Entities involved —--> Shang Dynasty Sect / Shangqing Sect / Tiuyunan Portal(Feng Lingbo) / Yan Imperial Court / Song Family

Interests of each entity:

Shang Dynasty Sect —> They aimed to survive after the chaos and the fall of King Ning's army at all costs; their primary goal was to try to reach CangWu County to relocate with the remaining fallen army of a few minimal hundreds of soldiers.

Shangqing Sect → Tang Susu specifically aimed to trap Niu Youdao in Nanshan temple killing him using Song Yanging love towards Tang Yi(NYD "wife") in order to develop hate and make him kill Niu Youdao

Tiuyunan Portal —> Use Shang Chaozong 100 Thousands of crow soldiers to strenghten their army

Yan Imperial Court —-> Follow Shang dynasty sect and try ambushing and killing they

Song Family —-> Revenge Song Yanqing death in Niu Youdao hands

Brief political context: Niu Youdao adopted the position of disciple of Donghuaran, a prominent political figure who would have been the next leader of the Shangqing Sect (he died). Thus, Niu Youdao, as his disciple, fell into a political chain where he was forced to marry the daughter of the former leader (who had also died) to make her assume the political position of sect leader by Tang Susu (a shrewd political figure of the Shangqing sect). Niu Youdao was placed under house arrest, acting as a mysterious person but not of much relevance, and cultivated during this period. Later, the Shangqing Sect had a political debt to the prince, son of King Ning (a fallen political figure who had global influence) From the Shang Dynasty Sect to which Dongguoharan had been assigned. The Shangqing sect took this opportunity to send Niu Youdao on an expedition with the Shang Dynasty Sect and created an ambush scheme to assassinate him in order to prevent future political conflicts. They borrowed the influence of the Song Family by using Song Yangqing (a member of the Song family who was in love with Niu Youdao's 'wife' and naturally harbored hatred toward him, which was exploited by the Shangqing sect). They sent a letter to Niu Youdao and planted a false rescue trigger (giving him poisoned food while pretending to save him), and in this letter, it was said that Niu Youdao should report the events at the Nanshan Temple (where he would be assassinated by Song Yangqing and his two companions, who were renowned for their strength)

Niu Youdao objectives(first part) —-> Niu Youdao aimed to use this ambush to deceive and destroy the Shangqing Sect and control the Shang Dynasty Sect setting a starting point for his schemes against the nine supremes(ch 1300+)

Prognosis: He predicted, based on the content of the letter that was hidden, that they had set an ambush for him at the Nanshan Temple, which was the intermediate point he should reach beforehand (Cangwu County) with the Shang Dynasty Sect, and he also predicted the behavior and emotional state of the Shang Dynasty, which was desperate

Step 1: First, Niu Youdao acted ambiguously, causing the Shang Dynasty Sect, which was in dire straits (being persecuted by the imperial court because of the late King Ning), to become suspicious of his behavior; he used ambiguous statements and knowledge unknown to them (from another world) to make them distrust him.

Step 2: Niu Youdao, using his position as a figure sent by the Shangqing Sect, requested at the midpoint where the ambush was that his companion (Yuan Gang) and another knight from the 500-soldier army of the Shang Dynasty Sect, who looked like him, follow Yuan Gang to send a letter to the Shangqing Sect at the Nanshan temple using excuses to make the Shangqing Sect allow this; while they sent a small part of their army to follow Yuan Gang (which was foreseen and planned by Niu Youdao to have them massacred by Song Yanqing)

Step 3: With that, he staged a meeting with Song Yanqing, who was waiting to kill him at the Nanshan Temple; upon encountering the guard, Song Yanqing realized it was not Niu Youdao, but someone who looked like him, and based on this, he began searching around for Niu Youdao, where he found his companion Yuan Gang, who was found by Song Yanqing's two companions and started being pursued by them; Yuan Gang ran to the small group that the Han dynasty Sect sent because they suspected Niu Youdao, and they found the pursuit turning into a battle against Song Yanqing and being massacred.

Step 4: Niu Youdao caused the small group of Shang Chaozong to be massacred, lowering their morale and emotional drive, combined with the fact that they were being pursued by the imperial court of Yan (Niu Youdao was not aware of this element in deep, he simply carried out the act to reduce their morale and make them more susceptible to manipulation)

Step 5: After the commotion, they took the soldier hostage and, shortly after, Niu Youdao appeared with the entourage of the Leader of the Shang Dynasty Sect; Niu Youdao lamented and said he would resolve the situation alone, displaying his cultivation power that had been hidden over time, thus killing Song Yanqing and one of his companions, using the other to spread the news of Song Yanqing's death in order to make one of his companions spread the news and have it displayed as a threat and indirect warning of the attempted homicide that the Shangqing Sect carried out, causing them to lose the support of the Song Family and begin to be pursued by various forces near the Shangqing sect who had an interest in their position, which provided many cultivation resources, forcing the Shangqing Sect to flee to Korea. (He also manipulated and used this companion of Song Yanqing, instilling fear in him (more in the future, not related to these two schemes), but this part of him, upon seeing Niu Youdao kill Song Yanqing and the fall of the Shangqing sect, made him feel fear of confronting Niu Youdao as well, with his assassination scheme to manipulate Hai Ruyue and diminish the influence of the Song family in the future)

Conclusion of the first part of the scheme: Niu Youdao gained control of the Shang Dynasty Sect so that they would become his puppet state where he manipulated them and developed them militarily under his control

Part 2

Objective: Niu Youdao, after briefly hearing about the situation of the Shang Dynasty Sect, predicted the entire course of action they would take upon arriving in Cangwu County and declared that it was a bad plan, given the possibility of an ambush by the Imperial Court. He then planned to use Feng Lingbo's army and the Tiuyunan Portal to mitigate the strength of the Shang Dynasty Sect along with the bluff of having 100,000 crow soldiers, to dissuade the Imperial Court's action against them, and also use the current force as a deterrent against any intention of revenge from the Song Family. (He planned all of this in a few minutes and this covers several chapters ahead)

Prognosis: He predicted the behavior and course of action of Feng Lingbo (understanding his ambition and manipulating it) and his entourage, as well as the political reactions of the Song Family, of the TiuYunan portal in the future (150 chapters ahead), taking the strength of Feng Lingbo's armies in exchange for nothing (without them knowing).

Step 1: Niu Youdao requested 100 gold coins from the delegation of the Shang Dynasty Sect and 10 soldiers; to go to Guangyi County to coerce Feng Lingbo's army. On the way, he left 4 soldiers to rest so that they could serve as Niu Youdao's information channel and report what he had accomplished, as well as being used as a contingency in case something went wrong.

Step 2: Niu Youdao, upon arriving at Guangyi County, began visiting different product sites to analyze their prices. While doing this, Niu Youdao conducted a geographic analysis and asked the guards who were with him to find out where the leader (Feng Lingbo) was, in order to start executing his plan. After discovering his location, Niu Youdao approached Feng Lingbo's daughter (Feng Ruonan, who had tried to recruit him at the beginning of the novel due to her interest in his intelligence) and claimed to be a friend, requesting to meet with Feng Ruonan. When they met, Niu Youdao showed the military strength of his companion Yuan Gang to attract Feng Ruonan's military interest and manipulate her into accepting the agreement proposed by Niu Youdao. (With that, both of them made a bet. Niu Youdao asked for 10,000 gold coins for one hour and declared that he would return them; otherwise, he could be killed and would make Yuan Gang serve in Feng Ruonan's army. She accepted the bet and left Niu Youdao trapped in the military camp, monitoring him)

Step 3: Niu Youdao gave the money to Yuan Gang, who was already familiar with the details of the plan, and they set off. (He used the money to create credibility for the Shang Sect Dynasty marriage proposal by having Feng Ruonan unknowingly finance the credibility gifts of his own forced marriage) Yuan Gang divided the remaining 6 soldiers into 3 groups of 2 individuals. With this, they began buying various items (jewelry, dresses, etc.) with the 10,000 borrowed, and with that Yuan Gang participated in an ongoing event and announced that there would be a marriage

declaration at the mansion where Feng Lingbo was, and the entire crowd at the event started following him to receive the wedding gifts that expressed goodwill.

Step 4: When Yuan Gang arrived at the Mansion, he began distributing gifts and declaring that Feng Lingbo's daughter (Feng Ruonan) would marry the Prince of the Shang Dynasty Sect; when the commotion began, Yuan Gang was immediately taken into the Mansion and beaten. There, he handed over a letter with a list of secondary gifts that would be offered to Feng Lingbo by the Shang Dynasty Sect. In this list, he promised as a wedding gift 100,000 crow soldiers (nonexistent) for Feng Lingbo if the marriage took place. Doubting this, he asked one of his servants to go fetch Niu Youdao (Yuan Gang said he was the spokesperson of the Shang Dynasty Sect), so the servants went after Niu Youdao and found him at the military camp, where he was being held hostage along with Feng Ruonan, who had no knowledge of the situation. As a result, he was forcibly removed from the military camp (breaking the agreement with Feng Ruonan and taking the 10,000 gold gratuitously).

Step 5: When Niu Youdao arrived at the mansion, he used impeccable rhetoric to persuade and manipulate Feng Lingbo, leveraging the influence of the former King Ning to support his points and using false evidence to back up the claim that the existence of the 100,000 crow soldiers was real. After an extensive dialectical debate, Feng Lingbo agreed to Niu Youdao's conditions, and Niu Youdao stated that he would need protection from monks (figures with cultivation power) to assist the prince of the Shang Dynasty, claiming that he was being hunted by the Imperial Court and would need help; otherwise, Feng Lingbo would be neglecting the lineage of King Ning. In doing so, Niu Youdao also avoided being pursued by the Song family (who had requested that Feng Lingbo capture him and take him for execution) With the agreement reached, Niu Youdao, in a short period of time, not only strengthened the forces of the Shang Dynasty Sect, preventing them from being severely retaliated against by the Imperial Court that was watching, but also used a prominent name (Feng Lingbo) to deter the Song family's revenge.

Step 6: Niu Youdao then manipulated Feng Lingbo into believing that Lan Ruoting was the strategist and the mind behind this, praising his intelligence and cunning, offering solid arguments to prove this point, making all the focus directed toward Lan Ruoting; Niu Youdao also, with this, completely redirected the fate of the Shang dynasty Sect, consolidating the control he had over them, manipulating them so critically that even the fallen prince Shang Changzong would kneel to him in the future while still being behind scenes

Step 7: This is where the clever trick comes in. Niu Youdao forced Feng Lingbo daughter's marriage, making it so that after Shang Chaozong took over a province and consolidated part of his power, he would be Feng Lingbo's son-in-law, which meant that even if they discovered that the 100,000 crow soldiers didn't exist, Shang Changzong would have shown his worth and would not be retaliated against because he was Feng Lingbo's son-in-law. If he were retaliated against, it would break Feng Lingbo's political identity. As shown later, Niu Youdao planned Feng Lingbo's fall from power by directing Feng Lingbo's entire army toward Shang Changzong in the future, manipulating the Tiuyunan portal (which was above Feng Lingbo), causing Shang Changzong to return to the

game as a strong figure, planning hundreds of chapters ahead while formulating an absurd chain of schemes (don't forget that he planned all of this in a few minutes, according to all indications).

Conclusion: Niu Youdao managed to manipulate four sects and entire armies, achieving total backstage control while acting only as a spokesperson to make them fulfill his hidden objectives in just 50 chapters (which extends over hundreds of chapters).