

Tang Sect 531

Chapter 531.1: Breaking in! The Raid Starts!

The Spirit Eyes had seven rings, while the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion had eight. The rings of two different colors interchanged as they shone brilliantly. In the next instant, Huo Yuhao transformed into a gigantic eye that was floating in mid-air.

A deep melodic chanting sound began as the higher-ups who were waiting on the observation deck returned to their legions.

The Eye of the Asura! Yes, this was the Eye of the Asura! The soul masters from the three different legions were all screaming inside with excitement.

Nine huge black doors slowly opened before the observation deck.

Actually, this was not the limit of Huo Yuhao's ability. It was just unnecessary for him to use all of his abilities.

"Get ready to enter." Huo Yuhao's voice reverberated across the military drill ground.

The Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion—the least mobile legion—was the first to move. They also happened to be the unit under Huo Yuhao. Under the control of the soul engineers, the three hundred Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons rolled towards the huge doors.

After the repeated improvements Xuan Ziwen had made, these crossbow cannons now had tracks. When necessary, they were able to use their stored soul power to drive themselves forward. Even though their speed was still fairly limited, it was a lot better than having to rely on human strength all the time.

It took a whole ten minutes for the three hundred crossbow cannons to fully enter the black doors into the spectral demiplane.

While they were slowly entering, two hundred figures had already activated their flying-type soul tools and were levitating in mid-air. This was none other than the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion—the only legion which possessed flight capabilities.

The Fort Soul Engineer Legion spread out into a fan shape as every single All-Terrain Self-Driving Fort fully extended their long legs. Compared to the Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion, they were a lot more agile and mobile. They formed a fan shape and guarded the nine huge doors as though they were the sweepers of the team.

A few people stood at a corner of the military drill ground. As they watched the scene unfold before them, they could not help but nod. After these two years of rigorous training, these three legions now finally possessed true fighting power. It would depend on the commander as to how they would actually perform on the battlefield.

After the Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion entered, it was the Fort Soul Engineer Legion's turn. They were a lot faster, and it took them only four minutes to enter. Last but not least was the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion. They flew in from the top in an organized fashion, and only took two minutes.

In total, the three legions—which contained two thousand seven hundred people—took sixteen minutes to completely enter Huo Yuhao’s spectral demiplane. If one were to add in the time which Huo Yuhao used to chant the incantations, they would have used twenty minutes in total.

This meant that they would be able to retreat from anywhere in twenty minutes. This was definitely contingent on Huo Yuhao’s ability to escape detection, which had already been tested during his countless forays on the battlefield.

After the nine black doors were closed, the military drill ground returned to its formerly quiet state. One could only tell that there were many soul masters here previously from the tracks the heavy artillery and forts left on the ground.

The Eye of the Asura morphed back into Huo Yuhao’s figure. After landing on the ground, he moved towards the group of individuals who were standing under the tree at the corner of the military drill ground.

The leader amongst them was none other than Elder Xuan. The two Deans—Yan Shaozhe and Xian Lin’er—were standing by his side.

“Elder Xuan!” Huo Yuhao greeted politely.

Elder Xuan nodded and said, “The ball is now in your court. Let’s hope you can give us a much-needed miracle.”

Huo Yuhao smiled. “I am confident that we can pull it off. We will also have to depend on all of you for the battle at the frontline.”

Elder Xuan replied, “The Sun Moon Empire might be strong, but do you really think the three original empires of the Douluo Continent are a joke? It won’t be that easy for them to invade us. Anyways, I just received an update this morning. Just as we have predicted, the Sun Moon Empire’s army has already entered what was formerly the land of the Heavenly Soul Empire. They are now moving towards the southeast region of the Heavenly Soul Empire.”

Huo Yuhao started to break out into a sweat. It seems like time really waits for no man! At the same time, the figure of a lady fleeted into his mind. Ju Zi, are you still the commander leading the Sun Moon Empire’s army?

I really don’t want to bump into you on the battlefield!

“Yuhao, you can start moving out. Regardless of whether or not you succeed, do your best to bring them back.” Elder Xuan instructed Huo Yuhao as he gave him a pat on the shoulder.

“Yes.” Huo Yuhao answered politely. Following which, he bade goodbye to both Yan Shaozhe and Xian Lin’er before flying up into the air. Then, he vanished as he sped towards the Sun Moon Empire.

It would take time for the three legions to familiarize themselves with and accept their surroundings within the spectral demiplane. However, Huo Yuhao did not have to be overly concerned with these things. The other higher-ups of the Tang Sect had taken up the responsibility to brief the legions on the spectral demiplane. Also, he had already gotten Er Bai to chase away the spectral creatures and create a

camping area for the three legions. At the very least, the soul masters would not be able to see any spectral creatures near their camping area. This would naturally make things smoother.

Even though they had only left in the morning, by noontime, they had already arrived at the Ming Dou Mountain Range because of how fast Huo Yuhao was flying. However, the White Tiger Duke was not at the Ming Dou Mountain Range where the Sun Moon Empire's Western Army was camping. Instead, he had already led his elite troops to the north of the Star Luo Empire.

This time round, the Sun Moon Empire did not conceal the route they were taking. Hence, the Star Luo Empire were also beginning to make preparations after receiving the news of their impending attack.

Of course, there were still plenty of troops which camped at the Ming Dou Mountain Range, including five legions. Other than the troops, Princess Jiujiu was also here.

"Yuhao? How come you're here?" Princess Jiujiu was extremely happy to see Huo Yuhao.

As time passed, Huo Yuhao had started to gain the recognition and acknowledgement of the higher-ups in the different empires after showcasing his abilities. Besides, Huo Yuhao was still holding out for the title of Duke of the Star Luo Empire.

After sitting down with Princess Jiujiu in the tent, Huo Yuhao asked, "Your Highness, do you have the latest news?"

Princess Jiujiu said, "I do have some news, but it might not be extremely accurate. The only thing that is certain is that the Sun Moon Empire has assembled over three hundred thousand soldiers for their armies. It seems like all of them have been transported into the Heavenly Soul Empire. From the looks of it, they are probably going to link up with the troops that are already within the Heavenly Soul Empire. As to what they will do next, we have no reliable intelligence on that."

"Other than this, the Sun Moon Empire has strengthened their defences at the borders of their land. In fact, they have placed at least two soul engineer legions on the other side of the Ming Dou Mountain Range to supplement their aerial surveillance soul tools and existing troops. With their new setup, we can't even send a fly in to do any reconnaissance work. Yuhao, since you are here already, do you mind helping us do some reconnaissance work?"

Even though he was looking into the Princess's hopeful eyes, Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, "Your Highness, I am sorry, but I do have another mission at hand. However, I can help you solve some of your reconnaissance problems." Following which, Huo Yuhao gave her a sly smile.

Princess Jiujiu seemed to have caught what Huo Yuhao was hinting as she said, "That would be great. However, I must let you know how sly their surveillance soul tools have become. They do not only possess a greater range, but also greater mobility and speed. They will flee the moment they detect any dubious movement. At the same time, the other soul tools in the area will stop any attempt from the enemy to intercept the surveillance soul tool. Hence, this will be a challenging task. We have tried to use soul cannon shells to bomb the surveillance soul tools multiple times, to no avail."

Huo Yuhao said, "These are probably the best prevention methods they can employ. But rest assured, I have my ways. Even though I won't be able to destroy all of them, I am confident I can take down at least some of them."

Princess Jiujiu was evidently excited by Huo Yuhao's reply. "That would be great! If we can give the Sun Moon Empire some pressure from here, the battle at the frontline will be a lot easier for our people."

Huo Yuhao said, "Then I shall begin to make my move. Afterwards, we will be inserting ourselves into the Sun Moon Empire to continue our battle. Goodbye, Your Majesty."

After bidding her goodbye, both Huo Yuhao and Princess Jiujiu stood up. She moved closer to Huo Yuhao and looked at him with an inexplicable look. She said, "Yuhao, you are truly the most outstanding youth I've ever seen. The Star Luo Empire will forever be your home. As long as you wish for it, the Empire can give you all the honor and glory you might want."

Huo Yuhao smiled. "In that case, if this operation were to be completed successfully, I shall return to ask for the title of Duke from Your Majesty."

Princess Jiujiu was a little shocked by Huo Yuhao's request. It was not the first time that he had asked about this title. However, he had never asked for anything other than the title—not even a plot of land. Why is he so persistent about the title?

Of course, it was still more reassuring to know that he wanted something, instead of not wanting anything at all. Xu Jiujiu said, "Yuhao, what is your mission actually about? Can you tell me?"

Huo Yuhao hesitated for a short while before replying, "I am leading some troops to perform a sabotage operation within the Sun Moon Empire just like the Duke did previously. If we succeed, I am confident that we can threaten the foundation of the Sun Moon Empire and alleviate the pressure on our troops at the frontline."

It was apparent that the White Tiger Duke had not inform Xu Jiujiu of this plan. After hearing Huo Yuhao's words, Xu Jiujiu was very much taken aback. "You are going to bring an entire army into the Sun Moon Empire? Are they from the Shrek City Defense Army?"

Huo Yuhao nodded and replied, "Pretty much. However, they are stronger than the Defense Army. I don't think it would be appropriate for me to reveal any more information. I just hope I can bring back good news soon. Alright. I'll see you around, Your Highness."

Xu Jiujiu saw Huo Yuhao to the edge of the main peak and watched him take off until his figure disappeared in the sky. Her emotions, which had been suppressed for the past few days seemed to have relaxed a little. She clenched her fists and muttered to herself, "Good luck, Yuhao!"

Of course, Huo Yuhao would not share the secret of his spectral demiplane with Xu Jiujiu. Even though there would be a lot of people who would learn of his spectral plane after the war ended, he still believed he should keep it a secret—at least for the time being.

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As he became stronger, some of the things that he had to be extremely careful with before could now be treated with less caution.

As a faint glow flashed on his body, Huo Yuhao projected an ice-cold beam from his face. While he was flying, he had already unleashed his spiritual detection ability to search for the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance soul tools, which were hiding somewhere in the sky.

The current surveillance soul tool setup used by the Sun Moon Empire was very different from the one they had used previously. These soul tools were completely separated and spaced out. Even though they were able to cover a huge range, their arrangement was not in an extremely predictable pattern. In fact, the Sun Moon Empire had employed a dual surveillance method by performing surveillance from both the land and the air. The overlapping of their surveillance range would increase the chances of detecting enemy movement and guaranteed better safety.

Almost every surveillance soul tool was protected by a soul tool on the land, and the aerial surveillance soul tools were also acting as a radar for the soul tools on the ground. Hence, it could be said that they were highly complementary, and would help improve their security to a huge extent.

Nowadays, there were linked soul tools wherever soul tools were stationed in the Sun Moon Empire. These linked soul tools could perform both offensive and defensive operations. When it came to their offensive capabilities, they could kill a Titled Douluo in a split second. This was why linked soul tools were extremely scary. Because of their overwhelming power, even the powerful Body Sect could not stop the advance of the Sun Moon Empire

Because the Sun Moon Empire had stepped up their security at the Ming Dou Mountain Range, neither the White Tiger Duke nor Princess Jiujiu could do anything to the Sun Moon Empire.

If a large army were to attempt to penetrate these lines of soul tools, they would still be able to do so. Nonetheless, they would have to deal with large numbers of casualties. In addition, they would not know what kind of security would be stationed in an ambush position due to the impossibility of doing any form of reconnaissance. Falling into an ambush after sustaining heavy losses from penetrating the thick lines of soul tools would be a cost even the Star Luo Empire could not undertake.

Hence, the White Tiger Duke opted to defend the Ming Dou Mountain Range instead of taking the risk to attack.

Huo Yuhao's spiritual detection was ultimately limited, and could only detect a large party of troops. He could not get a complete picture of all the troops near the perimeter of the Sun Moon Empire.

Nonetheless, this would not affect his mission.

Of course, Huo Yuhao would not be foolish enough to attack those aerial surveillance tools. He would simply become a target for the soul tools lined up beneath him. In fact, they would not even have to take aim at him. They simply had to shoot upwards into the sky, and he would be in an extremely precarious position. One must remember that Huo Yuhao was not fighting alone.

After going around the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance tools, Huo Yuhao flew straight into the Sun Moon Empire. He went straight to the nearest station where the Sun Moon Empire had set up a series of soul tools.

He went up to them in an extremely delicate fashion before circling to the back of the area. He took a moment to use his spiritual detection to analyze the landscape of this station before finding a gap to get closer to them.

From his spiritual detection, Huo Yuhao was able to tell that this station had over a hundred offensive soul tools and several types of soul tools which could help with surveillance, defense, and auxiliary work.

Outside of the station, there were five thousand normal soldiers who were tasked with defending this soul tool formation. The interior of the station was primarily manned by a few soul engineers. Their numbers were not very large—just over a hundred people. It was apparent that the soul tools were running on sealed milk bottles. The soul engineers simply had to control their daily consumption. After all, the most demanding soul tools were the offensive and defensive ones, and they did not have to be operated that often.

After surveying the surroundings of this station, Huo Yuhao silently crept away and retreated to a blind spot where the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance soul tools would not be able to detect him. He chanted a few incantations and opened his spectral demiplane.

After entering the demiplane, Huo Yuhao met up with his companions and shared his plan.

After listening to his plan, all of them agreed to it, and the nine black doors soon opened in an inconspicuous forest, and the heavy artillery started to roll out. Yes, it was none other than Huo Yuhao's Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion.

The three hundred Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons were able to line up in an organized fashion very quickly as they waited for orders to be issued. It was only now that they realized they had already arrived at the Sun Moon Empire in such a short amount of time. They were feeling both excited and amazed by this revelation.

The higher-ups of the Tang Sect also emerged from the spectral demiplane.

Tang Wutong naturally moved to Huo Yuhao's side. Huo Yuhao announced, "I want everyone to get ready to attack. Eldest senior brother, Wutong and I will head over to the station where the soul tools are. After sabotaging them, we will immediately return."

Bei Bei nodded and said, "Alright. Take care."

Huo Yuhao held Tang Wutong's hand as he activated Imitation. He started to creep towards the place where the soul tools were stationed.

The soul tools stationed in that area were in fact very sensitive. However, their surveillance ability was limited to a certain range. To put it simply, their surveillance was useless on soldiers outside those ranges. Hence, those surveillance soul tools were primarily used to keep watch on movement in the sky. When it came to watching the ground, that was the responsibility of the aerial surveillance soul tools.

After Huo Yuhao's spiritual power evolved again, oscillation detectors were no longer useful against him. He could use his spiritual power to detect any oscillation waves that were headed in his direction. He was also able to use his Ultimate Ice to change the temperature around him to avoid detection by thermal detectors. Hence, it was extremely hard for any soul tools to detect him. He was only vulnerable to the extremely rare spiritual power detectors and soul power detectors.

These two detectors were extremely limited, as they could only detect fluctuations within an extremely short range.

Hence, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong could enter the camp of the normal soldiers without being detected.

Right now, it was the middle of the afternoon. After lunch, the five thousand soldiers were taking their afternoon breaks. The lives of soldiers tended to be a lot more relaxed when they were not in the middle of a war. Their routine usually included some training in the morning, breaks in the afternoon and patrols in the evening.

As they went through the camp, they started to get closer to the place where the soul tools were stationed.

“Yuhao, what should we do now?”

Huo Yuhao replied, “There are only about a hundred soul engineers inside. The strongest one is but a seven-ringed Soul Sage. I believe he has yet to attain the level of a Class 7 soul engineer. Nonetheless, this area is enveloped by surveillance from soul power detectors and spiritual power detectors. The soul engineers in this area must be carrying some sort of pass which allows them to roam around without being mistaken as an enemy. We would probably get found out the moment we stepped into the area. However, the soul tools in this area seem to be heavy weapons. Even though they might be very destructive and can activate the powers of linked soul tools, they probably won’t be able to unleash their powers within the area.”

Tang Wutong immediately caught what Huo Yuhao was hinting at. “We are going to rush in?”

Huo Yuhao flashed her a smile. “What are we waiting for? Let’s go.”

After he finished his sentence, Huo Yuhao grabbed Tang Wutong’s hand and dashed into the area like a lightning bolt. His eyes turned brilliant golden the moment he stepped into the area where the soul tools were stationed.

Huo Yuhao might have twin martial souls and an Ultimate Strength martial soul, but the most frightening thing about him was not his fighting power. It was his invincible reconnaissance ability.

Even though there were plenty of surveillance soul tools and even some spiritual power detectors within the area, they were unable to stop Huo Yuhao’s ability from scanning the entire camp.

Huo Yuhao immediately grasped the locations of all the different soul engineers within this area. This information would be extremely helpful for his subsequent actions.

The place that Huo Yuhao had chosen to enter first was the resting area for the soul engineers who were in charge of protecting and controlling the soul tools.

The resting area was placed in the center of the camp in order to protect them.

Huo Yuhao dashed straight towards the center of the camp with both of his eyes shining with a golden color.

The daily maintenance and surveillance work for the area did not require many people. It was only during war when they required everyone to be working at any point in time. Hence, most of the soul engineers were congregated at the resting area. That was why Huo Yuhao chose to strike this area first.

At the very instant when he stepped into the camp, a mysterious spiritual ripple spread out from his body. nove-11b.in

He was immediately detected by the spiritual power detectors as the alarm within the camp went off. However, this would not be sufficient to stop him.

Huo Yuhao activated his Eye of Destiny as his spiritual power was increased to its maximum. At this very instant, the entire resting area was within his control.

As the saying went, a commander must not go easy on the enemy's soldiers. As the Chief Commander of Shrek City's three Soul Engineer Legions, he had to be responsible for the safety of his troops, and more importantly, the hope and future of three Empires. Hence, he must not be merciful against these soul engineers!

After hearing the deafening alarm, the soul engineers within the resting area jumped up. However, an overwhelming spiritual power attacked them from within their minds.

Spiritual Blast!

Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was almost invincible. Even Du Busi had commended him on his spiritual power—which was on par with that of a Transcendent Douluo—before his death. With Tang Wutong's support and their Haodong Power, his spiritual power had received another significant boost.

This was Huo Yuhao's first time performing such a powerful spiritual blast.

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A loud explosion could be heard from within the resting area. The explosion sound came from the heads of the soul engineers. All their heads had exploded from Huo Yuhao's spiritual blast.

At this very instant, all fifty soul engineers who were resting in the resting area had been killed.

It was only now that the whole camp started to react to what had just happened. The linked soul tools started to establish a defensive barrier to cordon the area off from the rest of the world.

It was a logical move for them to contain the intruders since there were only two people. Based on their calculations, it should be relatively easy to capture or kill them.

Little did they expect their enemies to be so powerful.

After unleashing a spiritual blast, Huo Yuhao did not wait around. He grabbed Tang Wutong and flickered around the camp like a ghost.

There were many defensive soul tools within the camp which were specially designed to fight against intruders. They shot several laser beams towards Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong, but they just couldn't hit the couple who were flickering around in the camp.

Huo Yuhao was not only capable of predicting where the beams would go because of his spiritual detection ability, but was also a Class 9 soul engineer! He had long discovered the flaws in the arrangements of these soul tools.

The biggest problem with these defensive soul tools was how they were arranged in a way so as to minimize damage to the soul tools within the camp. On top of this, their power was limited to protect

the soldiers. This resulted in countless blind spots, which Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong gladly took advantage of.

With his spiritual blast as a continuous ranged attacks, Huo Yuhao was able to unleash his powerful attacks without even seeing the soul engineers.

The most powerful soul engineer among them was only a seven-ringed Soul Sage. Their self-defense soul tools were mainly focused on protecting against attacks which were physical or soul-power-based. Not everyone could be equipped with high-class soul tools which could protect them against spiritual attacks. Other than the seven-ringed Soul Sage, which required Huo Yuhao to kill him with spiritual shock, the rest of them perished under Huo Yuhao's spiritual blast. Spiritual attacks were no doubt the most effective way to kill soul engineers.

It took them only a couple of minutes to kill all of them. In the end, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were the only ones still alive within the camp.

Following which, Huo Yuhao entered the core area of the camp and shut down the linked defensive system with the help of his understanding of soul tools as a Class 9 soul engineer.

The soldiers who were camped outside had already erupted into chaos. However, they did not dare to enter the area where the soul tools were stationed after the linked defensive system had vanished.

The soul engineers in the camp were held in great esteem by the soldiers. Besides, there were already orders given to not enter the area unless they were given permission by the soul engineers.

One must understand that any of the soul engineers would have a higher rank than the commanders amongst the soldiers. Soul engineers had extremely high social statuses in the Sun Moon Empire.

After completing their sabotage work, Huo Yuhao concealed himself and Tang Wutong as they snuck out of the area where the soul tools were stationed. Following which, they accelerated through the air with their Class 9 flying soul tools and returned to where they had hidden the Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion.

"# 1 to #12, listen carefully. I want you to lock onto the coordinates that my spiritual energy is pointing at. Change your shells to Class 4 shells and get ready."

Because Huo Yuhao's voice was projected with his spiritual energy, every single soul engineer in the legion could hear his words clearly.

At the same time, Huo Yuhao also informed his companions within the spectral demiplane.

Following which, the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion and the Fort Soul Engineer Legion started to move out from the black doors, and line up in their formations quickly.

Huo Yuhao's eyes were radiating a certain glow as he used his spiritual energy to keep the doors open, lock onto the position of the aerial surveillance soul tools, and fix the coordinates for the artillery with his Spiritual Sharing ability. He was capable of multitasking, and had fully exhibited the importance of his spiritual energy in war.

Huo Yuhao gazed into the distance as a smile escaped from the corner of his mouth.

Following which, twenty of the three hundred Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons started to take aim after receiving the coordinates from Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Sharing.

At this very instant, Huo Yuhao was like their eyes. The long black metallic barrels began their adjustments as they aimed towards the distant sky.

After repeated improvements, the current cannons were far more accurate than before.

The earliest versions of the cannons had forty-eight barrels. Because they required sixteen barrels for every shot, they could fire three times consecutively. Afterwards, they would have to be set aside to cool before they could be used again.

Now, regardless of whether it was their cooling mechanisms or their material, the cannons had improved tremendously, and could sustain extended periods of continuous firing.

The sixteen barrels used to only be able to fire in a single direction. However, after Xuan Ziwen improved its design, it was now able to aim in a single direction with just two barrels. This would allow the cannon to be a lot more accurate in its firing.

"Fire!" Huo Yuhao ordered.

At that instant, twenty Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons fired in unison with a deafening belch. Three hundred and twenty Class 4 shells ascended into the air instantly as they headed in the direction of the distant sky.

He Caitou was standing by Huo Yuhao's side as he grabbed his own chest. The mere thought of the cost of these shells made his heart ache. Those were all stationary soul cannon shells! Even though Huo Yuhao's newly researched manufacturing technique had helped to reduce the cost of producing these shells, it still cost a small fortune to launch a few hundred shells at once.

Huo Yuhao turned his head and smiled at He Caitou. He said, "Senior brother, don't worry about it. We will not be taking a loss. Those aerial surveillance soul tools have the ability to dodge attacks. If we were to scrimp on the shells, they might not be enough to destroy them."

While they were speaking, a deafening explosion could be heard from the distant sky.

Several balls of fire could be seen in the background. Because it was the middle of the day, the fireballs were not too obvious. However, it was still apparent enough that the balls of fire were not just timed explosions.

"We hit them!" He Caitou waved his fist in excitement.

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "We have managed to clear all one hundred aerial surveillance soul tools in the vicinity. Senior Brother, lead the Fort Soul Engineer Legion to clear up the camp I have just returned from. I have left plenty of spoils for you there."

The aerial surveillance soul tools were useless to Huo Yuhao. They were of no use for the mission he was leading. In fact, Huo Yuhao was probably better than all those soul tools when it came to surveillance and reconnaissance work. However, the soul tools in the camp were different. They were all high-quality heavy weapons—the fruits of the labor and research the Sun Moon Empire had done. In fact, such areas would usually contain precious resources like the Sealed Milk Bottles! They should also have plenty of

stationary soul cannon shells. Even if this area did not have the strongest soul tools, they should still have an abundance of resources.

After hearing Huo Yuhao's words, He Caitou immediately understood what he meant. Following which, he joyfully led the Fort Soul Engineer Legion to collect their spoils.

However, it was not just him who headed out. Bei Bei was also moving out with the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion.

Even though the three legions had trained for a long period of time, they had still not fought any battles in their capacity as soul engineers. Since this was already a sure victory for them, it would be good for them to go out and experience fighting. It would also be a good way for them to improve their capabilities.

The outcome was one which everyone had long expected. There was no other possible outcome when five thousand normal foot soldiers met two soul engineer legions.

Under the instructions of He Caitou and Bei Bei, the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion and the Fort Soul Engineer Legion only used non-stationary soul cannon shells, soul rays, and similar expendable items to finish the soldiers off.

The entire battle took less than twenty minutes, and the entire army of five thousand soldiers was obliterated. Without the protection of soul tools, these soldiers had pretty much no capabilities on the battlefield.

While they were destroying the soldiers and collecting the spoils, Huo Yuhao had already ordered his Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion to return into the spectral demiplane. It was best for them to return first, since they were the slowest legion. After they had returned, it would be easier for Huo Yuhao to make his next move.

Even though it was fairly tedious to disassemble the heavy weapons, the legion of soul engineers found it relatively easy with the help of the all-terrain self-driving forts.

They first began to clear up the leftover supplies before disassembling the heavy soul tools. **no ve-lb-1n**

Huo Yuhao grabbed Tang Wutong as both of them floated in mid-air. Huo Yuhao was observing the disassembly process while using his spiritual energy to detect any enemy movement in the distance.

Tang Wutong smiled. "Seems like it isn't too difficult to deal with the Sun Moon Empire!"

Huo Yuhao replied, "This is but the start. Besides, the explosions in the air earlier must have alerted the other nearby camps. Their assistance is probably late because of the precautionary measures they have to take and the long distance from their camps to this one. We must leave the moment I detect any movement from them."

Tang Wutong asked, "Then what do we do with the equipment we can't bring along with us in time?"

Huo Yuhao smiled before replying, "We will of course destroy it. We can't leave it behind for them to use."

Tang Wutong said, "Even if their reinforcements were to arrive, they would probably lose to us too. Logically speaking, the Sun Moon Empire would not set up their soul tool camps with overlapping ranges. Hence, if the other camps can't reach the area here, their soul engineers would have no chance against us."

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "No, we can't assume all of that. Firstly, we can't afford to lose anyone. We only have this number of people. Hence, I cannot risk any of their lives. Not even a single one of them. I would rather we lose out on some of the spoils than give the enemy a chance to deal damage to us. Besides, there is also the possibility of us getting tangled in the combat and losing the chance to retreat. This is near the frontline, so there must be plenty of troops from the Sun Moon Empire around. Once we get caught in battle, our plan will have failed. Hence, we must strike and leave immediately. We must make sure no one knows the profile of our army. The unknown enemy is often the scariest enemy. Our main goal is to exert pressure on the Sun Moon Empire! Oh! They're here!"

Huo Yuhao solemnly gave the signal to begin retreating.

The fellows from Tang Sect had spent so much time together. Because Huo Yuhao had been the main control-type soul master all along, they reacted according to his warnings without any hesitation.

After taking everything they had dismantled, the all-terrain self-driving forts started to shoot soul rays at the soul tools which they were unable to take with them. In a short amount of time, they transformed the soul tool camp into ruins.

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In the meantime, Huo Yuhao took his leave with Tang Wutong as they returned to the forest to look after the spectral gate.

Even though the all-terrain self-driving forts could not move as fast as the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion, which was in flight, they were not much slower than them. From the air, the forts were basically gigantic metallic balls running at an incredibly fast speed with their eight long legs. No terrain could stop them from advancing. Before long, they were all out of sight. When the Sun Moon Empire's reinforcements arrived, all they would see was the rubble.

After entering the forest, the forts disappeared into the black doors. With the experience they had gained from their previous entrance, they were a lot faster this time around. As the nine doors closed, everything became as serene as before. It was almost as though the legions had not appeared at all.

Huo Yuhao had gone into the spectral demiplane along with the rest of them.

Even though he was formerly trained in military tactics in the Ultimate Soldier Plan, what he had learned was primarily individual-based tactics. When it came to controlling a large number of troops, he knew he could not be compared to Ju Zi. However, the gap between him and her was not insurmountable. He believed that he was able to do so with the help of his powerful abilities and his spectral demiplane. This was apparent from the ease with which they were able to win the previous battle and retreat upon attaining victory.

However, he still believed in the need to reflect and review what they had done well and what they could improve on. This was necessary for them in order to perform better during subsequent battles.

As everyone gathered at the top of a knoll within the spectral demiplane, everyone could see the excitement written on each other's faces.

This was not only Huo Yuhao's first time leading troops, but also Tang Sect's first time fighting in a battle! All three soul engineer legions had participated and showcased their different abilities on the battlefield.

In fact, they were not able to showcase their full suite of capabilities because of how weak their opponent was. Nevertheless, the destruction they had caused and the resources they had looted had given the team's morale a huge boost.

When they left the Tang Sect for this mission, Huo Yuhao had ordered them to bring only ten days of rations. Much of their storage space had been used to bring resources which would be useful for actual combat.

His objective was simple. He wanted to use the loot from their previous battles as their resources for the next battle.

They had managed to plunder a huge amount of rations from the Sun Moon Empire in their previous battle. These rations would be enough to last them for an extended period of time. In addition, they were also able to acquire several different kinds of soul tools. Those they were unable to bring away in time were completely destroyed. The Sun Moon Empire had definitely suffered a huge loss.

"Yuhao, that was truly an incredible battle. If we keep this up, we're going to be rich! What's our next target? Are we going to focus on the next area where the soul tools are stationed? If we can destroy all of these areas established by the Sun Moon Empire outside of the Ming Dou Mountain Range, I'm sure we can strike fear deep into the heart of the Sun Moon Empire. At the same time, the Star Luo Empire would be able to help us occupy their attention from the other end." He Caitou was undoubtedly one of the most excited individuals among the rest. He had obviously forgotten his unhappiness with the generous usage of the stationary soul cannon shells.

As he was the main person in charge of logistics and supplies, he was now feeling like a wealthy man.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "No, we have not come here to attack such installations. Even though we do have the power to destroy all of these installed soul tools, that would undoubtedly expose our existence. Besides, I am sure the Sun Moon Empire has its means to counter these scenarios. If we were to be overly absorbed in these battles, we would definitely lose at some point in time. Because of how small our unit is, we cannot afford to lose anyone! Hence, we must not give them a chance to catch us. We must retreat quickly right after striking them. And we must do it in a clean and quick fashion."

He Caitou was surprised by Huo Yuhao's reply. "So we're giving up on this battlefield? We're not continuing?"

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "We need to adopt a macro perspective. Our intent is to influence the entire war, not just any small plot of land. Our biggest advantage is our speed! By ferrying everyone in the spectral demiplane, I can bring everyone to any corner of the Sun Moon Empire within two days. Hence, our best strategy is to strike them in different parts of their Empire. It would be a losing battle for us if we were to fight head-on with them."

Bei Bei nodded in agreement. “Little junior brother is right. We cannot be overly content with our small victories. We need to stretch the battlefield across the entire Sun Moon Empire in order for them to feel the pain that we are about to deliver to them. We must make them panic by striking their most vulnerable parts. This will allow us to create the greatest amount of opportunity and, at the same time, give them the greatest amount of fear. As long as we can affect the foundation of their Empire and threaten their rule, we would have accomplished our objective.”

Xu Sanshi said, “Yuhao, you are our Chief Commander. Everyone here is a member of our family. There’s no need for you to be overly courteous. Just let us know where you want us to head to, and we will follow your orders without any complaints. Let’s give the Sun Moon Empire a lesson, and show them what happens when they mess with us!”

Huo Yuhao revealed a faint smile. “We should all rest up first and recover what we have expended earlier. I will also be resting for a short while before setting off for our next location. This time around, I want to play a game of chess against the Sun Moon Empire. I want them to receive news that their entire Empire is being attacked at multiple places—at the same time!”

Even though Huo Yuhao had expended quite a bit of his energy, it was not overly significant. He went to cultivate with Tang Wutong, whereas the others went for meetings with the higher-ups within their legions to perform after-action reviews.

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In the Heavenly Soul Empire.

Ju Zi was floating in mid-air silently while being surrounded by a sea of fiery red. The Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion was stationed around her as they looked to protect from any harm.

As she looked into the distance, it seemed as though her mind had drifted away.

It had been a while since the entire army had moved out. However, Ju Zi was still feeling very uneasy. The reason for her unease was simple—it was because of that person.

If her child was still unfound, she would perhaps not be as conflicted as she was right now. She would only feel enraged, and would channel the hatred within her into bloodlust as her troops stormed forward onto the battlefield.

But now that her child had been returned to her, the hatred in her heart had become a lot fainter. Her child’s return had resulted in an inexplicable change in her attitude. In fact, this newfound feeling was slowly taking over the deep hatred in her heart.

And this feeling was directed towards her child—definitely not towards her husband.

Other than the child, the rest of her feelings was directed towards that person.

That day, after Huo Yuhao had left, Ju Zi had cried for a long time. It was only after she had calmed down that she thought of this: he did not disappoint me.

In her heart, Huo Yuhao’s image was becoming better, whereas Xu Tianran’s was worsening.

Nonetheless, Ju Zi continued to lead the army out for their conquest. She left her child in the palace because she was not allowed to bring the Crown Prince of a country out from Radiant City. The truth was that when she was requesting that liberty from Xu Tianran, she was still hopeful that she might be given permission to bring him out. In fact, it was more like she was trying to convince herself to give Xu Tianran one last chance.

Unfortunately, Xu Tianran turned her down resolutely. And this made Ju Zi certain about the decision she was about to make. In her mind, a perfect plan was gradually taking shape.

Yuhao, where are you now? Will you be in the enemy's camp? I really don't want to see you on the battlefield. But I really miss you...

A bitter expression formed on her delicate face. She was suffering from the conflict within her heart. But at the same time, she was excited by the possibilities which lay ahead.

She started to laugh at herself. Back then, I even told him that his biggest problem was his emotional weakness. But why do I feel an inexplicable weakness in my heart whenever I think of him? Yuhao, oh, Yuhao... I am really regretting my decision in the past... If I had chosen you back then, and followed you to leave Radiant City, everything might have turned out differently. At the very least, I would have had a chance to fight for a place by your side. n-*OvElB*In

However, she understood that there was not much point crying over spilled milk. There was no way she could undo what she had done after choosing to take this path. All she could do was try and make things easier for him. Huo Yuhao, you can rest assured that I will never hurt you regardless of the circumstances. Because you are my...

As she thought about this, Ju Zi's heart softened once again. Right now, she did not resemble a War God Empress. She was more like a young girl who was thinking about her boyfriend.

"Issue my orders. Everyone is to rest for the next three days. Set up the defensive soul tools and be on high alert. Double the range of the aerial surveillance soul tools and push them forward by a thousand meters. I want more visuals on the situation of the Heavenly Soul and Dou Ling Empires."

"Roger!"

After the Crown Prince was returned, Xu Tianran had given at least half of the army to Ju Zi. In the current campaign, there were only a few Class 9 soul engineers who could influence her tactics. The position of the Commander of the Three Forces was slowly becoming hers.

The war must go on. In Ju Zi's heart, she knew it was impossible for her to let go of the hatred she had. In addition, she was no longer only fighting the war as a form of revenge. She was also building the foundation for her son's throne.

When it came to this, Xu Tianran had made several good predictions. He knew that he was infertile, and only had the Crown Prince as his son. Regardless of how big the future of the Sun Moon Empire would be, it was ultimately going to be handed over to Xu Yunhan. That was why Xu Tianran was so daring to put so much power into Ju Zi's hands. Of course, he was also confident in his ability to rein her in.

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Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were flying across the sky with their hands interlocked with one another.

After waking up from his cultivation and returning to that little forest, he realized how a large part of the sky above him was already covered by aerial surveillance soul tools.

After the area where the soul tools were stationed had been destroyed, it had alerted all of the Sun Moon Empire's troops which were stationed near the Ming Dou Mountain Range. They were currently doing their best to find where their enemies were.

This showed that Huo Yuhao's previous worries were legitimate. It was definitely not a wise decision to fight head-on with the large number of troops the Sun Moon Empire had stationed in this area.

After activating Imitation, Huo Yuhao concealed both himself and Tang Wutong as they fled at the speed of sound with their Class 9 flying soul tools at full throttle.

The aerial surveillance soul tools were useless against Huo Yuhao. The Sun Moon Empire had spent several days trying to find this mysterious unit which had attacked them, but to no avail. The only news they had received was how a large legion of all-terrain self-driving forts had attacked them.

During the battle, Huo Yuhao and his people did not kill everyone. After all, there were close to five thousand normal soldiers there. They had only planned to disrupt their operations and flee; they did not want to do any unnecessary killing.

Without any other clues, this battle in which the Sun Moon Empire suffered huge losses could only be concluded as an unsolvable mystery. The news was delivered to Radiant City as soon as possible.

Oak City was a mid-sized city in the northern part of the Sun Moon Empire. It was very close to the northern frontier. However, it was different from the frontiers of the original Douluo Continent. The Sun Moon Empire was surrounded by the ocean on its northern border. It bordered the Ice Sea—the expansive sea which was on the west of the core regions of the Extreme North.

Even though it was called the Ice Sea, the sea was not actually frozen entirely. This name was merely given to it because of its incredibly low temperatures.

Because of how low the temperature was, there were always blocks of ice floating on the surface of the water. Occasionally, one might even see an entire iceberg floating in the ocean. The weather at the Ice Sea was truly unbearable.

Oak City might just be a mid-sized city, but it was already incredibly large considering how few cities there were in the northern parts of the Sun Moon Empire. It was the center of commerce in the northern regions. Many specialties of the north were traded in Oak City before being transported to the southern parts of the Sun Moon Empire for sale.

Some of these northern specialties included the fish in the Ice Sea. These fish were extremely popular among its people.

The northern regions had a much lower population density than the southern parts of the Sun Moon Empire. Because this place was also very close to the west, it was considerably far from the Wasteland of the Extreme North, and was often considered the safest place in the Sun Moon Empire. Hence, there

weren't many troops stationed here. Only a thousand troops or so were in charge of the safety of Oak City, as well as some of the smaller cities in the vicinity.

There were two figures which were silently standing on the top of a hill about fifty kilometers away from Oak City. They were looking at the city, which was uniformly grey in color.

Oak City was extremely close to the Ice Sea. It was only about twenty-five kilometers away. Hence, it was possible to look at the Ice Sea by finding a vantage point at a higher altitude.

"What a great view! It's really different from what we're used to back where we stay!" Huo Yuhao exclaimed.

Tang Wutong wrapped her arm around Huo Yuhao's arm before exclaiming, "Yeah! Look at the Ice Sea in the distance. It looks so mysterious! I really want to check that place out if we have time. There must be many soul beasts in the Ice Sea. I wonder how strong they are... They must be pretty strong in order to survive under such harsh conditions."

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Huo Yuhao began to laugh as he listened to her. The Extreme North's environment was a lot more brutal than this place, but several of its most powerful soul beasts ultimately became his Spirits. He was only able to achieve his current strength because of his Ultimate Ice.

Huo Yuhao was like a fish in water in this extremely chilly northern region. He had absolute faith that he could rely on his own strength to fight at a Titled Douluo's level; the environment's impact on his strength was very evident.

"When everything settles down, I will take you to every corner of the Douluo Continent. Haih, speaking of that, I feel really dejected. I'm supposed to meet your father when I return, but I don't know how long this delay is going to take."

Tang Wutong giggled and said, "Are you worried? Do you think we still have time to get married with the current situation in the continent?"

Huo Yuhao chuckled and said, "Even if we don't get married, I will ask your father after consulting him to remove that seal from your body. At the very least, I don't have to be so agonizingly stifled!"

Tang Wutong blushed. "Just control yourself and stop being so talkative. When do we start? The temperature here is too low, and not conducive for a prolonged battle. We should end it as quickly as possible."

"Haven't we just scouted? Oak City almost has no ability to resist at all, so we're just going to pillage it. We will leave immediately after the mission. Second senior brother should be prepared."

"Then let's begin," Tang Wutong nodded as she spoke.

"Alright." Huo Yuhao's expression grew solemn as deep incantations rang out on the mountaintop. There were no aerial surveillance soul tools in a place like this.

Large black doors opened, and enormous metal spheres strode out from those doors as they formed up neatly beneath the little mountain.

Every metal sphere was like a porcupine, and all sorts of offensive soul tools shaped like spikes long and short protruded from their surface.

He Caitou was sitting in the largest all-terrain self-driving fort, and he was the first to walk out. Only he and Xiao Xiao were sitting inside.

He Caitou came beside Huo Yuhao, and the self-driving fort paused as He Caitou's voice echoed from within. "Yuhao, Wutong, do you guys want to come in and sit down?"

"Alright," Huo Yuhao acknowledged. Attacking Oak City wouldn't be very difficult, so they had only mobilized the Fort Soul Engineer Legion. Huo Yuhao didn't have to be too involved, he only had to control the situation with his Spiritual Detection, and that was sufficient.

Huo Yuhao's reputation among the three soul engineer legions became greatly elevated after their battle the other day. Anyone who experienced how magical his Spiritual Detection was would be shaken by that formidable ability of his, whether they were soul masters or soul engineers.

He Caitou had crafted this Class 8 all-terrain self-driving fort himself. It was bright silver in color, but five meters in diameter. He enjoyed all kinds of high-powered soul tools, so he had installed many different kinds of frighteningly destructive soul tools into his soul tool fort. This soul tool fort rivaled the strength of a Class 9 soul tool if He Caitou used his full strength to attack. The reason why it was a Class 8 soul tool was because the fort didn't contain a single soul tool installed that could reach the attacking force of a Class 9 soul tool.

There were six seats installed inside. Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong entered from the metal door at the back, but the fort still felt very spacious and comfortable.

Huo Yuhao glanced He Caitou and Xiao Xiao, who were sitting on enormous chairs in the front, and he laughed as he said, "You know how to take care of yourself, second senior brother!"

He Caitou turned around and laughed. "It's always better to be a little more comfortable. How are we doing this?"

Huo Yuhao's eyes sparkled. "Oak City almost doesn't have any kind of defensive capabilities at all, so we can just force our way forward. I've already scouted around. They mainly store food in their granaries and resource storage units, so we should target those places. There's a treasury among their resource warehouses, so we'll retreat after cleaning out their granaries and that treasury. We will try to avoid hurting civilians as much as possible, we're not here to kill."

"Alright, don't worry."

"Let's move out, boys. Our target is the city fifty kilometers in front of us, and we are to do as much damage as we wish to its structures. But we have to minimize hurting people as much as possible." He Caitou used his group communicator to give an order to every one of this soul engineer legion's members.

His soul engineer legion was the largest one, with a thousand five hundred members. There were five people in each all-terrain self-driving fort, and each individual controlled different functions within them.

Someone would be responsible for movement, while other people would be responsible for offense and defense, and two others were responsible for infusing soul power into the fort. All five individuals had to be adept at all their tasks so that they could switch around at any moment. That way, their all-terrain self-driving fort's functions could be realized as much as possible while maintaining continuous endurance and usage.

He Caitou controlled his all-terrain self-driving fort and strode at lightning speed toward Oak City. The others got into formation and followed behind him as they charged straight forward.

They tried to keep some space between each other in their formation as they pushed forward so that their firepower wouldn't overlap. They moved forward in an orderly fashion, and even though their formation wasn't considered entirely strict and flawless, it was absolutely reasonable.

They had been training for more than two years, and their standards from their training were adequately displayed. Fifty kilometers was barely an hour's journey for all-terrain self-driving forts.

The reason why Huo Yuhao didn't choose to use his necromancy nearer to Oak City because there were still aerial surveillance soul tools in the sky. What he wanted to achieve was for the Sun Moon Empire to be confused about where this army had come from. They would be warned if Huo Yuhao destroyed their aerial surveillance soul tools beforehand. Oak City's defenses were lax, but if they were given warning early enough, cities which were relatively close by could still send reinforcements. Furthermore, the Sun Moon Empire could use backup aerial surveillance soul tools when Huo Yuhao was using necromancy, and they would then discover where this mysterious army had come from. This was what Huo Yuhao wanted least, so he had to be careful in dealing with their defenses.

Huo Yuhao wanted to use these battles to boost their soul engineer legions' adaptability at the same time, so he didn't have to go through so much trouble. It was time for them to exercise and move around after being stuck in his spectral demiplane for a day.

The patrolling soldiers on Oak City's wall were wrapped in thick blankets because the weather was too cold. They would circle for a round or two before hiding from the wind behind the battlements. The patrolling teams switched every hour, and every team only had ten people. Patrols would sometimes even be cancelled during the coldest days of winter.

At this moment, ten soldiers from the City Defense Army's first large team's third small team were patrolling on the city wall. Ten soldiers strolled around lackadaisically on top of the city wall under their vice-captain's leadership.

"Why don't we talk to boss about this damned weather, captain. We don't have to patrol anymore. There's nothing to see!" An old soldier complained to his vice-captain.

The vice-captain snapped, "If you have the guts to do it yourself, then do it. The captain's mood hasn't been so good these few days."

"Heh, I've heard that the team captain has gone out in search of new experiences, but he was discovered by his wife? Is that true?"

"You shouldn't ask if you don't wish to be burned alive by the captain's wrath."

Everyone guffawed along with tacit mutual understanding.

“Captain, we want to pool our money to buy a drink of wine for you after our patrol is finished. What do you think?”

“A drink? I’m on duty today, so...”

“Captain, the weather is so cold. Drinking some wine will help you execute your duties better.”

“Yes, alright. At least you fellows are filial. Eh, what’s that sound?”

“Tch tch tch, tch tch tch...” Strange sounds travelled from the distance as the patrol gazed out from the city. It was but a glance before all ten pairs of pupils contracted at the same time.

There were enormous metal spheres in the distance wherever their eyes could see. They didn’t have enough sunlight, but these metal spheres were still reflecting icy brilliance as they charged towards Oak City at lightning speed.

The vice-captain froze for a few moments before he yelled hysterically, “Ambush—!”

“Close the city gates, quick.”

These soldiers were a little idle and slack, but seeing an attack of such scale sent chills straight into their hearts.

They were in the Sun Moon Empire’s territory after all. Even though they were far in the north, these soldiers still had some understanding of soul tools. These soldiers knew that they couldn’t defend themselves against an attack from an enormous soul engineer legion of such a scale. What they could do now was to call the soldiers below to close the city gates before they would... run!

The spherical all-terrain self-driving fort at the forefront suddenly flipped as it turned its belly forward and revealed an enormous cannon barrel that was one-and-a-half meters in diameter. n--OV&B1n

The barrel itself wasn’t long, but when it flipped around, the opening flashed with freakish red light.

This all-terrain self-driving fort was still roughly two kilometers from Oak City, but in the next moment, a radiant beam of red light blasted from that frightening muzzle as it cut across two kilometers in an instant and smashed heavily against the closed city gates.

“Boom, boom, boom!” Deafening booming sounds resonated across Oak City as the city’s gates were blown to dust. Countless pieces and fragments were blown in all directions as several tens of meters of the city wall on both sides of the city gates collapsed. An enormous hole was blown right through the city gates.

Self-driving forts moving at full speed could cover two kilometers in the blink of an eye. The Fort Soul Engineer Legion that was spread out horizontally charged into the city gates.

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He Caitou controlled his machine and charged directly into the city through the enormous hole that he had blown open. Countless cannon barrels snapped open on the metal sphere, and more than twenty barrels that looked like spikes concentrated penetrating white light. More than twenty over beams of white light surged into the air in the next moment and pierced through the heavens.

These soul tools were called long-range piercing cannons, and were Class 8 soul tools. This soul tool had the second longest range; stationary soul cannon shells could go farther.

Booming sounds resonated in waves through the sky as flashes of fire and light flickered again and again. *novE.Lb(1n*

This was the result of the Eye of the Asura working together with the Origin of Destruction, and piercing cannons that could lock onto its targets swept over all the surveillance soul tools in the sky above Oak City. Oak City immediately became blind, so that they were temporarily unable to seek reinforcements from cities a little further away.

Long-range transmission soul tools were starting to appear within the Sun Moon Empire as technology continued to advance. However, these transmission soul tools required satellites in the sky for transmission. Otherwise, they couldn't reach their extremely long ranges. The first things that Huo Yuhao and He Caitou locked onto were these satellites, as doing so meant Oak City was temporarily unable to send any information or messages out. Furthermore, their Fort Soul Engineer Legion wouldn't leave any traces behind.

He Caitou stopped attacking once he completed this attack. Instead, he stood fast and proudly in an empty space within the city's gates. Oak City didn't have any strength to resist at all, and He Caitou could trample through this city with his all-terrain self-driving fort even if he was all by himself.

The Fort Soul Engineer Legion had entered the city by now, but the other members didn't charge in through the city gate. They instead scaled the city's walls.

That was the reason why all-terrain self-driving forts were called that; walls couldn't stop them. Every self-driving fort's eight limbs were extremely sharp, just like eight long spears. Each limb had three different joints, and its toughest component was at the bottom. It was crafted using a special kind of metal that was very hard and tough.

These limbs could casually pierce into the city's walls through mechanical power, and could carry their heavy and bulky bodies as they climbed swiftly. The self-driving forts could scale the city's walls with a few motions, and could even attack with soul rays and soul cannons as they climbed.

Somebody watching from the sky would be able to see a very spectacular scene. Three hundred all-terrain self-driving forts appeared on Oak City's walls at almost the same time before they quickly scaled it. Some remained to keep their vantage point, while others entered the city. From this moment onwards, Oak City had been completely taken over.

This couldn't even be considered a battle, as everything was simply too easy, to the point where it would raise people's hackles.

Taking over the government building and the several warehouses that Huo Yuhao had detected earlier happened fifteen minutes later, as screaming and shouting could be heard everywhere in the city.

He Caitou had ordered the Fort Soul Engineer Legion not to attack civilians, but they still did everything they could to destroy and damage several taller and more conspicuous buildings.

Emptying warehouses was a simple task for soul engineers. Storage soul tools had limited space, but Huo Yuhao's spectral demiplane had almost unlimited space!

Before Huo Yuhao took off, he had ordered Er Bai to lead the undead creatures to create a large makeshift warehouse inside his spectral demiplane. This place was more than suitable for storing all sorts of resources and items.

One hour later, the Fort Soul Engineer Legion disappeared just as suddenly as they had appeared, and Oak City was in ruins.

But when the soldiers who had previously hidden away came back out to check the damage, they realized that there had been very few casualties in the pillaging process. There were several who had been injured from the damaged buildings, but there were very few who had died.

But they really wanted to cry when they inspected their warehouses. Their granaries had been emptied, and their large warehouses which were used to store rare items for trading were also emptied, while several of their major businesses had all been cleaned out.

They were in the cold north, and that meant they were extremely dependent on food. Winter was coming, and it wasn't hard to imagine the burden that empty granaries would have on Oak City. The citizens were already fearful and beginning to panic because of this sudden ambush, and their panic would be amplified when they saw that they no longer had any food.

A long time ago, pillaging an entire city with an army which consisted of soul masters was impossible. But now, Huo Yuhao and the others had accomplished this feat by relying on formidable soul tools.

The Fort Soul Engineer Legion's soul masters were resting inside the spectral demiplane, but nobody could hide the excitement on their faces.

Their excitement didn't come from the resources and items they had pillaged. Instead, their excitement came from the feeling of battle. They were a group of amateur soul engineers who were fighting together, and that sensation of destruction when nobody could fight back against them simply felt too wonderful.

The Tang Sect's senior members were gathered inside the warehouse. Bei Bei stared at the mountains of food and heaved a sigh as he said, "If not for the fact that we were at war, stealing food from a city of citizens isn't anything to be proud of!"

Xu Sanshi laughed and said, "Eh, why do I remember that you were the one who came up with this immoral idea? Why are you suddenly shedding crocodile tears?"

Bei Bei shot a glare at him. "Food is part of a nation's core. We're here to wreak havoc and destroy things, so making our move on food is the easiest. Food isn't like soul tools. Places that are storing large amounts of soul tools and materials are definitely heavily guarded, and we can't go head-to-head with our enemies. It's different for food. Any city's citizens need to eat, and we can choose places like Oak City where they don't have sufficient strength to defend themselves. We can minimize losses and complete our mission as quickly as possible at the same time, and we can cause panic as well. My idea is excellent!"

Xu Sanshi nodded seriously and said, "It is excellent! Just a little immoral!"

"So be it, for the Douluo Continent's future!" Bei Bei answered valiantly.

Huo Yuhao said, "Oak City is an important city in the Sun Moon Empire's northern territory, except their defenses were so slack because there's almost no possibility that a battle can occur here. The granaries in Oak City are very important for the Sun Moon Empire's northern territory, as the food that is stored there covers tens of thousands of square kilometers in the north. The Sun Moon Empire's entire northern territory will be greatly alarmed after our ransacking."

"What's our next target?" Bei Bei asked.

Huo Yuhao opened his map. He placed his finger on Oak City's position before he shifted his finger towards the east and stopped at another city. The city looked a lot larger than Oak City on the map.

"Eastern Sun City is the Sun Moon Empire's number one city in their northern territories. It's the only city which can be considered a large city. Oak City was just an opportunity for us to train. Eastern Sun City is our most important objective in our northern invasion. We can retreat from the north as long as we conquer Eastern Sun City. Eastern Sun City contains the largest warehouses for storing food and all kinds of resources. There are twenty thousand proper soldiers stationed within the city. Furthermore, there must be soul tools defending it, and they are likely to be equipped with linked soul tools. There will be a single soul engineer legion stationed there under normal circumstances, as it is the most important stronghold in the north. But the Sun Moon Empire has mobilized their great armies for the invasion, which has resulted in an empty back rank. Eastern Sun City's soul engineer legion is likely to have been deployed, and there won't be many even if there are some who remain."

"We have broken through Oak City so quickly, and it will need some time to report this to Eastern Sun City and request backup. We have destroyed their satellites after all, so there's no way they can make any long-range transmissions. Therefore, we have to attack Eastern Sun City, and quickly. Eastern Sun City will fall no matter what, and we will not sustain many losses."

Bei Bei nodded and said, "Alright, then you can go."

He Caitou rubbed his palms together. "Leave this to me and the Fort Soul Engineer Legion. What's twenty thousand soldiers? My enormous fort will sweep them clean."

Huo Yuhao shook his head and laughed as he said, "We cannot be complacent, second senior brother. Attacking Eastern Sun City is very important, and we can't be sure how formidable its defenses are. Therefore, we have to change our tactics."

"How?" He Caitou asked.

Huo Yuhao chuckled and whispered something into his ear.

Eastern Sun City was the Sun Moon Empire's most important stronghold in the north. The city was positioned toward the eastern side of the Sun Moon empire's northern territory, and was less than a thousand kilometers from the Heavenly Soul Empire's original borders.

Of course, the Heavenly Soul Empire's territory in that direction had now been drawn into the Sun Moon Empire, while Eastern Sun City's strategic importance naturally became a lot smaller than before.

But Eastern Sun City was still the Sun Moon Empire's most important stronghold in the north. The city was very close to the Ice Sea, and the soldiers and soul engineers stationed there were responsible for defending against any aquatic soul beasts that could come out from the Ice Sea.

Aquatic soul beasts that could live in the Ice Sea almost all possessed both ice-type and water-type abilities, and were very powerful. They would occasionally attack as they attempted to hunt for food along the shore, and to kill humans.

Therefore, Eastern Sun City had the responsibility of fighting them, and to prevent aquatic soul beasts from wreaking havoc along the shores.

Aquatic soul beasts and soul beasts on land were a little different, as most aquatic soul beasts lived in groups. Therefore, they would become very difficult to deal with once they started causing trouble. This was also the reason why Eastern Sun City was so heavily guarded.

Eastern Sun City's walls were three hundred feet tall, and it could be considered a standard large city. The city's walls were thick, and there were all sorts of offensive and defensive soul tools along the top of the city wall.

There were more than seventy aerial surveillance soul tools in the skies above the city, and they were responsible for watching several thousand square kilometers in Eastern Sun City's proximity.

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Even though Eastern Sun City was in the north, it was the largest city in that region, and thus was a busy and bustling city. Many northerners were proud of being able to live in Eastern Sun City, and this also meant land within the city had exorbitant prices.

It was evening, and there were fewer and fewer people near the city gates. They had to be prepared against aquatic soul beasts which could appear at any moment, so Eastern Sun City's gates would close every day after sundown.

A man and a woman carrying simple luggage was walking towards the gates. They seemed very tall, but had normal appearances, and they looked like husband and wife.

The soldiers responsible for standing guard were hiding from the cold in their bunks inside the city gates. Eastern Sun City was a large city, but they weren't strict with inspecting individuals who were coming into and out of the city. This wasn't very necessary, as nothing remotely related to war had happened at Eastern Sun City for a long time besides fighting aquatic soul beasts, just like Oak City. This was especially so after much of the Heavenly Soul Empire's territory had been conquered, and Eastern Sun City became a city towards the back of the Sun Moon Empire's territory. There were all kinds of surveillance soul tools in the sky, while their enemies wouldn't choose to attack this place.

The man and woman strode into the city easily.

They were in the north, so the sky darkened relatively early. The sky had turned completely dark just as they entered the city.

The girl glanced at the youth next to her with a look of admiration in her eyes. "You were right. Eastern Sun City's defenses are slack, like they aren't defending it at all."

There was no doubt that this man and woman were Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong, who had used Imitation to change their appearances.

Huo Yuhao laughed and said, "Don't worship me. I'm just a legend."

Tang Wutong giggled and said, "I'm hungry, legend. Are we going to find a place to eat? It's still early."

"Alright!" Huo Yuhao wasn't worried at all. There were more than two hundred and fifty kilometers between Oak City and Eastern Sun City, and Oak City would need at least a day to report any information to Eastern Sun City, even if they did so as soon as possible. Oak City's satellites and transmission soul tools had been destroyed after all, and their resources had been cleaned out. The first thing the local officials had to do was stabilize everything inside the city, while sending out information at the same time.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong needed but two hours to fly to Eastern Sun City. They had more than enough time to execute their plan.

They found a barbeque shop and walked in. The weather in the north was extremely cold, and people who lived here needed to replenish a lot of heat to sustain their daily work and activities. That was the reason why meat and wine were very welcome inside the city.

Roast meat and ale were considered the greatest luxuries for typical citizens. It was dinnertime, so the barbeque shop had quite a few customers. They were about eighty percent full.

"What do you guys want to eat?" The waiter trotted over and asked hastily.

"What do you guys have?" Huo Yuhao replied.

The waiter answered, "You must be from elsewhere. Eastern Sun City is famous for its roasted snow pork."

"Snow pork? What's that?" Tang Wutong asked curiously.

The waiter continued, "We rear a species of small pigs, and they have a lot of fat, and taste very rich. Roasting them to about seventy percent is best. They can be marinated with all kinds of sauces, and are best combined with a cup of our local specialty – ale – even Gods will salivate with that combination!"

Huo Yuhao laughed when he heard the waiter talk about salivating Gods. The image of the God of Emotions cooking surfaced in his mind. No matter how delicious the roast pork here was, it probably couldn't compare to his culinary skills.

"Alright. Get us some roasted snow pork, and give us some of your signature dishes as well, along with two cups of ale."

"Alright! Please wait for a few moments, the food is coming right up." The waiter was like a gust of wind as he swiftly turned and left.

Tang Wutong heaved a faint sigh and said, "If only there weren't any war going on! Why does the Sun Moon Empire have to invade us?"

Huo Yuhao answered, "The thirst for power. A ruler will start an invasion at all costs in order to satisfy his desire for even more power, and the citizens are the ones who suffer in the end. Even though we are reacting passively and at a disadvantage, we are still the ones starting a war. The citizens are still the ones suffering. Even though we have a different starting point, the end result will not be that much different. The only thing we can do is try our best not to hurt those innocent citizens."

Tang Wutong could feel that Huo Yuhao was a little dispirited. She held his hand that was on the table and said, "Don't think so much. We're doing this so that fewer people will suffer the fires of battle."

Huo Yuhao said, "The main reason why a large city like Eastern Sun City has such lax defenses is because of its geographical location."

Golden light swirled beneath his eyes as he spoke, and he activated Spiritual Detection.

Huo Yuhao didn't choose this eatery for nothing. This barbeque shop was located in Eastern Sun City's central region, and the government office wasn't far from here. Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection activated at maximum range around him from this location could reach everything within Eastern Sun City.

Conducting surveillance before executing their mission was Huo Yuhao's standard fighting strategy. Eastern Sun City was a large city after all, and it was different from Oak City. Huo Yuhao still had to be careful.

His spiritual undulations actually became weaker rather than stronger when he was using Spiritual Detection as his spiritual power improved. But this weakness wasn't in terms of his detection capabilities. Instead, it was the spiritual undulations produced during the detection process that became weaker.

It would be harder to discover his Spiritual Detection this way. Even spiritual detectors had to lock onto their targets' locations by sensing spiritual undulations. When spiritual undulations were weak to a certain extent, not even spiritual detectors could lock onto their targets.

Furthermore, Huo Yuhao's control over his Spiritual Detection was improving even as the spiritual detectors were evolving.

Back when he had first faced off against the Death God, the Death God Douluo had discovered him because he had used Spiritual Detection, and that created a lot of trouble for him. He was almost unable to escape. But now, such circumstances wouldn't have happened.

The reason for that was because Huo Yuhao could release a concrete-material spiritual avatar when he was sensing danger, and he would use this spiritual avatar to activate Spiritual Detection. That way, even if his enemies' spiritual detectors discovered him during the detection process, they would only be locking onto his spiritual avatar.

Huo Yuhao could control his spiritual avatar to run in a different direction from his body. He didn't have to worry about anything as long as he kept a single thread of his spiritual power from that spiritual avatar. Therefore, Huo Yuhao's strongest characteristic wasn't his fighting ability, but rather his ability to survive.

Huo Yuhao had a chance to survive even if he encountered extraordinarily powerful individuals like the Dragon Emperor Douluo, Long Xiaoyao.

But he still needed some luck. In the end, Ultimate Douluo controlled the secret of space, and escaping from their hands wasn't easy at all. Huo Yuhao could still lose his life, even from a single shred of danger.

Huo Yuhao's spiritual power expanded into the distance, and more than half of Eastern Sun City was quickly within his detection range. He didn't share his Spiritual Detection with Tang Wutong because there was too much information, and that would cause a relatively large shock to her senses.

It didn't take long before their roasted meat and ale were served. The waiter looked at Huo Yuhao, who was just sitting there with his head slightly lowered like he was dozing off. But the waiter didn't pay him too much mind because business was too busy, and he hurried away after putting down the food.

There was a sharp knife on the plate of roasted pork to cut those large pieces.

Tang Wutong cut a piece and placed it into her mouth. Her eyes began to flow with pleasant surprise. Snow pork did taste different from normal pork. The snow pork was rich with fat, and all that lard entered the lean meat after roasting. It was fragrant but not too greasy, and thick aromatic juices filled her entire mouth once she took a bite. It was very delicious.

Huo Yuhao seemed to wake up from his brief nap after a few moments. He raised his head and glanced at Tang Wutong with a faint smile on his face and said, "How does it taste?"

Tang Wutong had a sip of ale. "It's very good, you should have some."

"Alright," Huo Yuhao had a piece of roasted meat. He was as astonished and impressed as Tang Wutong was, and it didn't take long for them to clear the food that they had ordered. The ale wasn't that good, but it was fresh, and it was very effective at washing away the pork's oiliness.

"Let's find a place to stay." Huo Yuhao held Tang Wutong's hand after paying the bill and stepped out of the barbeque shop as they walked towards a street in the east.

The sky had already turned dark, and the weather was very cold. There was hardly anybody on the streets. Huo Yuhao wrapped an arm around Tang Wutong's slim waist as he asked gently, "Are you cold?"

Tang Wutong smiled as she shook her head. "I'm not cold! I enjoy this cool and refreshing feeling." Of course, she wouldn't ask that same question back to Huo Yuhao. He was a soul master with Ultimate Ice.

Huo Yuhao said, "It would be more appropriate if we deployed the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion after this. We need to be agile, and it seems like we have to split up this time."

Tang Wutong was a little surprised. "Is there a problem?"

Huo Yuhao answered, "A little. This city has a stronger military force than our initial judgment. They have roughly a hundred and fifty soul engineers, and there's a soul tool front inside Eastern Sun City, towards the northern side. It should be used to defend against aquatic soul beasts. It seems like aquatic soul beasts appear very often in this place. Otherwise, there should be no reason for them to deploy a soul tool front in a place like this. Furthermore, there are actually many powerful spiritual detectors around that soul tool front. I was already discovered from a slight contact before this, and might have been locked onto if I hadn't reacted quickly enough."

Tang Wutong thought for a moment. "We might have some problems if we can't sneak our way inside. We will likely be exposed if we let them unleash their soul tool front's offensive and defensive

capabilities. Even if we charge and force our way inside, they will have sufficient time to relay information out of the city.”

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Huo Yuhao said, “That’s why we can only barge our way in. The strategic position of Eastern Sun City is very important to the Sun Moon Empire. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have stationed so many troops there. Once we complete our destruction of this place, we’ll greatly affect the Sun Moon Empire’s deployment in the north. In this way, we’ll be closer to our goal. That’s why this fight cannot be avoided.”

Tang Wutong’s eyes brightened immediately, and she said, “Yuhao, I have an idea. Since the Sun Moon Empire has installed a lot of spiritual detection soul tools within their soul formations in Eastern Sun City, such that you can’t even use your spiritual power, does it mean that they are guarding against enemies who are adept at spiritual abilities? If that’s the case, is it possible that they are guarding against aquatic soul beasts?”

Huo Yuhao suddenly thought of something. He had known Tang Wutong for a long time. He immediately understood what she was thinking, “Are you saying that there are spiritual-type aquatic soul beasts here which can become my Spirit?”

Ever since Huo Yuhao got the Ice Bear King as his Spirit, the soul rings of his Ultimate Ice martial soul were already completely filled. The Ice Bear King gave him his eighth soul ring, and his remaining strength was sufficient to confer on him his ninth soul ring. When his second soul core successfully formed, he would be a true nine-ringed Titled Douluo.

However, things were different for his other martial soul. Currently, Huo Yuhao had five Spirits – the Snow Empress, Ice Empress, Skydream Iceworm, Ice Bear King and Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass. Four of his Spirits affected Huo Yuhao’s Ice Jade Empress Scorpion. But his Spirit Eyes only had seven rings so far.

Huo Yuhao once swore that he would never kill a soul beast to obtain soul rings ever again. This made it even harder for him to obtain a spiritual-type soul ring. Although his spiritual power was very great right now, soul rings were still very significant for soul masters. This was applicable even for Huo Yuhao.

If he could obtain the last two soul rings he needed for his Spirit Eyes, his spiritual abilities would definitely be greatly increased.

Huo Yuhao was also trying to ride his luck. It would be great if he could get a spiritual-type Spirit and two more soul rings for his Spirit Eyes. Otherwise, he would just forget it. Anyway, he was still a Titled Douluo if he had nine soul rings for his Ultimate Ice martial soul. Although it would be regretful if he had two fewer soul rings for his spiritual-type martial soul, it wouldn’t be too impactful.

Right now, he immediately realized that he might stand a chance after Tang Wutong reminded him! If he could obtain a spiritual-type soul ring here, his abilities could improve further. The biggest benefit to increasing his spiritual power was increasing his probability of success when he tried forming his second soul core in the future.

Whichever method he used to form his second soul core, his spiritual control was very important. Even though his spiritual control was already very strong now, he was still some way off from the Rank 98 Transcendent Douluo who were trying to form their second soul core.

Dim lights flashed, and Huo Yuhao revealed a pensive look in his eyes. After a brief moment, he said, "If your conjecture is right, we'll need to make a trip to the Ice Sea."

Tang Wutong said, "Let's go together once we're finished with things over here."

Less than fifteen kilometers away from the northern city gates of the Eastern City was the northern side of the Ice Sea. It was very close.

At this moment, Huo Yuhao suddenly felt as if there was something moving in his spiritual sea. He thought of something, and generated a connection with his spiritual sea.

"You should ask me about something like this." The Snow Empress' voice sounded.

As Huo Yuhao's spiritual power grew stronger, his Spirits had to go through his spiritual sea to inform him that they wanted to connect to him. Huo Yuhao relaxed the control of his spiritual sea before their intentions were made known to him. He didn't do this intentionally. After his cultivation improved, his spiritual sea reached a solid state.

Yes! Although the Ice Sea wasn't the ice plains of the Extreme North, it was still extremely cold. The Snow Lady was once the ruler of the ice plains of the Extreme North. Naturally, she knew best.

Huo Yuhao smacked his own forehead. "I was really stupid. It would have been easier for me to just ask the Snow Lady whether a spiritual-type soul beast can appear here."

He opened his Spiritual Interference Domain, and everything around him became slightly blurry. No matter whether it was the aerial surveillance soul tools or those who passed by, they couldn't see anything for ten meters around him.

"Snow Empress." Huo Yuhao gently called.

Two beams of light shone at the same time. One was white, and the other was green. Two beauties appeared in front of Huo Yuhao. They were the Ice and Snow Empresses.

The Snow Empress smiled and said, "You are really dumb. You don't even know how to tap into your advantages. Who else is better equipped than my sister and I when it comes to the Extreme North?"

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly. "Don't mock me anymore. Are there any spiritual-type soul beasts in the northern Ice Sea?"

The Snow Empress answered without any hesitation, "Yes! Of course there are. Anything is possible in the sea."

"What?" Huo Yuhao's eyes lit up after hearing her words. He also didn't expect the Snow Empress to be so certain. nDve(lb/1n

The Snow Empress said, "It seems like neither of you are very familiar with aquatic soul beasts."

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly and said, "Of course not. They aren't very useful for soul masters like us. Since that's the case, we don't have much research on them. Even in Shrek Academy, there are very few records on them. I vaguely recall that a million year soul beast once appeared. It was called the Deep Sea Devilwhale King. Our ancestor, Tang San, once obtained a soul ring from the sea."

The Snow Empress said, "There are many aquatic soul beasts. In fact, there are more aquatic soul beasts than there are soul beasts on land. Furthermore, they are very strong. Their overall abilities are above that of land soul beasts. The only advantage that soul beasts on land possess is their outstanding fighting strength. I have to say that Di Tian is indeed very powerful. There was originally the Deep Sea Devilwhale King among aquatic soul beasts who was very strong. However, even he wasn't Di Tian's match. According to what I know, in the aquatic regions close to the Douluo Continent, there are a few such aquatic soul beasts. As for what types of soul beasts exist in further aquatic regions, I have no clue. However, I can still confirm that none of them would be Di Tian's match even if they exist. Di Tian is already the extreme. If not for the fact that he can't become a god, he would have tried for it."

The Snow Empress and Di Tian weren't friends. It was also precisely because of this that her appraisal of him was honest.

Huo Yuhao's expression changed slightly. His future goal was to defeat Di Tian! If he couldn't do so, he couldn't truly become a god and inherit the godly seat of the God of Emotions. It was only by defeating Di Tian that he could fulfil his goal. Right now, he didn't just learn how strong the Beast God was from one aspect. Di Tian was deservedly the strongest creature on the entire Douluo Continent.

Tang Wutong asked, "Snow Empress, is there an aquatic soul beast that's adept at spiritual power in this Ice Sea? If there is, is it possible for it to become Yuhao's Spirit?"

The Snow Empress hesitated for a moment before replying, "In the sea, there are many soul beasts that are adept at spiritual abilities. However, there's only one sufficiently strong species nearby. It's the Mermaids."

"Mermaids?" Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were both curious. They had never heard of such a name before.

The Snow Empress said, "Mermaids are also known as genies in the sea. They are the best in terms of spiritual abilities among all the aquatic soul beasts that I know. Their upper bodies are like humans, while their lower bodies resemble that of fish. Most of them are female, and the females rule their species. Whether it's a male or a female, the upper half of a Mermaid is always very nice. The reason why they're called Mermaids is because of their leader, who is known as the Princess of the Sea. The Princess of the Sea is the ruler of this aquatic region. Among the few aquatic soul beasts that can claim to have similar cultivation to mine, one of them is the Princess of the Sea."

"Her spiritual power is extremely strong. If she's fighting in the sea, even the Evil Eye Tyrant might not be able to beat her. However, the Evil Eye Tyrant is definitely stronger on land. Because of how strong they are and their spiritual abilities, many other species of aquatic soul beasts ally with them. Their overall abilities are rather strong.

Tang Wutong asked, "Since aquatic soul beasts are so strong, why don't they venture onto land after their cultivation reaches a certain point? Wouldn't they benefit more?"

The Ice Empress smiled slightly and said, "You can't use the mentality of land bound soul beasts on aquatic soul beasts. To them, the sea is their habitat. It's where the living conditions fit them. Also, a big problem for them is that their abilities are greatly weakened when they leave the sea. The longer they are out of the sea, the more their lives will be in danger. Under such a condition, they are naturally not inclined to leave the sea."

The Snow Empress said, "If Yuhao wants to obtain a Spirit from an aquatic soul beast, Mermaids are definitely a good choice. There are hundred thousand year Mermaids. It's just that..." As she spoke until here, she furrowed her brow before continuing, "Mermaids feel that they are above others. They don't really respect any other species of soul beasts. Furthermore, they are very strong. Trying to convince them won't be easy. After all, aquatic soul beasts don't regard humans as their natural enemies. Even that empire that specializes in making soul tools never threatens them."

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Huo Yuhao said, "I'd like to try when the fight in Eastern Sun City is over."

Tang Wutong looked at the Snow and Ice Empresses and asked, "Will there be any danger?"

The Snow Empress replied, "If you don't go too deep into the Ice Sea, there shouldn't be much of a problem. I'll appear then. Even the Mermaid will need to show some face to me. At the same time, it will also depend on whether you get lucky. Although I believe that the probability of success isn't huge, I'll still accompany you since you want to go there."

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "Alright, that's it then. Please return now. We are about to begin our mission."

The Snow and Ice Empresses turned into two streaks of flowing light and returned to Huo Yuhao's spiritual sea.

Huo Yuhao squinted slightly and said, "If I can obtain my eighth soul ring this time, I can try for my second soul core after a period of consolidation. The probability of success will also be greater."

Tang Wutong asked, "Are you still sticking with the Yin Yang Complement? I still feel that it's too dangerous."

Huo Yuhao smiled as he said, "I still have to give it a shot. Otherwise, I won't be convinced. My future goal is to defeat Di Tian. If I can't get a soul core that's as strong as his, how can I do so? Since I'll need to challenge him one day, I must do so in my best state. Even if I fail, I can still use the other method. My greatest advantage is my age. I still have enough time."

Tang Wutong rolled her eyes and said, "You are really stubborn."

Huo Yuhao chuckled and got closer to her before pecking her on the cheek. After this, he said, "Don't you like how stubborn I am?"

"Pui! Who likes your stubbornness?"

Huo Yuhao laughed, "Oh, it's called persistence, isn't it? You like my persistence. Persistence and stubbornness are synonyms. There's not much difference between the two. Let's go and find a place. I really wish to cuddle you and sleep."

Tang Wutong laughed and said, "Come on then! I'll let you do whatever you want."

Huo Yuhao's expression immediately turned bitter. "Your seal will come and give me trouble even before three seconds is up. Haih, when can I see my father-in-law, who's the only one who can solve this problem!"

Tang Wutong also pinched the soft flesh on his waist and said, "I think this is a rather good arrangement. Let's take it as a test for you."

Huo Yuhao appeared sorrowful, "This test is too difficult."

As the two of them spoke, they approached a nearby inn.

"Let's go in there." Huo Yuhao led Tang Wutong into the inn. They asked for a room and used a gold soul coin to purchase a map of Eastern Sun City.

This inn was squeaky clean. Apart from its cleanliness, there was nothing about it that could be raved about. However, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong weren't there for a holiday.

They entered their room and closed the door. Huo Yuhao then began to recite incantations. In just a few seconds, a pitch-black door silently opened.

Under the concealment of Huo Yuhao's spiritual power, it was impossible to sense any energy undulations coming from this door.

Huo Yuhao nodded at Tang Wutong. Her body flashed, and she entered the spectral demiplane. Huo Yuhao couldn't leave right now, as he had to maintain the energy barrier around the door. Otherwise, any soul master that passed by would be able to sense the sinister aura and immense soul power undulations coming from it.

Not long afterward, Tang Wutong returned. Bei Bei, Xu Sanshi, He Caitou, Jiang Nannan and Xiao Xiao were with her. It was a gathering of the members of Shrek's Seven Monsters.

Bei Bei asked Huo Yuhao, "I heard from Wutong that you've encountered some trouble?"

Huo Yuhao answered, "A little, but it shouldn't be a huge problem. Eldest senior, come here and take a look."

Everyone gathered around a table, which was covered in the map that Huo Yuhao had purchased earlier. He had already marked out some points on it. Among them, he specially used a red marking for a place in the north of the city.

Huo Yuhao said, "Through the earlier use of my Spiritual Detection, I discovered that there are thirty thousand troops stationed in this city, as well as a soul master legion formed by a total of a hundred and fifty soul masters. Just inside the northern city gates, there's a soul formation, which I believe is stronger than the one that we destroyed before. The soul tools there are all the newest types. Furthermore, there are many spiritual detection soul tools. Honestly speaking, it does curb my Spiritual Detection and surveillance abilities, such that I'm unable to use my Spiritual Detection to clearly find out what's going on inside. Earlier, I unintentionally triggered their spiritual barrier. I'm afraid that it has made them warier."

Bei Bei nodded slightly and said, "The defense of this Eastern Sun City is beyond our expectation. What have you decided to do? If we're going to launch an assault, how confident are you?"

Huo Yuhao said, "I thought about it earlier. Given the scale of this soul formation, we'll need our Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion to continuously attack and suppress them if we are to launch an assault. However, given the soul tools in this soul formation, I'm afraid it will be able to last for quite some time. At the same time, it can even counterattack. We'll definitely sustain some losses then. If we use our Fort Soul Engineer Legion at the same time, we might be able to take it down as quickly as possible. However, we'll still sustain losses. If we go head-to-head with them, we'll expose our abilities. News will then spread from Eastern Sun City."

Bei Bei said, "It's best for us to avoid any losses. The power that we control is limited. If we can avoid any direct clashes, it'll be the best."

Everyone nodded in agreement. They had a common agreement on this point. *n//Ove|b|n*

The Sun Moon Empire's expertise in soul tool technology was unquestioned. As a result, there were a few large-scale soul tools among this soul formation that Huo Yuhao and He Caitou didn't recognize. They didn't have time right now to research them either. The last time they attacked the Sun Moon Empire's soul formations, there were a few such soul tools around too.

If these soul tools were lethal weapons, or if the linked soul tools in the soul formation had some kind of special use, Shrek Academy's three soul engineer legions would likely suffer very heavy damage. This was certainly something they couldn't afford to risk.

They had linked soul tools too, but each of the three soul engineer legions was differently equipped.

The Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion that Huo Yuhao controlled were equipped with linked soul tools that could only be used for attacking, but not defending. This was the same for the Fort Soul Engineer Legion. This was because the resources that would be drained were far too great. It was only by attacking that they could conserve a lot of resources. After all, these three soul engineer legions were only supported by the wealth of Shrek Academy. They had no choice but to sacrifice certain aspects.

Only the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion was equipped with linked soul tools that could attack and defend at the same time.

The Tang Sect's greatest problem was that it couldn't afford to sustain heavy losses. This was why they were afraid of being subjected to an all-out linked attack. The offensive strength of such an attack was even too overwhelming for a Titled Douluo. Losses and damages were certainly unavoidable.

Huo Yuhao said, "This is why I've decided not to use the Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion after weighing our options. While the Heavy Artillery Soul Engineer Legion is offensively strong, it's not flexible enough. Against a huge city like Eastern Sun City, we need to be able to retreat anytime we want to. For this soul formation, we need to think of a way of overcoming it from the inside. It's only in this way that we can minimize our losses and gain the most from it."

"I agree." He Caitou said without any hesitation. He was excited to have robbed a soul formation the other time. Every soul formation represented immense wealth! It was definitely good to loot a soul formation. Destruction would be a pity.

Bei Bei asked, "Yuhao, are you saying that we're going to stick with attacking from the inside?"

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "A soul formation is very strong. Whether it's in terms of defense or offense, it can achieve the best effect through linked soul tools. However, it has a flaw. It's that any linked soul tools that are fired using a soul formation are all targeted outward. To overcome this flaw, many aerial surveillance soul tools have to be installed around the soul formation to keep enemies from getting close. My strength is that I can conceal myself and get close to the inside of such a soul formation, which would give me an opportunity to cause some destruction. Unless the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer legions can link together to attack and defend, I should be able to make a breakthrough using such a method."

"The reason why this soul formation is so troublesome is because it has many spiritual detection soul tools and barriers. That's why even I run the risk of alarming them if I sneak in."

"I've made some estimates. The largest spiritual barrier in this soul formation is around five hundred meters from the formation. That's also the maximum range of a spiritual barrier. Its greatest use is to prevent those who are adept at spiritual power from sneaking in. It doesn't work the same as aerial surveillance soul tools."

"If they are really guarding against the Mermaids, I'm fairly sure that Mermaids don't possess any concealment abilities. At least, they can't escape the detection of oscillation detectors. Along with such a spiritual barrier, I'm sure it's enough for them."

"However, our advantage is that we can avoid detection before we enter that spiritual barrier. That's why we can sneak in and cause destruction if we are able to cover those five hundred meters in the shortest time possible before the linked soul tools are able to take effect."

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"If they are automatic linked defensive soul tools, Teacher Xuan discovered that it takes around two to three seconds before the entire soul formation is activated after the soul tools are triggered. This will differ depending on the quality of the linked soul tools. This is why we need to cover that distance within two seconds to remain out of harm's way. Then, linked defensive soul tools will be useless against us."

As he spoke until here, Huo Yuhao paused for a moment before he continued, saying, "However, there's still a problem – our uncertainty of our enemy's strength. I scanned everything inside earlier, although it was at the price of alarming the enemy. When I scanned the place, I sensed that there were roughly a hundred and fifty soul engineers in the soul formation. However, I couldn't tell their exact strength, as I was too rushed. This also means that the problem that we'll face after sneaking in is how to quickly occupy the soul formation and get rid of the enemies."

Bei Bei said, "This shouldn't be a huge problem. Given our abilities, we should be able to fight even a Titled Douluo. Although Eastern City is an important fort, I don't think the Sun Moon Empire will deploy many Titled Douluo here. Now that the war is in full scale, Titled Douluo are very important on the battlefield, as they can threaten their enemies on a strategic scale. However, they would be less useful if they were over here. On the other hand, I think covering five hundred meters is a more difficult task. Can the two of you do it?"

Huo Yuhao replied, "If our flying-type soul tools are at full speed, there shouldn't be a problem. If we bring two people each with us, we should be able to scrape through."

Xu Sanshi said, "That's easy. Leave Caitou outside to liaise with us, while we charge in and quickly deal with the soul engineers. After that, we'll occupy the soul formation."

He Caitou was a little dissatisfied as he asked, "Why am I the one staying outside? My Fort Soul Engineer Legion isn't participating in the fight either."

Xu Sanshi said, "Of course you are the one staying outside. After we enter, we must do our best not to cause any destruction to the soul formation. Rather, we must only lay our hands on the soul engineers. Those soul tools are extremely destructive. If we damage them, I'll see how sad you'll be."

He Caitou twisted his lips and said, "That sounds logical. Alright then."

Bei Bei looked at Huo Yuhao and asked, "Yuhao, do you have anything to add?"

Huo Yuhao said, "This time, our main force will be the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion. They're the most flexible. Second senior shall commandeer them from the outside, and they'll be prepared to liaise with us at any time. If something happens to us, second senior will lead the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion to focus its firepower and destroy the linked defense of the soul formation. Given the strength of the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion, they should be able to do so within fifteen minutes. However, we must try to avoid a situation where the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion faces the offensive soul tools of the soul formation. People are more important than resources. We must not conserve any resources at all." n-
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"Alright, I know." He Caitou nodded seriously.

Jiang Nannan said, "Yuhao, should we deploy our other two soul engineer legions outside the city just in case? If we face any problems, the other two soul engineer legions can coordinate with the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion to attack."

Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, "There are many aerial surveillance soul tools above Eastern Sun City. It'll be difficult to deploy the other two soul engineer legions. If the three soul engineer legions attack together, they'll indeed be very destructive. But the problem is that we'll be directly subjected to our own firepower once the enemy's linked defense is overcome, as we will be within the soul formation."

Jiang Nannan realized how immature her proposition was after listening to his explanation. She turned slightly red and said, "Apologies, I didn't consider everything."

Xu Sanshi always didn't stand on the side of reason. He hugged Jiang Nannan and cheerfully said, "No worries, no worries. You had a point too."

Huo Yuhao followed by saying, "However, I'll still need to adjust our manpower. If it's the six of us that are going to charge in, I don't think that's the ideal combination."

Bei Bei said, "Yuhao, you don't need to have any misgivings. You are the chief commander of this mission. Everyone will listen to you. Your word is final."

Huo Yuhao said, "Our main goal this time is to kill people, or at least make those soul engineers lose their fighting strength. Under such a circumstance, our attack is of paramount importance. For safety purposes, we need to be defensively sound too. That's why I suggest that third senior has to go in. However, apart from him, we need to send our most offensive fighters in too. That's why fourth senior and Xiao Xiao should stay out. Eldest senior, third senior, Wutong, Brother Ji, Ye Guyi and I shall be the six entering. In that way, we can achieve the greatest effect. Our combined destructiveness is the strongest."

Xiao Xiao twisted her lips and said, "You're not bringing me along for the fun again. Alright, I'll stay outside with Caitou then."

Jiang Nannan nodded and said, "I'm fine with this arrangement too. I'll help Caitou prepare the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion."

Huo Yuhao said, "We'll start then. Seniors, I'll invite you guys out when I find a good spot. Get the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion to be fully equipped and ready to await orders."

Everyone nodded and quickly returned to the spectral demiplane through the door. Only Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong remained outside.

After shutting the door, Huo Yuhao led Tang Wutong out of the inn and proceeded towards the north.

The thirty thousand soldiers didn't scare them at all. Ordinary soldiers were just cannon fodder in front of soul engineers. Even if there were a few soul masters, they wouldn't be able to cause much trouble either. This was why Huo Yuhao's goal, to destroy the soul formation in Eastern Sun City first, was very precise. From there, they could control the entire city in the shortest time possible, and proceed with their strategic deployment.

Since they were going to attack, they definitely couldn't do it from the inn they were staying in. Huo Yuhao and the few others could use his Imitation to conceal themselves. However, if the entire Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion was to move out, they needed to gather and prepare first.

Although aerial surveillance soul tools had great surveillance abilities, they weren't effective against concealed things or people. They weren't omnipotent. After all, the Sun Moon Empire couldn't possibly use thermal detectors and oscillation detectors to scan the city continuously. There were many people living in the city. Such surveillance was completely unnecessary.

Where was the best place for people to gather? There were two hundred people. Huo Yuhao had a clear idea of what to do, which was to gather everyone in the inn.

In the distance, the northern city walls of Eastern Sun City were visible. Huo Yuhao squinted, and revealed a mysterious look in his eyes. The soul formation was not far in front of them anymore. This soul formation was very intricately constructed. It relied on the northern city walls. Some of the soul tools were located inside the city, while the others were on top of the city walls.

However, as his Spiritual Detection was discovered earlier, Huo Yuhao couldn't completely ascertain what those soul tools were. This was why he was very prudent when it came to this fight. He had to fight with his greatest strength.

Apart from Ye Guyi, those who were involved in this mission had at least eight rings. Tang Wutong even had nine rings. Such power was already extraordinary. Moreover, Huo Yuhao's combination with Tang Wutong made them as strong as a Transcendent Douluo. If nothing unexpected happened, it shouldn't be difficult to charge in and take control of the soul formation.

Huo Yuhao unleashed his Spiritual Detection once again. Under his control, he avoided the soul formation, which was directly in front of him. Instead, he extended his Spiritual Detection to either side of the soul formation.

Very soon, he found the place that he was looking for. It was a hotel that was not far from the northern city walls.

This hotel wasn't considered very huge. It only had three stories. The infrastructure also appeared rather decent, just that it looked slightly dilapidated.

After Huo Yuhao discovered it, he immediately used his Spiritual Detection to scan it.

The occupancy of this hotel wasn't very high. It was only thirty percent full. The third floor was very quiet and empty. The guests in this hotel were also ordinary people. No sign of soul power undulations could be detected.

This discovery left Huo Yuhao very satisfied. He had successfully found a place to hide the members of the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion.

He used his Imitation and disappeared into the night with Tang Wutong. After a brief moment, they appeared within the hotel.

Time was not on his side. Huo Yuhao naturally didn't ask for rooms. Not only would that leave traces behind, but it was also a massive waste of time.

His gentle yet powerful spiritual power silently engulfed the entire building. In the next moment, his eyes flashed with golden light.

A weaker version of his Spiritual Blast was unleashed. Whether it was the staff or the guests in the hotel, they immediately felt dizzy. In the next moment, they all passed out, and the entire hotel instantly went silent.

This was how terrifying a spiritual-type soul master could be. Huo Yuhao managed to quietly gain control of the entire hotel. This time, he didn't open too many of the spectral doors. He only opened three. The members of the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion streamed out of the doors and started to rapidly occupy the entire hotel.

Under Huo Yuhao's orders, all the guests in the hotel were gathered in the lobby and supervised. This was to prevent anyone from screaming hysterically if he or she awoke from unconsciousness.

This hotel was in a prime location. It had three stories, and faced the soul formation at the northern city gates. The two hundred members of the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion were hiding beside the windows in each room. Once the order was given, they could charge out immediately.

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Eastern Sun City was a northern city. If it was like Radiant City, soul power detectors would sweep the city immediately. If that happened, the appearance of a large number of soul masters would still be easily detectable. In Eastern Sun City, it was evident that there wasn't such a large-scale installation of surveillance soul tools.

The senior management of the Tang Sect were all gathered in the lobby. Huo Yuhao briefed Ji Juechen and Ye Guyi on his strategy.

"You can command us." Ji Juechen answered in the simplest of ways. With Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection, he was always able to unleash his greatest fighting strength.

Huo Yuhao was a little speechless as he avoided the passionate gaze in Ji Juechen's eyes. He sighed helplessly. He knew exactly why Ji Juechen looked at him with such an expression. It was evident that he wanted to challenge him to a fight!

When Huo Yuhao exited his closed-door cultivation after two years, Ji Juechen was the most excited. It was just that Huo Yuhao went with Tang Wutong on a mission immediately, after which they were recruited for this fight, thus Ji Juechen didn't have the time to challenge Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao was indeed a little fearful of such a look in Ji Juechen's eyes. He was too crazy. Furthermore, over the past two years, Ji Juechen's abilities had been continuously improving too. Even Huo Yuhao couldn't discern what his current standard was.

It was important to note that Ji Juechen was the first among all of them to become a Soul Douluo. Although he was not yet a Titled Douluo, he was at least at Rank 88 or 89. More importantly, his abilities couldn't just be measured using his cultivation. His terrifying sword intent was also very frightening.

Ji Juechen was close to becoming a Titled Douluo. Along with his powerful sword intent, Huo Yuhao had no confidence of defeating him, even though he had always been very confident in himself. The reason was very simple. Ji Juechen was simply too aggressive.

"Let's make a move then. Second senior, I'll leave things here to you. Wait for my signal."

He Caitou nodded at Huo Yuhao.

After this, Huo Yuhao led Bei Bei, Xu Sanshi, Tang Wutong, Ji Juechen and Ye Guyi out of the hotel. He unleashed his Imitation and concealed the six of them in the darkness of the night. Not only this, but his Spiritual Detection was also shared with his teammates. He sent everything that he detected to them.

The hotel was very close to the northern city gates. Very soon, Huo Yuhao and the others were close. They only stopped when they were around five hundred meters away from the soul formation.

The soul formation wasn't very well-lit. It appeared a little dim, and things seemed to be very quiet inside. As some buildings were blocking it, it was unclear what soul tools were inside.

Huo Yuhao stood behind Bei Bei and Xu Sanshi, while Tang Wutong was behind Ye Guyi and Ji Juechen. Their Class 9 flying-type soul tools opened at the same time.

Through his Spiritual Detection, Huo Yuhao said to the rest, "When I shout later, muster your soul power and protect yourselves, as the impact force from the high speed will be very great."

"Alright." The rest acknowledged his words.

At this moment, Huo Yuhao turned to look at Tang Wutong. Their minds were linked, and they both nodded. Their soul power poured into their flying-type soul tools at an alarming speed.

Instantly, their Class 9 flying-type soul tools lit up at the same time. Blinding lights were released, such that they were no longer able to conceal themselves. This was especially so because of their soul power undulations.

“Charge!” Huo Yuhao shouted. He and Tang Wutong both grabbed onto one arm of each teammate by their side. They instantly burst forward, and the immense thrusting force made them seem like missiles. They charged in the direction of the soul formation like bolts of lightning.

Just as they fully unleashed their Class 9 soul tools, a deafening alarm sounded inside the soul formation. The soul power undulations from a Class 9 soul tool were simply too strong. The soul power detectors in the soul formation instantly detected their presence.

The entire soul formation lit up almost instantly. A gentle glow also shone from the linked defensive soul tools.

The worst thing that could happen to a soul formation was for enemies to assault it out of the blue. This was why the linked defensive soul tools were immediately activated once there the alarm sounded. The soul formation had to be protected before anything else was attended to.

However, Class 9 soul tools were Class 9 soul tools! In an instant, Huo Yuhao, Tang Wutong and the rest had already achieved supersonic speed. In just a flash, they covered five hundred meters, and instantly crashed their way into the soul formation. As a result, the linked defense only came up after they had charged their way in.

Huo Yuhao naturally didn't need to conceal them anymore. He unleashed his Spiritual Detection and engulfed the entire soul formation.

In this soul formation with so many surveillance soul tools, his limitation was effectively useless.

Countless soul rays were immediately fired, engulfing the six of them. The reaction speed was immensely quick. It was even faster than the soul formation at the Ming Dou Mountain Range. Clearly, the soul engineers here were well-equipped and highly experienced.

Huo Yuhao had no time to be astonished. He unleashed his Spiritual Detection in all directions. It was as if he didn't even see the countless soul rays that were being fired at him.

Dark gold light scattered, and turned into a metal barrier. This barrier isolated the soul rays. It was Xu Sanshi's doing.

Behind Tang Wutong, her Radiant Butterfly Goddess' wings opened. Suddenly, it was striking in the direction of the soul rays. As tremendous booms sounded, the soul rays stopped firing.

It was also at this moment that the entire soul formation lit up as bright as day. Huo Yuhao's expression also changed slightly.

Evidently, his expression changed because he had received bad news from his Spiritual Detection. The first problem that he discovered was that this soul formation was much bigger than he had expected. Furthermore, the soul tools at the top and bottom of the city walls formed two different linked

defensive formations. This also meant that the linked defensive formation at the top of the city walls was still effective against them, even though they had already snuck into the soul formation.

Apart from this, Huo Yuhao also sensed two strong auras inside this soul formation. Those were auras that threatened them. They probably came from Titled Douluo.

There are actually two Titled Douluo holding the fort in such an extremely northern city? They are certainly full of tricks! However, Huo Yuhao immediately understood why the Sun Moon Empire had such an arrangement here. Evidently, the threat posed by aquatic soul beasts was rather dire. This was why they needed someone strong to hold the fort.

Two Titled Douluo wasn't considered too scary. The scary thing was that these two Titled Douluo were likely Class 9 soul engineers too. The strength of a soul formation was clearly different with two Class 9 soul engineers commandeering it.

While Huo Yuhao was making such a judgment, he reacted immediately. On his forehead, his Eye of Destiny opened. Just as he spread his spiritual power without any conservation, he unleashed a strong strike of his Spiritual Blast.

The soul engineers that were closer to the soul formation were instantly killed as their heads burst. At the same time, Ji Juechen, Ye Guyi, Bei Bei and Xu Sanshi also charged in different directions under the guidance of Huo Yuhao's spiritual power. They were all capable of fighting themselves. No matter how they were going to deal with the soul formation at the top of the city walls, they had to deal with things at the bottom first, since there were many more soul tools there. It was essential to suppress these soul tools before they dealt with the situation at the top of the city walls.

In the hotel, He Caitou was standing in front of a window on the third story. He was quietly observing the soul formation. Suddenly, his eyes brightened, and he shouted through his transmission soul tool, "Brothers, come with me." As he spoke, he charged forward like a bomb. He broke the window and flew outside.

Xiao Xiao, Jiang Nannan and the rest followed closely behind. Two hundred Tang Sect soul engineers also charged out of the hotel. They rose into the air under He Caitou's leadership.

They formed a circular formation, and a linked defense was instantly formed under He Caitou's orders. After this, every soul engineer lifted a high-explosive cannon to his shoulder and ferociously fired it in the direction of the northern city walls.

This only happened because Huo Yuhao had just informed He Caitou through his Spiritual Detection to lead an all-out attack as a means of suppressing the soul formation at the top of the northern city walls.

Otherwise, Huo Yuhao and the others might be fatally hurt if they tried to fight their way up. Once they delayed and allowed more soul engineers to link up, their mission would become more and more difficult.

If they could suppress of the soul formation at the top of the city walls, the linked defensive formation would be quickly drained of soul power, and wouldn't have enough strength to deal with Huo Yuhao and the others as a result.

Adapting to changes on a battlefield was important no matter when. With regards to this point, Huo Yuhao undoubtedly performed very well.

Bei Bei and the other three charged in four different directions. Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong didn't move at all. Huo Yuhao only grabbed Tang Wutong's hand as he unleashed his immense spiritual power towards one direction in the soul formation. His terrifying might even caused the air to shake a little.

"Scoundrels!" Someone shouted before two figures flew up from the soul formation. These two figures charged towards Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

Both were elders who seemed to be around seventy years old. When they rose from the soul formation, the linked defensive formation of the entire soul formation seemed to become a little dimmer. A sinister aura spread and engulfed the entire place, neutralizing Huo Yuhao's immense spiritual power.

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Not soul engineers??Huo Yuhao made an accurate judgment immediately. Not only were these two not soul engineers, but they were even a very familiar type of soul master – evil soul masters! They were evil soul masters from the Holy Ghost Church.

These two evil Titled Douluo were unfamiliar to Huo Yuhao. However, his expression immediately turned serious.

Evil soul masters found it very easy in the early stages of their cultivation. They were able to improve by leaps and bounds. However, it was very difficult for an evil soul master to become a Titled Douluo. It was even harder for them compared to ordinary soul masters.

As a result, evil soul masters that could become Titled Douluo were undoubtedly elites among evil soul masters. These two had to be honorary elders of the Holy Ghost Church even if they weren't from the Worship Hall.

The Holy Ghost Church had actually deployed two evil soul masters here. It seemed like they must have hatched some kind of plot.

Huo Yuhao squinted, and strengthened the release of his spiritual power. Right now, both he and Tang Wutong were within his Spiritual Interference Domain. The two evil soul masters couldn't tell their appearances. His immense spiritual power also kept the two evil soul masters busy, such that they couldn't be bothered with anything else for now.

Both parties were at a stalemate, but the battlefield was thundering. Lights were also scattering everywhere. The soul formation at the top of the northern city walls was also being intensely bombed. Its linked defense was on the verge of collapsing.

The Sun Moon Empire had deployed a total of a hundred and fifty soul engineers here. A hundred of them were at the bottom of the city walls, while the other fifty were deployed at the top. Although the soul engineers at the top used their powerful linked defense to resist the attack of the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion, they were also being drained much more quickly.

If this were a normal situation where the enemies came from outside the city, the soul engineers in the city would be able to hang on. They could even combine their linked defenses at the top and bottom of the walls, generating an even stronger defense.

However, things were extremely chaotic at the bottom right now. Bei Bei and the other three were mercilessly killing soul engineers within the soul formation. How could anyone even be bothered by what was going on at the top?

This was why Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were not anxious at all. Whether it was Bei Bei and the other three or He Caitou who managed to achieve what they wanted, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong stood to benefit. If they weren't anxious, they wouldn't easily reveal their own flaws. This was the simplest fighting strategy, but it was very effective.

The two evil soul masters soon realized this, and they turned extremely grim. While Huo Yuhao was stunned by them, they were also equally astonished by the fact that so many powerful individuals had appeared here. In addition, there was even a soul engineer legion.

How strong was the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion? In the sky, every figure shone with the light of six soul rings. The entire soul engineer legion was made up of Soul Emperors!

Perhaps the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion might be less well-equipped than the outstanding soul engineer legions of the Sun Moon Empire. However, not a single soul engineer legion, even in the Sun Moon Empire, was as well-equipped with soul masters as the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion. Not even the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineer Legion was an exception.

Given this, the soul engineers at the top of the city walls were about to be taken down under the all-out attack of the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion.

"All of you are courting death!" The Titled Douluo on the left shouted before he lifted his right hand. His body immediately shone with two yellow, two purple and five black soul rings. A pitch-black flag also appeared within his grasp.

This entire flag was black, even up to its flagpole. However, there subtly seemed to be countless purplish-black indignant souls flashing above this flag.

Myriad Soul Banner! This evil soul master's nickname was Myriad Soul. He was the Myriad Soul Douluo, a Rank 91 evil Titled Douluo.

The other evil soul master by his side also unleashed his martial soul. The Myriad Soul Douluo was a Tool Soul Master, while he was a Beast Soul Master. His body immediately expanded, and his skin seemed as if it were going to tear apart. Thick greenish fog quickly spread from his body. Very soon, he was more than twenty meters tall, and his waistline grew to more than twenty meters. He was like a monster now. He was actually a living creature, an Abomination, that existed in Huo Yuhao's spectral demiplane too.

Huo Yuhao started to recite incantations. Tang Wutong flashed, and came in front of him.

He placed both his hands on her slim waist, maintaining their Haodong Power.

Tang Wutong's eyes suddenly turned extremely bright. Sonorous dragon roars rang through the air. In front of her, a huge golden dragon head gradually surfaced. Following this, the dragon head opened its mouth wide, and balls of golden light shot towards the two evil soul masters.

This was the second soul skill of the Radiant Dragon Butterfly, Dragon God's Fury!

It was important to remember that Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong could unleash the abilities of a Transcendent Douluo when they came together as one entity. This was Dragon God's Fury at the level of a Transcendent Douluo!

Every ball of light appeared very real. Wherever they passed, the air would actually weirdly collapse. It was as if the air was a wall, which was dented as the Dragon God's Fury shot past. It was indeed very weird.

The Myriad Soul Douluo's figure flashed before he arrived in front them. His Myriad Soul Banner moved along with the winds, and tragic screams echoed as sinister winds blew. The banner was about to engulf the balls of light unleashed by Dragon God's Fury.

Something weird happened at this moment. The balls of light suddenly unfurled in mid-air, turning into small golden dragons. These dragons bared their teeth as they clawed towards the banner.

The avenging spirits that were released from the Myriad Soul Banner were instantly torn apart as they faced the golden dragons, which were filled with an aura of light. Suddenly, the sky turned extremely bright, and the sinister aura that was previously in the air was swept away under the effect of Dragon God's Fury.

The Myriad Soul Douluo's expression changed immediately. These avenging spirits were the source of his strength. He shouted, and the third soul ring of his Myriad Soul Banner shone brightly.

His Myriad Soul Banner enlarged ten times over, and reached towards all the small golden dragons.

The Abomination Douluo had already taken a big step by now, and was charging towards Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

The enlarged Myriad Soul Banner was actually very resilient. When it engulfed all the small golden dragons, it seemed as if countless souls had devoured them. Instantly, it really felt as if Dragon God's Fury had been completely suppressed.

A cold look flashed across Tang Wutong's face. The golden dragon head in front of her shone brightly all of a sudden. Following this, tremendous booms rang from the Myriad Soul Banner.

The Myriad Soul Douluo shouted in fury and quickly staggered back. The aura released from his Myriad Soul Banner seemed to weaken a little. Evidently, he had suffered greatly from Tang Wutong's retaliation.

Evil soul masters could indeed curb most martial souls. However, Tang Wutong's top-grade Radiant Dragon Butterfly couldn't be curbed by any ordinary evil soul master. If not for the fact that Huo Yuhao was reciting incantations right now, which affected the circulation of their Haodong Power, Tang Wutong would have been able to hurt the Myriad Soul Douluo with her earlier blow, given her abilities.

At this moment, the Abomination Douluo rushed forward. He opened his arms, and a huge patch of greenish fog swept towards Tang Wutong and Huo Yuhao. A dark-greenish fluid also seeped out from his skin as his terrifying figure approached.

A huge chain also appeared in the Abomination Douluo's hand. On a closer look, one could discover that it was formed by linking skulls together. These skulls didn't belong to humans. Instead, they seemed to come from different living creatures. They were filled with intense vengeance and sinister auras. At the top of the chain, there was a hook made from an unknown bone structure.

As the Abomination Douluo swung his hand forward, his huge chain whipped towards Tang Wutong's head.

Compared to the Abomination Douluo, Tang Wutong was extremely small. However, she was still fearless in the face of such a powerful opponent. She lifted her arms in front of her body and clasped her palms above her head. Her dragon wings came together at this point, engulfing Huo Yuhao within them.

A giant blade of light appeared in mid-air as if it had just cut open the heavens. It was more than ten meters long. As Tang Wutong swept her hands down, the huge blade slashed down, echoing the furious roar of a dragon at the same time.

"Ding!" The Abomination Douluo's chain collided against the blade of light, and was instantly struck away. Three different projections suddenly appeared on the Abomination Douluo's body. He wanted to avoid the incoming blade.

However, the blade was simply too quick. As light flashed, the Abomination Douluo roared furiously.

The three projections combined to form one, and a huge wound appeared on the Abomination Douluo's shoulder. This was the result even after he used a defensive soul skill to take most of the offensive strength from the light blade. Otherwise, he would be in an even more tragic state.

Tang Wutong was forcefully resisting two evil Titled Douluo. Not only did she not lose out, but she even suppressed her opponents.

The Myriad Soul Douluo had caught his breath by now. He was staring fiercely at Tang Wutong. His sixth soul ring lit up, and he raised his Myriad Soul Banner up high. His black banner exuded a bluish rippling glow, causing it to appear deep-blue.

This deep-blue was as deep as the color of the sea. Following this, twelve avenging spirits flew out from the banner.

These avenging spirits were all deep-blue. They appeared to be different from ordinary avenging spirits. These spirits actually possessed a form of their own.

One of them was even a living creature with a human body and a fish tail. This avenging spirit had long hair that flowed all the way behind his head. Its entire body even exuded a blue glow. It was just that there was spirit fire dancing in its eyes.

The other eleven avenging spirits also took different forms. The only similar characteristic between all of them was that they were aquatic creatures. They should be aquatic soul beasts. This evil soul master actually controls the avenging spirits formed from aquatic soul beasts.

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The avenging spirits of twelve aquatic soul beasts appeared. Apart from that mermaid avenging spirit, the other eleven avenging spirits flew towards Tang Wutong. Each of them released a powerful aura.

The mermaid avenging spirit lifted her head. She seemed to sigh. After that, a weird voice was heard from her mouth.

Her voice was captivating, but she sounded like she was sobbing. She made one feel like crying.

Tang Wutong was stunned when she heard this voice. She was about to unleash her next soul skill, but she paused.

It was also at this moment that the eleven avenging spirits encircled her. One of them, which looked like a shark, picked up speed, and charged in front of Tang Wutong. It opened its huge mouth and was about to bite her.

While these avenging spirits were only spiritual entities, they could inflict more harm than real entities. This was because they could directly harm souls.

However, Tang Wutong was Tang Wutong. She was a nine-ringed Titled Douluo. She was even a Titled Douluo with top-grade twin martial souls.

Although the voice of the mermaid avenging spirit impacted her, she immediately regained her awareness she mimicked a lifting action. In front of her, a huge hexagram array that was more than five meters in diameter suddenly surfaced. Following this, a huge beam of light shot into the sky.

Ever since she got back with Huo Yuhao, Tang Wutong had separated some parts from her martial soul before fusing with them again later on. After her memory was fully restored, she was not only able to use every soul skill of her evolved martial souls, but she was also able to use the unevolved soul skills that Wang Dong'er had possessed. Right now, she was using the Hexagram Array!

The beam of light unleashed from the gigantic Hexagram Array was filled with spiritual undulations and an aura of light. The moment the shark avenging spirit touched it, it let out a tragic scream and was glued to it. It couldn't escape even if it wanted to.

Tang Wutong forcefully stomped the ground with her left foot. Suddenly, the hexagram array shone brightly, and the light also intensified. The shark avenging spirit completely melted as a result. n)-
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At this moment, the other ten avenging spirits stalled. The reason why they were so strong was because they conserved some fighting capabilities, and even streaks of soul memories. This was why they could feel fearful too. Evidently, they knew that Tang Wutong could completely curb them.

Tang Wutong didn't care about all that. As she stomped her foot, her fourth soul ring also lit up. A strange layer of bluish-gold scales engulfed her body, turning into dazzling dragon armor. A huge golden dragon also started to revolve around her body.

This was her fourth soul skill, Dragon God's Possession.

Tang Wutong's figure flashed, and she charged towards the Abomination Douluo. She punched her right fist into the air. Suddenly, a terrifying blast rang in the air. This time, all space within a few hundred square meters seemed to collapse. The Abomination Douluo, who had just caught his breath, was delayed for a moment. After this, he saw a bright golden fist in front of him.

Compared to the Abomination Douluo, Tang Wutong was simply too small. However, at this instant, the Abomination Douluo felt a great sense of fear. It was as if this fist could crush the entire sky.

When Tang Wutong and Huo Yuhao were together, Huo Yuhao was generally the one who attacked. However, this didn't mean that she couldn't fight. On the contrary, Huo Yuhao might not even be able to beat Tang Wutong in a duel.

After Tang Wutong's martial soul evolved, Huo Yuhao had the feeling that it was like a fusion of Wang Dong'er's Radiant Butterfly Goddess and Wang Qiu'er's Golden Dragon. In terms of physical strength and power, it had completely inherited Wang Qiu'er's best abilities. This was why Tang Wutong was extremely terrifying right now.

As Tang Wutong charged out, she disabled her connection to Huo Yuhao. However, even so, she was still a Titled Douluo, and a powerful one at that!

"Boom!" A tremendous boom echoed. The Abomination Douluo used his fists to block her attack. He had already used all his strength and unleashed all his power. What he was most adept at was in fact his physical strength.

However, the clash of fists caused him to be flung back. As for the tiny Tang Wutong, she remained motionless in the air.

It was also at this moment that a pitch-black door appeared behind Huo Yuhao. If not for the fact that he had finished reciting his incantations, Tang Wutong wouldn't have left his side.

A giant foot walked out from the pitch-black door. What appeared next was a massive creature.

It was a giant was even bigger than a Terror Knight! It was the Undead Ice Bear King, Er Bai!

Huo Yuhao didn't move, and stood where he was. His spiritual senses had already covered the entire place. The reason why he summoned Er Bai wasn't because he and Tang Wutong couldn't deal with the two evil Titled Douluo. Rather, he needed to control the entire scene. He was the chief commander of the entire army, and not just fighting on his own. He had to minimize the number of casualties. Therefore, he had to focus on other aspects too, rather than just his own fight.

If this was before, fighting two evil Titled Douluo would be potentially fatal. However, he didn't really regard them as a threat right now.

Er Bai squeezed out from the door and immediately roared. He took a step forward. After this, he charged towards the Abomination Douluo.

Tang Wutong drifted in mid-air. She was completely covered in dragon armor, and her wings were open behind her back. As a golden dragon revolved around her body, she was like a goddess of war.

She raised her right hand, and a beam of golden light shone. It was the Golden Dragon Spear that had belonged to Wang Qiu'er before.

Every day, Huo Yuhao cultivated with Tang Wutong. As he familiarized himself with her abilities, he passed the Golden Dragon Spear to her. In her hands, it was indeed much stronger as she used it with her Radiant Dragon Butterfly.

The spear drew an arc in the air, and a golden halo spread outward. The ten aquatic avenging spirits were forced back. At the same time, Tang Wutong turned her attention to the Myriad Soul Douluo.

Whether it was the Myriad Soul Douluo or the Abomination Douluo, they didn't expect their opponents to be so strong. Tang Wutong's consecutive strikes left them very frustrated. Furthermore, they couldn't tell how strong she was. Was she a Transcendent Douluo? Only a Transcendent Douluo could possibly suppress them. Otherwise, she shouldn't be so strong even if she had a light-type martial soul.

The Myriad Soul Douluo turned serious. He couldn't be bothered with what the Ice Bear King was. At this moment, Tang Wutong had completely locked onto him, and a life-or-death fight was about to break out.

The Myriad Soul Douluo's seventh soul ring shone, and he turned ethereal. After this, he swept his right hand down, and his banner fell to the ground. Following this, it expanded once again. As for the Myriad Soul Douluo, he turned into an intense ball of red light.

A weird scene appeared. An image surfaced on the originally pitch-black banner. This image was, blood-red and seemed to be similar to the Myriad Soul Douluo's face. However, the image of him appeared to be much fiercer.

Myriad Soul True Body! This was the Myriad Soul Douluo's seventh soul skill. He had actually turned into an avenging spirit, and become the main soul of his banner.

A low-pitched groan sounded. As sinister winds blew, the entire soul formation turned dimmer. A cold and sinister aura filled the air as the screams of countless avenging spirits echoed.

Domain-type soul skill! After the Myriad Soul Douluo unleashed his Martial Soul True Body, he actually unleashed a domain-type ability. No wonder he was an evil Titled Douluo!

Tang Wutong revealed a cold look on her face. Domain-type skill? A domain created by his banner would likely strengthen all his avenging spirits. However, does he really think that's going to work?

The image of the Myriad Soul Douluo wasn't small. He had evidently realized that it wasn't enough for him to deal with Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong. He needed to deal with the others who had entered the soul formation too. This was why he used his strongest skill, Myriad Soul Domain.

To use this domain-type skill, the requirements were very strict. First, he had to unleash his Martial Soul True Body. In addition, it was also his eighth soul skill.

The combination of two powerful soul skills enabled the Myriad Soul Douluo to unleash his greatest strength.

Earlier, he was already very angry when Tang Wutong killed one of his aquatic avenging spirits. Seeing that the Undead Ice Bear King was out too, he knew that he no longer stood a chance if he didn't turn to his most powerful skill.

Evil soul masters were most adept at fighting en masse. He had relied on his evil martial soul to turn the tables many times.

Initially, when Huo Yuhao first faced evil soul masters, a corpse explosion had caused many elite members of Shrek Academy to suffer greatly. This was how Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong had gained the opportunity to take part in the Continental Advanced Soul Master Academy Soul Dueling Tournament.

It was a pity that they weren't like they were before!

The deep-blue mermaid avenging spirit expanded to three times its original size. The banner was no longer visible, but this mermaid avenging spirit was extremely obvious.

Tang Wutong flew back. If it were any ordinary person in this Myriad Soul Domain, he wouldn't be able to see anything. However, as Huo Yuhao was around, did it really matter that she couldn't see anything?

Tang Wutong came to Huo Yuhao's side in a flash. After this, the temperature in the entire soul formation fell tremendously.

Huo Yuhao was at the center of it. In the air, snowflakes started to fall.