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Chapter 531: All Sorts of Methods

Pure and powerful Spiritual Energy rippled out which caused the entire space to fluctuate in the ancient hall.

Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan sat in the sky, occupying different locations as boundless Spiritual Energy spread from them. Clearly, they were going to try to subdue all those Sovereign Spiritual Liquids with their real means.

Mu Chen's face was grave as he had tested earlier. He knew how powerful those Sovereign Spiritual Liquid were. If those Sovereign Spiritual Liquids possessed offensive characteristics, Mu Chen would not dare to have any ideas on them as the Spiritual Energy contained in every single drop of those Sovereign Spiritual Liquids were more powerful than those he had accumulated in his body.

After all, they were things that was refined by Sovereign realm experts at a huge expand of their time.

Huuuu.

A white mist spat out from Mu Chen's mouth as his gaze turned exceptionally grave. Shortly after, both of his palm were pushed forward as black and white Spiritual Energy formed a huge hand and made a grab towards the greenish small fish that were swimming in the air.

Buzzzzzz. Buzzz.

At this instant, Mu Chen had already controlled his Spiritual Energy to the limits as the huge black and white hand flickered, capturing one small fish and subduing it rapidly.

Just as Mu Chen had moved, a clear cry resounded from Wen Qingxuan's location. Golden light flickered and within the golden light, it seemed as if there was a golden phoenix spreading its wings. The golden light swallowed the small fish that were swimming in the air.

After that small-sized golden phoenix had devoured the small fish, it rapidly flew back, turning into a golden feather. That golden phoenix burst forth with dazzling light, which lasted for half an hour before dissipating.

When the golden light dissipated, Wen Qingxuan's figure appeared. Her jade-like hands made a grab towards those ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid hovering above her hand.

In just half an hour's time, she had already subdued ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. The efficiency was several times faster compared to Mu Chen.

Wen Qingxuan looked at the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in her hand as she nodded in satisfaction. She then shifted her gaze towards Mu Chen's direction with a provoking gaze. The hand that the latter had formed was from his Spiritual Energy. Thus, it was clearly inferior compared to the golden phoenix that she had formed.

Mu Chen also sensed the provoking gaze from Wen Qingxuan as he smiled in response. He was startled by the latter's method. Furthermore, he sensed a familiar fluctuation coming from her golden phoenix.

Buzzzz.

Just as Mu Chen's eyes flickered, a clear sword cry resonated as he directed his gaze over. He saw powerful Sword Intent spreading from Luo Li. That Sword Intent did not have a form. However, he could feel heart-racing ripples expanded out of it.

Buzzz. Buzzzz.

The sword cry became more rapid as the Luo God Sword that was in Luo Li's hands slightly jolted. In the next instant, the Luo God Sword flew out with sword light fluctuating. It formed into a sword river under the sword light. As the sword river whistled, it was like a huge python as it devoured ten Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.

When the sword river devoured those Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, it entrenched itself around Luo Li. Mu Chen could see the Luo God Sword emitting sword light within the sword river as it constantly suppressed those retaliating Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. The Luo God Sword was, indeed, worthy of being a genuine Divine Artifact. The power it possessed far surpassed Mu Chen's imagination.

Mu Chen had also not seen the true might unleashed by the Luo God Sword. However, he felt that if the Luo God Sword was to truly unleash its full might, not even the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to contend against it unless Mu Chen unsealed the seal that was placed on it.

With the power of the Luo God Sword, Luo Li suppressed the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid at a rapid speed. In just half an hour, there were ten Sovereign Spiritual Liquids quietly floating before her from the sword river.

Luo Li grasped her hand as she stored the ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. Thereafter, she looked towards Mu Chen and smiled, wittily pointed towards Wen Qingxuan's direction as she formed words with her mouth, "Don't lose to her."

Mu Chen helplessly glared at her. This girl was clearly actually enjoying his misfortune.

However, it's time for him to reveal some of his cards. Otherwise, he might really be thrown far away by them. At that time, who knew how Wen Qingxuan would mock him at that time.

Mu Chen inhaled a mouthful of air as his black pupils became focused. The huge hand that was formed from Spiritual Energy was dispersed with a wave of his hand. This method of capturing Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was simply too inefficient as it was incomparable to Wen Qignxuan and Luo Li.

Mu Chen formed seals with both his hands as he shut his eyes as the Spiritual Energy around him calmed down.

Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li had also sensed his actions. Just when they were capturing the Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, they also paid attention to his direction.

Black light surfaced from Mu Chen's body under their attention. The light became more and more dense as it gathered behind Mu Chen. Vaguely forming the shape of a Nine-layered Pagoda.

There were profound runes on the surface of the Nine-layered Pagoda with dragon patterns on every single level, making it to seem vivid and lifelike. The dragons roared as though they were about to struggle free from body the Nine-layered Pagoda.

A bizarre suppression of power gradually spread out. The Sovereign Spiritual Liquids that was swimming near Mu Chen looked as though they had sensed a pressure coming from him as they started to escape.

“What is that...?”

Wen Qingxuan was lightly startled. This was clearly the first time that she had seen this method from Mu Chen. Furthermore, she could feel the pressure coming from the black Nine-layered Pagoda.

Luo Li’s charming eyes was fixed on the black Nine-layered Pagoda. This was not the first time she had seen it. Furthermore, she knew how powerful it was. Back then, at the Divine Spiritual Mountain of the Northern Heavens Continent, Mu Chen’s mother made her appearance appeared and used a similar Nine-layered Pagoda to refine the Yellow Dragon Sovereign, along with his Sovereign’s Celestial Body. That scene was so shocking that it made even those big shots of the Northern Heavens Continent dumbfounded.

Although his current Nine-layered Pagoda was incomparable to his mother’s, it was definitely not weak.

As the Nine-layered Pagoda hovered behind Mu Chen, black light swept. Those black lights looked as if they contained bizarre power as small fishes lost the power to retaliate the instant the black light was shone on them. Thereafter, they were sucked into the Nine-layered Pagoda along with the black light.

When the small fishes were sucked into the Nine-layered Pagoda, roars of dragons could be heard from the body of the pagoda. A primordial golden dragon broke away from the body of the Nine-layered Pagoda as boundless golden flames entered it. The golden flames expanded as they swallowed the small fish.

Tsssss Siiiiii!

The golden flames displayed fearsome power when they refined the Yellow Dragon Sovereign along with his Sovereign’s Celestial Body back when when Mu Chen’s mother had used similar methods.

Therefore, faced with the golden flames, the struggle of those greenish small fishes became weak. In less than twenty minutes, ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid were already floating inside the Nine-layered Pagoda.

Mu Chen made a summoning gesture with his hand as the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid flew out and landed on top of his palm.

Mu Chen stared at the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in his hand as a smile surfaced from the corner of his mouth. Ever since he had successfully cultivated the completed version of the Great Pagoda Art, his Nine-layered Pagoda had grown in power. However, he did not use it frequently when he faced his enemies as it was considered trump card.

Mu Chen stored the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid as he took a glance at Wen Qingxuan. Astonishment were filled on the girl’s face. Clearly, she had been startled by Mu Chen’s speed.

“Hmph.”

However, when she sensed Mu Chen’s gaze, she pretended to snort in disdain. She then turned her head and no longer bothered about Mu Chen as started to subdue the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid at full force by controlling the golden phoenix.

When Mu Chen saw that the prideful girl being startled by him, he couldn't help smiling as he winked his eyes at Luo Li.

"You only know how to bully girls."

Luo Li rolled her eyes at him as she smiled. She no longer divided her attention and had also focused on the task before her.

Mu Chen smiled as he retracted his gaze and calmed his heart. Right now, he had to capture the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid as quickly as possible. It wasn't easy to encounter such a place again. Even in the Great Thousand World, with such amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in this place, it could even attract the attention of countless Sovereign Realms experts to fight for it. At that point of time, it wouldn't be like the small scuffles that they had with Mo Yu and his group.

Therefore, he had to grab hold of this opportunity to capture as much Sovereign Spiritual Liquid as quickly as possible since it would greatly benefit his future cultivation. After all, it would require quite an amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to enter the realm of a Sovereign.

Rumble! Rumble!

As Mu Chen calmed his heart, the Nine-layered Pagoda behind him emitted black lights. Those black lights enveloped the small fish and, thereafter, suppressed and subdued them...

Within the ancient hall, the whistling of Spiritual Energy resounded as the golden phoenix, sword river and the black pagoda occupied a corner. As time passed, those small fishes were turned into Sovereign Spiritual Liquid and stored away by the three people.

The three of them gained the greatest benefit in this trip to the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard.

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Chapter 532: Spiritual Condensing Bowl

Time rapidly went past in the hall.

Three dazzling lights occupied three corners as light intertwined with powerful Spiritual Energy ripples being emitted.

Under the envelopement of the three dazzling lights, those small fishes that were swimming in the air were constantly being hunted. Turning into sparkling Sovereign Spiritual Liquid with every single drop of it containing majestic Spiritual Energy.

The three people spent half a day's time to capture them.

As more and more greenish small fish were being captured, the green lake in the center of the hall suddenly made a fine ripple. Thereafter, it was as if a suction force was being emitted as the small fish that were swimming in the air escaped into the lake.

Plop.

The instant they entered the lake, their bodies rapidly liquified as they merged into it and disappeared.

The hall became empty once again.

Because of the disappearance of the small fish, the three dazzling lights gradually faded away as Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan's figures appeared. They were a little confused as they exchanged looks. Their eyes were still filled with discontent as they were clearly not satisfied yet.

"What's going on?"

Mu Chen stared at the green lake as he furrowed his brows.

"All that Sovereign Spiritual Liquid withdrew. There must be a limit to how much Sovereign Spiritual Liquid one can obtain at a time." Luo Li muttered.

"But I am still not satisfied!" Wen Qingxuan stared at the green lake in unhappiness as she snorted, "If you want to obstruct me, then I'll take you as well."

As she finished speaking, she swept her hands as countless golden feathers shot out, towards the green lake.

Buzzzzz!

However, when the golden feathers came in contact with the green lake, it had dissipated the golden light at a rapid speed as the Spiritual Energy contained within it was rapidly being sucked away by the lake.

"Hm?" Wen Qingxuan exclaimed as her face turned grave. She stared at the lake before her as her eyes flicked and yelled in a startled tone, "It's actually a Spiritual Artifact?!"

Mu Chen's heart was also jolted when he heard her voice. The lake that could hold so much Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was actually a Spiritual Artifact? Didn't that mean that if he could take this Spiritual Artifact, he would have obtained a large amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid?

Mu Chen's figure flew out as he stopped at the edge of the lake. He focused his gaze over and realised that there seemed to be an ancient text within the lake.

"This is... Spiritual Condensing Bowl?"

Mu Chen stared at the ancient text as he murmured.

"Spiritual Condensing Bowl? How is that possible?!" When they heard that name, Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li's faces changed. They quickly sped over with their gazes filled with astonishment.

"Why? What is a Spiritual Condensing Bowl?" Mu Chen asked in astonishment when he saw the reaction from the two girls.

"Hmph, ignorant guy. In the Ancient Antiquity, there was a special race. They were known as the Spiritual Condensing Race as they possessed a special ability. The Spiritual Artifact that they created would possess the effect of condensing spiritual Energy. Their pinnacle masterpiece was the Spiritual Condensing Bowl. Activating the bowl could shadow the vast heavens and earth. Any form of Spiritual Energy would be sucked into it and would automatically turn into Sovereign Spiritual Liquid," said Wen Qingxuan.

Mu Chen's face changed. Any form of Spiritual Energy would be turned into Sovereign Spiritual Liquid? There was such a fearsome treasure in this world? Didn't that mean that the one who possessed this treasure would be equivalent to obtaining an inexhaustible amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid?

If that was the case, then this Spiritual Artifact is even more fearsome than a Divine Artifact.

If such an item was placed in the Great Thousand World, even those powerful forces would fight over it.

"The price of a Spiritual Condensing Bowl is something that even my Luo God Sword could not be compared to. It is not a Divine Artifact, but it's at a higher level compared to that, a Primordial Saint Artifact." Luo Li said softly.

The unfamiliar name of Primordial Saint Artifact brought an unspeakable pressure to Mu Chen. Such an item was not something that he could imagine.

"The origin of this thing is so huge?" Aside from being startled, Mu Chen was feeling troubled in his heart. If this Spiritual Condensing Bowl was so frightening, it was not something that he could possess. If even the slightest news of such an item was leaked out, he could guarantee that he would not have peace.

A coarse fellow was not guilty, but in possession of a treasure, he was.

Before he possessed absolute strength, such a treasure was not something that Mu Chen would lay his hands on.

"However, this Spiritual Condensing Bowl is not genuine!" Wen Qingxuan said firmly.

"A counterfeit?" Mu Chen was blanked.

"Correct. Although the Divine Wood Palace possessed great power, it could not be considered as a pinnacle force in the Great Thousand World back then. Even in this Shattered Continent, the Divine Wood Palace could only proclaim monarchy to a corner of it. Such a Primordial Saint Artifact was not something that the Divine Wood Palace could undertake." Luo Li also nodded her head.

"Therefore, this Spiritual Condensing Bowl before our eyes should be a counterfeit."

"Even a counterfeit is so powerful." Mu Chen licked his lips. His heart that was suppressed before blazed. If this Spiritual Condensing Bowl was the genuine good, he would naturally not have any thoughts about it and would only remember it in his heart, till his strength was powerful enough before he came to take it away. Since it was a counterfeit, the price of it would drop a lot more and it would be worth the risk for him.

"There are many counterfeit Spiritual Condensing Bowls. Some pinnacle force would be in possession of such an item. Therefore, it was not too unbelievable for the Divine Wood Palace to have it," said Luo Li.

"Then, can we take it away?" asked Mu Chen.

Only now did he understand that the most valuable item in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard was not the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, but this counterfeit Spiritual Condensing Bowl.

Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li exchanged a glance as they nodded their heads. Their background wasn't weak, but they still could not help but to be tempted by this Spiritual Condensing Bowl, since the amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids that they had obtained was only a small portion compared to the amount contained in the Spiritual Condensing Bowl.

Majestic Spiritual Energy swept out from Mu Chen's palm as it twined towards the lake that was formed by the Spiritual Condensing Bowl. However, the instant his Spiritual Energy approached the Spiritual Condensing Bowl, the Spiritual Energy was sucked into it.

His figure jolted as his gaze turned grave.

"The Spiritual Condensing Bowl would automatically absorb any approaching Spiritual Energy. I'm afraid that with our strength, it's impossible for us to take it." Luo Li said helplessly.

Wen Qingxuan also sighed in pity. The treasure was just before her, but she couldn't take it away. It had really made her feel unwilling.

Mu Chen pondered when a light flickered. His expression changed as an ancient tree rune appeared from his forehead.

"Earlier, the Courtyard Spirit mentioned that I was the Successor. Since I'm the Successor, then I will naturally have the qualifications to inherit the things here." Mu Chen pointed at the rune on his forehead as he continued, "Let me try moving it."

Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li nodded. Since they did not have any other methods, why not let Mu Chen give it a try?

Mu Chen's gaze gathered and the ancient tree rune on his forehead flickered with a faint luster. A moment later, the rune burst forth with green light as it spread out and enveloped the greenish lake.

Buzz. Buzz.

As everything became enshrouded by the greenish light, the originally calm lake started to ripple as a faint light was shot from the lake.

At the sight of this scene, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan felt excited. It was indeed useful!

The light in the lake became more dense and, thereafter, the lake had started to shrink. A few minutes later, the huge lake had turned into an antique greenish jade bowl as it flew over, swaying before landing on Mu Chen's palm that was extended.

Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan had directed their gazes over.

The ancient jade bowl had quietly rested on Mu Chen's palm as complicated veined patterns could be seen around the bowl. The patterns were a little scarlet-red. It was said that during the creation of the Spiritual Condensing Bowl, aside from various countless materials, there was also an ingredient, blood of the Spiritual Condensing Race.

Within the jade bowl, it was as if there was boundless liquid swaying about. However, it was unable to escape from the mouth of the bowl.

“Quick, look at how much Sovereign Spiritual Liquid is there!” Wen Qingxuan couldn’t endure it as she asked.

Mu Chen nodded his head as he controlled his intent into the Spiritual Condensing Bowl. However, as he probed, the Spiritual Condensing Bowl emitted greenish light that blocked off his probe. At the same time, a boundless light appeared from the mouth of the bowl as an ancient rune could be seen in that light.

Mu Chen’s face turned stiff at this instant.

“The Spiritual Condensing Bowl is sealed.” Mu Chen bitterly smiled.

“Let me try.” Wen Qingxuan refused to believe as she extended her hand and grabbed the Spiritual Condensing Bowl. She controlled her Spiritual Energy and realised that it was impossible to look into the Spiritual Condensing Bowl. She also could not extract the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid within it. The light possessed powerful defense and the seal was not something that they would deal with.

“Bastard.”

Wen Qingxuan was enraged as she threw it back to Mu Chen with hatred, “It only benefited you.”

Mu Chen awkwardly scratched his head as he received it. A jade bottle appeared in his hand, it was sparkling and translucent as drops of liquid could be seen in it. “I have taken a total of one hundred and twenty four Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. I’ll give it all to you.”

He knew how precious the Spiritual Condensing Bowl was, since it was not something that slightly more than a hundred Sovereign Spiritual Liquid could be compared to. However, he did not have the intention to monopolise it.

“Forget it, it was something that was obtained by you. I don’t want it.” Wen Qingxuan cast her lips aside as she continued, “However, the Spiritual Condensing Bowl is yours. But me and Luo Li have a share in the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in it. Take note of it and give back to us double the amount in the future.”

Although Wen Qingxuan said those words, she was clearly just rambling.

“Thanks, consider it as me owing you a favor.” Mu Chen said in a serious tone.

With Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan’s backgrounds, perhaps this counterfeit Spiritual Condensing Bowl wasn’t an inseparable treasure. However, to Mu Chen who did not have any background, it was an important item.

“Rest assured, although your favor isn’t worth anything, I will still remember it.” Wen Qingxuan said as her rosy lips rose.

Mu Chen smiled before looking at Luo Li. The latter gently smiled. With their relationship, there wasn’t a need to divide things so clearly between the both of them.

“Let’s go. It’s almost time and perhaps, Xu Huang and the rest are also anxiously waiting.” Luo Li said gently.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen smiled as he nodded. Since he had already obtained the Spiritual Condensing Bowl, there wasn't a need to stay here anymore.

"Let's go."

Mu Chen waved his hand and he turned around without any hesitation. Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan followed his pace. As the three of them left, the gate of the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard slowly closed as it returned to its original quiet state.

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Chapter 533: Intimidating with Violence

Mu Chen and his group of three left the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard and quickly sped through the path that they entered on.

The people of the Academy Alliance were long gone. Thus, they were not obstructed along the way. In addition to the three of them being able to use Spiritual Energy, after roughly ten minutes, they had already passed through the spike tree forest and smoothly exited the shadows.

When they walked out of the shadows that were formed by the spike trees, they felt as if their bodies had instantly lightened. The sluggish Spiritual Energy within their bodies surged and in an instant, powerful ripples of energy spread throughout their limbs.

"Huuuu."

When their powers were restored, the three of them felt relieved. The feeling of having their Spiritual Energies suppressed was too uncomfortable.

"What a beautiful feeling."

Wen Qingxuan exhaled as her charming eyes gazed upon the clear sky and earth. After experiencing the feeling of not being able to use any Spiritual Energy, only then did she realise that the Spiritual Energy that flowed between this heaven and earth was so enchanting.

"Why are you being like this? In the Spiritual Road, it was an entire two years that we were not able to use any Spiritual Energy." Mu Chen smiled.

"Because it was too long in the Spiritual Road, I had already forgotten the sensation of using Spiritual Energy back then." Wen Qingxuan smiled in reply.

Mu Chen deeply nodded his head and shortly after, his expression changed. He raised his head and looked beyond the distance of this forest, then realised that there were many other Spiritual Energy ripples in this region...

Both of his eyes were narrowed as he gazed into the distance. There were figures of people appearing in his sight. There seemed to be several teams that were looking at their direction. In the depths of their eyes was a dense amount of greed and fire.

"What's going on?" Luo Li had also noticed this scene and in an instant, she furrowed her brows. She tightened her grip on her Luo God Sword as she felt that something was amiss.

Wen Qingxuan lightly snorted as a golden warspear flickered with golden light in her hand. Her gaze brought along a chill as it swept through and all those that exchanged contact with her could not help shifting their gazes away.

Shhhhhhuuuu

Not far away, there was a noise caused by the wind from extreme speed that resounded. Mu Chen and his group turned their gazes over and saw a few figures flying over, before landing by their side. It was Xu Huang and the rest that had been waiting outside of the forest.

When Xu Huang and group saw that Mu Chen's group of three had smoothly come out, only then did they feel relieved.

"You guys finally came out," said Xu Huang.

"What's going on?" Mu Chen took a glance at the surrounding movements as he asked. Previously, when they entered here, there weren't so many people around here.

"Half a day ago, the group from the Academy Alliance came out." Xu Huang glanced at Mu Chen's group of three as a smear of astonishment could be seen in his eyes, "You guys were the ones that chased them out?"

Mu Chen nodded his head in acknowledgement.

"What monsters." Xu Huang and the rest were speechless. They had clearly seen the amount of people from the Academy Alliance. They had nearly two hundred in number and all of them had refined their physical bodies in the past. Even if they could not use any Spiritual Energy in the forest, they would still be hard to deal with. However, despite so, the three of them chased them out like stray dogs.

"After the group from the Academy Alliance came out, their facial expressions were ugly. We hid ourselves for the time being. Thereafter, those fellows started to spread some news..." Xu Huang said helplessly, "They announced that there was a Hidden Spiritual Courtyard which contained Sovereign Spiritual Liquid that the Divine Wood Palace had been storing for countless years. There were at least tens of thousands of drops..."

The brows of Mu Chen furrowed. Those people of the Academy Alliance were indeed vicious. Seeing as they could not obtain the stuff from the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, they decided to spread the news so Mu Chen and his group could not have any peace.

Tens of thousands of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, those fellows had quite a wild imagination. However, Mu Chen knew that once this news was released, it would still bring them quite a bit of trouble, even if it was false. The Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was simply too precious. Everyone knew that if the amount had really reached tens of thousands, even Sovereign realm experts would be fighting over it.

Not many Sovereign realm experts had accumulated such an amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid.

Tens of thousands of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid could allow a Sovereign realm expert to be suddenly wealthy.

"Furthermore, they further declared that the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid stored in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard was taken by the three of you." Xu Huang bitterly smiled, "Now, all these teams that are

staring at you guys are coming for the three of you. Although they do not dare to do anything to the three of you, the amount that they have gathered is quite troublesome.”

“Hmph, just some average fellows. If they have the capability, then come and snatch. If any of them could win against me, I will give them all the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in my possession. Just that they will probably die from that appetite of theirs.” Wen Qingxuan coldly snorted as her face was covered in frost.

Xu Huang dryly laughed as they thought in their hearts, She is indeed, worthy of being someone that has gotten first place once, such dominance...

When Mu Chen was speaking with Xu Huang, there were nearly ten figures that flew among the black patch of people, before stopping roughly a few hundred feet away. The ten figures had powerful Spiritual Energy ripples around them. All of them were actually someone that had gone through Spiritual Energy Disaster. Clearly, they were Captains from a few decent teams.

Behind them, there were nearly ten teams that were staring at Mu Chen and his group.

“Captain Mu Chen, I am Chen Ya from the Spiritual Cliff Academy.”

The one leading was an azure-clothed youth with fair skin. His looks were rather handsome but his eyes were filled with greed.

Mu Chen glanced at him in indifference as he turned his head towards Xu Huang and the rest without paying any attention, “Let’s go.”

“Wait!”

When Chen Ya saw how Mu Chen ignored him, his face changed as a smear of rage flashed across his eyes as he said in a solemn voice, “Captain Mu Chen, we are all well-aware of how powerful your group is. However, there are nearly a hundred teams here waiting for you. If all of us were to fight, you guys might not take it well.”

“What do you want then?” Mu Chen finally took a glance at him as his tone was apathetic.

“Haha, we only want Captain Mu Chen to give every one of us ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid and we will not make things difficult for your group.” Chen Ya quickly said when he heard Mu Chen’s reply.

“Ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid? Who are you?” Wen Qingxuan said with a chilled face.

She took a step forward as her golden warspear dazzled with brilliant golden light that spread out. In an instant, a fearsome Spiritual Energy pressure began to expand and under the pressure of that Spiritual Energy, the faces of Chen Ya and everyone else could not help changing as astonishment filled their eyes.

“Spirit Disaster?”

“Wen Qingxuan has actually reached Spirit Disaster!”

“No wonder she was once first in the points ranking...”

Feeling the boundless pressure from Wen Qingxuan, all those staring teams could not help having their faces changed as fear flashed across their eyes.

“Do not be afraid. With so many of us here, even if she is a Spirit Disaster, we could still defeat her with all of us here!” Chen Ya saw those people behind him starting to show signs of fear and he immediately declared. He knew that if they did not make use of their advantage of numbers, no one would dare to obstruct the path of Mu Chen, Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li.

“Trash not knowing the meaning of death!”

Wen Qingxuan’s eyes were filled with cold. Just when she was about to act, she saw Mu Chen smiling as he waved his hand. A streak of light flew out, which rapidly grew, turning into a huge greenish wooden statue, it was the Divine Wood Guard.

“Cripple him.”

Mu Chen pointed towards Chen Ya as he said in indifference.

Boom!

The Divine Wood Guard stomped as its huge figure charged forward, causing a shadow to immediately shroud Chen Ya.

As the shadow shrouded over, Chen Ya’s face changed. The Spiritual Energy in his body swept out as it turned into a powerful force that shot towards the Divine Wood Guard.

The Divine Wood Guard threw its huge fist out and instantly shattered that force before heavily landing on Chen Ya’s body.

Boom!

A deep clash resounded as Chen Ya’s figure flew away like a cannon, before heavily shooting into the ground. The ground instantly crumbled as a deep crater appeared with Chen Ya lying in it. He was covered in fresh blood, no one knew if he was still dead or alive.

“You dare!”

The nine other Spiritual Energy experts that came with Chen Ya yelled as their faces changed from the situation.

Shhhhhuu!

However, just when they had finished yelling, a golden light had already reached them. Wen Qingxuan’s exquisite figure appeared before them as powerful spear images followed.

Rustle! Swish!

As the spear images swept past, three Spiritual Energy Disaster experts were instantly defeated. Blood holes appeared on their bodies as they fell.

Buzz!

At the same time, a clear sword cry resounded. A sword river whistled out as it brought forth a strand of fresh blood. Three other Spiritual Energy Disaster experts held onto their hands as they retreated. Their faces were filled with fear as fresh blood flowed down from their arms.

Boom! Boom!

Mu Chen's figure had also appeared before the three remaining Spiritual Energy Experts. Black lightning frantically flickered as he threw his fist out in indifference. The wind exploded under his fist as it struck the chests of those three at lightning speed.

As an explosion resounded, the chests of those three caved in as they flew away, shrieking before being deeply impaled into the mountain.

The entire region was filled with silence at this instant.

Ten Spiritual Energy Experts were instantly defeated by Mu Chen's group of three in just an instant.

The lightning momentum was so fast that the other teams behind those ten could not react in time.

Mu Chen stood in the air as he dusted his hands without any expression. Thereafter, he glanced at those teams behind and declared with indifference, "Anyone else?"

He knew the thoughts of the Academy Alliance and, therefore, he did not lay his hands as he knew that if he were to lay his hands in such a situation, it would only become troublesome and there would be more and more people who would gather. Therefore, he had chosen to exhibit his power, displaying intimidating might.

Only then, could he suppress the greed in the hearts of those fellows.

Faced with such greedy people, he could only use violence.

Faced with Mu Chen's indifferent tone, the momentum of the few hundred teams slugged. Some people held fear in their eyes and, at this moment, no one dared to speak.

Up in the sky, Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan stood with the huge Divine Wood Guard behind them. The impact from their formation made others not dare to oppose them.

At this instant, only then did everyone else realised how big of a gap they had with those three...

"If you are eyeing on the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in my hand, then come at me. However, I have to issue a warning first. Although killing is a little problematic, I have the means to cripple you here..." Mu Chen's cold voice resounded in the sky as it brought along chilling intent.

Everyone was trembling in that coldness.

Mu Chen coldly glanced at them, before sweeping his gaze turned towards the surroundings as his cold voice resounded, "As for the cowardly Academy Alliance, this method was too substandard. Next time, do it yourself."

When he finished his speech, he waved his hand as he stored the Divine Wood Guard. His figure moved as he flew towards the distance with Luo Li, Wen Qingxuan, Xu Huang and the rest closely following after. No one dared to obstruct them and could only allow them to leave as they pleased.

Looking at Mu Chen's leaving group, the other teams gathered here powerlessly sighed, before exchanging glances and dispersed. They had ultimately underestimated the two teams...

Concealed in a region here, Mo Yu and his party was looking at Mu Chen's departing group. Mo Yu's face was pale as he firmly stomped his foot, before his cold voice resounded...

"Mu Chen, don't be too proud of yourself. I will get you to spit out the things that belonged to me!"

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Chapter 534: Blood Figure

In the azure-blue sky, a wind slowly drifted amongst the loose clouds. The entire heavens and earth had an antique peace.

Shuuuuu.

The sharp piercing sound of wind that resounded from afar suddenly broke the peace. Thereafter, ten light figures streaked across. In a flash, they appeared in this horizon, along with powerful winds tearing apart the loose clouds.

"There doesn't seem to be anyone chasing after us."

Xu Huang turned his head and glanced at the distance. When he saw that no one chased after them, only then did he feel relieved. Although the strength of Mu Chen and the other two was powerful, the other party had an advantage in numbers. Even if they had to kill, they would go limp from the exhaustion itself.

Mu Chen nodded as he waved his hand and lowered his speed. Thereafter, he grasped his hand and a sparkling translucent jade bottle appeared in his hand. Within the jade bottle, there was Sovereign Spiritual Liquid flickering with a luster. Vaguely, there were pure Spiritual Energy ripples emitted from it that could cause one's heart to race.

"This is..."

Xu Huang and the rest stared as their eyes instantly widened, "Sovereign Spiritual Liquid?"

Speaking of this name, even their voices turned a little heated. After all, they clearly knew how precious the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was. Although it was something that only Sovereign realm experts would perfectly enjoy, it still had a large amount of benefit for them at their current stage.

Mu Chen smiled as he nodded his head. Thereafter, forty Sovereign Spiritual Liquid flew out from the bottle towards Xu Huang and the other three with a flick of his finger. "Ten drops per person. After this trip in the Divine Wood Palace ends, you guys should be able to aim for Spiritual Energy Disaster."

"For us?"

Xu Huang and the other four were a little at loss as they stared at the ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid floating before them. In that instant, they still had not recovered from the shock as they knew how precious the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was. Forty Sovereign Spiritual Liquids was something that not even a 1-Stage Sovereign realm expert could produce, even if that expert was to constantly refine for a year.

“We are a team, I would also benefit if your strength grew.” Mu Chen smiled.

Xu Huang and the other three exchanged looks as they could see the excitement within each other’s eyes. Thereafter, they looked at Mu Chen with gratitude as they nodded their heads, “Thanks.”

Seeing as Xu Huang and the other three had stored the Sovereign Liquid, Mu Chen redirected his gaze towards Pin’er and her group of three that were anxiously waiting as he smiled. “In this trip to the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, I have received the biggest harvest. Therefore, I will fork out your shares as well.”

He had obtained the Spiritual Condensing Bowl in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard. Although it was only a counterfeit, the price of it could still not be estimated. Furthermore, there was still quite a lot of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in the Spiritual Condensing Bowl. Although it was sealed and Mu Chen had no idea how much there was, it should not be a small amount. Generally speaking, Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li also had a share in those Sovereign Spiritual Liquids...

However, due to the reason as it could not be unsealed, there was no way for Mu Chen to divide their shares at the moment and could only wait till the seal was undone. However, at that time, the two girls would probably not be by his side anymore...

Mu Chen’s finger flicked as another forty Sovereign Spiritual Liquids flew towards Pin’er’s group. The four girls were a little startled at how generous Mu Chen was. However, they did not immediately accept it as they directed their gazes over to Wen Qingxuan, since she was the Captain to their team.

“Take it, this is something that he should fork over. Fortunately, you’re not that petty.” Wen Qingxuan took a glance at Mu Chen before nodding towards her teammates.

When Pin’er and the rest heard her words, only then did they feel excitement as they stored the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, before sweetly smiling to Mu Chen, “Thank you, Big Brother Mu Chen.”

Mu Chen smiled as he looked at the remaining forty Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. He helplessly sighed in his heart. It wasn’t easy for him to obtain those Sovereign Spiritual Liquids and in an instant, he had already lost at least half of them. Although he had the Spiritual Condensing Bowl with him, it was sealed at the moment. He also did not dare to get someone to help him with such a precious item, as he was clear that something that could absorb Spiritual Energy and condense it into Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was a miraculous treasure and the temptation it had to Sovereign realm experts.

“Where are we going next?” Wen Qinxuan asked towards Mu Chen. After the two trips with Mu Chen taking the lead and obtaining a huge harvest, she no longer had any opinion with Mu Chen taking the lead.

“Although these Divine Wood Palace ruins are vast, the amount of people that came here to look for treasures is large as well. I’m afraid that most of the places that contain treasures have already been searched.” Mu Chen said with pity as he knew that aside from the Spiritual Treasure Mountain and the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, there were still many places that contained treasures. However, they had spent quite an amount of time in the two places that they had gone to before.

Although he felt pity, Mu Chen was rather optimistic. After all, not all the benefits had been taken. The taboo was being too greedy.

“Let’s go to the Divine Wood Academy...the most important place in the Divine Wood Palace.” Mu Chen said after some pondering, before raising his head towards the distance, “I believe that all those teams with decent strength are already making their way over. I’m afraid that this struggle will be even more intense compared to the other two.”

“I want to see who has the capability to snatch treasures from me.” Wen Qingxuan’s phoenix-like eyes narrowed and within her eyes, there was a blazing fire.

“Let’s go, then.”

Mu Chen smiled as he knew that Wen Qingxuan’s character was as prideful as a phoenix. It was impossible for her to lower her head or to admit defeat to anyone.

As he spoke, his figure had flown away like a streak of light. He was as fast as lightning as he streaked across the horizon like a meteor towards the distance.

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Just when Mu Chen was speeding towards the Divine Wood Academy, the most important area of the Divine Wood Palace, there was a commotion coming from another corner of the ruins.

It was an ancient huge palace built on top of the mountain. The huge palace was built from huge wood as it seemed exceptionally firm. At this moment, there were powerful Spiritual Energy impacts coming from the great palace. Powerful Spiritual Energy ripples swept out, making the mountain seem as if it was trembling.

In the sky around the ancient palace, there were several teams at the mountain peak as they glanced towards the palace from afar with fear in their expressions.

The palace was the most perfectly maintained building within this region. Judging from the scale, it was clearly an important location in the ancient times of the Divine Wood Palace. Therefore, there should be treasures in this area.

This was something that everyone knew.

However, they discovered that when many teams had charged into it in impatience, they quickly came out in a miserable state as fear filled their eyes. No one could have expected this palace to be so dangerous.

Furthermore, they even discovered a guardian with the strength comparable to Spirit Disaster within it.

Facing such obstacles, no other team could successfully enter the palace. It wasn’t until half a day later that a team of roughly a dozen that wore red robes appeared.

That team gave off a chilling aura, making no one dare to carelessly approach them. Furthermore, when they reached here, they did not pay any attention to anyone else and charged straight into the palace. Till now, they had yet to return. However, everyone knew that they were not buried in it as they could feel the violent bloody Spiritual Energy ripples.

There should be an intense fight inside the palace.

This fact made everyone else startled as they were well-aware of how dangerous the palace was. However, that red-robed team with unknown origin could actually last so long inside...

Boom!

There was an ear-piercing booming sound coming from inside. Thereafter, the gate of the palace was suddenly shattered as a huge figure shot out, crumbling this mountain. As huge stones fell, it buried half of the figure within. Everyone directed their gazes over and their faces drastically changed, that huge figure was actually that guardian that possessed the strength comparable to Spirit Disaster...

And right now, that guardian was clearly defeated.

Rustle! Rustle!

In the time that they were startled, there were sounds of water flowing from the palace. A bloody river was suddenly seen charging out of the palace, before turning into a dozen blood-robed figures.

At the head of the group, stood a youth with charming features as his forehead emitted a chill. He indifferently glanced at the shattered guardian before licking his scarlet lips and smiled, "There is indeed some treasures in the Divine Wood Palace, our trip here is not in vain."

As he finished his speech, his gaze suddenly moved as a bloody light flickered in his palm. He narrowed his eyes and a smear of an indifferent smile rose from the corner of his lips.

"That Mu Chen was indeed quite capable... to actually plunder the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard of the Divine Wood Palace... they should be currently heading for the Divine Wood Academy, right?"

"Indeed interesting, if he could obediently hand over all his Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to me, I suppose that I can spare his life."

The youth furrowed his brows as he shook his head shortly, "Forget it, since he dared to be so close to Luo Li, let's just kill him... Otherwise, when he meets that fellow, wouldn't all my merits be taken away?"

"Let's go, towards the Divine Wood Academy. I also intend to meet that unfavourable fellow."

The youth coldly smiled as he waved his hand. His figure turned into a streak of bloody light as he flew away. Behind him, those blood-robed figures closely followed behind him.

As they left, the surrounding teams looked towards the great palace, contemplating if they should go in and take a look. Suddenly, cracks appeared on the palace and under their astonished gazes, it crumbled...

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Chapter 535: Divine Wood Academy

The Divine Wood Academy sat at the highest point of the Divine Wood Mountain. Looking from outside the Divine Wood Mountain, one could vaguely see that there was an imposing building on top of the colossal mountain. It stood quietly and towering, as if it was overlooking this land. In the ancient times, this region had the most governing power to the other big and small forces in this region.

Mu Chen and his party did not make any stops along their way and despite so, when they gradually approached the Divine Wood Academy, it had already taken half a day of their time. Fortunately, there wasn't any sunset or sunrise in the Divine Wood Palace. Dazzling light covered this region at anytime and anywhere. Thus, this was why the trees were lush to such a fearsome degree.

Shhhuuuu.

Mu Chen and his party landed on a mountain peak as they directed their gazes over. There was a smear of astonishment surfacing in their eyes.

At a good distance away, there was a mountain towering into the sky. The mountain peak formed blades as it was extremely precipitous. It was impossible to climb over it and on the peak of the mountain, there was a deep green ancient palace quietly sitting on it. There was a green light circle that was roughly a few thousand feet that made it seem like a ring of a planet around the palace's surroundings. The divine appearance of it was astonishing.

"Truly deserving to be called the Divine Wood Palace."

Mu Chen sighed. Even after the flow of time for the hundreds or thousands of years, they could still feel the powerful might of the Divine Wood Palace from the ancient times that could still be emitted from some fine areas that made others feel respect when looking at it.

Mu Chen gradually withdrew his gaze as he swept towards the surroundings. Thereafter, he could see countless streaks of light flying over at this direction from the distance and landed on the peaks that were tens of thousands of meters high.

Clearly, as time passed, more and more teams gathered onto this region. Mu Chen was not surprised by it as anyone could feel that this palace was the most important location of the Divine Wood Palace.

Boom!

On the tens of thousands of meters peaks, it was as if a bell from the ancient times had suddenly resounded. Within the sound, it gave off a worldly transformation sensation.

"This is the Divine Wood Academy?" Xu Huang and the rest gazed upon the ancient great palace on the peak with blazing gazes as they turned to Mu Chen, "Shall we act?"

"There's no need to rush."

Mu Chen, however, slowly shook his head as his gaze was firmly on the light ring around the great palace as he felt a daunting ripple coming from it as he lightly said, "This Divine Wood Academy is not easy to approach. The light ring is not useless as well. Just with us alone, it's impossible for us to barge into it."

"Correct, the headquarters of various forces have their own powerful defences. Although the Divine Wood Palace has already crumbled with the flow of time, it is still not something that we could recklessly barge in." Luo Li said with her head nodding.

Wen Qingxuan's charming gaze had also landed on the huge light ring as her expression turned grave.

Seeing that response, Xu Huang and the rest immediately broke the anxiousness in their hearts, since they were well-aware of Mu Chen and the other two's strength. Since even they felt danger, then it was naturally not something that they can deal with.

Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan exchanged a glance as they became silent as they waited.

Time rapidly flowed by as the three of them waited.

As time passed, there were countless sonic booms resounding as an earth-shattering amount of light streaked over. Thereafter, they were like locusts as they landed on trees of the various mountain peaks.

The gazes of all those teams that came here were all directed onto the ancient palace on top of the towering peak. Their gazes were blazing with greed as they knew that this area was the most important location of the Divine Wood Palace.

Shhhuuuuu

Another break of wind resounded as another group of people arrived and hovered in the air.

Mu Chen directed his gaze over and, thereafter, he rubbed his nose. The group that just came was from the Martial Spiritual Academy and the one leading had a fine figure and wearing a fiery-red dress. What caught the attention of others was her crescent blade that was even bigger than herself. She was also returning his gaze with a chill.

It was Wu Yingying.

"You meet again." Wen Qingxuan chuckled as she looked at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen helplessly smiled. Previously, on the Spiritual Treasure Mountain, Wu Yingying did not ally herself with Wang Zhong to deal with him, which made him a little surprised, and caused him to have a good opinion about Wu Yingying. Although this young girl was a fiery spice, her character wasn't unruly.

Therefore, when Mu Chen saw that Wu Yingying had come, he gave her a gentle smile.

"Hmph."

However, in contrast to his goodwill, Wu Yingying's face was chill as she coldly snorted and turned her head around, no longer bothered about him.

Having his warm face on a cold butt, Mu Chen felt a little awkward and could only shrug his shoulders.

After Wu Yingying's group, there were also several other powerful teams that had appeared. Among them that made Mu Chen startled was that in this Divine Wood Palace, some teams seemed to have obtained a good opportunity, which made their team, as a whole, to rise in strength.

As more and more teams rushed over, several familiar teams began to show themselves, which include Wang Zhong from the Saint Spiritual Academy and the party from the Four Seas Spiritual Academy.

"Hm?"

Mu Chen softly exclaimed when he saw Wang Zhong as his brows furrowed.

“That fellow’s strength has grown.” Wen Qingxuan had also sensed it as she spoke in astonishment, “It seems that he has already refined the Spiritual Treasure from the Spiritual Treasure Mountain, borrowing it to step into Spirit Disaster.”

“Indeed, worthy of being the most eldest amongst the Four Holy Sons of the Saint Spiritual Academy.” Mu Chen said softly. This Wang Zhong was indeed capable as he was so decisive in refining the Spiritual Treasure at this time and step into Spirit Disaster.

Mu Chen could naturally sense that the Spiritual Energy around Wang Zhong had grown stronger compared to the time at the Spiritual Treasure Mountain. The faint pressure being emitted from him had already shown that he had stepped into First Grade Spirit Disaster.

When Mu Chen had his attention on Wang Zhong, the latter had also directed his cold gaze over.

However, Mu Chen smiled at his cold gaze. First Grade Spirit Disaster was indeed powerful, but it still wasn’t something that could make him feel pressured. This Wang Zhong must have suffered a great blow when Mu Chen defeated the First Grade Spirit Disaster puppet back at the Spiritual Treasure Mountain. Otherwise, he wouldn’t make any breakthroughs at this time.

Wang Zhong must be clear that if his strength remained as it was, he would have lost the qualification to fight with Mu Chen in the end.

Shhhuuuuu.

Another break of wind resounded and Mu Chen directed his gaze over. He saw a large amount of unevenly matched people approaching. However, with their numbers, it was still rather intimidating.

Aside from the Academy Alliance that could gather so many people, who else could it be?

“Those fellows.”

However, when he met Mo Yu, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong once again, he was startled as he discovered that the three of them had lost an arm.

“What’s going on?” Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan exchanged gazes and felt dumbfounded. Just who did those three fellows encounter? Why did they become one-armed?

Mo Yu and the other two landed on a mountain peak as their gazes savagely fixed onto Mu Chen and his party. Killing intent could not be covered in their eyes and, furthermore, there seemed to be violence and mockery within their killing intent.

“Seems like after their trip to the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, those fellows were up to something again.” Mu Chen’s heart jolted. After their last encounter in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, Mo Yu was well-aware that he could not contend against Mu Chen’s group. But from their current appearance, it seemed as if they no longer feared him.

“There are many bizarre things in the Divine Wood Palace ruins. Who knows if they might have gotten an opportunity instead, let’s be careful about them,” said Wen Qingxuan.

Mu Chen nodded his head, Wen Qingxuan wasn't wrong. Opportunity wasn't something that only they could encounter. Although Mo Yu and his group was rather unlucky, who knows, their sorrow might turn into joy instead.

Rustle.

As this region became more and more noisy, there was suddenly the sound of a river and, thereafter, a dense smell of blood came from nowhere and spread throughout this region.

At the scent of that bloody stench, Luo Li's exquisite face was covered in chill.

"Those fellows have finally appeared."

Mu Chen's black pupils were also cold as he looked at the horizon. There was suddenly a river of blood approaching along with a heavy stench of blood.

The river of blood landed under the countless gazes onto a mountain peak. When the bloody light dispersed, a dozen figures that wore blood-red robes appeared, along with chill aura, and the stench of blood spread out.

"Haha, it seems that we're not late."

At the front of the dozen blood-robed figures, Xue Tiandou lightly smiled. However, his smile was filled with murderous flavour. He turned his head over and fixed his gaze onto Mu Chen's party as the smile on the corner of his lips became even more dense.

"Mu Chen, Luo Li, we meet again."

Mu Chen narrowed his eyes as he stared at Xue Tiandou. Among his enemies here, only this fellow that came from the Blood God Clan might make him feel fear. However, he also understood that it was unavoidable for him to have a battle with Xue Tiandou here.

Mu Chen inhaled a mouthful of air as his eyes surveyed the area, before his black pupils instantly turned cold.

Among the six batches of people, the Academy Alliance, Saint Spiritual Alliance and Xue Tiandou's group would undoubtedly target them without any hesitation. He did not have any grudges with the Four Seas Spiritual Academy nor were they friends. As for Wu Yingying, Mu Chen could not see through the heart of that girl and had no idea what she would do under anger.

It seems that it would not be an easy matter for them to become the greatest winner again.

However, no matter what, those fellows still didn't have the qualification to make Mu Chen feel fear!

The youth's pupils were as sharp as a blade that made others not daring to look into his eyes.

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Chapter 536: Climbing the Mountain

Beneath the mountain peak that was tens of thousands of feet, the breaking of wind resounded as one streak of light after another was constantly approaching this direction. Filling this land with noise and causing it to become even more chaotic and noisy.

Mu Chen and his group stood at a position that was the closest to that huge peak. In this inner circle, all those that possessed the qualification to stop in this region were all teams that possessed powerful strength. After all, there were too many people here and without sufficient strength to hold a good position, they would instantly be thrown away.

In this region, the position they stood was held with strength.

Mu Chen's gaze was cold as he stared at Xue Tiandou. Compared to Wang Zhong, Mo Yu and the rest, this fellow was naturally the one that concealed himself the best. He originated from one of the four God Clans of the West Heaven Realm. It was a clan that possessed unimaginable depth. Clearly, Xue Tiandou's position in the Blood God Clan was not someone like Xue Shi from before could compare to.

This fellow came for Luo Li and, naturally, Mu Chen would definitely not let him lay his hands on her.

Faced with Mu Chen's sharp gaze, Xue Tiandou smiled. His smile contained coldness that should make one shiver.

Luo Li, who was standing beside Mu Chen, was tightly gripping her Luo God Sword. Her crystal clear pupils had a chill moving within them. Her heart was filled with uncontrollable killing intent for someone of the Blood God Clan. If it wasn't for their current situation being unsuitable, she might have not held her hands and killed this person from the Royal Family of the Blood God Clan.

Boom!

Just when they had a chill flowing in their eyes as they glanced at each other, another ancient bell rang from the mountain peak. The bell swayed in the heavens and earth as it brought along an aura from the ancients...

Buzz. Buzzzz.

When the bell rang, the light ring around the green great palace seemed to have weakened.

Everyone could see the energy on the light ring being weakened by a great amount in that instant.

"Let's go!"

Among the ocean of people, someone barked as his voice resounded like thunder.

Boom!

The atmosphere in this region instantly exploded as countless teams were seen flying up with boundless Spiritual Energy surrounding them. Their figures had turned into streaks of light as they flew towards the colossal peak.

Mu Chen's figure had also flown out at this instant and at his rear, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan followed with Xu Huang and the rest after them.

Everyone was clear that this was the best time to ascend the mountain. Therefore, no one hesitated.

The earth-shattering amount of light rays streaked across the horizon. After a dozen breaths of time, they had managed to reach the waist of the mountain with the leading light figure not far away from the peak.

Rumble!

Just when the the first person charged towards the summit, the colossal light ring around the palace exploded with a deep sound. Thereafter, countless light beams that were like stormy raindrops rained down from the light ring.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The light beam quickly hit against a human figure. Although that light beam wasn't sharp, those that were hit by it instantly bounced back, no matter what powerful defence he possessed or defensive Spiritual Artifact he had. Fresh blood spurted out as that figure was like a bird whose wings were suddenly broken as he fell from the massive height.

Mu Chen's figure charged as he passed through countless light figures. He seemed to have felt how powerful those light beams were, but he still maintained a calm composure as he had expected such an event.

Shhhhhuuu!

A light beam fell from the sky as it shrouded Mu Chen's figure. That speed had reached a limit that even Luo Li and the rest who were close to him could not provide him any aid in time.

Boom!

Black lightning that was like a lightning dragon burst forth from Mu Chen's body. Lightning flickered on his skin as he seemed like a lightning god, mighty and powerful.

Boom!

That light beam clashed against Mu Chen's body, causing his body to jolt. However, his feet tapped the ground as he pushed through the light beam towards the summit.

Just when Mu Chen was shrouded by the light beam, Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li were also targeted by other light beams.

"Hmph."

Wen Qingxuan coldly snorted as dazzling golden light was emitted as her golden warspear appeared in her hand in a gripping motion. Spear light swept out as she seemed like a war goddess, forcefully clashing with the light beam.

Buzzz.

Luo Li, however, had maintained a calm expression as the Luo God Sword in her hands burst forth with sharp sword light as it slashed down.

Shhhuuuuu!

The two figures charged through the light beams at the same time as they chased after Mu Chen.

Rumble!

At the same time, a few other figures had charged through as well from other locations. Powerful and boundless Spiritual Energy swept out from their bodies as they had managed to forcefully withstand the descending light beams and charged towards the summit.

Bang!

Deep and muffled noises constantly resounded in the sky as countless figures were bounced back as they spat out blood. However, there were also several powerful people that had managed to break through the light beams. Some people with great eyesight had also noticed the fact that with more people charging towards the mountain, the power behind the light beams would also be weakened. This made others well-astonished. If it was to a solo charge, wouldn't that mean that even Sovereign realm experts would be injured by it?

Rustle!

A dragon image appeared beneath Mu Chen's feet as his figure flashed. He had arrived at the summit of the mountain as his figure landed on a platform that was made from green wood.

Behind him, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan followed. After a while longer, Xu Huang and the rest followed after, but their states were a little terrible compared to the prior three. Luckily, they did not follow them too quickly; otherwise, they might not have been able to sustain the attack from the light beam. But even so, they were nearly shot down to the bottom.

Shhhuuuu.

After Mu Chen had ascended the summit, one figure after another had also appeared on the platform. It was a black patch of people but compared to the amount at the bottom of the mountain, god-knows how many were stopped by the first level of defense. At least eighty percent was blocked out.

Mu Chen swept his glance around and saw that Xue Tiandou, Wang Zhong, Mo Yu and Wu Yingying had also successfully ascended the summit.

As everyone reached the summit, the surrounding light ring burst forth with dazzling luster once again. Along with it, there was a heart-alarming thunderous roar.

Deep green light swept out from the light ring as it spread to this platform. Isolating the people here from the Divine Wood Academy.

Rumble! Rumble!

The green light seemed as if it was a green sea of clouds as it surged. Thereafter, deep green lightning appeared amongst the clouds as it flashed through, bring along astonishing roars of thunder.

"That's..."

Everyone looked at the sight of the lightning sea as their faces changed.

"It's the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper..." Luo Li's face was a little grave as she spoke. Within the heaven and earth, there were many bizarre energies born from the world. Their might was unimaginable, similar to the Divine Black Lightning that Mu Chen had previously used to refine his Lightning God's Physique. As for this Divine Wood Lightning Dipper, it was said that this lightning could only be born in a place

filled with the aura of wood, after compressing the aura of wood to the limit and, thereafter, giving the birth of lightning.

This energy was extremely bizarre and hard to deal with as it was like maggots. The instant it entered a body, it would cause Spiritual Energy to explode.

Therefore, when everyone saw what was before them, their faces turned ugly.

“This Divine Wood Academy is, indeed, a place that’s not easy to enter.”

Mu Chen had also softly sighed.

Behind him, the faces of Xu Huang and the rest turned ugly and, shortly after, they bitterly smiled. They had exerted great effort just to pass through the first obstacle and if they were to charge through this sea of lightning, how could they be able to keep their lives? Seems like they could only hold their steps here.

“Those who wish to enter the Divine Academy has to be purified by the sea of lightning in the time it takes to burn a joss stick.”

When the green sea of lightning appeared, an ancient and empty voice indifferently resounded between this heaven and earth, as if it came from the ancient times.

Many faces changed when they heard that voice. It wanted them to enter this sea of lightning? Furthermore, they had to hold on for the time it takes to burn a joss stick...doesn’t that simply mean to take their life?

Mu Chen’s expression was exceptionally grave. However, just when he was about to speak, the empty voice resounded once again.

“Those who obtained the position of Successor has to entire ten-fold the amount of time.”

Mu Chen’s eyes abruptly shrank. Ten times? This god-damned Divine Wood Palace, what dogshit Successor position was this? Was that meant to play someone to death?

“Successor?”

Many people were confused. Clearly, they had not heard of the term Successor prior to this. However, they felt relieved as that meant that they will not be the ones to suffer. This sea of lightning before them was extremely fearsome. A joss stick of time was still something that they could still strive for, but if the time were to extend by ten times, even Spirit Disaster experts would have to retreat.

Shhhhhuuuu!

Just when everyone was discussing, a streak of light shot out of the sea of the lightning that shrouded Mu Chen, whose face had turned ugly.

The surrounding gazes were astonished as they gazed at Mu Chen. As for Wang Zhong, Mo Yu and the rest, they were briefly stunned, before having joy surfacing in their eyes from Mu Chen’s misfortune.

Mu Chen disregarded those gazes as he maintained an indifferent expression. Just when he was about to step forth, his expression suddenly changed as he saw another streak of light shoot out from the sea

of lightning and shone onto another direction. At that direction, Xue Tiandou was also shrouded in the light with a calm expression.

Mu Chen's pupils shrank for a brief moment. This Xue Tiandou had also obtained the identity of a Successor?

So it turns out that he wasn't the only one.

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Chapter 537: Lightning Sea

Two light rays shot out from the sea of lightning and under the eyes of everyone, it shone onto Mu Chen and Xue Tiandou and shrouded them within.

"Those two are actually the so-called 'Successors'?"

On the platform, there was suddenly a voice of exclamation. They weren't too clear about the so-called 'Successors'. However, from the meaning held in the word, it should be an opportunity, but it was impossible for the two of them to obtain it.

They glanced at the tubular green sea of lightning that had green lightning dragons roaring within it, unleashing astonishing might. Although the two of them had the opportunity, it was something that they could obtain after being able to keep their lives.

Standing at the side of Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan also glanced at Xue Tiandou in astonishment. Clearly, they had also not expected that he would be the same as Mu Chen, obtaining the identity of a Successor.

"Haha, I never expected that you would also be able to obtain the identity of a Successor."

Xue Tiandou turned his head over and took a glance at Mu Chen. His handsome face was filled with a smile, except it was a smile with a chill, "But are you sure that you can handle this opportunity? The Divine Wood Lightning Dipper isn't as easy as you think."

"You better not die here." Mu Chen said with a smile.

Xue Tiandou smiled as he nodded.

Rumble.

As the two people smiled towards each other, with killing intent silently surging, another roar of thunder resounded from the sea of lightning as if it was urging the both of them.

Mu Chen deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as a smear of graveness flashed in the depths of his eyes. Shortly after, he no longer had any hesitation as he took a step forward, turning into a streak of light as he charged into the sea of lightning.

When Mu Chen's figure had moved, Xue Tiandou had also turned into a bloody light as he charged into the sea of lightning without any traces of fear.

Rumble! Rumble!

When Mu Chen entered the sea of lightning, he saw the green clouds roll as the green lightning bolts became like huge pythons as they brought along rampant momentum, before tearing the sky and ruthlessly striking Mu Chen at astonishing speeds.

Boom!

Mu Chen's body flew back a few hundred feet as he was struck. Black lightning flickered around him, but the speed of the lightning was extremely high. If one could see through the lightning, they would discover a black patch on Mu Chen's chest, even his flesh was a little messed up.

"How formidable."

Mu Chen's expression turned grave. He had already cultivated the Lightning God's Physique to Penta Rune Lightning Physique. Not even Late Spiritual Energy experts could hurt him. However, he was clearly injured from a bolt of green lightning. The so-called Divine Wood Lightning Dipper was, indeed, tyrannical.

Mu Chen tightened his fist as black lightning frantically flickered. The five lightning runes on his chest flickered as he had already activated his Lightning God's Physique to the limit. Faced with such a situation, despite the fact that he possessed a powerful physical body, he did not dare to be careless.

Boom!

When Mu Chen suffered another green lightning strike, Xue Tiandou had bloody light surging around his surroundings not far away. The latter pushed both his palms out as they turned into a huge, scarlet bloody hand as it clashed with the incoming green lightning.

Huge collisions resounded as the bloody hand was shattered. Xue Tiandou retreated a few dozen feet as his eyes flickered.

When countless people looked at the two people, they inwardly smacked their lips. Those two were indeed, not people that were easy to be dealt with. One actually dared to use his physical body to confront the lightning, while the other used his powerful Spiritual Energy to face it. The strength of those two caused fear to rise in others.

"Let's begin as well." Luo Li said as she looked at Wen Qingxuan.

Wen Qingxuan nodded before looking at her team, "You guys stay here. There's no need for you guys to move forward."

This sea of lightning was so extremely rampant that even Spiritual Energy experts would find it hard to go through. If her teammates were to face it, it would be a little too forceful for them.

Pin'er, Le'er and the rest nodded their heads at her words.

"Let's go."

Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li's figures moved as they rapidly flew out, charging into a patch of the green lightning sea.

Shhhhhuuu!

After them, some figures had also flew in. They had powerful Spiritual Energy ripples around them, clearly they possessed powerful strengths. Therefore, they had some confidence in being able to last a joss stick time in the challenge.

Wang Zhong, Wu Yingying and the rest of similar level charged into the sea of lightning as well. They naturally had quite the confidence in their strengths.

Boom!

As one figure after another constantly charged into the sea of lightning, it suddenly turned rampant as one bolt of green lightning after another shot out from the sea of lightning onto those figures.

Bang!

Low and muffled sounds of explosion constantly resounded as one expert after another who had powerful Spiritual Energy around them instantly suffered. Their Spiritual Energy was thoroughly wrecked by the lightning as it struck them. They flew back a few hundred feet in a terrible state. Many of them were spurting blood as their faces were overwhelmed with astonishment.

Only after experiencing the power of it, did they realise how difficult it was to hold on till the end of the joss stick time.

Outside the sea of lightning, when those who had yet to step in saw the scene unfold before them, they instantly suppressed their hearts that had begun to stir. Although treasures were tempting, their lives were even more important. This Divine Wood Academy wasn't a place where anything could bear fruit.

Explosions of thunder constantly rang by Mu Chen's ears as he swept his glance around. This sea of lightning was in chaos. However, there wasn't anyone in the few thousand foot radius in the area he was in. They were probably afraid that the disaster brought by the identity as Successor would affect them.

Boom!

Another huge lightning pillar shot out of the layers of clouds and struck Mu Chen's body.

Mu Chen was struck back once again as fresh blood flowed down from his arm. The intense pain had made him frown his brows. His charming face had no emotion on it. He looked at the other direction that had bloody light spreading out. Xue Tiandou was withstanding the lightning using his powerful Spiritual Energy.

Although Xue Tiandou would be forcefully moved back from the lightning, he was in a much better state compared to Mu Chen. The appearance of the latter was much better as he did not have any injuries on his body. However, Mu Chen had blood flowing down his body, which made him appear in a pretty terrible state

"Big Brother Mu Chen looks terrible." Pin'er said in a soft tone when she saw the scene.

Xu Huang lightly shook his head, "Mu Chen's strength lies in his physical body, whereas Xue Tiandou's strength lies in his powerful Spiritual Energy. From appearances, it would be natural for the latter to look better. If he were to copy what Mu Chen did, he would have already been turned into a bloody figure."

As they spoke, lightning suddenly turned rampant in the sea of lightning as green lightning frantically flickered.

As the lightning became even more rampant, there were people that could not hold on much longer as they were sent flying out of the sea of lightning with blood spurting from their mouths as they fell onto the ground. Their bodies were black as they appeared in a horrible state. The sight of them caused many people to feel fear as they realised that everyone that was sent flying out were all those that had reached Spiritual Energy Disaster in strength.

Even experts like them could not last a joss stick of time. It's hard to imagine how tyrannical the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper was.

Time flowed quickly under the constantly roaring thunder. However, time flowed as if years had past for those that were inside the sea of lightning.

Mu Chen stood on the cloud as the green lightning constantly struck his body that made him move back. The surface of his body was also covered in black as his skin became torn by the explosions with fresh blood flowing down. However, the blood was evaporated by the high temperature.

Haaaa.

Mu Chen's breath was a little messed up compared to the beginning as he realised that it was hard for him to withstand the lightning despite his Penta Rune Lightning Physique. Although he had not used any means of Spiritual Energy to defend, he had still thoroughly activated his Lightning God's Physique.

Mu Chen swept his glance towards the distance, where a bloody light filled the area. It seemed to have formed into a light sphere with Xue Tiandou being protected within. That fellow seemed to have quite the method up his sleeves.

"A joss stick time should be up."

Mu Chen's eyes flickered as he muttered.

As he murmured to himself, the sea of lightning suddenly became a lot more quiet. Thereafter, everyone could see streaks of light emerging from the other end of the sea of lightning. Those figures that were covered by the sea of lightning were actually brought to the other side of it through suction.

Clearly, those people had already passed through the test.

However, the amount did not exceed a hundred.

The majority of the people that exited through the sea of lightning felt relieved. Some of them were swaying around as they rejoiced in their hearts. It was fortunate that the time was up; otherwise, they would not be able to hold on much longer.

Rumble.

Just when they freed themselves from the sea of lightning, a sudden explosion of thunder resounded from the sea of lightning.

Everyone directed their gazes over and their faces uncontrollable changed as they saw green light spreading in the sea of lightning. Green lightning appeared one after another from the clouds as they seemed like huge dragons unleashing their ferocious might.

At this instant, there were only two people in the sea of lightning.

It was Mu Chen and Xue Tiandou.

Everyone could sense that the sea of lightning had become even more violent compared to before.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan's faces turned grave, while Wang Zhong, Mo Yu and the rest were rejoicing. They couldn't help wishing that Mu Chen would die in the sea of lightning.

The current sea of lightning had just started to show its true might at this moment. Fortunately, only those two could feel its true might. They did not know if they were lucky or unlucky. Everyone was curious, wondering which of the Successors could walk out of this sea of lightning.

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Chapter 538: Divine Wood Lightning Dipper

Rumble.

Rampant thunderous roars resounded from the green sea of lightning between this heaven and earth, making others feel alarmed by it.

At the two sides of the sea of lightning, everyone raised their heads to look at the sea of lightning. At the depths of it stood two figures that looked fragile as the green lightning rolled. It was as if they would collapse in the next moment.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan exchanged glances because even they could feel some danger coming from the sea of lightning. Previously, they had easily endured for a joss stick of time. But if they were to enter now, it might not be so easy anymore.

"Looks like the Divine Wood Palace is testing the so-called 'Successors'." Wen Qingxuan said softly.

The so-called "Successors" that Mu Chen and Xue Tiandou became did not bring them any benefits here. On the contrary, it brought them quite a bit of trouble as everyone could see that they would have passed this test if it wasn't for the identity of Successors that the two of them possessed.

Luo Li lightly nodded her head, "Since they are Successors, then they naturally can't be mediocre. It was reasonable for the Divine Wood Palace to leave behind such a test. After all, they did not want the inheritance of their Divine Wood Palace to fall in the hands of a useless person."

"Then, we'll see how they are going to break through this situation." Wen Qingxuan softly said.

Boom!

Roaring of thunder continued to resound as Mu Chen stood in the sea of lightning. His face was also filled with solemn at this instant as he could sense how rampant the sea of lightning was at this moment. Beneath the clouds, there was green lightning slowly wiggling about as if it was a huge green dragon rummaging, emitting fearsome might from its colossal body.

Huuuuu.

Mu Chen deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as both of his fists were tightly clenched. His gaze was exceptionally sharp at this instant.

Boom!

The brewing sea of lightning exploded in the next instant. Everyone could see the clouds being torn apart as the green light appeared. A gigantic green light that was a few hundred feet swept out. It was like a huge dragon as it charged towards Mu Chen.

The surface of the green light didn't seem like lightning, it was more like the surface of an ancient tree, since it was filled with old tree patterns. It did not seem rampant but only the one that was targeted by it could feel its might.

Black lightning was frantically flickering on Mu Chen's body, making his skin to turn black. A metallic luster was flowing on the surface of Mu Chen's skin. Clearly, Mu Chen had pushed his Lightning God's Physique to the limits.

Boom!

The huge dragon that was made of lightning heavily struck against Mu Chen. Black and green lightning clashed, causing even the surrounding space to twist from the powerful energy collision.

Boom!

Mu Chen's figure flew out in a terrible state. He heavily stomped on the air for a few hundred steps, before he managed to stabilise his figure. The cloths on his upper body were already reduced to ashes. Five lightning runes flickered with light on his chest as his shoulders were covered in blood.

At the two ends of the lightning sea, there was a low commotion that resounded. Even Peak Spiritual Energy Disasters would suffer heavy injuries from that lightning. However, Mu Chen had managed to withstand it. Wasn't that fellow's physical body a little too powerful?

"Hmph, you're courting death. You were already in such a state from the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper. I'll see how you're going to endure the remaining time of nine joss sticks!" Wang Zhong's mouth rose to a mocking smile as he watched the scene.

Mo Yu, Qin Feng and the rest of the Academy Alliance were also sneering at the sight of it.

Wu Yingying stared at the figure in the lightning sea as she maintained a chilled expression. However, the crescent blade was gripped even tighter.

Rumble!

Lightning roared again. However, it wasn't from Mu Chen's direction but was from Xue Tiandou. The latter's face was a little grave as he formed seals with both of his hands. Scarlet blood-coloured boundless Spiritual Energy swept out as it seemed like a bloody river circulated around him that withstood the green lightning.

Scarlet-red Spiritual Energy exploded as Xue Tiandou also moved back from the collision as a smear of blood appeared on his palm. However, it was wiped away without batting an eyelid. He gazed over at Mu Chen's direction as a cold smile rose on his lips. At least compared to Mu Chen, he had a much easier time. If they were to continue, the gap between Mu Chen and him would start to appear. At that time, he wanted to see if that fellow would still dare to talk before him.

That first lightning was clearly just an opening. The lightning sea was barely silent for an instant before everyone could watch in astonishment as huge lightning bolts constantly charged out of the lightning sea as green light rolled. Thereafter, those lightning bolts charged towards Xue Tiandou and Mu Chen.

The previous scene was just paled into insignificance in comparison!

Clearly, the lightning sea had finally unleashed its might.

When Mu Chen saw the scene unfolding before him, his face could not help changing. Shortly after, he heavily stomped his feet as black and white-coloured Spiritual Energy swept forth, clashing towards the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper.

He was finally forced to use his Spiritual Energy to defend.

Bloody rivers were spreading around Xue Tiandou as his powerful Spiritual Energy swept out. The Spiritual Energy that he had cultivated was reeking of blood as it became especially cold and sharp. The bloody rivers revolved around him, overlapping each other as the green lightning's attack came crashing.

Boom! Boom!

The entire lightning sea exploded as one green lightning after another streaked across the sky as they clashed against the two figures.

The ripples that were caused from the impacts tore a layer of the lightning sea apart.

Everyone's hearts were alarmed by the scene. Based on this scene before them, even a Peak Spiritual Energy Disaster expert would be reduced to ashes.

Rumble.

The huge roaring continued and, in an instant, four joss sticks of time had passed. As time passed, everyone could sense the attack of the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper became more and more rampant...

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan could not help clench their fists.

Boom!

Another huge dragon made of lightning tore apart the defenses formed by the black and white Spiritual Energy as it heavily struck against Mu Chen. A groan came from his throat as his figure retreated. A majority of his body was charred by it.

Boom!

On another corner, Xue Tiandou was also sent back. His sleeve was shredded to pieces as blood flowed down from his shoulders. Even the Spiritual Energy fluctuations around him became a little messed up.

It was already the seventh joss stick of time.

However, everyone knew that the last three sticks were the hardest.

The green light that was emitted from the lightning sea as it rolled was extremely dazzling to the eyes.

“Haha.”

Facing this scene, Xue Tiandou smiled. He looked at Mu Chen with a playful smile as he chuckled, “If you back off now, you might still be able to keep your life.”

Mu Chen indifferently glanced at him and no longer bothered.

Those outside the lightning sea were looking at Xue Tiandou in astonishment, wasn't he worried about himself?

Boom!

As they puzzled over that question, the lightning sea had finally thoroughly exploded. Layers and layers of the lightning sea were torn apart as the dazzling green light became like pillars as they soared to the heavens, before diving down. Green light expanded as it seemed as if the Divine Wood Lightning was about to pierce through the heavens and earth.

“Haha.”

Xue Tiandou laughed as he watched the incoming attack. His fist clenched as a green light flickered on his hand. It was a simple and unadorned bell of green wood. The wooden bell did not stand out, but everyone could sense a peculiar energy being emitted from it.

“This Wooden Spiritual Bell was something I obtain from the Divine Wood Palace. It just so happens to be able to restrain the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper. Originally, I did not plan to use it. But looking from this situation, I can't hold my hands anymore.” Xue Tiandou chuckled as he looked at Mu Chen. He flickered his fingers as the Wooden Spiritual Bell rapidly expanded in size to a few hundred feet as it hovered above Xue Tiandou's head.

Boom! Boom!

The Divine Wood Lightning Dipper whistled as it flew down and struck the Wooden Spiritual Bell. An explosion roared. However, no matter how the lightning struck, it could not break through the Wooden Spiritual Bell.

Outside the lightning sea, endless people were looking in envy. No wonder Xue Tiandou was so fearless, so he possessed such a treasure.

“Xue Tiandou had a Spiritual Artifact that could protect him, what about Mu Chen?” Some people looked at Mu Chen. From the current situation, it didn't look to be a problem for Xue Tiandou to withstand the three joss sticks of time. But what about Mu Chen?

Under the gazes of others, Mu Chen's charming face still maintained a calm demeanor as he raised his head, looking at the descending lightning. Shortly after, he deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as light flickered in his black pupils. This made Mu Chen look more prideful.

"If you want to kill me, Mu Chen, it will not be so easy!"

Mu Chen waved his sleeves as the boundless Spiritual Energy around him instantly disappeared.

Those outside the lightning sea widened their mouths from his actions. This fellow was going to call back his Spiritual Energy?

Mu Chen was not bothered with those gazes. Not only did he withdraw his Spiritual Energy, he even sat down as he formed seals with both his hands. The surface of his body was flickering with black lightning. Underneath his skin, his veins were like earthworms as they wiggled, emitting astonishing power at the same time.

He was actually planning to withstand the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper with his physical body!

"That fellow... is he courting death?"

Everyone was dumbfounded by his actions.

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Chapter 539: Clearing With Physique

Rumble!

The earth-shattering lightning roared as it resounded in the region. Within the lightning sea, lightning clouds were frantically rolling. Up in the sky, there were huge dragons diving down. Judging from their might, it seemed as if they were intending to destroy this land.

Under the countless dumbfounded gazes, Mu Chen quietly sat in the lightning sea as he had withdrawn all the Spiritual Energy around him. His charming face was exceptionally calm at the moment as he slightly raised his head. Insanity surged from the depths of his eyes as his black pupils reflected the green lightning.

"Since the Penta Rune Lightning Physique is not able to stop you...then let's make it stronger!"

Mu Chen tightly clenched his fists as he had an unswerving expression on his face. Although the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper was fearsome, it was also an opportunity for Mu Chen. The cultivation of the Lightning God's Physique could not be separated from lightning. No matter what lightning it was, it was all from the same origin of Dao. Using such energy to refine his Lightning God's Physique would only increase its efficiency. However, it contained quite a bit of danger as well. After all, it was impossible to control such energy. The moment he lost control, he would suffer great injuries from it.

However, since when had Mu Chen's cultivation path strayed from the word danger? Without great willpower, the path to becoming an expert could only be ordinary.

Therefore, this danger wasn't something that made Mu Chen feel fear.

Both of his eyes were tightly shut as both of his hands made the seal to cultivate the Lightning God's Physique. Inside his body, Spiritual Energy was also surging as if there was a great enemy as it made preparations.

Boom!

As the lightning roared, a green lightning streaked across the horizon as it dived down without the slightest leniency as it struck Mu Chen.

It was as if Mu Chen had suffered a great impact as his body trembled. His flesh and skin were torn apart as fresh blood flowed, drenching half of his body in blood. But even so, Mu Chen kept both of his eyes tightly shut. Only his slightly trembling body could show his rebellion.

Tssssssk.

Black and green lightning flickered on the surface of Mu Chen's body as the two energies started their battle, neither giving way to the other.

Boom! Boom!

Lightning constantly roared as one green dragon lightning after another dived down and struck Mu Chen's body.

Lightning madly flickered as the green light had nearly covered Mu Chen.

In the sky that Mu Chen sat, clouds were torn apart. Within a few hundred feet of him, space was twisted from the violent impact.

The scene was something that made the scalps of others tingle.

The faces of Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan turned even more grave at this moment. Because of how violent the lightning energy was, they could not sense the Spiritual Energy ripples coming from Mu Chen. Therefore, they could not tell if his situation was good or bad.

"That fellow is simply too reckless." Wen Qingxuan could not refrain herself from commenting. Although Mu Chen appeared with the strength of Human Body Disaster, she was well-aware of the number of cards Mu Chen had up his sleeves. If he were to thoroughly unleash them, he wouldn't have landed in such a terrible state by the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper. However, who could have expected that he gave up on those methods and chose the stupidest method?

Luo Li's pupils stared at the region where green light expanded as she did not speak. At this time, she chose to believe in Mu Chen, since the latter wasn't a reckless person. Since he made his choice, then he naturally had his reason and confidence for doing so.

"Xue Tiandou was fine by using the Wooden Spiritual Bell." Wen Qingxuan looked at another direction where Xue Tiandou stood. The green bell hovered on his head as it emitted faint green luster. The Divine Wood Lightning Dippers that fell from the heavens were all withstood by it. It should be a Peerless Rank Spiritual Artifact. Furthermore, it possessed the ability to counter the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper. Therefore, there wasn't any difficulty for him to carry on.

Therefore, the comparison between the two was rather clear cut.

One had it easy while the other was covered in blood...

“Before it ends, no one can guarantee the outcome.” Luo Li said softly.

Wen Qingxuan could only nod at her words.

Such discussion was not only limited to the two of them. Everyone else was doing the same thing in this region. After all, Mu Chen’s difficulty and Xue Tiandou’s easiness was too obvious.

Time flowed among the discussions.

The three joss stick time was about to end.

Rumble.

Rampant thunderous roars still resounded between this heaven and earth.

Xue Tiandou stood on the air as he had both his hands behind him. Blood-red Spiritual Energy constantly surged out of his body into the wooden bell. The Divine Wood Lightning Dipper was striking the wooden bell as it gave off a sharp and clear sound. However, it was still unable to harm him, only exhausting his Spiritual Energy by quite a bit.

Compared to Mu Chen, he clearly had it too easy.

Xue Tiandou’s gaze were indifferent as he looked at the other direction, which had green lightning spreading. Vaguely, he could see that the figure no longer trembled, as if he was forcefully enduring it. A smear of mockery appeared on his lips. That fellow is really seeking death. Is he really trying to use his physical body to withstand the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper? The one that Luo Li likes is actually such trash?

Xue Tiandou shook his head in pity as the cold sneer that hung on his mouth became even richer.

Time gradually flowed as everyone could sense that the originally rampant lightning sea had gradually started to calm down. Clearly, this was the sign that the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper was ending.

Boom.

The last gigantic green lightning whistled as it dived down. Thunderous roars resounded through the heavens as it thoroughly disappeared. The entire region seemed to have become silent by a lot.

Xue Tiandou stood on the sky as he extended his hand out. The wooden bell above his head rapidly shrank before landing in his hand. He gave it a glance and noticed that the surface of the wooden bell had dulled a little. Clearly, there was wear and tear.

“Looks like it has ended.”

Xue Tiandou indifferently smiled. He looked at the brilliant green light far away. There wasn’t any Spiritual Energy ripples coming from that direction.

Not only him, everyone at the two ends of the lightning sea had also directed their gazes over. They were thinking the same question, wondering what the situation was like inside...

Under their gazes, the green light gradually dispersed. As the green light dispersed, a figure that was seated gradually appeared before showing himself to the eyes of everyone.

Hissss.

When that figure was clear to everyone, everyone inhaled a mouthful of cold air.

The faces of Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan also changed.

The figure that was quietly seated had dark red covering his body. The surface of his body was covered by dried up layers and layers of blood. The blood covered every single inch of his body. The dark-red colour made others feel their scalps tingling at the sight of it. They could only imagine what sort of pain Mu Chen was experiencing earlier to cause such layers of fresh blood to turn into this colour.

“He couldn’t have died, right?”

Someone quietly said as there wasn’t any movement in those layers of blood, not even breathing was present.

“He deserves it!”

Those of the Saint Spiritual Academy and the Academy Alliance had joy filling their faces as they forced a voice with their teeth gnashing.

Wu Yingying was also gritting her teeth as the hand that was holding onto her crescent blade had turned white from the strength she used.

Xue Tiandou stared at that blood figure as he smiled indifferently. He then shook his head and paid no attention. He took a step towards one end of the lightning sea. The posture of his firm and steady steps made him look like a winner. He originally wanted to fight with Mu Chen, but who could have thought that the latter did not have the fortune for it?

“Not being able to pass through such a test, saved my efforts.” Xue Tiandou said with indifference.

He took a step forward.

Crack.

Just when he moved, there was suddenly a cracking noise that resounded in this quiet region.

Xue Tiandou’s steps froze as he turned his head, little by little. He fixed his gaze onto that blood figure that wasn’t moving. In the next instant, his pupils shrank as he saw fine cracks appearing on the dried layers of blood as it quickly spread out.

Crack. Crack.

The cracking sound became even more concentrated that even those on the two sides of the lightning sea could clearly hear it. Shortly after, their faces changed as they looked at that figure. Pieces and pieces of dried blood was actually falling off...

After those layers of dried blood had fallen off, a fair-looking skin appeared with fluorescence shining on the surface of the skin. Underneath the skin, faint green light could be seen.

Pieces and pieces of dried blood rapidly fell off completely.

As the layers of blood fell off, Mu Chen's figure had, once again, appeared in the sight of everyone. He was still sitting down with his eyes closed. However, everyone could sense that it was as if light was being emitted from his body. Vaguely, there was fine thunderous roars resounding from his body.

Xue Tiandou had fixed his eyes onto that figure.

Mu Chen's eyes slightly trembled as he slowly opened them under the countless astonished gazes.

Boom!

When he had opened his eyes, everyone could hear the roaring of lightning had that had, once again, resounded in this area. Green and black lightning intertwined in his black pupils, making the youth seem even more mysterious.

Many people had their breathing paused for that instant. Even those of the Saint Spiritual Academy and the Academy Alliance had their sneers frozen on their face.

Mu Chen, he is actually still alive!

He had actually withstood the fearsome Divine Wood Lightning Dipper with his physical body!

At this moment, even Xue Tiandou's face had turned ugly.

Whereas charming smiles appeared on the faces of Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

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Chapter 540: Ten Pieces of Treasure

The summit was exceptionally quiet. Everyone was dumbfounded as they looked at that slender figure that had appeared after the layers of dried blood shredded off his body, their eyes were filled with disbelief. No one could have expected that Mu Chen would actually manage to withstand the fearsome attack of the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper with his physical body.

"That's too frightening."

Everyone exchanged a glance with each other as they muttered. Just what level did that fellow's physical body reach to be able to accomplish such a feat?

Under the lowered voices of discussions, Xue Tiandou's facial expression was a little ugly. He stared at Mu Chen with a dark gaze. Although the two of them had withstood the lightning sea, the level of their success was categorized as many people had answers in their hearts. After all, he had borrowed the power of an external object, while Mu Chen depended on his physical body.

Although they did not talk about it, they would still feel that Mu Chen had surpassed Xue Tiandou in his accomplishment in the lightning sea. Just this point alone was something that Xue Tiandou could not endure. He came from the Royal Family of the Blood God Clan, his status was something that Mu Chen could not be compared to. Now, he was actually suppressed by Mu Chen.

A smear of bloodlust flashed across Xue Tiandou's eyes as he sinisterly looked at Mu Chen. "Formidable. I never expected you to have such a card hidden in your sleeves."

“You’re flattering me.” Mu Chen said as he smiled indifferently.

Xue Tiandou shrugged his shoulders as he chuckled, “Now it’s interesting. If you died in it, you would have disappointed me. Luo Li’s eyesight isn’t so bad to such an extent.”

“Believe me, you will feel even more interested.” Mu Chen said honestly as he stared at Xue Tiandou.

“Really? Then I’ll have to stare With my eyes big and watch.” A smear of mockery rose from the corner of Xue Tiandou’s lips.

“You will have the chance.”

Mu Chen smiled and no longer bothered. With a tap of his feet, he had already flown out of the lightning sea and landed beside Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

“Are you alright?” Luo Li asked despite the fact that Mu Chen looked good.

Mu Chen smiled as he nodded. Both of his fists were tightly clenched as a smile rose from the corner of his lips. He could feel that his physical body had grown stronger again... The risk that he had taken before was the right path. Although it was painful, strength that was obtained through suffering was the genuine strength.

Mu Chen swept his gaze. Many people that had touched his gaze all shifted their eyes. There was respect in their eyes. Although the latter had only appeared to have Human Body Disaster in cultivation, they understood that not even Spiritual Energy experts could fight him. The physical body of that fellow was simply too powerful. They didn’t know how he cultivated it.

When Wang Zhong, Mo Yu and the rest had touched gazes with Mu Chen, their eyes were a little dark. However, Mu Chen paid no attention to them.

Wu Yingying’s gaze touched Mu Chen’s for an instant, before she turned her head with a cold expression. The hand that was tightly gripping onto her crescent blade had loosened. However, when she noticed her fine thoughts, she was stunned. Shortly after, she felt anger, why would she care about the life and death of a lecher?

Mu Chen’s gaze leaped through everyone as he gazed upon the great green palace. This area was already the front of the palace as green stone stairs before them had stretched to the palace.

This is the Divine Wood Academy. After all their time and efforts, they finally stood here.

When Mu Chen’s gaze was staring at the ancient palace, all those that had passed through the test of the lightning sea had also directed their gazes over. When they started out, there were thousands of teams and right now, there were only a hundred people.

The elimination rate was simply too alarming.

“Let’s go.”

Mu Chen was the first that charged out as his feet tapped on the stone stairs and charged straight towards the palace like an arrow that had been shot out.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan closely followed. At the same time, Xue Tiandou, Wang Zhong, Mo Yu and the rest had also turned into streaks of light as they flew out. The Divine Wood Academy was just before them, as long as they made that other step, they would be able to reach the most important place of the Divine Wood Palace.

Rustle!

Rapid breaks of wind resounded as the nearly hundred people present had pushed their speeds to their limits.

Under their speeds, the thousands of steps of stairs only took an instant for them to travel. Thereafter, Mu Chen stood on the summit as his gaze suddenly widened. The ancient palace was clear before his eyes.

The great palace was so extremely majestic that it made them look as small as an ant before it. This palace did not have any walls as it was surrounded by a vast wood-green plaza. On the plaza, there were ten green pillars that stood towering. Those pillars were roughly thousands of feet in height, as if they had pierced through the clouds.

The towering green pillars were filled with profound light runes as faint light emitted. It gave others a feeling that it couldn't be shook.

However, the gaze of Mu Chen and his group only stopped on the ten towering pillars for a brief moment before directing it towards the peak of them. There were ten green light balls and within those light balls, there were waves of Spiritual Energy ripples being emitted from them. Causing the Spiritual Energy between this heaven and earth to seem as if it was boiling.

Everyone's gazes were fixed onto those light balls. Shortly after, there were fiery blazes surging from their eyes as they could vaguely see that within every light ball, there was equipment. They were either swords, scrolls or armours...

However, those items were emitting astonishing amounts of Spiritual Energy ripples. Clearly, they were not your everyday ordinary products.

Everyone's gazes were staring at the ten light balls in heat. Although they could not guarantee what those items in the light balls were, even a retard would tell that those were treasures!

"I'm afraid that...even Quasi-Divine Artifact are present within them."

Luo Li approached Mu Chen as she softly spoke.

When Mu Chen heard her words, he nodded his head, but his actions could not be noticed. His gaze swept past those light balls as he spoke in a voice that only the three of them could hear, "Luo Li, you go for the third left and Captain Wen Qingxuan, go for the fifth right."

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were stunned for a moment as they calmly nodded their heads. From the looks of it, it seems that Mu Chen knows some stuff...

"Let's go!"

Mu Chen's eyes flickered and, thereafter, he issued a deep bark. A dragon image appeared beneath his feet as he flew out.

Rustle!

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan flew out in an instant as they charged towards the light balls that Mu Chen had mentioned earlier.

When they moved, Mu Chen had also pushed his speed to the limit. The one he had targeted was a light ball on the ninth right as he had already known what treasures were there with his identity as a Successor. Those three lights that he had pointed out were the most powerful among all.

Those three were Quasi-Divine Artifacts!

Although Quasi-Divine Artifacts were of the lowest level amongst the Divine Artifacts, they had surpassed the category of Spiritual Artifact. Every single Divine Artifact possessed the power to explosively increase one's strength. Their might was not something that a Spiritual Artifact could be compared to. Currently, aside from the Great Meru Demonic Pillar, Mu Chen only had the Demonic Dragon Devouring Spear that could he called a treasure. Although it was a Peerless Rank Spiritual Artifact, it was vastly incomparable to a Quasi-Divine Artifact.

When the three of them moved, it had thoroughly made everyone that was eyeing those light balls to move as well. Their speed wasn't slow as they immediately burst out. However, they could not judge which was the best among the ten light balls and could only try their luck.

Mu Chen, however, did not have any hesitation. The dragon beneath his feet roared as it became like a soaring dragon. In a wink of an eye, he had already appeared before the ninth towering pillar.

Thereafter, his figure exploded and in the next instant, he had already appeared on the peak of the pillar. His eyes were filled with the light that was before him. Mu Chen focused his gaze over and could vaguely see an object in the light.

It was a Stone Seal that was carved from some unknown item. The Stone Seal was dark-green in colour as it appeared extremely antique. There wasn't any unnecessary flowery patterns on it, only a black tortoise carved on the top of it. The tortoise was extremely mottled, as if the countless years and months had left behind its marks.

Mu Chen's line-of-sight was focused on the Stone Tortoise Seal as he could feel the Spiritual Energy within his body become heavy. His gaze froze at that instant. What a formidable object. With just a look, it was as if he had tens of thousands of catties placed on him to the point that even his Spiritual Energy was affected by it.

"Indeed worthy of being a Quasi-Divine Artifact."

Mu Chen praised in his heart. With the news of the Successor, he already knew that there was a divine object in the Divine Wood Palace that's called the Black Tortoise Seal that could suppress anything. From the looks of it, this should be it.

Since he had already found the treasure, it was impossible for him to give up. He circulated his Spiritual Energy as black lightning flickered on the surface of his body. He extended his hand as it pierced through the light, towards the Black Tortoise Seal at lightning speed.

Shhhuuuu!

However, just when he was about to grab ahold of the Black Tortoise Seal, an extremely break of wind resounded above his head. A blood pike was aimed at his head as it brought along the reeking smell of blood in an extremely challenging angle.

That attack was extremely vicious. As long as Mu Chen grabbed the Black Tortoise Seal, the pike would pierce through his brain.

Mu Chen's gaze past the long pike. Behind the pike, it was Xue Tiandou, who did not have any expression on his face. As for his gaze, it was cold at this instant. This fellow was really haunting as he had been eyeing him and not letting him go.