodded with an astonished expression, as he never expected that the fighting intent could be employed in such a way. He thought back to the way he used to manipulate fighting intent and sighed at how mediocre it had really been.

"Generally speaking, once the Spirit of Fighting Intent can condense 10,000 battle runes, it is comparable to a Seventh Grade Sovereign, and if it can reach 50,000 battle runes, even an Eighth Grade Sovereign will fear it. One hundred thousand battle runes can fight a Ninth Grade Sovereign head on," the Sky Array Emperor said nonchalantly.

Mu Chen's eyes narrowed as shock poured out from their depths. With 100,000 battle runes, a Spirit of Fighting Intent could even deal with a Ninth Grade Sovereign, so how terrifying was a Ten Million Runes War Troop Dispatcher?

That Nine Calamity Battle Emperor, was he a terrifying existence who could clash with the Heavenly Sovereign?

"Million Battle Runes is comparable to an Earthly Sovereign... and a Spirit of Fighting Intent that possesses Ten Million Battle Runes... even a Heavenly Sovereign would avoid a confrontation with it. That terrifying power can obliterate an extraterritorial clan with a snap of a finger," the Sky Array Emperor stated solemnly.

"Obliterate an extraterritorial clan..."

Mu Chen's thoughts flickered. When he felt the so-called "Battle Array of Mind" in the past, the image he saw seemed to be an endless nine-headed hydra. As it hissed, it had obliterated a large number of extraterritorial clans hidden in a lower plane.

At that time, Mu Chen hadn't paid much attention, but now that he thought about it, the nine-headed hydra Spirit of Fighting Intent seemed to have innumerable battle runes, and that number was likely to have reached the rank of Ten Million.

"I didn't expect the Nine Calamity Battle Emperor to be such a legendary existence," Mu Chen exclaimed. This kind of existence, even in those ancient times, must be at the top of the level of the heavens and earth, and considered as a giant of the Great Thousand World. It seemed that he had gained something so valuable despite seemingly losing another precious object. Although he had not obtained the Sky Array Emperor's inheritance, he had gained the legacy of such a legendary terrifying existence.

"But you must not be complacent because of this. The Nine Calamity Thunder Prison Visualization in your hands is not complete. There are only the first four calamity practices. The last five calamity practices have long been lost, but even so, if you can complete the first four, it will not be difficult for you to condense hundreds of thousands of battle runes. If you have a high degree of compatibility with it, you may even have the chance to get to a Million Runes," the Sky Array Emperor reminded him.

"Hundreds of thousands of battle runes..."

Upon hearing that, Mu Chen felt a small sense of pity, but he was not disappointed. If there was an opportunity in future, he could try to obtain the final five calamity practices. According to his estimation,

it was absolutely impossible to complete the training of the first four calamity practices successfully in a short period of time.

"Thank you for Master's guidance."

Mu Chen bowed respectfully to the Sky Array Emperor, clasped his fists, and thanked him sincerely. Although he did not receive his inheritance, the latter opened the door for him to becoming a war troop dispatcher and gave him an opportunity containing great potential, which was enough to make him grateful.

The Sky Array Emperor waved his hand and said, "It is also due to you that I was able to find a successor in the time before I pass. Giving you an opportunity is only right."

With all this said, the Sky Array Emperor's face seemed to become a little weary, and Mu Chen could perceive that the light in his eyes had become much dimmer, which made him realize that the Emperor could not hold on for much longer.

"I will not be able to hold on for long, and I will give both of you a gift before I completely dissipate." The Sky Array Emperor smiled at them weakly, and with a wave of his hand, the stone army beneath them was shaking, and then silhouettes rose into the sky and finally turned to ashes, falling into the Emperor's hands.

In his hands, it seemed that there were two stone chess boards, and the stone guards had turned into delicate stone statues, falling onto the chessboard like chess pieces.

"This Divine Chessboard of Fighting Intent is indeed very dangerous. Tens of thousands of soldiers in my stone army could only produce two thousand chess soldiers."

The Sky Array Emperor looked at the stone statues on the two stone chess boards, sighed lightly, and then shot them at Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli. "Each of these chess boards has a thousand stone troops. If there is a critical moment of life and death, you can activate them. Their fighting intent will help you through the difficulties, but remember, this item can only be used once. After using it, it will then turn into ashes."

The two of them were shocked, and then carefully accepted the ancient stone chess boards, finally bowing respectfully again towards the Sky Array Emperor.

As they bowed, the Sky Array Emperor smiled and nodded, and as soon as his body slowly leaned against the stone pedestal, the light in his eyes began to fade gradually until it was completely gone.

When the light in his eyes disappeared, the body of the Emperor began to gradually petrify and finally turned into a stone statue, sitting quietly on the stone pedestal.

When Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli looked up, they saw that the Sky Array Emperor had transformed into a stone statue. Both of them sighed softly, as they knew that the master who opened the door to their road of becoming war troop dispatchers had disappeared completely from the world.

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Chapter 890: Besieged

As the spirit of the Sky Array Emperor disappeared from the world, a dim light from heaven shot forth, brightening up the dark space. Zhantai Liuli looked at the Sky Array Emperor, who had turned into a statue, sighing sadly. She then turned to look at Mu Chen, saying softly, "Let's get going."

Mu Chen nodded. Although he had not received the inheritance of the Sky Array Emperor, he was pleased to have obtained the art of cultivating mind power from the Nine Calamity Battle Emperor, who was more powerful. Mu Chen had finally found out how he could become a true war troop dispatcher. Thus, he had a good harvest from this trip.

As Zhantai Liuli was about to leave, she suddenly stopped. She raised her brows, as a snail appeared in her hand. She listened to what it was saying to her, turning pale.

"What has happened?" Mu Chen asked, seeing her expression.

"While we were here, the troop that you left behind was defeated and scattered. The forces are now fighting vigorously for the Meteorfall gas, and the Divine Pavilion and Tian Xuan Hall have joined forces to fight the Daluo Territory," Zhantai Liuli said.

"What?"

When Mu Chen heard this he turned pale, surging with anger. These guys had made use of this opportunity to attack the Daluo Territory! Mu Chen had brought the five troops into the battle array. If the Daluo Territory lost the five troops, this would weaken their power dramatically. Although Nine Nether, Lord Mountain Cracker, and the rest of the lords were able to command the troop, it would be difficult for them to contend with the Divine Pavilion and Tian Xuan Hall at the same time.

"Miss Zhantai, we may be partners here, but once we have left, we will be enemies. Please do not hold it against me." Mu Chen looked sharply at Zhantai Liuli, speaking in a low voice.

Once Zhantai Liuli took control of the Liuli Army, even Mu Chen would be wary of her. Moreover, he would not show any mercy to her, should they meet in a battle.

Although Mu Chen had no intention of getting into a fight with her, it would be unavoidable, since they belonged to two different troops. Zhantai Liuli looked at Mu Chen, disappointed, then said, "I am not grateful to the Divine Pavilion. If I can help it, I will not assist them in any way."

Mu Chen was stunned. He had never expected her to have no desire to defend the Divine Pavilion!

"My family is an ordinary force at the border of the Divine Pavilion's territory. After the Divine Pavilion heard that I possessed great talent in dealing with fighting spirit, they tried to recruit me. However, I rejected them, as I have no intention of joining them. Two weeks later, a mysterious force barged into our house, resulting in heavy casualties to my family. We were saved by the top powers from the Divine Pavilion," Zhantai Liuli said flatly. When she mentioned being saved by the top powers from the Divine Pavilion, her voice turned even colder.

Mu Chen frowned, then said, "Is the mysterious force from the Divine Pavilion?"

"Hahaha, they have thought that they had it all planned perfectly. However, there are no secrets in this world."

Zhantai Liuli sneered. "After that, the Divine Pavilion forced my family to stay in the Divine Pavilion, claiming that they were protecting us. In actual fact, they were keeping us under surveillance, while forcing me to lead their troop. My younger sister was seriously injured during the incident, causing her to fall into a coma. Only the Nine-Days Soul Revival Herb from the Divine Pavilion can save her now. However, the Divine Pavilion hasn't yet given it to me, as they are using it to control me."

After she finished speaking, Zhantai Liuli grasped her hands tightly, until blood dripped down from them. She did not even try to hide her hatred for the Divine Pavilion.

Mu Chen was silent. He had never expected Zhantai Liuli to have such a sad story. She looked as though she held a very high position in the Divine Pavilion, but in actual fact, the Divine Pavilion did not trust her completely.

"I am sorry," Mu Chen said.

Zhantai Liuli shook her head. She worked hard to suppress her emotions, then said, "When I become a war troop dispatcher, the Divine Pavilion will truly hold me in high regard. They will not dare treat me lightly then."

She continued, saying, "Although I have no feelings for the Divine Pavilion, it is a good place. They have a lot of resources, which is very important to me, especially if I want to become a war troop dispatcher. I don't mind swallowing my grievances for now. When I become powerful, I will destroy the Divine Pavilion!"

Zhantai Liuli looked so cold, which stunned Mu Chen. When a woman became so ruthless, she was even worse than a man! The Divine Pavilion could never have dreamt that they were grooming someone, who would one day swallow them up!

Mu Chen pondered this, then said, "Do be careful."

"I don't intend to fight with you. I know that I would have to pay a high price, if I led the Liuli Army against you. It would be silly of me to do that, Mu Chen."

Mu Chen was stunned. Fang Yi and the rest would definitely pull Zhantai Liuli into the fight, as she was one of the top powers in the Divine Pavilion.

"They will definitely make me fight, if I am not injured. But, what if I am injured and unable to control the army's fighting spirit?" Zhantai Liuli smiled cunningly. She suddenly stretched out her hand and hit her chest.

Poof!

She spewed out a mouthful of blood, looking pale. Mu Chen was shocked. He quickly moved forward to help her, but she stopped him.

"I am fine. I have to make it look real!" Zhantai Liuli smiled. She let down her hair, messing it up. She looked beaten.

"Later, I will go out first. I will tell them that you have injured me. After all, without my army, I would not be able to contend with you. Hence, no one will doubt my words."

Mu Chen was shocked, looking at Zhantai Liuli. He took a breath, simply nodded his head, then said, "Thanks. I will return the favor, if I ever have the chance."

Zhantai Liuli had helped him a lot. If she was involved in the battle, she would have held him back, even if she could not defeat him. This would weaken the power of the Daluo Territory in contending with the two top forces, which they would have to pay a high price for indeed.

"I am not much help. Even if I don't get involved in the fight, the Daluo Territory will have a hard time contending with the Divine Pavilion and Tian Xuan Hall. Your situation will still be as bad, once we are out of this place," Zhantai Liuli said.

Mu Chen nodded. His eyes turned sharp, then he said, "Don't worry. It will not be easy for them to wipe us out. They are still not up to it."

Zhantai Liuli smiled. The blood stains at the corner of her mouth made her look appealing. She did not say another word, but simply waved at Mu Chen.

"Let's go."

Having said that, she turned into a shadow and darted out. After a while, Mu Chen shot out as well, chasing after her aggressively.

Zhantai Liuli was at the front, followed by Mu Chen. When they reached the entrance, there was a space warp, and the two of them darted out.

After they had gone out, the space quieted down. No one would be able to step into this place any longer. It would be destroyed.

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Swoosh!

Fighting sounds filled the air and violent fighting spirits surged in the entire area. Mu Chen and Zhantai Liuli appeared within the Spiritual Four Battle Array. The four Spirits of Fighting Intent had disappeared, as the array had been almost destroyed.

Mu Chen looked at the five troops of the Daluo Territory that had been trapped by the Black Tortoise Battle Array. As Mu Chen was not around to control them, they were unable to condense the Spirit of Fighting Intent. They could not even get out of the Spiritual Four Battle Array that had almost been destroyed.

The other two battle arrays were empty. They were the Azure Dragon Battle Array and the Vermilion Bird Battle Array. Xiao Tian and the other three troops were nowhere to be seen. They must have destroyed the arrays and left.

"Xiao Tian has left."

When Mu Chen saw the scene, he was shocked. Violent spiritual energy burst out crazily, just outside the Spiritual Four Battle Array. The sky was being torn apart by the fierce fights, and the entire shook amid the chaos.

Mu Chen could see many people being besieged. They were the men of the Daluo Territory! Mu Chen's eyes immediately turned cold upon recognizing them.

When Zhantai Liuli saw the situation, she glanced at Mu Chen, then shot out quickly toward the Liuli Army. Her sharp and resentful voice resounded throughout the area.

"Mu Chen, I will not let you off!"

Her voice stunned those who were fighting, causing many people to turn around and look at Mu Chen. They then started to shout.

"Mu Chen is out!"

"He has injured Zhantai Liuli from the Divine Pavilion!"

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Mu Chen looked cold, completely ignoring the people. He moved to immediately appear within the broken Black Tortoise Battle Array. The five troops were looking anxiously at the lords, who had been besieged outside of the array.

"Lord Mu Chen!"

When the five troops saw Mu Chen, they were overjoyed. It was as though they had found their pillar of strength!

Mu Chen nodded, then lifted up his hand. His voice, which was filled with killing desire, resounded throughout the area.

"Activate your fighting spirit. Follow me, and let's fight our way out!"