

## **Martial Arts 441**

### **Chapter 441: Lightning Fire Double Array**

The saddest thing in the world was, before your opponent spoke, you had already made a grand exit.

The young runemaster, Ni Wenguang, lowered his head. He didn't dare to look at other people.

They must be mocking him!

The other young runemasters glanced at Ni Wenguang happily. They felt fortunate that they didn't speak up. If not, they would be the ones getting embarrassed.

Actually, besides the younger generation and Ni Wenguang's master, Master Dong Guo, who planned to punish him after they went back, the other important figures didn't have the time to care about him.

At this moment, Master Dong Guo wanted to lighten the awkward atmosphere, so he said, "Master Gorlin's disciple is indeed exceptional. This is an ingenious solution."

"You're flattering him. However, I didn't expect him to be able to come up with this idea either." Gorlin remained humble, but he was beaming with happiness.

"Yi Wood Melting Fire Array. Master Gorlin, your disciple's rune knowledge must be profound. It's not easy to find a complementary array for the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array among the millions of arrays present," Master Carl shook his head and commented.

"When lightning strikes trees, trees will light up in flames. Your disciple extrapolated this in the arrays. He's not bound by the appearance of the arrays. This is a rare and valuable trait," Cha Shu praised.

"That's right. My disciple only looked at the appearance of the arrays and thought that they couldn't merge. Actually, the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array uses the wood Force in its surroundings to stir up the fire Force that powers up the array. Hence, it is linked to the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array. We won't need to worry about them conflicting with each other if we add some assisting runes in," Master Dong Guo said.

"Pfft!" Ni Wenguang felt a stab in his heart once again. He almost vomited blood.

He finally understood what the problem was. He had truly embarrassed himself. He gave a regretful look.

At the same time, he was amazed. How did Wang Teng come up with this ingenious plan? How high was his talent?

Mind you, even the masters didn't think of it!

No one bothered about him.

Cha Shu continued, "After linking these two arrays, the operation of the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array won't be affected even if the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array failed. But if both of them work, it will be magnificent."

He got more excited as he spoke, his facial features dancing happily. "Both arrays will activate at the same time. The combined forces of lightning and fire won't just double the effect. At that time, we don't have to worry about annihilating the dark apparitions anymore."

He wasn't the only one feeling amazed. Even Carl and the other runemasters found this plan remarkable. The other runemasters who never spoke became extremely interested and attracted by the ingenuity of this solution. They praised it continuously and joined the discussion.

The martial warriors exchanged glances with one another and then looked at Wang Teng beside Gorlin. This young man seemed to have given a constructive suggestion.

Li Rongxue's shining eyes landed on him. No one knew what she was thinking.

On the other hand, Dan Taixuan wasn't that happy, her face downcast.

At first, she had dragged Wang Teng here to boost her pride. He did boost someone's pride, but it was Master Gorlin's.

How infuriating!

As the main lead, Wang Teng felt helpless. When these runemasters started discussing, they threw him to the side.

As expected, these were a bunch of old kids who only loved runes.

Fortunately, Wang Teng didn't mind. He didn't come up with the plan to gain a reputation. He just wanted to kill more dark apparitions.

Of course, he didn't mind gaining more reputation if he could.

Yin Tongfang coughed helplessly when he saw the runemasters getting carried away with their discussion. He asked, "Is this idea possible?"

The runemasters immediately stopped talking and nodded.

"Yes!"

"That's right, it's 100% possible!"

"No problem. I think we can start working right away."

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Yin Tongfang and Lord Yang were elated. They immediately made the decision. "Alright, we will hand this matter over to you."

"We won't hesitate to," the runemasters replied simultaneously.

"Also, I suggest having Master Gorlin as the chief commander of the construction of the rune array," Master Cha Shu proposed.

"I can't do that. I think we can form the array together. There's no need for a chief commander." Gorlin waved his hands hurriedly.

It was always hard to be the first in the world of runes. Gorlin didn't want to step into the muddy waters.

"No, without a chief commander, we'll probably start quarreling again. It will be a waste of time." Master Carl shook his head. He understood his personality.

Gorlin gave a forced smile.

*It's good that you know what you're like!*

Even if he was the chief commander, they would still argue. This was a troublesome matter. Gorlin didn't want to be the mediator.

He still wanted to reject the offer, but the other runemasters started speaking up.

"Master Gorlin, please don't reject it. There are too many of us. We need someone in command. I have no objections to you being the leader."

"That's right. I have no objections either."

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"We'll have to trouble Master Gorlin then," Lord Yang smiled and said.

Gorlin sighed. Since Lord Yang had asked him personally, he couldn't reject it anymore. He nodded with resolution and said, "Alright, I'll accept it."

Then, he teased himself, "I'm afraid that I might cut short my lifespan after forming these two arrays!"

"Hahaha!" Everyone burst out laughing.

"I'll ask His Majesty to record your meritorious deeds after this battle ends. I'll also ask His Majesty for some longevity spiritual herbs for Master Gorlin to make dans." Lord Yang laughed along.

"I don't deserve such divine herbs." Gorlin shook his head.

Everyone laughed and chatted for some time, the atmosphere easing up a little. After that, the intense preparation work for the rune array started.

More work was needed to form two arrays, but time was extremely tight.

All the runemasters left the central command building and started surveying the site to choose the spot for the lightning rods.

On the surface, Star Maple City seemed normal. But it had already entered an emergency alert state. No suspicious person could enter the city anymore.

The runemasters didn't cause any commotion either. Everything was done secretly to prevent any unwanted attention.

The runemasters finally settled on the spots for the 12 lightning rods. Then, the blacksmiths started forging the rods fervently.

The runemasters weren't the only ones who came. The blacksmiths and the alchemists came too. They were all preparing for the war secretly.

Wang Teng followed Gorlin to a huge underground smithery room in Star Maple City.

The moment they came out of the lift, heatwaves splashed against their bodies. Loud clangs shook their eardrums without stopping.

#### **Chapter 442: Forging Lightning Rods**

Forging lightning rods was the first step to creating the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array. It was an important step too.

When making the lightning rods, both the blacksmith and the runemaster must be present. The runemasters would carve the runes on the rod when it was almost completed.

Master Gorlin and the other runemasters came to the underground smithery room for this.

Wang Teng followed them out of the lift and walked towards the knocking sounds and heatwaves.

The other younger generations didn't come. Wang Teng had come up with the lightning-fire double array and gained recognition for his rune mastery. That was why he was allowed to come and observe.

As they came closer, the temperature became higher. After some time, a breathtaking scene appeared in front of Wang Teng's eyes.

Lava flowed on the ground, and fire rose into the air.

Many pillars more than ten meters tall and one meter in diameter were suspended in the air by black chains. They were red from all the burning.

Muscular figures stood on the scorching hot round pillars and knocked the pillars continuously with the giant hammers in their hands. Sparks flew everywhere.

The figures were perspiring profusely. They bathed in the flames as they forged, seemingly unafraid of the heat.

"Down!" Suddenly, a deep and strong voice echoed in the room.

A person standing on one of the pillars leaped down. The round pillar plunged straight into the lava below, along with the clanging of the chains.

Slash!

Fire spurted straight to the roof.

Impressive! They must be master-level blacksmiths. Wang Teng was lost in wonder.

As he gasped emotionally, his gaze was attracted by the attribute bubbles around the blacksmiths.

He picked them up.

All the attribute bubbles flew into his arms~

Smithery\*68

Smithery\*102

Spiritual Realm Spirit\*60

Smithery\*120

Spiritual Realm Spirit\*82

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Wang Teng raised his eyebrows.

Smithery+1+1+1+1+1...

Then, his blacksmith level seemingly, possibly, probably achieved a breakthrough accidentally.

Blacksmith: 322/3000 (Master)

Master blacksmith!

Wang Teng felt incredibly proud of himself now.

He couldn't help but glance at the blacksmiths who were furiously wielding their muscular arms on the round pillars. Fortunately, he didn't look like that.

He would go crazy otherwise!

Besides smithery, there were many spiritual realm spirit attributes too.

All the master-level characters experienced changes to their spirit. They were all in the spiritual realm.

However, Wang Teng knew that not everyone who reached the Spiritual Realm spirit would have spiritual power. That depended on talent.

It went without saying that he was a talented child. No one could deny that.

Spirit: 720/1000 (Emperor Realm)

Wang Teng looked at his spirit attribute. It was getting closer and closer to the peak of the Emperor realm. His eyes shone. He was highly anticipating what the next realm would be.

The figure who leaped down the round pillar walked over and said, "You're here!"

"Master Opul," Gorlin and the runemasters stepped forward and greeted him.

"This lightning rod is completed. You can carve the runes on it soon." Master Opul was a dwarf. His hair and beard were plaited into multiple braids. He pointed to the round pillar in the lava as he spoke.

Gorlin nodded and asked, "Who's willing to go?"

"I'll do it!" Master Carl replied instantly.

Soon, the round pillar was lifted, bringing a huge splash of lava and flames with it. The body was entirely red, and it was burning hot. Carl rose into the air indifferently, unaffected by the heat. He took out a special rune pen and started carving on the pillar.

Purple glow shone around the rune pen. Every time he moved it, a rune would be carved on the pillar.

Master Carl was extremely careful. Hence, he slowly moved his pen stroke by stroke...

The other pillars were finished one by one. They proceeded to the carving stage too.

The runemasters kept themselves busy as they started carving.

While they were working hard, attribute bubbles dropped from their bodies. Wang Teng picked everything up cheerfully.

Rune Knowledge\*36

Spiritual Realm Spirit\*12

Spiritual Realm Spirit\*8

Rune Knowledge\*25

Rune Knowledge\*30

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Wang Teng's runemaster level and his Spiritual Realm spirit were slowly increasing.

Gorlin and the others didn't know that Wang Teng had reached the master level and his skills were better than some of the runemasters present. Hence, they didn't ask him to carve the runes personally.

After all, much time was required to forge one lightning rod. No mistakes were allowed.

In summary, they still thought Wang Teng was too young.

Wang Teng didn't say anything. He was happy to be free. He didn't need to do anything and could still pick up attributes. How wonderful was that?

Within a single day, 12 lightning rods were all completed, right on schedule. No accidents happened.

It was hard for any accidents to happen, though, since the masters were there.

Very soon, it was dinner time. Wang Teng and the other runemasters walked out of the underground smithery room.

Yin Tongfang and Lord Yang were waiting for them. They asked anxiously, "How is it?"

"Fortunately, we didn't disappoint you," Gorlin replied with a smile.

Yin Tongfang heaved a huge sigh of relief. "That's great. The first step is successfully completed. This is a good start."

"You must be tired. Have your dinner quickly," Lord Yang reminded everyone.

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The next day, all the runemasters started carving the rest of the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array in the Star Maple City.

Gorlin split the city into different areas and assigned one to each runemaster. Then, he said to Wang Teng, "I'll let you handle the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array. Can you do that?"

"Me?" Wang Teng had been in a relaxed state all this while, so when he suddenly heard his master passing the mission of creating the entire Yi Wood Melting Fire Array to him, he was dumbstruck.

The disciples of the runemasters had tagged along this time. They were also astounded.

He was passing the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array to Wang Teng?

Master Gorlin was so biased towards his disciple!

"Master Gorlin, isn't that a little... inappropriate?" Master Carl and the other runemasters were hesitant.

"It's alright. In the past, Wang Teng helped me complete the Eight Dragon Ablaze Dragon Array. The Yi Wood Melting Fire Array is around the same difficulty level. I believe that he can do it," Gorlin replied.

"He helped you to complete the Eight Dragon Ablaze Dragon Array!" Everyone stared at Wang Teng in shock.

They were all at the master level, but why was Gorlin's disciple so exceptionally outstanding?

The younger generation of runemasters was stunned. Wang Teng's rune mastery had already reached that stage!

"Also, let's allow the disciples to participate. There won't be enough time for Wang Teng to complete the array alone," Gorlin added.

Master Cha Shu smiled bitterly. "I'm afraid that they will mess up and waste this ingenious double array plan."

"We should give the young people some chances," Gorlin urged.

"Alright, let them try. We can clean up their mess anyway." Master Carl gritted his teeth.

The runemasters' disciples were excited. It would be a rare experience for them if they were able to complete the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array.

They thought that their masters wouldn't let them go easily, but they actually agreed in the end.

However, the moment they remembered that they had to listen to Wang Teng's command, their gazes flickered, a competitive spirit rising in them.

Chapter 443: An Emotionless Correcting Machine!

Gorlin departed after he handed over the task to Wang Teng, leaving him with the younger generation of runemasters.

Wang Teng looked at the arrogant and unyielding bunch of people in front of him and felt a headache. These people were all talented individuals since they were able to become master-stage runemasters' disciples.

They were obedient in front of their masters, but that didn't mean they would listen to Wang Teng. At this moment, everyone stood quietly at the same spot, waiting to see what Wang Teng would do.

Wang Teng remained expressionless. He said in an indifferent tone, "I don't care what you're thinking, but since the masters asked me to take charge, you will have to listen to me."

Everyone gave a look of disdain when they heard this. This fellow was daring. Who did he think he was to ask them to listen to him?

"Those that are unwilling can step out," Wang Teng said.

Ni Wenguang was unhappy. He wanted to say something, but another young man beside him pulled him back. The young man shook his head at him.

Although the others were unconvinced, they didn't voice out.

"What a pity!" Wang Teng waited for a moment before shaking his head in disappointment.

Everyone was speechless.

Did he think they were stupid? Who couldn't tell that this was an obvious trap?

Ni Wenguang's expression changed. He glared at Wang Teng furiously.

He almost stepped out.

This fellow was waiting for them to kick up a fuss. What an evil guy!

"Since there's no objection, you can start moving. Everyone will be in charge of a certain area. Start creating the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array now!" Wang Teng glanced at everyone before continuing in an icy tone, "The array is crucial. If anyone makes a mistake because of carelessness, I will kick you out of the team without any mercy."

Everyone got nervous. How domineering!

Wang Teng added, "I'm a narrow-minded person. If you make things difficult for me, I'll do the same to you. I don't mind if you say I'm abusing my power to get even with you because that is the truth.

"But I wonder what your masters would think if they learned you got kicked out of the team."

The runemasters' expressions changed.

Wang Teng had hit their soft spot. These talented runemasters weren't afraid of anyone except their masters.

If their masters knew that they were chased out of the team, they would go hard on them.

Threat!

This was a direct threat!

This fellow was shameless!

He didn't even blink when he said that he would abuse his power to get even on them. Why wasn't he going by the book?

They were indignant and unconvinced, but they couldn't do anything to Wang Teng. Well, unless they left voluntarily.

Obviously, no one wanted to give this chance up.

Many of them frowned. Unknowingly, they seemed to have entered Wang Teng's trap.

They felt exasperated under Wang Teng's cold and distant gaze. In the end, they had no choice but to start working obediently. They started creating the array under Wang Teng's lead.

Seriously, this is a piece of cake.

Wang Teng pouted. These talented runemasters just lacked a beating. After trampling them for some time, they would become obedient.

He didn't act personally and used the young runemasters as manual labor. He pushed them hard.

"Be quick. Why are you so slow? Did you learn the basics properly?"

"How can you call yourselves talent when you're so slow. When carving runes, you have to be stable and fast. Do you understand?"

"Who is that? Ni Wenguang, right? Is your rune knowledge taught by a blacksmith?"

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Anger appeared on the talented young runemaster's face. He bellowed, "Wang Teng, how dare you humiliate my master!"

"Bullshit, when did I do that? I'm humiliating you," Wang Teng replied calmly.

"You..." Ni Wenguang was so angry he wanted to vomit blood.

This bastard was targeting him on purpose.

The others felt like laughing, but they couldn't. If they did, it would encourage Wang Teng's arrogance. Their faces looked strange as they tried to suppress their laughter.

But this fellow was a weird guy!

"What about me? Your 16th rune is wrong. This is such a simple thing. Why do you need me to remind you?" Wang Teng pointed at his nose and scolded him.

"Nonsense, how can I be wrong?" Ni Wenguang looked at his 16th rune instinctively. His expression changed, turning ugly.

He did make a mistake!

The others were astounded when they saw this scene. It looked like Ni Wenguang did make a mistake. The unfortunate thing was, Wang Teng saw it.

This was embarrassing!

“Change it quickly. Are you waiting for me to teach you?” Wang Teng glanced at him in contempt from the corner of his eyes.

Ni Wenguang didn't say anything. The mistake made him unable to raise his head. He didn't have the confidence to speak further, so he looked down hastily and changed the rune.

The atmosphere turned tense.

The other runemasters became more cautious, but they were still too young. Also, this was their first time arranging a large-scale array, so it was normal to make mistakes.

“Who is that? The 7th rune below you!” Wang Teng's voice was heard again.

The person who got called froze for a moment. Then, he pondered and started correcting the rune silently.

“That one with a ponytail beside him. You look good, but your brain must be muddled. You made three mistakes. The 15th, 23rd, and 26th rune. Change it!”

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Wang Teng sat cross-legged at the side. He opened a bag of chips he had bought on Earth and started eating it out of boredom. His voice would occasionally ring out. Everyone had been called, some even more than once.

No one had the heart to laugh at other people anymore. After all, they were all the same. They had no right to laugh at others.

At the same time, they were mindblown. Wang Teng was scary. He seemed to have memorized all the runes and was able to point out everyone's mistakes.

They even suspected that if he was asked to make the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array alone, he would be able to finish it without any difficulty.

But how was that possible!

He was at most an advanced-stage runemaster. How could he create such a large array?

Yet, the truth was laid out in front of them.

Wang Teng was even more outstanding than they expected. This was a huge stimulation to the talented young runemasters. They started questioning their lives, and there was no more competitiveness in them.

Wang Teng kept pointing out their mistakes and urging them. All their efforts were used to tackle their tasks. They felt that he was even more strict and stern than their masters.

This lad was an emotionless correcting machine!

They complained in their hearts, a tinge of fear appearing in their eyes.

This is so scary!

They weren't from the same world.

Was Wang Teng an old demon wearing the clothes of a young man?

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For the entire day, the young disciples lived in a nightmare. They felt the fear of being controlled by a correcting machine.

But the result wasn't bad. They had completed more than a third of the array.

Towards the end, the young runemasters hastened their pace and became more efficient after they got used to Wang Teng pressurizing them.

As expected of talents. It looks like I can increase the pressure on them tomorrow.. Wang Teng touched his chin and wondered to himself.

Chapter 444: I Can Try!

The young runemasters didn't hear Wang Teng's thoughts, but they unconsciously shuddered. They felt an evil aura engulfing them.

They gathered together and started discussing in low voices, occasionally glancing at Wang Teng. It was obvious that they were talking about him.

These talented young runemasters rarely had any interactions, but they were now bonded by a common hatred for a common enemy.

"Ni Wenguang, I think you shouldn't argue with him. Wang Teng is a devil!"

"That's right. His rune mastery is at a frightening level. I can't imagine how he did it."

"I heard my master saying that Master Gorlin's rune mastery is higher than him. I didn't expect his disciple to be so powerful too."

"Like master, like disciple. Ni Wenguang, don't fight with him. You can't win!"

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Ni Wenguang didn't feel good. He still didn't like Wang Teng, but he knew his limits. He honestly didn't plan to fight with Wang Teng anymore. He knew that he would just be bringing humiliation to himself if he did.

Unfortunately, that bastard didn't want to let him go. He always reprimanded him. That was still alright. The infuriating thing was, his tone was worse compared to when he was speaking to the others.

The other runemasters realized this too. They felt lucky that they didn't offend Wang Teng in the past.

This person was truly narrow-minded!

At this moment, Master Gorlin and the other masters dragged their exhausted bodies and walked over from afar.

Master Carl immediately asked, "How's the formation of the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array?"

Everyone replied honestly.

"It's slightly more than a third completed? Are you kidding me?" The master-stage runemasters were all in disbelief.

The young runemasters felt frustrated. They got tormented by Wang Teng and had put in so much effort to get this result. In the end, their masters suspected them!

Master Carl's disciple was a goblin too. He was short, and his temper was just like his master's. He jumped up instantly and pointed at the area they had completed. "Master, if you don't believe us, you can inspect it yourself."

"Oh!" The runemasters were surprised. These young fellows seemed confident.

Were they telling the truth?

However, this didn't make sense. The Yi Wood Melting Fire Array might not be as difficult as the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array, but it was a large-scale array too.

These young lads completed more than a third of it in one day? It seemed impossible no matter how they looked at it.

They walked over in confusion and amazement. The master-stage runemasters observed the runes in that area. They got more and more astounded.

Good riddance!

They had really completed more than a third of it!

Even more, there weren't any mistakes. The completion rate was extremely high. When did these brats become so incredible?

"You did... well!" Master Cha Shu complimented them.

"I told you to give the young men some chances." Gorlin stroked his beard and smiled.

The other runemasters nodded in approval. They gave their disciples a look of satisfaction.

The bitterness in the hearts of the young runemasters disappeared instantly. They puffed up their chest and felt exhilarated. It was as if they were finally able to hold up their heads.

"How did you do this? There isn't a single mistake at all," Master Carl asked curiously.

"Erm..." The young runemasters fell silent. They turned and looked at Wang Teng in unplanned unison.

"Huh?" Their masters were puzzled. They glanced at Wang Teng and asked, "Why are you all looking at him?"

Master Carl's disciple gritted his teeth and explained what had happened to them.

"I see." Cha Shu gave a forced smile. "I thought you had improved."

"Hmph, I knew it. If these young lads were so powerful, I wouldn't be having a headache because of them." Master Carl glared at his disciple and scoffed.

"Master, I worked hard too." Master Carl's disciple argued angrily.

Just as the master and disciple were about to start quarreling, Master Cha Shu stopped them quickly and said to Gorlin, "Master Gorlin, you have groomed an outstanding disciple. We'll have to rely on him to take care of our good-for-nothing disciples for the rest of the array formation."

"You're flattering him. Instead of taking care of them, Wang Teng can have some exchanges and mutual learning with your disciples," Gorlin replied humbly.

"Yes, please don't worry. We'll have exchanges and mutual learning with one another," Wang Teng agreed.

The runemasters immediately had a better impression of Wang Teng. They started throwing all kinds of praises and compliments at him.

At this moment, Wang Teng became other people's kid again.

The faces of the young runemasters were as black as the bottom of a pot, especially when they saw Wang Teng acting all humble and courteous. They gritted their teeth angrily.

Hypocritical!

Exchanges and mutual learning? Had he forgotten how he pressurized and humiliated them?

Bastard!

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In the next two days, everyone made the best use of their time to create the two arrays. Things were going smoothly for the master-stage runemasters. However, they went for quality, so the progress was a little slow.

On the other hand, the speed on Wang Teng's side was astonishing.

On the third night, they had completed all the carvings of the runes for the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array. Everything was smooth, and there were no mistakes.

Wang Teng didn't move his hands at all during the process. He just used his mouth.

Of course, the young runemasters weren't weak, and their mastery wasn't low. If Wang Teng was given a bunch of beginner-stage runemasters, he wouldn't be able to rely solely on his mouth.

The young runemasters finally acknowledged Wang Teng's ability.

This fellow was irritating, but his skills were undeniable.

They improved greatly after following Wang Teng for the past few days. One could say that they owed it to him.

Currently, everyone was having a meeting in the meeting room. Yin Tongfang and the other martial warriors understood the situation and felt happy and worried at the same time.

“Master Gorlin, can we speed up the formation of the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array?” Lord Yang asked.

“We’re afraid that there will be mistakes if we pick up the pace,” before Gorlin could open his mouth, Master Cha Shu replied to him after some hesitation.

“Indeed. We’re in the crucial stage where we are carving the core of the array. If we hasten the process, I’m afraid... we might waste all our efforts.” Gorlin gave a bitter smile.

“Why don’t... we let Wang Teng join in?” Master Carl suddenly suggested.

Everyone was shocked. They glanced at Master Carl before turning to look at Wang Teng.

Wang Teng was stunned. He just completed the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array. Why were they throwing the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array to him now?

These people sure had high hopes for him.

“We all know who should get the credit for the completion of the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array. I feel that his mastery level is enough for him to make the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array,” Master Carl said.

Gorlin contemplated for a second before asking, “Wang Teng, are you confident?”

Everyone looked at him in anticipation.

Wang Teng scanned the crowd, lamenting that he was born to be a workaholic. Then, he slowly nodded.. “I can try.”

#### **Chapter 445: A Huge Blow To Their Hearts!**

“I can try!”

These three words gave no certainty, but when they saw Wang Teng’s calm face, they chose to believe him.

Even the master-stage runemasters had great expectations for this young man. He had already used his actions to prove his ability.

He had proposed the lightning-fire double array and led the formation of the Yi Wood Melting Fire Array. These two events were enough to prove his skills.

“In that case, we’ll allow Wang Teng to join the masters in completing the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array!” Lord Yang concluded. Then, he said to Wang Teng, “Wang Teng, thanks for your hard work.”

“You’re being too polite.” Wang Teng nodded. “I’ll do my best.”

The young runemasters were stunned for a few seconds before revealing envy.

This fellow got invited into the runemasters' team and had the opportunity to work with them.

They were from the same generation, but Wang Teng was already ahead of them. It was frustrating.

"Master, what about us?" Ni Wenguang couldn't control himself and asked.

The other young runemasters also stared at their masters hopefully.

They wanted to join in too. Even if they were only there to observe, it was better than being rejected entirely.

"You?" Master Dong Guo glared at him in contempt. He snorted and replied, "Don't you know your limits?"

The corners of their lips twitched, and their faces turned warm.

Although Master Dong Guo's response was merciless, it was the truth. They were honestly a little weak.

Ni Wenguang turned green and white in anger and embarrassment. He turned and wanted to find someone to help him, but he realized that...

Those idiots had already retracted their hopeful gazes and were looking at the ceiling nonchalantly. It was as if this had nothing to do with them.

*F\*\*K!*

*Ungrateful fellows!*

Ni Wenguang felt awkward, so he remained quiet. There was bitterness and resentment in his eyes.

After the meeting ended, Wang Teng got dragged by the runemasters to discuss the arrangement of the next rune carving.

After many rounds of discussions, they only had less than two days before the battle.

The dark apparitions wouldn't attack them right on time. They must finish their preparations before that and give ample time for emergency responses. If they didn't, unpredictable changes might occur.

Ni Wenguang and the other young runemasters watched Wang Teng getting pulled away right in front of them. On the other hand, no one cared about them. They stood on the spot and felt gloomy and forlorn.

The runemasters only rested for two to three hours. They prepared to continue working at night.

Wang Teng had no choice but to accompany the bunch of old people to work in the dark. It was miserable.

They arrived at the southwest side of Star Maple City and divided the work. Then, they immediately started carving in the runes in this part of the city.

The runemasters executed all their methods, resplendent glows shimmering in the night sky. Multiple runes appeared under their hands and got imprinted on the ground.

Close to twenty runemasters worked at the same time. It was a rare scene.

Wang Teng didn't waste time. He took a deep breath and turned grim. Then, he placed the rune pen on the ground and started twirling it around...

The runemasters had their own tasks, but they still diverted a bit of attention to observe Wang Teng.

When they saw Wang Teng's skilled moves and his stable posture, they knew that they were overthinking.

There was no doubt of his impressiveness, and his ability was even more worth acknowledging.

Gorlin smiled, feeling delighted and satisfied. With a disciple like Wang Teng, he managed to earn much respect and honor from the other runemasters.

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The next morning, everyone stopped what they were doing and sighed in relief.

The runemasters looked at the progress of their own work before looking at their companions. They exchanged zones and proceeded with the last step: correction.

Their method was exactly the same as how Wang Teng had guided the young runemasters.

Even these master-stage runemasters couldn't guarantee that they wouldn't make mistakes. Before the array was completed, there was still time for them to rectify the errors. If they waited until the array was finished, it would be too late.

The array was a whole, and a single change would affect the entire thing. Any small mistakes could have unbearable consequences.

The collapse of the array would cause a backlash to the runemasters who would host the array.

Hence, they were extremely careful.

After they rectified one another's mistakes, everyone came to the area where Wang Teng was at.

A group of people gathered around him.

Wang Teng: ...

He was given key attention!

He didn't know if he should laugh or cry. These masters didn't trust him at all.

But he didn't mind. He would admit defeat if they were able to find any mistakes.

The runemasters gathered here to inspect Wang Teng's carving with the intention of making up for his deficiencies. Yet, in the end, they realized something incredible. Their expressions turned grave.

"This is..."

Master Carl's eyes lit up. He praised, "The carving skills are exquisite! There are no mistakes at all."

“This is amazing. He has probably exceeded my level of mastery!” Master Cha Shu exclaimed in surprise. He was flabbergasted.

They complimented Wang Teng while carefully observing all the runes. In the end, they realized that there were no errors!

This patch of runes was frighteningly perfect.

A bunch of hundred-year-old runemasters exchanged glances with one another in disbelief. They had lost their ability to speak for a moment.

One word popped out in their minds.

Monster!

“Wang Teng, what is your runemaster level now?” Gorlin took a deep breath and asked.

“I don’t know. Master, I haven’t done any tests.” Wang Teng pretended to be oblivious.

“Really?” Gorlin nodded.

At this moment, Master Carl asked, “I saw that the runes you carved are perfect. Have you carved them before?”

“Never. The Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array is terrifying. I won’t have the chance to touch it normally.” Wang Teng shook his head.

Master Carl also knew that he had asked a stupid question, so he froze for a moment and shook his head. “This is, seriously...”

He couldn’t find any words to describe Wang Teng’s result.

“You did well, even better than us,” Gorlin said with a bitter smile. He was much more straightforward than others.

“Really? Master, don’t scare me. I’m just trying my best to carve these runes properly.” Wang Teng was delighted, but on the surface, he replied to his master in profound respect and humility.

“Trying your best?” Everyone smiled and shook their heads.

He surpassed them just by trying his best. The master-stage runemasters felt a huge blow to their hearts.

He was being humble, but it sounded so infuriating when Wang Teng said it.

“Your rune skills have improved greatly. I suspect that you have advanced to the master stage,” Gorlin said sternly.

“Master level? Master, are you sure?” Wang Teng asked in bewilderment.

He looked at everyone’s sincere expressions and immediately felt that his acting skills had improved. This was great!

**Chapter 446: Wang Teng, We Are Arch Enemies!**

Wang Teng felt that he was a pure person. The acting skills he displayed occasionally were to protect himself. His character didn't change.

Gorlin and the other runemasters felt the same way too.

This child didn't even know how outstanding he was.

Look, he didn't know what level he was at. That showed his pure thinking.

Gorlin wanted to reply to Wang Teng's question, but Master Carl was more impatient than him. "You must be at the master level. How can a normal runemaster carve this perfect rune? Master Gorlin, you're a lucky fellow. You managed to find an extremely gifted disciple."

He stared at Gorlin, green with envy. He wished that he could snatch Wang Teng away.

He didn't care if he could teach Wang Teng. As long as he was his disciple, it would be a much-told tale.

The master and the disciples were both at the master level. How amazing it sounded!

Unfortunately, he belonged to other people.

Gorlin coughed awkwardly. "Nothing is certain before the test. However, Master Carl, please don't look at me like this. I have no feelings towards you."

"Pfft!" Wang Teng burst out laughing. He didn't expect his master to have this side to him.

Also, the lethality of the words rose tremendously when spoken from the mouth of an elder with noble character and high prestige.

The other runemasters laughed too.

Master Carl's face turned black. He retorted, "You old monk, do you think I'm an old virgin like you? I have many grandchildren under me."

Wang Teng's expression turned weird, as if he had heard something incredible. He carefully glanced at his master.

A hint of frost appeared around Master Gorlin. He gritted his teeth and said, "Carl, I think you lack a beating."

"Hmph, I'm not afraid of you." Master Carl was a little scared, but he put on a calm front and snorted softly.

"Alright, alright, stop quarreling. You've gone off-topic." The other runemasters suppressed their laughter and mediated the dispute.

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They worked throughout the night and went back to rest for three hours. At 8 am, they got up for breakfast.

All through the night, the young runemasters were worried that they had lost the love from their masters. Hence, when they woke up and realized that their masters were all exceptionally enthusiastic towards Wang Teng, they felt even worse.

They wanted to greet their masters, but no one cared about them. They were all gathered around Wang Teng as if he was their personal disciple.

The young runemasters stood there in silent misery.

What on earth was going on?

In one night, they lost their master's love. They felt as helpless as an abandoned stray dog.

They sat in a corner and ate their breakfasts. While eating, they kept stealing glances at the opposite table. All the runemasters were happily chatting with Wang Teng. The atmosphere was harmonious.

They whispered to one another and gritted their teeth. Their resentment towards Wang Teng kept increasing...

*Who's cursing me?* Wang Teng suddenly sneezed thrice. He was confused.

After breakfast, the masters continued carving runes. They worked from dawn till night, and the day passed quickly. Finally, at 5 am the next day, all the runes for the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array were finished.

A hint of sunrise gradually rose above the horizon. The sun sprinkled its light on the city.

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief.

The master-stage runemasters glanced at one another and smiled. They might be more experienced, but they still felt a sense of satisfaction.

The Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array was finally completed!

All they had to do was wait for the dark apparitions to walk to their death.

Wang Teng smiled gently. Then, he opened his mouth and said, "Masters, elders, the Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array is completed. There's nothing for me to do here. I have a mission, so I'll make a move first."

"What? You still have a mission?" Master Carl exclaimed in surprise.

"That's not right. It's too dangerous. You're the rising star in the rune world. You mustn't take risks." Master Cha Shu shook his head furiously.

The other runemasters agreed and persuaded him against leaving.

After this cooperation, all the masters acknowledged Wang Teng's atrocious rune potential. They cherished him from the bottom of their hearts, so they were unwilling to let him take any risks.

Wang Teng was caught between laughter and tears. He didn't expect this to happen.

He was thankful for the runemasters' love. However, besides being a runemaster, he was also a martial warrior. He couldn't hide behind others like a turtle in its shell.

"Elders, I'm thankful for your kind thoughts. However, I'm a martial warrior and am part of Earth's troop. You don't want me to be an army deserter, right?" Wang Teng said.

"Don't worry. We'll speak to General Dan and persuade her not to let you on the battlefield," Master Carl patted his chest and promised confidently.

"Alright, Wang Teng has his own path. Let him make his own choices." Gorlin spoke up at this moment.

"Erm..."

Since Wang Teng's master had spoken, the others had no right to say anything. The persuasions at the tip of their lips never came out of their mouths.

They sighed and shook their heads.

"Alright, young people like you do have to walk your own path," Master Carl said helplessly.

"Thank you." Wang Teng bowed at them. Then, he looked at Gorlin and said, "Master, I'm leaving!"

"Go ahead." Gorlin smiled.

Wang Teng didn't say much. He rose into the air and turned into a ray of light as he soared through the sky and shot towards the horizon.

"Gorlin, you will regret it if something happens to Wang Teng." Master Cha Shu sighed.

"I believe him," Gorlin replied with a smile.

"I don't know where you get your confidence from. You have such a great disciple. If any mishaps happen, you will have no tears to cry." Carl scoffed.

Gorlin smiled and remained silent.

"Anyway, we're fortunate to have Wang Teng with us. If not, the last part of the carving wouldn't have gone so smoothly," Cha Shu suddenly lamented.

The other runemasters nodded, sighing emotionally.

When Ni Wenguang and the other young men woke up, they realized that Wang Teng was gone.

Once the irritating figure could no longer be seen beside their masters, they felt invigorated. They walked to their masters obediently and asked, "Master, where is that fellow?"

"What fellow?"

"Wang Teng."

"Wang Teng is Wang Teng. Why are you calling him that fellow? Where are your manners? Look at Wang Teng, and then look at yourself. You're occupied with nothing, and your rune mastery is unbearable. How can you have the face to appear in front of me..."

A bucket of cold water doused the happiness of the young runemasters. They welcomed the scoldings from their masters in a daze.

What just happened?

Why were they getting scolded?

Wang Teng was already gone, so why was his shadow still lingering above them? The young runemasters were confused, feeling exasperated.

The hatred towards that fellow shot right up. *Wang Teng, we're arch enemies from now on!*

Chapter 447: My Dad Hadn't Agreed

The Black Sparrow Troop was stationed at the edge of the forest.

For the past few days, Kong Li, Yuwen Xuan, and the other martial warriors waited for the commencement of the battle and cultivated relationships with their Gale Wolves.

Only one-third of the three teams had Gale Wolves. Wang Teng's team was the only one where every member had a Gale Wolf.

Kong Li and the others were envious but helpless. There was nothing they could do.

When Wang Teng wasn't around, Ice Wind and Black Widow followed his orders and conducted the training, allowing the other team members to forge a close tie with their Gale Wolves quickly.

These Gale Wolves were wild and hard to tame, but they didn't dare to make any trouble because Wang Teng had left some wisps of Wolf King Reign behind. They could only cooperate obediently with the soldiers.

Dan Taixuan visited the camp today. She was surprised by the Gale Wolves' performances.

How did he do it?

She was puzzled. Although she had a wide range of experience, she still didn't know the reason behind it.

Wang Teng said that he had killed the wolf king, so the Gale Wolves listened to him. She didn't believe any of it.

That young lad has many secrets! Dan Taixuan smiled to herself. She was curious, but she didn't intend to probe further.

There were many interesting things in the martial arts era. Everyone had their little secrets.

While she was thinking, she suddenly raised her head and looked at the sky. "Huh, he's back?"

Indeed, after a few moments, a figure flew down and landed in front of her.

"Master!" Wang Teng greeted her.

“You’re a busy person!” Dan Taixuan teased him.

“Sigh, your disciple is too outstanding. Without me, the array wouldn’t have been completed in time.” Wang Teng shook his head helplessly.

“I was just flattering you, but you started praising yourself.” Dan Taixuan rolled her eyes at him.

Wang Teng chuckled.

“From your expression, there’s nothing wrong with the array, right?”

“Yes. Both arrays are done.”

“You do have some skills in runes.” Dan Taixuan raised her eyebrows and sighed.

They exchanged a few words before Wang Teng walked over to Kong Li and greeted her.

“Where have you been for the past few days?” Kong Li asked him curiously.

“Star Maple City.”

As expected. The others shared the same thought when they looked at one another. They had overheard the conversation between Wang Teng and Dan Taixuan just now, so they guessed the gist of it.

However, since Wang Teng didn’t go into details, they didn’t ask either.

After exchanging greetings, Wang Teng finally arrived in front of his team.

“Leader!” Ice Wind and Black Widow saluted.

“You did well while I was away.” Wang Teng complimented when he saw the state of his subordinates and the Gale Wolves.

“It’s all thanks to your control over them. Without it, it would be hard to suppress these wolves,” Ice Wind said, refusing to take the credit.

The Gale Wolves howled in low tones as if agreeing with what Ice Wind said.

Evil humans. They would have run away if it wasn’t for fear of him taking revenge.

Wang Teng smiled, looking at the Gale Wolves kindly.

Sob...

Immediately, all the Gale Wolves shuddered. They whined pitifully and laid on the ground, pretending to be dead.

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At night.

The stars and moon hung high in the sky, and occasional insect chirps resounded in the forest around them. Besides that, there were no other noises. It was exceptionally quiet.

Dan Taixuan had blocked this entire zone. Any sounds they made in this area wouldn't spread to the other parts.

Everyone sat in a circle with a bonfire burning in the middle.

Wang Teng took out some star beast meat and barbecued it above the fire. He smiled and said, "The dark apparitions are coming soon. The war might start tomorrow, so let me make dinner for you guys. I hope that everyone can have a good meal."

Ice Wind and the other team members were elated. They had witnessed Wang Teng making a Force dish before. That fragrance was lethally enticing.

They were surprised when Wang Teng said he was cooking for them, but they were secretly anticipating it too.

"Is your food edible? Don't try to deceive us with some weird dishes." Kong Li glanced at him suspiciously from the corner of her eyes.

Niu Li and Yuwen Xuan didn't believe him either. Yuwen Xuan even took out his dried food and started munching it. He scorned Wang Teng's cooking.

Ice Wind and his teammates looked at Yuwen Xuan strangely. They wondered if Major Yuwen would regret his actions after their leader finished cooking.

"You don't have to eat it if you don't believe me," Wang Teng replied nonchalantly. "I only make food for those who trust me."

"Hmph, how conceited," Kong Li replied in disdain.

Dan Taixuan sat cross-legged on the crown of the big tree above them. She didn't participate in their interaction. Looking at the moon and listening to the laughter below, her gaze seemed sad and forlorn.

After some time, her nose twitched. She smelled a strong fragrance. She looked down in surprise.

At the same time, Kong Li had already forgotten what she had said. She stared at the golden piece of barbecued meat in Wang Teng's hand and pounced on it. She wanted to snatch it from him. Her saliva was already dripping down the edge of her lips.

"Sigh, didn't you say that you won't eat my weird dishes?" Wang Teng dodged and teased her.

"Give it to me!" Kong Li was furious. She pursued him relentlessly.

"This is a weird dish. You will die from eating it." Wang Teng ran around the crowd. The fragrance spread throughout the air, attracting everyone's gaze. While running, he took a huge bite of the meat and chewed it with gusto. He seemed to be savoring the dish.

Kong Li was indignant. "Are you going to give it to me? If you don't, I will—"

"What will you do?" Wang Teng stopped and smiled at her.

"I'll cry." After Kong Li finished her sentence, she pouted. She did seem to be on the verge of tears.

Wang Teng: ...

You're so fake!

You're an iron lady. Why are you acting all delicate?

Everyone knows your character. What's the point of doing this?

"Don't put on a show in front of me. If you cry, I'll call you mom." Wang Teng snorted.

"Pfft, why would I want to be your mom? I'm so young. How can I have such an old child like you?" Kong Li rolled her eyes in anger.

"My dad won't agree," Wang Teng replied calmly.

"Hahaha!" Niu Li and the others couldn't hold in their laughter anymore.

"Amazing. Now you are making fun of me?"

Kong Li roared in anger. Then, she started chasing Wang Teng again.

"My master should have a taste first. There's no spot for you." Wang Teng arrived at the tree where Dan Taixuan was at. He leaped and landed in front of Dan Taixuan. As he passed the barbecued meat to her, he flattered her. "Master, I made this for you."

Dan Taixuan gave him an ambiguous smile and took a bite of the meat. Her eyes lit up at once. She exclaimed in shock, "Not bad, you've surpassed that fatty in school."

"Of course. I put in much effort to make a good meal for you," Wang Teng replied seriously.

"Hmph, there's no way I'll believe you.." Dan Taixuan rolled her eyes.

Chapter 448: Kill All Of Them!

No one had anything to say about Wang Teng giving the first piece of meat to Dan Taixuan. After all, she was his master.

Kong Li was exasperated. She glared at Wang Teng as if she wanted to skin him alive.

The greatest distance in the world wasn't between the sky and the earth. It was when you had good food in front of you, but you couldn't eat it!

This was extremely cruel for a foodie!

Kong Li had experienced Wang Teng's narrow-mindedness. She felt a sense of helplessness floating up in her heart.

Wang Teng knew that she was a food lover. He wanted to laugh when he saw her hopeless expression. He shook his head and said helplessly, "Don't worry. I'm making more meat. You will have your share."

"You said it. You must fill up my stomach!" Kong Li felt refreshed when she saw the meat turning golden in front of her. She rubbed her stomach.

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“Can you have some ambition?” Wang Teng mocked her.

Kong Li ignored him. She stared at the barbecued meat intently.

Drips of golden fats fall into the flames and evaporate from the heat. Soon, another batch of fragrant meat was served fresh out of the flames. The skin was crispy, and the meat was tender.

Slash!

Kong Li was swift. She grabbed a piece of meat and stuffed it in her mouth directly without worrying about the heat.

“Oh my god! Wang Teng, your cooking skills are amazing!” she exclaimed in awe. The huge piece of meat entered her stomach without much chewing.

“Now you know,” Wang Teng said proudly.

Kong Li gave him a thumbs up. She had no time to talk as she stuffed her mouth with meat again.

Wang Teng: ...

Wang Teng shook his head and distributed the rest of the barbecued meat.

Yuwen Xuan kept his dried rations silently and calmly took over the piece of meat given by Niu Li. He ate it quietly.

This was so delicious!

There were many people, so Wang Teng barbecued three rounds of meat before everyone had the chance to have a taste of the Force dish prepared by Force Chef Wang.

Wang Teng looked at the satisfied expressions and felt that his efforts were worth it.

Most people here never had the chance to eat a Force dish prepared by a Force chef master. Today, they finally got the opportunity, and it was free to boot. They were delighted.

Wang Teng even took out the delicious wine he got from the dwarves and had a few drinks with Kong Li and the others.

“You have many good things. After the war ends, you must take them out and share them with me. It can be the repayment for all the free meals I gave you.” Kong Li burped in satisfaction.

Wang Teng smiled without replying to her.

If you can take it from me, I'll bow to you.

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They had their fill and extinguished the fire. Besides the glow from the moon and the stars, there was only darkness around them.

Everyone was relaxed a moment ago, but they knew that after tonight, their life and death would be decreed by fate. They might not be able to enjoy the joy of life tomorrow.

Waiting was torture.

Coming events cast their shadows before them.

Dark clouds enveloped the sky as if indicating the imminent arrival of a storm. The atmosphere was tense and depressing.

Star Maple City.

The entire city was frighteningly quiet.

Time passed slowly as they waited. Yin Tongfang and Lord Yang stood on the roof of the central command building. They had been there since morning. They never left.

At the edge of the forest, Dan Taixuan stood on the crown of a huge tree with her hands behind her back. She watched Star Maple City from a distance quietly.

She stood for the entire day.

At the same, in many secluded spots around Star Maple City, numerous pairs of eyes were staring at Star Maple City in silence.

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Boom!

An explosion suddenly resounded.

They're here!

These two words immediately appeared in everyone's mind, and they tensed up.

A storm was brewing in the sky.

An invisible force was churning and tumbling the thick and dark clouds. Giant whirlpools were formed in the air.

There were as many as five whirlpools.

They were scattered above Star Maple City like five huge devil eyeballs peeking from another world.

"Five dimensional rifts!"

Yin Tongfang and the people in Star Maple City turned grim as they stared at the five gigantic dimensional rifts in the sky. They were flabbergasted.

Wang Teng saw this scene too. He muttered to himself gravely, "This is a large-scale attack."

Beside him, Dan Taixuan remained expressionless. She said coldly, "The human race will never have peace if the dark apparitions are still around."

"We'll kill all of them then," Wang Teng replied unexpectedly.

Dan Taixuan was shocked for a moment. Then, she laughed like a maniac and said, "That's right, kill all of them."

For some reason, Wang Teng started laughing too.

They laughed like two mentally ill patients.

Some distance away, Kong Li and the other martial warriors stared at the two of them in a daze.

Were they mad?

After a few seconds of laughing, Wang Teng stopped. He looked at the pitch-black holes that were widening continuously. He could almost see the numerous space attributes falling from the sky.

He couldn't keep his excitement anymore, feeling restless. Before the dimensional rifts in the sky finished forming, a vibration came from the ground.

In the distance, countless black figures rose from the ground. They surged towards Star Maple City from all directions like a tsunami.

Roar!

Howls that sounded like wild beasts resounded in the sky. The entire city seemed to be surrounded. There was nowhere to run.

This was a painting of an apocalypse.

When the dark apparitions were a few hundred meters away from the Star Maple City, Yin Tongfang took a deep breath and waved his hand. He commanded sternly, "Ignite!"

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

Rounds of explosions sounded abruptly. A large number of dark apparitions got hit by the explosives and burst into pieces. Black blood splattered everywhere.

However, these low-level dark apparitions weren't afraid of death. They continued scurrying forward like an army of ants.

The explosions continued, clearing a massive portion of the dark apparitions at the forefront. A fracture appeared in their formation.

"They blocked them." Kong Li felt a little relieved.

"This is just the first wave." Yuwen Xuan shook his head.

"I know. However, it means that our preparations aren't useless. We'll give the dark apparitions a good lesson this time," Kong Li replied.

A good start would boost the morale of the soldiers significantly.

"I suddenly realized that bombing is an art." Wang Teng touched his chin and receded into deep thought.

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Kong Li and the others almost fainted. Was this the time to talk about art?

Wait... what kind of art was bombing!

What strange thoughts did this fellow have all the time?

"The second wave is coming!" Niu Li suddenly said.

Everyone looked at the city. Indeed, numerous dark apparitions were charging towards the city from the back. From afar, all one could see was a huge patch of black.

Boom, boom, boom!

Explosions sounded immediately on the walls of Star Maple City. Rune weapons were being used to destroy the dark apparitions on a large scale.

Normally, these weapons were kept away in the military city. Today, they finally had the chance to bare their fangs.

Some of these weapons were secretly transported over from other military cities over the past few days. As a result, there were enough weapons. After one round of attacks, the next batch would take over seamlessly.. No chances were given to the dark apparitions.

#### **Chapter 449: They Are Fighting For The Human Race!**

Cannons roared, and shrill and terrifying screams echoed throughout the city. The mutilated bodies of countless dark apparitions were littered on the flatlands. Black blood soaked into the ground and turned the soil dark.

It was a ghastly sight!

The dark apparitions continued advancing wave upon wave. They broke the first layer of defense by sheer numbers and continued closing in on Star Maple City!

They didn't have a conscience. Their instinct was to follow orders and be the lowest form of being. They were always at the frontline.

Also, they were on the edge of life and death, so they were neither alive nor dead.

To a human, their presence was hard to tackle.

Behind the army of dark apparitions, many high-level dark apparitions were viewing the war nonchalantly.

One of the vampire dark apparitions spread the wings behind his back and hover in mid-air. A frosty smile appeared at the edge of his lips. "It looks like our spy failed. The humans are prepared."

“Humans are indeed useless. They can’t be trusted.” Another lofty and muscular giant apparition snorted in disdain.

“Hehehe, even if they are prepared, it won’t change their fate. The entire city will be slaughtered by us.” A crimson glow appeared in the vampire’s eyes. His laughter was eerie.

The giant apparition laughed too. He raised his head and looked at the five dimensional rifts in the sky. His expression was fanatical. “The dimensional rifts are almost completed. The Sirs will dawn on this world soon!”

“I heard that the Sir from Black Incubus Mountain is coming as well.” The vampire dark apparition gave a repulsive smile.

“What? That Sir is coming too?” The giant apparition’s expression changed when he heard this frightening news. He was petrified.

“What are you afraid of? Will Sir attack you?” The vampire dark apparition scoffed.

The giant apparition felt awkward. He got terrified just from hearing the name of the Sir. How embarrassing.

He touched his rough and bald head and laughed awkwardly. He tried to explain himself. “I was shocked. I didn’t know that Sir would come personally.”

“We have been blocked at the other end of the dimensional rifts by these humans for many years. The Sirs above us are getting impatient. This time, we must destroy their military city and let these stupid humans know that we, the dark apparitions, can’t be stopped,” the vampire dark apparition said proudly.

The giant apparition nodded. He seemed restless. “Is it time for us to move?”

“Let’s wait a while longer. Let the low-level dark apparitions attack a few more rounds. I want to see how much longer humans can stop us.” The vampire dark apparition shook his head.

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At the same time, Wang Teng said to Dan Taixuan, “Based on what we have prepared, Star Maple City might not be able to resist for long.”

Dan Taixuan turned somber. She nodded and replied, “The dark apparitions have attacked in full fury. We have underestimated their determination.”

There was worry in her eyes. This situation was out of her expectation.

Wang Teng remained quiet, staring intently at the battlefield in front.

Yin Tongfang and Lord Yang stood on the roof of the central command building and looked at the endless swarm of dark apparitions closing in on the city.

The defense arrays had been activated. They formed a sturdy and thick half-circle yellow shield protecting Star Maple City.

The cannons continued firing. However, there were too many dark apparitions. They were like a mountain of ants.

Many dark apparitions managed to evade the attacks of the cannons and arrived below the city.

The low-level dark apparitions started attacking the defense shield, causing ripples to appear on the shield. They were too weak, so they couldn't break the defense instantly.

Rows of soldiers gathered on the city walls with rune guns in their hands. They aimed at the vital spots of the dark apparitions and started raining bullets on them.

As time went by, more and more dark apparitions managed to reach the city walls. The pressure on the defense shield intensified.

Behind the swarm of dark apparitions, the vampire dark apparition smiled hideously. He licked his lips and smiled. "Let's move!"

In a split second, multiple shadows shot out behind him, screams of excitement escaping from their mouths.

Some flew in the air while others ran on the ground. They shot past the low-level dark apparitions, charged their way to the front at the speed of lightning, and hurled themselves at the defense shield like sharp spears.

Atop the central command building, Yin Tongfang waved his hand down silently with a somber face.

Boom, boom, boom!

"Kill!"

A cold bellow was heard.

Many figures dashed out of Star Maple City and started fighting with the high-level dark apparitions. Force explosions occurred everywhere, the noise deafening.

The human martial warriors had finally acted!

In the forest, Wang Teng asked grimly, "Are we not moving?"

"It's not time yet," Dan Taixuan replied indifferently.

Boom!

The moment she finished speaking, a body fell from the sky. The person got drowned by the dark apparitions on the ground. Screams of agony penetrated the air before stopping within a second.

That was a 5-star soldier-level human martial warrior. He was the first human martial warrior to be sacrificed in this war.

After the first, there was the second. Death spread quickly...

The high-level dark apparitions were more talented. Their battle power and physical condition surpassed their human counterparts.

The humans knew this, but they remained fearless and embraced their deaths unflinchingly!

They were fighting for the human race!

Wang Teng stood at the crown of the tree and watched the battle from afar. Although his expression calmed down gradually, a malicious aura was building up in his eyes.

He clenched his hands tightly. He wanted to help them right now. Even if he just killed one dark apparition, it would soothe the torment in his heart.

But he knew that he must not move.

They had been preparing for this day for a long time. If he moved, all their efforts would be in vain.

Everyone was waiting. He wasn't the only one suffering.

Actually, as soldiers, many people knew that they would die, yet they still fought at the frontline. Were they stupid? Did they get brainwashed?

No!

They just hoped that in the future, their families wouldn't have to face this terrifying disaster. For their sake, they were willing to bear the implications, even if it cost them their lives.

Boom!

A loud explosion suddenly came from the sky.

Everyone looked up. The five dimensional rifts seemed to have reached their limits and couldn't expand anymore. They started spinning slowly.

The dimensional rifts were finished.

Evil and sinister aura flowed out from the rifts, seeping into this world.

Everyone seemed to have gone into a trance. They saw five massive pillars retracting, their positions coinciding with the five dimensional rifts.

"That's a hand!"

Someone cried out in disbelief. His throat went dry.

The dimensional rifts were formed by a hand?!

Who would have thought of that!

Many people were terrified by the hand. They shuddered in fear.

Wang Teng's gaze flickered. He still remembered the crimson eye peeking through the dimensional rift, spying on the Xingwu Continent from the other end during the invasion of dark apparitions in Yang City.

At that time, a hand big enough to hold the sky had crossed the dimensional rift and saved the Eight Arms Devil General.

*Devil god!* Wang Teng muttered to himself.

## Chapter 450: Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array, Activate!

Wang Teng didn't dare to imagine the despair of the humans when the devil god landed in their world in the future.

A peek of its eye was enough to let countless ordinary people, even martial warriors, lose their minds.

It could form dimensional rifts with one hand and let multiple dark apparitions come to their world...

Would humans be able to resist such a formidable presence?

Fortunately, it currently wasn't able to move through worlds. Its body seemed too powerful for a normal dimensional rift to bear. Even so, everyone was still worried. They knew that one day, the devil god would come personally.

At this moment, numerous dark apparitions appeared through the dimensional rifts. They fell from the five dimensional rifts and landed above Star Maple City.

They smashed on the defense shield like black shooting stars.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

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The figures crashed into the defense shield and caused loud collisions.

Before this, cracks had already formed on the defense shield from the dark apparitions' attacks. Now, after getting smashed continuously, the cracks grew larger. The sound of glass breaking resounded, crisp and clear.

"Retreat!"

Yin Tongfang gave his command. His loud voice echoed in the entire city.

The soldiers on the city walls immediately gathered in the center of the city when they heard this.

Behind the low-level dark apparitions, the vampire dark apparition frowned. "What are they doing?"

"Are they scared of us?" The giant apparition laughed happily.

*Idiot!* The vampire scolded him secretly. He looked at Star Maple City in confusion. "I have a bad feeling."

"Don't worry. The Sirs are already here, and the defense shield of that military city is on the brink of collapsing. Soon, it will break. The humans are just lambs waiting to be slaughtered," the giant apparition said.

The vampire thought of something, and his expression eased a little. *This fellow is right. No matter how sly these humans are, once the Sirs arrive, they will have to die!*

He chased away the bad premonition in his heart and mocked himself for being too suspicious. When did he become like this? This wasn't like him.

Fortunately, he didn't expose his thoughts. If not, that huge guy would laugh at him.

"The Sirs are here. Let's make a move," the giant apparition said.

The vampire nodded. He flapped the wings behind him and darted to the front. The giant apparition followed closely behind.

Multiple dark apparitions with powerful auras appeared below the five dimensional rifts.

They came in different shapes and sizes. There were vampires, sheep-head demons, lycans, and many more. The Eight Arms Devil General, who Wang Teng knew, was among them too.

"Zurz, this is your chance to atone for your mistakes. You must perform well!" The sheep-head dark apparition sniggered.

"Hmph!" Zurz snorted. He replied with contempt, "This is none of your business."

The sheep-head dark apparition, Sabah, sneered. Then, he turned serious and said, "The one from Black Incubus Mountain is on the way. We'll move out first. Let's not make a fool of ourselves in front of Sir."

The hideous lycan dark apparition, Cyle, smiled, revealing his eerie fangs. He said, "I can't wait!"

"Let's have fun!"

The dark apparitions glanced at one another and laughed madly. Then, they charged towards the Star Maple City below.

Boom, boom, boom!

They didn't use any weapons and smashed into the defense shield using the strength of their bodies. Loud collisions were heard.

Bang!

The defense shield could no longer withstand the frightening attacks. It collapsed instantly and shattered into numerous Force shards. The shards scattered in the air and disappeared without a trace.

The general-stage dark apparitions laughed brutally.

"Kill!"

"Kill all the humans!"

With a wave of their hands, swarms of low-level dark apparitions charged into Star Maple City.

The dark apparitions wreaked havoc in the city. In a blink of an eye, they filled up the entire city and started looking for living creatures frantically. They destroyed anything that was in their path.

The vampire dark apparition and the giant apparition hurried over and met up with the Eight Arms Devil General and the other dark apparitions in the air.

“Sir!”

The two dark apparitions kneeled and bowed respectfully at the general-stage dark apparitions in front of them.

Sabah, the sheep-head dark apparition, glanced around him and frowned. “I can’t sense any human auras.”

The vampire dark apparition was shocked. He felt the same bad premonition that he had in the past.

“Sir, the humans were in the city a second ago,” his face turned white as he replied agitatedly.

“So, where are they now?” Sabah questioned.

“Erm...” The vampire dark apparition’s heart shuddered. He didn’t have an answer.

“What happened? Speak the truth!” Zurz frowned and bellowed angrily.

“The humans seemed to have discovered our plan. They, they...” Cold sweat dripped down the vampire’s forehead. He was shivering.

“What about them?” Sabah asked expressionlessly.

“They might have run away!” The vampire dark apparition’s tone carried uncertainty. He was still hopeful.

“If they wanted to run, they would have escaped a long time ago. Why will they wait for us to come—”

Before the lycan dark apparition, Cyle, could finish speaking, the other general-stage dark apparitions grasped the situation.

“Oh shit!”

“Retreat!”

In their haste, the general-stage dark apparitions didn’t have any time to think. They soared into the sky directly.

“Since you’re here, please stay.”

Cold and menacing voices echoed from all around them.

“Thousand Thunder Annihilation Array, activate!”

After the shout landed, 12 purple rays shot into the sky from different corners of Star Maple City.

Boom!

The 12 lightning rods slowly rose, accompanied by loud booms.

Bang!

When the general-stage dark apparitions tried to escape, they were suddenly blocked by an invisible force.

“Rune array!” Sabah’s expression turned ugly. He stopped in mid-air and scanned his surroundings.

There were 12 elders sitting on the 12 lightning rods. They stared fearlessly at the general-stage dark apparitions.

“We will make sure you stay here forever!” the master-level runemasters spoke coldly.

“Old fellow, you think you can keep us?” Zurz scoffed in disdain.

“We’ll just break it. I don’t believe that we can’t destroy this stupid rune array,” Cyle cracked his neck and said viciously.

Boom!

At this moment, thunder boomed in the sky.

Thick flashes of lightning shot down, splitting the air into different segments. They aimed right for the general-stage dark apparitions, carrying formidable power with them.

“Lightning element array!” The expressions on the general-stage dark apparitions’ faces changed. They instinctively chose to evade the bolts of lightning.

The lightning struck the ground.

The low-level dark apparitions on the ground weren’t so lucky. A huge patch of them was cleared in an instant. All that was left were several large holes and the mutilated and burnt bodies around them.

“Damn it, it’s a lightning array!” The muscles on Sabah’s face trembled. He felt a little fearful.