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Chapter 361: Chi Yu and Mao Jiang

When the spatial fluctuations erupted out, Mu Chen was the first to react. Spiritual Energy erupted from his body, immediately protecting him and Luo Li, whom was in his bosom. However, the expected attack didn't arrive. After lasting for a few breaths, the spatial fluctuations completely dissipated.

Embracing the slender waist of the girl within his bosom, Mu Chen descended on a mountain peak. Their surroundings were still pervaded by the thick spiritual mist. However, there wasn't any movement coming from it.

Obviously, they were still within the depths of the Western Desolated Territory. Those spatial fluctuations earlier were only meant to split them apart.

"Looks like we've been discovered long ago," said Luo Li, her clear and limpid eyes sizing up their surroundings.

Mu Chen nodded his head, while his eyes were brimming with vigilance. The unforeseen circumstance that happened had caused him to feel slight uneasy, since he didn't know the exact motive his enemy had in doing so.

"The previous spatial fluctuations were too weak, and only would've been able to separate us by a huge distance. However, it's already enough to allow our enemies to defeat us one by one," said Luo Li in a soft voice.

"Let's group up with them as fast as possible," said Mu Chen after frowning and pondering awhile.

Their mission this time was extremely dangerous. Furthermore, all of them were exposed, while their enemies were hidden. They were even separated by them. To Mu Chen's group, this was an extremely disadvantageous situation.

Luo Li faintly nodded. It was fortunate that Mu Chen's reaction was fast, resulting in the two of them not being separated. If not, she would've truly been worried to death.

As Mu Chen proceeded to walk forward, Spiritual Energy burning with black flames started to rise from his body. Walking in front of Luo Li, his gaze vigilantly swept the thick spiritual mist in their surroundings.

Whoosh!

However, just as he had started walking, his eyes furiously contacted. Explosively retreating a number of steps back, a rampaging streak of light suddenly split the thick spiritual mist apart, before shooting towards the position he was in at lightning speed. The ground over there instantly collapsed as cracks extended from there.

As Mu Chen looked towards his front, he saw a black pike that pierced deep into the earth. Only leaving less than half of its body above the ground, it hummed as it intensely vibrated. The strength put into this pike was rather astonishing.

"Tsk! Tsk!"

Just as Mu Chen had evaded the sudden black pike attack that had come from nowhere, the thick mist at another position split apart, only to see scarlet streaks of light hiding the skies and covering the earth as they explosively shot over.

Luo Li strode over, her jade-like hand tightly grasping her longsword. Instantly, Sword Aura swept across horizontally. Dinging sounds rang out as the Sword Aura blocked all of the incoming scarlet streaks of light.

“Clap! Clap!”

Clapping sounds seemed to ring out from the thick mist. His gaze turning frosty, Mu Chen stared at the location where the scarlet streaks of light had appeared. As the thick mist slowly parted, bit by bit, two figures slowly appeared within his line-of-sight.

In front of him was a giant towering cliff with two figures, one sitting and one standing, at its peak. The person sitting was dressed in scarlet robes, while a malevolent scar was present on his face. Roughly ten scarlet rays of light were floating within his palms at this moment. They were fiery red daggers, twisting and twining above his palms akin to swimming fish.

As for the person standing, it was an extremely skinny male. However, although he was small in size, eight large black pikes were carried on his back. They were even taller than him, which gave people a strange impact to their sight upon seeing him.

At this moment, these two people were sending a smile filled with amusement as they stared at Mu Chen and Luo Li.

“Aiyahyah, our luck truly is great. We’re actually able to meet a girl of such quality...” the eyes of the scarlet-robed male swept across Mu Chen and Luo Li, before finally resting on Luo Li’s body. Instantly, his eyes lit up, before speaking out in a grin.

“The faces of these two people seem very...could it be that they’re Freshmen? Haha, looks like the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy truly is in a tough spot now! They’ve actually dared to even send such a squad out,” said the thin male while licking his lips.

“Exactly. They even dared to send Heavenly Transformation Stage students...the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy is truly getting more and more useless,” said the male in scarlet robes as he shot a weird look at Mu Chen. *Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase? He dared to come rescue people with that strength? He truly was trying to seek death.*

The male in scarlet robes gave a gentle flick of his finger, causing the ten scarlet rays of light to revolve increasingly fast. Grinning while staring at Mu Chen, he said, “I’ll give you a chance, brat. Just run away, and leave that girl to us. You might have a bit of chance to survive.”

Mu Chen glared at the male in scarlet robes and the thin male. With a voice that was totally devoid of emotion, he replied, “So, you two are the 7th and 8th Rank on the bounty list rankings, Chi Yu and Mao Jiang, huh...?”

“Looks like the information you have about us isn’t little,” replied the male in scarlet robes by the name of Chi Yu. Extending his hand to grab a dagger, he extended his blood red tongue and gave it a lick, while a baleful aura radiated from his eyes.

“Okay, brat. Stop talking any more nonsense and quickly scam. This is the first time over these past few years that I’ve seen a girl of such quality...”

Riiiiing!

The clear and melodious ring of a sword furiously resounded as an incomparably sharp Sword Aura swept out. With an indescribable speed, it split about the earth, before cleaving down on Chi Yu’s face.

Ding!

A black pike was furiously thrust forward, heavily impacting against the Sword Aura. As Spiritual Energy erupted out, the earth was chopped apart, while the black pike was sent shooting backwards.

Chi!

Numerous sharp Sword Auras slashed across Chi Yu’s face, bringing about some streaks of blood.

Chi Yu’s face instantly changed as he explosively retreated. With an incomparably dark look, he glared at the young girl standing beside Mu Chen with a black longsword in her hand, who was staring at him with eyes that seemed to have seen a maggot.

“Truly delicious.”

Chi Yu clenched his teeth and wiped away the blood stains on his face as a dark and sinister shadow erupted from his eyes.

“Leave him to me?” asked Luo Li as she faintly tilted her head over, seeking for Mu Chen’s approval. Towards this disgusting fellow that was staring at her with those unclean eyes, she really wanted to stab her sword into him.

“Cut off his hands and leave his life,” replied Mu Chen, while gently nodding his head. As he was speaking, Luo Li could hear the thick killing intent present within his words.

Giving a beautiful and gentle smile that appeared sweet, Luo Li replied, “Ok.”

“Attack! Kill them both!” Chi Yu roared, his gaze became extremely dark as of now. Of the two people, other than that girl in black, whose strength at Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase, made it harder to be dealt with, that Mu Chen seemed to be a burden.

Just based on that, and yet they dared to act in such a manner in front of them?!

A sinister smile appeared at the corner of Mao Jiang’s mouth as he grasped a black pike from his back. With a shiver of his arm, the black pike erupted with a bright and resplendent black light, appearing akin to a black dragon. Splitting apart the air, even the earth started splitting to form a gigantic fissure as it explosively shot towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen took a step forward. Without any intention of retreating, he tightly clenched his fingers. Black lightning encased his body, before furiously sending a fist rumbling out.

Bang!

Black lightning gushed out as Mu Chen's fist smashed head-on against the black pike that was shot straight at him.

"Scram!"

Mu Chen's gaze turned frosty as lightning crazily overflowed from his fist. In the next instant, that black pike was, unexpectedly, repelled by Mu Chen's fist.

"What?!"

The faces of Chi Yu and Mao Jiang seemingly changed at that very instant as shock flashed within their eyes. Even Chi Yu, whose strength was at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase, didn't dare to use his bare fist to smash against Mao Jiang's pike. However, this brat, whose strength appeared to be at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase, was actually able to accomplish it?

"Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase. And yet you dare to bounce and jump around here. Seems like you do not know death."

Chilling and murderous intent erupted from Mu Chen's handsome face. With regards to these two rude fellows, Mu Chen would absolutely not let them off today.

"Swish!"

As his voice rang out, a dragon's shadow rose from his body. In the next instant, akin to lightning, he rushed straight towards Mao Jiang.

"Shameless boasting!"

Chilling intent appeared in Mao Jiang's eyes as he, too, shot forward. With a clench of his hands, two black pikes appeared within. Spiritual Energy erupted and swept out as Mao Jiang's body shook. In the next instant, shadow pikes hid the skies and covered the earth as they shrouded over Mu Chen.

However, facing this incoming attack, Mu Chen still didn't show any signs of evading them. Black lightning sparkled on his body, unexpectedly allowing those shadow pikes to violently descend on his body.

Ding! Ding!

Metallic sounds rang out as sparks shot out everywhere. However, those shadow pikes were, unexpectedly, unable to cause the slightest bit of harm to Mu Chen.

Bang!

A fist rumbled out from him, piercing through those shadow pikes. As Spiritual Energy gushed from him, his fist carried along frightening Spiritual Energy fluctuations as it headed straight for Mao Jiang's chest.

Mao Jiang was immediately scared shitless by the violent and vicious attack of Mu Chen. Pulling back his two pikes, he placed them in front of his chest, guarding him.

Ding!

Mu Chen's fist violently slammed against the two pikes. Even though they were made from iron essence, unexpectedly, those two pikes were pressed into extremely eye-catching arcs, and had seemingly stuck to Mao Jiang's chest.

A chilling glint flashed within Mu Chen's eyes. Black lightning erupted from his fist, causing his power to drastically rise.

Crack!

The two iron essence pikes had broken completely. Akin to lightning, Mu Chen's fist violently slammed against Mao Jiang's chest. The latter instantly sported a mouthful of blood as his body flew back hundreds of metres, before finally stabilising himself miserably.

While waiting for himself to stabilise, Mao Jiang's eyes were overwhelmed with shock and horror. He never dreamt that this youth, who appeared to be the easiest to deal with, whose strength was only at Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase, would actually possess such terrifying strength!

Due to this unforeseen spectacle, even Chi Yu's face turned grave. Looking at the youth, who was now clad in black lightning, unease had, unknowingly, started to erupt from his heart.

Screech!

As a chilling glint flashed within his eyes, Chi Yu gave a flick of his finger. In the next instant, numerous scarlet rays of light that carried along an extremely sharp Aura explosively stabbed towards Mu Chen's back at lightning speed.

However, just as those scarlet rays of light shot out, a slender and beautiful figure appeared behind Mu Chen. Sword Aura swept out, slicing apart all those incoming scarlet rays of light.

Luo Li stood in the air. A black skirt wrapped her exquisite and lovable figure. Her long hair draped down from her head, appearing as bright and resplendent as a river of silver. However, at this moment, an apathetic light surfaced from those clear, glass-like eyes of hers.

"Leave your arms behind. If not, I'll get scolded." Staring quietly at Chi Yu, the young girl spoke out in a soft voice.

Clenching and grinding his teeth, Chi Yu replied with a sneer, "Just based on you?"

The jade-like hand of Luo Li that was tightly grasping the longsword slowly rose into the air. Pointing towards Chi Yu in the distance. An extremely astonishing Sword Aura rushed to the skies. At this moment, the spiritual mist within a radius of a thousand metres was scattered by that Sword Aura.

"Just based on me."

An apathetic smile seemed to surface on her delicate and exquisite face. Within her beauty, faint killing intent flowed out. With a shake of her jade-like hand, boundless Sword Aura condensed into a river of Sword Aura in the air above her head.

Extremely frightening fluctuations started to radiate from within the river of Sword Aura, causing Chi Yu's face to slowly turn grim, bit by bit.

No one could have guessed that the youth and the young girl in front of their eyes, whom appeared to be the easiest to deal with, were actually that troublesome and intractable.

This time, they truly had kicked an iron board.

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Chapter 362: Ferocious Couple

The spiritual mist prevailed across this stretch of the world. However, on top of a mountain peak, the spiritual mist had dissipated within a radius of thousands of metres. Four figures were standing in the air within it, with boundless Spiritual Energy radiating from them, causing the spiritual mist that permeated this stretch of the world to be unable to get close to them.

The faces of Mao Jiang and Chi Yu had become extremely dark at this moment. Originally, they assumed that they had gotten their hands on some easy targets. However, all of a sudden, the lambs had turned into vicious wolves, and it was them that was forced to a slightly miserable state.

“If you’re starting to regret it, I’m afraid it’s slightly too late.”

Mu Chen stared chillingly towards Mao Jiang as black lightning flashed around his body. Under his clothing, a lightning rune started to slowly surface, while an erratic, strong and powerful energy rose within his body like a furious dragon.

“Regret? A Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase dares to say such words to us? When we were running amok in the Northern Heavens Continent, your hair hadn’t even grown out yet!” Mao Jiang roared as he laughed in fury.

“Oh really?”

The smile at the corner of Mu Chen’s mouth grew increasingly sinister and cold as black lightning surfaced within his eyes. Taking a step forward, he appeared before Mao Jiang like a spectre. A fist of wind howled out, covered by Spiritual Energy that was burning with black flames, while encased with bits of black lightning. In an incomparably rampaging fashion, it violently rumbled out.

Mao Jiang’s gaze was sinister and dark as Spiritual Energy erupted from his body without a shred of restraint. Transforming into shadow pikes, they explosively shot out. He truly didn’t believe that he, with his strength at Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase, would actually be unable to suppress that Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase brat!

Bang! Bang!

The two people confronted each other across the horizon. Spiritual Energy crazily wrecked havoc in their surroundings, causing even the surrounding space to faintly distort. The violent storm that swept out caused the Spiritual Energy to completely split apart and dissipate.

While Mu Chen and Mao Jiang were confronting each other, Luo Li pointed with her sword tip. In the next instant, the river of Sword Aura gushed out. Carrying along the extremely sharp Sword Aura, it enveloped over the dark-faced Chi Yu.

“Hmph.”

Chi Yu's gaze grew increasingly dark and cold as scarlet-red Spiritual Energy swept out of his body akin to flames. Forming a hand seal, the scarlet-red Spiritual Energy condensed together, transforming into countless scarlet-red daggers.

These daggers sparkled with a chilling glint that caused people's hearts to palpitate. In the next moment, bringing his hand down, they transformed into a light rain that blotted the skies, hiding the skies and covering the earth as they rumbled towards the river of Sword Aura.

Scree! Scree!

As they collided in the air, the countless scarlet-red light rain dissipated the moment they made contact with the river of Sword Aura. The swiftness and fierceness of the Sword Aura had far exceeded the expectations of Chi Yu.

After completely shattering the scarlet-red light rain apart, the remnant river of Sword Aura swept across the Chi Yu.

Chi Yu was forced to miserably retreat. Regardless of that, his waist and abdomen had been swept across by the river of sword Aura. A malevolent-looking bloody wound surfaced as blood dripped from it.

"You bitch! You're looking to die!"

Chi Yu's fury had reached its peak. With a clench of his hand, ten scarlet streaks of light shot from within him, before transforming into ten short swords that seemed as if they were condensed from lava.

These ten short swords continuously dripped with lava, while extremely scorching-hot fluctuations radiated from them, appearing rather astonishing.

Obviously, these ten short swords were all Spiritual Weapons. Furthermore, they were a complete set of Spiritual Weapons. Although, when alone, they were considered to be Middle-grade Spiritual Weapons, when converged together, their might was comparable to High-grade Spiritual Weapons.

"Scarlet Dragon Entangling Death!"

As Chi Yu flicked his ten fingers in succession, the ten short swords instantly transformed into ten scarlet pythons, howling as they shout out. Moving craftily, they shot across the horizon. Bringing about vicious trajectories, they bit down towards Luo Li.

Facing the incoming bites from the scarlet pythons, Luo Li remained calm and collected. Sword Aura rippled from her body, before forming a Sword Aura defense around it, completely receiving all of the rampaging attacks against her.

The two battlegrounds in the sky had erupted into intense fights at this moment.

However, as time continued to elapse, Chi Yu and Mao Jiang's gazes grew increasingly dark as they gradually felt the pressure building up on them. The youth and the young girl in front of them were releasing strength that caused even their hearts to palpitate.

They were starting to feel unease erupting, bit by bit, within their hearts. If this continued, they might gradually end up in a disadvantage.

They had to deal with these two people as fast as possible. If this dragged on, it might be extremely unfavorable for them.

In the next instant, an ominous glint flashed within the eyes of Chi Yu and Mao Jiang.

Bang!

The long pike in Mao Jiang's hand violently collided against Mu Chen's fist of wind, causing gales to sweep out. Taking advantage of this, Mao Jiang explosively retreated. While doing so, his eyes started become reeked in a blood-red colour.

Boom!

Erratic Spiritual Energy erupted from him like a storm, undulating in this stretch of the world. As his hand seals started to rapidly change, the torrential Spiritual Energy condensed in the sky. Faintly, it appeared akin to a black stone pike that seemed to bridge the gap between heaven and earth.

The stone pike was very simple and unadorned, while strange vein-like patterns covered its entire surface. In the next moment, boundless and ancient fluctuations radiated from it, causing it to appear as if it could pierce through the heavens and earth.

Upon seeing this spectacle unfolding in front of him, Mu Chen's eyes faintly narrowed. This Mao Jing was obviously displaying an extremely formidable offensive Deity Tier Spiritual Art.

"Die, brat!"

A mouthful of blood essence spurted out from Mao Jiang's mouth, before landing on the surface of the stone pike. Instantly, the colour of the stone pike became dark, while a baleful aura was faintly discernable as it started to pervade out.

"Blood God's Heavenly Fighting Pike!"

An explosive roar rang out from Mao Jiang as the gigantic pike rushed towards the sky. Transforming into torrential rays of bloody light, they dived down from the sky. The ground below instantly collapsed, while a fissure even formed in the surrounding space.

Raising his head, Mu Chen looked towards the descending stone pike that contained a frightening power. In the next instant, his hand suddenly turned illusionary as a starry sky condensed behind him. Along with ancient roars, three gigantic bestial figures condensed from it.

The three great divine seals of the Four Gods Constellation Scripture had once again been displayed by Mu Chen.

Following his increase in strength, the might of the three great divine seals was even more so than a month ago.

Roar!

Three gigantic bestial figures roared as they flew across the sky. Transforming into three different coloured streaks of light, they intertwined as they explosively shot out. In the next instant, carrying

along torrential amounts of Spiritual Energy, they furiously smashed against the gigantic stone pike pressing down from above!

Boom!

An incomparably erratic Spiritual Energy storm spread out, causing the mountain peaks below to shatter and collapse as it swept through them, leading to gigantic cracks spreading in all directions.

Mao Jiang tightly stared at the origin of the erratic Spiritual Energy storm. After quite a while, the storm gradually came to a stop. However, Mu Chen's figure had disappeared without a trace.

"He's been shattered into pieces?"

As Mao Jiang swept his gaze around, happiness erupted within his eyes. This move of his was a killing one, and that Mu Chen had actually dared to meet it head-on. This goes to show how reckless he truly was.

"It hasn't end, yet. What are you so happy about?!"

Nevertheless, just as happiness had appeared within his eyes, a ridiculing voice filled with cold laughter suddenly rang out in the air. The expression on Mao Jiang's face instantly changed as he hastily looked up, only to see that Mu Chen's figure had unknowingly appeared high up in the sky. At this moment, a gigantic black pagoda had appeared behind Mu Chen. It had nine levels on its body, while boundless energy radiated from it.

"Let's see who will be the one that suppresses the other!"

Mu Chen sneered, while the nine-layered pagoda instantly erupted with thousands of brilliant rays of light. The surface of the pagoda, level by level, started to sparkle and, very quickly, brilliant rays of light had already permeated the fourth level.

Roar!

Golden runes surfaced on the body of the pagoda, before four golden dragons roared as they separated from the pagoda, twisting and twining as they circled the pagoda. In the past, when Mu Chen activated the Nine-layered pagoda, he could only activate two of its levels. However, with the increase of his strength, now, he was already able to activate four levels.

"Suppress for me!"

Mu Chen patted down with his large hand. Instantly, carrying along the four golden dragons twisting and roaring around it, the Nine-layered pagoda brought along its gigantic shadow as it pressed down on Mao Jiang, whose expression had instantaneously changed.

"Ten Thousand Pike Divine Art!"

Mao Jiang explosively roared, only to have ten thousand black glowing pikes surface in the air. In the next instant, hiding the skies and covering the earth, they shot straight towards the black pagoda.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

However, the Nine-Layered pagoda didn't give a single care towards the incoming attacks. In an overbearing manner, it pressed down, while countless glowing pikes shattered, simply unable to create any obstruction to it.

Bang!

Within a few breaths, the Nine-Layered pagoda had shattered all the glowing pikes that blotted the skies apart. Under the aghast and horror-filled gaze of Mao Jiang, it violently smashed against the boundless Spiritual Energy defenses around his body.

Crack!

Mao Jiang's face instantly turned pale as a mouthful of blood crazily spurted out. His body rapidly descended, smashing through the mountain peak below, causing it to sink in.

Whoosh!

However, just as Mao Jiang was about to get buried by the countless rocks formed around him, he fled out of there in an extremely miserable state. At this moment, his body was covered in blood, his face deathly pale, while his eyes were overwhelmed with shock.

The previous attack by Mu Chen had caused serious injuries to him. Furthermore, he was able to sense that when the black pagoda had pressed down on him, the Spiritual Energy within his body had turned sluggish, as if it had been sealed up.

"This brat's very strange!"

An intense tremble shook Mao Jiang's mind as he already had the intent to flee. At this moment, if he didn't leave, he might truly be killed by Mu Chen at this place.

Whoosh!

Just as this thought flashed within his mind, his figure had already shot out at lightning speed. As long as he could enter the area of the spiritual mist, it would be very easy for him to escape.

In the air, upon spotting Mao Jiang, who was explosively shooting out, a sneer flashed within Mu Chen's eyes as his hand seal changed.

Mao Jiang was now only a hundred feet away from the spiritual mist. However, at the instant when he was able to rush into it, the spiritual mist in front of him suddenly started to intensely fluctuate. As the spiritual mist dissipated away, two gigantic Spiritual Arrays came into view.

As the Spiritual Arrays revolved, Spiritual Energy swept out. Two streaks of light explosively shot out, violently impacting against Mao Jiang, who was totally caught unprepared.

Bang!

His body flew out, once again, with shock and horror completely filling his eyes. Those Spiritual Arrays, exactly when were they arranged within the spiritual mist?

His body heavily shot into the mountain, while his aura was instantly depressed. Crazy spurting blood, his chest had already caved in as he looked incredulously at Mu Chen, who was slowly descending from the sky. With a wave of the latter's sleeve, the Spiritual Arrays in the distance started to dissipate.

Mu Chen looked with an apathetic gaze at Mao Jiang, who was now in a seriously-injured state. With a clench of his hand, a black pike dropped within. Breaking it into four pieces, with a flick of his finger, four black rays of light violently shot towards the Mao Jiang's four limbs, viciously pinning him to the mountain, causing him to be unable to move or free himself.

"Arghhhh!"

Miserable shrieks rang out from Mao Jiang due to the intense pain coming from his four limbs, while thick dread and terror erupted from his eyes. The youth in front of him was too vicious and cruel in his actions.

In the sky, after hearing the miserable shriek, a shiver went through Chi Yu's heart, who was entangled with Luo Li. He hastily looked over, only to see Mao Jiang pinned to the mountain by Mu Chen. Instantly, horror and dread erupted from his eyes.

How could that brat be so formidable?!

"Hurry up and flee!"

Chi Yu's fighting spirit was instantly doused. He already knew that their hunt had failed. If he didn't flee now, he would have the same ending as Mao Jiang.

Swish!

Making a prompt decision, his body abruptly retreated. At the same time, the the lava-like short swords transformed into scarlet pythons, once again, crazily sending their attacks towards Luo Li in an attempt to restrain her.

A chilling glint appeared in Luo Li's clear and limpid eyes as she stared at the retreating Chi Yu. As her jade-like hand slowly clenched the longsword within, her slender finger made a flick. Instantly, her sword scabbard flew out, causing chilling light to appear. Due to this, the temperature of this stretch of the world had also suddenly dropped down.

Holding the longsword in her hand, slowed her sleep down, while gently slashing downwards.

Scree! Scree!

At the instant when her sword edge slashed down, the space in front of her was split apart. The ten scarlet pythons heading towards her instantly froze as a sword light flashed past their bodies, causing them the split into two halves.

Crack!

The ten lava-like short swords that were chopped apart dropped down from the sky, their Spiritual Energy totally dissipated. This set of High-grade Spiritual Artifacts were unexpectedly destroyed with a single slash from Luo Li.

Spurt Pfft.

With his Spiritual Weapons destroyed, Chi Yu had received the backlash from Luo Li's attack. Causing him to spurt a mouthful of blood. The horror and shock within his eye instantly became thicker. However, just as he was about to increase his speed of retreat, the space behind him shattered. Two rays of sword light swept out, piercing into his shoulders.

Just like that, his body, which was speeding away, instantly froze.

Standing in the air, Luo Li extended her jade-like hands. The sword scabbard rushing towards the sky descended down, before her longsword slowly entered her scabbard, emitting a gentle cry.

Ring!

At the instant when her longsword entered her scabbard, a mouthful of blood spurted out from Chi Yu. At the same time, his arms slowly slid down from his shoulders, before dropping down; the area sliced by her was as smooth as a mirror.

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As Chi Yu's arms slid off from his shoulders, a miserable shriek instantly rang out. His body rapidly dropped down, violently smashing against a mountain peak. This fall caused him to crazily spurt yet another mouthful of blood out, his aura was decreasing rapidly.

Fluttering as she descended, a chilling intent surfaced within Luo Li's beautiful eyes. Pressing the edge of her sword against Chi Yu's throat, a Sword Aura that was bone chillingly cold radiated from it, which caused the latter's face to instantly turn deathly pale, not daring to move a single inch.

Not far away, upon seeing this spectacle, Mu Chen gave a faint smile. With a clench of his hand, he pulled Mao Jiang towards him, before tossing him beside Chi Yu. The two vicious people from the Bounty Board that were previously showing off their awe-inspiring presence had now been turned exceedingly miserable, and that awe-inspiring presence was no longer present.

"This ending seems to have exceeded the expectations of the two of you...right?" said Mu Chen with a faint smile as he looked towards the two men, both showing deathly-pale faces while looking extremely dejected and depressed.

With his arms chopped off, Chi Yu was now glaring venomously at Mu Chen. Next to him, Mao Jiang clenched his teeth while growling, "Don't get cocky, you two! This time, none of you will be able to escape!"

Hearing his threat, Mu Chen continued to smile, before asking, "Please tell me about your plans, the two of you."

"In your dreams!" Chi Yu sneered back.

With a flick of his finger, a ray of Spiritual Energy shot out from Mu Chen. When it violently smashed against Chi Yu's chest, the latter was shot hundreds of metres back. Totally ignoring the latter's fate, Mu Chen turned and look towards Mao Jiang and said, "If you wish to become like him, I will grant it to you."

Looking at the handsome youth, whose eyes were filled with a chilling indifference, a shiver shook through Mao Jiang's heart. The former's actions caused even him to feel fearful and apprehensive. How could something like *that* be done by a student from an ivory tower like the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy?

"You guys have no hope. Mo Longzi isn't someone you can contend against."

Clenching his teeth, Mao Jiang growled, "Release us now, and you'll still be able to leave this place. Once you fall into Mo Longzi's hands, none of you will live to tell the tale!"

"What is he planning to do?" asked Mu Chen as his forehead started to slightly wrinkle up.

"Do? Hehe. He, naturally, wants to eat every last one of you guys up. This way, the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would receive a very heavy blow. At that time, his status within the Demonic Dragon Palace would rise as a result," replied Mao Jiang with a sneer.

"Can he even digest us? All of the Punishment Hall's three Great Generals have taken action this time. Is Mo Longzi's appetite that big?" Mu Chen spoke out with a sneer. Lin Zheng and the other two were all at Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase, and weren't weaker than Shen Cangsheng. Although Mo Longzi and his lineup was strong, this didn't mean that they could eat them up. Furthermore, once they successfully rescued Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong, their strength would be able to immediately suppress their enemies.

"You guy are underestimating Mo Longzi too much," replied Mao Jiang in ridiculement. "As of now, he should've already found Lin Zheng. If I'm correct, Lin Zheng has already been defeated."

"As for the other two of the Great Generals, Gu Tianyan and Zhou Aurangshan, they'll get restrained by Mu Gu and Gui Xiong. After getting his hands free, Mo Longzi would naturally deal with them, too. At that point, what else can the other people do?"

Mu Chen's eyes faintly contracted as he heard Mao Jiang's words. Unexpectedly, Mo Longzi was strong to such a level? He could even deal with Lin Zheng?

"Don't assume that your strength will greatly increase once you rescue Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong. The two of them have been poisoned by Mo Longzi's Demonic Dragon Poison. As of now, they are helpless. Even if you save them, they'll be close to useless." Mao Jiang continued to rain verbal blows towards Mu Chen, while his face was filled with a ridiculing smile. Those fellows still wanted to fight with Mo Longzi? They were truly looking to die.

A chilling glint flashed within Mu Chen's eyes. Mo Longzi was truly worthy of his title as a super vicious person that was ranked second on the Bounty Board. He was actually that formidable.

"What do we do now?" asked Luo Li in a soft voice and she walked towards Mu Chen. The current situation was indeed rather reassuring to them. Their enemies had split them up and were attempting to defeat them one by one. At that time, once Lin Zheng and the other two great generals were dealt with, it would be extremely difficult for them to confront their enemies anymore.

Mu Chen's eyes sparkled as he pondered about it. After a while, he looked towards Mao Jiang and asked, "You should know the locations of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong, right?"

“You’re still trying to rescue them? They’re poisoned! There’s no use even if you save them” Mao Jiang replied with a sneer.

“There’s no need for you to care about that. You just need to lead the way.” replied Mu Chen with a faint smile. Since their enemies wanted to deal with them one by one, he could also rely on this time to find Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton. At that time, he could think of a way to dispel the poison in their bodies, allowing their strength to drastically rise. With that, doing a roundabout intercept and killing their enemies, they might be able to reverse this entire situation.

Naturally, he would need to seize the opportunity and rescue Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton and recover their fighting strength before everyone of them gets captured.

“I’ll find Chi Yu and ask him also for the way. If I discover that your route is wrong, don’t blame me for skinning you alive before throwing you here.” added Mu Chen as he sent a faint smile towards Mao Jiang. Merely, that smile appeared exceedingly cold and apathetic.

Looking at the smile on Mu Chen’s face, Mao Jiang started to tremble as a chill spread over his body. Mu Chen’s cruelty and viciousness was without a doubt. This youth in front of him was more cruel and vicious than even them.

“You show me the way, and you’ll spare my life.” Mao Jiang was also a decisive person. At this moment, he clearly didn’t have much choices left. Thus he could only clench his teeth and reply to Mu Chen’s demand.

“That will depend on your performance.”

Mu Chen did not express his opinion, before shooting out and retrieving that Chi Yu back. From a distance, it seemed as though their exchange took quite a while. Finally, he retrieved Chi Yu, who was already sunk into unconsciousness back.

“Let’s go.”

Mu Chen looked towards Luo Li, who nodded her head.

Mu Chen lifted Mao Jiang up, who was seriously injured, before rushing rapidly towards the centre of the dense spiritual mist, sweeping across towards the direction that Mao Jiang had provided.

However, just as Mu Chen and his group had shot in the depths, at another Rank within the depths of the Western Desolated Territory, on a giant stone that appeared akin to a small hill, a figure sitting on it started to faintly wrinkle its forehead.

Raising its head to look towards the direction of Mu Chen and his group, it muttered, “That direction should be where Chi Yu and Mao Jiang had went, right? From the looks of it, they’ve actually been captured, and are heading towards the depths in an attempt to save Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton?”

This person had a normal appearance. However, his eyes appeared exceedingly dark and cold, akin to a venomous snake. He was precisely the only Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master within the Bounty Board, Wu Jia.

As his eyes flashed faintly, he looked towards his front. In the region before him was a gigantic Spiritual Array that was currently revolving around. Within the Spiritual Array were three figures trapped in it.

If one were to take a careful look, one would be able to precisely identify He Yao, Su Xuan and Xu Huang. The three of them didn't get separated very far from one another. Thus, they had met up on the way, before meeting Wu Jia, who had come over to deal with them.

However, facing against a Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master that had long prepared against them, even with the three of them collaborating, they were still unable to gain the slightest bit of superiority. On the contrary, they were trapped by their enemy's Spiritual Array, and were simply unable to break it.

Fortunately, by relying on their collaboration, they were barely able to protect their lives.

As Wu Jia stared at the three people within the Spiritual Array, his forehead started to faintly wrinkle, before suddenly standing up. Compared to Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton, these three students didn't mean anything. Furthermore, it could be said that both sides were being impeded, and as of now, he couldn't allow the people from that side get close to Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton.

"I'll let you guys go first."

Staring at He Yao and the other two, Wu Jia gave a sneer. In the next moment, with a move of his body, he disappeared into the spiritual mist.

With the lost of Wu Jia's control, the Spiritual Array that had trapped He Yao and the other two started to slow its revolutions down. This allowed for He Yao and the other two to breath a sigh of relief. Before hurriedly using their full strength to break the Spiritual Array.

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Whoosh!

Within the dense spiritual mist, Mu Chen and Luo Li shot swiftly across. Spiritual Energy swept out from him, causing the spiritual mist to be unable to get close to him.

They had already traveled at full speed, as both of them knew that they were in a race against time. Once Mo Longzi successfully deals with Lin Zheng and the other two, they might truly have lost.

Mao Jiang who was being carried in Mu Chen's hand, was continuously leading the way, while the depths of his eyes were quietly sparkling.

Whoosh!

Their figures shot out explosively. However, just as they were about to rush into another stretch of spiritual mist, Mu Chen's eyes furiously contracted. With a grab, he held onto Luo Li's slender waist before explosively retreating.

Bang!

The spiritual mist in front of them shattered apart, as countless streaks of gigantic Spiritual Energy swept out. Like a furious dragon, they rumbling explosively towards Mu Chen and Luo Li.

Luo Li's beautiful eyes grew faintly chilly, as her jade like hand grasped her long sword tightly. In the next instant, boundless Sword Aura shot out, slashing apart the incoming streaks of Spiritual Energy.

“Never would I have imagined that Chi Yu and Mao Jiang would actually fall into the hands of two students...” a strange voice rang out from within the spiritual mist. As the spiritual mist fluctuated, a figure surfaced from within. It was precisely Wu Jia.

At the back of Wu Jia was a gigantic Spiritual Array that was currently revolving slowly, ready to launch attacks out at anytime.

“That’s Wu Jia, Rank 5 on the Bounty Board?” looking at the person that appeared, Mu Chen spoke out while faintly wrinkling his forehead.

“Please stop here first, the two of you. Don’t continue moving forward. I will stop you two.” said Wu Jia while sending a faint smile towards Mu Chen and Luo Li.

Staring chillingly at Wu Jia, killing intent erupted within Mu Chen’s eyes.

However, just as he had planned to take action, Luo Li gracefully walked forward. Sending a gentle smile towards Mu Chen, she said, “Let me stop him. Go and rescue the two first.”

Upon seeing this, Mu Chen was instantly startled for a bit, while slightly hesitating.

“Have a bit of confidence in me, okay?” said Luo Li in an annoyed tone. Mu Chen had always wanted to stand the front and protect her. However, wasn’t he seriously underestimating this future queen of the Luo God Clan?

Hearing her tone, Mu Chen gave a helpless smile, before gently nodding his head while replying, “Please be careful.”

He wasn’t especially worried about her, as Luo Li’s hidden cards were something that even he was not clear about. The only reason why Mu Chen hesitated was due to her extremely little times of truly fighting with people. Mu Chen didn’t believe that Luo Tianshen would let Luo Li leave the Luo God Clan and come to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy without the slightest bit of trump card

As his voice rang out, he didn’t continue wasting any more time. With a move of his body, he shot forward into the spiritual mist.

“Where are you going?”

Upon seeing his, Wu Jia’s gaze instantly turned frosty. As the Spiritual Array behind revolved, a stream came gushing out, sweeping towards Mu Chen.

Whoosh!

A stream of Sword Aura had also swept out, colliding against the Spiritual Energy stream heading towards Mu Chen. In the next moment, Sword Aura prevailed out, rumbling towards that Wu Jia and enveloping him within.

Taking advantage of this, Mu Chen’s figure had rushed into the spiritual mist, disappearing within in a blink of an eye. As of now, he needed to rescue Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton before Mo Longzi successfully dealt with Lin Zheng and the rest.

If not, their situation would become extremely disadvantageous.

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Chapter 364: Searching for Fire

Whoosh!

Mu Chen's figure shot through the spiritual mist. He was able to sense intense Spiritual Energy radiating from a far distance behind him. Obviously, Luo Li had already truly started crossing hands with Wu Jia.

Retracting his gaze, Mu Chen proceeded to coldly stare at Mao Jiang, who he had captive in his hands. With a sneer, he said, "Looks like you didn't tell me some things, huh?"

Mao Jiang's expression faintly changed as he repeatedly shook his head.

"How did that Wu Jia know which direction we were at?" asked Mu Chen chillingly. "Was it you that informed him?"

Hearing Mu Chen's question, Mao Jiang hastily replied, "There's Spiritual Arrays arranged by Wu Jia within the spiritual mist in the depths of the Western Desolate Territory. Therefore, he's able to sense all of the fluctuations within it."

Mu Chen shot a cold glare at Mao Jiang, before shooting a ray of Spiritual Energy out from his finger. Shooting into the spiritual mist, he spread his senses out. Indeed, Mu Chen was able to sense some extremely faint and strange fluctuations radiating from within. Those were the sensory threads from those Spiritual Arrays.

This Wu Jia truly had some ability.

A faint flash appeared in Mu Chen's eyes. In the next instant, with a wave of his sleeve, dozen's of Spiritual Seals condensed, before dissipating around his body. Glowing threads interweaved around his body, seemingly forming a small-sized Spiritual Array, enveloping him within.

This Spiritual Array wasn't large. However, it possessed the capability to isolate one's sensory abilities. Mu Chen didn't want every move and every action he made to be collected in Wu Jia's hands.

After arranging the array, Mu Chen turned his apathetic gaze towards Mao Jiang, before saying in a indifferent voice, "Continue leading the way."

A shiver went through Mao Jiang's heart due to the gaze coming from Mu Chen, causing him to immediately continue guiding the way.

In the continuing journey, Mu Chen didn't receive any more obstructions. After throwing off Wu Jia's means of perception, that fellow shouldn't be able to sense his position anymore.

This continued for dozens of minutes, before Mu Chen's speed was slowly reduced. A gigantic mountain cave appeared in front of him. At the end of the mountain cave was a deep valley pervaded by spiritual mist.

"Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton should be inside of that deep valley. However, the spiritual mist present there is too dense, making it extremely difficult to search for them," said Mao Jiang as he point towards the deep valley.

Mu Chen faintly nodded his head. Flicking his finger, a ray of Spiritual Energy shot out, before violently knock Mao Jiang unconscious. Hoisting him up, Mu Chen proceeded to shoot forward, rushing into the deep valley.

Upon entering the deep valley, Mu Chen's vision received even more impedance. After pondering deeply awhile, Mu Chen shot towards the air as Spiritual Energy erupted from his body. Spiritual Energy burning with black flames rose to the sky akin to a smoke signal, causing much of the surrounding spiritual mist to dissipate.

The terrain within the deep valley was complicated. Coupled with the obstruction of the spiritual mist, it was too difficult to search for the two that were hidden within. Therefore, Mu Chen chose to directly release his Spiritual Energy. His Spiritual Energy fluctuations should be very familiar to Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton. If the two were to sense it, they would definitely give a signal in response.

This action by Mu Chen had achieved quite a good result. As his Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated out, within a short span of less than a minute, a ray of Spiritual Energy erupted from a place within the deep valley.

This Spiritual Energy fluctuation was rather familiar, it's actually Shen Cangsheng's.

Slight happiness erupted within Mu Chen's heart, before shoot straight at the origin of the fluctuations. After a dozen breaths, his speed slowed down as his gaze faintly concentrated in his forward direction. Within the cliff present in his sight was a mountain cave. Present outside of the mountain cave was a figure standing tall and upright.

"Shen Cangsheng."

Upon spotting that familiar figure, Mu Chen instantly breathed a sigh of relief, as if a heavy burden had been lifted from him. As he moved closer and noticed Shen Cangsheng's appearance, he could not help feeling shock and astonishment.

At this moment, black blotches covered Shen Cangsheng's skin. These black blotches seemed to be squirming, while a sinister and poisonous aura radiated from them, causing Shen Cangsheng to appear exceedingly pallid and haggard. However, even though his condition was extremely miserable and poor, a smile was still present on Shen Cangsheng's face and the disdainful aura not reduced the slightest bit.

"Hey. Never expected that you'd be the first to arrive here. You truly surprised me." Looking at Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng couldn't help smiling as he spoke out.

Landing at the entrance of the cave, Mu chen casually tossed Chi Yu and Mao Jiang, whom he was holding in his hands, towards the ground.

"That's Chi Yu and Mao Jiang? You've actually dealt with them." Seeing the two people, Shen Cangsheng felt slightly surprised. Although Chi Yu and Mao Jiang were ranked 7th and 8th, they were, after all, at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Stage, and could be considered formidable. He never expected that they would fall into Mu Chen's hands.

"Senior Brother Lin Zheng and the rest had also rushed over here. However, the current situation doesn't seem especially good."

Mu Chen looked at Shen Cangsheng and asked, "How are the two of you?"

"Looks like the situation isn't too good," replied Shen Cangsheng as he helplessly shrugged his shoulders, before walking into the cave. As Mu Chen walked in, he noticed Li Xuanton, who was in a worse condition than Shen Cangsheng. The former's black blotches were denser than the latter's, while his entire body was permeated by those sinister and poisonous fluctuations.

As Li Xuanton raised his eyes, Mu Chen could also see a black blotch on his face. This made the former's handsome-looking face appear somewhat strange. Noticing Mu Chen, he revealed a bitter smile at the corner of his mouth. Obviously, he also didn't expect that the first person to find them would actually be the latter.

"What's this all about?" Mu Chen somewhat didn't understand this whole situation. With Shen Cangsheng's and Li Xuanton's strength, even if there were more enemies, they shouldn't have ended up in such a miserable state.

"Mo Longzi had long prepared for us. His strength had already reached Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. He had always kept this hidden in our previous exchanges. Only at the end, when we were encircled by them, did that fellow expose his strength. Furthermore, he had brought out the Demonic Dragon Poison from the Demonic Dragon Palace. That's an extremely toxic poison refined by a Sovereign, and extremely formidable. We're not afraid of getting poisoned, but it's just that our strength still can't be restored," replied Li Xuanton in a dull manner.

"Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase..."

Mu Chen's eyes contracted. This Mo Longzi had truly reached that level. That meant to say that even Senior Brother Lin Zheng might not be able to match up with him head-on.

"The cultivation of those in the Demonic Dragon Palace is extremely sinister. Although there's a limit in their future, one's early stages would have leaps and bounds in their cultivation. I've truly neglected to take this aspect into consideration, since I've never imagined that Mo Longzi would break through that quickly," said Shen Cangsheng with a frown. In reality, he had also come into contact with that phase. If he was able to recover after all of this, he would definitely be able to break through into Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. However, it was a pity that due to this Demonic Dragon Poison, they were unable to extract themselves from Mo Longzi's pursuit.

"The most important thing now is to get rid of this Demonic Dragon Poison. If Mo Longzi truly promoted into Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, I'm afraid that Senior Brother Lin Zheng and the rest will not be able to hold out for too long. We have to help them as fast as possible," muttered Mu Chen to himself.

Sitting on the floor, Shen Cangsheng said in a helpless manner, "This Demonic Dragon Poison can only be forcefully dispelled by a Sovereign Stage expert. We've no other way..."

Mu Chen slightly frowned, Sovereign Stage expert? If they could find a Sovereign Stage expert, where would that Mo Longzi dare to bounce around? He had definitely bet that the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy wouldn't dispatch any Sovereign Stage experts to deal with him. Therefore, he would dare to be that rampant and aggressive.

“Let me try. My Spiritual Energy is somewhat special. Let’s see if it will have any effect,” muttered Mu Chen. After speaking out, his Spiritual Energy started to fuse with the Nine Netherflame. This fire should have some restrictive effect against a sinister poison like the Demonic Dragon Poison.

Hearing his words, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton both nodded their heads. As of now, in such a desperate situation, they could only try anything presented to them.

Mu Chen arrived before Shen Cangsheng. With a clench of his fist, Spiritual Energy burning with black flames rose from his fist, radiating a high temperature heat wave as it appeared.

Placing his palm over Shen Cangsheng’s crown, Mu Chen’s Spiritual Energy gushed into the former’s body. Not the slightest bit of resistance was put up by the former, letting the latter’s Spiritual Energy enter his body.

As Mu Chen’s Spiritual Energy entered Shen Cangsheng’s body, he could feel the messed-up state within the latter’s body. That Demonic Dragon Poison was akin to several dragons, travelling around within his body. As the strands of poison travelled about, the Spiritual Energy along their paths was corroded and even dissipated. From the looks of this, the Spiritual Energy within the bodies of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton would forever be unable to recover if nothing was done.

After muttering incomprehensibly to himself, Mu Chen controlled his Spiritual Energy to shoot forward, before wrapping around a strand of Demonic Dragon Poison. Black flames instantly rose as Mu Chen prepared to refine and dispel it.

Chi. Chi.

Following the encirclement by the black flames, the Demonic Dragon Poison seemed to have discovered this danger, and it immediately emitted an ear-piercing sound. A black poisonous aura radiated from it, defending it from the black flames.

As the black flames rose and the poisonous aura extended out, the two started to intertwine. However, what made Mu Chen feel slightly depressed was that this Demonic Dragon Poison was very tenacious and resilient. Even when faced with the refinement of the Nine Netherflame, it would entrench itself until the very last of it dissipates. Although he was definitely able to dissipate it, bit by bit, this speed was too slow, much too slow.

A sigh shook through Mu Chen’s heart, before withdrawing his Spiritual Energy. At this moment, his face started to turn dark. According to this speed, when he had completely refined and eradicated all of the Demonic Dragon Poison within the bodies of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton, a number of days might have passed.

However, at this very moment, they clearly didn’t possess that kind of time.

Upon noticing Mu Chen’s expression, both Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton gave a soft sigh. Although they truly didn’t hold much hope about this, all in all, they felt slightly disappointed.

Mu Chen started to faintly wrinkle his forehead. Although the Nine Netherflames were able to refine and eradicate the Demonic Dragon Poison, it clearly didn’t possess enough strength. If he had even greater and more powerful flames, he might be able to rapidly deal with the Demonic Dragon Poison.

However, where would he be able to obtain a flame that was more powerful than the Nine Netherflames?

As Mu Chen started to sink deep into his thoughts, a quiet and stifling atmosphere started to envelop the mountain cave, causing others to find it harder to breath.

“An even stronger flame...”

Mu Chen muttered those words to himself. After quite a while, a flash of insight furiously appeared within his head. A flame that’s stronger than the Nine Netherflame?

After successfully transforming, doesn’t the flames of the Nine Netherbird also evolve? From the Nine Netherflame, to the Undying Flame?

A flash of brilliance erupted in Mu Chen’s eyes, before faintly narrowing them. In the next moment, his mind started to enter his Universe Bracelet, finding the Nine Netherbird who had transformed into a giant egg after successfully passing through her tribulation.

Within the Universe bracelet, Mu Chen quickly found the giant egg that was in a mysterious black colour. Faint purplish runic patterns sparkled on its surface, while a strong consciousness radiated from it.

Mu Chen’s mind quietly started to call out to the giant egg. He didn’t possess the qualifications to control the Undying Fire. Therefore, he could only hope for Nine Nether, who’s undergoing her transformation to be able to hear his summons, and give a strand of Undying Fire to him...

“Nine Nether...hurry...”

As he continued to urge her, Mu Chen muttered to himself within his heart.

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As Mu Chen attempted to retrieve some Undying Fire to help refine the Demonic Dragon Poison for Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton, something was happening somewhere else within the depths of the Western Desolate Territory.

The earth here showed signs of collapse, and gigantic fissures extended out from the ground, while all the mountain peaks had shattered and collapsed.

Bang!

On a shattered mountain peak, a figure shot down. He sent a fist down to explode the giant rocks that littered the floor, before extending his palm into the deep pit, retrieving a figure drenched in blood.

Sending an apathetic gaze towards Lin Zheng, who had fainted from his heavy injuries, Mo Longzi carried him over his shoulder, before turning around and walking to another direction.

“I should deal with the second one now...”

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Chapter 365: Get Moving

The flared-up emotions within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy lasted for three entire days before gradually dissipating away. However, every single person was able to sense the changes to the atmosphere within the academy. In the past, one would continue to notice internal conflicts between cliques and factions happening within the academy. However, as the Great Spiritual Academy Competition half a year later drew closer, those conflicts quietly decreased and toned down. This was especially pronounced since the current situation of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was brought to light by Dean Tai Cang, causing the emotions of quite a few students to rise and soar. Since they were members of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, they would naturally work hard and fight for its honor and glory.

Therefore, as the critical moment drew closer, everyone conscientiously trained and cultivated. Some of the elite students ranked near the top ten ranks on the Heavenly Rankings tried to endlessly pierce through into the top ten rankings in their attempt to obtain the qualifications to enter the "Door of the Northern Depths". Although they knew the dangers brimming within it, at such a critical moment, there was no one backing down without a fight.

After three days had past since the day of the test, it was time for Mu Chen to leave the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to participate in the most prestigious occasion for the younger generations of the Northern Heavens Continent.

Within the little building in the Freshman region, having completed his preparations, Mu Chen turned and gave a smile towards Luo Li, who was standing beside him, and said, "Let's go."

Although there's only one participation quota for the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy this time, Luo had planned to follow Mu Chen, which wasn't met with any rejection from him. After all, being able to spend more time together with Luo Li was exactly what he was looking forward to.

With a smile, Luo Li gave a faint smile while gently nodding her head. In the next moment, the two of them shot out, transforming into two streaks of light, rushing across the horizon. As they headed towards a majestic giant hall within the centremost location of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Dean Tai Cang and the various other Elders were already there waiting for them.

Descending down from the air, Mu Chen's gaze swept past Dean Tai Cang, before faintly gawking as it landed on side of the latter. There stood a slender and beautiful girl dressed elegantly in a white dress, radiating with a cold and detached demeanour, which was precisely Ling Xi.

Mu Chen clearly felt slightly peculiar as to why Ling Xi was present here. After all, although Ling Xi had a status as an Elder within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, she participated extremely little in the affairs of the academy.

As though sensing the doubtful gaze coming from Mu Chen, a faint smile appeared on Ling Xi's face. At this moment, her cold and detached expression quietly disappeared cleanly from her face, causing some of the white-haired Elders to feel shocked and amazed. After all, they knew all too well about Ling Xi's detached and distant behavior. Within the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, they had never seen her show a smiling face to anyone.

However, before their very eyes, she had actually given a faint gentle smile towards Mu Chen, which completely caused them to lurch forward in shock.

“This time, I’ll follow you two towards the Divine Spiritual Mountain,” said Ling Xi with a faint smile.

“Haha. Elder Ling Xi’s strength is extraordinary. With her joining, it would be much safer for you two,” said Dean Tai Cang with a smile. He was also extremely astonished by Ling Xi’s request to tag along with the two. Nevertheless, this was something that he wouldn’t reject, as having one more person would increase the safety of their group. Although there shouldn’t be dumb influences in the Northern Heavens Continent that dared to blatantly attack their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, being a little more safe was always better.

While he said those words, Dean Tai Cang shot a deep and profound look towards Mu Chen. The Ling Xi who usually didn’t give a damn about anything that happened within the academy had suddenly requested to tag along. No matter how one looked at it, she definitely had some connection with Mu Chen. Furthermore, this tagging along clearly showed her intention to protect him.

Ling Xi had actually taken the initiative to protect Mu Chen?

This was an extremely inconceivable matter within Dean Tai Cang’s eyes. After all, he had a rather good understanding towards the cold and detached personality that Ling Xi had. From his view, even if the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was to be destroyed, Ling Xi might not get too emotional about it. Therefore, he had a slight feeling of it being something akin of The Arabian Nights towards Ling Xi’s consideration to follow along and protect Mu Chen.

However, regardless of his astonishment, Dean Tai Cang didn’t plan to investigate the connection between Mu Chen and Ling Xi. Nevertheless, from what he could see, the relationship between the two might not be that simple after all...

Upon seeing the gaze coming from Dean Tai Cang, Mu Chen secretly cursed within his heart, before panning his head to look at Luo Li. At this moment, the latter’s exquisite porcelain face was still calm and tranquil. In fact, upon seeing Ling Xi’s beautiful eyes looking over towards her, a faint smile appeared on Luo Li’s face. However, as Mu Chen was panning around, the young girl’s lips slightly trembled, before some soft whispers rang within Mu Chen’s ears.

“You’re rather attractive, huh?”

Instantly feeling slightly embarrassed, Mu Chen could only give a dry cough while replying, “Please don’t get mistaken. Elder Sister Ling Xi’s doesn’t feel that relieved about the two of us heading there by ourselves.”

Although Luo Li declined to comment, the expression hanging within her eyes made Mu Chen feel as if no explanation would suffice for her.

“Since everyone has arrived, let’s make a move.”

With a wave of his hand, Dean Tai Cang broke the quiet exchange between the two young lovers. Shooting into the sky, he was followed by Hall Master Mo You, as well as Elder Zhu Tian. Clearly, the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had attached extremely high importance towards the Divine Spiritual Mountain this year. With the Dean and two Heavenly Seated Elders, this lineup was rather formidable.

“Follow along with me, if not, your speed won’t be adequate,” said Ling Xi as she walked towards Mu Chen and Luo Li, while a sweet smile appeared on her face. Opening her palm, a glowing halo akin to a compass shot out from within her sleeve, before floating in mid-air.

“I’ll have to burden Elder Ling, then,” replied Luo Li with a gentle nod.

“If you don’t mind, you can call me as Elder Sister Ling Xi like Mu Chen. In the future, if I were to bump into Aunt Ling, I might even be able to talk to her about you,” said Ling Xi as her beautiful eyes started to gently size up Luo Li. Even with her judgemental gaze, she was unable to see the slightest bit of flaw from the body of the young girl in front of her. *What a girl, no wonder why Mu Chen is smitten by her.*

Faint shades of pink surfaced on Luo Li’s lovable face upon hearing Ling Xi’s words. She had already heard of some matters about the latter, and naturally knew that the Aunt Jing she had mentioned should be Mu Chen’s mother.

“Elder Sister Ling Xi,” replied Luo Li with a faint smile. Although she didn’t like other people getting too close to her, she was able to feel the protective feelings Ling Xi had for Mu Chen. Therefore, she wasn’t too stingy to reject the favorable impression she had on the latter.

With a smile on her face, Ling Xi grasped onto Luo Li’s little hand, before shooting towards the top of the glowing compass-like halo. Seeing this, Mu Chen hastily followed on.

As they appeared in the air, countless students were attentively looking at them from the far surroundings. Clearly, everyone knew that today’s the day that Mu Chen would leave the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy and head towards the Northern Heavens Continent, representing their spiritual academy in the most prestigious occasion within the younger generation in this continent.

From a mountain peak, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton had shot into the air, before sending a smile towards Mu Chen as they said, “Mu Chen, this time, we’ve to rely on you to uphold the face of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.”

Solemnly nodding his head, Mu Chen replied, “Rest assured. Regardless of whom, I won’t easily give up fighting.”

Hearing that, both Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton smiled. Once the most outstanding students of the academy, this matter should be left to them to handle. However, as a matter of fact, this current situation was somewhat cruel to them. Due to their age and the duration that they’ve trained and cultivated, some disparity was present between them and the younger generation within the Northern Heavens Continent. Therefore, they had no choice but to hand over this responsibility and place it on Mu Chen’s shoulders. Although complicated emotions were still present within their hearts, both of them had heartfelt hopes for Mu Chen to create another miracle at the Divine Spiritual Mountain.

After all, being members of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, all of them shared the same honor and glory, and any losses, as one body.

Sending a smile towards Mu Chen, Dean Tai Cang said, “Just try your best, when the time comes. There will be a live broadcast of this occasion within the academy. At that time, everyone will be able to see your performance, as well as cheer and support you.”

After slightly gawking, Mu Chen returned a helpless smile. This time, he truly felt the pressure on his shoulders. At that time, every single move and choice he made would be seen by everyone within the academy. *Looks like I'll have to do my best, if not it'll truly be bad for me if I appear miserable compared to everyone there.*

"Let's go."

With a wave of his sleeve, Dean Tai Cang didn't continue talking. In the next moment, boundless Spiritual Energy gushed out from the air before them, while the space itself started to pull and distort, forming a gigantic spatial pathway. Taking the lead, Dean Tai Cang strode forward, walking straight into the spatial vortex.

As he did so, Mu Chen and the rest of the group closely followed behind. As the space continued to distort, it completely devoured their figures, before dissipating away. While the air regained normalcy once again, those figures had already disappeared from view.

"I don't know exactly what results Mu Chen will be able to achieve in this Divine Spiritual Mountain."

Looking at the place where Mu Chen and the group had disappeared in, Shen Cangsheng gave a smile, before saying, "I've heard that there might be people within the elites of the Northern Heavens Continent that have reached the 'Three Sovereign Disasters'..."

Nodding his head, Li Xuanton muttered, "The Three Sovereign Disasters, huh... That truly is very troublesome."

People who possessed that kind of strength were already clawing at the path of a Sovereign, and were much, much stronger than a Heavenly Completion Stage.

"However, I don't think that this fella's gonna lose." A smile suddenly appeared on Li Xuanton's face as he said, "After all, in just this year alone, I've already grown numb to the matters that he had caused. The fellow that had to risk his all just to block three moves from me has already arrived at a realm that even I'm unable to reach now."

Hearing those words, Shen Cangsheng gave a smile, before raising his head to look at the vast and expansive sky above, while quietly muttering some words within his heart.

Mu Chen, everyone from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy will be watching you this time! Let us see exactly how far you'll go!

When you return, the title of 'Overlord of the Heavenly Rankings', will truly be yours.

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Chapter 366: Gathering

This was a gigantic basin, whose air was filled with dense spiritual mist. Within it, one could seemingly not be able to see the sky and the horizon. At this moment, extremely erratic Spiritual Energy fluctuations swept out from the centre of this basin, causing the spiritual mist in the surrounding air to be shaken to the point of being unable to spread closer.

Bang! Bang!

Spiritual Energy gushed out from the centre of the basin, while a Sword Aura howled about. Under this confrontation, the ground below started to collapse as gigantic fissures continued to endlessly form and extend out.

If one were to turn their gaze towards the origin of this spectacle, one would see two figures flashing about like lightning as they crossed hands with each other. Every single exchange would cause astonishingly loud sounds to ring out.

If one looked closely, one would notice that one of the figures was slim and graceful, with a set of black clothes wrapped around her slender and exquisite figure. A long black sword carried along an exceptionally swift and sharp Sword Aura that swept out.

This familiar figure was, naturally, Luo Li.

However, at this moment, her current opponent wasn't Wu Jia, whom she had fought against previously. The figure opposite of her was a skinny male that appeared akin to a bag of bones. This person, was Mu Gu, the 3rd Rank on the Bounty Board's rankings.

The surface of that Mu Gu's body sparkled in a lustrous white awe as if it was radiating from his bones. At this moment, his seemingly thin and withered body appear to contain an extremely tyrannical power.

A bone knife was wielded in his hands as he fought against Luo Li. The two would erupt with rather astonishing attacks as they clashed, causing even the surrounding air to get split apart by them.

A number of figures were present behind Mu Gu as they stood on a mountain peak. Observing the battle taking place before them, astonishment was present in their eyes. Obviously, they never expected that Mu Gu would actually be obstructed by such a beautiful young girl.

"Haha. I never imagined that the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would produce yet another outstanding student. This youth is able to possess such strength at such an age. She truly isn't simple," said a male carrying a long spear with a smile as he looked in astonishment at the battle before him.

"Teng Long, I'm afraid that even you will not be able to deal with this girl," said Wu Jia with a faint smile. From his previous exchange with Luo Li, he could determine that the latter truly was extremely formidable. He had arranged numerous Spiritual Arrays against her, which were dealt with by the latter in a single slash.

Although his words didn't sound nice, the male by the name of Teng Long shrugged his shoulders in indifference. Although Wu Jia was only rank fifth on the Bounty Board's rankings, he was, after all, a Fifth grade Spiritual Array Master. If one were to truly talk about the degree of difficulty to be subdued, from a certain perspective, he was even more formidable than those two vicious people of Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase, Mu Gu and Gui Xiong.

"I've heard that Mao Jiang and Chi Yu were defeated?"

Wu Jia nodding his head, replying, "They were defeated by a student named Mu Chen. Furthermore, that person should have gone to save Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong."

“What’s the use of saving them? The two were poisoned by the Demonic Dragon Poison. If they were rescued now, they would only be a burden for them.” On the other side, a male covered in tiger-head marks spoke out while curling his lip.

This person was Wang Hu, 9th Rank on the Bounty Board’s rankings.

“Mo Longzi isn’t back yet? Looks like defeating Lin Zheng and the other two should consume quite a bit of his time.” Teng Long spoke out while looking at his surroundings.

“The three Great Generals of the Punishment Hall are also exceptional characters. Even Mo Longzi would have to consume some time in taking them down one by one.”

With a faint smile, Wu Jia replied, “However, that’s alright. Regardless of how they struggle, the result would still be the same. The only thing we have to do is stare at those people from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. When Mo Longzi appears, be prepared to keep all of them here.”

As he spoke those words, his sinister gaze stared towards the distance like a venomous snake. At a mountain peak situated there, there were similarly a few standing figures, which were He Yao, Su Xuan and the rest of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy members.

At this moment, however, their faces were brimming with graveness. They were similarly able to sense that Wu Jia and his group were currently staring at them. Having already crossed hands with that group of people, He Yao and the rest knew that every one of them in that group was vicious and cruel. If Lin Zheng and the other two Great Generals were around, they would not feel afraid. However, as of now, everyone had already gathered, but Lin Zheng and the other two had yet to appear. Causing them to feel some unease.

Previously, their enemies had already decided to capture all of them. The only thing that prevented them from doing so was Luo Li’s arrival and her subsequent obstruction of the extremely strong Mu Gu, causing their enemies to quietly restrain their actions. However, they knew that this non-aggression couldn’t last for too long, as they couldn’t rely on a sole person, Luo Li, to obstruct the group of vicious people staring down at them.

“Exactly where did that fellow Mu Chen go?”

In the current situation, they urgently needed people of strength comparable to Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase to shock and intimidate their opponents. Within their group of people, other than Lin Zheng and the other two Great Generals, the only people at that level would be Mu Chen and Luo Li.

However, Luo Li was now being tangled up by Mu Gu, and Mu Chen had yet to show himself since the start...

Thinking about that, Su Xuan and the rest all shook their heads in helplessness. Upon entering the Western Desolate Territory, they’d been immediately separated. Therefore, they were unclear as to where, exactly, Mu Chen had gone off to.

“There’s a possibility that something might have happened to Senior Brother Lin Zheng and the other two Great Generals,” said an expert from the Punishment Hall with a slightly dark expression. Clenching his teeth, he continued, “That Mo Longzi has yet to show himself since the beginning. I suspect that he’s gone off to deal with them.”

Hearing his words, Su Xuan and the rest turned silent. Naturally, they had also thought about this. However, their current situation was already far from good. As of now, the only thing they could do was to hope that Senior Brother Lin Zheng and the other two Great Generals would be able to deal with Mo Longzi. In that way, the current situation would be completely reversed by them.

That was what they were clearly waiting for now.

Bang!

While both side were quietly waiting for the results between Mo Longzi and Lin Zheng and the other two, the confrontation happening in the sky became increasingly intense. Boundless Sword Aura howled, appearing akin to a river of Sword Aura, forcing Mu Gu to retreat.

As the Sword Aura swept across his body, it brought along bloodied wounds. Nevertheless, Mu Gu didn't seem to care the slightest bit. The skin that was slashed apart revealed dense white bones beneath. Sparking with luster and light, they appeared to be as strong and resilient as steel.

This Mu Gu had clearly cultivated some Body Refining Divine Art that was exceedingly strong; therefore, being able to endure the engulfment of Luo Li's Sword Aura.

"Truly a troublesome girl to deal with..." Looking at his blood-covered body, Mu Gu started to laugh out. His laughing sounds were withered and hoarse, sounding exceedingly ear-piercing.

"Anyways, why are you enduring so persistently? I know that you guys are waiting for the three Great Generals of the Punishment Hall. However, they would definitely be dealt with by Mo Longzi. When he arrives, your ends would already be guaranteed."

Facing his cawing, Luo Li didn't gave the slightest bit of care. Instead, her attacks grew increasingly cruel and vicious as boundless Sword Aura hid the skies and covered the earth while sweeping towards Mu Gu.

Whoosh!

Just as Luo Li had increased the ferocity of her attacks, whooshing sounds seemed to ring over from the distance.

A shiver instantly shook through everyone's minds, before instantly turning their gazes towards the origin of the sound. There, layers of dense spiritual mist were being scattered apart, before a figure swiftly shot out from within. Like a fiend, he appeared in the sky of the basin.

That figure was covered in black robes, with a black sword on his back. An apathetic expression hung on his face, while a malevolent black dragon mark surfaced on the centre of his forehead, causing a baleful and tyrannical aura to appear around his body.

That's Mo Longzi!

Upon spotting the demon god-like figure, the bodies of Su Xuan and the rest turned cold and clammy, and when they looked behind Mo Longzi, their faces instantly turned deathly pale.

Three figures covered in blood floated at the back of Mo Longzi. Their auras were depressed, while appearing to be in an injury-induced coma.

“It’s Senior Lin Zheng and the other two!”

Their entire bodies turned cold and clammy, while uncontrollable shivers shook through their spines. With eyes overwhelmed with shock and horror, they stared at the three people behind Mo Longzi.

Mo Longzi was actually that frightening? Even Lin Zheng and the other two were unable to defeat him?

“Haha. You’ve finally dealt with them?” On the other mountain peak, upon spotting the three figures behind Mo Longzi’s back, the corner of Gui Xiong’s eyes jumped and twitched, before speaking out with a hearty laugh.

Mo Longzi nodded his head with indifference. With a wave of his hands, he flung the heavily-injured Lin Zheng and the other two towards the mountain peak, before replying in an apathetic voice, “They’re worthy of being the three Great Generals of the Punishment Hall. Even I had to waste some time to deal with them one by one.”

Turning his gaze towards the battle between Luo Li and Mu Gu, Mo Longzi faintly narrowed his eyes, while a sliver of shock flashed within them. “Other than Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton, as well as the three Great Generals of the Punishment Hall, I never thought that the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would produce yet another outstanding student.”

“There’s one more brat that has some ability. He broke through my obstruction and blocked off my Spiritual Array sensors that I’ve arranged within the spiritual mist. He should have headed off to save Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton,” replied Wu Jia with a faint smile.

“He’s gone to save them?” muttered Mo Longzi with faint jump of his eyebrows, before proceeding to laugh apathetically out loud, “Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton are close to becoming handicapped by my Demonic Dragon Poison. Even if they’re saved, they’ll turn into burdens. Let him do what he wants. We just have to capture him later, and that’s about it.”

While giving his reply, he shot a look at Su Xuan and their group standing in the distance. After judging their relative strength, he withdrew his gaze without giving the slightest care about them. Till this stage, the entire situation was basically within the palm of his hands.

“Gui Xiong, help Mu Gu finish her off. Don’t waste any more time,” said Mo Longzi with a wave of his hand.

“Haha, using a numerical advantage to bully others doesn’t seem too good, right?”

Gui Xiong spoke out with a beaming smile. However, regardless of what words he said, he had already pulled his giant axe out. With a stomp, his figure shot out. In the next instant, with strength that could cleave a mountain, and the incomparably overbearing awe of an axe, roared crazily as it cleaved towards Luo Li.

Bang!

Seeing this, the bone blade in Mu Gu’s hand furiously slashed out, sending a gigantic hundred foot long glowing arced blade violently chopping down towards Luo Li.

Two Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase were attacking simultaneously, causing the resulting attack to drastically rise in might.

As their attacks headed towards Luo Li, her beautiful face turned grave. Grasping her longsword tightly with her jade-like hand, the river of Sword Aura swept out, protecting her entire body.

Whoosh!

As the attacks collided, the sky appeared to instantaneously split apart. With a shutter, Luo Li's delicate figure shot back, descending on a mountain peak. A flushed shadow flashed across her beautiful face while the blood and Spiritual Energy within her body churned and rolled over.

Seeing the spectacle before them, the faces of Su Xuan and the group changed. Their enemies had decided to start finishing them off?

With their strength, how could they contend against their enemies? After all, even the three Great Generals of the Punishment Hall had been captured...

Ice cold intent erupted from Luo Li's exquisite and beautiful face. As her cheeks extended out to form seemingly perfect contours, her jade-like hand tightly grasped the Luo Shen Sword. As it lightly trembled, ripples started to fluctuate on its surface, while an obscure fluctuation rippled on the surface, as if something frightening was able to break its seal.

However, just as the ripples on the body of her sword increased in frequency, swift and sharp whooshing sounds rang out from within the spiritual mist from a distance.

The sudden whooshing sounds caused a shiver through everyone's minds.

As the spiritual mist scattered apart, three glowing figures shot out from within like lightning, before descending on a mountain peak. Boundless Spiritual Energy rushed to the skies, even a sneer resounded across the basin.

"The people on the Bounty Board's rankings truly are shameless maggots. Don't you guys feel ashamed of yourselves for besieging a girl?"

Instantly, upon hearing that voice, elation erupted from the faces of Su Xuan and the group.

Mu Chen!

That fellow had finally arrived!

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Chapter 367: Short Exchange

Bang!

Boundless Spiritual Energy swept out as three figures appeared on top of the mountain peak. As the astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations rippled out, they converged to form enormous waves of pressure. Akin to black clouds looming over in the sky, they pressed down on Mu Gui and his group in the distance.

"That's Mu Chen! Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton too!"

Surprise and elation instantly erupted on the faces of Su Xuan and the rest as they noticed the three figures that appeared. Originally, they had assumed that Mu Chen would appear by himself. However, they never imagined that he had actually found Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong.

“Shen Cangsheng? Li Xuantong? They’ve recovered their strength?!”

On the other side, upon noticing Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong, who were erupting within astonishingly imposing auras, while appearing even stronger than before, the faces of Mu Gui, Gui Xiong and the rest could not help changing.

Weren’t those two fellows poisoned by the Demonic Dragon Poison? How could they have recovered their strength? That poison required a Sovereign Stage expert to dispel it! Could it be that they had a Sovereign Stage expert to secretly helping them?

As their emotions fluctuated, all of them became vigilant and on guard. If the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy truly sent a Sovereign Stage expert, they were simply unable to even run away.

“Although the Demonic Dragon Poison requires a Sovereign Stage expert to dispel it. If one has some special methods, one could similarly dispel that poison. If the Sovereign Stage experts of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy dared to take action, the Sovereigns of our Demonic Dragon Palace would have naturally noticed it.” Mo Longzi spoke out in an indifferent tone, causing the shock within the hearts of their group to stabilize and calm down.

His apathetic eyes turned towards Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuantong and Mu Chen. Filled with a sinister shadow, he spoke towards them, “However, you guys being able to dispel the Demonic Dragon Poison truly exceeded my expectations.”

Sending a similarly sinister gaze that locked onto Mo Longzi, Shen Cangsheng replied with a sneer, “I’m afraid that there’re a lot things that exceeds your expectations.”

As a chilling intent erupted from his eyes, Shen Cangsheng took a step forward, causing the Spiritual Energy erupting from him to drastically rise. The degree of Spiritual Energy was much more tyrannical than a normal Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase, it had already come endlessly close to a Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase.

He was about to make a breakthrough!

Feeling the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating out of him, the faces of Mu Gui and their group slightly changed. Truly worthy of being Shen Cangsheng. After suffering such a huge blow, not only did he not feel depressed, he was even able to improve his strength. If they were to allow him to rush back from here, he might truly be able to make a breakthrough to Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase.

Staring at Shen Cangsheng, Mo Longzi’s eyes had also narrowed. This Shen Cangsheng truly was very formidable. Him being able to promote to Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase was completely due to the cultivation method of their Demonic Dragon Palace, coupled with him obtaining a vast amount of resources. However, this was considered a kind of overdraft, as cultivating like that had led to a drop in his life span. Therefore, he could be considered to have paid an extremely great price. However, before his eyes, time after time, this Shen Cangsheng was still able to catch up to him, leading to some frustration and fury to rise within his heart.

“Although you’re about to break through, you’ve still not reached Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. Just like that, you still dare to fight with me?!” roared Mo Longzi in a dark voice.

“Whether or not I’ll win will be known when we fight!”

Shen Cangsheng replied in a joyful manner, no fear present in his voice, and disdain showing in his eyes. He was the Overlord of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy’s Heavenly Rankings, and represented the prestige of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy! Therefore, regardless of the opponent he was faced against, he would absolutely not cower or retreat!

He knew that the Mo Longzi before him was a formidable foe. However, that was not a reason for him to feel fear and dread.

As dark glint flashed within Mo Longzi’s eyes, he gave a wave of his sleeve. In the next instant, Lin Zheng and the other two, who had fainted due to their serious injuries, started to float up from the mountain peak into the air.

Seeing this happen, the faces of Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong all sunk. Lin Zheng and the other two had already landed in the hands of their enemies?

“Haha. Although the two of you were rescued, they have landed in my hands,” said Mo Longzi with a ruminating smile. “Do you think this exchange is worth it?”

“I also have two of your people in my hands.” replied Mu Chen with a sneer. With a bend of his palm, a suction force erupted out before two figures came shooting over from a place not far away. Those two figures were Chi Yu and Mao Jiang.

Shooting an indifferent glare at the two, Mo Longzi gave a faint smile and said, “They’re just wastes, nothing of any importance. Do whatever you want with them.”

His words and tone appeared exceedingly emotionless, not showing the slightest bit of care towards his previous companions. Perhaps, he didn’t treat Chi Yu and Mao Jiang as his companions in the first place.

“Haha. Worthy of Mo Longzi. Looks like they were just tools being used by you, just like those people behind you, right?” replied Mu Chen with a faint smile.

Instantly, Mu Gui, Gui Xiong and the rest started to slightly wrinkle their foreheads. They had also discovered the provocation within Mu Chen’s words. However, it was hard to avoid feeling a little uncomfortable within their hearts.

“You sharp-tongued brat!”

Mo Longzi looked with a slightly chilling glare towards Mu Chen, before replying with dark voice, “You’re that fellow that had killed Bai Xuan and was almost killed by me? Never though that you’re actually able to reach such a stage in less than a year. If I’d known earlier, I would have killed you then and there.”

He had already guessed that the Demonic Dragon Poison within Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong had more or less been dealt with by Mu Chen. If not, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong wouldn’t have taken that long if they were to had any ways to deal with the poison.

“It’s a pity that you won’t get a second chance,” replied Mu Chen with a smile.

“As if a Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase has the qualifications to say such stuff in front of me. Why do I need something like a chance? With your strength, I can kill all I want!” A sinister shadow flashed within Mo Longzi’s eyes as he took a step forward. In an instant, only a remnant shadow remained at his original position as he appeared right behind Mu Chen. Sending a palm patting forward, greyish-black Spiritual Energy swept out, transforming into a roaring demonic dragon as it rumbled towards Mu Chen.

Humm!

However, just as that roaring demonic dragon rumbled out, a long spear sparkling with golden light created a golden streak of light as it swept out. Shattering the air apart, it pierced right towards that demonic dragon.

“I really want to see how you plan to kill other people in front of me!” Spiritual Energy erupted out from Shen Cangsheng’s body without the slightest bit of restraint, while a chilling intent gushed out from his eyes. With a shudder of his golden long spear, spear shadows that blotted the sky, hiding the skies and covered the earth as they enveloped Mo Longzi’s body, aiming towards his vitals.

Ding! Ding! Ding!

Flicking his ten fingers, greyish-black streaks of light explosively shot out from Mo Longzi, shattering all of the spear shadows that had come over to engulf him, while his body fluttered and retreated.

“Mo Longzi, do you dare to fight a duel with me?!”

Fighting intent erupted from Shen Cangsheng’s eyes as his figure explosively rushed forward. During this period of time, he had pursued Mo Longzi in an attempt to kill him. However, the latter had kept on avoiding and running away since the beginning, causing his guard to gradually slip away. At the end, the latter had used the means of an encirclement to cause injury to him and Li Xuanton. Between the two of them, they never had a true duel from the beginning till now. This was something that Shen Cangsheng was extremely unresigned about; he thirsted for a true fight with the latter.

In an extremely fast speed, he chased after to Mo Longzi in a flash. Golden light erupted from his eyes as he hoisted his golden spear up, while bright and resplendent rays of brilliance, akin to that of gold, shot out from the body of his spear.

Humm!

The golden long spear shook, seemingly erupting with astonishing humming noises. Fighting intent erupted from it as boundless Spiritual Energy transformed into a golden lotus at the front of the golden long spear. On the surface of the golden lotus, extremely swift and fierce spear shadows swept from it.

“War God’s Golden Lotus!”

As fighting intent erupted from Shen Cangsheng’s eyes, his spear pierced straight out. In the next instant, the golden lotus at the tip of his spear crazily revolved. Like a golden scorching sun, it caused golden light to illuminate everywhere, piercing through the dense spiritual mist in the surroundings.

That spear from Shen Cangsheng was akin to the horns hanging from a deer, akin to being made by the heavens. The formidable might of it caused even space to start distorting, showing its extreme power.

Upon seeing this spectacle, the faces of Mu Gui and his group in the distance slightly changed. If it was one of them, they might simply not be able to receive such a spear. This Shen Cangsheng was truly worthy of being the most outstanding Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy student within his batch.

Looking at the golden light that had erupted out, a chilling glint surfaced within Mo Longzi's eyes. With a cold snort, he clasped his palms together, before abruptly separating them. At this instant, a black dragon mark seemed to have surfaced within one of his palms.

"Demonic Dragon Heaven Shattering Palm!"

He sent his palm patting out, causing churning Spiritual Energy to gush out. In the next instant, a gigantic demonic dragon a hundred feet long roared as it exited. Carrying along dragon roars that shook the sky, it brought along astonishing might as it smashed head-on against the golden lotus.

Bang!

As the two powerful attacks collided, everyone heard an enormous sound ring out. Boundless rays of brilliance swept out, with the golden and black light filling their halves in the horizon.

Boom!

Devastating Spiritual Energy storms swept out, forcing the two figures in the sky to retreat upon making contact, shooting back from where they started.

Heavily hammering his golden spear down, Shen Cangsheng forcefully stabilised himself, before looking gravely at the distance. The one present there was Mo Longzi, whom had fluttered and landed, his hands behind his back as he stood upright.

Such a tyrannical spear from him was still unable to deal with Mo Longzi. The latter's strength at the Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase truly was very strong.

"Prepare to move."

Shen Cangsheng spoke out in a deep voice. As of now, although they had lost Lin Zheng and the other two Great Generals, their lineup wasn't considered weaker than their opponents. As long as they could entangle Mo Longzi, with Mu Chen's, Li Xuanton's and Luo Li's strength, they were capable of defeating their enemies.

However, just as they were prepared to revolve their Spiritual Energy and take action, Mo Longzi gave a soft laugh. With a wave of his sleeve, Lin Zheng and the other two landed in front of Mu Gui and his group, before being grabbed by them.

"Shen Cangsheng, since you want to truly fight with me that much, I'll give you a chance. However..."

Mo Longzi's tone changed, before continuing with a smile. "It'll not be in this place. I'll wait for you all at the Western Desolated City outside of the Western Desolated Territory. If you want to save them, come to the Western Desolated City!"

"Haha, I want to kill all the so-called prideful sons of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy in front of the countless people present there! At that time, the name of me, Mo Longzi, will resound across the Northern Heavens Continent!"

“I’ll let everyone know that the students taught by your Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy will always be inferior to our Demonic Dragon Palace!”

With a hearty chuckle, Mo Longzi fluttered as he retreated, with his group of vicious people rapidly following suit.

“If you want to save these three people, I’ll wait for you at the Western Desolated City. Noon, Tomorrow!”

“Where do you think you’re going?!”

Shen Cangsheng gave a cold roar. With a move of his body, he explosively rushed forward to give pursuit.

Upon seeing this, the person at the rear, Wu Jia gave a faint smile. Clapping his hands together, spiritual mist instantly swept forth from the surrounding area, completely covering the basin up. As this happened, their figures rapidly disappeared within the spiritual mist.

As their figures disappeared, the only thing remaining of them was Mo Longzi’s sinister laughter, resounding back at Shen Cangsheng and the group.

“Shen Cangsheng, if you don’t want to see the bodies of those three being hung on the Western Desolated City, be prepared to keep our appointment!”

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Chapter 368: Western Desolated City

Western Desolated City, the biggest city within the entire Western Desolated Territory. Countless experts from various places that come to the depths of the Western Desolated Territory to cultivate would stop and rest at this place, as well as to prepare various cultivation-related items. Therefore, the vitality and liveliness was the greatest within the entire Western Desolated Territory.

This city was under the jurisdiction of the West Pole Hall. This Western Pole was a peak level influence within the Northern Heavens Continent, and was extremely powerful. Speaking about it, it could be considered an Overlord of a region within the Northern Heavens Continent.

Therefore, although there were crouching tigers and hidden dragons mixed within the Western Desolated City, cases of people causing trouble over here were extremely rare. After all, with such an enormously powerful influence like the West Pole Hall sitting there, it wasn’t an existence that was good to provoke.

However, today, the Western Desolated City had become somewhat more lively due to some external influences, with some perceptive people being able to sense the surge and roars within the darkness.

The origin of all of these was due to Mo Longzi and his group of people.

After arriving at the Western Desolated City, they immediately occupied the most eye-catching location within the city, the Western Desolated Terrace.

The Western Desolated Terrace sat at the highest point within the Western Desolated Territory. Standing tall within the city like a mountain, it overlooked the entire city. In most cases, only when

major events happened within the Western Desolated City would the Western Desolate Terrace be opened. However, this time, Mo Longzi and his group of people had directly occupied it.

This group of uninvited guests had undeniably roused the attention of countless people within the entire city.

This was especially true after seeing three gigantic metal cages being hoisted up in the Western Desolated Terrace, which even caused doubt and bewilderment. However, their doubts were quickly erased, before shock and astonishment swept through the entire Western Desolated City.

That's because the three people locked within those metal cages were, unexpectedly, the three Great Generals of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy!

With Mo Longzi's ties with the Demonic Dragon Palace also being exposed, countless people felt shock erupt within their hearts. This was a gigantic influence that had almost become the Overlord of the Northern Heavens Continent in the past. Even after suffering a decrease in fame and reputation after the astonishing war with the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that year and hiding away for all these years, people knew that this previous Overlord still possessed frightening power that would make people quake in fear.

Facing a previous Overlord like the Demonic Dragon Palace, even those peak influences within the Northern Heavens Continent, like the West Pole Hall, would still have much dread and fear within them, and would not dare to provoke it too much.

From the looks of it, Mo Longzi had actually captured the three Great Generals of the Punishment Hall; moreover, he had used such a method to hang them within the Western Desolated Terrace. Was this a demonstration of might towards the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy?

Those were the two greatest influences within the Northern Heavens Continent. Were they planning to launch a war again?

This might become a big matter that would rock and shake the entire Northern Heavens Continent.

As the entire Western Desolated City was still reeling in shock, Mo Longzi didn't show any other signs of movement. He continued sitting within the Western Desolated Terrace, with an indifferent expression within his eyes, as if he was waiting for something.

At his back, Mu Gu, Gui Xiong, Wu Jia and the rest were standing while facing the wind. Baleful auras radiated from them, pervading the air and letting everyone know their viciousness and strength.

Their entire group of seven people all possessed strength at the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage. Placed within any influences, they would be classified as elites. Although there were numerous experts within the Western Desolated Territory, the amount of people whose strengths were able to exceed that of Mo Longzi and his group of people were rather small.

"Worthy of being the genius that came from the Demonic Dragon Palace. Being able to reach Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase at such an age...that's truly frightening." After sensing the astonishing fluctuations radiating from Mo Longzi, some people within the city couldn't help sighing in admiration.

“Exactly. Furthermore, it’s said that this Mo Longzi’s not considered the peak within the younger generation in the Demonic Dragon Palace. That Mo Xingtian’s the truly terrifying one. However, that person rarely takes action. Previously, the younger generation of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was completely suppressed by the fame and reputation of Mo Xingtian.”

“Looks like the ability of the Demonic Dragon Palace to nurture people isn’t weaker than the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.”

“You can’t say words like that. The Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy is, after all, an academy, and doesn’t have the cruelty imbued in it like the Demonic Dragon Palace. Furthermore, students have a limited amount of time to cultivate within an academy. Compared to the Demonic Dragon Palace, which has unlimited amounts of resources under its belt, and had geniuses nurtured painstakingly from birth, there will always be a slight disparity. Therefore, if you look from afar, the Demonic Dragon Palace isn’t comparable to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. After all, after so many years, there are quite a few graduates from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that had already stepped into the Sovereign Stage, and had spread their great names within the Great Thousand World.”

“That’s true. Every peak influence would concentrate and pool their resources together, thus allowing for outstanding people to continuously appear. Not only Mo Xingtian from the Demonic Dragon Palace, Xi Qinghai from the West Pole Hall, Xia Yingran from the Nine Summers Merchant Group, Su Buxiu from the Heavenly Furnace Saint Sect. These people are the truly outstanding ones within the younger generation in the Northern Heavens Continent.”

“.....”

The entire city was rife with whispers of discussion, causing an extreme surge of liveliness within the city. Furthermore, everyone also felt curious towards Mo Longzi’s appearance, which clearly portrayed him waiting for something...

Although they were not too clear of the exact situation, those perceptive ones were faintly able to discern the feeling of the calm before a storm. A storm was about to brew within this Western Desolated City.

Uproars and some unrest were felt due to the actions of Mo Longzi and his group. Within a large hall in the centre of the Western Desolated City, a male in green robes stood with his hands behind his back. Raising his head, he looked towards the scene present within the Western Desolated Terrace as a faint smile surfaced on his face.

“Ah, Mo Longzi... you’ve actually come to the place of our West Pole Hall to raise a storm.”

A figure respectfully spoke out behind the male in green robes, “ Young Hallmaster, do we have to do anything? I’ve already investigated that the three people Mo Longzi had caught were the three Great Generals of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy’s Punishment Hall. Furthermore, Mo Longzi should be planning to wait for the reinforcements coming from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, before completely killing all of them. In that way, his reputation and prestige within the Demonic Dragon Palace would greatly increase, with the possibility of even getting rewards for his actions.”

“This Mo Longzi looks like he has already promoted into Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. If not, he wouldn’t be able to deal with the three Great Generals of the Punishment Hall.”

The male in green robes gave a faint smile, before gesturing with his hand and saying, "The matter between the Demonic Dragon Palace and the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy doesn't concern nor involve us. Just treat it as if we can't see it. If they want to fight it out, let them be."

"Yes!"

The gaze of the green-robed male condensed on the figure within the Western Desolated Terrace that was radiating a baleful aura. This Mo Longzi truly was formidable. However, compared to Mo Xingtian, he was still weaker by a sliver.

"Mo Xingtian..."

Thinking about that person, the eyes of the green-robed male couldn't help faintly narrowing as he started to count the dates. *Isn't the "Holy Spiritual Mountain" that will cause extreme waves of shock to propagate throughout the Northern Heavens Continent about to open? This time, that Mo Xingtian might become one of my enemies.*

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The atmosphere within the Western Desolated City had grown increasingly scorching hot as time went by. As news of this matter continued to spread out, anyone that had heard of it had all rushed over the Western Desolated City.

The Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy and the Demonic Dragon Palace were, after all, too famous within the Northern Heavens Continent. Any small matter involving them would be able to shake the entire continent.

Sitting within the Western Desolated Terrace, Mo Longzi looked at the gigantic city flourishing with vitality below him, while an apathetic smile surfaced on his face. If he defeated all of the elite students from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy under the attention of this many people, wouldn't the face of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy be completely squashed to the ground?

At that time, his status within the Demonic Dragon Palace would greatly rise as a result, with the possibility of even threatening that Mo Xingtian. At that time, the regards he would get wouldn't be weaker than that of the latter.

Thinking about that person, a dark shadow flashed within Mo Longzi's eyes. He possessed absolutely shocking talent. Originally, he should've been the most outstanding person within the Demonic Dragon Palace. However, who would have thought that Mo Xingtian had firmly sat on top of his head for the last couple of years? Within the Demonic Dragon Palace, anyone who talked about him would place him behind Mo Xingtian. This was, in reality, quite a blow towards Mo Longzi, whose inner arrogance had reached an incomparable level.

"Hmph! When this matter's over, my reputation will greatly increase. At that time, there will definitely be my quota for the upcoming opening of the 'Holy Spiritual Mountain'. During that time, if I obtained the 'Holy Spiritual Baptism', I'll be able to obtain a good foundation in my path to promoting into Sovereign Stage. Then, Mo Xingtian will be squashed beneath my feet!"

"At that moment, only I, Mo Longzi, will truly become the strongest within the younger generation in the Northern Heavens Continent!"

A sinister expression surfaced on Mo Longzi's face as his ambitiousness erupted within his eyes. Raising his head, he looked towards the far distance out of the Western Desolated City, while a cold smirk rose from the corner of his mouth.

"Shen Cangsheng, you guys must definitely come. If not, all of my plans will be for naught...My reputation still needs you people to become stepping stones for me!"

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Time quickly elapsed within the Western Desolated City, whose atmosphere had turned scorching hot. Whooshing sounds continuously resounded outside of the city as people descended within the city, akin to a swarm of locusts.

Countless gazes endlessly swept towards the Western Desolated Terrace, while simultaneously looking out of the city. All of them really wanted to know; facing this solemn waiting by Mo Longzi and his lineup, exactly which of younger generations within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would dare to come here and save their people?

As countless people raised their heads and looked around, the scorching sun across the horizon inched slowly up, before finally reaching its peak in the sky.

At this moment, a faint movement was seen within Mo Longzi's indifferent expression, before slowly raising his head. A sneer surfaced within his eyes as he looked towards to horizon, where hurried whooshing sounds suddenly rang out from there.

Those sounds appeared extremely rapid and furious, causing everyone's gaze to immediately turn their way. As they looked over, ten figures shot over akin to lightning bolts, before transforming into rainbow-like streaks, appearing in the air above the city.

As the glow around them faded, their figures surfaced for everyone to see.

A youth stood stanch and straight at the front-most position of the group. A gold-coloured long spear grasped within his hand, boundless Spiritual Energy radiated out. A disdainful look was present within his eyes, while everyone could sense the exceptionally imposing aura radiating from him.

"That's the First Rank on the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's Heavenly Rankings, Shen Cangsheng!"

Similar to Mo Longzi, Shen Cangsheng possessed quite a bit of reputation within the Northern Heavens Continent. Upon his arrival, he was immediately recognised, causing waves of outcry to ring out within the city.

"The person beside him should be the Second Rank on the Heavenly Rankings, Li Xuanton..."

"Tsk. Tsk. He Yao, Su Xuan, Xu Huang...they're all in the top ten ranks within the Heavenly Rankings. Their lineup is quite strong."

"Who are those two people? Why do they look younger than Shen Cangsheng and the rest of their group? Their age, seems to be Freshmen, right? They actually dared to come to this place? Could it be that the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy doesn't have anymore people that it could be sent here?"

“Oh, a very interesting show is coming. The Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy’s Heavenly Rankings against their Bounty Board’s Rankings...”

As the group of people in the sky had just revealed themselves, waves of clamoring noises instantly sprung up within the entire city as countless whispers of discussion erupted out.

However, not the slightest bit of care was given by the people in the sky as they cast their sinister gazes towards Mo Longzi and his group of people within the Western Desolated Terrace.

“Haha...you’ve finally arrived.”

Under their sinister gazes, Mo Longzi gave a faint smile. Standing up, he gave an apathetic look towards Shen Cangsheng, Mu Chen and their group.

“Congratulations for being punctual. If you guys want to rescue those three from my hands today, that would have to depend on how much ability you guys exactly have!”

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Chapter 369: Four

Due to the appearance of the group of people in the sky, the atmosphere within the entire Western Desolated City had flared up and boiled. Curiosity was present within the eyes of countless people, since all of them clearly wanted to know exactly who would be able to achieve the final victory in this head-on confrontation between the two lineups.

This battle would undeniably concern various aspects and faces of the Demonic Dragon Palace, as well as the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Both sides had Sovereigns present within them. Due to various reason, they weren’t able to directly intervene and fight, and could only observe this confrontation in the dark. Therefore, the lineups present before everyone’s eyes were the sharpest and greatest elite forces that both sides could send out.

As Shen Cangsheng stood haughtily within the sky, his gaze locked onto Mo Longzi, which was akin to the edge of a blade. Shifting slightly up, he noticed the three gigantic metal cages that had the unconscious and heavily injured Lin Zheng, Zhou Qingshan and Gu Tianyan within them.

Upon seeing the three who were caged up, the faces of Mu Chen and the group turned frosty, while killing intent erupted from their eyes.

All of them had respect and even some reverence for Lin Zheng and the other two; after all, they were their Senior Brothers. Currently, they were being humiliated in such a manner, causing them to be rather infuriated.

“Haha. Looks like you all are very furious.”

Mo Longzi looked at the expressions filled with killing intent present on the faces of Shen Cangsheng, Mu Chen and the group. Showing an apathetic smile, he said, “You guys should be rejoicing that I’ve locked them up here. If not, I’d have finished them off long ago.”

“I’ll return what you did to them a hundred times over.” Gripping the long spear tightly in his hand, green veins started to squirm and wriggle on his hand. Speaking out, Shen Cangsheng’s low and deep voice was brimming with malevolence.

"I do know that you truly have that capability," replied Mo Longzi with a beaming smile.

"So what the hell are you going to do now? Send out any move you've got, and we'll return all of them back to you!" roared Shen Cangsheng in a cold voice. In any case, Lin Zheng and the other two were in the hands of their enemies. Thus, they were still a little worried about acting against Mo Longzi in fear of him hurting Lin Zheng and the other two. After all, they weren't able to be that merciless and completely show the slightest bit of detachment to their compatriots like Mo Longzi.

"Worthy of being the Overlord of the Heavenly Rankings. You truly have charisma and the guts to say such words."

Mo Longzi laughed while sticking his thumb out. A sinister shadow filled his face as a smile appeared from a split of his mouth, revealing two rows of glistening white teeth, before speaking out, "It's really very simple. We've set up four arenas over here. You just have send four people up to fight and that's it."

"However, there's no such thing as a fair matchup. Once these four people have dealt with their opponents, they have to right to decide to withdraw, or continue cooperating with others..."

"As for the type of fight, it's naturally to the death."

Speaking till the very end, the smile at the corners of Mo Longzi's mouth turned cruel and malevolent.

Mu Chen faintly narrowed his eyes when he heard Mo Longzi words. From what the latter had said, he had made it clear that he wanted solo fights, which allowed him to quickly finish off his opponent before helping the rest. In that way, he wouldn't have to worry about being besieged by Mu Chen's group. After all, he would face against Shen Cangsheng, who had promoted to Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. If there was another person attacking him, it would become two against one. In that situation, even he would no longer have an advantage.

Previously, the reason why he could deal with Lin Zheng and the other two was due to breaking them one by one. If not, when the three of them joined hands to fight with him, it would be nigh impossible to completely capture all of them.

As this moment, Mo Longzi was also banking on this same concept. He assumed that in a solo fight, no one from Mu Chen's side would be able to be his match. In that way, he would quickly achieve victory and turn around to deal with the rest.

This truly would help him avoid being besieged. However, that would have to depend on whether Mo Longzi was truly able to achieve victory so quickly and get his hands free to attack other people.

From the looks of it, he possessed extremely great confidence in his own strength.

The eyes of Shen Cangsheng and the group faintly flashed, having clearly seen through Mo Longzi's intention. In the current situation, they had the numerical advantage, and swarming around Mo Longzi and his group had some advantages for them. However, since Lin Zheng and the other two were within the latter's hands, they didn't have much of a say.

"Look's like the confidence you have for yourself is truly quite big."

Taking a step out, the golden long spear within Shen Cangsheng's hands erupted with a bright and resplendent golden light. As the golden light blossomed and filled the skies, Shen Cangsheng appeared akin to a god of war. Chilling intent filled his eyes as he stared at Mo Longzi while saying, "We'll accept this fight!"

"Haha, that's some courage!"

Mo Longzi roared with laughter that had endless chilling intent present in his voice. With a wave of his hand, he fluttered as he retreated back. Shooting across the sky, three other people from his group followed suit and shot out into the sky. In all, they occupied four separate regions within the sky.

The three people that shot out was Mu Gu, 3rd rank on the Bounty Board, Gui Xiong, 4th rank and the 5th rank Wu Jia.

Of these three people, two of them possessed strength at the Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, while the remaining one was a Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master, an even more mysterious and hard person to deal with. All fourth of them weren't people that Mu Chen and his group could easily deal with.

Haha! Who dares to fight with me?!"

Gui Xiong flung his head up, roaring with laughter as astonishingly baleful aura pervaded his entire body. Looking malevolently towards Mu Chen and his group, the giant axe within his hand appeared as if he wanted to split up and shatter the heavens and earth.

Mu Gu also had an apathetic smile on his face, while his skinny and withered body sparkled. The bones underneath his skin became faintly discernable under his skin. Locking his gaze onto Luo Li, it appeared as if the fight that occurred yesterday had yet to reach a desirable level of satisfaction.

Compared to the other three, Wu Jia was the most quiet and solemn. Calmly sitting in the sky, the air around his body faintly rippled, while mysterious fluctuations radiated from him.

This person appeared akin to a venomous snake. He made no noise and no detectable movements, but was able to give a death-inducing attack within the silence.

Within the largest hall in the Western Desolated City, the green-robed male was also looking with interest at the confrontation happening in the skies above the city.

"Haha. Young Hallmaster. Looks like that Mo Longzi's truly crafty. His strength should be considered the strongest amongst the individual people on the two sides. In a solo fight, the only person that can put up a fight against him might only be Shen Cangsheng. However, the latter will not be able to last for long. Therefore, once he finishes his fight, this entire situation can be considered to be over," explained a figure standing behind the green-robed male.

Hearing those words, the green-robed male smiled and nodded his head while saying, "However, if the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy achieves victory in the other three fights before that happens, things would be different..."

"That Mu Gu and Gui Xiong are both at the Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase. Within the group of people from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, only Li Xuanton can cope with one of them,

with him even being able to obtain the superiority. However, even though that's the case, he doesn't have any way to quickly finish off either one of the formers."

"Other than Li Xuantong and Shen Cangsheng, the other people from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy are on the weaker side. Of those remaining, the strongest is that He Yao. However, he's only at Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase... There's a beautiful girl, and she is someone that is slightly unable to be seen through by me. Perhaps, she might become the variable in this confrontation..."

Sweeping his gaze across Mu Chen and his group in the distance, the gaze of the green-robed male finally landed on Mu Chen's body for an instant, while a mysterious shadow flashed within his eyes. Faintly wrinkling his forehead, he proceeded to say, "Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase...could it be that the current batch of students from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy are that useless?"

"Furthermore..."

Turning his gaze towards Wu Jia, who was still being exceptionally quiet in another region of the sky, the green-robed male spoke out in a soft voice, "Of these four people, other than Mo Longzi, Wu Jia, who's the lowest rank amongst them, is the person that'll be the most difficult to deal with..."

Hearing his words, the figure standing behind him nodded his head. Although he didn't have widespread fame, when a Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master truly takes action, he might even be harder to deal with than Mu Gu and Gui Xiong.

Mo Longzi and the three people were all dreadful opponents. Although the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy held a minute advantage in numerical superiority, they were deprived of that in this fight...

From the looks of it, they were truly forced to the end of their roads.

"Haha, what's the matter? Have you decided already?" asked Mo Longzi with a grin as he looked towards Shen Cangsheng and his group.

All the eyes within the Western Desolated City had also looked towards Shen Cangsheng and this group. Everyone was very curiously as to how Shen Cangsheng and his group would split up in this present situation.

"I'll deal with Mo Longzi." Shen Cangsheng said in a low and deep voice. Within their group, his strength was considered the strongest. The duty of stalling and obstructing Mo Longzi could only be accomplished by him.

With regards to this point, there was no one that objected to this.

"Let me deal with that Mu Gu. I'll finish him off as fast as possible." Luo Li said as her jade-like hand tightly gripped her scabbard, while a coldness erupted from within her glass-like eyes.

"So, that Wu Jia's left for me?" Li Xuantong suddenly asked.

Although Wu Jia was ranked the lowest amongst the four, everyone knew how much frightening capability a Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master possessed. Once he was able to arrange his Spiritual Arrays, even people at the Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase would end up in extremely miserable states in front of him.

Li Xuantonf knew about this point, and, therefore, chose to take responsibility and deal with Wu Jia.

Shen Cangsheng looked towards Mu Chen. At this moment, the latter's eyes appeared to slightly narrow as he started at Wu Jia, who was sitting quietly in the sky. Gently shaking his head, Mu Chen said, "Let me deal with him. I'm also a Spiritual Array Master."

Mu Chen didn't doubt Li Xuantonf's strength. However, that Wu Jia's actions and methods were strange and bizarre. Even if the latter was unable to finish off Li Xuantonf in an instant, once he completed the arrangements of his Spiritual Arrays, wanting to tie Li Xuantonf down would become an extremely easy task to accomplish.

The goal of their enemies was to buy enough time for Mo Longzi. Therefore, the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy could absolutely not be tied down by the other three, and needed to finish the other three fights as fast as possible.

Therefore, on the aspect of dealing with him, Mu Chen, who was also a Spiritual Array Master, was the most ideal choice.

Hearing Mu Chen's words, Li Xuantonf remained silent for a short period of time, before gently nodding his head while replying, "You be careful."

"Since we've already decided, let's move out!"

Tightly clenching the Golden Lotus War God Spear within his hands, with a low roar, Shen Cangsheng suddenly shot out, appearing right in front of Mo Longzi.

Facing this matchup, everyone had clearly guessed it happening. Thus, everyone didn't feel surprised about this.

Li Xuantonf had also shot out, and appeared before Gu Xiong.

Clenching her longsword with her jade-like hand, Luo Li spoke towards Mu Chen in a soft voice, "Be careful. I'll finish him off as fast as possible and come help you."

As she spoke those words, she shot out, her goal being the distant Mu Gu.

Her actions instant caused some clamoring noises to erupt within the Western Desolated City. The beautiful young girl that appeared as if she was a Freshman had actually become the opponent of Mu Gu, ranked third on the Bounty Board.

Across the horizon, only Wu Jia was left being unselected. At this moment, his face still had the same indifferent expression on it as his eyes sparkled, akin to a venomous snake tasting the air with its tongue.

Everyone stared at the remaining group of people from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Faced against that lowest rank, yet being harder to deal with than Mu Gu and Gui Xiong, Wu Jia, exactly who amongst them would take action?

Within the great hall, the green-robed male was similarly filled with interest as he stared towards the sky.

Under the countless guessing gazes within the Western Desolated City, Mu Chen slowly exhaled a clump of white air, before walking out of the group.

Ah!

Countless gazes immediately converged together. After identifying Mu Chen's strength, incredulous expressions immediately erupted on each and every one of their faces.

This youth, whose strength had only reached Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase, actually dared to take action?

Within the great hall, the green-robed male had also faintly gawked, before he faintly narrowed his eyes. Gently tapping his finger, he muttered to himself, "A Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase against a Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master...Haha. This truly is interesting...I don't know if he's looking to die, or if he truly has some astonishing abilities or methods..."

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Chapter 370: Spiritual Array Competition with Wu Jia

As Mu Chen walked out, not only did it cause countless clamoring noises to ring out within the Western Desolated City, it also caused the expression of the indifferent-looking Wu Jia to faintly tremble as his dark and cold gaze locked onto the former.

Nevertheless, Mu Chen cast a blind eye towards all those gazes. Shooting out, he slowly came to a stop a couple hundred metres away from Wu Jia. Cupping his fists, he spoke out with a faint smile. "Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Freshman Mu Chen, came forward to seek guidance."

"This fellow...truly is only a Freshman..." Mu Chen's words instantly caused shocked and astonished cries to ring out, before everyone turned and looked at each other. This batch of Freshmen from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was actually that tyrannical? Having just arrived in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, they actually dared to act so rampant in the Northern Heavens Continent?

Wu Jia stared straight at Mu Chen, while not much of the so-called disdain and contempt was present. He knew that the so-called "Freshman" before him was, in fact, not a simple character. If not, Chi Yu and Mao Jiong wouldn't have lost their lives in his hands.

The reason why the current situation would progress to such a stage was all due to the youth in front of him that had appeared out of thin air... If not for him suddenly breaking through their blockade to find Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong, and even dispelling the Demonic Dragon Poison within their bodies, the people locked within those metal cages might not only be Lin Zheng and the other two.

If not for this youth, this four-on-four battle would not exist, and the only thing they needed to do was to carefreely enjoy the process of stomping on the face of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Shooting a deep look at Mu Chen, Spiritual Energy started to ripple around Wu Jia's body, appearing as if he was standing within a surging lake.

Bang!

In the far distance, boundless Spiritual Energy erupted akin to a storm from Shen Cangsheng. Hoisting his Golden Lotus War God Spear, a chilling glow erupted from his eyes as he shot forward. Shadow spears blotted the skies, bringing forth frightening Spiritual Energy as they surrounded Mo Longzi.

“Haha, Shen Cangsheng! Since you truly want to have a fight with me, I’ll grant your wish today!”

Mo Longzi raised his head with a long arrogant roar filled with laughter. Greyish-black Spiritual Energy erupted from him, before transforming into demonic dragons, twisting and twining around him. At this moment, the sky started to turn dark and gloomy.

“This time, I’ll let you know, the true disparity between us!”

With a clench of his fist, two demonic dragons condensed within his hand. Grabbing them, he shot out, clashing head-on against the incoming Shen Cangsheng without a hint of retreat.

Bang! Bang!

Incomparably erratic Spiritual Energy swept out as the two men confronted each other in the air. Under the shock waves produced by their attacks, even the cloud layers in the sky were completely separated.

Their fight was astonishing and soul-stirring.

After seeing Shen Cangsheng commencing the fight, Luo Li and Li Xuanton didn’t continue hesitating and swiftly rushed out towards their respective enemies. Upon launching their attacks, they didn’t do any such thing as warming up, since what they needed the most now was time.

They needed to defeat their enemies before Shen Cangsheng fell!

Only when that happened would they be able to reverse the situation before them around.

Bang!

Within the endless confines of the horizon, three fights instantly took place. Boundless Spiritual Energy rippled and swept out, seemingly filling the entire sky above the Western Desolated City, causing shocked expressions to fill the faces of countless people.

Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. People of this strength could already be considered as top ranking within the entire Northern Heavens Continent. There were even some powers and influences who were completely led by characters of this level of strength. Therefore, the confrontation happening in the sky was clearly extremely spectacular to the people in the city.

Feeling the Spiritual Energy storms sweeping out within the horizon, Mu Chen took a deep breath of air, before his black eyes gradually turned frosty. Locking his gaze on Wu Jia, Spiritual Energy burning with black flames rose from his body.

Humm.

An apathetic expression still remained on Wu Jia’s face and not a single word was spoken from him. With a formation of a hand seal, the air around his body started to churn and flare up. As rays of brilliance radiated out, two gigantic Spiritual Arrays immediately surfaced behind his back.

Obviously, he had long-made his preparations.

Those two gigantic Spiritual Arrays started to rapidly revolve as they radiated with overbearing Spiritual Energy fluctuations. Those were two Rank 4 Spiritual Arrays. However, they were arranged by Wu Jia with a casual move of his hands. Him being a Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master was not an unjustified reputation.

Bang!

As the two Spiritual Arrays revolved, boundless Spiritual Energy condensed forth, before transforming into two large Spiritual Energy-made hands. Shooting out explosively, they immediately patted furiously down towards Mu Chen's location.

Mu Chen raised his head, his black pupils reflecting the image of the large Spiritual Energy-made hands head towards him. With the formation of a hand seal, rays of brilliance erupted out from the air behind him, before two gigantic Spiritual Arrays surfaced.

As the two Spiritual Arrays appeared behind Mu Chen, clamoring noises seemed to ring out within the entire city.

"That Mu Chen's actually a Spiritual Array Master?!"

"No wonder why he was so confident. However, he can't possibly have greater attainments than Wu Jia on the aspect of Spiritual Arrays, right?"

"That's hard to say. Since this time, it's a battle between Spiritual Array Masters, there'll be quite a good show to watch..."

"..."

Mu Chen didn't give the slightest care towards those countless whispers of discussions floating in the air. With a flick of his finger, golden lights erupted from the two Spiritual Arrays at his back. In the next instant, two gigantic golden teeth wheels explosively shot out. Carving two lines across the horizon, they smashed head-on against the descending giant Spiritual Energy-made hands.

Boom!

Spiritual Energy instantly exploded outwards as both attacks gradually dissolved in mutual destruction.

"So, you're a Spiritual Array Master."

Traces of emotion finally appeared within Wu Jia's eyes.

In response, Mu Chen sent a smile back at him, brimming with chilling intent. In the next instant, he shot out, boundless Spiritual Energy was condensing on his fists. Being a Spiritual Array Master, he naturally knew that one should never give too much time for a Spiritual Array Master to prepare when faced against one.

Seeing Mu Chen rushing straight towards him, Wu Jia had similarly sensed the intent of the former. Displaying a faint smile, he spoke out, "If you're thinking you're able to impede a Rank 5 Spiritual Array Master just like that, you're truly looking down on me."

With a wave of his sleeve, more Spiritual Arrays started taking form behind him, with all of them being Rank 4 Spiritual Arrays. However, they were all arranged by a casual flick of his hand.

Bang! Bang!

Erratic Spiritual Energy erupted from each of the Rank 4 Spiritual Arrays, before violently rumbling towards Mu Chen. However, facing against attacks of such degrees, not the slightest change was present on his expression before black lightning arcs appeared on his body, completely eradicating the incoming attacks.

Bang! Bang!

Wu Jia's attacks exploded on Mu Chen's body as he pierced through the barrage of erratic Spiritual Energy without a single scratch appearing on his body. Within the toughness of his fleshly body, those Rank 4 Spiritual Arrays simply weren't a threat to him.

"You've actually refined your physique..."

Looking at Mu Chen, who had shot through all the attacks he had launched, Wu Jia's eyes slightly narrowed, before shaking his head. Looks like Rank 4 Spiritual Arrays simply weren't able to obstruct that Mu Chen the slightest bit.

With a clench of his hand, a golden metallic ball covered in abstruse runic patterns appeared within. With a flick, it shot out, before a thousand rays of brilliance blossomed from it.

Unexpectedly, that was a Spiritual Array Seed!

As the golden light erupted, it instantly transformed into an incomparably gigantic Spiritual Array. Spiritual Energy crazily condensed within the centre of the Spiritual Array, before finally transforming into a gigantic golden clock. Upon its complete formation, humming sounds instantly enveloped Mu Chen within it.

Radiating with powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations, this golden clock was much more tyrannical than those Rank 4 Spiritual Arrays that were arranged earlier by him. Obviously, this golden clock had already encroached on the boundary of a Rank 5 Spiritual Array.

Just as the golden clock had enveloped Mu Chen, intense vibrations started to spread through it. Clear and melodious ringing sounds continued to spread from it, while getting more hurried one after the other. Obviously, Mu Chen, who was within it, was rapidly breaking the array that had surrounded him.

An indifferent expression still filled Wu Jia's face as his figure fluttered back. His hands came together to form a seal, and Spiritual Seals started to sparkle akin to stars in a night sky as they condensed at an astonishing speed.

This number had already arrived in the hundreds. Obviously, this Wu Jia had finally prepared to use his true killing move.

Whoosh!

Hundreds of Spiritual Seals explosively shot out, before fusing together in the air. In the next instant, everyone within the city was able to something akin to a storm taking shape within this stretch of the sky.

Grave expressions filled the faces of countless people within the entire city as they were able to feel how formidable the Spiritual Array being arranged by Wu Jia this time was. This was definitely considered to be a rather strong one within all the Rank 5 Spiritual Arrays.

Boom! Boom!

Crack after crack started to appear and extend over the surface of the giant golden clock. With a finally bang, an arm encased in black lightning shot out from within. In the next instant, the entire giant clock completely exploded apart, transforming into glowing dots that blotted sky, before dissipating into thin air.

After smashing the giant golden clock apart, Mu Chen raised his head to look at the sky, which had already turned dim and dark. A gigantic Spiritual Array, approximately a few hundred feet wide, was spread across the sky, enveloping around him.

“This Spiritual Array...”

As Mu Chen looked at the gigantic Spiritual Array, his eyes faintly contracted, since he could discover some dangerous fluctuations emanating from it.

As boundless Spiritual Energy howled from it, the stretch of the sky that Mu Chen was in appeared as if it had been disconnected from the world. At the same time, all of the gazes within the entire city were blocked from seeing it. In everyone’s eyes, they could only see an incomparably gigantic Spiritual Array, while being unable to see the two people that were confronting each other within it.

However, although they were unable to see within it, everyone one knew that it would be the determining moment for the victor and loser when either one of the two walked out from the Spiritual Array.

As the Spiritual Energy light screen surrounded him, Mu Chen looked into the distance, to the place where Wu Jia was seated in the air. The latter’s chest was faintly heaving, while a grave expression filled his eyes. Obviously, arranging such a large array had led to quite a large consumption of his strength.

“Till this point in time, my Nine Layered Mountain and River Array has already trapped thirteen Heavenly Completion Stage experts within it to death...”

With malevolent and chilling intent like a venomous snake, Wu Jia stared at Mu Chen, while the smile present at the corner of his mouth appeared exceptionally eerie and sinister. Speaking out, he said, “You can be sufficiently proud of yourself for being able to force me to bring it out with your Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase...”

“However... your outcome will be no different from those thirteen people.”

As his voice rang out, his hands abruptly came together to form a seal. In the next instant, the incomparably gigantic Spiritual Array erupted with dazzling brightness, transforming this place into something akin to a small world. Within the small world of the Spiritual Array were nine mountains

glowing with golden light, appearing akin to nine divine mountains. Bright and resplendent golden brilliance slowly appeared as they radiated from the nine mountains.

At the same time, frightening Spiritual Energy pressure started to pervade out.

Seeing the nine mountains and feeling the incoming pressure, Mu Chen's expression started to slowly turn solemn.