

# Tao Lue Yuan Ji (Miraculous Strategy)

Tao Lue Yuan Ji was published in the 46<sup>th</sup> year of Kang Xi (1707 A.d.), during the Qing Dynasty. It was the first Xiang Qi publication in the Qing Dynasty. The book was written by Wang Xiang, compiled by Sun Zi Wen, Sun Zi Mei, Yu Guo Ying, and edited by Sun Wei Chun. There are six chapters, with the first four on endgames (204 total) and the last two on complete game records. (© Yutopian 1999)

## Problem 3- Five Tigers Down the Mountain

4 variations of stalemates

788=K\ 889  
 4555, 5556  
 4%5Ap] 5%6  
 \$5%5%5%5 ^  
 42222226  
 48888886  
 \$5%P%5P5 ^  
 4%5; r ' 5%6  
 4P5PaP556  
 122. k / 223

P4=5; K5=4  
 P5=6; K4=5  
 P6=5; P4+1  
 R8=6; P5=4  
 K6+1; (stalemate, only the first variation shown here).

Solution- R5=2; FP=5  
 K5=6; K5=6  
 R2+7; K6+1  
 R2-5; K6-1  
 R2=4; K6=5  
 R4=3; K5=6  
 R3+5; K6+1  
 R3-6; K6-1  
 R3+6; K6+1  
 R3-4; K6=1  
 R3=4; K6=5  
 R4=8; K5=6  
 R8-4; P4+1  
 P5=4; K6=5

## Problem 2- Five Horses

### Surrender to Tang

Red to Play and Tie

788=K\ 889  
4555, 5556  
E%5Ap] 5%p  
\$5%5%5%5^  
422222226  
488888886  
\$5pP%5P5^  
4%5; r' 5%6  
455P, P556  
P22. k/e23

Hint: Defend with Bishop and Tie.

Solution: R5=2; FP=5  
K5=6; K5=6  
R2+7; K6+1  
R2-4; K6-1  
R2=4; K6=5  
R4=3; K5=6  
R3+4; K6+1  
R3-6; K6-1  
P5=4; K6=5  
R3=6; P1=2  
R6=5; G4-5  
R5-2; P6=5  
B3+5; G5+6  
Tie

## Problem 1- The Black Dragon Swinging Its tail

22 Variations, 16 Wins by Red, 4 Wins  
by Black and one Tie.

788=K\ 889  
455pA5556  
E%5[ E] 5%6  
\$5%p%5%5 ^  
422222226  
48p8p8e86  
\$5%5%r %5 ^  
4%5; e' 5%6  
455PP5556  
1C2. 2k223

There are numerous variations  
associated with this problem. Only one  
solution is given here.

Solution: R4=8; C2=3  
R8+6; B1-3  
R8-9; C3-1  
R8+3; P5=6  
K4=5; P4=5  
K5=6; P6+1  
Black wins