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Chapter 521: Moving in Stealth

“Alone?”

Hearing Mu Chen’s words, the faces of Xu Huang and the rest changed. The Academy Alliance had the advantage in numbers that could even be seen outside. With their advantage in numbers, even Mu Chen would have to hide, not to mention that the region was under the Sealing Spiritual Array. Losing the power of Spiritual Energy, even something that had went through the Spiritual Energy Disaster or Spirit Disaster would suffer a great drawback in strength.

“No.” Luo Li’s brows frowned as she held onto her Luo God Sword, “I will go with you. Although my physique isn’t as strong as your own, it is much stronger compared to a normal person’s.”

Clearly, Luo Li wasn’t too assured to let Mu Chen enter the region that had sealed Spiritual Energy all alone by himself.

“Me and Luo Li will go in with you. Otherwise, our efforts would have been in vain if you were to take all the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid for yourself.” Wen Qingxuan said softly.

Mu Chen didn’t know whether to laugh or cry as he was helpless towards Wen Qingxuan’s pride.

When Mu Chen saw the expression of the two girls, he knew that it was impossible for him to convince the two of them. Luo Li wasn’t assured to let him go alone and, clearly, Wen Qingxuan was haunted by her pride. She could not watch as she gains the benefits by relying on Mu Chen. Therefore, she would definitely not allow Mu Chen to take the risk alone and split the harvest thereafter.

However, Mu Chen had to admit that Wen Qingxuan’s pride truly was something admirable.

“Then, the three of us will go in and try our luck.” Mu Chen did not waste anymore time to convince them. Perhaps the three of them were a little weak, but they were not ordinary people. He believed that despite the fact that the Academy Alliance had the advantage in numbers, with them being able to come and go as they wished, it should still be possible.

Seeing as Mu Chen agreed to her suggestion, only then did Luo Li smile.

“You guys will wait for us out here.” Mu Chen said as he glanced towards Xu Huang, Pin’er, Le’er.

The three of them nodded. Although they did not wish for Mu Chen to take the risk, they might not be able to help them or they might even be their burden if they were to follow.

Pin’er, Le,er and An Ya looked at Wen Qingxuan. Seeing as the latter had nodded her head, only then did they agree to it.

“Let’s go. The Academy Alliance actually wants to monopolize the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard with their numbers.” Mu Chen looked at the pitch-black forest as a chill flashed across his pupils. He did not have any positive opinion of the Academy Alliance. Therefore, he was not willing to let them have the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard.

He waved his hand and jumped down the mountain peak, then appeared before the pitch-black forest.

The forest was so black that it was emitting faint chill that could be felt on the skin.

Mu Chen's foot touched the ground as his figure charged in without any hesitation. When he charged in, he could feel that the Spiritual Energy within his body abruptly stopped, as if it had been frozen.

Mu Chen's expression was grave. He tried to move his intent, but there was no response from his Spiritual Energy. The faint spiritual light on his body dulled down. The boundless energy that could shatter mountains with a fist also disappeared. It felt as if he had been suddenly weakened, the feeling was hard to bear.

"Indeed worthy of being a Sealing Spiritual Array." Mu Chen muttered as he furrowed his brows.

Behind him, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan closely followed. They both had grave expressions hung on their faces as well. Clearly, they also felt the changes in their body.

In this area, the usage of Spiritual Energy was lost.

"Doesn't it feel familiar?" Mu Chen slowly clenched his fist as he smiled towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

Luo Li lightly smiled in response as reminiscence surged within her clear pupils. The feeling here was indeed, similar to the Spiritual Road. At that time, they could not use any Spiritual Energy and could only rely on genuine methods...

Perhaps she was thinking of the life-and-death battle that she had with Mu Chen as her gaze that was staring at Mu Chen gradually turned gentle.

"Those methods could be used now."

Mu Chen retrieved a black robe that he passed to Luo Li. The black robe was similar to the surroundings as it had the effect of hiding one's figure. Perhaps this method did not have the slightest usage when they were outside, but it was useful to this region that had lost the usage of Spiritual Energy and vision became the main method of scouting.

Luo Li took the black robe and wore it. Instantly, her fine figure was covered by the black robe, only her exquisite face was revealed.

"Here." Mu Chen passed another black robe towards Wen Qingxuan.

"It's ugly." Wen Qingxuan said in hesitation. She had quite a bit of mysophobia and thus, she did not have much contact with the opposite sex. Not to mention the robe that was given to her by Mu Chen, god-knows if he had worn them before.

"You're too eye-catching." Mu Chen took a glance at the girl before him. Her yellow battle armour wrapped onto her graceful figure and her curves could be seen. This scene alone could make many people stare in blankness, not to mention at this monotonous area.

Wen Qingxuan seemed to have noticed Mu Chen's looks and instantly glared at him. She snatched the black robe and wore it over. She was, after all, not a reckless person. She would not bring unnecessary trouble for her companions just because of her own preferences.

Mu Chen smiled as he took out another black robe and wore it over his clothes. Thereafter, he waved his hand as he turned around and charged into the pitch black forest with the two girls closely following him.

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Within the pitch-black forest, light rays were extremely dull. The spike trees had expanding branches that seemed like blades as they drew sinister-looking shadows. They were like the figures of demons as they wiggled to the point that could make one's hair stand on end.

Rustle.

Under the shadows, three figures flashed across at high speed, using the shadows to cover themselves.

The three of them were well-known figures in the Spiritual Road. The environment that they had been through was more ferocious compared to this place. Therefore, they were very skillful as they stealthily moved. They were skillfully using the cover of shadows to hide their figures. At the same time, their gazes were as sharp as an eagle's as they swept through the dark places.

As their figures moved, Mu Chen's gaze suddenly flickered as he hid his figure behind a spike. When his advancing steps stopped, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan hid themselves towards the left and right at the same time.

Mu Chen's line-of-sight passed through the spike as he glanced towards the darkness not far away. The shadows were a little distorted as a chilling light flickered in the darkness. Those were the luster of blades.

"Six people."

Mu Chen said softly as he discovered the six figures in the darkness. Those six people had concealed themselves well. However, they had forgotten to hide the cold luster of their blades.

Mu Chen extended his hand and made a signal.

Seeing his hand signal, Luo Li shot forth from the right. She and Mu Chen already had extremely high rapport back in the Spiritual Road. She could understand every single hand signal that Mu Chen used. Wen Qingxuan, however, was a step slower. But, she was, after all, more intelligent compared to others and very quickly, she understood the meaning in Mu Chen's actions and shot forth from the left.

Seeing as the two girls had taken action, Mu Chen tapped his foot as he appeared like a spiritual monkey, flying up the tree that was filled with spikes.

In the darkness not far away, there were six alert gazes that were constantly looking around, tightly gripping their blades and swords. They also had some experience hiding as they remained still on the ground, being covered by the shadows so that they would not be discovered by others so easily. The intersect point of their gazes sealed off this region as any movements would not be possible to avoid their monitor.

Amongst the six, the hands of one of them that was used as support against the spike trees slightly moved. He seemed to have sensed a fine movement that made him startled. A smear of suspicion flashed through his eyes, but he did not discover anything unusual.

After sweeping his eyes around, he shook his head in the end as his tensed body started to relax.

Just when his body was relaxed, he instantly sensed a chill surging forth. Thereafter, an intense pain came from the back of his head and his eyes darkened. His figure gradually went limp. However, just when his body was about to fall, a hand held onto his body that made him seem normal.

“Hmm?”

In front of him, another companion sensed that something was wrong. That person turned his head and looked at his companion in the shadows as he spoke with a low voice, “What’s wrong?”

Within the darkness, he was replied with a shake of his hand and a hand was extended over.

He looked at his companion’s hand in suspicion. However, he did not notice anything else. However, before the suspicion in his eyes deepened, a hand traveled at lightning speed and grabbed onto his throat, causing the voice that was about to exit his throat to be pushed back down.

Mu Chen walked out from the shadows as he looked at the person whose throat was grabbed by him. The person’s face was red but was not able to speak a word. Mu Chen placed his finger on his lips and made a silent gesture.

That person could see the chill in Mu Chen’s eyes. Instantly, sweat dripped down as he trembled with fear and stopped his struggles. He believed that if he were to continue struggling, he would not be able to keep his life.

When Mu Chen saw that he had obediently quietened down, he smiled. He looked towards the left and right, since there was movement from those two directions. After a brief moment later, this area retained its peace as two slender figures walked over.

“Settled.”

Luo Li said softly.

Seeing as the two girls were fine without any injuries, Mu Chen nodded. He smiled with his eyes narrowed as he spoke towards the pale youth, “You’re from the Academy Alliance, right? Tell me the how many of you entered this place. Their rough positions, as well as the position of those three fellows...”

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Chapter 522: Intrude

Under the stretch of the spike tree shadows, Mu Chen heavily patted his palm against the back of the head of the person that had his throat held by Mu Chen, fainting him. Shortly after, he dusted his hands off as his gaze swept towards the depths of the forest.

He had already obtained sufficient amount of information from the person that was held hostage by him. Judging from the news, when Mo Yu, Qin Feng and the rest entered the Divine Wood Palace, they

went for this place straight away. Clearly, this place was their target and were well-prepared. They dispatched dozens of teams. Adding all the numbers, they would have nearly two hundred men...

Furthermore, the main thing about it was that these people weren't too outstanding in their cultivation of Spiritual Energy. The exception was that all these people had more or less cultivated in their physiques, which implied that their physical bodies were more powerful compared to ordinary experts.

If they were all placed outside and could use their Spiritual Energy, even if they had the advantage in numbers, Mu Chen wouldn't fear them a little. However... under these special circumstances, it became a problem.

"If our news is right, Mo Yu, Qin Feng and the rest have already reached the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. We were a step too late. Fortunately, there is a seal outside the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. It would take them quite some time to break it." Mu Chen looked towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan as he continued, "They have nearly two hundred people that sealed all the paths towards the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. If we continue to proceed, we might have to come in contact with the other party. And when it comes to that, the situation might be a little troublesome."

"Do you guys still want to continue forth?"

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan exchanged a glance as they nodded.

"Let's go, then."

Mu Chen smiled. He had already expected this reply. With Wen Qingxuan's pride, how could she retreat and although Luo Li seemed calm and tranquil, she too, had her pride deep in her heart that was not in any way inferior to Wen Qingxuan.

Mu Chen turned around as his foot tapped on the ground. His figure had stuck to the shadows as he flew away. When Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan saw his actions, they quickly followed up.

As Mu Chen and his party left, this area became quiet once again. However, a brief moment later, there was a faint light emitting from the fainted youth's clothing and with a buzz, it disappeared in a flash of light.

At the same time, in the central area of this forest.

This was an empty region with a flat ground spreading over a hundred feet, covered in huge spike trees. At the central area, was an ancient hall. The ancient hall was tightly sealed with light runes faintly flickering outside the hall, sealing the hall like a prison.

Outside the stone hall, there were dozens of figures. They were Mo Yu, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong, the three leaders of the Academy Alliance were all present in this location.

Mo Yu stood upfront with a light disc in his hand. Above the light disc, there were rays of light that shot out. Those rays of light were extremely peculiar. When they shone on the light runes outside the stone hall, the light runes were actually dissipating bit by bit, as if snow had encountered lava.

"According to this speed, it should take roughly half an hour before the seal is broken." Qin Feng looked at the constantly dissipating seal as he smiled. However, when he finished speaking, his expression changed. With a wave of his hand, a streak of light shuttled through the forest and landed on his hand.

It was a pitch black unusual insect that had a small body as smooth as a mirror.

Qin Feng frowned his brows as he stared at the insect. Shortly after, he lightly tapped his finger and light appeared on the mirror-like back of the insect. It was a scene that showed three figures, Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

“Haha, enemies are indeed, on a narrow road.”

Qin Feng looked at the three figures as a cold smile hung on the corner of his mouth. “Seems like these three people are indeed daring. Clearly knowing how unusual this place is and still daring to enter knowing that my Academy Alliance has the advantage in numbers...”

Up ahead, Mo Yu had his brows furrowed as he watched the scene and spoke with indifference, “I need roughly half an hour’s time.”

“Okay, rest assured. I will not let them reach this place.”

Qin Feng lightly smiled as a chill surged forth in his eyes, “Leave it to me. I’ll teach those three a lesson. Haha, if I had encountered the three of them outside, I really would not dare to do anything to them. However, the heavens have aided me. Entering here, they will understand the meaning of a tiger’s den.”

When he finished his words, he turned around and left. He waved his hand as dozens of figures flew towards the forest and closely followed him as they quickly disappeared in the shadows.

From Qin Feng’s actions of going all by himself with his men, it seemed that he did not place Mu Chen’s party of three in his eyes.

“Let him go alone?” Liu Xiong asked Mo Yu as he looked at the direction that Qin Feng left.

Mo Yu lightly smiled as he replied, “If it was outside, it would be terrible for Qin Feng to deal with any of those three. But here, the outcome might not be the same. Let him go and you stay to guard me. I can’t split my attention.”

“Okay.”

Liu Xiong nodded.

Mo Yu made a sideways glance into the shadows far away as a smear of a sneer hung on the corner of his mouth. In a short while, Mu Chen and his group will probably get a huge fright and surprise. They will soon understand what a silly decision it was for them to intrude this place so recklessly.

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The three figures quickly travelled in the shadows of this forest.

Mu Chen’s steps suddenly stopped as he looked up ahead, he had sensed an aura from no less than thirty people. Clearly, this was the main path towards the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard with heavy guards of the Academy Alliance.

“We can’t sneak anymore, let’s do it.”

Mu Chen’s gaze swept to his surroundings as he spoke helplessly while

shrugging his shoulders. Due to the terrain, they could no longer advance without a sound.

“Okay.”

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan nodded in acknowledgement.

From the looks of it, Mu Chen no longer spoke as he slightly bent his body. His muscles tensed up as he seemed like a leopard that was about to hunt.

Up ahead on the main path, there were dozens of figures spread out as they swept their alerted gazes around their surroundings. All of them had robust figures and also had faint light circulating on the surface of their bodies. Those were all signs that they had trained in the path of physiques.

Standing at the front, there was a towering male, his gaze was like a ferocious tiger that swept around. Clearly, he was the leader among this group.

“Hm?”

Suddenly, the expression of that towering male froze as he heard the trembling of the ground. In the next instant, he abruptly raised his head, fixing his gaze onto a direction. Sonic booms from the break of wind resounded as a figure shot out like an arrow from the darkness.

“Someone is intruding, stop them!”

That towering male barked as he stomped his foot onto the ground. The ground cracked as he raised his body a little. A powerful energy surged forth from his body.

Bang!

His figure was the first to charge out and clashed with the incoming figure. He had strong confidence with the strength of his physique. Even among the Academy Alliance, only a few could surpass him in terms of physique.

Boom!

However, his expectations had failed him this time. In that instant, when his sturdy body had clashed with the black figure, his facial expression changed. That flimsy figure was like a wild beast that specialised in strength. That frightening strength heavily impacted against him.

With a deep groan, that towering male flew out in a terrible state along the ground, drawing long marks as he spurted blood from his mouth.

When those from the Academy Alliance behind him saw this scene, their faces changed as they clearly understood how powerful the physique of that towering male was. However, that towering male had suffered injuries from a single clash?

When they were submerged in astonishment, that figure stabilised, revealing Mu Chen’s flimsy figure as he looked at the towering male. Although that person’s physical body was powerful, it was a pity that he met him.

“Go together!” The towering male quickly barked. He could tell that the youth before him had cultivated his physical body to a frightening extent.

Rustle!

As he barked, dozens of figures acted at once and headed towards Mu Chen.

Seeing the overbearing manner of the other party, Mu Chen's expression turned cold. He inhaled a mouthful of air as black lightning flickered on the surface of his body. Under his muscles, there was thunder that gradually roared.

Boom!

His foot heavily stomped on the ground as he flew out, into the crowd. His fist whistled, sweeping out a powerful gale, causing the air to explode from his fist. All those that came in contact with his fist had spurted blood as they flew out without exception.

Behind him, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan followed. Although their physical bodies weren't as powerful as Mu Chen's, they were still more powerful compared to ordinary experts that had cultivated their physical bodies. Adding onto the Luo God Sword in Luo Li's hands, although they were not able to utilise any Spiritual Energy in this region, the sharpness of the Luo God Sword wasn't something that could be guarded against with just the physical body alone.

Thus, with the three of them entering the fray, despite the fact that the other party had an advantage in numbers, they were losing as they laid on the ground shrieking in pain.

In roughly ten minutes, dozens of experts of the Academy Alliance had already been defeated as they laid on the ground, groaning in pain.

"It's really a hassle not being able to use Spiritual Energy!" Wen Qingxuan clenched her teeth. If they were outside, those fellows would have fainted with a single palm of her's without being able to get close to her.

Mu Chen laughed and just when he was about to speak, his expression changed as it gradually turned cold. He raised his head, there were figures that slowly walked out not far away. From the looks of it, there were nearly a hundred people that surrounded the entire area.

Up ahead, Qin Feng slowly walked out with a smile. When he looked at Mu Chen, there were hints of ridicule in his eyes.

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Chapter 523: Qin Feng

Under the shadows of the forest, the figures of people appeared one after another like locusts as they walked out of the darkness. Their vicious gazes were fixed onto the three figures before them.

When Mu Chen saw the formation before him, even his brows furrowed a little. He never expected that he would be discovered by Qin Feng so quickly.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan moved near Mu Chen as they cast their cold gazes upon Qin Feng. Although the opposite party had the advantage in numbers, it wouldn't be an easy task for the other party to take them down.

“Haha, Mu Chen, there were other paths for you to walk but you brought yourself upon hell’s gate.” Qin Feng mocked as he cast his ridiculing gaze at Mu Chen.

“You have thought too highly of yourself.” Mu Chen smiled as he swept his gaze around him, “Why? You have the confidence now that Spiritual Energy slumbers in this area?”

“Being so stubborn even at this time.”

Qin Feng frowned, “But at this timing, shouldn’t you show a little uneasiness?”

Mu Chen pondered thoughtfully as he replied, “You do not possess this qualifications to make me feel this way.”

Qin Feng suddenly smiled as he lightly nodded his head shortly after. He lightly waved his palm down and his voice turned endlessly cold. “Deal with them.”

Boom!

As he declared, there was a unified shout from nearly A hundred people from the surroundings. A faint luster was emitted from their bodies and flickered on their skin, having a metallic appearance. They emitted a sense of valiant as they charged with heavy steps on the ground.

Because of the grandeur in numbers, it seemed as if there were ten thousand stampeding horses and that put pressure on others.

Mu Chen’s pupils turned cold at this point in time as he deeply inhaled a mouthful of air. Black lightning flickered on the surface of this body and shortly after, he stomped on the ground as well. Cracks instantly spread from beneath his feet. Despite the fact that Mu Chen was not able to utilise his Spiritual Energy, the strength of his physical body was not something that ordinary people could contend against.

Shhhuuuu!

His figure turned into a fuzzy shadow as he charged forward, clashing against the group of people that was charging at his direction.

Bang!

Mu Chen threw a fist forward as a powerful fist gale tore the sky. It was like an air cannon as it bombarded onto countless people.

Deep clashes resounded. The chest of several people sank in a little as they spurted fresh blood while flying away. They had lost their fighting capability in an instant.

Bang! Bang!

Mu Chen did not wear any expression on his face as his fist whistled through the wind with black lightning shrouding him. A fearsome power followed his fist and every single time he sent a punch, there were people flying away with blood spurting from their mouths. The current him seemed like a ferocious steel tiger and was unparalleled no matter where he went.

Although there were many people surrounding Mu Chen, there wasn’t anyone that could get near him.

Although those people could be considered to have cultivated in the ways of physical body, they were clearly nothing compared to Mu Chen.

Not far away, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan also had light emitted from their bodies. Their skin turned sparkling and translucent, similar to gemstones. Luo Li was wielding her Luo God Sword. Although she could not use her Spiritual Energy, the sharpness of her sword did not allow anyone to approach her.

Wen Qingxuan, on the other hand, wielded a golden battle spear in her hands. Spear afterimages flashed as it drew crafty and ferocious angles that created blood holes on the bodies of those that dared to get near her.

In the forest that was under the shadows, shrieks constantly resounded and the sounds of fists clashing onto meat made others feel fear to the depths of their hearts.

Qin Feng stood outside the battle circle as he watched the three of them that did not show any signs of losing, despite being surrounded by over a hundred people. His gaze remained indifferent as he didn't seem to be bothered by the rapid defeat of his side.

“Indeed formidable.”

He watched the battle for quite a while before smiling. His line-of-sight was not on the invincible Mu Chen, but on Wen Qingxuan. A blazing heat flashed before his eyes as he muttered, “If I defeat the former number one, perhaps my name will spread throughout the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, right?”

Among the three person, the one that made Qin Feng feel fear was Wen Qingxuan. The team that was led by her had firmly occupied the number one spot sometime back. No matter how similar powerful teams pursued, it wasn't possible for them to surpass her.

Therefore, everyone was clear that Wen Qingxuan possessed rather fearsome strength. If he was to encounter her outside, even if Qin Feng had an additional set of guts, he would still not dare to attack Wen Qingxuan. However, the current situation wasn't the same. Spiritual Energy could not be used in this region and Wen Qingxuan's overall strength decreased by nearly ninety percent. The current her was her weakest moment.

Thinking how the formal number one would fall by his hand, Qin Feng's eyes turned even more blazing.

He stepped forward and with a tap of his feet, his figure was like a great roc as he flew across numerous people and appeared above Wen Qingxuan before sending a palm down.

“Hmph.”

At the sight of the situation, Wen Qingxuan coldly snorted. Her jade-like hands trembled as the golden warspear in her hands drew a light image and shot towards Qin Feng like lightning.

“Hur hur.”

At the sight of Wen Qingxuan's actions, a peculiar smile was hung on his lips. He changed his palm to fingers as he bent both his fingers. The boundless Spiritual Energy was like a tidal wave as it exploded.

Qin Feng was actually able to use Spiritual Energy here!

Wen Qingxuan's face drastically changed at the sight of it.

Ding!

A metallic clash resounded. Qin Feng's finger gale that contained his boundless Spiritual Energy withstood the speartip of Wen Qingxuan's spear. At the same time, the fearsome gale had sent Wen Qingxuan back dozens of steps. A faint paleness surfaced on her absolutely beautiful face.

"Haha, now do you know why are we so confident? It's because we can still use our Spiritual Energy here. What can the current you be considered as in our eyes?" Qin Feng laughed towards the sky as he stood on the air. Boundless Spiritual Energy swept out with him as the center.

Wen Qingxuan clenched her teeth as her face was filled with frost. She was actually wounded by Qin Feng. How could the prideful her endure such embarrassment?

"Even without the aid of Spiritual Energy, you're still a trash in my eyes." Wen Qingxuan coldly smiled as her voice became filled with disdain.

"Really?!"

A chill flashed across Qin Feng's eyes and with a flicker of his figure, he had disappeared from his original position.

Wen Qingxuan clenched her teeth as she retreated, tightly gripping onto her long spear. In the next instant, afterimages of a spear pierced out, it was like a torrential rain that she unleashed in her surroundings.

Ding! Ding! Ding!

Metallic clashes constantly resounded as sparks flew. Even the space exploded from the collision. Following every single clash, Wen Qingxuan's figure would slightly tremble. She was prideful of her cultivation in Spiritual Energy. The instant her Spiritual Energy was removed, her strength would fall to the bottom.

Clearly, the current her was being suppressed by Qin Feng.

Seeing as Wen Qingxuan constantly moved back from their clashes, the fire in Qin Feng's eyes blazed even further. He laughed as his attacks became even more rampant.

Ding!

The gale on his finger that contained Qin Feng's boundless Spiritual Energy heavily tapped against the speartip along with a mountain of strength. The impact surged forth and Wen Qingxuan's figure trembled as her rosy lips seemed to have turned a little blood-red.

"Haha!"

Qin Feng frantically laughed. He did not let Wen Qingxuan catch her breath as the light on his fingers became even more brilliant that even the wind had formed shapes of his finger.

"Hurricane Finger!"

His toe tapped onto the ground as he rapidly appeared behind Wen Qingxuan, along with the hurricane-formed finger and pointed towards Wen Qingxuan's back.

Wen Qingxuan tightly gritted her teeth as a smear of chill flashed across her phoenix-like eyes. Her jade-like hands formed bizarre seals. However, just when she was about to use the seals, she felt her body tremble, as if there was a figure that appeared behind her. A familiar scent traveled over, it was Mu Chen.

Mu Chen's arm embraced her fine waist as he tightly took her into his arms.

With this sudden change of events, Wen Qingxuan was startled. Shortly after, she ruthlessly raised her elbow in reflex towards Mu Chen's chest. A groan sounded by her ears as the two of them were sent flying away by a huge force.

When they fell onto the ground, Mu Chen slightly adjusted and his body heavily landed onto the ground while Wen Qingxuan fell onto him without a single injury.

"What are you doing?!"

Wen Qingxuan quickly struggled free from Mu Chen's arm as she said with anger.

"You're too heavy with your hands." Mu Chen rubbed his chest as he bitterly smiled. Thereafter, he glanced towards Qin Feng, who had countless Spiritual Energy circulating around him, as his gaze turned cold, "Let me deal with him."

"I can deal with him myself!" Wen Qingxuan shot Mu Chen a furious glance. Clearly, she was still angry that Mu Chen actually dared to embrace her.

Mu Chen, however, did not pay any attention to her. He extended his arm out to obstruct her before taking a step forth.

Seeing as Mu Chen did not bother about her, Wen Qingxuan's brows were raised. However, when she looked at Mu Chen's back figure, she was startled as there was a huge patch of blood on his back. That's...

Wen Qingxuan shifted her gaze towards Qin Feng and noticed that there was fresh blood dripping from the latter's fingers. However, from his facial expression, it was clearly not his own...

Earlier on, when Mu Chen hugged her, he had blocked that attack for her.

Unknowingly, the rage in Wen Qingxuan's heart gradually simmered down. When she glanced towards Mu Chen's back that was dyed in red, her mouth moved. "You..."

"Rest assured, my skin is thick, this is nothing."

Mu Chen knew that she had already discovered his injuries. However, he waved his hand, "Leave him to me, you go help Luo Li."

Wen Qingxuan looked at the youth's calm expression. However, she felt killing intent and rage underneath his calm demeanor. She bit her lips as she nodded in rare obedience.

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Chapter 524: You're finished

A faint smile hung on Qin Feng's face as he looked at Mu Chen, who shielded Wen Qingxuan from behind. Shortly after, he raised his fingers that was drenched in blood and lightly wiped. "A hero saving the beauty? How cliché..."

"Only after the hero saves the beauty and defeats the villain, can it be finished." Mu Chen smiled in reply.

"Just you?" Qin Feng mocked. He clenched his fist as boundless Spiritual Energy became like gale as it whistled around him. If he was outside this region, perhaps his strength would not be considered very powerful. However, inside this region, where Spiritual Energy was sealed, it was heavens-defying.

Mu Chen stared at the majestic Spiritual Energy that surged around Qin Feng's surroundings. His eyes lightly narrowed. No wonder Qin Feng dared to come obstruct them all by himself, so he had such a trump card...

"You must have used some methods to negate the disruption of this Sealing Spiritual Array, right?" Mu Chen slowly said as he continued, "However, your methods would not negate it entirely. Therefore, a majority of your Spiritual Energy is sealed as well, unabling you to unleash your true strength."

"Your eyesight is pretty good." Qin Feng smiled as he nodded, "However, with just this amount of Spiritual Energy, it is sufficient to deal with you three."

Mu Chen faintly smiled as a smear of a chill flashed across his pupils.

"It seems that you don't believe..."

Qin Feng smiled. Shortly after, the Spiritual Energy ripples around him became even more rampant, as if there was wind howling along them. His feet stomped forth as the rampant gale swept forward. His figure had appeared behind Mu Chen, as if he was a ghost. The hurricane fingers flickered with sharp luster as it shot forth towards Mu Chen's back.

Siilak!

Black lightning surged forth from Mu Chen's body at this instant as he threw a punch out in response, clashing together with Qin Feng's hurricane fingers.

Boom!

A deep clashing sound resonated as a powerful gale swept out, tearing cracks on the ground. Mu Chen's figure trembled as he was forced dozen of steps back. At the same time, Qin Feng also took several steps back.

"No wonder you are so confident, so you possessed such a powerful physical body."

Qin Feng was a little startled as he looked at Mu Chen. From their earlier clash, Mu Chen actually used his powerful physique to withstand his attack. Even when Wen Qingxuan was using her warspear, she was in a disadvantage when she fought with him. Clearly, Mu Chen's physical body had been strengthened to a certain extent.

Although Qin Feng had also cultivated in the ways of physique, he knew that he was inferior compared to Mu Chen in that aspect. However, it's a pity as even a Body Refining Deity Tier Spiritual Art required the support of Spiritual Energy to use. Right now, Mu Chen could not use the full strength of his refined body and could only rely on the pure strength of his physical body to fight.

“A pretty decent target... Let me have some fun before you die.”

A sinister light flashed across Qin Feng's eyes as the smile on his lips also became savage. With Mu Chen unable to use Spiritual Energy, not only would his strength fall, even his agility would likewise fall. Therefore, the instant Qin Feng used any agility-based techniques, Mu Chen would not be able to touch him.

Right now, wasn't Mu Chen a meat target that had no ways to dodge in his eyes?

Shhhhuuu!

Qin Feng smiled as his feet tapped on the ground. A hurricane was formed beneath his feet as he turned into a streak of light as he rotated around Mu Chen at lightning speed.

Ommmmn! Ommn!

It was as if Qin Feng had turned into a tornado as he twisted around Mu Chen. The hurricane caused cracks and marks to be left on the ground.

Mu Chen's body did not move as he looked at the surrounding hurricane. Vaguely, he could sense Qin Feng's location. However, he understood the fact that he could not catch up to Qin Feng in his current state. Which implied that the latter could attack him anytime he wished and he had no way of retaliating.

Shhhhuuuu!

A whirlwind along with sharp Spiritual Energy shot out from the tornado as he flashed across Mu Chen's back. Instantly, Mu Chen's clothes were torn apart, leaving behind a trace of fresh blood.

Mu Chen's expression did not change. However, the muscles twitched, implying the intense pain that was brought to him by the wound.

“Haha.”

Within the tornado, Qin Feng's laughter thundered as it contained mockery and complacency in his tone. His opponent that he felt was thorny earlier on was like a catfish that was laid on the chopping board, allowing him to slaughter as he wished. The sensation was simply too marvelous.

Shhuuuu! Shhhhhhhhuu!

Thereafter, Qin Feng unleashed his ruthless attacks as Spiritual Energy swept past one after another, cutting Mu Chen's body up. However, he seemed to be enjoying the joy that it brought him as he did not attack any of Mu Chen's fatal points. As the wind swept past, Mu Chen was covered in wounds as fresh blood dripped. However, he did not suffer any fatal injuries.

Mu Chen appeared to be in a very miserable state.

Despite so, Mu Chen still did not move.

Not too far away, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan had gathered together. When the two of them attacked, no one in the surroundings could get close to the two of them. When they heard the peculiar movements, they directed their charming eyes over to the direction of the commotion, causing their faces to change the instant the scene caught their eyes.

Within the tornado, Mu Chen did not make any movements as blood flowed down from his body, making him appear in a miserable state.

Luo Li tightly clenched onto her Luo God Sword as veins appeared on her arm.

“That bastard!”

Wen Qingxuan gritted her teeth as rage surged in her eyes. She suddenly tightened her grip on her longsword as she made peculiar seals. Her tone was frost cold, “I’ll go and kill him!”

Luo Li suddenly grabbed onto Wen Qingxuan’s hand as she obstructed her from doing so as she shook her head towards the latter, “Leave it to him.”

“But... He could not use any Spiritual Energy, thus he is not Qin Feng’s equal! We have miscalculated, not only did they have the advantage in numbers, Qin Feng could even use Spiritual Energy in this region!” Wen Qingxuan said solemnly.

“Qin Feng still is not qualified to defeat him, even if he does not have any Spiritual Energy.” Luo Li said slowly and within her gentle tone, it was filled with confidence for Mu Chen.

Although she felt throbbing pain in her heart at the sight of Mu Chen’s current state and was itching to slaughter Qin Feng, Mu Chen was a prideful person that did not like others barging into his matters.

Hearing Luo Li’s confidence for Mu Chen, Wen Qingxuan was slightly startled. Shortly after, she saw that the slender figure that was covered in fresh blood still stood towering like a spear. He seemed like a mountain that would not fall. She bit on her lips as she turned her head away.

Wen Qingxuan’s figure charged towards the party of the Academy Alliance. Her face was covered in killing intent as her figure emitted a glittering luster. Her warspear drew afterimages as she knocked them back, one after another.

She was venting her anger on those unlucky fellows. Over on Mu Chen’s side, the whirlwind became faster and faster as it caused the wounds on his body to become even more dense.

“How dull. Forget it, let’s not waste anymore time.”

When Qin Feng saw that Mu Chen did not struggle or retaliate, he became bored. Shortly after, his sinister laughter resounded as the hurricane speed became even more rampant. Clearly, he was brewing an attack that could thoroughly wound Mu Chen heavily.

Onommm! Onoom!

The hurricane grew even more rampant and, suddenly, the hurricane seemed to have froze as a figure covered in a whirlwind mysteriously flew out towards Mu Chen's rear. Boundless Spiritual Energy gathered in his hand as it was heavily sent towards Mu Chen's back.

Bang!

The air exploded at this instant. Qin Feng knew that Mu Chen must have sensed his attack. But even if he sensed it, so what? With the strength of his physical body, it was impossible for him to defend against such an attack.

Therefore, everything had ended.

A savage smile appeared on Qin Feng face. However, the smile was only for an instant before it froze.

He saw that on Mu Chen's body that was drenched in blood, there was dazzling black lightning flickering as a thunderous roar burst out.

The scene before Qin Feng went blurry and when it focused, Mu Chen's indifferent face appeared before him.

Mu Chen raised his fist as black lightning twisted around it. A fearsome power was emitted from the exploding thunder that it even made Qin Feng's pupils shrink from how powerful it was.

"Too much rubbish from your mouth. However, it was all thanks to you. Otherwise, I wouldn't have enough time to gather up all the lightning energy that was dispersed throughout my body."

A smear of a smile hung on Mu Chen's indifferent face as it was filled with mockery.

"So...next...."

Mu Chen's fist had already flew out as he spoke. Thereafter, it clashed against Qin Feng's palm under the drastic change of expression by Qin Feng.

"You're finished!"

Boom!

A deep sound resonated as a huge crater appeared beneath their feet. Mu Chen's figure did not move and on the contrary, the majestic Spiritual Energy around Qin Feng was instantly shattered. His arm was twisted as it seemed as if the bones in his arm were shattered by Mu Chen's fist.

Bang!

His body was like a cannonball as he shot away, before heavily landing onto the ground, drawing over a hundred meter long mark on the ground before stopping.

The surroundings, which was originally noisy, suddenly turned silent. All those people from the Academy Alliance looked at the current Qin Feng, who was like a dead dog lying on the ground, who was holding the advantage a second ago. Their faces were filled with disbelief.

Luo Li lightly smiled as she looked at Wen Qingxuan, "See, I was not wrong, right?"

Wen Qingxuan looked at Mu Chen, who was covered in blood, as she cast her lips aside. Just when she was about to reply in a mocking tone, seeing the wound that Mu Chen had suffered when he tried to save her earlier on, the words that reached her mouth were swallowed down as she lightly snorted.

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Chapter 525: Jade Plate

The clamor had toned down at this moment as astonishment covered the faces of those Academy Alliance experts who had ferocious expressions earlier. They were looking at Nie Li in fear as some of them could not help moving backwards.

Mu Chen was not bothered with them as he looked indifferently towards the figure that was covered in fresh blood lying on the ground.

“You...”

Qin Feng struggled to get up with his body covered in blood. The Spiritual Energy ripples around him had also withered to the bottom. If it wasn't for the protection of Spiritual Energy in their clash earlier on, he might have been killed by Mu Chen with a fist. But even so, his eyes were filled with fear at this moment.

He trembled as he looked towards Mu Chen. He could not understand where that fearsome power that exploded from Mu Chen came from. He should not be able to use his Spiritual Energy here...

Mu Chen looked at Qin Feng's expression as he lightly smiled. Indeed, he was not able to use any Spiritual Energy, but the energy that he had used earlier was the energy of the black lightning... His body had been refined by the black lightning countless times. Therefore, there would be some remaining black lightning in his body. If it was before, it would not be easy to sense the black lightning under the surging of his Spiritual Energy. However, the instant his Spiritual Energy had quietened down, Mu Chen was able to sense the black lightning hidden in the depth of his muscles. Perhaps that power could not be considered as powerful, but it was sufficient here.

However, it needed some time for him to gather that energy. Therefore, Mu Chen allowed Qin Feng to attack him as he wished. What he was after was to fight for more time. However, he knew that he only had this one chance as Qin Feng's speed was extremely fast, due to the fact that he could still use his Spiritual Energy. Mu Chen, on the other hand, could not compete with him purely with the speed of his physical body.

Therefore, not only did he have to gather his energy, he also had to grasp the exact moment that he could truly heavily injure Qin Feng.

All of this needed some kind of judgement and clearly, Qin Feng had been plotted by Mu Chen right from the start. When Qin Feng had become complacent, he clearly did not notice the cold sneer that was hidden deep within Mu Chen's pupils.

It seemed like Qin Feng was not the one that laughed in the end.

“Next up, can you still retaliate?” Mu Chen smiled toward Qin Feng as he moved forward.

Qin Feng quickly moved back from the sight of him. When he moved, his shirt shattered. It was due to the gale that surrounded Mu Chen's fist from before. When his shirt shattered into pieces, there was an object that emitted a faint light that fell off from his chest.

It was a palm-sized jade plate that was emitting a faint luster.

When Qin Feng saw the jade plate falling from his body, his expression changed as he quickly made a grab towards it.

Boom!

The feet of Mu Chen stomped on the ground as his figure shot forth. His expression turned exceptionally ferocious as he charged towards Qin Feng with killing intent, as if he had intended to slaughter the latter.

Qin Feng trembled as he was frightened from Mu Chen's ferocious gaze. His eyes flickered as he gritted his teeth. He withdrew his extending hand as he utilised his remaining Spiritual Energy and turned into a blurry image as he escaped.

As Qin Feng escaped, the experts of the Academy Alliance no longer had any thoughts of fighting as they all respectively escaped.

In less than a minute, the bustling forest had become empty.

Mu Chen did not chase after Qin Feng as he had picked up the jade plate that had fallen onto the ground, and examined it. He had a feeling that this item was the reason why Qin Feng could still use Spiritual Energy in this region. Otherwise, Qin Feng's face would not have changed so much.

This jade plate had the size of a palm with a smooth surface. Within the jade plate, there were light patterns spreading out, forming a complicated rune. Vaguely, he could also sense a peculiar ripple being emitted from it.

"What is that?"

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan asked in curiosity as they walked over as they looked at the jade plate in Mu Chen's hand.

Mu Chen stared at the complicated patterns within the jade plate. Perhaps an ordinary person could not see anything from the pattern, but Mu Chen could feel something familiar about it.

"There is a Spiritual Array carved in this jade plate." Mu Chen slowly said after pondering for quite some time.

"Oh." Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan slightly understood. The both of them were not Spiritual Array Masters, so they could not tell what Spiritual Array it was.

Just when Mu Chen was holding onto the jade plate, his expression suddenly changed.

"What's wrong?" Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan quickly asked from the sight of it.

Mu Chen's expression was a little peculiar. Shortly, his body lightly trembled and a bizarre scene was shown before the two girls. A majestic black and white-mixed Spiritual Energy suddenly swept out from Mu Chen's body.

"You're able to use Spiritual Energy now?"

Mu Chen lightly smiled as he looked at the jade plate with a peculiar gaze as he softly said, "So the reason why Qin Feng was able to use Spiritual Energy was due to the Spiritual Array carved in the jade plate..."

"If I have not guessed incorrectly, the Spiritual Array within this jade plate should be able to isolate the disruption to the human body's Spiritual Energy by the Sealing Spiritual Array. I wonder, who it was that carved it. It seems like there is a powerful Spiritual Array Master amongst the Academy Alliance," muttered Mu Chen.

However, who was it?

Mo Yu, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong clearly didn't look like something that had any deep accomplishments in the ways of Spiritual Arrays... If that's the case, it should be the head of the Academy Alliance that seldom shows himself.

"The Great Spiritual Academy Tournament is indeed, hiding dragons and crouching tigers." Mu Chen sighed.

"You are also a Spiritual Array Master, right? Are you able to carve this type of Spiritual Array?" Wen Qingxuan asked. Not being able to use Spiritual Energy was simply too hard to bear. If she could thoroughly use her Spiritual Energy, would she have needed the help of Mu Chen earlier?

Mu Chen stared at the complicated light patterns within the jade plate as he lightly smiled, "Although this Spiritual Energy is indeed ingenious, the level of it is not high. It would not be hard to do it once I know the diagram. Furthermore, this Spiritual Array is not complete. Perhaps this was the reason why Qin Feng could not fully negate the effect of the Sealing Spiritual Array."

"Can you make it better?" Wen Qingxuan's brows twitched.

"It shouldn't be too difficult." Mu Chen smiled. His smile contained unnoticeable pride. He had absolute confidence in his talent in Spiritual Arrays. No matter what, his mother was a Spiritual Array Ancestor. Even amongst the entire Great Thousand World, she was at the pinnacle level. As someone that had inherited her bloodline, it would be strange if Mu Chen was mediocre in Spiritual Arrays.

"That Qin Feng had gifted us an excellent present. Otherwise, it would be dangerous for us to charge in." Luo Li smiled. Earlier on, no one thought that Qin Feng and his group would possess such a trump card. Although if they were to thoroughly fight, it was not possible for Qin Feng and his group to deal with them completely, it would at least be at a cost for Mu Chen's party.

Mu Chen nodded as his head as he sat down with his legs crossed as he held onto the jade plate.

"Give me some time."

When he finished speaking, he directed his attention into the jade plate with both his eyes closed, sensing the complicated light patterns. Thereafter, projecting it back to his brain and quickly outlining an ingenious complicated diagram.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan sat down beside Mu Chen. Luo Li looked at the youth who was still covered in fresh blood as her eyelashes trembled.

On the side, Wen Qingxuan looked at Luo Li. In her view, Luo Li was clearly a better view compared to Mu Chen. Although that fella's performance earlier was pretty good, it could still not move Luo Li's spot in her heart.

"Luo Li..."

However, Wen Qingxuan seemed to have thought of something and her expression changed.

"Hm?" Luo Li turned her head as she looked at Wen Qingxuan.

"You're from the Luo God Clan, right? Furthermore, not long from now you will become the next Empress of the Luo God Clan." Wen Qingxuan said softly as she looked at the exquisite face.

Luo Li nodded her head as she stared at Mu Chen in daze and fondness. She had no idea what he would be like when she sees him the next time...

"The situation in the Luo God Clan does not seem too good, right?" Wen Qingxuan lightly sighed as she seemed to be aware of some matters.

Luo Li smiled, "Perhaps this is the weakest moment in the history of the Luo God Clan. However, it's alright. I will work hard."

Wen Qingxuan looked at the young girl as she hesitated for a moment before speaking, "You... have you heard of the West Heaven War Emperor?"

In the next instant, Luo Li's figure seemed to have trembled as she looked at Wen Qingxuan and nodded her head, "Being able to stand on par with the Martial Ancestor of the Martial Realm and the Flame Emperor of the Endless Fire Territory. How could I have not heard of the name West Heaven War Emperor?"

"I've heard that he had once said that he could protect your Luo God Clan..." Wen Qingxuan lowered her voice as she continued, "Except..."

Luo Li smiled, "Except that I have to go to the Great West Heaven Realm, right? My grandfather has spoken with me about this matter. However, I told him that for us to be this petty and low to be protected by someone for a clan to exist isn't what we need. I will work my hardest to change the Luo God Clan. If...my Luo God Clan were to die, I will die together with my clan members."

"What War Emperor, although his name is intimidating, I have no interest in what he wants me to do in the Great West Heaven Realm."

Wen Qingxuan looked at the charming girl as she asked, "Why?"

Luo Li looked at the youth not far away as she lightly smiled and said in a soft voice, "Because someone told me that one day, he will become an unrivalled expert...so I will wait for him."

Wen Qingxuan looked at Mu Chen. This fellow's...ambition is truly big.

"I have to trouble you not to let Mu Chen know of this matter," said Luo Li.

Wen Qingxuan nodded her head as she knew that Luo Li did not want Mu Chen to feel too pressured. After all, West Heaven War Emperor was too powerful. He was a great figure, even in the Great Thousand World. Even the clan that she resided in could not ignore such an existence.

However, between the choice of clouds and mud, Luo Li did not hesitate to stand by Mu Chen. The trust that she had in him was indeed something that could make others jealous. That fellow is really lucky...

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Chapter 526: The Rage of Wen Qingxuan

Mu Chen quietly sat under the shadow with both his eyes closed. The jade plate in his hands emitted a faint light as his powerful Spiritual Energy wrapped around the jade plate. The light patterns on the jade plate seemed as if it was moving as there were fine changes to it. However, the changes gradually made the Spiritual Array within the jade plate to be more complete.

Mu Chen possessed extraordinary talent in the path of Spiritual Arrays. Under his Heart's Eye State, he could grasp the ingenious Spiritual Array within the jade plate that wasn't too complicated as he made amendments to it.

The light on the jade plate lasted for roughly ten minutes, before Mu Chen slowly opened his eyes. He looked at the jade plate, which was even more brilliant compared to before, as a smile hung on the corner of his lips.

"Is it done?" Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan looked over from the side.

Mu Chen nodded his head as he handed the jade plate in his hands over to Luo Li. Luo Li's hand grasped it and used her intent. A surge of powerful Spiritual Energy swept out from her body as joy flickered in her charming eyes, "It could indeed negate the effect of the Sealing Spiritual Array to the Spiritual Energy inside the body. With this jade plate, we would be able to unleash our strength without fear."

"Can you still make two more?" Wen Qingxuan hastily asked. The sensation of not being able to use Spiritual Energy was simply too hard to bear.

"I can, but the effect would not be that good under haste." Mu Chen nodded.

"It's fine, as long as I can use my Spiritual Energy, all those fellows would be considered as trash in my eyes." Wen Qingxuan clenched her fist. Her clear voice contained a frosty chill. Clearly, she had been angered by Qin Feng's actions earlier.

Mu Chen nodded as he smiled. Qin Feng and his group would probably not have a good time after offending Wen Qingxuan.

He made a grabbing gesture as two other jade plates appeared in his hand. Mu Chen closed his eyes as he controlled his Spiritual Energy, causing light patterns to gradually form on the jade plates.

Upon creating two other jade plates, it took him nearly half an hour before Mu Chen reopened his eyes and passed the other two jade plates over to Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan. "Time is too crucial. Under haste, these two jade plates are not as complete as the first one. However, it could allow you to use roughly seventy percent of your Spiritual Energy."

"That's more than enough."

Wen Qingxuan received it as she said in a light tone, "Let's go. We have to seize the moment and rush to the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. When we do, leave it all to me."

When she finished speaking, she did not wait for Mu Chen's reply and turned around, flying into the depths of the forest. After being able to use her Spiritual Energy again, there was a difference as great as the sky and earth in her strength. Her speed was something that even Mu Chen was startled by.

Mu Chen smiled as he nodded his head towards Luo Li. The two of them quickly chased after her.

Just as Mu Chen and his group were speeding towards the depths of the forest, Mo Yu, who was at the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, looked at Qin Feng's group, who returned with miserable appearances, in astonishment. Shortly, he furrowed his brows as he asked, "What's going on?"

"We lost by Mu Chen's hands." Qin Feng said with a pale face as he wiped the blood off the corner of his lips.

"He can't use any Spiritual Energy, how are you not his opponent?" Mo Yu questioned in astonishment.

"That fellow's physical body is extremely powerful. Furthermore, there seemed to be something strange with it. Aside from Spiritual Energy, there was still another energy." Qin Feng gritted his teeth as he hesitated for a brief moment before continuing, "Even my Spiritual Protection Jade Plate is in his hands."

"What?" Liu Xiong's face changed. The reason why they were so fearless in this region was due to the fact that they had ways to use their Spiritual Energy. Therefore, even towards Mu Chen and Wen Qingxuan, they didn't have any fear. However, Qin Feng had lost his Spiritual Protection Jade Plate? Wasn't that their biggest reliance?

Mo Yu's face changed as his gaze turned dark.

"What now?" Liu Xiong looked towards Mo Yu, "I'm afraid that Mu Chen's group is rushing over right now."

"It's fine." Mo Yu's eyes flickered as he shook his head, "The Spiritual Protection Jade Plate that was in the hands of you both wasn't complete due to the lack of time. Even if Mu Chen and his group obtained it, they could only use fifty percent of their Spiritual Energy. There's nothing to fear."

"Furthermore, this seal is about to break. According to Big Brother's words, we should be able to control the Spiritual Array here. At that time, we could gather everyone's strength. At that time, not even Mu Chen and his group could do a thing to us."

Hearing Mo Yu's words, only then did Liu Xiong and Qin Feng feel relieved.

"Gather everyone here." Mo Yu instructed. Shortly after, the light disc in his hand shot forth with light ray once again, shining onto the seal of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, dissipating the light runes on it.

Qin Feng and Liu Xiong nodded their heads and immediately issued a hand gesture. Several figures flew from the surrounding forest one after another and gathered in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. It was a black patch of people with nervous and guarded gazes as they looked at the dark forest path.

This entire area instantly turned silent, only some heavy breathing could be heard.

Rustle! Rustle!

Time slowly went past and suddenly, there were fine footsteps coming from the dark forest.

Qin Feng and Liu Xiong's expressions gathered as they looked at the dark forest. The sound of footsteps became clearer and clearer. In the end, three figures walked out of the darkness and appeared on the border of the spike trees.

"Haha, what a huge formation." Mu Chen smiled as he looked at the amount of people.

Beside him, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were looking over with chilled gazes.

"Mu Chen, don't be too complacent. You really think that you can defeat all of us just because you obtained the Spiritual Protection Jade Plate?" Qin Feng viciously looked at Mu Chen as he continued, "My Spiritual Protection Jade Plate only allows you to use fifty percent of your Spiritual Energy. Based on your strength as Human Body Disaster, do you think that you can deal with all of us?"

"So it was called the Spiritual Protection Jade Plate. The person that created this thing for the three of you is pretty capable." Mu Chen smiled. Thereafter, he made a step forward under the guarded gazes of the other group. A mockery smile was lifted on the corner of his lips as he made a grasping gesture with his hand. The boundless Spiritual Energy was like a tornado as it swept out.

"I think you're wrong. This Spiritual Protection Jade Plate could allow me to utilize all my Spiritual Energy."

Qin Feng and Liu Xiong's faces drastically changed at this point in time. They looked at the Spiritual Energy around Mu Chen in disbelief.

"Impossible!" Qin Feng exclaimed. The Spiritual Protection Jade Plate was originally his, so he naturally knew how effective it was. It was not a complete Spiritual Array so it would not allow anyone to use a hundred percent of their Spiritual Energy.

"How is it impossible? I amended this Spiritual Protection Jade Plate a little." Mu Chen smiled as he continued, "I even created two of them in a short time."

As he finished speaking, Spiritual Energy ripples swept out from Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan, causing a whistling of wind in the air.

Qin Feng and Liu Xiong's expressions instantly turned pale as their eyes were filled with fear. They could not imagine that Mu Chen not only amended one Spiritual Protection Jade Plate, he had also created two more in such a short time. If that was the case, didn't that mean that Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan had recovered a portion of their strength?

“I have to thank you for giving us your Spiritual Protection Jade Plate. Otherwise, I would have no ways.” Mu Chen smiled towards Qin Feng. Seeing his smile, the latter felt sweetness in his throat, since he had the urge to vomit blood.

Up ahead of them, the Academy Alliance army could not help retreating with their faces paled from the pressure of the powerful Spiritual Energy. Their fighting spirit from before was thoroughly wiped as they understood that it was impossible to obstruct Mu Chen’s group of three that had regained their Spiritual Energy.

“It seems like your attainments in the ways of Spiritual Array is pretty high.”

A cold voice resounded as Mo Yu slowly turned around. His expression was cold as he looked at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen looked at the Second Leader of the Academy Alliance as he smiled, “There should be someone that has high attainments in the ways of Spiritual Arrays, right? I suppose that is the mysterious Head Leader? He isn’t here?”

“If Big Brother is here, how could you be so arrogant?” Qin Feng said, grinding his teeth.

“It’s not easy to meet such an outstanding Spiritual Array Master, so I wanted to get to know him.” Mu Chen said with indifference.

“There will be chance for you to do that. Except that your outcome might not be too good.” Mo Yu’s tone was similarly indifferent.

“I’m looking forward to that.” Mu Chen smiled as he continued, “However, it should be your outcome that isn’t too good right now.”

“Mu Chen, if you take your group and leave now, the grudges between you and the Academy Alliance will be erased. In the future, we would not cause any trouble to you as well. In this place, it’s better to have a friend rather than an enemy, how about it?” Mo Yu said slowly.

“Too late.”

Mu Chen lightly sighed.

“Hmph, to refuse goodwill and have to be forced.” Liu Xiong coldly snorted, “Do you really think that you can deal with all of us with just the three of you? Isn’t your appetite a little too big?”

“You’re wrong.”

An indifferent voice resounded, it was not from Mu Chen. Wen Qingxuan slowly walked up with a cold expression. The black robe that she wore over her had already been removed at this instant, revealing her golden battle armour. The battle armour outlined her figure as she tightly grasped her warspear. The speartip gradually lifted up and was pointed towards the other party. Her cold and prideful voice resounded in this area.

“Just me alone would be enough to deal with all of you!”

When she finished speaking, brilliant golden light swept out from her body. The brilliance of the golden light vaguely formed a golden phoenix behind her. An honorable and aloft aura was being emitted from it.

The numero uno of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was finally going to act.

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Chapter 527: Courtyard

A brilliant golden light spread out in this Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Wen Qingxuan held onto her golden warspear as her devastatingly beautiful face was filled with frost. Boundless and vast Spiritual Energy formed into a Spiritual Energy pressure as it swept towards the Academy Alliance.

Faced with Wen Qingxuan's pressure, the Academy Alliance was trembling as they had already lost their fighting spirit.

At the sight of it, Mo Yu's face turned ugly as he said with a solemn voice, "Wen Qingxuan, don't take it too far. Our Academy Alliance has never once offended the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy. Why are you being so overbearing?!"

"I just don't like the sight of you people." Wen Qingxuan's cold voice resounded.

"You!"

Rage flashed across Mo Yu's eyes as he continued to say with a solemn voice, "Wen Qingxuan, although you are powerful, our Big Brother might not fear you!"

"You're trying to scare me with a fellow that only knows how to hide himself?"

Wen Qingxuan coldly smiled as she tapped her foot on the ground and flew out. Golden light surged as if it was a golden phoenix, it was extremely gorgeous. Under the gorgeous sight, her golden warspear emitted a dazzling light as it turned into spear images that covered the skies, surrounding the group from the Academy Alliance.

Boom! Boom!

With Wen Qingxuan's strength, it was hard for ordinary people to withstand it. Not to mention that she could use a portion of her Spiritual Energy, whereas the group from the Academy Alliance could not. The strength of their physical bodies could not be comparable to Wen Qingxuan's attacks.

Thus, the group from the Academy Alliance fled in disorder from the places that the golden light went. Several figures were sent flying away, spurting blood from the spear images.

In just a short dozen minutes, the group from the Academy Alliance had already been defeated.

"Wen Qingxuan, you're too much!"

Mo Yu's face turned pale at the sight of this as he issued a bark. His feet stomped on the ground as his figure flew forward. A surge of powerful Spiritual Energy swept out from his body as a huge sword image formed in his hands when he made a grabbing gesture. Thereafter, it shot towards Wen Qingxuan in a crafty angle.

“Hm?”

When Mu Chen saw the powerful Spiritual Energy burst from Mo Yu, he gasped as he felt that Mo Yu had exploded all the Spiritual Energy within his body. It wasn't the same as Qin Feng, who could only use half of his Spiritual Energy. Clearly, the Spiritual Protection Jade Plate that he had was more complete compared to Qin Feng's.

“Hmph.”

Wen Qingxuan raised her phoenix-like gaze as she coldly snorted when she saw the Mo Yu that was charging towards her direction. The golden warspear in her hand abruptly burst with dazzling light and vaguely, there were cries of a phoenix resounding from it.

“Spear of the Golden Phoenix!”

The golden warspear shot forth as if it was a golden phoenix that had spread its wings. It brought along dazzling golden light as it ferociously clashed with the opposite attack without any retreat.

Ding!

A clear metallic clash resonated. At the moment of the clash of the spear and sword, a fearsome gale swept out, causing deep marks to be made on the ground from the aura of the sword and spear.

Boom!

The sword images suddenly exploded as Mo Yu's figure trembled for a moment, before flying away. A blood trace appeared on his palm as blood flowed down from his fingers. Clearly, he was at a disadvantage in his clash with Wen Qingxuan.

“Spirit Disaster!”

Mo Yu looked at his palm that was covered in blood as he looked at Wen Qingxuan with a dark expression, “Indeed worthy as the Captain of the once numero uno team. The current you must have already experienced the Spirit Disaster, right?”

Mo Yu's strength was only a step away before he would experience the Spirit Disaster. Ordinary Spiritual Energy Disaster experts were not his opponent. However, his opponent's strength had clearly surpassed himself.

Hearing Mo Yu's words, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong's faces also changed. They were looking at Wen Qingxuan's calm expression with fear. She had actually gone through her Spirit Disaster? Isn't that a little too frightening?

“Lead your people and get lost from here.” Wen Qingxuan said indifferently as she held onto her longspear.

Mo Yu, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong's faces turned into an ugly sight. They exchanged looks and could see the chill in each other's eyes. Within the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, it was the location where the Divine Wood Palace kept their Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. As long as they obtained one drop of it, they would be able to charge against the Spirit Disaster. Therefore, how was it possible to get them to leave?

“I’ll see what makes you qualified to speak such words.” Mo Yu coldly sneered. Thereafter, he waved his sleeves as a light ray shot out. In a flash, the light rapidly expanded and turned into a greenish wood statue. Boundless Spiritual Energy was emitting from the body of the statue.

“Divine Wood Guard?”

Seeing the familiar statue, Mu Chen’s gaze froze. Mo Yu actually possessed a Divine Wood Guard?

“Hmph, Wen Qingxuan, this Divine Wood Guard possesses the strength of a Spirit Disaster. Do you want to try it’s might?” Mo Yu coldly snorted. Summoning the Divine Wood Guard had raised his confidence.

“You want to obstruct me with a broken piece of wood?”

Wen Qingxuan gripped her golden warspear even tighter as a chill flashed across her eyes.

“Leave the Divine Wood Guard to me.” Just when Wen Qingxuan was about to act, Mu Chen’s voice suddenly resounded.

“You’re seeking death!”

Mo Yu smiled as he mocked upon hearing Mu Chen’s words. Mu Chen’s cultivation was just at Human Body Disaster. Even if he possessed some means up his sleeves, how could he fight with the Divine Wood Guard? However, he didn’t know that back in the Spiritual Treasure Mountain, Mu Chen had defeated a First Grade Spirit Disaster puppet.

“I don’t have to fight myself.” Mu Chen smiled towards Mo Yu. Shortly after, he waved his hand and from his sleeve, a light shot out as well and rapidly expanded. Thereafter, it turned into a huge Divine Wood Guard. The size of it wasn’t any inferior compared to the one standing up ahead.

“Coincidentally, I have something similar in my hands. I wonder, which one would be more powerful?” Mu Chen smiled with his eyes narrowed as he looked at Mo Yu, who had an ugly expression at the moment.

“Damn it, how do you have one as well?!” Qin Feng and Liu Xiong’s faces paled. Never, in their expectations, would they think that Mu Chen would also possess a Divine Wood Guard. And now, their powerful trump card had failed.

Wen Qingxuan was also looking at Mu Chen with a little astonishment. Clearly, she did not expect Mu Chen to have such a trump card as well. A puppet with a strength comparable to a Spirit Disaster was rather intimidating.

Mo Yu gritted his teeth and waved his hand. The Divine Wood Guard charged towards Wen Qingxuan with the ground rumbling from its steps.

“Haha, let the big fellows play with each other, why bother a girl?” Mu Chen lightly smiled and with an intent, his Divine Wood Guard had charged towards its opponent. It threw out its huge fist, along with greenish light.

Bang!

Two colossal beings clashed and a huge battle broke out that even the ground was trembling.

At the sight of it, Wen Qingxuan nodded her head towards Mu Chen. Thereafter, she fixed her cold gaze onto Mo Yu's group, her warspear had, once again, surged with golden light.

"What should we do?" At the sight of this, Qin Feng and his group's faces changed. With Wen Qingxuan's strength, even if the three of them were to join up, they would not be her opponent. Not to mention that Mu Chen and Luo Li were standing by on the side. Their advantage in numbers had become their burden under these special circumstances.

Mo Yu's eyes were dark but he did not panic. He took a glance at the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard behind him as he muttered "It should be almost here."

"Everyone, take formation as had been spoken of before." Mo Yu coldly barked as he waved his hand.

The spirit of the Academy Alliance group that had previously lost their fighting spirit suddenly trembled. They retreated towards the edge of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. There was a protruding stone platform that they sat down on.

"Wen Qingxuan, as I have said. It's not as easy as you think to chase us away!"

Mo Yu coldly smiled. Shortly after, his hand was placed on top of a wooden pillar of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Boundless Spiritual Energy surged into the pillar and on the ancient wooden pillar, green light runes appeared as they spread out at an astonishing speed.

Ha!

At the same time, all those people from the Academy Alliance that were seated on the stone platform around the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard barked out as their palms were placed on the stone platform. Light surged as they directed the Spiritual Energy within their body towards the stone platform. Thereafter, as the Spiritual Energy surged, the entire Hidden Spiritual Courtyard was emitting a dazzling light.

The sudden changes made Mu Chen and his group startled. Wen Qingxuan's face was cold as the golden warspear shot forth with piercing golden light. However, just when the golden light had entered a few feet around the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, it had been blocked by the greenish light that surged out.

The Hidden Spiritual Courtyard was covered in light as it became even more brilliant. The faces of all those Academy Alliance members that sat on the stone platform had turned pale.

Mo Yu did not bother about his companions that had their faces paled as he directed his cold gaze towards Mu Chen's group of three. Within his eyes, it was filled with cold killing intent.

"Mu Chen, you guys will regret coming here."

The smile on Mo Yu's face turned savage. Shortly after, both of his hand were pressed against the ancient greenish pillar before him as he circulated all his Spiritual Energy.

Onom! Onomm!

Boundless Spiritual Energy suddenly gathered frantically before the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Thereafter, it vaguely turned into a fuzzy light image. Within the light image, the powerful ripples being emitted from it caused the faces of Mu Chen and his group to change.

“This is the Courtyard Spirit that guards the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Once it’s summoned, it would automatically wipe out the lifeforms around the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Only those that are within the range of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard would not suffer its attacks.”

Mo Yu coldly smiled as he gazed at Mu Chen’s group of three in pleasure.

“Now, you three will become its prey. Mu Chen, the one that laughs till the end will not be you three.”

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Chapter 528: Successor

The light image gradually took form outside the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. When that light image appeared, everyone could sense extremely shocking Spiritual Energy ripples being unleashed. The Spiritual Energy pressure froze even the space.

The faces of Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan turned grave. The sudden change of events had far surpassed their expectations. Who could have thought that the Academy Alliance would hide such a trump card...?

“The strength of this Courtyard Spirit...is something that even First Grade Spirit Disaster probably could not fend against.” Luo Li said with a solemn expression as she tightly gripped her Luo God Sword.

Mu Chen lightly nodded his head in agreement with his brows furrowed. The current situation had become exceedingly troublesome. The fluctuation that was released from the Courtyard Spirit was definitely something that ordinary Spirit Disaster experts could not contend against.

“Haha, Mu Chen, how is it? No matter how powerful you guys are, didn’t you guys lose this game of chess?” Mo Yu stood within the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard as he looked at Mu Chen’s group of three, whose expressions were grave, and he could not help smiling as the proudness could not be concealed in his laughter. With this trump card, no matter how powerful Mu Chen and his group of three were, they could not change this outcome.

“You say that the Courtyard Spirit would indiscriminately clear out anyone that is not within the protection of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard...” Mu Chen looked at Mo Yu as he continued, “Are you guys planning on hiding inside here even after obtaining the treasure in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard?”

Mo Yu’s expression turned serious. He never thought that Mu Chen would discover this difficult problem that they would soon face. Just as Mu Chen had said, although they were the ones that summoned the Courtyard Spirit, it was impossible for them to control it. They would be out of the Courtyard Spirit’s attacking range when they were inside the protection radius. However, the instant they stepped out of that radius, they would face the hostility of the Courtyard Spirit.

“You don’t have to worry about that.”

Mo Yu coldly sneered. Although this was indeed a problem, the important issue was to deal with Mu Chen’s group of three at this moment.

Just as the two of them were conversing, the eyes of the Courtyard Spirit that was hovering in the sky of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard shone with brilliance. It swept its eyes out and fixed onto Mu Chen’s

group of three. Thereafter, a hoarse voice resounded from its mouth, "Kill those who intrude without permission."

"Careful!"

The instant it spoke, Mu Chen yelled with his face changing.

Rustle!

It was as if a Spiritual Energy tornado was scraping around the Courtyard Spirit. With a flash, its figure had appeared before Wen Qinxuan like a ghost. Its palm that was emitting dazzling brilliance carried a hurricane-like Spiritual Energy as it slapped down on Wen Qingxuan without any hint of mercy.

Rumble!

The air exploded in its palm, twisting even the space.

Wen Qingxuan was well-aware of how powerful the Courtyard Spirit was as her face turned grave. The golden warspear burst forth with golden brilliance once again and under the clear cry of a phoenix, it turned into a sharp golden light as it shot towards the palm of the Courtyard Spirit at light speed.

Boom!

The instant the two forces clashed, fearsome Spiritual Energy swept out as Wen Qingxuan's figure trembled for a moment before flying away.

Mu Chen's figure appeared behind Wen Qingxuan at this moment as he pushed his palm against her shoulders. The earth-shattering impact was instantly transferred to him, causing wounds to tear open on his arm.

There was no expression on the Courtyard Spirit's face as it waved its hands, unleashing a powerful ray of light as it surrounded Mu Chen and Wen Qingxuan.

Shhhhuuuu!

Boundless sharp sword light swept out from the rear as it clashed with the Spiritual Energy. The Spiritual Energy Sword Aura wrecked havoc as it tore the earth apart.

Luo Li's figure flashed as she appeared beside Wen Qingxuan. Sharp Sword Intent was being emitted from the Luo God Sword as it fixed onto the Courtyard Spirit as a great opponent.

"This Courtyard Spirit might possess the strength of Third Grade Spirit Disaster." Wen Qingxuan said solemnly.

When Mu Chen and Luo Li heard her words, their faces changed. The Courtyard Spirit was actually so powerful? The strength of a Third Grade Spirit Disaster wasn't something that they could deal with. Furthermore, even if they managed to clench victory with all sorts of trump cards used, they would still have to pay a huge price. However, that was probably what Mo Yu and his group would want to see the most.

"What should we do now?" Luo Li said with a low voice as she looked at Mu Chen.

Wen Qingxuan had also directed her gaze towards Mu Chen. The strength of this Courtyard Spirit that stood before them had strength that surpassed their expectations. If they were to continue on fighting, it would definitely not be good news for them. After all, due to the Sealing Spiritual Array, her and Luo Li's strength were sealed and could not use them to the fullest.

"Retreat."

Mu Chen's eyes flickered as he said with no hesitation. The situation had already gone out of their control. No matter how many methods they had, they would have to pay a huge price in order to deal with the Courtyard Spirit that possessed the strength of a Third Grade Spirit Disaster. Therefore, no matter how unwilling they were, they could only choose to retreat.

Hearing Mu Chen's words, Luo Li nodded her head without any hesitation. Wen Qingxuan, however, was looking towards the protective radius of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, at Qin Feng's group, whose faces were filled with complacency.

Boom!

When the three of them reached the agreement to retreat, the Courtyard Spirit did not plan to let these intruders off. Its figure flashed as it appeared in the sky. Spiritual Energy gathered in its hand as it had turned into a huge Spiritual Energy light seal. That light seal was verdant with a lush green color and complicated runes on it.

"Green Wooden Mountain Sealing Stamp!"

The empty hoarse voice came out from the mouth of the Courtyard Spirit. The light seal grew as it faced the wind, growing to a size of a few hundred feet that had nearly surrounded this land.

Mu Chen's face turned ugly. The Courtyard Spirit seemed to have sensed their intention to retreat as it had unleashed its finishing move.

The degree of the attack had reached to an extent that even First Grade Spirit Disasters could only dodge.

"The two of you retreat first!"

Mu Chen's solemn voice resounded as black lightning frantically flickered on the surface of his body as a thunderous roar resounded.

"It's not your turn to cover the rear with your strength!" Wen Qingxuan said coldly. She had a strong personality that did not like to stand behind a man. Ever since she came here, she had already been saved by Mu Chen multiple times. Her personality would not allow it if she were to let Mu Chen cover their backs while they retreat.

Mu Chen took a glance at her as he did not speak any rubbish. He extended his hand out to grab onto Wen Qingxuan's tender shoulders as his Spiritual Energy surged out, pushing her towards the direction of the forest.

"You!" Wen Qingxuan's face flushed red in the air. Although she was furious, she did not fly back and could only stare with hatred at Mu Chen.

“You should take caution.” Although Luo Li was worried about Mu Chen, she knew that this was not the time to hesitate. She warned Mu Chen as she rapidly retreated as well.

When Mu Chen saw the two girls retreat, his expression turned grave as he stared at the onwards Spiritual Energy light seal. Even with his powerful physical body, he could feel stinging pain from the boundless energy. It was the sign that his physical body had felt danger.

Mu Chen deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as he made a hug at the air. A brilliant light burst forth from his forehead and at the same time, a baleful aura surged out. A demonic pillar flew towards the heavens from the spiritual light. It was the Great Meru Demonic Pillar.

The Great Meru Demonic Pillar expanded in size as it instantly grew a few hundred feet. The frightening baleful aura was spreading out as it filled this entire heaven and earth.

Both of Mu Chen’s hands were hugging the air, as if he had hugged the colossal Great Meru Demonic Pillar. Thereafter, he threw a punch out that heavily clashed against the bottom of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar.

Buzz!

Baleful aura swept as the Great Meru Demonic Pillar turned into an ominous light and clashed with the incoming light seal.

Rumble!

The air between this heaven and earth seemed as if it had exploded as a repercussion shock wave blew out. Destroying the surrounding solid spike trees. Countless spikes were sent flying by something that seemed to be like a storm, ravaging the ground.

Up in the sky, Mu Chen’s figure rapidly retreated, and his face had an additional trace of paleness. Although he had borrowed the might of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to withstand that astonishing attack, he had also suffered injuries due to it.

In the vicinity of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, Mo Yu, Qin Feng and the rest were closely watching the battle. When they saw that Mu Chen had managed to withstand that startling attack from the Courtyard Spirit, their faces turned ugly as a smear of fear flashed in the depths of their gazes, since they knew that if they were in Mu Chen’s shoes, it was absolutely impossible for them to withstand that attack.

“Just how much strength did that bastard conceal?” Qin Feng said as he gritted his teeth.

“Even if he had hidden his strength, it is impossible for him to fight with this Courtyard Spirit.” Mo Yu said with a dark expression.

Up in the sky, Mu Chen made a seal with his palm as it commanded the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to fly back to him. When it retreated at high speed, his expression turned exceptionally grave. The strength of a Third Grade Spirit Disaster was indeed out of his expectations. Compared to the puppet on the Spiritual Treasure Mountain, it was simply not on the same level.

“Xuuuuuuu!”

As Mu Chen's gaze flickered, a wind explosion resounded as he immediately narrowed his eyes as he saw the Courtyard Spirit appearing before his face. Its empty eyes were fixed onto him.

"Be careful!"

From a distance away, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan anxiously shouted as their faces changed.

The Courtyard Spirit was unwavering with its attacks. It did not give Mu Chen any time to react as its palm extended forward. There was a terrifying Spiritual Energy vortex forming in its palm as frightening ripples were emitted from it.

The Spiritual Energy vortex was frantically pulling him in, leaving no path of retreat for Mu Chen.

"Damn it!"

Mu Chen clenched his teeth as ferocity flashed past his black pupils and he was about to utilise the baleful aura within the Great Meru Demonic Pillar.

The Spiritual Energy vortex enveloped towards him; however, just when it was a few feet away from Mu Chen's face, it suddenly stopped. The Courtyard Spirit's empty eyes flickered with light as its empty voice muttered, "The Successor?"

As it muttered, which made Mu Chen startled, he realised that the Courtyard Spirit was looking at the center of his brows. Over there... an ancient tree rune appeared. It was given to him by the white-haired Elder back when he was at the Spiritual Treasure Mountain...

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Chapter 529: Opening

Outside the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, the boundless Spiritual Energy ripples calmed down. The powerful pressure that was emitting from the Courtyard Spirit also withdrew.

The palm that swept along with a powerful Spiritual Energy stopped before Mu Chen. However, it did not land as its empty eyes were focusing on Mu Chen. However, Mu Chen knew that it was looking at the ancient tree rune on his forehead.

It was something that the white-haired Elder from the Spiritual Treasure Mountain left for him.

Mu Chen willed the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to fly back and it hovered behind him. His body was still tense. The instant the Courtyard Spirit made any movements, he would immediately turn around and flee.

Fortunately, the situation that Mu Chen wished for not to happen did not take place. The Courtyard Spirit was suspended before him as its empty eyes were flickering with light. Naturally, it no longer had any hostility towards Mu Chen.

At the rear, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan, who were about to move and help Mu Chen, also stopped their movements. They had naturally sensed that something wasn't right as the Courtyard Spirit no longer attacked Mu Chen.

"What's going on?" The two girls exchanged a glance and could see a hint of doubt in each other's eyes.

“What’s going on?” Mo Yu, Qin Feng and the rest had also issued the same question. However, their tones were more to dark as they could vaguely feel that something was wrong.

Under those gazes, Mu Chen saw that the Courtyard Spirit no longer had any signs of attacking him and gradually relaxed his body. Thereafter, he saw the Courtyard Spirit slowly bow as its empty voice resounded, “Identity confirmed. The Successor has the qualifications to enter the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard.”

“Successor? You’re talking about me?” Mu Chen asked as his heartbeat raced.

“You possess the Divine Tree Rune, that deems your identification as the Successor.” The Courtyard Spirit’s empty voice no longer had any enmity.

“So I’ll be able to enter the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard?” The corner of Mu Chen’s lips slightly twitched as he could not stop the surging excitement in his heart as he pointed towards the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard.

The Courtyard Spirit nodded its head.

An uncontrollable excitement surged from Mu Chen’s pupils, which made him softly chuckle. The sudden change of events made him feel a little unreal. Originally, they should be forced to retreat. But, who could have imagined that he would suddenly become a Successor? Furthermore, possessing the qualification to enter the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard.

Mu Chen’s line-of-sight was directed towards Mo Yu and his group that was hiding within the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard in ridicule. The latter seemed to have sensed something as their faces turned pale.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan cautiously approached Mu Chen. The Courtyard Spirit did not react to their actions as it only quietly stood beside Mu Chen, seemingly like a loyal servant.

“In the Spiritual Treasure Mountain, that white-haired Elder left me something which made this Courtyard Spirit address me as some Successor.” Mu Chen explained upon seeing the doubt in the eyes of the two girls.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan was dumbfounded from his explanation. Thereafter, the latter gritted her teeth as she spoke, “Is this Divine Wood Palace founded by your house? Why does it seem that all the benefits goes to you?!”

Luo Li was also nodded in agreement. Not long after Mu Chen entered the Divine Wood Palace, he had already obtained the most precious treasure of the Spiritual Treasure Mountain, the Nine Suns Divine Lingzhi. And now, he became some Successor. All these windfalls were something that could make others lament.

Mu Chen awkwardly rubbed his nose as he spoke, “This was something that I have obtained after risking my life. Earlier on, I was nearly killed by this Courtyard Spirit.”

“Since this Courtyard Spirit listens to you, can you get it to get those fellows out?” Wen Qingxuan pointed towards the Academy Alliance parties that hid themselves in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Her expression was filled with enmity.

Mu Chen smiled as he looked at Mo Yu's group, who had a paled faces at this moment. "Seems like I'm the one that will be laughing till the end."

"You, what do you want?!" Mo Yu said in a stern voice. However, the paleness of his face was not as intimidating as his tone. He was panicking in his heart at this moment. Never, in his wildest imagination, could he expect that the Courtyard Spirit would suddenly listen to Mu Chen's orders.

"Get out." Mu Chen smiled.

"Dream on!" Mo Yu furiously barked. Thereafter, he turned around and sent a palm out towards the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. He wanted to obtain the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid quickly and leave this place with his men.

Bang!

However, just when he was about to come in contact with the gigantic door, a ray of light burst forth from the door as a fearsome energy charged out, which sent Mo Yu flying.

Puuuuufff!

Mo Yu's figue flew backwards as a mouthful of blood spurt from his mouth.

"Why is this happening, didn't we break the seal here?" Qin Feng and the rest exclaimed at the sight of it.

"Only the Successor can enter the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Anyone else that dares to intrude will be killed." The Courtyard Spirit's empty voice resounded.

Mu Chen was startled at the scene of it. The things in the Divine Wood Palace were really uneasy to take. If he had not met that white-haired Elder from before, even if they had managed to somehow deal with Mo Yu and his group, it was also impossible for them to enter the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard.

The strength of this Courtyard Spirit was simply too powerful. To them, someone that possessed the strength of a Third Grade Spirit Disaster was extremely troublesome.

"I'll give you guys two choices. Everyone get out or I'll have the Courtyard Spirit do it." Mu Chen chuckled as he looked at Mo Yu's party and continued, "So, what is your choice?"

The faces of Mo Yu and his party changed. They wanted to reject with a sneer. However, they saw Mu Chen's gaze gradually turn cold and instantly felt a chill in their hearts. Although there was some rules to this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, if Mu Chen really wanted to act, he had quite a few means to force them to stay.

From their understanding towards Mu Chen, that fellow was not a lenient person.

"Mu Chen, we'll admit defeat here. How about this, we'll split the things in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard in half. Thereafter, you will be considered as a friend of our Academy Alliance. We would definitely help if there's anything that you need of us." Mo Yu said as his gaze flickered.

Mu Chen smiled as he looked at them. He shook his head slowly yet firmly.

From his understanding towards a person like Mo Yu, he was someone that was greedy and ruthless. Even if they split the treasures equally now, Mo Yu would definitely bite him if he gets the chance to do so.

“You don’t have much time left to make the decision.” Mu Chen said in indifference.

Mo Yu’s face turned extremely ugly as he glanced at Qin Feng and the group of people from the Academy Alliance. They were dispirited and did not have any intentions to carry on with the fight. He waved his hand in unwillingness.

Seeing his gesture, all those that hid within the range of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard charged out. They took a glance towards Mu Chen’s group of three in fear as they gathered at an area far from those three.

Qin Feng and Liu Xiong stood behind Mo Yu, their faces were as ugly as if their father had died.

“Let’s go!” Mo Yu ruthlessly glanced at Mu Chen before waving his hand and was about to lead his party away.

“Wait.” Mu Chen smiled.

“What do you still want? Kill all of us here?” Mo Yu sneered. The Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had rules of its own. If they all died here, the Spiritual Academy that stood behind them would definitely not let this matter go. Generally speaking, there was some bottomline rules to the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, it forbade killing.

“Although it’s a little troublesome to kill all of you here, but if I want to cripple the three of you, I think it’s still within the rules.” Mu Chen said without a hint of expression.

Mo Yu, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong’s figures jolted as they looked at Mu Chen, who was without any expression. In the end, they could only lower their heads, “What do you want?”

“Hand over the Divine Wood Plaque in your hands.” Mu Chen extended his hand out and demanded. He still remembered the words from the white-haired Elder. Every single one of the six Divine Wood Plaques contained a Lesser Divine Art. By combining the six Lesser Divine Arts, it would certainly turn into a powerful Divine Art, even within the records of the Divine Wood Palace.

“You!”

Hearing that Mu Chen was having ideas of his Divine Wood Plaque, fury surged within Mo Yu’s eyes.

Mu Chen kept his hand extended as he coldly looked at Mo Yu. On the surface of his body, Spiritual Energy surged forth. Even Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were looking at them with hostility.

“Consider this your win. Our Academy Alliance will definitely remember today’s matters!” Mo Yu suppressed the anger in his heart as he left behind that sentence. Thereafter, his palm jolted as a greenish light flew towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen grabbed it. When the light dissipated, it revealed a Divine Wood Plaque. Only then, did he nod his head in satisfaction.

“Let’s go!” Mo Yu ruthlessly glared at Mu Chen before waving his hand. His silhouette was miserable as he skimmed towards the forest. Behind him, those of the Academy Alliance followed in depression. They had lost all of their face.

Mu Chen glanced at Mo Yu’s party, who was quickly leaving as he said with pity, “It’s a pity about that Divine Wood Guard.”

He wanted to take their Divine Wood Guard as well. However, if that was the case, Mo Yu and his party would willingly risk it and go all-out. Naturally, the main thing was that Mu Chen realised that it was impossible to control it, even if he managed to obtain that Divine Wood Guard as the control rune on the Divine Wood Guard was extremely intact. It was incomparable to his broken goods.

“They were robbed by you to the point that they nearly cried.” Wen Qingxuan laughed.

“Only a villain could grind another villain.” Mu Chen smiled as he continued, “There’s nothing to be lenient about when dealing with those fellows.”

“Quickly open the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. I want to see how much Sovereign Spiritual Liquid is left in the Divine Wood Palace.” Wen Qingxuan anxiously said as she looked at the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard.

Mu Chen nodded his head at her words as expectation filled his heart as well.

When Mu Chen directed his line-of-sight towards the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, the Courtyard Spirit waved its hands as a ray of light flew out and shot onto the closely shut doors. As the light flew out, a complicated light rune instantly surfaced on the door.

Creak.

In the instant that the light rune appeared, Mu Chen’s group of three saw the massive wooden door that had been shut for god-knows how many years had finally slowly opened.

The Hidden Spiritual Courtyard that was sealed shut for thousands and hundreds of years had once again, seen the light.

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Chapter 530: Sovereign Spiritual Liquid

Creak...

The massive wooden door opened along with an ancient noise, as if there was an aura that came from the primordial times surging out and covered this entire region.

“Let’s go and take a look.”

Mu Chen’s gaze was brightly lit as he looked at the opening door of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. A smear of blaze flashed in the depths of his eyes. Shortly after, he smiled towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan as his figure had appeared at the door of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Standing there, the antique aura was blowing on his face, which gave him a peculiar feeling, as if he had gone back in time.

As the huge door opened, greenish light was unveiled. The light was filled with nourishing life force.

Mu Chen carefully stepped into it and as his foot stepped into it and did not sense any peculiar movements, only then did he ease down. He stepped into it and behind him, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were cautiously following behind him. Spiritual Energy ripples were fluctuating on them. Clearly, they were holding their guards up.

Behind the door, it was a path as it was covered in greenish light. Mu Chen and his group of three were cautiously walking on the layer of light.

The path wasn't long as they had quickly paced to the end of it. Thereafter, the scene before them turned vast and what followed after was dense astonishment appearing on the surface of their faces.

It was a pool that was floating in the air that appeared before them. The pool was green in colour as it emitted dense vitality, emitting fearsome Spiritual Energy ripples.

Plop.

A sound suddenly came from the green pool as they saw greenish small fishes swimming about. Thereafter, they were wagging their tails as they swam in the air.

Those small fishes were green in colour as they emitted astral light, appearing to be extremely agile. However, Mu Chen and his group could sense extremely pure and powerful Spiritual Energy ripples coming from the body of those small fishes...

"Where is the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid?" Mu Chen was a little startled as he looked at the greenish pool as his face twitched, "Could that water all be the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid?"

Wasn't that a little too frightening? If that was the case, how much Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was there?

"Dream on." Wen Qingxuan rolled her eyes at Mu Chen. Thereafter, her slender fingers pointed towards those small fishes that were swimming in the air, "Those are the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid..."

Mu Chen widened his mouth as he stared in a daze at those green small fishes. He was like a country pumpkin that had not seen the world before. But of course, this was his first time seeing the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. Shouldn't that be in a liquid state? Why did it become the appearance of a small fish...

"Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was something that only experts could refine, the Spiritual Energy contained in it is not only pure, but also possesses spirituality. Naturally, that spirituality depended on the refiner's strength. Therefore, Sovereign Spiritual Liquid of higher grades possess the ability to take form." Luo Li smiled, "Generally speaking, the higher the quality of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, the bigger the form it would take. I have seen the form of a drop of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid that was refined by a Heavenly Sovereign for a year. It was something that I'm afraid that not even this Hidden Spiritual Courtyard could contain."

Mu Chen could not help smacking his lips inwardly. The level of a Sovereign was naturally not something that the current him could imagine. No wonder it was a dividing range for cultivation in the Great Thousand World.

All those beneath of Sovereign Realm were ants.

"These Sovereign Spiritual Liquids...aren't easy to store." Wen Qingxuan's expression turned grave as she looked at those adorable swimming fishes.

“Getting it will be very troublesome?” Mu Chen asked in doubt.

“Do you think that as long as you have entered the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, you will be able to take all the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid here with a wave of your hand?”

Wen Qingxuan ruthlessly stuck on the aspect that Mu Chen had no knowledge of as she spoke, “Sovereign Spiritual Liquid possesses a trace of spirituality. Speaking from a certain aspect, it possesses powerful energy as well. Although that energy would not explode, it would dodge and escape capture by instinct. Therefore, if you want to capture it, it will not be easy.”

“Truly deserving to be called the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid.” Mu Chen sighed. Hearing Wen Qingxuan’s words, it piqued his interest as he said in eager, “Then, let me give it a try!”

As he finished his speech, his figure moved and burst forth.

Buzzz.

When his figure flew, all those green fishes that were casually swimming seemed to have been startled as they started to disperse. As they dispersed, they unleashed astonishing speed as Mu Chen could only see the numerous streaks of green light and could not see their bodies.

“What astonishing speed.”

Mu Chen was also startled. Shortly after, a dragon image appeared beneath his feet as a dragon roar thundered. His speed instantly spiked as boundless Spiritual Energy swept out from his body. It turned into Spiritual Energy hands as it rapidly flew out, grabbing onto a green light.

Boom! Boom!

When the small fish was grabbed by Mu Chen, it frantically struggled. Its small body was banging on the Spiritual Energy palm, emitting ear-piercing clashes. Furthermore, Mu Chen’s Spiritual Energy palm was swaying from its impact as it seemed as if it would collapse.

“What powerful force.”

Mu Chen expression finally turned grave. After experimenting it himself, he understood how difficult it was to capture these Sovereign Spiritual Liquids. Furthermore, it was just a small drop. If he was the one that personally grabbed onto it, it would have probably suffered injuries already.

The Spiritual Energy palm constantly trembled as Mu Chen immediately controlled his Spiritual Energy. A black and white surge of Spiritual Energy swept out as it continuously strengthened his defense, going into a deadlock.

The deadlock continued for dozens of minutes before it gradually weakened down. Mu Chen waved his sleeve as the light palm disappeared. The green fish that was within had already transformed, into a crystalized green liquid.

The liquid was so beautiful that it made others unable to shift their eyes from it. Within the small liquid, it seemed as if there was an entire world existing within it. As the light diminished, it made people intoxicated in it.

Mu Chen extended his palm as the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid hovered on his palm. He could sense the frightening amount of Spiritual Energy contained within it. The energy contained was even stronger than his Spiritual Energy. However, that form of Spiritual Energy had no offensive characteristics to it. Despite being pure, it had a trace of spirituality mixed within it, being extremely bizarre.

“This is the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid...”

As Mu Chen muttered, his heart shook. This was something that was refined for a month by Sovereigns, their masterpiece. Hereby missing the bigger picture as it contained all sorts of exceptionally brilliant methods possessed by Sovereigns.

It made Mu Chen filled with expectation for that realm.

“How is it?” Wen Qingxuan chuckled as she flew to Mu Chen’s side.

“Indeed, it was troublesome.” Mu Chen nodded his head. He looked at the huge hall with numerous small green fishes swimming in it as he continued, “With so many Sovereign Spiritual Liquid here, it’s impossible for us to take all of them.”

“It’s fine as long as you’re satisfied.” Luo Li smiled. Although she knew the worth of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, she wasn’t too strongly attached to it. After all, it was a fool’s errand.

Mu Chen smiled, “Since that’s the case...then prepare to act. We have to obtain at least as much of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid as we can. It’d have to depend on your capabilities.”

“Rest assured, I will leave you far behind.” Wen Qingxuan said with pride.

“Really?” Mu Chen smiled in return.

“Why don’t we have a bet?” Wen Qingxuan looked at Mu Chen with provocation as a sly smile rose from her lips, “If you lose, then you are not allowed to have any bodily contact with Luo Li during the entire period of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.”

Mu Chen and Luo Li were stunned by her bizarre request.

“It’s your bet, how am I involved in it?” Luo Li snapped.

“Then what if you lost?” Mu Chen’s brows twitched. Thinking of how Wen Qingxuan had been constantly provoking him. He coldly smiled as his gaze swept towards Wen Qingxuan’s exquisite figure.

Sensing his gaze, Wen Qingxuan wasn’t angered. A charming smile appeared on her beautiful features as she leisurely approached Mu Chen. She placed her hand onto Mu Chen’s shoulders as she softly said, “If I lose, you can do anything to me. If you take a fancy in a lady like me, then I’m willing to present myself. That can be discussed...”

Mu Chen looked mockingly at her as he grabbed onto Luo Li’s hand, “Luo Li is more beautiful in comparison. I’m not interested in this disadvantage deal.”

“You’re seeking death!”

Wen Qingxuan’s face turned chill as her brows stood up. Her gentle palm that was placed on Mu Chen’s shoulders suddenly pressed down ruthlessly.

“Haha.”

Mu Chen laughed as he fled. He stepped on the sky as his gaze fell onto those small fishes swimming in the hall as he smiled, “If you really want to play, then I’ll accompany you this once. Forget about betting. Although I can’t fight with you right now, I’m afraid that you won’t be able to beat me this time.”

As he spoke, Mu Chen sat down with his legs crossed. Thereafter, black and white Spiritual Energy circulated on the surface of his body emitting bizarre ripples.

“Hmph, your tone is pretty big. I’ll take a look at how you are going to beat me.”

Wen Qingxuan’s character was prideful to begin with. Furthermore, she would constantly make comparisons between him and herself. Hearing his words, how could she stand it? In that instant, he coldly snorted as her figure moved. She had already appeared on the sky as her hands clasped together, emitting dazzling golden light that was spreading out.

Luo Li helplessly shook her head as she saw the two people on her left and right competing. Shortly after, she also sat down, placing the Luo God Sword on her knees. A faint sword intent was then emitted as she was prepared to start as well.