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Chapter 451: Old Friends Reunion

With Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton, Luo Li and the other peak influential figures coming out from their isolated training, the Northern Heaven Spiritual Academy clearly regained its usual liveliness. Added with the induction of Freshmen to the academy, as well as the big matter of the coming of the new Overlord of the Heavenly Rankings that caused people's blood to boil, the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had sunk into a fervent state.

During this fervent atmosphere, there were more and more students starting to raise their heads and look around in anticipation. In the upcoming Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, the number of elite students from their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy participating in this event was clearly the greatest among the past few batches. All of them held high hopes for their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to obtain impressive results in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament and continue the honor and glory of their academy.

While waiting for the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, Mu Chen had also heard of the news about the arrival of Qing Shan and the group into the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Due to the Freshmen entering the academy, Mu Chen's batch of students were naturally able to strip the title of Freshmen from their names. Therefore, they no longer stayed in the Freshman Region, having all moved into the inner regions of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. The Spiritual Qi present in the new regions were clearly multiple times more dense than the Freshman Region. The headquarters of the Luo Goddess Association was also at an extremely good place, even being in the vicinity of a Rank 7 Spiritual Array, with the density and quality of the Spiritual Energy present caused quite a few societies to look red with envy at them. Nevertheless, none of them could do anything about it, since the Luo Goddess Association was the most famous and prestigious society within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy as of now, with no society that could compete with them.

In the new training grounds of the Luo Goddess Association, Mu Chen met up with Qing Shan and the group. Looking at those familiar faces, unconcealable joy and happiness gushed from his eyes. With a smile, he went forward, before giving the somewhat flustered Qing Shan a fierce hug.

"Qing Shan, welcome to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy."

Mu Chen said with a smile. Thinking back two years ago, he was only a student in the Northern Spiritual Academy, and was still working hard to get accepted into one of the five Great Academies. At that time, these fellows were by his side. Although they might have been small and weak then, the feeling of growing up together was deeply embedded in his heart. Thinking back to those memories caused warm feelings to suffuse within his heart.

Being originally flustered, Qing Shan started to relax after the hug from Mu Chen. He looked towards Mu Chen, before looking behind the latter, where a slender and elegant young lady dressed in black robes stood. This was the girl that had attracted the eyeballs of countless people in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy two days ago. At this moment, a faint, sweet smile was present on her beautiful face as she looked towards the happy Mu Chen before her.

“Big Brother Mu, I never imagined that you would mix so well in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy,” replied Qing Shan as he scratched his head. “Now I’ve finally understood why our Northern Spiritual Academy had managed to obtain such a high quota from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy this time. All of this has to do with you.”

After all, Qing Shan wasn’t an idiot. At the very best, their Northern Spiritual Academy was a small Spiritual Academy, and would simply not appear in the eye of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. And yet, such a strange matter had occurred. Clearly, there was only one reason, and that was Mu Chen being that outstanding within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Hearing that, Mu Chen gave a laugh, before turning his gaze behind Qing Shan. Resting on the body of Liu Yang, he spoke out with a smile, “You’ve also come to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, huh.”

While in the Northern Spiritual Academy, Liu Yang was at loggerheads with Mu Chen. However, in the end, he was taught a lesson by the latter. It could be said that the relationship between the two wasn’t all too good; after all, Liu Yang’s grandfather had met his death by Mu Chen’s hands. There was no getting away for Mu Chen towards the decline of the Liu Family. Nevertheless, he, Liu Yang, didn’t blame Mu Chen. Speaking about this, there was only the Liu Family to blame for all of this.

With Mu Chen’s current strength, it’s naturally impossible for those little melon seeds to amount to anything within his eyes. If one was to think along this path, it appeared that the latter was too magnanimous. After close to two years of training and cultivation, he was no longer the immature youth from then.

A complex expression was present on Liu Yang’s face. As of now, Mu Chen had truly far, far exceeded his current strength. Such disparity made it such that he wasn’t even able to feel any hatred. Nodding his head with a slightly depressed feeling, he replied, “If not for you, we might not even have the qualifications to enter the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. We’re still somewhat weak.”

“Haha, Big Brother Mu, this is Yu Xi. After you’d left, she’s the new genius of our Northern Spiritual Academy. After cultivating for less than two years time, she has already caught up to us. Furthermore, you’re her worshipped idol.” Knowing about the grudges and grievances between the Mu Family and the Liu Family, Qing Shan hastily pulled the pretty little girl standing beside him who was using her big black eyes to stare at Mu Chen and introduced her with a smile.

“Oh?” Feeling slightly astonished, Mu Chen smiled as he shot a look at Yu Xi.

“Nice, nice to meet you, Big Brother Mu Chen. I’m Yu Xi.” Yu Xi was so emotional that her little face had turned beet-red, with her little hands clutching the helms of her skirt. All the cleverness and wittiness had all gone out the window, with her clear voice even becoming slightly stammerish.

This was her idol! Ever since she was in the Northern Spiritual Academy, she had always heard about his legends. However, only when she had truly come face-to-face with him did she discover that those legends were all weak and pathetic before the real thing.

Seeing how cute and pretty she was, Mu Chen had a favorable impression of her. Extending his hand to rub her head, he said with a smile, “Nice to meet you. Properly train and cultivate in the Northern

Heavens Spiritual Academy, okay? Although our Northern Spiritual Realm is small, we aren't weaker than anyone."

"Yes, Big Brother Mu Chen! I'll definitely work hard. One day, I'll climb up to the First Rank of the Heavenly Rankings!" Yu Xi's face had turned scorching hot by the intimate actions made by Mu Chen. Nevertheless, she furiously nodded her little head, while her big eyes brimmed with resolution. She worshipped Mu Chen, and treated his path as her goal.

Since Mu Chen's now the First Rank on the Heavenly Rankings, she'd definitely obtain First Rank in the future!

Mu Chen didn't know that just this one sentence from him had made the little girl set such a goal within her heart. Pulling Luo Li over towards him, he sent a grin towards Qing Shan and the group as he said, "This is Luo Li."

"Nice to meet you, Big Sister Luo Li!"

Over the past two days, Qing Shan and the group had long heard about Luo Li, which led them to immediately send their greetings towards her. They had heard that this Big Sister's the Head of the Luo Goddess Association! With the name of the Luo Goddess Association, one can clearly guess that it was created just for her. Furthermore, with such an intimacy between Mu Chen and Luo Li, it clearly goes without saying.

"Nice to meet you all," replied Luo Li with a sweet smile.

"Big Sister Luo Li, you're so beautiful." Yu Xi commented enviously as she opened her eyes.

"You're also very cute. In the future, if there's anything you need help with, you can just come and find us." Holding on to Yu Xi's hands, Luo Li replied with a sweet smile.

Moving close to Mu Chen, Qing Shan gave a big thumbs up to the latter, before quietly saying, "You're the man, Big Brother Mu. You're actually able to find such a beautiful girl. However, God-knows how hurt Big Sister Qian'er will be if she knows about her."

"Who's Big Sister Qian'er?" Suddenly, Luo Li, who was talking to Yu Xi, panned her head over, a grinning expression within her beautiful eyes as she asked in a casual fashion.

Seeing this, Mu Chen gave a furious glare at Qing Shan, causing the latter to rub his nose in awkwardness.

"They are talking about Big Sister Tang Qian'er. She and Big Brother Mu had grown up together. However, at this moment, she's cultivating in the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy," replied Yu Xi in a lovable voice.

"Oh, so she's your childhood sweetheart, huh?" Luo Li's crescent moon-shaped slender eyebrows jumped as she sent an ambiguous smile towards Mu Chen.

With nothing he could do, Mu Chen rubbed his nose. Looking towards the jade-like lovable face of Luo Li, he noticed an extremely rare shadow of jealousy present within the beautiful eyes of the latter. This caused an extreme satisfaction of vanity to gush out from his heart. Being able to let Luo Li, who was

usually calm and tranquil like a silent lake, to feel slightly jealous was truly an extremely hard matter to accomplish.

Therefore, exploiting the opportunity, he replied with a grin, "What's the matter? Feeling jealous?"

Being exceptionally intelligent, how could Luo Li not see that her unconscious reveal of the slight feeling of jealousy had caused Mu Chen's ego to drastically inflate. In the next instant, giving a faint smile, she replied, "Looks like I have to find Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton and the others and let them cut you up. However, this time, you better not find me to help you out."

Hearing her reply, Mu Chen instantly turned sluggish, before feeling somewhat resentful.

Seeing that he had become deflated and shrunken up, Luo Li gave a sweet smile. Extending her slender, jade-like hand out, she grabbed hold of Mu Chen's hand, intertwining her fingers with his. The warmth coming from her action, caused the alluringly red lips of the young girl to curl up.

Idiot. How could I bear to do that.

After chatting awhile, Mu Chen let Luo Li take care of Yu Xi and the rest, before bringing Qing Shan to the side and asked, "How's my old man?"

"Haha. Uncle Mu's formidable. The entire Northern Spiritual Realm has already been united by him, with the nine cities no longer existing anymore. Now, there's only the Northern Spiritual Alliance, with Uncle Mu as the Alliance Leader," replied Qing Shan with a smile.

"Oh?" hearing this caused Mu Chen to be astonished. *My old man's actually turned the chaotic Northern Spiritual Realm into an alliance?*

"Not long after you had left, Uncle Mu had broken into the Heavenly Fusion Stage. Afterwards, he, with Big Sister Qian'er's father and the others, established the Northern Spiritual Alliance. Other than Liu City, which had resisted awhile, the other cities submitted in succession. As of now, the Northern Spiritual Realm is much stronger than before."

Hearing that reply, Mu Chen slightly nodded his head. *Heavenly Fusion Stage can already be considered as extremely strong and powerful within the Northern Spiritual Realm. No wonder why my old man's able to form an alliance. Although such an alliance is somewhat of an abusive act, especially with the existence of Liu City, this can be considered as a slightly concealed danger. Nevertheless, thinking about it, my old man's very clear about this. He will be careful about this.*

Nevertheless, he should be more vigilant about this and find a time to speak to the Headmaster to see if he could lend some people to secretly head to the Northern Spiritual Realm to protect his old man. He didn't want anything to happen to his father.

"Qing Shan, if you have the chance, help me send some news about me back to the Northern Spiritual Realm," said Mu Chen after pondering awhile. With his current accomplishments, it might incite waves of shock if they were to be circulated within the Northern Spiritual Realm. At that time, not to mention the Northern Spiritual Realm, there wouldn't be that many people in the Northern Heavens Continent that would dare to do anything to his old man.

"Okay, I know," replied Qing Shan as he nodded his head.

Patting Qing Shan's shoulder, Mu Chen deeply exhaled. Raising his head up, he looked towards the azure horizon, before his hands started to slowly clench together.

After arranging all of these matters, it should be about time to participate in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. That was a day he had anticipated for a very long time.

"Ji Xuan, we should properly settle our grudges and grievances in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, right? I don't know if the current you has made any preparations. The Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road has yet to engulf you. This time, I'm afraid that I'll not give you any more chances to escape."

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Chapter 452: Rules and Regulations

As time passed, under the anticipation of all of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy students, the starting date of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had finally reached within two days.

Within the great hall in the central position of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Mu Chen, Luo Li, Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuantong and the rest of the elite students in the top ten ranks of the Heavenly Rankings were gathered here. Within the front of the great hall, Dean Tai Cang, Elder Zhu Tian, Hallmaster Mo You and all of the important higher-ups of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy were gathered here. Even Ling Xi had exited her courtyard and had arrived at this place.

Such a line-up could be said to be the grandest scene of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Sitting at the front, a serious expression was present on Dean Tai Cang's face as he looked towards the ten greatest students standing within the great hall that would represent their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Looking at the young men and women standing before him, he slowly said, "Two more days and the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament will start. The Great Spiritual Academy Tournament is extremely important to our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, and I think everyone should already know why."

Within the great hall, Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuantong, Mu Chen and the rest all had serious expressions on their faces as they slowly nodded their heads. This time, if they didn't managed to obtain outstanding results, there's a possibility that the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy will get stripped of its title as being one of the five Great Spiritual Academies. Such a blow to the name of a Spiritual Academy would be fatal.

"This is also the first time that you all will participate in the Great Spiritual Academy. Therefore, I'll first brief you all about its rules."

Sweeping his gaze across the group, Dean Tai Cang said, "According to the rules of past Great Spiritual Academy Tournaments, you will be split up into groups, with five people in one group. This time, our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy will only send the ten of you. Which means that you all will be split into two groups to participate together in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

"The first group will have Shen Cangsheng as the leader, and Li Xuantong, He Yao, Su Xuan and Yang Lin as members."

“The second group will have Mu Chen as the leader, with Luo Li, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang as members.”

As both Mu Chen and Shen Cangsheng shot a look at one another, both of them cupped their fists solemnly in reply.

“Although I would very much want to group the best and strongest in one group, we’re one of the five Great Spiritual Academies, which means that we have to send out two groups, at the very least. Therefore, there’s no choice but for you guys to split up,” said Dean Tai Cang with a helpless expression appearing on his face. Their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy could be considered to be the weakest academy of the five Great Spiritual Academies. As of now, they still needed to send out two groups of five, which would result in their strength being further divided.

“Dean, how many groups are there participating in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament? And how many groups did the other four Great Spiritual Academies send out?” asked Mu Chen after pondering for a while.

“The Spiritual Academies participating in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament number in the amount of tens of thousands, with every Spiritual Academy sending one group, at the very least. So how many groups, you say?” replied Dean Tai Cang with a smile.

Hearing that, Mu Chen and the group all sucked in a breath of cold air. If those words were true, there should be tens of thousands of groups participating in the Tournament. Furthermore, these weren't just the numbers used to fill up the slots, all of them were the elite of every Spiritual Academy, meaning that each and every person would absolutely possess some skill and ability. To distinguish themselves from tens of thousands of groups wasn't a simple task at all.

“As for the other four Great Spiritual Academies,” with a helpless smile, Dean Tai Cang continued his reply, “According to what I know, the Saint Spiritual Academy is sending out four groups, with all of them comprised of the most strongest students within their ranks. The leaders of the four groups are all super geniuses that the Saint Spiritual Academy has spent their blood and sweat to nurture and bring up. Also, that Ji Xuan is the leader of one of the groups.”

Hearing that, Mu Chen’s eyes slightly narrowed; however, he didn’t feel that it was anything accidental. Indeed, Ji Xuan was extremely formidable. Even after entering the Saint Spiritual Academy, where the geniuses present there were as numerous as the clouds in the sky, he would absolutely be able to distinguish himself and stand out from the masses.

The base of the Saint Spiritual Academy was actually that strong to be able to send out four groups of elites! Just based on this point could show why their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy couldn’t compare with the former.

“At the previous Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, the Saint Spiritual Academy had also sent out four groups. However, their line-up then wasn’t as luxurious as this time. From the looks of it, this time, they have set their minds on using this line-up to shock the other Spiritual Academies. After all, the position of Academy Head had been vacant for decades. The Saint Spiritual Academy has been coveting that position for many years, merely that due to the restraint coming from the Martial Spiritual Academy, Myriad Phoenix Academy, as well as the Azure Sky Spiritual Academy, the Saint Spiritual Academy was

not once able to obtain what it wanted. However, over the past few years, the prestige and reputation of the Saint Spiritual Academy has grown increasingly stronger. If its able to show an astonishing performance in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament this time, I'm afraid that the position might really end up in their hands..."

Hearing about this news, the eyebrows of Elder Zhu Tian and the rest started to wrinkle and tighten. The so-called "Academy Head" would mean being the head of all of the academies. Although one didn't possess the power to abolish other Spiritual Academies, the weight of the words coming from that position was extremely heavy. In the past, while obtaining their title as one of the five Great Spiritual Academies, their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had offended the Saint Spiritual Academy. If they were to let the Saint Spiritual Academy obtain the position as Academy Head, their title as one of the five Great Spiritual Academies might not be that stable, something that added danger to the already existing ones.

"Other than the Saint Spiritual Academy sending out four groups, the other three Great Spiritual Academies all sent out three groups each, with every group consisting of their best students. This time, it can be said that they have gone all-out."

"Other than the five Great Spiritual Academies, there are still quite a few elite Spiritual Academies out there. Of them, there are some that possess solid strength and background, and aren't weaker than our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Over the last few years, they have been covetly eyeing our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, and will definitely do their utmost this time to kick our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy down from the five Great Spiritual Academies and take over that title."

Hearing this, Shen Cangsheng and the rest gave bitter laughs. From the looks of it, the situation their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was in truly wasn't good at all.

"Furthermore, the battlefield for this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament is a remnant piece of a shattered continent." said Dean Tai Cang.

"A shattered continent?"

"In the ancient times, this shattered continent was one of the largest continents within the Great Thousand Worlds. However, due to the great calamity that happened in the ancient times, it had shattered apart, transforming into fragmented continents of various sizes. These fragmented continents are considered to be lands of treasure within the Great Thousand Worlds. That's because they contain vestiges of the ancient past. People who have good luck might be able to obtain some of the ancient treasures or ancient inheritance present within them."

With a smile, Dean Tai Cang continued explaining. "This fragment of the shattered continent was found by the five Great Spiritual Academies. However due to this continent being overly fragmented, added with the possibility of having some ancient seals still remaining there, all of us didn't dare to search in detail with great fanfare. After discussing, we've decided to make this the battlefield of this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Speaking of this, this is a benefit for you guys. If you're able to obtain some inheritance there, it would be extremely beneficial for you guys in your future accomplishments."

As Mu Chen the rest shot a look at each other, everyone could see the sparks of interest appearing within each other's eyes. Indeed, those ancient vestiges and remnants would brew interest in people. At that time, when they enter the battlefield, they should take note of this point.

"However..." Suddenly, Mu Chen thought about something, causing his eyebrows to wrinkle up as he asked, "If that's the case, all of the groups will head towards this fragment of the shattered continent... Won't that lead to a massive massacre?"

In there, other than the group from their academy, everyone else should be considered as enemies. Added with the enticement of those ancient vestiges, this would result in the fights being even more intensified. At that time, which they all took action, the only word that could describe what would happen would be one word: Miserable.

"Indeed, the battles will be extremely cruel and unforgiving," said Dean Tai Cang as he nodded his head. "Tens of thousands of groups. Do you know how many groups have the qualifications to participate in the final fight?"

Mu Chen and the rest shook their heads.

"Eight groups," replied Dean Tai Cang with a faint smile. "Other than the eight groups, every other group will be eliminated."

Shock waves shook through the hearts of Mu Chen and the rest. *Of the tens of thousands of groups, there will only be eight groups that will participate in the final fight? This rate of elimination is truly too terrifying, right? For the sake of obtaining the right to be one of that eight groups, exactly what kind of slaughter will take place in the shattered continent to end in that?*

The groups that were able to distinguish themselves among the tens of thousands of groups and qualify for the final fight would definitely be the real deal, and would be incomparably fierce and powerful.

"In the previous Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had tried our best and narrowly squeezed into the top eight. However, in the Best of Eight fight, we were defeated in the first round... leading to us getting the bottom-most score," said Dean Tai Cang with a bitter laugh. Being able to obtain such a ranking was due the that bunch of little fellows risking their lives in battle just to obtain the qualifications of the top eight groups, something that didn't lose the face of their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Serious expressions appeared on the faces of Mu Chen and the rest. The Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had yet to start, and yet, they were able to smell the cruel and vicious fights and the miserable battles that would occur there.

With a wave of his sleeve, ten glowing shadows shot from Dean Tai Cang towards Mu Chen and the rest, before coming to a stop before them. As they swept their gazes over, they noticed that they were transparent plaques radiating with light. As rays of brilliance blossomed from their surfaces, they radiated with strange fluctuations, with the two words "Academy Plaque" etched on their surfaces.

"This is the Academy Plaque of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Everyone take one. According to the rules, every group will be allocated a basic amount of points. Once a group gets defeated by another, the winner will be able to obtain half of the points from the loser's 'Academy Plaque'. When

the points on a group's 'Academy pPlaque' can't be deducted anymore, they will be eliminated, and will lose the qualifications to contend for the final fight."

The eyes of Mu Chen and the rest instantly contracted as they extended their hands and grabbed hold of the Academy Plaques.

"Furthermore, while the points of your Academy Plaques are ranked in the Top 16 in the Tournament, information about your team will be transmitted to everyone's Academy Plaques. Even your location and direction of heading will be indicated, causing you to be the target of everyone there."

In a deep voice, Dean Tai Cang continued talking. "However, being in the Top 16 allows you to possess a benefit. That is the conclusion of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Once more that half of the top 16 groups ignites their Academy Plaques, the elimination will commence. At that instant, the top 8 groups within the rankings will be promoted to the final fight!"

Hearing this, the eyes of Mu Chen and the rest contracted slightly as they thought, *The top 16 groups actually have such a huge benefit...*

As Dean Tai Cang's voice rang out, the entire great hall sunk into a momentary bout of silence. Clearly, all of them were reeling in the shock of the cruel and vicious atmosphere that was brought by the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

Genius-level figures from various places would come together to stage a heaven-shocking battle.

Dean Tai Cang slowly exhaled, before standing up. Looking towards Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng and the rest with serious expressions on their faces, he gave a faint smile and said in a soft voice, "These are the rules of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. I've already said everything I need to say. What's next will be up to you guys. Everyone from our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy will be paying attention to you guys, and hoping for the arrival of the final fight, where we'll be able to see the group of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

"At that time, our entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy will cheer and shout for you!"

"This time, please fight for our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy!"

Shooting a look at each other, Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuantong and the rest took a deep breath. Looking towards Dean Tai Cang, they cupped their hands fiercely, before low and deep voices resounded across the entire great hall.

"We'll fight to the death for the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy!"

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Chapter 453: Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, Begins!

The last two days passed in the blink of an eye.

When the wisp of the morning sun split apart the darkness and illuminated the world, the atmosphere within the enormous Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had instantly turned into a fervent state. Countless students had faces brimming with emotion and excitement, with the entire academy brimming with an upbeat, excited atmosphere. That's because today was the start of the greatest event

for the countless Spiritual Academies in the Great Thousand Worlds. Today was the official start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

This was the greatest official competition for all of the Spiritual Academies, and the gathering point for countless geniuses.

Only the people that were able to distinguish themselves here would be the true ones with outstanding talent amongst the countless students out there!

Although the youths participating in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament couldn't represent all of the youths within the Great Thousand Worlds, there's absolutely no doubt towards the quality of the champions that were able to distinguish themselves from all of the youths present there. That's because there was no lack of champions of the past Great Spiritual Academy Tournaments becoming famous Super-level existences within the Great Thousand Worlds.

As the warm sun rose high into the sky, the atmosphere within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy turned even more scorching hot than the sun beating down from above. If one swept one's gaze out, black seas of humans had filled the inner regions of the academy, with even the higher levels of the academy having come out in full force. All of their faces had unconcealable excitement as they took in the scene. Everyone present was very clear that this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was extremely important to the future of their Spiritual Academy.

Within a house at the headquarters of the Luo Goddess Association, Mu Chen arranged his robes, one that was a green shade. Pressed against the thin body of the youth, he appeared even more capable and experienced. Present on his chest was the insignia of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, a pine tree standing tall on a mountain peak, bold and upright. Present on the mountain peak was the shadow of a sea dragon, spreading its wings as it seized the heavens and earth in its grasp.

This was the academy uniform of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. However, it was extremely rare for a situation as solemn and serious as today. Nevertheless, since they were participating in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament as representatives of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, they naturally had to appear formal and well-knit.

With his slender physique and handsome face, Mu Chen's pair of black eyes appeared like the starry sky. Dressed in his soft, green robes, the youth appeared especially dashing, more than sufficient to cause the eyes of anyone that saw him to light up, and God-knows how many young girls would have their stirrings of love surface within their hearts.

After looking up and down, before feeling adequately satisfied, Mu Chen opened the door and walked out.

The members of the Luo Goddess Association had long packed the outside of the courtyard. Seeing Mu Chen, who had pushed the doors open, their spirits instantly flared up to a fervent level, as gazes filled with worship and admiration shot over. The majority of the members of the Luo Goddess Association were former Freshmen of the same batch as Mu Chen. Initially, they had followed along Mu Chen and Luo Li when they had created the Luo Goddess Association, allowing for them to receive much less bullying and abuse by the Seniors. As of now, they were able to gain that much fame and prestige within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy all thanks to the bloody battles that Mu Chen had engaged

time and time again. Therefore, all of the members of the Luo Goddess Association had worship and admiration stemming from their hearts towards him.

Sending a big smile towards the large bunch of fellows outside, Mu Chen was just about to say something, before the doors of the next room creaked open. In the next moment, as a wisp of sunlight extended into the cracks of the door, a snow-white, slender leg had slowly extended towards the wisps of sunlight.

All of the gazes present instantly turned to look at the young girl that had walked out from the room. For a moment, the frenzied clamoring abruptly turned silent as eyeballs started to gradually grow larger, and a shadow of astonishment even flashed within the eyes of Mu Chen.

It was naturally Luo Li that had walked out from the room. After changing her robes, the clear and cold black skirt that she usually wore was similarly replaced by a green-coloured academy skirt. Being exceedingly figure-hugging, it accentuated the slender and voluptuous curves of the young girl in great detail. Her slender, snow-white neck was as graceful as a swan, while her outstanding chest was accentuated by the blouse to an exceedingly perfect degree. Her little waist that could be grasped with a single arm, her ramrod straight and slender legs...

Her black hair that was usually let down had now been tied into a ponytail. The ponytail was neatly tied up, quietly resting on the slender waist of the young girl.

Gently standing in the wisp of sunlight, the young girl blinked her clear, glass-like beautiful eyes, while a wisp of an arc appeared on her red little mouth, causing the hearts of countless people to skip a beat.

Mu Chen stared unblinkingly at the young girl that had caused no small amount of shock and astonishment in him. At this moment, Luo Li didn't appear as cold and indifferent as before. Her tied up ponytail caused this young girl to display the youth and vitality that she was supposed to have. Such a beautiful scene appeared to have dimmed the sunlight.

"Hey, what are you looking at?" Being stared by countless gazes, Luo Li's beautiful face turned a shade of pink, especially after seeing the unblinking appearance of Mu Chen. Unable to bear it, she bit her lips, before blushingly speaking, while lowering her head to look at her outfit, "Is it ugly?"

"My saliva is dripping out."

Wiping his mouth, Mu Chen walked towards the young girl. Extending his hand, he slightly bowed his body, before speaking with a grin, "My Queen, your knight's waiting for you."

Luo Li's the future Queen of the Luo God Clan. However, in Mu Chen's heart, this girl was also his Queen.

"Such a bold knight like you will be punished in our Luo God Clan," replied Luo Li with a gentle smile. Nevertheless, despite what she was saying, she gently extended her slender little hand, lightly grasping onto the warm hand as an arc appeared on her lips.

Roar!

Seeing the handsome, tall and straight youth and the absolutely perfect, young girl with a sweet smile, the members of the Luo Goddess Association instantly cheered out, their faces brimming with

excitement. The young male and female before their eyes were the pride of their Luo Goddess Association.

“Let’s go.”

Sending a faint smile towards Luo Li, with a move, Mu Chen and Luo Li transformed into rays of light, shooting off into the distance. Behind them, countless members of the Luo Goddess Association rose into the air, hiding the skies and covering the earth as they followed along.

Within the central-most location of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, the skies and the ground were already covered by seas of humans. When Mu Chen and the group arrived, the seas of humans instantly split apart, creating a pathway for the dazzling young male and female to pass through.

Within the sky filled by the sea of humans was an empty patch. Upon the arrival of the two, Mu Chen and Luo could see Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton, Su Xuan and the others that have arrived earlier and were waiting for them, dressed similarly in academy uniforms. Standing tall and straight, with the ladies and their lovable appearances, the group had now become the most dazzling image within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

The appearance of Mu Chen and Luo Li had induced earth-shattering sounds of cheering. At this moment, they, who were representing the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to fight, were clearly the true heroes in everyone’s hearts and minds.

“Sorry for being late.”

Said Mu Chen as he sent a smile towards Shen Cangsheng and the others.

Shen Cangsheng and the rest gave a smile in return, before turning their gazes, without prior agreement, towards Luo Li standing beside Mu Chen, which caused their eyes to slightly light up, even causing Su Xuan to feel slightly astonished. At this moment, the young girl truly appeared excessively eye-catching. The future Queen of the Luo God Clan seemed to have made all of her splendor blossom out.

At this moment, Dean Tai Cang, as well as the five Heavenly Seated Elders and other Elders, with even Ling Xi, appeared in the sky. Looking towards the young males and females standing tall and straight in the air, Dean Tai Cang couldn’t help having a smile appear on his face. In the next moment, his face gradually turned solemn, while the fervent atmosphere within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy slowly started to quieten down.

“Students, they are the most outstanding students of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. From today onwards, they will be stepping into a harsh and cruel battlefield to fight for the honor and glory of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. They are doing so to protect the pride of our academy in being one of the five Great Academies. Therefore, they are the heroes of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.”

Dean Tai Cang’s powerful voice resounded across the entire region, causing the faces of countless students to turn red, the blood within their bodies surging and boiling as they looked, brimming with emotion at the ten figures standing in the skies.

“Therefore, regardless of victory or defeat, they’re our heroes!”

Dean Tai Cang gave a faint smile, before slowly bending his body towards the ten youthful figures standing in the sky. Behind him, faint smiles appeared on the faces of the various Elders as they slightly bent over, giving their blessing towards this group of youths that was going into battle for the sake of the glory and honor of their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Whoosh!

An uniformed sound rang out across the entire region as countless students slowly bent over, their heads lower. The faces of those young and immature faces were filled with passion. Youths were supposed to be filled with hot blood. The scene occurring before them caused them to wish they could do their utmost to train and cultivate, hoping to be able to obtain such distinction one day in the future.

In the air, as they took in the scene before them, hot blood surged and gushed within the hearts of Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng and the group. Sending a smile towards one another, they slowly bent over towards the countless students before them.

“It’s time to group up,” said Dean Tai Cang with a faint smile.

With a gentle wave of their hands, figures started to converge behind the backs of Mu Chen and Shen Cangsheng. Standing naturally behind Mu Chen’s back was Luo Li, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan, as well as Mu Fengyang; while Li Xuantong, Su Xuan, He Yao and Yang Lin stood behind Shen Cangsheng.

These two groups represented the greatest strength of this current batch of students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

“Prepare the transmission Spiritual Array.”

Hearing the roar of Dean Tai Cang, Lin Xi strode forward. With a raise of her hand, a thousand metre wide glowing pillar descended from the sky. Rays of Spiritual Energy light gushed out from within the glowing pillar, while a gigantic transmission Spiritual Array could be faintly discerned as it formed, with boundless Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from within.

After arranging the Spiritual Array, Ling Xi walked towards Mu Chen. Sending a faint smile towards Mu Chen and Luo Li, she softly said, “Be careful.”

“Please be at ease, Elder Sister Ling Xi.” replied Mu Chen with a smile as he nodded his head.

Ling Xi looked towards the handsome youth before her, That handsome face, those clear and bright eyes, that ramrod straight back. Unknowingly, he had captured God-knows how many affections of young girls. This caused her to shake her head, before speaking out, “The transmission Spiritual Array has already been arranged. Prepare to make your move.”

Hearing that, Mu Chen took a deep breath, before fiercely nodding his head.

Shooting a look at Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng took the lead, walking forward, before he said with a smile, “Mu Chen, we’ll take the lead first. Let’s meet in the great Tournament! I hope that we’ll both be able to enter the final fight!”

“Let’s go!”

As he said those words, Shen Cangsheng gave a wave of his hand. A prideful and disdainful look surfaced on his firm and resolute face. Shooting forward, he took the lead, bringing along Li Xuanton and the others of his group as they shot across the horizon. Finally, under the countless emotional and excited gazes, they rushed into the gigantic transmission Spiritual Array. As rays of brilliance gushed out, their figures completely disappeared within it.

“It’s time for us to go, too!”

Mu Chen gave a low roar, causing the eyes of Luo Li, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang to contract. The five quickly shot out, rapidly following behind Shen Cangsheng and the other four as they rushed into the transmission Spiritual Array.

At this instant, the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had completely entered a fervent and frenzied state.

Looking at the frenzied Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Dean Tai Cang deeply exhaled. Looking towards the gradually disappearing transmission Spiritual Array, he muttered, “It’s up to you guys, now. I hope that we’ll be able to see the groups of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy before the start of the final fight...”

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Chapter 454: A Storm Gathers

While Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng and the others had entered the transmission Spiritual Array, similar scenes like that were occurring in the countless large and small Spiritual Academies out there, with the prestige of the fervent clamoring shocking the heavens and shaking the earth.

Saint Spiritual Academy

Stretches of great halls were majestically standing straight. At this time, within the most central location of this stretch of the city was a holy, white-coloured, vast, public square, while black seas of humans filling its four corners, with clamoring noises coming from them that rushed towards the sky.

The central position of the public square appeared exceedingly empty, with only 20 figures standing in it. Dressed in white robes, the insignia of the Saint Spiritual Academy was emblazoned on their chests. At this moment, they were the most eye-catching existences in this region.

A youth with his hands behind his back stood ramrod straight at the leftmost position of the group. Possessing an extremely handsome face, a gentle, warm smile like the sun was present on it. The smile was calm and easygoing, gentle and refined, with God-knows how many young girls turned absent minded in its presence.

“Haha, Captain Ji Xuan. Looks like you’re still brimming with popularity.” Behind the youth stood a similarly aged young male, who was grinning as he spoke. “The other three captains might be extremely unhappy. They’ve been fretting non-stop about you being able to obtain a position similar to them with your status as a Freshman. From what I can see, if not for you, Captain, without haggling and quibbling with them about this, I’m really quite curious as to exactly which of our four most elite figures of our Saint Spiritual Academy is the stronger one.” When the youth by the name of Ji Xuan heard about it, he gave a faint smile and replied, “Mu Feng, what the hell are you talking about? We’re all representing the

Saint Spiritual Academy to participate in battle. At that time, we will have to rely on one another, which means that internal strife is a no-no. Furthermore, they're Seniors, something that I naturally don't possess."

"Captain is magnanimous."

The youth by the name of Mu Feng grinned and gave a big thumbs-up, before smiling while saying, "However, about the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, I've heard that the various great Spiritual Academies have sent their most elite students. Therefore, the batch participating in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament would be the most competitive. Captain, do you have any confidence in winning?"

Shooting a look at him, Ji Xuan gave a laugh, before saying in a soft voice, "You don't have to worry about not being able to show yourselves in the final fight, if you follow me. However, I hope that when that time comes, you'll follow my orders, so as to obtain the most perfect run. If not, for the sake of the overall situation, I might not be able to talk much about friendship with everyone. I hope you can forgive me for this."

Although his voice was soft, it contained an indescribable confidence. This wasn't false bravado, but capabilities that he truly possessed. Although he was one of the four great Holy Sons within the batch of students from the Saint Spiritual Academy, he was the first student within the past few years to obtain the title of a Holy Son with his status as a Freshman.

Holy Son. That represented the greatest accomplishment a student could obtain within the Saint Spiritual Academy. Of the ones that were able to rise to that position, none of them weren't people of outstanding talent.

Upon noticing the smile on Ji Xuan face, an undetectable stiffness appeared on the faces of Mu Feng and the other three group members for an instant, before replying with a smile. Although they were Seniors of the Saint Spiritual Academy, none of them dared to show any bit of arrogance in front of this Freshman, Ji Xuan. That's because all of them were all too clear about the methods of the former.

This was a youth that was one year younger than them and appeared to be cheerful and gentle. Yet, the methods he employed were truly cruel and vicious.

There were only four positions of the Holy Sons of the Saint Spiritual Academy. For one to be able to ascend to that position, one would first have to defeat one of the existing Holy Sons and snatch the title away. That was how Ji Xuan's Holy Son status came to be. During that process, the Holy Son that was replaced by him was disabled during the match for the title of the Holy Son. Furthermore, he had suffered serious injuries, having yet to fully recover, even as of now. The previous Holy Son of the Saint Spiritual Academy had landed in an extremely miserable state now.

"Captain, it seems that you've been searching for information about the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy? That's a broken-ass Spiritual Academy that's almost about to get kicked out of the five Great Academies. How can they enter your sight, Captain?" With a smile, Mu Feng changed the topic with a question.

"Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy..." Raising his head, Ji Xuan looked towards a certain direction, and replied with a faint smile, "My only opponent's there."

“Oh?” Both Mu Feng and the other three group members instantly gawked.

“According to the information I’ve received, he’s doing especially well in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Haha, truly worthy of the fellow that has defeated me many times in the Spiritual Road...” said Ji Xuan with a gentle smile, yet a sharp and incisive fierceness brimmed within his black pupils.

Noticing this, the faces of Mu Feng and the other group members slightly changed. All of them knew how frightening Ji Xuan could be. After hearing these words, it seemed as if his opponent was actually a Freshman that had entered the Spiritual Road at the same time as the former. Furthermore, that person’s actually able to cause a person like Ji Xuan to suffer losses?

“However, it’s a pity that the final winner, will still be me...” said Ji Xuan as he shook his head. Looking across the horizon, he crossed his hands behind his back, while saying with a smile, “However, what happened in the Spiritual Road were only little fights and scuffles. It may be assumed that I’ll be able to bump into him while in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. I really want to see exactly what level that Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road has progress until now.”

“This is truly interesting... however... Mu Chen, I hope that you won’t disappoint me too much. If not, it would be too uninteresting...”

Boom!

As clock-like chimes resounded, the transmission Spiritual Array in the centre of the public square furiously erupted with dazzling rays of brilliance.

At this instant, the eyes of the four groups in the public square instantly narrowed. At the heads of the three groups to Ji Xuan’s right, three youths slowly opened their eyes, faint indifference was present within as they looked forward. In the next instant, without speaking so much as a single word, they strode forward, bringing along their group members forward, before stopping right before the transmission Spiritual Array.

Bringing his group forward, Ji Xuan sent a faint smile towards the Captains of the other three groups that have also come to a stop beside the transmission Spiritual Array.

“Ji Xuan, the goal of our Saint Spiritual Academy is to occupy four positions in the Top Eight. I hope that you won’t fall behind.” Of the three people, the youth with an ordinary-looking face, yet possessing a mouth as sharp and incisive as a knife, sent a smile towards Ji Xuan as he said those words. In the next instant, raising his leg, he walked into the transmission Spiritual Array. As rays of brilliance blossomed, his figure immediately disappeared within.

The other two groups appeared uncommunicative, bringing along chilling auras that were rising from their bodies as they walked into the transmission Spiritual Array.

“It really is too early to talk about who will fall behind.”

Looking at the figures that had disappeared within the transmission Spiritual Array, Ji Xuan gave a gentle flick of his sleeves as an amused smile curled up at the corner of his mouth. Bringing along his group members, he walked into the transmission Spiritual Array. As rays of brilliance blossomed, they disappeared within under the countless attentive gazes shooting towards them.

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Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy

Compared to the atmosphere within the other Spiritual Academies, the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy was clearly filled with the warbling of orioles and swallows, with the lovable voices of countless girls filling the region, causing even the air to appear somewhat soft and gentle.

On the majestic platform covered with fresh flowers and its surroundings, one could see, with a single gaze, that they were covered with exquisite figures as countless girls crowded around, causing fragrances to blossom in the air. At this moment, the gazes of countless girls were filled with different feverish shades as they looked towards the front-most position on the platform, where a slender figure was present, attracting everyone's attention.

That was an extremely dazzling image of a beautiful girl. Dressed in golden armor, her armor was soft and supple, tightly hugging her lovable body, displaying her exquisite physique without the slightest omission. Her snow-white neck, her voluptuous chest, her slender and willowy waist, as well as the smooth and slender legs below her battle skirt... every aspect of her appeared exceedingly beautiful and perfect.

She still possessed an appearance as if the Spiritual Qi of the world had gathered around her, with her hands as soft as grass, her skin supple and smooth, resulting in a beauty that was unmatched by anything. An arc brimming with confidence and pride slightly curled at the corners of her red little lips, with her eyebrows slightly raised, revealing a sliver of her heroic Spiritual Aura. Her valiant and formidable-looking appearance made her appear like a goddess of war that had descended from the heavens, with everything being controlled within her grasp.

This girl was just like a phoenix, grandiose, prideful, confident and never ever bowing down to any other person.

Such a girl possessed an extremely unique form of charisma, one that was extremely attractive to not only males, but even females alike. In the surroundings of the platform, countless girls cast scorching gazes of varying shades over to her, showing clearly how prominent it was.

Although there were similar outstanding girls standing beside her, compared to the former, they appeared to be fireflies basking under the brilliance of the moon, their rays of brilliance being completely outshone by her.

Under the myriad of attentive gazes cast over, the girl slightly raised her lovable face, while some past memories flashed within her mind. Those were of the terminus of the Spiritual Road, where various kings had contended for the crown. People that were able to reach that stage were basically Genius-level figures that were extremely hard to come by. At the final place of the Spiritual Crown, it wasn't just her alone that was there, with a number of opponents that were extremely hard to deal with, with Ji Xuan being one of them.

At that place, she had originally planned to duel with that Ji Xuan. However, if she did so, she would have lost the best opportunity she had to snatch the Spiritual Crown. However, just when she had slightly hesitated then, a black lovable figure shot past her, obstructing the path of Ji Xuan, before engaging in an extremely intense fight that resulted in both parties being seriously injured.

Her path to obtaining the Spiritual Crown had been swept clean of obstacles.

Finally, snatching away the Spiritual Crown, her beautiful eyes lit up with brightness as she looked towards the black-dressed girl that was mutually injured in her fight with Ji Xuan. That girl possessed an absolutely beautiful appearance, her glass-like eyes being clear to the point of causing people to get intoxicated. Even while she was mutually wounded in her fight with Ji Xuan, her calm and tranquil expression showed not a single sign of change or fluctuation.

This was the first time that Wen Qingxuan had seen a girl of her age that showed a level of appearance that rivaled her own. This made her...extremely happy.

Afterwards, she found out that the girl was named Luo Li, and she had gone to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Humm!

Right before her, the gigantic transmission Spiritual Array abruptly erupted with dazzling rays of brilliance.

The rays of brilliance caused Wen Qingshan to regain her clarity. In the next moment, a sweet smile appeared on her face, one which caused the world to lose its colours in contrast with it. Gently moving her fingers to and fro, disregarding the shrieks and shouts that had hid the skies and covered the earth, she strode into the rays of brilliance. At the same time, she gently clenched her hands, while a smile appeared at the corner of her mouth that looked lovable and full of confidence.

Luo Li, you are mine.

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At the same time.

Martial Spiritual Academy...

Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy...

And the other peak Spiritual Academies that possessed extremely powerful strength...

Transmission Spiritual Arrays present there successively erupted in dazzling rays of brilliance, before extremely powerful groups disappeared within the rays of brilliance amidst the countless fervent, cheering voices in their surroundings.

They will appear on the battlefield of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament!

Where talents as numerous as the clouds in the skies would converge, as many great heroes will vie for supremacy and prestige!

The gazes of countless Spiritual Academies would be focused there.

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Chapter 455: The Continent of Ruins

The rays of brilliance radiating from the transmission Spiritual Array filled the eyes of Mu Chen and the others, even causing the sensation of dizziness due to the transmission. Nevertheless, it was fortunate that this bout of dizziness didn't last too long, before they felt the spatial fluctuations around them starting to gradually turn stable, while the dazzling rays of brilliance before them rapidly dissipated away.

The transmission was about to end.

Obviously not newbies without a shred of experience, Mu Chen and the other four instantly revolved their Spiritual Energies to protect their bodies. In this foreign battlefield, they needed to maintain their vigilance. If they were to fail to such an easily covered issue, they would truly lose too much face.

As Mu Chen and the other four got themselves ready, the rays of brilliance before their eyes completely dissipated away. As their vision turned bright once again, a foreign world appeared right before their eyes.

Before them was a world that filled their eyes, with vast lands stretching endlessly across the horizon. Nevertheless, the world was covered in unfathomably deep chasms. These chasms didn't appear to be formed by nature, but by some kind of frightening war, which had smashed the world up like that.

This entire world had turned into a scene of desolation, with the air giving off a scent of the ancient antiquity, making everything clearly appear old and ancient.

This is the Continent of Ruins? It is also the battlefield of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament!

Mu Chen swept his gaze far and wide, before quickly retracting back. At this moment, they seemed to have appeared on the top of a giant cliff tens of thousands of metres high. This giant cliff appeared like a large mountain. Furthermore, they weren't the only ones on top of it...

As Mu Chen and the other four swept their gazes out, they noticed pillars of light continuously descending from the skies onto the giant cliff. As the pillars of light dissipated, group after group appeared in the air. In the short span of time that didn't exceed a few minutes, the entire giant cliff was unexpectedly filled with hundreds of groups.

Without prior consultation, the members of each group that instantly appeared leaned closer to one another, before casting vigilant and guarded gazes as they sized up their surroundings, while vast and boundless Spiritual Energies rose around their bodies. Spiritual Weapons brimming with Spiritual Energies even appeared in the hands of some people as they started to protect their groups.

Although there was not a single trace of indication where a group would appear, there were already close to a thousand people on this giant cliff, yet no clamoring sounds could clearly be heard ringing out. Instead, a strange silence was present as gazes swept by each other, all of them brimming with caution, as well as hostility.

"Looks like Shen Cangsheng's group has split up with us." Moving close to Mu Chen, Luo Li spoke in a soft voice, since she did not notice the figures of Shen Cangsheng and the other four in their vicinity.

Mu Chen gently nodded his head in reply. With a clench of his hand, the Academy Plaque sparkling with gem-like rays of brilliance appeared within. At this moment, a number "10" had surfaced on it. This should be the basic points that they get for this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

“When every group enters the battlefield, they will get 10 points,” said Mu Chen as he sent a smile towards Luo Li and the other three.

“What should we do now?” asked Xu Huang as he looked towards Mu Chen, as the latter was now the Captain. Clearly, they should listen to the command and decision of their Captain.

“Do we need to leave this place? With so many groups converged here, I’m afraid that it’ll not remain peaceful,” asked Zhao Qingshan in a low voice. He could faintly discern the gradually rising tension in the atmosphere on this giant cliff. Quite a few people were shooting hostile gazes as they continued to size up other people. In here, other than the groups of their own Spiritual Academy, every other group out there was their enemy. That’s because only by obtaining the points from their enemies would they be able to distinguish themselves from everyone here.

Mu Chen surveyed his surroundings. He could also see the greed rising within the eyes of some of the groups. In the next moment, with a faint smile, he said, “No need to get impatient. In such a place, the big fish will eat the small fish, while the small fish will eat the dirt. This is how the rules are. If you want to increase your points, you can only snatch it from other groups, and we’re not exempted from that. As for here, it’s quite a good place to start.”

“You plan to take action?!” exclaimed Mu Fengyang in astonishment. Clearly, he didn’t expect for Mu Chen to take action so quickly.

“We’re the only group here from the five Great Academies,” said Luo Li in a soft voice. As her limpid, beautiful eyes swept across the groups present here, she said, “There are a number of groups that come from some large Spiritual Academies, with those groups possessing quite good strength. As for the others, they’re insufficient to warrant any concern. Nevertheless, we have to be careful on the off-chance that some other groups might secretly collaborate to deal with us.”

“According to a usual situation, our chances of victory are extremely high.”

Mu Chen smiled, nodding his head in agreement. Looking at the tense atmosphere present, he could see some of the more stronger groups already unable to control their impatience. Their greedy gazes had already started to deviate towards those weaker groups. Clearly, the taut atmosphere here was quickly about to shatter apart, and when that happens...

The cruel and vicious massacres of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament will be completely on its way.

Mu Chen took in a deep breath of air, seemingly being able to smell the scent of blood that was perfused into the air. At this moment, a cold and fierce glint had started to gradually awaken in those black pupils of his. The originally handsome face of the youth had an additional shade of asterism. Compared to his gentle nature in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, the current him had clearly turned somewhat different from the him of then.

Beside him, Xu Huang and the other two could also sense this faint change in Mu Chen, causing a faint shock to shake their hearts.

Looking at Mu Chen’s face with her beautiful eyes, Luo Li gave a smile. At this moment, the current Mu Chen gave her extremely familiar feelings, since the latter always had such an appearance while in the

Spiritual Road, being as cold and sharp as a knife's edge. It was merely him being in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy which had suppressed this incisive edge of Mu Chen. However, at this very instant, the youth which had caused the Bloody Calamity in the Spiritual Road and started to completely release the things that he had suppressed...

"What are you all doing?!"

Just as Mu Chen and the other four were coldly observing the gradual transformation of the surrounding atmosphere, all of a sudden, a furious roar rang out not too far away from them.

Every single gaze instantly turned around towards its source, only to see a group having faces of shock and anger as they looked towards a group that had surrounded them. Sneers were present on the faces of the latter five, their eyes filled with greed as they stared at the former five. Clearly this group had already started to take action.

"Hehe. What's the matter? Hand over your Academy Plaque obediently, alright? It can only be your unlucky day to meet us, the "Barbarian Spiritual Academy." At the front of the group, a youth gave his reply with a sneer as boundless Spiritual Energy radiated from him. Unexpectedly, his strength was in the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase.

"In your dreams!" Ashen expressions appeared on the faces of the group surrounded by the "Barbarian Spiritual Academy" as they fiercely shouted back in reply.

"Action!"

With a sneer, the group from the Barbarian Spiritual Academy didn't continue spouting any useless words. Looking at the group before them, whose Captain hadn't even reached the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, they were simply a free gift of points. Letting them go would truly be something that the heavens wouldn't tolerate.

Bang!

Boundless Spiritual Energies erupted out as the group from the Barbarian Spiritual Academy rushed forward. Ferocious attacks gushed out like a flood, drowning the unlucky group within their onslaught.

As Spiritual Energies erupted out, tremors shook the hearts of all the groups present on the giant cliff. In the next instant, the greed within their eyes gushed out, before the taut atmosphere was seemingly shattered apart as hundreds of Spiritual Energies furiously erupted out, churning and surging as they rushed towards the heavens, making an absolute mess in the skies.

Bang! Bang!

Chaotic battles erupted all around, as groups rushed forward like ferocious tigers. Not rushing against those seemingly thorny groups, they chose to head towards those Spiritual Academy groups that were somewhat easy to deal with, without any prior consideration.

Compared to the rest of the groups, Mu Chen and the other four stood by the sidelines, his gaze appearing indifferent as he looked towards the chaotic battlefield before him. Faint flashes of light sparkled in his eyes as he slowly swept his gaze out like a hunter. However, despite doing so, he did not choose to take action and join in the shocking snatching of points that was ongoing now.

“We’re not going to take action?”

“Snatching will waste too much time,” replied Mu Chen with a faint smile. “Wait a bit more. The cleansing hasn’t ended yet.”

“Oh?” The eyes of Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang narrowed, before they smacked their lips in excitement, turning their gazes without prior agreement towards those groups that were mowing down others with irresistible force in this region. With regards to the rest, these groups appeared rather tyrannical, with the Spiritual Energy fluctuations coming off some of the group Captains to be even being stronger than others.

Nevertheless, Xu Huang and the other two weren’t afraid of them. In their group, Luo Li had already passed her Human Body Disaster, with Mu Chen being even more terrifying. Although his cultivation was at the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, which was the same as them, the combat prowess and capabilities he possessed would cause even experts who had passed their Human Body Disaster to pale in front of him.

Mu Chen maintained a calm and tranquil expression as his group didn’t move a single inch. This was clearly in extreme disharmony with the exceedingly chaotic fights happening all around. Perhaps, due to the other groups being able to sense how thorny his group was, there was unexpectedly no groups that casted their greedy gazes towards Mu Chen’s group.

Naturally, Mu Chen knew that this was just temporary. When this first wave of cleansing has ended, even if no one took action against them, he would take action against others. In the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, other than the group from his academy, everyone else was an enemy.

As the combat zone rapidly shrunk, group after group was badly beaten and bruised before being tossed out, half of the points on their Academy Plaques being violently snatched away by the victors. Everyone that was tossed out appeared exceedingly miserable, their faces appearing ashen as they looked with incomparable rage and fury towards those powerful groups that were tyrannically rushing around.

“The strongest six groups should come from large Spiritual Academies, with two of them actually coming from the same academy. They’ve been collaborated with each other to deal with the other groups. Of these six groups, their Captains possess strength greater than Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. However, they have yet to pass their Human Body Disasters. There’s a possibility that they have attempted to do so, but had failed in the end.”

Luo Li’s beautiful eyes were similiarly cast towards the exceedingly chaotic combat zone before her. Among the groups present there, there were six groups that appeared the most dazzling of them all. They should be considered as the strongest groups there, with quite a few groups suffering defeat in their hands, the points being violently snatched away. Within these six groups, the two groups coming from the same academy were the strongest amongst them, even causing extreme dread in the other four groups towards them.

Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang cast their excited gazes towards Mu Chen as they rubbed their hands together.

“Since they’re the strongest, we’ll go find them first. Since the small fishes have eaten, it’s time for us to eat them!”

Giving a lazy stretch, Mu Chen took a slow step out. As he did so, cautious and vigilant gazes immediately shot over from within the exceedingly chaotic combat zone.

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Chapter 456: Rankings

When Mu Chen walked out, the groups within the region that still possessed fighting strength immediately cast cautious and vigilant gazes over. Those gazes were filled with hostility, with the densest ones coming from the six strongest groups. In fact, upon spotting the insignias emblazoned on the chests of Mu Chen and his group, they knew that this group came from one of the five Great Academies, the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Although the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had waned over the past few years, and was ranked bottom of the five Great Academies, with even some elite Spiritual Academies having exceeded it in depth and strength, regardless of those factors, they were one of the five Great Academies. No matter how starved a tiger was, its might still existed. Therefore, even if it was temporary, there wasn't anyone that could recklessly disregard such a tyrannical group.

From their gazes, one could tell that they didn't care too much about Mu Chen. Although his strength at Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase could be considered as formidable, he didn't possess the capability to cause dread in them. What they truly dreaded was the green-robed girl standing behind him. From what they could sense from this Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy group, the absolutely beautiful girl should be their strongest member, and might have even passed her Human Body Disaster.

"Haha. Looks like the squandering is over." Looking towards the groups that had already completed their plundering and had filled themselves to the brim, Mu Chen gave a faint smile as he spoke out to them.

"What do you want?" At this moment, the two groups from the same Spiritual Academy had already gathered together. The tyrannical Spiritual Energy fluctuations rippling from the two Captains were clearly much stronger than an ordinary Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase expert. As their eyes slightly sparkled, they replied with a sneer. "What's the matter? Are you trying to be the oriole that stalks the unknowing mantis that's stalking the cicada?"

Hearing their words, Mu Chen gave a gentle laugh, before giving a sincere nod of his head.

Clearly not expecting such a straightforward reply from Mu Chen, the two Captains immediately gawked. However, their faces quickly turned ice-cold, before speaking out with a gloomy shadow in their eyes. "Don't assume that we'll be afraid of you just because you're from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. It ain't that easy to use us like that. If you're truly impatient, you might not necessarily be able to eat us up. Furthermore, there's still our friends from other Spiritual Academies here. Heh, on the off-chance that we're mutually injured, I'm afraid that it'll only benefit other people."

"I'll advise you to open your eyes wide. Don't eat more you can chew!"

Chilling intent gushed out from the eyes of the members from the two groups. Although their two Captains have failed in their Human Body Disaster, their strength far surpassed any ordinary Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. Although they weren't a match for that green-dressed girl individually, it wasn't hard for them to obstruct her if they collaborated. At that time, the other eight members should

be able to maintain an indistinguishable fight with the other Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase group members.

Once the two parties were entangled together and both suffered injuries, the other groups would definitely shoot coveting gazes over. At that time, they did not believe that the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy group would not get flustered.

The eyes of the four other strong groups standing not far away started to sparkle in various shades of glow, with sneers appearing at the corners of their mouth. There were even some people that crossed their hands before their chests as they looked with gazes of ridicule towards Mu Chen and his group. They had already started noticing Mu Chen's group when they had proceeded to coldly observe them snatch away the points of the other weak groups. The fame and reputation of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had truly inspired a slight dread within them. Nevertheless, after judging the strength possessed by the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, quiet sighs of relief rang out within their hearts.

One person that had passed her Human Body Disaster coupled with four Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phases. Although they were considered to have the strongest line-up present in this region, it was unfortunate that they wouldn't be able to devour all of the groups there, and it was impossible to let them hand over their points obediently.

Furthermore, that brat from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's really too stupid. Walking out like that and speaking with a tone that had put him at odds with all of the other groups present there and caused everyone's hearts to be filled with unhappiness. At that time, if they were to get mutually injured with the two groups, they might be able to truly get to enjoy the comfortable feeling of straddling the head of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Behind Mu Chen's back, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang had also heard those warming and threatening words from the two groups. After noticing the mocking gazes coming from the surroundings few groups, anger furiously rose within their eyes. However, just as they were about to head forwards, they were stopped by a wave of Mu Chen's hand.

"Looks like they're worried that our stomachs are too small..."

With a gentle laugh, Mu Chen shook his head. In the next instant, his forehead started to slightly wrinkle as he looked towards the two groups, while a cold and fierce glint started to gush out from within his eyes. "However, you're truly overestimating us on the point that we'll get patted to death after eating the little lives of the few of you."

"What did you say?"

"You're looking for death, brat!" The faces of the two group Captains instantly turned ashen as their gazes turned into ones of ill-intent, with Spiritual Energy surging around their bodies.

Looking towards the two agitated groups, a smile cracked open on Mu Chen's face, revealing his pearly-white teeth. At this moment, waves of chilling air gushed out from his mouth, before he proceeded to take a step forward. With a whoosh that seemed akin to the crack of thunder, his body mysteriously disappeared from where he stood.

Whoosh!

Seemingly in an instant, rampant Spiritual Energies akin to a storm swept out from the two groups. Four youths of Heavenly Completion Stage Middle Phase in the vicinity were instantly sent flying back, spurting blood from their mouths as they were smashed away.

On the giant cliff, the faces of countless people fiercely contorted as, out of nowhere, the handsome youth with a smile on his face had appeared within the two groups, causing a shudder to shake through their hearts. *That speed's too fast! That's simply not a speed that a person of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase should possess!*

Furthermore, just a mere palm from him was able to injure and send four people flying under the watchful eyes of the two Captains.

“You dare!”

Immediately regaining their senses, the two Captains furiously roared in anger. In the next instant, the two furiously clenched their fists, simultaneously sending a fist rumbling out. At this moment, their bodies sparkled with golden light, while their skin appeared to be casted from gold. Under their fists, the air was sent exploding apart, while even the earth below started to split and shatter.

Indeed, being able to become Captains, the two possessed strength that could be considered to be somewhat outstanding. With tacit understanding, the two took action together, sending out a fist each which was exceedingly tyrannical in power. Thinking about this, even if they were faced against an expert that had truly passed the Human Body Disaster, they were able to contend and hold their ground.

However, the opponent before them was a monstrous freak that was able to kill an expert that had failed his Human Body Disaster while only being at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase.

The incomparably rampant Spiritual Energy fists caused Mu Chen's robes to crazily flutter about. However, despite that, looking at the fierce shadows of the two fists, a faint smile appeared on his face. In the next instant, he furiously clenched his hands. Unexpectedly, not showing even any intent of dodging them, he took a step forward, violently sending his spear-like hands rumbling out.

Bang!

Black arcs of lightning sparkled as they appeared before the fist shadows, causing even the surrounding space to warp and distort.

Boom!

Four fists smashed head on in the next instant.

Rampant Spiritual Energies swept out like a storm, causing those unfortunate fellows close to the two groups to be sent flying away in a miserable fashion. In the next instant, to their overwhelming horror, they noticed strange shades of redness unexpectedly gushing out from the faces of the two Captains.

Pu! Chi!

All of a sudden, two mouthfuls of blood were spewed out from the two Captains. As the blood mist perfused, the robes of the two were smashed into dust by the frightening energies that had rampaged towards them. In the next instant, both of them were sent shooting backwards, bodies rubbing against the ground as they flew hundreds of metres back, leaving two deep gouges on the ground as they did so.

While they spurted blood out as they flew back, the thin figure that had faced them appeared to have turned petrified, not even moving a single inch from where he stood.

On the giant cliff, the surroundings instantly turned deathly silently, as the sneers of the other groups looking towards the battle of the giants abruptly turned stiff, while unfathomable feelings gushed out from their eyes. *This brat, whose strength was just at the Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, has actually seriously injured the two Captains that were of similar strength as their Captain and sent them flying?!*

How's that possible?! Even experts who have passed their Human Body Disaster would be hard-pressed to achieve such a feat! With his strength at the Heavenly Completion Stage, how's he able to do such a thing?

The expressions of the faces of each group wildly fluctuated as the sneers at the corners of their mouths froze up, their eyes overwhelmed with shock...

Slowly retracting the spear-like arms that he had sent rumbling out, Mu Chen gently shook his robes. Looking with indifference at the two miserable figures in the far distance, he spoke out in a soft voice, "Do you have the qualifications to make us mutually injured when fighting?"

This time, the two Captains didn't try so much as to talk back. Instead, they could only stumble and stagger as they wiped the bloodstains of from the corners of their mouths. Shooting a look at each other, both of them could see the pain and bitterness present in one another's eyes. *So this brat was actually disguising himself as prey to hunt the hunter. With such strength, how can he possibly be only at Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase?!*

"Hand over your Academy Plaques," said Mu Chen with an indifferent tone as he extended his hand out.

Clenching their teeth, the two Captains clenched their fists, causing rays of brilliance to blossom before the two Academy Plaques appeared within.

With a wave of his sleeve, Mu Chen sucked them over. Sweeping his gaze out, he shot a look at the points listed on them, which had reached an approximate value of around a 100 points. Retrieving his Academy Plaque, he swept a glance across it without any hesitation, causing the points listed on it to increase from 10 to 65.

With a casual toss, Mu Chen sent the academy plaques back towards the two captains. According to the rules, the points on an academy plaque could only be deducted once per day. Clearly, this was a protective mechanism to allow for some unlucky fellows to not get instantly eliminated from the competition.

"What about you all?"

Shooting a gaze filled with some chilling intent, Mu Chen looked towards the other strong groups as he spoke with a faint smile, "Do you all think we will get patted to death?"

At this moment, those groups that were eyeing Mu Chen and the two groups covetously in preparation for both parties to get mutually injured looked at each other, before giving out bitter laughs. *As if there's still that nonsense of both parties getting injured!* The fellow before their eyes had dealt with two of the groups that were similar in strength to them by himself! Clearly, their opponent was not on the same level as them. If they continued to resist, the only result it would lead to was a violent beating.

Clenching their teeth, they tossed over their Academy Plaques with great reluctance.

In the surroundings, upon seeing this spectacle, those few weak groups that had their points snatched in the first round of cleansing were greatly pleased. Although they knew about the cruelty and violence that would be present here, and that Mu Chen and his group wasn't able to hand those points back to them, being able to see those fellows being viciously taught a lesson was enough to make them feel some comfort in their hearts.

After completely taking half of all of the points listed on those Academy Plaques, the final point tally for his Academy Plaque had instantly shot up to 440.

"Tsk, Tsk, truly enjoyable." After seeing the explosive increase in points on their Academy Plaques, smiles cracked open on the faces of Xu Huang and the others.

Playing around with his Academy Plaque, Mu Chen gave a laugh. However, just as he was about to stretch his body, all of a sudden, the Academy Plaque in his hand erupted with rays of brilliance. In the next instant, Mu Fengyang exclaimed in shock, "The Top 16 places have appeared! Fuck me! Are these fellas crazy?"

Upon hearing that, Mu Chen immediately cast his gaze towards the Academy Plaque in his hands. From there, the rays of brilliance had converged together. Indeed, the Top 16 places have appeared. Sweeping his gaze across the places, his pupils instantly contracted.

1st place - Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy. Captain, Wen Qingxuan. 2530 points.

2nd place - Saint Spiritual Academy. Captain, Ji Xuan. 2000 points.

3rd place - Martial Spiritual Academy. Captain, Wu Ling. 1800 points.

6th place - Saint Spiritual Academy. Captain, Cao Gang. 1400 points.

9th place - Desolation Spiritual Academy. Captain, Ji Qingtian. 1000 points.

13th place...

16th place - Myriad Swords Spiritual Academy. Captain Yan Xiu. 820 points.

Looking at the numbers that had flipped open on the Academy Plaque, Mu Chen's eyes slightly narrowed in response. *These fellas are really formidable at exiling people.* His point collection speed could already be considered as fast. However, he never imagined that he would not be able to even get into the Top 16...

Rubbing and feeling his Academy Plaque, his slender finger rested gently on the name on the Second Place, while chilling intent erupted from his black pupils.

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Chapter 457: Choosing Target

On this giant cliff, rays of brilliance had also erupted from the Academy Plaques of all the groups. After checking those places that had appeared on them, exclamations of astonishment rang out one after another, as the faces of quite a few people were filled with bitter smiles. This was the disparity, huh? Originally, they had tried hard to break a hundred points. However, as of now, the 1st place already had over 2000 points...

That's too frightening. All of them truly didn't know exactly where those ferocious people came from.

"Exactly how did those lunatics do that?!" Mu Fengyang exclaimed, feeling inconceivable as he waved the Academy Plaque in his hand. Originally, he had assumed that the points they had obtained were already high enough. However, the result was that they unexpectedly weren't even able to enter the Top 16 places.

A faint wrinkle appeared on Luo Li's brows as she said, "Those groups might have completely cleansed those groups that had landed in the same region as them... Furthermore, they did not let any points go through any middlemen."

Mu Chen gave a slight nod. According to the rules, when two parties cross hands, the loser would have to foot out half of his points on his Academy Plaque. Similarly, those fellows that Mu Chen had defeated and intimidated had already done a bout of cleansing on those weak groups. Therefore, even after Mu Chen had cleansed them of their points, he could only obtain half of the amount. Henceforth, the points in the hands of those fellow were in fact higher than his collected points.

On this point, the points in Mu Chen's hands had also suffered a loss. After all, the points he had obtained had undergone a transfer from a middleman.

"If I'd known earlier, I'd have personally took action to do the cleansing, one by one." said Zhao Qingshan as he rubbed his chin. "Nevertheless, even if we do so, we might've only barely been able to enter the Top 16. That group from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy that's in 1st place, exactly how did they get over 2500 points? Exactly where did those points come from?"

Both Xu Huang and Mu Fengyang nodded their heads, having the same deep feelings. That number of points truly was too disgusting.

"That's very simple. Just seize the moment to defeat those groups that were transmitted in before they could disperse away. The only thing they need is to conduct more cleansings, that's all," replied Luo Li with a faint smile.

Hearing her reply, Xu Huang opened his mouth wide, unable to speak for a moment. Within the short span of time, taking a tyrannical stance and cleansing multiple transmission sites. Exactly how much strength would one need to possess? After all, the groups that were able to participate in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament would absolutely be the best elites of each Spiritual Academy. There's always bound to be some thorny groups at each transmission descent point; of which, there would be

experts that would have even passed their Fleshly Body Tribulation. However, despite that, the group from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy was still able to sweep across every group without the slightest bit of care. Clearly, this group possessed considerable strength and power.

“Wen Qingxuan...”

Looking at the name high up in 1st place, shock and astonishment had similarly appeared in Mu Chen’s heart. This girl should be the person that had obtained the championship of the Spiritual Road. One truly had to say that she truly was extremely formidable. Even Ji Xuan wasn’t able to surpass her.

“Formidable. I really want to meet with this Spiritual Road Champion to see exactly what kind of divine being she is,” said Mu Chen as he shook his head. Due to him being kicked out of the Spiritual Road midway, he had yet to see this girl that was able to obtain the Spiritual Crown at the very end. Clearly, he was somewhat curious about the owner of the Spiritual Crown.

“You really want to meet her? I’ve seen her once before. Indeed, she’s extremely pretty,” said Luo Li with a sweet smile.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen gave a dry cough. He could sense an ambiguous feeling from the faintly discerning gaze shooting out from Luo Li. Instantly, he made a straight face and replied, “I don’t believe that. How can anyone be more pretty than my little Luo Li?!”

Declining to comment, Luo Li raised her little mouth. Clearly, she had completely seen through this method that Mu Chen was trying to employ. However, her expression appeared exceedingly cute.

“This Saint Spiritual Academy’s truly formidable. They actually have four groups all ranked within the Top 16...” Looking at his Academy Plaque, Xu Huang wrinkled his forehead, as he discovered that all four groups from the Saint Spiritual Academy were ranked within the top 16 places. *Looks like the Saint Spiritual Academy has gone all-out this time, with all four of their groups being this powerful.*

“According to the rules, as long as 8 of the 16 groups light their Academy Plaques up, the elimination round would come to an end. As of now, the Saint Spiritual Academy is in control of four places. If they collaborate with some of the other groups in the top 16 places, they would be in control of the ending time for this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.” The faces of Zhao Qingshan and the others had turned solemn. Although one would reveal one’s identity if one entered the Top 16 groups, one would possess the authority to end the elimination round. This was an extremely formidable benefit; after all, no one would know when the others would light their Academy Plaques, ending this round of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

“It’s said that everyone would be informed when the Academy Plaques are being lit up. Furthermore, other than the other groups from their academy, everyone else is their enemies, too. So, there’s no one that would believe in anything they say. After all, letting all four groups of the Saint Spiritual Academy enter the final fight would be an extremely bad piece of news for every other Spiritual Academy.” Slightly shaking her head, Luo Li spoke her thoughts out.

“What should we do now? We have to obtain one of the Top 16 places for insurance purposes. However, the groups that have descended on the transmission gathering points might have already dispersed. Wanting to catch them all in one net might not be that easy anymore,” said Xu Huang and the others with deep thoughts.

Hearing their words, Mu Chen unexpectedly gave a faint smile as he said, "The rate of success by finding those scattered groups and snatching their points is too low."

"Oh?" Xu Huang and the others looked doubtfully at Mu Chen, before seeing the latter raise the Academy Plaque in his hand as he replied with a soft laugh. "There's some very prominent targets here, right? Furthermore, most of them are fat sheep. Eating one up will be equivalent to us cleansing a hundred or even more of those groups."

Upon hearing Mu Chen's reply, Xu Huang and the others were instantly dumbfounded. *Mu Chen wants to snatch from those powerful groups ranked in the Top 16 places? Isn't that being too gutsy?* All of them weren't easy targets, after all.

"Inconceivable, right?" said Mu Chen with a faint smile. "As of the current groups in the top 16 places, other than the minority that are truly powerful and strong, there's quite a few groups that are up there due to them being lucky. I believe that within a day's time, the greater half of the top 16 places will be chopped down."

"All of them were fat sheep. However, it's up to you guys on whether you dare to accept the hunt, right?"

Shooting looks at one another, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyan clenched their teeth, before replying, "As if we don't dare! As long as you dare to take the lead, we'll dare to follow you in the hunt!"

As their voices rang out, shadows of excitement gushed out from their eyes as their hearts started to race. Indeed, only by following Mu Chen will they be able to experience such exciting stuff. While other people would try their best by taking action against weaker groups, Mu Chen was the direct opposite of them, aiming his gaze straight at the powerful groups in the Top 16 places.

Although there were some risks involved in doing so, all of them were youths, after all, with the adventurous spirits within them being absolutely of no small quantity.

Only after seeing this did Mu Chen nod his head and laugh.

"So, which group will we take action against?" asked Xu Huang and the other two as they looked at the groups listed on their Academy Plaques.

Sweeping his gaze across his Academy Plaque, Mu Chen's chilly gaze rested on the name being Ji Xuan.

"That can't be, right? You gonna aim for that difficult of a target?" Noticing Mu Chen's line-of-sight, the faces of Xu Huang and the other two instantly turned pale. *Can't he not choose that? Why must he immediately lock on to the second highest group?*

Noticing their expressions, Mu Chen felt like smiling, before proceeding to shake his head. Although he really did want to cross hands with Ji Xuan, this wasn't the time to do so. There truly was some disparity between the strength of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, compared to the Saint Spiritual Academy. As for his group, other than he and Luo Li, the strength of Xu Huang and the other two were somewhat on the weak side. As a whole, they were definitely not the match of Ji Xuan and his group. As for now, their chances of victory in a head-on showdown wasn't high.

Thinking till here, Mu Chen gave a helpless laugh. In the past, when he was in the Spiritual Road, it was fine for him to have misgivings about himself. However, at this very moment, he represented the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Therefore, he couldn't be too unrestrained and reckless. He needed to take the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy into consideration, with his group also needing that consideration.

From the looks of it, he also needed to come up with a plan to increase the strength of his group.

Gently touching on Ji Xuan's name, a chilling glint flashed within the depths of Mu Chen's eyes. *As of now, I won't clash with you first. However, Ji Xuan, since we've both come to here, there'll be a time where we'll meet...*

Giving a sneer, MuChen's finger crept quietly down, before finally coming to a rest. "We'll choose this group first. Their position seems to be the nearest to us."

Xu Huang and the other two hastily looked over.

9th place. Desolation Spiritual Academy. Captain, Ji Qingtian. 1000 points.

The Desolation Spiritual Academy was similarly an elite Spiritual Academy with a vast and rich background. In fact, it wasn't weaker than the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. It's said that during that year, the last slot for the fifth Great Academy nearly fell into their hands, before the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy came into existence, snatching away that title from them. Therefore, regardless of that, this proved the might of the Desolation Spiritual Academy.

As for the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy, they definitely wouldn't be weak.

However, compared to the Saint Spiritual Academy, this Desolation Spiritual Academy was still a better target to deal with.

Xu Huang and the other two exchanged glances with each other. *So the Desolation Spiritual Academy it is!*

Seeing no objections being raised, Mu Chen gave a laugh, storing his Academy Plaque as he said, "Since everyone doesn't object to this, let's get ready to set off."

Fiercely nodding their heads, Xu Huang and the other two could feel the blood within their entire bodies starting to rise and surge, with scorching-hot fighting intent filling their eyes. They had come here for the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. If they were even afraid of a Desolation Spiritual Academy, it would be too big of a humiliation for them!

"Let's go!"

With a faint smile, Mu Chen exchanged glances with Luo Li. Without saying anything more, with a move of his body, he transformed into a ray of light as he shot out, heading towards the direction indicated on the Academy Plaque. Behind him, filled with killing intent, Xu Huang and the others followed closely along.

They had finally stepped on the killing fields of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament!

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Chapter 458: Old Competitor

Although this shattered continent appeared to be in a fragmented state, its surface area was still indescribably vast and boundless. Only after they had started on their journey towards the direction of the Desolation Spiritual Academy indicated by the Academy Plaque was Mu Chen and his group able to precisely experience this fact.

After journeying for an entire day, the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy had yet to appear within the range of their spiritual senses, something which caused Mu Chen to turn somewhat speechless. From the looks of it, this shattered Continent might not be smaller than the Northern Heavens Continent. Furthermore, it was said that this was just a fragment of the entire Shattered Continent. God-knows exactly how vast and boundless the complete Shattered Continent was in the Ancient Antiquity.

Indeed, it truly lived up to its name as one of the largest continents of the ancient Great Thousand Worlds.

While spending the entire day journeying, Mu Chen's group had bumped into quite a few groups along the way. Those groups from the various Great Spiritual Academies that have come here had all been completely dispersed throughout this continent, rushing forth on this fragment like swarms of locusts. As they attempted to snatch the points of other groups in a crazed fashion, extremely intense battles erupted all over the continent.

Just the number of life-and-death fights Mu Chen's group had seen on their journey had already reached the low hundreds, an extremely large number. Along the way, they had similarly bumped into groups that had tried to target them. Towards these groups that had served themselves to his doorsteps, Mu Chen seemed to be all too welcome about it. In their journey, dozens of groups suffered defeat in their hands, allowing Mu Chen's group to gain over 300 more points, bringing their total point count close to 800

However, 800 points was still a considerable distance away from the Top 16. That's because, in the short span of a day, the total amount of points held by the Top 16 had increased at an astonishing rate.

The first place was still held by the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy's group led by Wen Qingxuan, with them unexpectedly having 3300 points. As for the 16th place, it had also risen to 1500 points.

At the same time, just as what Mu Chen had said, within the short span of a day, the Top 16 continued to shift and change. Some of the groups that had initially revealed themselves in the rankings were quickly cleansed one after another by even stronger groups. Clearly, those groups that were genuinely strong and power had started to gradually flex their muscles.

As for the Desolation Spiritual Academy group targeted by Mu Chen, they had miraculously managed to stick on resiliently in the Top 16, with the only change being their drop from 9th to 11th place. Nevertheless, they had not fallen out of the Top 16 within this day.

Seeing this, Mu Chen felt slightly shocked and astonished. From the looks of it, it seemed that he had truly underestimated this group that came from the Desolation Spiritual Academy. Under the assaults

from strong and powerful groups from time after time again, they were still able to maintain such a rank in the Top 16. Clearly, they genuinely possessed some skill and ability.

Nevertheless, it was all good for Mu Chen's group. If all of a sudden, the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy had dropped out of the Top 16, their day's worth of pursuit would have become all for naught.

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Whoosh!

Numerous rays of light shot across the horizon.

"Mu Chen, we've found the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy!" As he hurriedly shot across the skies, suddenly, Xu Huang's pleasantly surprised voice rang out. Hearing that, Mu Chen brought his Academy Plaque out. Indeed, after noticing the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy, a change unexpectedly happened on the approximate direction originally shown on it, changing into a definitive and precise location.

North West, 300 kilometres.

"We've finally found them."

Seeing this, a faint smile appeared on Mu Chen's face, before abruptly increasing his speed rapidly with the wave of his sleeve.

"Increase speed and get ready."

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Five rays of light drastically increased their speed, shooting across the horizon like stars chasing after the moon.

After tens of minutes later, Mu Chen's group gradually reduced their speed, while Spiritual Energy gushed out from their entire bodies, their gazes turning into ones of caution and vigilance. A group ranked in the Top 16 was just like a magnet. They believed that the people eyeing this group would absolutely not be them alone. Therefore, they naturally had to be more careful as they approached. If not, just a slight gap of their vigilance would result in the hunter turning into the hunted. Such a reversal in roles would truthfully be too much of a joke to make.

"There's quite a few groups present in this region." Luo Li brought a whiff of fragrance as she came close to Mu Chen. As her beautiful eyes swept across this stretch of the world, she spoke out in a soft voice. "Something's a little amiss. The number of people rushing towards this group seems to be somewhat too many."

A faint wrinkle appeared on Mu Chen's forehead as he nodded his head. He had similarly sensed those vague and obscured Spiritual Energy fluctuations, of which there were a considerable number of them. Clearly, those people had the same goal as Mu Chen, which caused some suspicion to grow in him. Why would the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy be that popular?

Bang!

Just as Mu Chen was deep in thought, suddenly, astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations erupted from the depths of the stretch of towering mountains before them. There seemed to be people fighting over there.

Crossing gazes with Luo Li, Mu Chen immediately shot over. In a matter of minutes, they arrived within the mountain depths. As they appeared within the mountainous depths and swept their gazes out, they felt slightly shocked as numerous groups were currently engaged in battle in the air, which was the source for those astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations.

“That’s the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy! They’ve actually been encircled? We’re too late!” exclaimed Xu Huang.

Narrowing his eyes, Mu Chen looked over, only to see that there were actually five groups present in the air. However, four of the groups seemed to be attacking towards the same target, collaborating to encircle the group within the centre. As for the group being encircled, it was precisely the target of Mu Chen’s group, the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy.

At this moment, the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy appeared exceedingly miserable. The four groups that had surrounded them were extremely strong, with every single group possessing strength that wasn’t weaker to them. With the four of them collaborating together, it seemed as if the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy was suppressed to the point of being unable to offer an ounce of resistance.

Furthermore, what shocked Mu Chen’s group the most was the actual presence of over a hundred groups standing in the skies above the surrounding mountains and cliffs, locking their sights towards the fight happening in the skies. Precisely speaking, they should be staring covetously at the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy. However, due to the four teams encircling the one from the Desolation Spiritual Academy, they didn’t dare to be too reckless in taking action.

This entire scene appeared somewhat strange and weird.

“Oh? One of the group’s actually from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy!” Zhao Qingshan suddenly exclaimed.

Hearing his words, both Mu Chen and Luo Li gawked as they turned their sights over. Indeed, they discovered that there was one group within the four that was dressed in the academy uniform of the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy. This group clearly came from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy, one of the five Great Academies. However, upon setting his sights on one of the figures within the group, the expression present of Mu Chen’s face instantly changed.

The group from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy was clearly the strongest within the five groups fighting it out in the sky. Despite that, however, they did not truly take action, only appearing to stay in an enforcing state, completely sealing off the escape route of the Desolation Spiritual Academy. Within their ranks, all of them had faces filled with ridicule, having looks as if they were cats that were playing around with mice.

“That’s why those groups only dared to observe from afar, not daring to take action. So the people from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy are here,” said Mu Fengyang as he wrinkled his forehead. “These

damnable fellows actually dare to snatch our prey. We've been staring at this group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy for an entire day already."

"Mu Chen?"

Looking at Mu Chen, Xu Huang instantly gawked, as he noticed that the former's expression had unexpectedly started to slowly turn dark, while a chilling shadow gushed out from within his black pupils. Beside him, Luo Li's beautiful face had also turned slightly frosty as her jade-like hand slowly clenched her longsword tightly.

"What's the matter?" asked Xu Huang and the other two in doubt, not knowing why Mu Chen and Luo Li would flip their faces out of the blue.

"Haha. We've bumped into an old acquaintance from the Spiritual Road," replied Mu Chen with a faint smile, yet was one that was perfused with dense chilling intent.

"Qiu Beihai. I never imagined that that fellow had actually entered the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy..." A sliver of chilling intent flashed within Luo Li's beautiful eyes as she softly spoke out.

"Within the Spiritual Road, he was the capable aide of Ji Xuan. When you were kicked out of the Spiritual Road, he brought along some people to surround me, which resulted in me cutting of a few fingers of his. In the end, he had also reached the final point of the Spiritual Road, and was given the title of Sea King... however, at the final point, I was busy dealing with Ji Xuan, so I had ignored him. However, this person truly possesses some capable points."

Hearing her words, the chilling intent in Mu Chen's eyes grew even more pronounced as he said, "There's nothing to worry about. Look's like we're bound by quite some fate, being able to bump into him here."

Xu Huang and the other two looked at each other. From what they could hear, it seemed as if Mu Chen and Luo Li had some past grievances with a fellow from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy. They quietly asked, "Exactly, who are we dealing with? The Desolation Spiritual Academy or the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy?"

Although the group from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy seemed to be more thorny than the Desolation Spiritual Academy, Mu Chen was their Captain. As long as he decided to deal with whomever, they would naturally have no qualms to pull out their knives and head towards their target.

"Xu Huang, go take a look and find out exactly what is going on."

Mu Chen spoke out in a soft voice. The situation before them seemed somewhat strange and weird, There were so many groups that had rushed over for the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy. Even the group from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy had come over.

Nodding his head, Xu Huan instantly rushed out, rapidly returning after ten-plus minutes. As shock and astonishment surfaced within his eyes, he spoke out, "This Desolation Spiritual Academy seems to have obtained some information about the relics from the Ancient Antiquity... these fellows have all come here due to that information."

"Information about the relics from the Ancient Antiquity?"

Mu Chen gawked upon hearing that, before his expression turned strange. *This Desolation Spiritual Academy couldn't have such good luck, right? They were actually able to obtain such an opportunity. Having arrived in this place not too long ago and being able to obtain such important information. No wonder why they would attract so many wolves to them.*

“What should we do?” Zhao Qingshan and the other two were eager to take action. Regardless of the abundant points that the Desolation Spiritual Academy had or the information in their hands, both had already garnered their interest.

Faintly narrowing his eyes, Mu Chen gave a stare at those few figures in the sky. Waving his hand, he replied with a cold smirk, “Let’s go.”

With a move of his body, he instantly shot across the sky, with Luo Li, Xu Huang and the other two in hot pursuit.

Whoosh!

Without any kind of obstruction, Mu Chen had rushed straight towards the combat zone. Upon their appearance in the skies, they instantly attracted the attention of everyone present, before cries of exclamation rang out.

“Is that the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy?”

“Dammit! Those fellows had also come over for the information?”

“This makes it even harder to get it now!”

Due to the appearance of Mu Chen and his group, the intense fights taking place in the combat zone in the sky started to slow down, as the faces of the group from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy started to sink down.

“Captain, that group’s unexpectedly from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. What should we do?”

“Do you want to deal with them? The Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy has been declining increasingly over the past few years. If they dare to take action, dispose of them!” Looking towards a youth within their ranks, the few youths from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy group started a lively discussion about what to do.

The face of the youth they had spoken to turned somewhat dark, while wrinkles started to appear on his forehead. Looking towards the group that was getting increasingly closer to them, he swept a sharp gaze over. However, in the next instant, the expression on his face abruptly contorted as dumbfound shock flashed within his eyes, before he exclaimed out, “Mu Chen? Luo Li?”

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As Mu Chen and his group neared the combat zone, they slowly came to a stop. Looking towards the youth whose face was contorted upon their appearance, a smile brimming with chilling intent surfaced on Mu Chen’s face as she said, “Qiu Beihai, we finally meet again.”

The dark-faced Qiu Beihai stared with daggers drawn towards Mu Chen and Luo Li. After quite a while, he spoke out with a dark tone. "Mu Chen, I truly never imagined that you, who had been kicked out halfway in the Spiritual Road, would actually still be able to enter one of the five Great Academies. You truly are formidable."

"However..."

All of a sudden, a cold sneer rose from the corner of Qiu Beihai's mouth as he looked with an amused fashion at Mu Chen as he continued speaking, "It seems that you've fallen behind. Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, huh. Haha! You still dare to enter the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament with that level of strength? You're not afraid that your renowned title of the Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road would bring an overflowing amount of great disasters for you?"

"As of now, Ji Xuan has already far surpassed you. If you are to bump into him, hehe..."

After a previous bout of being overwhelmed with shock, Qiu Beihai clearly noticed Mu Chen's current level of strength, causing that fear and shock to gradually dissipate away. What replaced it was a feeling of happiness. *Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase? Ha Ha!* As of now, the Blood Calamity that had caused him to feel incredibly threatened in the Spiritual Road had fallen to such a degree.

A faint frosty intent radiated from Luo Li's beautiful eyes as she spoke out, "Qiu Beihai, looks like you don't want to keep your remaining finger, right?"

Hearing her words, Qiu Beihai's face instantly contorted as he grounded and clenched his teeth towards Luo Li, his hands being tightly clenched. Both of his hands had one finger missing, being chopped off by her during the Spiritual Road when he had brought along people to surround her. Ever since then, this had always been the pain in his heart. However, he possessed some dread and fear towards the latter. From his senses, he could tell that the current Luo Li had clearly passed her Human Body Disaster, making her cultivation not one bit weaker than him.

Suppressing the anger and fury in his heart, Qiu Beihai gave a sneer before replying. "I've heard that your Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy has only sent two groups this time around? Haha! Looks like the title of being one of the five Great Academies will be stripped of your Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy after this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. I can't be bothered to deal with you guys. Bring your people and scram off. Mu Chen, if I were you, I'd be smart enough to find a place and hide so as to not bump into Ji Xuan. If not, you'll be totally smashed up and beaten by him. At this moment, your great title of being the Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road has been completely thrown into oblivion."

"What did you say?!" Upon hearing his words, the faces of Xu Huang and the other two instantly contorted as they furiously roared out in reply.

"Don't you understand what I've just said?"

With a sneer, Qiu Beihai waved his hands, causing his four group members to converge around him. Of the four, one of them slowly walked forward, standing beside the former as he shot a ridiculing gaze towards Mu Chen's group.

"You're only a group with one Human Body Disaster member in it. Haha. Indeed, the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's unable to make the cut anymore." The youth that appeared to be older than Qiu

Beihai, crossed his arms in front of his chest as he let of a mocking laugh. In the next instant, boundless Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated from his body. From the looks of it, his strength appeared to be on the same level as Qiu Beihai, having passed his Human Body Disaster as well.

In their group, there were two people that had passed their Human Body Disaster, with the other three being of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. From their outward appearance, their line-up seemed to be stronger than that of Mu Chen's group.

Furthermore, they still had an alliance with three other groups. Although the three other groups weren't as strong as them, every single one of them possessed a person who had passed their Human Body Disaster. Although they might split up their forces to deal with the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy, their remaining forces would absolutely deal with and cause the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to lose all temper at all.

None of them believed that this group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would dare to have the heart to take any action under the suppression of their line-up.

At the back, the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy being surrounded by the three groups could also feel the confrontation occurring over there. In the next moment, one of the groups peeled away, with their Captain, sizing up Mu Chen's group with a smile on his face that brimmed with provocation. Turning his gaze to Luo Li, his eyes started to wander around her alluring body as he whistled with a grin, before speaking out, "I truly never imagined that there would be such a beautiful girl in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. I truly can't find such quality in our Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy."

"Haha. Brother Beihai, do you still need help?" asked the youth as he looked towards Qiu Beihai with a grin. At the same time, Spiritual Energy fluctuations started to perfuse from his body. Unexpectedly, he was also an expert that had passed his Human Body Disaster.

The two teams stood right before Mu Chen's group, staring covetously at them like two ferocious tigers.

Seeing this, the faces of Xu Huang and the other two slightly changed. If it was a one-on-one, they weren't afraid to face off against a group like the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy, However, with the appearance of the group from the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy, such a line-up was sufficient to change the entire situation.

"It's just a slight trouble," replied Qiu Beihai with a smile, before looking towards Mu Chen in satisfaction. This was an opponent that had once made him feel immense pressure. However, at this very moment, thinking back about the times where he was being totally suppressed, he could not help feeling true pity for the latter.

"Mu Chen, I advise you to tactfully leave. I don't have the heart to deal with you now. Don't ask for trouble," said Qiu Beihai in an indifferent tone as he waved his hands.

Seeing the appearance of Qiu Beihai waving his hands in indifference, Mu Chen could not help bursting into laughter. Tilting his head towards Luo Li, he asked her with a smile. "How should we split?"

"Leave to group from the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy to me," replied Luo Li with a sweet smile.

"The whole group?" Hearing her reply, Mu Chen's eyebrows were faintly raised.

“You don’t believe me?” Luo Li shot a glance at Mu Chen. Waving the Luo Shen Sword in her hand, she sweetly smiled while saying, “If we’re to cross hands, you might not even be able to win against me.”

Hearing her words, Mu Chen smiled and nodded his head, saying, “Leave the two Human Body Disaster fellows from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy to me. As for the other three people, deal with them, Xu Huang, Fengyang and Qingshan. That shouldn’t be a problem, right?”

After all, they were a group. Therefore, he can’t let Xu Huang and the other two sit on the side as he took action.

“No problem!” Xu Huang and the other two nodded without the slightest hesitation. Other than Qiu Beihai and the other Human Body Disaster expert in the group from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy, the remaining three were at Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, which was on the same level as Xu Huang and the other two. Thus, they would naturally not have any dread or fear in facing them.

“Mu Chen, do not ignore my kindness!”

Seeing that Mu Chen had actually chose to completely ignore him and even went so far as to distribute their targets, Qiu Beihai’s face instantly turned slightly ashen as he roared out in a chilly voice.

‘Haha, you truly are rampant, little girl. Do you really think that you’ll be able to deal with our entire group by yourself?’ the Group Captain from the Great Cauldron Spiritual ACademy gave an insincere smile towards Luo Li. Although the former had passed her Human Body Disaster, wanting to deal with his entire group was her indulging too much in fantasy.

Within the skies, there were also the numerous groups present that were watching the commotion that was taking place. Furthermore, upon seeing that the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was actually wanting to deal with two groups by themselves, all of them felt shock and astonishment. Within the ranks of this Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, they had only one person that had passed her Human Body Disaster. With such a line-up, they still dared to confront the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy and the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy at the same time?

At the rear, upon discovering this scene, the two groups surrounding the Desolation Spiritual Academy immediately slowed down their assault slightly. Being able to enter the Top 16 and last for a day under their encirclement, this group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy truly possessed considerable strength. Only with the encirclement by their three groups, with the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy keeping watch at the back, were they able to suppress the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy. However, from the looks of it now, with both the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy and the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy having left to deal with the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, they could barely suppress the Desolation Spiritual Academy with the strength of their two groups. Compared to the situation before, they wouldn’t pose much of a threat now.

Seemingly discovering the change in the situation, the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy quietly took a breath of relief. If the previous situation had continued on, they might not have been able to last much longer.

The Group Captain from the Desolation Spiritual Academy was a somewhat burly-built youth. Looking towards the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy’s confrontation with the Great Cauldron Spiritual

Academy not far from him, a faint flash sparkled within his eyes. As of now, the situation they were currently in was extremely unfavorable for them. If the three groups were to let the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy join hands and go on the offensive against their group, the result would be extremely worrying for his group. However, at this very moment, they had no other method to hope that the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would truly be able to obstruct the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy, as well as the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy. This way, they might be able to obtain a chance to...

Looking towards the somewhat ashen Qiu Beihai, Mu Chen smiled and shook his head. Slowing walking forward as he looked towards the slight wave of the former's hand, the smile at the corner of Mu Chen's mouth gradually appeared cold and fierce.

"Qiu Beihai, I've never been eye-to-eye with you before in the Spiritual Road, and it's the same in this place."

"In my eyes, you don't have the qualifications to jump and hop around in front of me."

The veins on Qiu Beihai's face twitched and quivered while his gaze slowly turned malevolent. "Okay. Let me see exactly who's the one with no qualifications to jump and hop around!"

Bang!

Qui Beihai's robes fluttered as boundless Spiritual Energy swept out from him. In the next instant, his gaze turned cold and sinister as he roared, "Kill them!"

Bang!

At the instant when his roar rang out, he had already shot forward. Clenching his hand tightly, a scarlet-red longsword appeared from within, while a fierce sword aura rushed towards the sky.

Behind him, the face of the other Human Body Disaster expert from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy turned frosty as he also shot forward. One left, one right, rushing towards Mu Chen just like two hawks.

"Come, little girl. Let me see how you're gonna deal with our group by yourself!" sneered the Captain of the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy group as he viciously stared at Luo Li.

Whoosh!

What replied to him was a swift and fierce Sword Aura in the shape of a silvery river. Splitting the skies apart, the chilling intent brought by it caused his face to instantly contort. With the clench of his hand, a black metal shield sparkling with spiritual light appeared right before him.

Ding!

Piercing explosively towards the metal shield, rays of brilliance sparkled from the Sword Aura as deep slash marks appeared on its surface.

Seeing the deep slash marks on the surface of his metal shield, the eyelids of the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy Group Captain furiously twitched. However, before he could regain his senses, a

beautiful figure had already shot and appeared right before him like a spectre. As sword shadows shot out, they heavily impacted on the surface of his metal shield.

Puff!

That was a Spiritual Weapon that possessed an extremely powerful defense. However, under those sword shadows, they appeared to be as weak as tofu. As the sword shadows shot out, they had unexpectedly pierced through the metal shield. The sharp tip of the sword came to a stop an inch before the forehead of the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy Captain, with the Sword Aura radiating off of it, causing a drop of blood to drip down from the centre of his brows.

Finally, his face furiously contorted as dread and fear flashed within his eyes as he furiously roared out. "Move!"

Immediately, the group from the Great Cauldron Spiritual Academy shot out from behind him, launching a powerful assault that encompassed the beautiful figure before them.

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Chapter 460: Powerful Suppression

Bang!

Vast and powerful Spiritual Energies swept across the horizon like tidal waves, hiding the skies and covering the earth.

Chilling rays of light sparkled from the scarlet-red longsword in Qiu Beihai's hands. Clearly, this was a fairly high grade Spiritual Weapon, brimming with sharpness that appeared to be able to slice space apart. Locking his dark gaze on Mu Chen, in a flash, he appeared right before the latter, thrusting a stab out.

Whoosh!

Torrential rays of Sword Aura gushed out as the longsword transformed into countless sword shadows. Akin to a rainbow, they hid the skies and covered the earth as they completely surrounded the Mu Chen's vital spots.

As the light coming from the sword shadows were reflected in Mu Chen's eyes, a fierce shadow abruptly gushed out from within. In the next instant, with a furious clench of his hand, a black heavy spear appeared from within. The heavy spear appeared malevolent-looking, with black dragon scales covering its entire surface. The head of the spear was in the shape of a dragon's tongue, with sharp dragon teeth forming its tips, appearing exceedingly malevolent.

Upon the appearance of the black heavy spear, an ominous aura started to radiate from it, causing the surrounding space to slightly tremble.

This black heavy spear was naturally his spoils of war after killing Mo Xingtian, the Devouring Demonic Dragon Spear. This long spear was a genuine Absolute Grade Spiritual Weapon, possessing extraordinary might. During that day, Mo Xingtian had relied on this spear to receive the Great Meru Demonic Pillar in Mu Chen's hands.

Although that was due to Mu Chen not daring to remove the seal on the Great Meru Demonic Pillar, this was more than sufficient to show how formidable this Devouring Demonic Dragon Spear was.

Roar!

As the Devouring Demonic Dragon Spear appeared in Mu Chen's hand, with a shake of its body, a dragon roar brimming with ominous aura seemed to resound across the surroundings. In the next instant, a spear was thrust from Mu Chen, with black rays of light howling out from the spear tip akin to a powerful current, immediately washing away the sword shadows that had hid the skies and covered the earth.

Whoosh!

As the ominous aura perfused from the spear shadows shooting out, a sliver of a chilling glint pierced through the torrential shadow swords. Unexpectedly, it shattered through the surrounding space, howling straight towards Qiu Beihai.

As the chilling glint neared him, the face of Qiu Beihai slightly changed. Clearly, he could sense the astonishing killing might that the Devouring Demonic Dragon Spear in Mu Chen's hand possessed. In the next instant, he stopped his movements, while the scarlet-red longsword within his hand was hastily thrust out. Fresh blood seemed to circulate on the surface of the sword, bringing a ray of blood-red light that pierced with incomparable accuracy towards the sliver of chilling glint.

Ding!

As the spear and sword collided against each other, sparks flew about as incomparably fierce gales formed and swept out. Ripples seemed to fluctuate in the space surrounding the two as rampant Spiritual Energies transformed into a hurricane, sweeping out from the point of contact between the spear and the sword.

A tremble shook through the sword-wielding hand of Qiu Beihai as the malevolence on his face grew much more solemn. After truly crossing hands, he was able to feel a sensation of suppression coming from within Mu Chen's body. That kind of power was absolutely not something that a person of ordinary Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase would be able to possess.

"Bastard!"

Clenching his teeth, Qiu Beihai fiercely roared out, "Shen Jun, take action!"

"Die for me!"

Just as Qiu Beihai's roar rang out, suddenly, a figure surfaced behind Mu Chen. That was precisely the other person that passed the Human Body Disaster from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy group. At this moment, lightning seemed to sparkle from his hands as they appeared to weigh a tonne, furiously patting down towards Mu Chen's back in an aim to deal maximum damage.

Bang!

Palm winds howled out as even the air had exploded apart.

Clearly, this Shen Jun wasn't just some average character. Upon taking action, his attack was fierce and lethal, attempting to collaborate with Qiu Beihai to rapidly defeat Mu Chen.

Palm winds were sweeping out from his back at lightning speed. With a chilling glint flashing within his eyes, Mu Chen turned around and sent a fist rumbling out, with black lightning arcing across his arm. At this moment, black lightning liquid seemed to flow around his fingers with the energy they contained being more than sufficient to smash the skies and rend the earth!

Bang!

The fist that Mu Chen sent rumbling out smashed head-on against the palm winds coming from Shen Jun. At the instant when they collided, it appeared as if a mountain had collapsed as energy shock waves visible to the naked-eye radiated from the point of impact.

Amongst the peals of thunder ringing out, Shen Jun's face abruptly contorted, as the frightening energy radiating from Mu Chen's fist had instantly suppressed those of his. Furthermore, what's more frightening was that the physique of the latter was exceedingly tyrannical! It was to such a degree, than even he, who had passed through his Human Body Disaster, was unable to match up to.

"How could his physique be that powerful?!"

A shadow of dumbstruck-horror flashed across Shen Jun's face as he immediately tried to retreat.

"Scram!"

However, at the very instant when he was just about to make his move, a chilling smile appear appeared on Mu Chen's face as his fist ferociously rumble out.

Bang!

Intense pain surged up Shen Jun's arm as a frightening wave of energy poured into it, before he was unexpectedly sent flying back hundreds of metres by this fist of Mu Chen's. A patch of purplish shade appeared on his palm as intense pain radiated out from it, making him feel as if his arm had been smashed apart.

"Hua."

This scene instantly caused waves of clamoring to ring out across the skies, as the faces of those groups paying attention to the combat zone in the skies instantly turned to ones of shock and astonishment. Who would have guessed that Mu Chen, who appeared to be only of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, would actually be able to send Shen Jun flying in a one-to-two situation.

Let's not talk about a Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, even a person who had passed his Human Body Disaster would be hard pressed to achieve such a level of strength!

"Indeed, this Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's Mu Chen isn't simple. That's why he dared to provoke the group from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy. This time, we're in for a good show." The eyes of all the groups lit up with dense feelings of interest. Previously, they had felt that this group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy seemed to be weaker than the groups from the other five Great Academies. However, this youth that appeared to be only of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase had actually possessed such frightening combat prowess.

“Heavenly Sea Sword Art, Heaven-Burying Sword!”

Qiu Beihai’s face had also contorted due to the scene before him, which caused him to immediately roar out as he sent his sword out to smash back the Devouring Demonic Dragon Spear in Mu Chen’s hands. With a shake of its body, the sword was thrust out like a brush, carving an actual blood-red Sword Rune in the space before it. Under the Sword Rune, a howl rang out from the sword, as it transformed into a giant blood-red sword, furiously chopping down towards Mu Chen.

This chop contained considerable might. Before it could hit its target, the mountain peak below it had already been sliced in half by the Sword Aura that perfused out of it.

Mu Chen’s eyes slightly sparkled, and with a move, a dragon’s shadow surfaced below his feet. With a flash, he disappeared akin to a spectre. As the sword light flashed over, the only thing it struck was air, with not the slightest bit of the expected result.

“Shen Jun, careful!”

As his sword struck air, Qiu Beihai’s face abruptly contorted as he roared out.

Just as his roar rang out, Shen Jun had already seen Mu Chen’s figure appear in the air above him like a spectre. At this moment, an indifferent smile had surfaced on the latter’s handsome face as he said, “I’ll deal with you first.”

Bang!

Boundless Spiritual Energy hid the skies and covered the earth as it gushed out from Mu Chen’s body. As of now, his Spiritual Energy was completely different than from the past, no longer being of a jet-black colour, but a fusion of black and white. From the looks of it, they were just like the fusion of Yin and Yang, appearing exceedingly strange and mysterious. Furthermore, this black and white Spiritual Energy was clearly much more condensed and tyrannical than his Spiritual Energy from before.

As Spiritual Energy blossomed from Mu Chen, it transformed into a stretch of starry skies behind his back. Within the starry skies, four gigantic bestial shadows started to condense, before finally transforming into rays of light. Shooting out, they formed an incomparably gigantic divine seal in the air above Shen Jun.

“Four Gods Constellation Scripture, Divine Seal of the Four Gods!”

A chilling glint flashed within Mu Chen’s eyes as he clapped his hands together, before abruptly pressing his hand seal down.

Bang!

As the four bestial shadows raised their heads and roared, the divine seal erupted in a bright and resplendent divine light, while the Spiritual Aura in this region rapidly fled away.

Looking towards the divine seal that was pressed down on him from above, Shen Jun’s face furiously contorted. Clearly, he could sense how frightening this attack of Mu Chen’s was. In the next instant, not daring to show the slightest bit of neglect, he gave a furious roar, clapping his hands together as Spiritual Energy swept out from him without the slightest bit of restraint.

“Heavenly Light Revolving Seal!”

Boundless Spiritual Energy swept out, transforming into a gigantic hundred metre wide halo above Shen Jun. A gigantic glowing seal seemed to condense within the halo as powerful fluctuations started to radiate out from it. In the next instant, howling out, the halo smashed head-on against the divine seal pressing down from above.

Bang!

As the two smashed against each other, spatial fluctuations swept out. However, very quickly, the face of Shen Jun drastically contorted as he could see the seal within the halo collapsing at an astonishing speed under the suppression of the divine seal.

This divine seal seemed to have some kind of sealing power incorporated in it, causing his Spiritual Energy to become suppressed and sealed upon contact with it.

An indifference smile appeared on Mu Chen’s face. When he was still in the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase, the “Four Gods Constellation Scripture” he had unleashed was able to force Mo Xingtian to use his final card. As of now, with his cultivation having progressed to Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. Furthermore, this Shen Jun clearly wasn’t as strong and powerful as Mo Xingtian. Wanting to block and resist his attack head-on was clearly a lunatic’s dream.

“Suppress!”

Mu Chen gave a roar as he furiously pressed his palms down.

Bang!

As the divine seal instantly came shrouding over, the seal within the halo was completely crushed. A deathly-pale shade appeared on Shen Jun’s face as he retreated back in an attempt to evade. However, at this time, it was clear that it was already too late to evade, as the divine seal came howling down, instantly pressing on his body.

Puff!

A mouthful of blood was spewed out from Shen Jun’s mouth as the boundless Spiritual Energy fluctuations around his body rapidly declined. Glowing runes started to surface around his body, appearing akin to seals, causing the Spiritual Energy within his body to be completely sealed up.

With his Spiritual Energy rapidly dissipating away, Shen Jun immediately dropped down from the skies, landing heavily on the mountain peak. As the entire mountain peak intensely shook, cracks appeared while a giant hole appearing in everyone’s view. Shen Jun struggled within it, his body covered in blood as he laid down on the ground. Clearly, he was seriously injured.

Hiss.

Across the skies, some groups quietly sucked in a breath of cold air, their gazes towards Mu Chen being overwhelmed with shock. Who would have guessed that the latter would be that vicious in his offensive. Upon taking action, he had displayed such a powerful move, instantly causing a Human Body Disaster expert to suffer serious injuries.

After sealing Shen Jun up, Mu Chen calmly turned around, chilling intent surfacing within his eyes as he looked towards Qiu Beihai, whose dark expression started to fluctuate, while dumbfounded shock filled his eyes, and said in a soft voice, "I've heard that you've went to surround and attack Luo Li after I had left the Spiritual Road?"

A faint smile started to appear on Mu Chen's face, merely that was cold and frosty, akin to the edge of a blade, causing Qiu Beihai's scalp to turn numb.

"Since that's the case, I want all of your remaining fingers."