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Chapter 551: Coming out of Seclusion

Remaining in the air, Mu Chen gave a wave of his sleeve, rapidly restraining the tyrannical Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from his body. Turning to take a look at Xu Huang and the other two, he gave a nod in satisfaction. At this moment, the trio had also successfully passed through their Spiritual Energy Disaster, obtaining quite a large increase in their strength.

Seeing Mu Chen look over, Xu Huang and the other two gave a laugh in return, with gratitude present in their smiles. During the short few months they had been together on this shattered continent, their strength had seemingly advanced by leaps and bounds. Such a pace of improvement had an extremely huge connection with Mu Chen, something that the trio was well-aware of. If not for Mu Chen and Luo Li carrying them through the massive turmoil, their group would have already been squashed deep down under the sea of people present here. How would they be even able to walk to such a stage?

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a ray of sword light shot out from underneath the waterfall, radiating with a level of fierceness that sent chills through people's hearts. As it shot out, the waterfall was severed in half, with a gigantic sword fissure with an endless bottom appearing on the mountain cliff behind it.

At this moment, a beautiful figure shot out, before finally appearing by Mu Chen's side, her bright and resplendent long hair appearing like a silvery river as it fluttered in the air. It was precisely Luo Li.

"You've passed through your Spiritual Energy Disaster?" As she appeared, Luo Li looked over to Mu Chen, with a shadow of happiness surfacing within her clear and bright eyes.

Mu Chen smiled as he nodded his head. Thereafter, he directed his gaze towards Luo Li, who was moving back and forth. A smear of astonishment flashed through his eyes as he realised that after this session of seclusion training, the Spiritual Energy within Luo Li's body seemed to be even more firm. If one did not sense it properly, they might have felt that Luo Li's strength had fallen after this session.

However, the possibility of this happening was close to none. There was only one possible outcome to this situation, Luo Li's strength had, once again, surged... Previously, Luo Li's strength was only at Spiritual Energy Disaster. Now that she had made another breakthrough, wouldn't it be First Grade Spirit Disaster?

"You've passed through the first level of your Spirit Disaster?" Mu Chen could not help asking.

Hearing Mu Chen's question, Xu Huang and the other two had also happily looked towards Luo Li. Being extremely clear about Luo Li's strength, they knew that she was able to use her strength with a cultivation at the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster to contend against an expert of the first level of Spirit Disaster. If she was about to breakthrough once more, wouldn't that mean that she now possessed a might comparable to someone at the second level of Spirit Disaster?

With such a level of strength, even amongst the experts within the final phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament that were as numerous as the clouds in the sky, it was more than enough to rank her amongst the very best.

Upon hearing Mu Chen's question, Luo Li didn't give a reply, only sent a faint smile in return.

"Ah, what a blow." Mu Chen gave a sigh in helplessness. Although his speed of cultivation was already considered to be rather fast, he was always one step behind Luo Li, something that caused him to feel slightly depressed. Although he wasn't very insistent of wanting to surpass Luo Li, being a man, this issue would always remain in his heart.

Tittering in response, Luo Li extended her jade-like hand and held onto Mu Chen's, her tender little hand instantly caused the tiny depressed feeling present within Mu Chen's heart to be instantly wiped clean.

"As of now, I'm afraid that the overall situation of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament has already grown extremely intense," said Luo Li, while looking at the far distance. Although she had always remain in isolation training for the past ten-plus days, she also had a faint premonition about it. After all, the final phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had already begun.

Hearing her comment, Mu Chen nodded his head in agreement, with his eyes focusing towards the far distance. After a short instant, a scorching shadow gushed from the depths of his eyes. The Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had finally started to gradually proceed to its end. However, he was also extremely clear that the real competition had only just started to descend.

Waiting to extricate themselves from the powerful groups piling on top of one another to finally obtain the mere eight places for the final match wasn't any easy task. However, regardless of what opponent they faced, Mu Chen didn't have the slightest bit of fear nor dread. On the contrary, it was something that he was greatly anticipating... he anticipated crossing hands against the truly powerful groups, as only in such bloody battles would it allow for people to grow and progress.

The path of the strong was something that the weak would never be able to walk down.

"Let's go. We should also move our bodies. Since the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament has already turned completely lively, if we don't show any accomplishments whatsoever, we might truly vanish amongst the crowd," said Mu Chen with a smile as he gave a stretch of his body.

Hearing that, Xu Huang and the other two heavily nodded their heads in response, their eyes fervently burning.

"Let's go."

Without speaking another word, Mu Chen gave a wave of his sleeve, transforming straight into a ray of spiritual light that shot out, with Luo Li, Xu Huang and the rest immediately following behind.

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While Mu Chen and his group were leaving the place of their isolation training, there was a desolate valley present at an extremely far place. Bare mountainous rock was present all around it, with the entire region perfused with a desolated flavor.

Bang! Rumble.

Suddenly, low, deep rumbling sounds rang from within the desolated valley, only for a gigantic fissure to split apart from the depths. As it extended all the way to the entrance of the valley, an entire flight of ancient stone steps appeared from within.

Tap, tap.

Faint footstep sounds rang from the end of the stone steps before numerous figures appeared under the bask of the sunlight a moment later.

The people in the lead were two exceedingly handsome youths, possessing tall and straight figures with sharp eyebrows angling outwards from above their eyes, while extraordinary auras gushing from them. Present behind them was a beautiful girl, with her black hair worn exquisitely into a bun, revealing her snow-white neck. A gentle smile hung on her beautiful face, causing her entire body to radiate with a gentle and soul-stirring aura.

Behind these three people were two figures that hastily followed behind.

Standing at the edge of the stone steps, the five looked towards the fissure behind that was gradually closing. All of them quietly took a breath of relief, while giving of a feeling of seeing the light of day after being given a new lease of life.

The appearances of these five were exceedingly familiar. That's because they were Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton, Su Xuan, He Yao and Yang Lin, the second group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy!

"We're finally out." Looking at the bright sky above, Shen Cangsheng could not help smiling, while a disdainful aura started to radiate from his brows, one that appeared to be even more dense as compared to before.

Beside him, Li Xuanton had also nodded his head in agreement. With a clench of his hand, his Academy Plaque appeared, while he scanned the Top 16 listed on it. Upon seeing the rankings, a faint twitch appeared on his forehead as he said, "From the looks of it, the struggle in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament has grown extremely intense... the points have reached such high levels."

At this moment, the first place on the rankings was still held by the Saint Spiritual Academy's group, led by Ji Xuan, with their points already reaching 13,000 points!

Such a terrifying number of points caused even Li Xuanton to feel shock within his heart.

"That Ji Xuan's said to be extremely formidable..." said Shen Cangsheng as he nodded his head, before muttering, "Furthermore, from what I know, Mu Chen seems to have some grudges and grievances with him, right?"

"It's seems like that," replied Su Xuan with a gentle nod, before saying with a gentle smile, "I wonder exactly how Mu Chen and the others are doing now. There seem to be no trace of their names at the Top 16. With their level of strength, it's unlikely so, right?"

"With Mu Chen and Luo Li there, their group's absolutely not ordinary," replied Li Xuanton.

"Haha. That brat's not that easy to deal with. I believe that we'll be able to bump into them not long from now. Furthermore, even if they were truly unlucky to be defeated, isn't there still us here?" Shen Cangshen gave a heroic laugh as he said, "I can also take back the place of the number one expert of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy at the same time."

“Although you’ve obtained a huge chance from this Desolate Sect, wanting to take back the title of the number one expert from Mu Chen might not be an easy matter to accomplish,” replied Su Xuan with a faint smile, instantly pouring cold water on Shen Cangsheng.

Upon hearing her reply, instead of getting angry, Shen Cangsheng started to laugh. He was similarly extremely clear about Mu Chen’s capabilities. That fellow’s a monstrous talent. Although his level of strength had progressed by leaps and bounds since then, he was still truly not confident in saying that he was able to completely surpass Mu Chen.

“Let’s ignore him, for now. We ought to make our move, carve a path out for ourselves and snatch all of the points. We definitely have to climb up the Top 16 before Mu Chen and his group does!” said Shen Cangsheng with a wave of his hand. In the next instant, with a fierce stomp of his feet, his figure immediately rushed into the sky.

“Let’s go.” Nodding his head, Li Xuanton clenched his hand, causing a powerful Spiritual Energy to immediately sweep out like a storm, instantly crushing the giant stones in his surroundings into dust. At this moment, his figure had rushed into the sky in a spectre-like fashion.

Similarly, Su Xuan and the other two immediately followed suit, with powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from their bodies. Their level of strength had become much, much stronger as compared to what they were when they had just entered the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Clearly, they had similarly obtained quite a huge benefit and chance during this period of time.

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After leaving their isolation training site, Mu Chen and his group orientated themselves to the right direction, before rushing towards the central region of the Shattered Continent.

Along the way, Mu Chen and the rest had also bumped into quite a few groups that clearly had same goal as them.

Faced against those groups, Mu Chen felt slightly astonished within his heart. That was because he could sense that they were rather powerful, with each group seemingly possessing more than three people whose strength was on the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster, at the very least, with not a single one below the realm of Human Body Disaster.

Such a sight caused Mu Chen to sigh in admiration. From the looks of it, there were quite a few groups that obtained a huge increase in strength from the remnants present within the Shattered Continent. At the very least, during the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, people at the realm of Human Body Disaster were sufficient to be considered as experts. However, as of now... people at that level of strength had already reached the point of almost being eliminated.

However, although they had bumped into quite a few groups along the way, the journey of Mu Chen and his group was mysteriously free and unimpeded, with simply no group daring to find trouble with them. Clearly, those groups were faintly able to sense how thorny Mu Chen’s group was, causing their gazes to be filled with dread to the point of not daring to go too close to them.

Such a situation caused Mu Chen to feel somewhat helpless. In actual fact, he hoped for people to come knocking on his door, before gifting points over to him...

However, since no one came to find trouble for them, it's still best for them to continue their journey. He knew that within the vast central region, there would be a sky-high number of points awaiting them to snatch and plunder.

Therefore, the pace at which Mu Chen travelled increased once more.

Their journey lasted closed to three days, they had finally neared the battle-strewn central region. As they did so, Mu Chen and the rest received a piece of news that caused a sliver of shock to appear within his heart.

The news they heard was that... Wen Qingxuan's group had fallen into trouble.

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Upon knowing that Wen Qingxuan and her group had met with trouble, Mu Chen and his group were undoubtedly shocked. After working with Wen Qingxuan and her group, they were naturally very clearly of the astonishing strength the latter possessed. Although they had yet to see her taking action without any restraint, even Mu Chen would admit that if he was to truly cross hands with her, even he would not dare to say that he possessed an absolute chance of victory.

This was an arrogant and haughty phoenix from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy. Not only did she possess a beauty that could cause the downfall of countries, her talent was similarly more than sufficient to cause countless geniuses to pale in colour.

In accordance to Mu Chen's original estimates, although all the powerful groups participating in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had appeared, there were only an exceedingly few that were able to contend against Wen Qingxuan. Furthermore, Mu Chen was truthfully unable to come up with anyone possessing the capability that could truly cause trouble for her.

Therefore, with some suspicion and doubt within their hearts, Mu Chen and his group proceeded to ask around and gathered information, with a foreign-sounding name finally landing within their ears.

Xiao Huang.

"Xiao Huang? Who's that fellow?" Upon hearing their foreign name, Xu Huang and the other two instantly voiced out in suspicion. Ever since their entry to the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament till now, they have yet to heard about this name before.

The mysterious great leader of the Academy Alliance is known by the name of Xiao Huang," replied Luo Li in a soft voice.

"Academy Alliance?" The faces of Xu Huang and the other two instantly changed. They never had much of a friendly relationship with the Academy Alliance. However, while they were in the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace, those fellows were given an extremely miserable beating by Mu Chen. Who would have thought that there would still be such a formidable figure present within the Academy Alliance?

"No matter how formidable Xiao Huang is, I don't think that he'll truly be able to cause trouble for Wen Qingxuan, right? Although their might perhaps be some people in this Great Spiritual Academy

Tournament that can contend against her, it would be absolutely difficult to surround and trap her,” muttered Mu Chen, while a faint wrinkle appeared on his forehead.

“It’s said that Wen Qingxuan’s not the only person that has been surrounded and trapped. Even Pin’er, Le’er as well as the other two groups of their Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy,” replied Luo Li while shooting a look at Mu Chen. “Furthermore, that Xiao Huang is also a Spiritual Array Master, and is even quite accomplished in his attainments in this aspect.”

“Oh?” Hearing that, Mu Chen’s eyes slightly narrowed. This piece of information had seemingly exceeded his expectations.

“From the looks of it, the reason why Mo Yu and his gang of peeps were able to display the Jade Disk that could create a shielding Spiritual Array in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard should be due that person,” said Mu Chen slowly, while a unique glint appeared in his eyes. The Spiritual Array present within the Jade Disk was exceedingly ingenious. The creator of such a thing would definitely not be any ordinary person. Looks like this Xiao Huang truly was extraordinary.

“According to the news that has been circulating around, as of now, Wen Qingxuan and the others have been surrounded and trapped by the Spiritual Array that Xiao Huang had meticulously arranged, and are unable to extricate themselves from within,” said Luo Li.

“As long as the Spiritual Array arranged by Xiao Huang hasn’t reach the realm of Spiritual Array Grandmaster, it would absolutely be unable to trap Wen Qingxuan. However... if there are other people besides her, it would be hard to say,” muttered Mu Chen. With Wen Qingxuan’s level of strength, although it might be thorny for her, wanting to extricate herself would absolutely be a possibility. However, the problem was the other groups from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy trapped with her. These people would be unable to easily extricate themselves. Therefore, it was impossible for Wen Qingxuan to break free and leave the rest behind.

“What a good method employed by that Xiao Huang,” said Mu Chen in an indifferent tone.

Luo Li nodded her head in agreement. Clearly, that Xiao Huang was relying on this ploy to interfere with the plans of Wen Qingxuan. After all, there were times that the number of people trapped within a Spiritual Array wouldn’t amount to any superiority and might even become a burden. Therefore, as long as Wen Qingxuan wasn’t able to become heartless and toss her group members aside, this would continue to weigh her down to the point where she would no long be able to endure anymore.

This was clearly something that Xiao Huang was happy to see.

“They say that Wen Qingxuan and the others have already been trapped for three days. However, that Xiao Huang’s also kinda strange, since, from the start, he has only made a move to trap them and has not done anything else since,” said Luo Li doubtfully in a soft voice.

Hearing that, wrinkles started to faintly form on Mu Chen’s forehead. After deeply pondering for a moment, he said, “I believe... that their goal might not just be Wen Qingxuan alone.”

Hearing his words, Xu Huang and the others instantly gawked, before saying in shock, “Not only Wen Qingxuan... could it be...?”

As they thought about it, their faces furiously contorted. As of now, they couldn't be more clear about the grudges and grievances between them and the Academy Alliance. All of the plans the Academy Alliance had cooked up was ruined and destroyed by them, with their three leaders even being sent retreating for their lives in a miserable fashion by Mu Chen. Such grudges wouldn't be light. If that Xiao Huang was the great leader of the Academy Alliance, he would definitely not be able to quietly swallow this down.

Therefore, if the Academy Alliance was planning to target someone other than Wen Qingxuan, they would definitely be the first to bear the brunt.

"The only thing Xiao Huang did to Wen Qingxuan was to surround her, but did not attack. This might be due to her strength. However, I believe that there might be quite a large possibility that he wants to lure us to come forward and help her... Haha, this Xiao Huang sure has a big appetite," said Mu Chen with a smile, one that contained a sliver of chilling intent.

"What should we do, then?" asked Xu Huang as he looked towards Mu Chen.

Narrowing his eyes slightly, Mu Chen pondered for a long while before replying in a calm manner, "Since he's anticipating us to knock on his door, we should naturally not let him be disappointed. It just so happens that we needed a large amount of points. I believe that the Academy Alliance might be able to let us eat to our hearts content."

Mu Chen did not wish to avoid such trouble. Even without mentioning the first promise about helping her that he had made towards Wen Qingxuan, it was impossible for them to avoid such an invitation to battle. Mu Chen believed that there might already be people from various groups paying attention to the progress of this matter; after all, regardless of Wen Qingxuan or Xiao Huang, both of them were figures that demanded considerable weight in the current situation of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Their crossing of hands would definitely attract the attention of others.

"Okay!" Xu Huang and the other two immediately nodded their heads. Although they knew that the Academy Alliance, being able to trap Wen Qingxuan and the others up, would definitely have arranged for them to walk into a trap, under the leadership of Mu Chen for the past number of months, what kinds of danger had they not walked straight into? Furthermore, they did not assume that Mu Chen would lose to that great leader of the Academy Alliance.

Hearing Mu Chen's words, Luo Li gently nodded her little head; after all, she had some level of friendship with Wen Qingxuan. As of now, with the latter being in trouble, they should try all means possible to provide assistance to her.

"Let's go!"

Seeing that no one had opposed his decision, Mu Chen didn't hesitate any longer. With a wave of his hands, he shot straight towards the central region of the Shattered Continent, with Luo Li, Xu Huang and the other two immediately following suit.

For the next whole day, Mu Chen and his group didn't take any breaks, maintaining their speed to their utmost limit as they rapidly headed towards the central region.

As they grew increasingly close to the vast region, Mu Chen finally started to sense the turmoil and chaos present within. With the continuous increase in the number of groups present, of which all possessed impressive strength and power, all of them were deeply vigilant and greedy. Therefore, this had caused all of them to appear like powder kegs that were inflated to the very extreme. With just the slight bit of provocation, they would completely explode.

Therefore, when every two groups made some form of contact, what proceeded next would definitely be a huge intense battle with neither prepared to give an inch.

Wanting to advance would require defeating the opposite party. In this place, only the victor could continue with their journey.

To the victor goes the spoils. This was played out to the very extremely at this place.

Under such a chaotic situation, even Mu Chen and his group had similarly encountered with obstruction, in the form of a few “quite powerful” groups casting their greedy gazes over. Faced against those groups that had treated him and his group as targets, Mu Chen didn’t show the slightest bit of courtesy. Therefore, those groups that dared to take action would be defeated in a swift and powerful fashion, with not one bit of mercy shown, before snatching away half of their points.

With such fat sheep that had automatically walked right into them, Mu Chen’s points had increased by 2 to 3 thousand in the short span of a day. One could say that they had obtained a bountiful harvest.

Naturally, however, such a drastic increase in points wasn’t considered much when compared to those sitting in the Top 16 of the rankings. That’s because the points held by the Top 16 would change at any given moment, with such changes exceeding over 5000-plus points.

However, after a day’s worth of time, Mu Chen’s progressive increase in points gradually came to a stop. After suffering defeat-after-defeat, those groups that have been advancing wave-after-wave had finally started to understand how thorny this group they had targeted really was. It was on a level that they absolutely couldn’t handle.

Therefore, as dread and fear finally filled them, they had no choice but to completely conceal those greedy gazes of theirs, while no longer daring to take action against Mu Chen and his group.

With such obstructions disappearing, Mu Chen’s feet finally stepped onto the exceedingly vast central region on the second day of travel. This place had now already become the place within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament where the spotlight was shining the greatest.

Just as they have stepped on the central region, Mu Chen and his group had received yet another piece of information.

Within these two days, the Academy Alliance had still only continued to keep Wen Qingxuan and the others trapped, while not launching any offensive against them. However, this time, the Academy Alliance had openly sent a letter of challenge. It was exactly this piece of information that was sent right towards Mu Chen and his group.

Mu Chen. I, Xiao Huang, am waiting for you to break the array to save those people.

It was just this short sentence that the Academy Alliance had sent out. However, it had brought about extremely huge waves of commotion within the central region, while causing some doubts and suspicion to surface in many powerful groups. After all, the group that was led by Xiao Huang had already reached the 9th place on the rankings. Furthermore, they had Wen Qingxuan trapped. Therefore, it had made him absolutely well-renowned within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

As for Mu Chen? The majority of the people were unfamiliar to this foreign-sounding name; after all, Mu Chen had only stepped into the Top 16 for a bit of time before disappearing. Up till now, he had yet to step back into the Top 16. Therefore, many people were extremely unfamiliar in regards to him.

However, despite their unfamiliarity, a person that could cause the great leader of the Academy Alliance to send a challenge would definitely not be any ordinary person. This point had indeed attracted the interest of people from various groups. Therefore, numerous groups started to rapidly head towards the region indicated by the challenge.

While this was happening, Mu Chen had also received this letter of challenge that was brimming with provocation.

Faced against it, a faint smile appeared on his face. Yet, without saying anything more, he gave a wave of his hand, while a calm voice followed suit and rang out.

“Let’s go. We’ll break the array and save them.”

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Chapter 553: Invitation

Heart of the Shattered Continent, northwest region.

Present here was a stretch of luscious green mountain ranges, with high ridges and peaks that overflowed with greenish life.

Generally speaking, such a place would normally appear exceedingly remote and quiet. However, at this moment, this place appeared exceedingly noisy and was filled with clamoring noises, while whooshing sounds continuously rang throughout the surrounding mountain ridges. Finally, glowing figures shot over, appearing in the sky or the sea of trees present below. Therefore, this place, which was already noisy, became even more lively.

The powerful groups that came from various directions stood in the distant sky. Yet, their gazes had all focused on the centre-most position of the mountain range without any prior consultation. Presently, there was an extremely majestic mountain peak that towered over the region. However, at this moment, bright and resplendent spiritual light had perfused over the top of the mountain peak. This spiritual light appeared exceedingly dazzlingly, appearing just like the rise of the scorching sun, causing piercing pain in the eyes of the people looking at it.

Therefore, the faces of the groups looking over were filled with solemnness. That’s because they could clearly sense how terrifying the Spiritual Energies radiating from that Mountain Peak were.

“The Multi-Academy Alliance’s Xiao Huang’s truly formidable, to actually be able to arrange such a powerful Spiritual Array. With such Spiritual Energy fluctuations, even an expert on the realm of the first

level of Spirit Disaster would not dare to rush into it.” Upon spotting the spiritual light perfusing from the mountain peak, the various groups present could not help whispering to each other.

“If the Spiritual Array’s not strong, how would it be that easy for that Xiao Huang to trap Wen Qingxuan?” said some people in a deep voice.

“However, the guts of that Xiao Huang’s truly big to actually dare to take such action against Wen Qingxuan in such a manner. I’m afraid that Wen Qingxuan and her people might be in some trouble this time.”

“Hmph. This Xiao Huang had used a really despicable method and captured the groups of the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy, before using them as bait to lure Wen Qingxuan into an already prearranged Spiritual Array. Only by doing so was he able to trap her. If not, if she was to truly take action, that Xiao Huang would definitely not be a match for her.” Some people snorted in disdain. After all, with her fame and reputation being so big, coupled by her absolutely stunning appearance, these traits were more than enough to attract the adoration and admiration of many people. Although there were many people that knew that this arrogant and haughty phoenix would not cast a gentle and beautiful gaze over to them, all of them already had some indignant feelings upon seeing Xiao Huang use such a method to deal with Wen Qingxuan.

This person’s words had attracted some approvement. All of them knew that, although the Spiritual Array that Xiao Huang had arrange was indeed exceedingly formidable, wanting to completely trap Wen Qingxuan was an extremely difficult thing to do. Therefore, although Wen Qingxuan had been trapped for the past few days, this was all completely due to her worry for the safety of her group members. After all, faced with such a formidable Spiritual Array, only she might have the ability and capability to contend against it.

“The only rule of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament is survival of the fittest. What methods or ways used doesn’t matter. As long as you can defeat your opponent, who can care about what method or way you use? All of that is just the excuses of the losers.” There were also some people with different opinions who voiced their opposition. Therefore, it had also attracted the sneers of people. With the sounds of dispute rising and falling in succession.

The entire region was filled with noisy sounds. Present on the top of a mountain peak not far away were a few standing figures, with their gazes locked on the mountain peak radiating with dazzling spiritual light.

“That Xiao Huang’s truly despicable!”

Wearing a scarlet-red dress, a mocking expression filled Wu Yingying’s lovable face. Although she didn’t have too much of a connection with Wen Qingxuan, they were girls, after all. As of now, seeing that the Multi-Academy Alliance was trying their best to deal with Wen Qingxuan, her heart was naturally biased towards the latter.

“Haha. That person, Xiao Huang, isn’t some benevolent person,” said a figure standing before Wu Yingying.

This figure appeared tall and thin, with a straight-like appearance, just like an erect spear. The black robe worn by him appeared exceedingly delicate, just like a girl. His facial features appeared slightly

similar to Wu Yingying, causing him to have a slightly effeminate appearance. However, everyone from the Martial Spiritual Academy was extremely clear exactly how frightening of a talent this fellow that appeared like a girl possessed...

He similarly possessed the status of a Freshman in the Martial Spiritual Academy. However, within the short span of a year, he had already stood at the highest peak in the Martial Spiritual Academy. Those Seniors who possessed splendid talent could only give long sighs of despair in the presence of that figure.

He was Wu Ling.

As of now, he was the strongest person amongst the members of the Martial Spiritual Academy. At the same time, he was the elder brother of Wu Yingying.

“Wen Qingxuan isn’t that easy to deal with. If not for her worrying for the other members of the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy, regardless of how prepared Xiao Huang is, he would not be able to trap her,” said Wu Yingying with a cold snort.

Hearing that, Wu Ling gave a faint smile, since he knew that what Wu Yingying said was indeed right. Wen Qingxuan wasn’t any ordinary girl. Even he had high amounts of dread towards that girl. Speaking of which, Wen Qingxuan would absolutely be considered as an opponent that he would need to focus all of his mind and spirit on. If Xiao Huang wanted to truly take head-on action against Wen Qingxuan, Wu Ling knew that Wen Qingxuan would absolutely possess a great chance of victory.

However, other than the frightening aspect of him being a Spiritual Array Master, once he was able to execute the method that he had meticulously prepared, he would be able to have absolute control over everything, just like the current situation. With Wen Qingxuan and her other members being trapped within the Spiritual Array and with it being completely activated, even Wen Qingxuan could only end up in a disadvantage, and be forced in a clearly passive position.

Therefore, it was still truly hard to say exactly who among Xiao Huang or Wen Qingxuan would obtain victory in this time’s fight.

“Furthermore, the target of Xiao Huang isn’t only Wen Qingxuan. He just wants to use her to lure Mu Chen out, that’s all,” said Wu Ling with a faint smile, his gaze appearing somewhat peculiar. “Mu Chen should've been his target all along.”

This name wasn’t unfamiliar or foreign to him, as he had cross hands with Mu Chen while both of them were in the Spiritual Road, with both of them obtaining their respective victories. He was exceedingly interested in this former opponent of his. However, with the occurrence of the matter of Mu Chen being expelled from the Spiritual Road, this had always caused him to feel some regret.

However it was fortunate that he was finally able to heard this name again.

“Why would he want to deal with Mu Chen specifically? That fellow doesn’t have much points, and there isn’t any benefit in defeating him at all,” asked Wu Yingying as her forehead started to wrinkle.

“Who knows? Perhaps, Xiao Huang had set his sights on something that Mu Chen possesses,” said Wu Ling with a faint smile.

“From the looks of it, it seems that Xiao Huang had made thorough preparations. The might of this Spiritual Array is astonishing. Furthermore, it appears abstruse and profound. If that fellow Mu Chen truly dares to come, I’m afraid that he won’t be able to get much of an advantage,” said Wu Yingying, her voice containing a sliver of worry that was hard to conceal.

“Haha. Don’t you hate him to death? Why are you worried about his safety?” Wu Ling shot a strange look at Wu Yingying as a smile appeared on his face.

“Who cares about him! I can’t wait for him to be beaten to death!” snapped Wu Yingying back, her eyes wide open while her lovable face turned beet-red.

Wu Ling helplessly shrugged as he looked at his surroundings. There were hundreds to thousands of figures around them. Clearly, they were all attracted to this location. The matter had already spread throughout this vast central region as almost everyone knew that Xiao Huang had trapped Wen Qingxuan to lure Mu Chen.

However, under such circumstances, there was no one that interfered with the entire situation. Regardless of Xiao Huang, or Wen Qingxuan, and even Mu Chen, who had yet to appear, there were many people that were clear about how formidable they were. Therefore, they have great anticipation of the confrontation that would occur. After all, only in this kind of situation would they be able to obtain a chance to gain some benefit.

In such a situation, god-knows how many heavyweight groups were out there paying attention to the matters happening over here. Regardless of whether Mu Chen would appear or not, or that Wen Qingxuan would break out from the array, it would clearly lead to an extremely spectacular confrontation.

“Next up, we have to wait for the appearance of the main character, huh.”

As spiritual light radiated from the majestic mountain peak and into the eyes of the everyone around, they could faintly discern incomparably complicated glowing patterns starting to surface from within. These glowing patterns appeared to be carved out of nothing, giving people an insubstantial feeling. This mountain peak was approximately a thousand metres in diameter. However, as of now, this was within the radius of the spiritual light’s reach. This region had already been included in the radius of the Spiritual Array. Therefore, there was simply no one that dared to come close to it.

At this moment, there were two figures sitting quietly on a green stone within a certain location of the Spiritual Array. Behind them stood Mo Yu, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong, the three leaders of the Multi-Academy Alliance, with their faces brimming with nervousness and worship.

“Great Leader, will that Mu Chen really come? He should already know that this place has already become a dangerous location for him...” asked Mo Yu in a quiet voice.

Present before him was a youth with long black hair that possessed an exceedingly ordinary appearance. However, his pair of eyes appeared to be like a deep chasm, causing people to be simply unable to see their depth.

Hearing Mo Yu’s question, he faintly raised his eyes, before replying, “The news has already been circulated. Even Wen Qingxuan knows about it. She’s a person that pursues perfection, even if it is

towards her friends. If Mu Chen doesn't come, she would understand, yet this would result in some ill feelings being born within her heart. This would prohibit her friendship with Mu Chen from here on. This would result in the impossibility for her to collaborate with him in the future."

"If Mu Chen comes over, that's precisely what I want. I've set my sights on the thing from the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, and he should hand it over. If not, I won't mind letting him know that not even the people from the five Great Academies possess the qualifications to be bossy and domineering in this place..."

"Therefore, I'm able to obtain a harvest, regardless of whether Mu Chen comes or not."

Hearing his reply, shadows of worship and respect instantly gushed from the eyes of Mo Yu and the other two, before excitement appeared on their faces. They were already unable to contain their impatience to see the expression Mu Chen would have when he was defeated. That bastard has actually forced them to return empty-handed from the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace and even sent them fleeing away like dogs with tails between their legs.

"Now, the only thing we need to do is wait."

Speaking with a faint smile, Xiao Huang proceeded to slowly close his eyes.

However, not long after shutting his eyes, a tremble suddenly shook through his eyebrows, before his eyes rapidly sprung open. Looking with indifference towards the distance, an arc started to curl from the corner of his mouth, one that brought about a sliver of chilling intent.

"You actually came so quickly. Truly befitting of the boldness of an able person."

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Chapter 554: Bet

The originally clamoring atmosphere around the verdant mountain range suddenly turned silent, before all of the gazes shooting from everywhere turned towards the northwest direction. A moment later, hurried whooshing sounds rang from there as numerous glowing figures surfaced across the horizon. Finally, in a flash, they appeared right before the figure-filled mountain range.

As the glowing shadows scattered away, five figures surfaced before everyone. Present at the helm was a person, which was precisely Mu Chen. Standing by his side was Luo Li, her slender and elegant figure, with her absolutely beautiful appearance, instantly attracted quite a few gazes shooting her way.

Looking at the Academy Insignia on their chests, everyone instantly understood the status of these five people, instantly causing fervent shadows to appear in their eyes. After waiting for so many days, this main character had finally appeared...

"This is the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy? That's their Captain, Mu Chen? Why's his strength only at the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster?"

"He actually dared to come and keep an appointment with such strength! He truly possesses quite the amount of courage."

“Don’t look down on him. This Mu Chen is not one bit simple at all. It’s said that in the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace, he had caused the Academy Alliance to return empty-handed. Furthermore, he is a Spiritual Array Master with quite a bit of attainments in this aspect.”

“Oh? He’s also a Spiritual Array Master? This truly has become interesting. It’s extremely rare to see a battle between Spiritual Array Masters. Haha. Who knows, maybe this Mu Chen will actually be able to break the array formation that Xiao Huang has arranged, huh.”

When Mu Chen and his group appeared in that stretch of the sky, low whispers instantly rang about from the surroundings, while gazes continuously swept across their bodies.

Standing in the air, Mu Chen’s gaze was similarly scanning his surroundings. Looking at the hundreds and thousands of groups present around, he could not help but to let a sliver of astonishment flash across his eyes. That’s because the groups present here all possessed rather powerful strength. Clearly, being able to remain in the central region, where the most intense and cruel battles of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was taking place, how would any of these groups be weak?

Suddenly, Mu Chen’s gaze froze as he fixed his eyes on a mountain peak in the far distance. Over there, he spotted a youth in black robes with a delicate, female-like appearance.

Wu Ling.

Mu Chen’s eyes faintly narrowed as his expression turned slightly solemn. During the Spiritual Road, there weren’t many people that could cause him to feel extreme fear and dread for. Other than Ji Xuan and Wen Qingxuan, he might just have the most fear towards this Wu Ling. Fortunately, though, Mu Chen didn’t have too much grudges and grievances towards Wu Ling while in the Spiritual Road, and could be considered as having an ordinary relationship.

Mu Chen’s incoming gaze was clearly sensed by Wu Ling. A faint smile instantly surfaced on his delicate face as he sent a nod towards Mu Chen that could be considered as a greeting.

Nodding his head in response, Mu Chen retracted his gaze before turning towards the most crowded location of this region.

Bright and resplendent spiritual light radiated from the mountain peak, causing piercing pain in the eyes of people who looked into it. Looking over, Mu Chen’s expression started to coagulate. Perhaps others might be unable to understand those complicated glowing patterns that were radiating from within the spiritual light, but being a Spiritual Array Master, he was able to clearly sense how complicated and formidable that Spiritual Array was.

“Quite a formidable Spiritual Array,” said Luo Li in a soft voice. Although she wasn’t a Spiritual Array Master, it did not mean that she wasn’t able to feel dangerous fluctuations coming from the gigantic Spiritual Array before her eyes.

Nodding his head, Mu Chen added, “That should be a Rank 5 Combination Diagram. Furthermore, it seems to be somewhat different in layout as compared with ordinary Spiritual Array formations.”

The “Lesser Thousand Sword Spiritual Array” that Mu Chen had used to deal with Xue Tiandou, Wang Zhong and their people while in the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace was also a Rank 5 Combination Diagram. Relying on this array, Mu Chen was able to directly destroy 3 Divine Wood Guards, and even

completely defeated Xue Tiandou and his entire gang. From this, one could see exactly how astonishing the might of such a Combination Diagram was.

Naturally, this was also within the expectations of Mu Chen. After all, ordinary Spiritual Arrays did not possess the strength needed to trap Wen Qingxuan.

“Haha. Mu Chen, you’ve finally arrived.”

While Mu Chen was casting his gaze over towards that bright and resplendent Spiritual Array, a faint laughing voice rang from within. In the next instant, with a sparkle, an empty space started to surface from within the Spiritual Array. One could immediately see numerous figures clearly present within. Furthermore, the one who had spoken was precisely the youth with long free-flowing black hair.

“You must be the great leader of the Academy Alliance, Xiao Huang, right?” Shooting a look at Mo Yu standing behind the youth, Mu Chen turned his gaze over to the latter before speaking in a slow manner.

Nodding his head, Xiao Huang gave a faint smile before saying, “I’ve long heard of the great name of Captain Mu Chen. I’ve been looking forward to meeting you here for a very long time.”

“What a true honor.”

Mu Chen replied with a smile. Staring at Xiao Huang, before shooting a look at the gazes coming from their surroundings that were trained on themselves, Mu Chen continued speaking, “I don’t know exactly what Captain Xiao Huang plans to do by luring me to here. Could it be that you want to vie for the face of Mo Yu and the other two?”

Upon hearing his words, the faces of Mo Yu and the other two instantly turned ashen as they shot furious glares at Mu Chen.

“Haha. You must be joking, Captain Mu Chen. Being taught a lesson by you meant that their skills aren’t comparable to you. It isn’t anyone else’s fault,” replied Xiao Huang with a smile. “Nevertheless, there’s an item from within the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace that I need, but has been snatched away by Captain Mu Chen. Therefore, would Captain Mu Chen be willing to part with it?”

“What thing?” asked Mu Chen calmly.

“It’s naturally what you’ve obtained from within the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard,” replied Xiao Huang with a smile.

Mu Chen’s eyes instantly slightly narrowed, with a shadow of astonishment surfacing within their depths. What he had obtained within the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard was a counterfeit “Spiritual Condensing Bowl”. What a valuable treasure this was, with numerous Sovereign Spiritual Liquids being sealed within. However, the news about him obtaining it was only known to him, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan. How did Xiao Huang know about this?

“May I know what Captain Mu Chen makes about my request?” asked Xiao Huang as he looked towards Mu Chen, with his gaze appearing similarly calm. However, deep within his eyes gushed a fierceness that was akin to the edge of a blade. Clearly, that was his true nature, not the gentle and warm appearance he was showing on the outside.

Mu Chen turned his gaze similarly towards Xiao Huang, the expression flowing within the latter being picked up by him. He could never relax in the face of this outward courtesy shown by Xiao Huang. Being able to establish the Academy Alliance and completely submit Mo Yu and the other fellows to obedience, such a person would not be a person that would give in to anyone. Naturally, Mu Chen had similarly not believed that he, himself, was a person that would give in to anyone, too.

Therefore, faced against Xiao Huang's question, Mu Chen gave a faint smile and replied, "I might have to make Captain Xiao Huang disappointed about this. I believe that it's better for you to quickly scatter this Spiritual Array away. If not, if the person within was to truly become angry, I believe you most likely wouldn't be able to endure it."

Upon hearing this reply from Mu Chen, quite a few people started secretly smiling. Clearly, Xiao Huang had put down an extremely amount of thought in trapping Wen Qingxuan. However, once this Spiritual Array gets broken, the fury of Wen Qingxuan might cause Xiao Huang to be in an extremely miserable state.

"Looks like you're not willing to settle this peacefully," Xiao Huang appeared to be somewhat regretfully as he gave a sigh, while his eyes brimmed with coldness.

With a faint smile on his face, Mu Chen gave a shrug in return. However, anyone could tell how cold his smile similarly was.

"Since you don't accept my peaceful offer, I can only beat you all down and take it back myself." Suddenly, a faint sneer rang out, causing everyone's gaze to converge, before finally resting on the side of Xiao Huang. Present there was another figure in a sitting position. This figure possessed short hair, with an appearance that had a slight bit of semblance to Xiao Huang, with the only difference being in the exceedingly chilly lines present on his face.

This person had remained quiet the whole time, while sitting beside Xiao Huang, resulting in him not receiving too much attention from others. However, upon him opening his mouth, everyone could feel the knife-like chilliness radiating from his eyes, causing their hearts to feel chilly. So it turns out that this fellow also wasn't any ordinary character.

"That fellow seems to be the brother of Xiao Huang, Xiao Wang. This person is powerful. Although he doesn't understand Spiritual Arrays, even an expert of the First Grade Spirit Disaster has fallen under his hands a while ago. He can't be underestimated."

Upon noticing the figure, the groups present in the surroundings started to quietly whisper to one another.

Hearing those whispers, Mu Chen shot a look towards Xiao Huang, while his expression turned to one of indifference.

"I'm afraid that you don't possess the qualifications to say such words." A clear and chilly voice rang out at this moment, only for the beautiful eyes of Luo Li to coldly glare at Xiao Huang. As her jade-like hand slowly clenched her Luo God Sword tightly, she took gracefully steps forward, with a sword ring instantly rushing into the sky. This incomparably fierce Sword Intent appeared to want to shatter and split the heavens and earth apart, causing the faces of the countless groups present in the surroundings to violently contort.

At this moment, the expressions Xiao Huang and Xiao Wang had also faintly changed, as they were able to sense the slivers of danger present in the Sword Intent that had radiated from Luo Li. The girl before them seemed to be even more difficult to deal with than Mu Chen himself.

From the looks of it, this group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had indeed possessed some ability.

Slightly narrowing his eyes, Xiao Huang gave a laugh before spaying, "Captain Mu Chen, I've heard that you're also a Spiritual Array Master. Would you be interested in making a bet with me?"

"Let me hear about it."

"It's inevitable that a normal battle would be somewhat crude and boorish. As of now, with Wen Qingxuan and her fellow students being trapped within the 'Heaven Binding Spiritual Array', as long as you're able to break this array, it would be considered as your win. At that time, not only would I release Wen Qingxuan and the others, I'll even give you 20,000 points," replied Xiao Huang as he stared at Mu Chen, the smile at the corner of his mouth appearing to contain a somewhat amused shade.

"Naturally, if you were to lose, please hand that item over to me. So? Do you dare to accept this bet?"

Hearing Xiao Huang's words, the eyebrows of quite a few groups were raised. Xiao Huang's really playing his scheme out well. From the looks of it, with this Spiritual Array being able to trap even Wen Qingxuan, if Mu Chen was to rush inside, won't it end up in the same result as her? Once Mu Chen had fallen into the array, wouldn't anything that Xiao Huang say become the law?

However, being able to take out 20,000 points just like that can indeed be considered as exceedingly generous. After all, as of now, 20,000 points was more than sufficient to allow for one to rush into the Top 8. Naturally though, that might also be all of the points that the Academy Alliance possessed.

All of the gazes in this region had now been cast on Mu Chen's figure. All of them really wanted to know exactly if Mu Chen dared to take up this bet that was raised by Xiao Huang.

Under the attentive gazes of everyone present, Mu Chen slightly pursed his lips, before a smile surfaced on his handsome face. Looking at Xiao Huang with a similarly amused manner, he slowly nodded his head in the end.

"Alright. I accept this bet!"

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Chapter 555: Competing Arrays

When Mu Chen's voice slowly rang within the region, it had expectedly filled the faces of quite a few people with shock. A few differing gazes locked on the slender figure of the youth. Only after quite a while did people start to secretly purse their lips as they muttered about the good show that they would truly be able to see today.

The groups that were able to be present here have all experienced many challenges and battles, and thus naturally possessed some schemes and plans of their own. From the looks of it, Xiao Huang had proclaimed about the traps that he had laid here, and was wanting to force Mu Chen into them. As long as the latter wasn't an idiot, he should be extremely clearly about this. However, despite that, Mu Chen

seemed to not give much hesitation before accepting the bet. There was likely two reasons that would lead him to do such a thing. One was that Mu Chen's ego was so big that it had caused him to seemingly turn stupid, or that Mu Chen had similarly possessed some trump cards of his own...

One can very well eliminate the first reason. Being able to become the Captain of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy meant that Mu Chen would absolutely not be an arrogant or haughty person. The upper echelons of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy should not be stupid to the level of handing the position of Captain to Mu Chen if he was such a person. Therefore, the biggest reason why Mu Chen might dare to accept the bet would be that he wasn't afraid of Xiao Huang.

From the looks of it, this youth, whose cultivation was merely at the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster, seemed to be not as simple as he appeared to be.

"That stupid idiot." On the mountain peak in the distance, upon seeing that Mu Chen had actually chosen to accept the bet, Wu Yingying could not help clenching her teeth and curse out. Although she can be considered to have some level of understanding towards Mu Chen, from the looks of the current situation, as long as he entered that Spiritual Array, he might fall straight into the hands of Xiao Huang. After all, it was able to trap even Wen Qingxuan within. How much more would Mu Chen be able to accomplish?

"There's no need to worry at such an early time of their bet," said Wu Ling with a faint smile. Looking at the thin figure of the youth in the distance, he continued speaking. "Having crossed hands with him, I've a good understanding about Mu Chen. Regardless of what he wants to do, as long as he takes action, that would mean that he has some sort of plan within his heart. Although Xiao Huang had made an all-rounded preparation for this, wanting to devour Mu Chen might not be as easy as he think it would be."

"He's that formidable?" said Wu Yingying while pouting her lips. She knew how astute her brother's eyesight was. Amongst their generation, there were truthfully not many that could be marked by him. In fact, he did not even see highly of those geniuses that the few Elders of their Martial Spiritual Academy have unending praise for.

"Haha. In actual fact, you should be extremely clear as to how Mu Chen's exactly like. The only thing is that you're not willing to accept it," replied Wu Ling with a smile. Shooting a look at Wu Yingying, his eyes faintly narrowed before asking, "However, why do you have so big of a resentment against him? Did he do something to you?"

Hearing her brother's question, Wu Yingying's lovable face instantly turned red before muttering in an unconfident manner. "Don't say such stuff without having the proper understanding about the situation, okay?"

Hearing her reply, Wu Ling shrugged his shoulders why saying, "Although I hold that fellow in high regard, if he dares to bully my younger sister, you just have to tell me and I'll make sure to tidy him up."

"Who needs your help, hmph!" snapped Wu Yingying as she shot a glare at Wu Ling, before proceeding to shut her mouth. Staring at the thin figure in the far distance, she faintly clenched her teeth while thinking, That pervert!

While the Wu siblings were having their own private conversation, on the mountain peak that was radiating with spiritual light, upon hearing Mu Chen's agreement for the bet, a faint smile instantly

surfaced on the face of Xiao Huang. With a grin, he spoke with a sigh of admiration. "Captain Mu Chen is truly bold and courageous. I, Xiao Huang, admire you."

Shooting a look at him, Mu Chen gave a faint laugh before replying, "Since Captain Xiao Huang's intending to send me such a large present, how could I not accept it?"

"That would have to depend on your ability, Captain Mu Chen," replied Xiao Huang with a smile, "You might not be able to break this Spiritual Array just by using your mouth."

Although the words coming from the two contain some friendly banter, one could clearly sense the extreme intent of confrontation present within.

Gently nodding his head, Mu Chen panned his head to shoot a look at Luo Li. Seeing this, the latter slightly nodded her head towards him while saying, "Be careful."

Giving a smile, Mu Chen didn't continue saying anymore words. With a move of his body, he transformed into a glowing shadow, shooting across the forest sea below, heading right towards the incomparably gigantic Spiritual Array present on the mountain peak.

As he neared the mountain peak, Mu Chen was able to sense the boundless Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from within the Spiritual Array. Instantly, he could not help slightly narrowing his eyes. The Spiritual Array before his eyes seemed to be even more tyrannical than the "Lesser Thousand Sword Spiritual Array" that he possessed. God-knows exactly how this Xiao Huang had managed to chance upon such an array formation.

Whoosh!

Although such thoughts appeared in his heart, Mu Chen didn't show too much hesitation in his actions. Taking a step forward, he rushed straight towards the gigantic Spiritual Array under the attentive gazes of everyone present in the surroundings.

Upon rushing into the gigantic Spiritual Array, a billowing fog instantly appeared before Mu Chen's eyes. This fog seemed to be formed by Spiritual Energy, making it impossible to be blown away. Furthermore, it had a strong effect of hampering one's senses, causing people to be incapable of identifying the location and direction they were at.

As he entered the Spiritual Array, Mu Chen immediately came to a halt, not making any reckless or hot-headed rushes within here. Being a Spiritual Array Master, he knew that after entering a Spiritual Array, the ultimate taboo would be to become reckless and impulsive. Only by maintaining one's composure would one be able to find the chance needed to break the array. Furthermore, this array seemed to not be a Spiritual Array that would launch a direct offensive, but more like a "Trapping Array."

This so-called "Trapping Array" prioritized trapping and besiegement as its core. Naturally, this didn't mean that it was easy to deal with an offensive Spiritual Array. On the contrary, it would cause an even bigger headache for people, as wanting to extricate oneself after being trapped in such a Spiritual Array would truly require one to expend an extremely gigantic amount of effort. Once one's Spiritual Energy was consumed before one could break the Spiritual Array, one would truly become a fish on someone's dinner plate.

From the outside of the gigantic Spiritual Array, everyone was able to see Mu Chen not moving an inch as he stood within, causing doubts to appear in quite a few people.

Nevertheless, while doubt and suspicion rose within the hearts of the onlookers, a faint wrinkle appeared on the forehead of Xiao Huang. This Mu Chen has indeed quite some attainments in the aspect of Spiritual Arrays. Nevertheless, he wasn't worried about that, as he was extremely confident towards his own attainments in the aspect of Spiritual Arrays. He did not believe that Mu Chen would be able to exceed him in this aspect.

"Haha. This Spiritual Array of mine is called the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array, Captain Mu Chen. This array's forte isn't in its offensive capabilities. However, the people that have entered it would become trapped akin to sinking into a quagmire, forever being unable to extricate themselves, all till their Spiritual Energy is totally consumed. If Captain Mu Chen's unable to break the array, you just have to say the word and hand the item to me, and I'll release all of you."

Xiao Huang's voice reverberated across the entire region, ringing into the Spiritual Array and entering Mu Chen's ears.

Giving no care towards Xiao Huang, Mu Chen raised his head to look towards the bright and resplendent Spiritual Array around him. Upon entering its interior, he could feel as if his body had become heavy, as if a mountain range was pressing down on his body. Furthermore, he could also sense an increase in loss of the Spiritual Energy present within his body.

"Heaven Binding Spiritual Array, huh... truly a bold claim."

As Mu Chen muttered to himself, he proceeded to stride forward, taking step after step towards the depth of the Spiritual Array.

In the outside world, everyone's gaze was tightly locked on the figure of Mu Chen.

Seeing this, a faint smile appeared on Xiao Huang's face. The deeper Mu Chen moves within his Spiritual Array, the stronger the binding was on his body, while the loss of Spiritual Energy would become even greater. Furthermore, the Spiritual Array arranged by him wasn't that simple as what Mu Chen had thought...

"Wanting to break my Spiritual Array... I'm afraid that you're too naive," muttered Xiao Huang. Tightly locking his eyes on Mu Chen as he strode forward, a chilling smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.

Under the attentive gazes of everyone, Mu Chen took approximately a few hundred steps forward, before coming to an abrupt halt. Looking at the complicated Spiritual Array covered in glowing patterns all around him, his eyes slightly narrowed. Relying on his attainments in Spiritual Arrays, he could faintly discern that the array patterns present in this location of the Spiritual Array seemed to be somewhat different from the rest.

Having locked his gaze right onto Mu Chen, Xiao Huang's gaze slightly contracted upon seeing Mu Chen take an abrupt halt in his stride.

Looking at the array patterns sparkling with radiance that were all around him, Mu Chen's gaze slightly sparkled, before suddenly taking a seat down. Slowly closing his eyes, his mind started to slowly calm down, with any commotion in the outside world being isolated from him at this very moment.

Within the depths of his inner mind, a mysterious eye seemed to start to quietly open up.

This was his Heart's Eye.

As his Heart's Eye sprung open, although Mu Chen had yet to open his fleshly eyes, the surrounding environment had already been imprinted in his heart. Furthermore, everything appeared even more transparent, with his gaze completely penetrating through the voluminous Spiritual Fog present around him. One after another, the complicated array patterns were absorbed by his Heart's Eye, before being slowly understood and deciphered by him.

Under the activation of his Heart's Eye, Mu Chen was finally able to discover the differences present at this place. So it turned out that there were two offensive Spiritual Arrays concealed right before him. Although these two Spiritual Arrays weren't as strong as the "Heaven Binding Spiritual Array", they would absolutely cause serious injuries to him if he was unable to put up his defenses in time.

This Xiao Huang's truly crafty to actually hide Spiritual Arrays within a Spiritual Array!

"Spiritual Arrays within a Spiritual Array, huh..."

A sneer rang within Mu Chen heart before springing his eyes open. Standing up, he took a step forward.

Having turned cold due to Mu Chen's sudden stop, upon seeing the former take a step forward, a shade of happiness filled with chilling intent instantly flashed across Xiao Huang's face.

Bang!

Suddenly, spiritual light sparkled within the Spiritual Array, before two Spiritual Arrays surfaced quietly from within the Spiritual Fog.

Being concealed by the Spiritual Fog, those two Spiritual Arrays were impossible to be detected by Mu Chen, yet everyone present outside were able to clearly spot them, causing their faces to instantly change. Clearly, all of them understood how crafty and vicious this hidden move of Xiao Huang was...

Naturally, wanting to arrange such an array within an array would require an extremely strong level of control. This caused quite a few people to feel astonished by the attainments Xiao Huang had in the aspect of Spiritual Arrays.

Bang!

As the faces of the crowd outside slightly changed, the concealed Spiritual Arrays had already started to reveal themselves. As Spiritual Energy fluctuations converged together, in the next instant, two frightening attacks that were more than sufficient to cause serious injuries to Mu Chen had already howled.

Whoosh!

However, just as these two concealed Spiritual Arrays were about to become fully activated, suddenly, two incomparably fierce rays of Spiritual Energy had shot out. Like bolts of lightning, they heavily struck against the two Spiritual Arrays. The attack by these two rays of Spiritual Energy was extremely crafty, smashing right against the weakest and frailest point on the two Spiritual Arrays.

Bang!

Therefore, the two Spiritual Arrays instantly froze, before cracks started to rapidly spread and extend across them. In the end, they completely exploded apart, sending Spiritual Energy storms billowing out, scattering much of the Spiritual Fog present around them.

“Hua.”

Cries of astonishment and shock instantly rang from outside of the Spiritual Array, with the sneer present on Xiao Huang’s face starting to slowly freeze.

As they looked over, they noticed that Mu Chen had maintained a posture with his two fingers pointed out. As of now, the brilliance of Spiritual Energy was still sparkling fervent on his fingertips. Clearly, the incomparably fierce rays of Spiritual Energy was launched by him.

“Formidable. He had actually seen through Xiao Huang’s scheme.”

Shock filled the hearts of quite a few people. This move by Xiao Huang was obscure and vicious. If they were to be in the shoes of Mu Chen, all of them would admit that they would absolutely be unable to evade the attacks from the two Spiritual Arrays. However, as of now, Mu Chen had actually took decisive action at the most crucial instant and instantly destroyed them by snatching the advantage of time. Such acute senses and method used was more than sufficient to cause shock and astonishment to appear in their hearts.

From the looks of it, both Mu Chen and Xiao Huang were mutually planning against each other. However, it was clear that Mu Chen had won the earlier engagement.

Under the countless astonished gazes coming from the surrounding area, Mu Chen slowly raised his head and shot a faint smile towards the direction of Xiao Huang.

“Your array within an array’s still lacking in maturity.”

Hearing that, Xiao Huang’s face instantly turned chilly.

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Chapter 556: Challenging Array with Array

“Your array within an array is still lacking.”

When Mu Chen’s indifferent-sounding words rang out, Xiao Huang’s gaze rapidly turned dark as he coldly stared at the figure of Mu Chen. Giving a ridiculing laugh, he said, “It’s too early for you to get happy. Wait till you truly break my Heaven Binding Spiritual Array before speaking again.”

Upon hearing that, Mu Chen gave a laugh, though he didn’t continue speaking any more words. He knew that the Spiritual Arrays that he had broken were merely the auxiliary killing move secretly arranged by Xiao Huang.

If he wasn’t able to break this array, he wouldn’t be able to extricate himself from within. Once the Spiritual Energy within his body gets completely consumed, he would become a fish on the chopping board and be under the total mercy of Xiao Huang.

Raising his head, Mu Chen focused his gaze towards the gigantic Spiritual Array around him, The array patterns sparkling with radiance was complicated to the point of causing him to become dazzled. Such a pattern was unfathomable for him. This “Heaven Binding Spiritual Array” was considerably mysterious and profound. Generally speaking, the most important part of a Spiritual Array would be in its central area. However, despite Mu Chen using his Heart's Eye to deeply stare at it, he wasn't able to sense the exact location of it.

If one wasn't able to break the central area of a Spiritual Array of such a rank, even Wen Qingxuan would require to pay quite a high price if one wanted to break out using pure brute force.

Thinking about this, Mu Chen's eyes faintly sparkled. Suddenly, brilliant radiance condense within his eyes, while his black pupils appeared to turn dazzling like the sparkling of gems. As his gaze slowly swept out, his vision appeared to be able to penetrate through the fog that covered all of his surroundings.

“Heart's Eye?”

At this moment, upon noticing the gem-like sparkling eyes of Mu Chen, shock could not help appearing within Xiao Huang's heart, while his face grew increasingly dark. Only at this moment did he understand why Mu Chen was able to astutely discover the offensive Spiritual Array he had concealed. So it turns out that this fellow has actually managed to comprehend the Heart's Eye State.

Being a Spiritual Array Master, Xiao Huang was naturally extremely clear about how formidable the Heart's Eye State was. This was a state he had touched, yet was still unable to completely master as of now. However, from the looks of it, Mu Chen was actually able to comprehend and master this Heart's Eye State. This caused an unconcealable shadow of jealousy to flash within his eyes.

“Wanting to search and destroy the central area of my Spiritual Array?” A chilling shadow appeared within Xiao Huang's eyes. With a sneer, his hand seal suddenly changed.

Hum. Hum.

Following the change of his seal, spiritual light suddenly blossomed from within the Spiritual Array. In the next instant, the Spiritual Energy radiating from within the gigantic Spiritual Array seemed to have turned glue-like. Rapidly howling out, those strands of glue-like Spiritual Energy started to encase Mu Chen's body in a storm-like fashion.

As the glue-like Spiritual Energy rapidly spun around, not only did it interfere with Mu Chen's probing with his Heart's Eye, he was also shocked to discover that the Spiritual Energy within his body had appeared to have been extracted, unexpectedly showing signs of leaving his body and scattering away. Clearly, Xiao Huang was currently activating this “Heaven Binding Spiritual Array” to its full might.

“Since you want to battle with me on the aspect of Spiritual Arrays, I'll accompany you to the very end!” As Xiao Huang focused his cold gaze on Mu Chen's figure, his indifferent voice resounded.

Bang! Rumble!

As the gigantic Spiritual Array sparkled with dazzling radiance, complicated array patterns wriggled like snakes as they interweaved into an abstruse orbit. This sudden eruption of frightening fluctuations lead the the unconcealable change on the faces of quite a few powerful groups present in the surroundings.

If they were to enter a Spiritual Array of such might, they might be completely unable to extricate themselves.

Looking at the Spiritual Array that had been completely activated, Mu Chen took a deep breath, before the gem-like luster within his eyes grew increasingly bright and abstruse. In the next instant, array patterns started to shoot into his eyes, all of them bringing about layers of unpredictable brilliance.

He had let the tyrannical suction strength absorb the Spiritual Energy from within his body. From the outside of the Spiritual Array, everyone could see Spiritual Energy endlessly streaming out from within Mu Chen's body. As those Spiritual Energies gushed out, they were absorbed by the Spiritual Array, causing the radiance of it to grow increasingly dazzling, with its Spiritual Energy fluctuations growing increasingly tyrannical.

Noticing this spectacle, a sliver of worry flashed within the eyes of Xu Huang and the other two. The depletion of Spiritual Energy from Mu Chen's body was happening too fast. If this continued, he might not be able to endure much longer.

As they came to this conclusion, the three of them shot a look at Luo Li. However, the exquisite and porcelain-like face of the young girl appeared exceedingly calm. Nevertheless, upon noticing her jade-like hand that was tightly grasping the Luo Shen Sword, they instantly understood the presence of a sliver of worry within Luo Li's heart. After all, this Xiao Huang wasn't like the opponents they had bumped into in the past. This fellow possessed a level of strength that absolutely warranted such regard and importance.

Under the focus of various kinds of gazes, Mu Chen still didn't move a single inch at all. With his hands drooping by the side and retracting into his sleeves, his abstruse eyes sparkling with gem-like luster swept across the interior of the Spiritual Array time and time again.

He was able to sense that there were two spots within this Spiritual Array where the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from were the densest. One of which was right where he was, while the other was at an even deeper region. Over there, the Spiritual Fog was dense to the point of turning glue-like, completely obscuring everyone's vision. Clearly, deep within there was where Wen Qingxuan and the others were being trapped.

"The central area of this Spiritual Array should be uniquely concealed ..."

Despite the probing of Mu Chen, he was still unable to achieve much of an effect in locating the central area. This caused him to slightly narrow his eyes. Indeed, this Xiao Huang had much experience in arranging Spiritual Arrays, to actually know how to use unique methods to conceal the central area of the Spiritual Array. This way, it became difficult for him to locate the central area of the Spiritual Array, even after searching for quite some time.

As a glint flashed within his eyes, Mu Chen abruptly extended his palms from within his sleeves. With a flick of his finger, a Spiritual Seal abruptly shot out, before rapidly merging with the air. Instantly, the air rippled, before a glowing array that was approximately ten metres surfaced around his body. As the glowing array surfaced, the air around Mu Chen's body instantly became blurry, while his figure started to slowly be concealed within the blurry radiance.

"Oh?"

Upon seeing this, Xiao Huang's eyes instantly narrowed. Mu Chen had actually arranged a Spiritual Array within his Spiritual Array. However, the rank of the latter's Spiritual Array wasn't high, resulting in one that didn't possess much strength. However, that Spiritual Array seemed to have some protective effect. Not only did it conceal Mu Chen's figure, it had even lowered the rate of absorption of the Spiritual Energy from within his body.

"Do you think that you can last a bit longer by doing this? What nonsense. My Heaven Binding Spiritual Array's a Rank 5 Combination Diagram," muttered Xiao Huang, while a ridiculing smile appeared at the corner of his mouth. With a wave of his sleeve, boundless Spiritual Energy instantly surged from the gigantic Spiritual Array like a storm. As Spiritual Energy crazily converged together, they transformed into numerous giant Spiritual Energy-formed snakes. These giant snakes wrapped around the exterior of the Spiritual Array arranged by Mu Chen. Opening their giant mouths, suction forces swept out akin to a whale gulping down water, completely sucking away all of the Spiritual Energy present within the Spiritual Array.

Following the crazy devouring from those giant snakes, everyone could see that the Spiritual Array protecting Mu Chen had started to rapidly teeter on the verge of collapse.

Clearly, the Spiritual Array that Mu Chen had hastily arranged was completely unable to endure under to assault from Xiao Huang's "Heaven Binding Spiritual Array."

As gazes tightly locked on the commotion within the gigantic Spiritual Array, the faces of Xu Huang and the other two grew taut. At the same time, an anxious shadow appeared within the beautiful eyes of Wu Yingying in the distance while she tightly clenched her jade-like hands.

Bang! Bang!

The Spiritual Array that was protecting Mu Chen grew increasingly weak and thin. Clearly, it was already reaching its limit.

Seeing this, the smile at the corner of Xiao Huang's mouth grew increasingly cold and callous.

"It ends here," muttered Xiao Huang with an indifferent smile as he gave a furious clench of his hand.

Boom!

Finally, all of the Spiritual Energy within the Spiritual Array had been completely sucked clean. Losing the support from its Spiritual Energy, the Spiritual Array instantly collapsed apart. The brilliance that was originally radiating started to rapidly turn dim, while the thin figure within appeared once again within everyone's sight.

The youth was still sitting there quietly, his robes fluttering in the air. However, his handsome face appeared exceedingly calm, with his eyes sparkling with gem-like luster, giving off a mysterious and abstruse sight.

"Now, how much more can you last?" Staring at Mu Chen, who had reappeared, Xiao Huang gave a smile as he spoke, his voice containing a somewhat ridiculing tone.

At this moment, Mu Chen slowly raised his head. Looking straight towards Xiao Huang, an arc slowly curled up at the corner of his mouth.

Seeing this, Xiao Huang's heart started to unknowingly sink down, while a feeling of unease started to gush from within.

"Since you wish to see, I'll use Spiritual Arrays to break yours."

As Mu Chen spoke with a faint smile, he gave a furious wave of his sleeve, only for boundless spiritual light to gush from within. Countless Spiritual Seals started to fly from the spiritual light akin to butterflies. Such vast numbers instantly caused quite a few people to become dumbfounded.

Humm! Humm!

Numerous astonishing Spiritual Seals swept out, before merging in the air around Mu Chen's body at an astonishingly rapidly speed. Instantly, frightening Spiritual Energy fluctuations started surging, causing even those Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes to immediately fall back.

The bright and resplendent array patterns started to interweave like snakes, while a spherical radius of a hundred metres around Mu Chen had been completely flooded with spiritual light.

Under the blossoming of the spiritual light, everyone was able to see a gigantic Spiritual Array surfacing once again before Mu Chen. Two gigantic black lotus were slowly revolving within the Spiritual Array, all while radiating with astonishing fluctuations.

That was the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array.

"You want to use something that's not even a Rank 5 Spiritual Array to break mine?" Upon seeing the black lotus Spiritual Array, Xiao Huang gave a chilling laugh as he said.

"If one's not possible, let's add another one."

Said Mu Chen with a laugh. As his voice rang out, everyone was shocked and astonished to see that yet another black lotus Spiritual Array had surfaced on the right hand side of Mu Chen.

"He had actually managed to arrange two Spiritual Arrays in such a short span of time!" cried some people in astonishment. All of them understood the need of time that a Spiritual Array Master required to arrange a Spiritual Array. However, Mu Chen had only prepared for a short moment before doing so. Such a speed was simply astonishing.

Seeing this, Xiao Huang's expression turned slightly dark.

Looking towards Xiao Huang, a faint smile appeared once more on Mu Chen's face as he said with a soft voice, "I'm still not done yet."

Extending his thin finger, Mu Chen gave a tap towards the empty space before him, only for spiritual light to blossom once more behind him. In the next instant, yet another black lotus Spiritual Array appeared in a flash before everyone's shocked and astonished gazes.

Three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays!

Looking at the appearance of the third Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array, Xiao Huang's expression finally turned extremely ugly.

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Chapter 557: Neglecting one while attending the other

The three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays sparked with dazzling brilliance as they floating around Mu Chen. Wave-like Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated from them, unexpectedly squeezing much of the glue-like Spiritual Fog in the surroundings to scatter apart. At this moment, Mu Chen appeared to have an area carved out especially for him alone by the three Spiritual Arrays that was helping him resist against the “Heaven Binding Spiritual Array”.

Upon seeing this spectacle, the people present outside of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array could not help exclaiming in admiration. Who would have expected that Mu Chen would actually be able to arrange three Spiritual Arrays that possessed rather powerful might in such an astonishingly quick manner?

Darkly staring at Mu Chen, who was under the protection of the three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays, Xiao Huang finally said after a while with a sneer, “Do you think that you’ll be able to contend against my Heaven Binding Spiritual Array with your three Spiritual Arrays? Could you be that naïve to believe that you’ll be able to rely on quantity to supplement the disparity in the ranks between our Spiritual Arrays?”

Although Mu Chen’s move was somewhat unexpected by Xiao Huang, it didn’t cause him to feel flustered. After all, although the three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays were quite powerful, he was able to sense that they had yet to reach the realm of a Rank 5 Spiritual Array. If Mu Chen believed that he would be able to break his Rank 5 combination Diagram just like that, he would truly be indulging in a fantasy.

“How will anyone know without trying it out?”

Replied Mu Chen with a faint smile, while an incisive shadow rapidly condensed within his black pupils.

“Oh really?” Shooting a look at Mu Chen, Xiao Huang abruptly changed his hand seal, instantly causing spiritual light to blossom from the gigantic Spiritual Array. In the next instant, Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes rapidly condensed from it, with the quantity being close to ten times the number that was previously formed. Upon their appearance, those Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes instantly opened their giant maws as they started to crazily devour the Spiritual Energy present in the three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays arranged by Mu Chen.

Clearly, he had planned to devour all of the Spiritual Energy within Mu Chen’s Spiritual Array’s to cause them to lose their Spiritual Energy support. This way, those Spiritual Arrays would dissipate and scatter apart, no matter how strong or powerful they were.

Seeing this, Mu Chen extended his finger and gave a light tap of the space before him.

Humm.

The three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays started to revolve. As the black demonic lotuses revolved, astonishingly rampant Spiritual Energy fluctuations instantly swept out.

“Go.”

A soft roar suddenly rang from Mu Chen's mouth, before the black lotuses within the three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays transformed into rays of black light and shot out. They didn't shoot straight towards a single location, instead splitting up into three directions. Although there were bright and resplendent spiritual lights present in all three of these directions, by relying on his Heart's Eye, Mu Chen was able to sense an emptiness present there underneath this brilliance.

Clearly, Xiao Huang was purposely attempting to conceal something. If Mu Chen had guessed correctly, those three points should be where the central area of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array was. However, there should only be one central area of a Spiritual Array. But, from the looks of it, there were now three. Clearly, this was something done purposefully by Xiao Huang, attempting to use such a method to mislead the probing of others towards his Spiritual Array.

Being real or faux was the hardest thing to get right.

However, he never imagined that those three suspected points for the central area had all been successfully probed out by Mu Chen. Although the latter was unable to differentiate which was the one where the real central area was present in, it did not matter as the latter had sent his attacks to every one of them!

Upon seeing this, Xiao Huang's face instantly contorted, with shock and astonishment flashed within the depths of his eyes. This Mu Chen's indeed hard to deal with. He has actually found out the central area of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array that I've spent so much time concealing! The Heart Eye State's indeed extremely formidable.

"However, wanting to break my array's central area is not as easy as you think!"

As a dark expression filled Xiao Huang's face, he waved his sleeves, only for the Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes to howl one after another from within. Rushing at lightning speeds, they heavily smashed against the glow from the beams of light formed by the black lotuses.

Boom! Boom!

Waves of rampant Spiritual Energy shock waves swept out. Faced against the battering from the Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes, the speed of the black lotus-formed beams of light immediately became slower, with the Spiritual Energies present within them rapidly melting away. Although the dual lotuses from the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays were formidable, compared to the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array, a Rank 5 Combination Diagram, there was still some disparity present.

"Explode."

Looking calmly at the black lotuses, which were not hard pressed to gain any ground, a faint glint flashed within Mu Chen's eyes, before abruptly clenching his hands.

Bang!

As his voice softly rang out, minute glowing cracking patterns instantly appeared on the surface of the six lotuses, before growing larger and increasing in number. Finally, reaching their limits, the lotuses furiously exploded apart under the dazzling radiance shining from within.

Bang! Bang!

Storm-like shock waves swept out, instantly shattering every Spiritual Energy-formed giant snake along the way.

Seeing this spectacle, Xiao Huang's gaze grew increasingly dark, while fury and anger rose within his eyes. Did this fellow truly think that my Heaven Binding Spiritual Array's that easy to deal with?!

"Break for me!" Mu Chen's overbearingly aggressive assault was something that Xiao Huang couldn't endure. If Mu Chen truly broke the central area of his Spiritual Array, it would suffer severe damage to the point where collapse might become a possibility. Therefore, at this moment, he was unable to continue remaining calm and collected anymore.

Rapidly changing his hand seals, the Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes abruptly converged together, before transforming into three gigantic snake disks. As spiritual light blossomed out, powerful fluctuations started to radiate from them.

Bang!

Bringing about frightening shock waves, the exploding lotuses viciously smashed against the three gigantic snake disks.

Spiritual Energy storms swept out, with the Spiritual Energy contained within them wreaking havoc and destruction to the point of causing the entire mountain peak to faintly tremble.

The powerful energies present from both sides violently collided together.

At this moment, a solemn expression had appeared on Mu Chen's handsome face. Black and white Spiritual Energies in fusion with one another gushed from his body like a flood, before sweeping towards the collision points in a wave-like fashion, attempting to destroy the gigantic snake disks that were obstructing the way of his exploding black lotuses.

"Hmph."

At this moment, Xiao Huang had already stood up, a cold and dark expression hanging on his face, while a chilling glint sparkled within his eyes as he stared right at Mu Chen's figure. With a thought, astonishing sounds erupted from the "Heaven Binding Spiritual Array", only for the dense Spiritual Fog present within the entire array to hide the skies and cover the earth as they gushed straight towards Mu Chen.

He wanted to activate the entire strength of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array to suppress Mu Chen!

Bang! Bang!

As all of the strength of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array started sweeping towards Mu Chen, everyone was able to see that the attacks from the black lotuses were unable to gain any ground. In fact, faced against the Spiritual Energy pressure that hid the sky and covered the earth and suppressed over, they were sent retreating back in succession.

Some people started sighing in regret. Even though Mu Chen had arranged three considerably powerful Spiritual Arrays, from the looks of it, he was still unable to contend against Xiao Huang's Heaven Binding Spiritual Array.

The faces of Xu Huang and the rest were covered in solemn expressions, with their eyes brimming with anxiousness and worry.

Luo Li's beautiful eyes were locked onto the confrontation happening within the Spiritual Array, before her eyes started to faintly sparkle.

"Mu Chen's unable to hold on any longer." Noticing this scene, Wu Yingying said as she bit her lips.

Wu Ling's eyes narrowed as he stared into the Spiritual Array. After deeply pondering for a while, he proceeded to shake his head, though he did not say any words.

Bang!

The attacks from the black lotuses were finally suppressed by the boundless Spiritual Energy, before finally forced to explode in an overbearing fashion. A violent shiver shook through Mu Chen's body at the same moment as he hastily took a dozen steps back, with slight signs of his Spiritual Energy being thrown into disorder.

"Looks like you're indeed naïve to use this little ability to contend against my Heaven Binding Spiritual Array." Seeing this, Xiao Huang could not help sneering, while a sliver of satisfaction gushed out from his heart.

"Oh really?"

Hearing this, Mu Chen raised his head and gave a laugh, his smile appearing somewhat strange.

Humm! Humm!

Just as Mu Chen's smile surfaced, dazzling brilliance suddenly erupted in the region. As everyone looked over, they could see Spiritual Arrays approximately a dozen metres in size surfacing from within. The ranks of these Spiritual Arrays weren't high. However, what was different was their considerably large numbers. Rapidly enveloping over, they appeared to form small-scale prisons, encasing the boundless Spiritual Energy within the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array.

Within a short span of a dozen breaths, the Spiritual f

og within the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array had rapidly dissipated. The considerable number of small-scale Spiritual Arrays had actually sealed the Spiritual Energy of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array.

"What a good method!"

The eyes of the countless experts watching this spectacular fight from the outside furiously lit up while being unable to bear crying out in astonishment.

The three Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Arrays Mu Chen had arranged seemed to be just a distraction. He had purposefully lured Xiao Huang to use the Spiritual Energy of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array to encircle and trap him, while arranging those small-scale Spiritual Arrays in the dark. They didn't possess much power, and would not deal much damage if they were to be used to launch attacks. Yet, Mu Chen had used them in an ingenious manner. Instead of using them in offense, he had miraculously used them as a prison, ones that locked up Spiritual Energies within them...

Shock appeared on Xiao Huang's face as he took in the scene before him, with terror even surfacing within his eyes. However, he quickly regained his clarity, before fiercely clenching his teeth while coldly growling, "Do you think you can split up and dissipate the Spiritual Energy within my array? You're simply making a vain attempt!"

With a wave of his sleeve, the trapped Spiritual Energy instantly grew rampant, rushing crazily against those small-scale Spiritual Arrays. Under the rampant battering, those small-scale Spiritual Arrays started to rapidly teeter on the verge of collapse. Clearly, they were unable to endure for much longer.

"Haha."

Seeing this, Mu Chen didn't put up any resistance at all. On the contrary, he gave a light laugh in response. Staring right at Xiao Huang, he said, "I never planned to break your array in such a fashion. However, you might have neglected something while attending to me."

As he spoke, Mu Chen extended his finger and gave a light tap towards the depths of the Spiritual Array.

Seeing this, Xiao Huang appeared to have thought about something, causing his expression to furiously contort. He hastily turned his head around, before his entire body started trembling uncontrollably. That's because the dense Spiritual Fog that was originally present within the depths of his Spiritual Array had unexpectedly thinned out. As this happened, the figure of an absolutely beautiful girl dressed in golden battle armor with a golden war spear in her hand started to slowly become clear.

At this moment though, a chilly expression that caused people's hearts to palpitate had covered the entirety of the face that could cause the downfall of countries.

That was Wen Qingxuan!

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Chapter 558: Rescuing the beauty

Hua.

When Wen Qingxuan's beautiful figure appeared within the Spiritual Array, clamoring noises instantly erupted across the entire region. Everyone's gaze shot over, only to see what seemed to be glowing Spiritual Energy lines wrapped around her body. Those glowing lines appeared to be binding her, causing her to be unable to extricate herself.

However, at this very moment, those glowing spiritual lines that were originally shining extremely bright had become much more weak and dim.

Present behind Wen Qingxuan's back were a dozen other figures, all of them having the appearance of lovable and dainty young girls. Clearly, they were the group members of the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy,

Gazes converged on the body of Wen Qingxuan. When everyone noticed the drastically weakened glowing Spiritual Energy lines, a wave of shock suddenly gushed from their hearts, before instantly turning their eyes towards Mu Chen...

Only at this did they realise exactly what Mu Chen's plan was! He had actually made the latter purposefully use all of those methods to force Xiao Huang to activate the entire might of his Spiritual Array to deal with him.

That's because not only was he trapped within the Spiritual Array, Wen Qingxuan and the others from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy were trapped in it, too.

Clearly, Xiao Huang had wanted to trap Wen Qingxuan. To accomplish that, he would require to expend an extreme amount of energy to suppress the latter. However, with that power being forced to the point to be used to deal with Mu Chen, it was inevitable that Xiao Huang wouldn't be able to attend to Wen Qingxuan. This had allowed for the bindings around Wen Qingxuan to become weak.

What kind of person was Wen Qingxuan? The former Numero Uno of the point rankings, and the current Ranked 3. The strength she possessed was on a level such that even the Numero Uno on the rankings, Ji Xuan would not dare to neglect one slight bit. This time, a large reason why she could be trapped was absolutely due to Xiao Huang's scheme to use her group members to bind her. If not, there was no one that would believe that Xiao Huang would truly be able to deal with Wen Qingxuan by himself.

Therefore, once Wen Qingxuan had broken out of the array, the incoming situation from Xiao Huang would definitely be considerably tragic.

Clearly, from the very beginning, Mu Chen already had such a plan in mind.

"Bastard!"

A sliver of fury as well as heart-palpitating fear finally gushed from the cold and indifferent face of Xiao Huang. This move by Mu Chen's was truly somewhat vicious, seemingly destroying all of his footing in an instant.

He seemed to be able to clearly sense the cold gaze shooting over from Wen Qingxuan's beautiful eyes. Clearly, the latter's hatred for him was not one bit weak at all.

Feeling that, Xiao Huang shot a fierce glare at Mu Chen, before changing his hand seal in haste, wanting to activate the strength of the Heaven Binding Array to trap Wen Qingxuan once again. After all, compared to her, it was easier to deal with Mu Chen.

However, at this moment, most of the Spiritual Energy of his Spiritual Array had been trapped by the Spiritual Arrays arranged by Mu Chen. Even though they were battered to the brink of collapse, Xiao Huang wasn't able to instantly break them apart.

As Xiao Huang hastily activated his Spiritual Energy, Wen Qingxuan shot a chilling glare towards him with her beautiful eyes. In the next instant, with a move of her soul-stirring figure, bright and resplendent golden light started to blossom, while a clear cry of a phoenix seemed to resound across the horizon from within her body.

As the golden light blossomed, the snake-like golden lines present around Wen Qingxuan's alluring figure started to rapidly dissolve away.

Seeing this, Xiao Huang's face instantly became abnormally ugly, before hastily changing his hand seals. In the next instant, the Spiritual Energy trapped within Mu Chen's Spiritual Arrays started to grow even more rampant as they battered within their prisons. At this very moment, Xiao Huang needed to activate the might of his Spiritual Array once again.

Bang! Bang!

However, after splitting up and trapping the Spiritual Energies of the Heaven Binding Array with much difficulty, how could Mu Chen let Xiao Huang recondense the might of his Spiritual Array that easily? With a sneer, Mu Chen activated his Spiritual Arrays, trying his best to drag the time on. Only by doing so would he be able to let Wen Qingxuan smoothly extricate herself from her bindings.

With the two people activating the might of their respective Spiritual Arrays, they were deadlocked for a short amount of time.

Under this deadlock, Xiao Huang's face grew even more ugly.

"Xiao Huang!"

As the glowing Spiritual Energy lines around Wen Qingxuan's body grew even thinner and thinner, Xiao Huang finally reached his limit, causing him to send a low roar.

Upon hearing that low roar, a chilling glint instantly flashed within the eyes of the cold and fierce-looking Xiao Wang by his side. Clenching his hand, a fiery-red horn bow appeared in his hand. Instantly cocking it, he aimed the arrowhead straight at Mu Chen. As flames started to rise on the arrow tip, extremely fierce and scorching-hot fluctuations started to radiate from it, causing it to appear as if they wanted to shatter the space before them.

Whoosh!

However, without waiting for Xiao Wang to draw his bow, an incomparably fierce sword light suddenly rushed towards the sky. In the next instant, a shadow sword was condensed from the sword light, fiercely chopping down right on the head of Xiao Wang.

Swish!

As the shadow sword chopped down, even the air beneath it was sliced into two. Sensing the sharp and incisiveness that couldn't be blocked, the faces of everyone instantly changed.

Xiao Huang's eyes slightly narrowed as his figure retreated. Tilting the arrow tip horizontally, he relaxed his fingers, instantly sending a fiery-red shadow arrow howling out. As rampant Spiritual Energy encased its body, it shattered the air apart as it travelled.

Whoosh!

As the shadow sword heavily smashed against the shadow arrow, rampant shock waves instantly exploded, with the surrounding mountain peaks shaken to the point of collapse. On the ground, deep fissures were carved on the earth below by the Sword Aura that blossomed.

As the two attacks gradually dissipated, a dark expression appeared on Xiao Wang's face as he raised his head to look at the absolutely beautiful young girl standing not far in the air. At this moment, a long

sword rippling with light was present in her hand, while a chilling shadow appeared within the pair of ice-cold pupils as they locked onto him.

“The previous rule does not allow for you to take action.”

“You don’t have the qualifications to care about whether I take action or not,” replied Xiao Wang with a sneer, his gaze brimming with evil intent as he stared right at Luo Li. Although the latter had an absolutely beautiful appearance, something that would cause the hearts of the majority of males to stir, Xiao Wang still remained indifferent towards her. On the contrary, his hands clenched tightly around the fiery-red bull horn bow in his hands. Flames start to bunch up on its body as scorching-hot Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated from it. Clearly, this fiery-red bull horn bow was a rather powerful Spiritual Artifact.

Shooting an indifferent look at him, Luo Li didn’t choose to give a reply. Slowly raising the Luo God Sword in her hand, extremely powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations started to slowly sweep out. Water-like rippling patterns started to surface on the body of the Luo God Sword, while Sword Aura condensed on its edges, lengthening and contracting indefinitely.

Everyone was able to sense the fierce fluctuations radiating from Luo Li’s body. Faced against it, the faces of quite a few experts could not help changing as they stared in shock at Luo Li. At this moment, they were able to sense a dense flavor of danger radiating from the latter’s body.

At this moment, Xiao Wang also could not help puckering his face as he tightly clenched the giant fiery-red bow in his hands. Green veins started to squirm along his arm as he tightly stared at Luo Li. However, at the very end, he didn’t take action, as he could feel a great threat coming from the latter.

Not only did the young girl before him possess an absolutely beautiful appearance, her strength was equally terrifying...

“Truly worthy of Queen Luo.”

On the mountain peak in the distance, Wu Ling tightly stared at the elegant figure of Luo Li as he spoke, a look of admiration surfacing on his delicate-looking face. At this moment, even he could faintly feel piercing pain on his skin, caused by the incomparably fierce Sword Aura quietly roaming from the latter.

“She’s extremely formidable,” said Wu Yingying as she cast her little mouth to the side. Although she had a haughty and arrogant character, faced against such an outstanding figure like Luo Li, it was inevitable for her to not have taken much confidence in herself.

“Haha. During the final point of the Spiritual Road, if not for her purposefully aiming for Ji Xuan, Wen Qingxuan might not have been able to obtain the championship,” said Wu Ling with a smile. “She’s an astonishingly talented girl. In the future, even within the Great Thousand World, her splendor would radiate far and wide. That fellow, Mu Chen’s truly lucky with women.”

As he reached the end of his words, even with Wu Ling’s character, he could not help sighing in admiration. After all, girls like Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were truthfully too outstanding.

“A toad can’t always eat the flesh of swans,” snorted Wu Yingying softly as she gave not the slightest bit of care for Mu Chen’s face.

“Mu Chen’s not a toad...”

Wu Ling said with a smile. Looking at the thin figure standing within the Heaven Binding Array, he muttered, “How can a person that’s able to cause fear and dread in Ji Xuan be normal? Haha, this is truly getting interesting. When the two fellows who absolutely can’t tolerate each other at all were to bump into each other once again, who knows which one would be able to laugh at the very end.”

“That fellow, Ji Xuan’s someone that’s not good to deal with.”

Wu Ling’s forehead slightly wrinkled as he spoke about Ji Xuan, with a rarely seen solemnness, as well as dread surfacing on his delicate-looking face.

Bang! Bang!

Incomparably rampant Spiritual Energy wreaked havoc within the Heaven Binding Array, causing more and more cracks to appear on the small-scale Spiritual Arrays, due to the increasing assault. Being of quite low ranks, faced under such rampant Spiritual Energy shock waves, the small-scale Spiritual Arrays weren’t able to endure for much longer.

This was something that Mu Chen was clear about. Therefore, he had an extremely simple plan, which was to do his best to drag on as long as possible to allow Wen Qingxuan and the others to smoothly extricate themselves from their bindings.

“Break for me!”

A malevolent expression appeared on Xiao Huang’s face. With a change of his hand seal, a fierce roar rang from his mouth, rumbling like the crack of thunder.

Bang!

Rampant Spiritual Energy gushed out like a fierce tiger leaving the mountain, something which the small-scale Spiritual Arrays could no longer endure anymore. With a final bang, they were forced to the point of exploding apart. Instantly, astonishingly vast Spiritual Energy swept out like a tsunami, before condensing together once again.

Bang! Rumble.

A storm started surging once more within the Heavenly Binding Array as the frightening Spiritual Energies started to condense together. Faced against this, even Mu Chen could not help turning solemn. A Rank 5 Combination Diagram was not easy to deal with.

However, it’s fortunate that he had already achieved his goal.

Raising his head, Mu Chen looked into the depths of the Heaven Binding Array to see Wen Qingxuan, with a cold expression on her beautiful face as she extended her jade-like hand. Grabbing onto her golden war spear, she took a heavy step forward. As golden light swept out, the glowing Spiritual Energy lines surrounding her alluring figure instantly melted away completely.

As the glowing Spiritual Energy lines dissipated away, the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from Wen Qingxuan instantly increased drastically. Extending her palm, she patted with lightning speed towards Pin’er, Le’er and the other girls present behind her.

Bang! Bang!

As gales smashed against their bodies, golden light flashed, completely shattering the glowing lines present around their alluring figures. Furthermore, the power from her blows had also sent them flying, shooting right out of the radius of the Spiritual Array's boundary.

"Dammit!"

Seeing this, Xiao Huang's face instantly turned dark, before viciously glaring towards Mu Chen. As an ominous glint flashed within his eyes, he gave a wave of his sleeve, causing all those rampant Spiritual Energies that were about to trap Wen Qingxuan again to condense together. Transforming into a dozen Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes, they rapidly shot towards Mu Chen at lightning speed.

Since Wen Qingxuan has already broke through her bindings, let's capture Mu Chen and make him a hostage.

Seeing that Xiao Huang had changed his target to him, Mu Chen's eyes instantly contracted. With a clench of his hand, the Devouring Dragon Demonic Spear appeared in a flash. With a shake of its body, the spear explosively shot out. As it transformed into a demonic dragon, it smashed head-on against the incoming giant snakes.

Bang! Bang!

Astonishing Spiritual Energies wreaked havoc as they swept out like a storm. The demonic dragon that transformed from the Devouring Dragon Demonic Spear was sent flying back, transforming back into its spear form as it headed back to Mu Chen.

Extending his hand to grab it, a violent tremble shook through Mu Chen, causing him to fly back. In this furious move by Xiao Huang, he had seemingly activated the entire might of his Heaven Binding Array. In a head-on confrontation, even Mu Chen was forced into a disadvantage.

As Mu Chen shot back, before he could forcibly stabilise himself, a delicate fragrance gushed from his back, before he felt a soft, boneless jade-like hand pressing down on his back, helping him completely defend against the impact that had sent him flying.

Panning his head around, he immediately noticed the beautiful face of Wen Qingxuan that was able to cause the downfall of countries. Shrugging his shoulders in helplessness, he said "This doesn't seem right. It's clearly me, the hero, saving the beauty. How did the roles change?"

Hearing that, Wen Qingxuan could not help letting a smile surface on her originally ice-cold face as she raised an eye towards Mu Chen. However, compared to the haughtiness and arrogance that was usually present, it was replaced by a somewhat gentle shade.

Hesitating for a moment, a pinkish shade appeared on her exquisite face, while her red lips slightly parted, allowing for her voice to ring out.

"Thank you."

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“Thank you.”

Thinking back, this was the first time that Mu Chen had heard Wen Qingxuan say such gentle words towards him, causing him to instantly gawk upon hearing her. In the past, regardless of the situation, Wen Qingxuan had always appeared like a phoenix standing high in the skies, with her beautiful eyes brimming with soul-stirring arrogance. This was especially true when faced against the opposite gender, when her strength and unwillingness to admit defeat would be displayed to the extreme.

Therefore, faced against this absolutely stunning figure before him, Mu Chen clearly wasn't feeling quite at ease.

Nevertheless, his stunned state didn't last too long, before noticing the familiar prideful smile appearing on Wen Qingxuan's exquisite face. Flinging a look at Mu Chen, she replied, “You're too disappointing to come over to do the 'hero saves the beauty' act with such little ability. Don't put yourself in the role of a hero.”

Mu Chen could not help twitching the corner of his mouth upon hearing that. Staring at this discriminating girl with an ill gaze, an impulsion of wanting to arrange an array and tossing her into it seemed to gush within him.

Spotting the ill gaze coming from Mu Chen, the beautiful smile present on Wen Qingxuan's exquisite face grew even more sweet, before turning her eyes around. Looking straight towards the ashen and dark-faced Xiao Huang, the smile on her face started to slowly dissipate away, with a soul-chilling cold replacing it.

Looking at the chilling face of Wen Qingxuan, Xiao Huang could not help letting a shiver shake through his body.

Outside of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array, everyone immediately cast sympathetic gazes towards Xiao Huang and his group, as they were able to clearly feel the flames of fury concealed underneath Wen Qingxuan's ice-cold face.

Looking towards Mu Chen, Wen Qingxuan spoke in a soft voice, “Can you let me handle him from here on, Mu Chen?”

Shooting a look at Wen Qingxuan, he was able to spot the dense flames of fury present within those soul-stirring beautiful eyes. Nevertheless, he shook his head and replied, “This Spiritual Array's not simple. Since you're not an expert in Spiritual Arrays, it would consume an extreme amount of your strength, even if you were to break it. Therefore, you should conserve your strength to deal with those troubling matters that will happen after this. They won't be any simple matters to deal with.”

Xiao Huang and his Academy Alliance were indeed extremely strong. Nevertheless, though, they weren't that strong to the level of daring to challenge Wen Qingxuan. However, from the looks of it, they had truly dared to take action. Mu Chen would absolutely not believe that anyone would say there wasn't anything strange in this place.

Mu Chen's words contained a deeper meaning within them, causing a tremble to shake through Wen Qingxuan's heart. Nevertheless, knitting her slender and crescent moon-like eyebrows, she slightly moved her red lips. Although Mu Chen was a Spiritual Array Master, she was extremely clear about how

formidable Xiao Huang's "Heaven Binding Spiritual Array" was. From the looks of it, without talking about Mu Chen, even she would have to pay some price to break it apart.

Therefore, faced against such a formidable Spiritual Array, even Mu Chen would feel rather pained to deal with it. By the off-chance that she was to make a miscalculation, it would become a matter of them losing face. Although Wen Qingxuan would usually not give any face to Mu Chen, under the attentive gazes of everyone in the surroundings, she did not wish for Mu Chen to lose face in such a manner.

"Could it be that you're actually worried about me losing face?"

Mu Chen seemed to be able to spot the thoughts swirling within Wen Qingxuan's gaze, causing him to raise his eyebrows in response. Giving a laugh, he raised his head to look towards Xiao Huang in the distance while saying, "However, don't worry. Since I've said those words, I naturally have my assurance. Although his Heaven Binding Spiritual Array isn't weak, I'm afraid that he doesn't have the qualifications to trap me."

As he said those words, a smile surfaced on Mu Chen's face. This wasn't a smile of satisfaction, but arcs of confidence. One had to say that his smile possessed a considerable amount of charisma and charm.

"As if I care about you dying or not."

Looking at the smile present on Mu Chen's handsome face, a faint ripple appeared within Wen Qingxuan's beautiful eyes. Nevertheless, turning her gaze away upon spotting Mu Chen looking over, she slightly flung her red lips, before replying, "You males always love to show off."

"Okay, okay. Seeing that you've ran such a long way to help me, I won't snatch this from you. You better hurry up and deal with this lousy array. I'm already unable to endure wanting to give that fellow a heavy beating," said Wen Qingxuan as she waved her hand.

Hearing that, Mu Chen gave a laugh and stopped continuing to speak. Slowly walking forward, his gaze grew increasingly cold and fierce, before it locked right on Xiao Huang.

Seeing Mu Chen's actions, Xiao Huang instantly knew what Mu Chen wanted to do. This caused a shadow of fury to flash within his eyes as he sneered, "What's the matter? Having a person to support you has given you quite a bit of confidence, is it?"

"I'm just gunning for those 20,000 points." replied Mu Chen with a smile.

"I afraid that you don't have the ability to back that up!" Noticing the ice-cold expression present on Wen Qingxuan's exquisite face, dread and fear appeared within his eyes as he roared back in reply, "It's best that you two take action together. Wanting to break my array by yourself is nothing but nonsense."

An ambiguous smile appeared on Mu Chen's face as he looked towards Xiao Huang and replied back, "If you're afraid, just say so. There's no need to use such words to provoke us. However, fret not. I, myself, am more than enough to break your array."

"Such shameless boasting! I really want to see exactly what ability you have to backup your words!"

A faint sparkle appeared within Xiao Huang's eyes, while a chilling shadow of happiness flashed within. From the looks of it, their Academy Alliance already possessed no advantages left. If Mu Chen had collaborated with Wen Qingxuan, even with his "Heaven Binding Spiritual Array", it was simply

impossible for him to hold them back. Fortunately, though, that rampant Mu Chen fellow had actually dared to make such a bold claim.

If he was able to capture Mu Chen, they would hold the advantage in this situation once again.

Mu Chen gave a laugh in response, naturally knowing what Xiao Huang was thinking in his mind. Nevertheless, without speaking anymore words, he slowly clenched his hands tightly. Black lightning started to abruptly gush from his body, crackling as they encased his entire body.

At this moment, exceedingly tyrannical energy fluctuations started to radiate from his body.

As the black lightning continued to condense together, they seemed to congeal into what seemed like a lightning liquid, before slowly flowing around the surface of Mu Chen's body. This caused Mu Chen to appear akin to a lightning god standing within the lightning, possessing extraordinary might and power.

At this moment, Xiao Huang could also sense the tyrannical fluctuations radiating from Mu Chen's body, causing him to narrow his eyes. Not daring to show anymore neglect, with a change of his hand seal, boundless Spiritual Energy howled from within the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array. As the Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes appeared once again, they hissed and flicked their tongues while coldly glaring at Mu Chen.

Raising his head, Mu Chen extended his feet, before fiercely stomping the ground.

Boom!

As the sole of his feet landed on the ground, spider web-like cracks immediately extended out rapidly. The heavy force present by his stomp appeared to have caused even the entire mountain to tremble.

Bang!

As the ground shook, Mu Chen's figure explosively shot out in a spectre-like fashion, while the black lightning present on his body crazily sparkled. At the same time, his black and white fusion Spiritual Energy started to gush forth akin to a flood.

Following his successful crossing of his Spiritual Energy Disaster, the Spiritual Energy present within Mu Chen's body had undergone a drastic increase in quantity. Coupled with his fleshly body, the amount of power he could erupt with was something that was even comparable to experts in the realm of the first level of their Spirit Disaster.

Mu Chen activated his power to his maximum might. Not choosing to recklessly launch an assault, he shot straight towards a certain location of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array. That was precisely one of the three possible locations where the central area might be.

Being a Spiritual Array Master, Mu Chen was naturally clear that forcefully breaking a Spiritual Array apart would be the most stupidest decision. Only by finding the central area of the Spiritual Array would one be able to break it in the easiest fashion.

"You truly are dreaming if you want to break the central area of my Heaven Binding Spiritual Array!"

Upon seeing Mu Chen's actions, Xiao Huang's expression instantly sunk, before turning into a sneer. With a wave of his sleeve, dozens of gigantic hundred-metre long Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes split apart the air as they swept towards Mu Chen without the slightest bit of mercy.

Bang!

Bringing along boundless Spiritual Energy, Mu Chen sent a fist rumbling out, causing black lightning to explode the air, before smashing against the bodies of those Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes.

Bang! Bang!

As the lightning howled out, it instantly shattered multiple Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes. However, those Spiritual Energies started to condense together in an extremely quick fashion. As they did so, they transformed back to their initial form of giant snakes before crazily rushing forth once again.

Bang!

Astonishing shock waves wreaked havoc as they swept out from the collisions between the black lightning and the giant snakes, causing the entire mountain range to endlessly shake.

Seeing such a confrontation of attacks, Wen Qingxuan's eyebrows started wrinkling up. Being able to activate all of the Spiritual Energy within his Heaven Binding Spiritual Array, Xiao Huang was not one bit afraid of the possibility of him consuming his strength. However, why would Mu Chen choose such a head-on confrontation?

If this continued, it wouldn't do any good for Mu Chen.

Seeing Mu Chen shatter one of his Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes after another, Xiao Huang was not one bit flustered. On the contrary, a sliver of ridicule surfaced within the depths of his eyes. He knew that if he continued this, Mu Chen would definitely suffer a defeat within his Spiritual Array.

"Since you're so happy killing my snakes, I'll add a bit more difficulty for you." Xiao Huang's ridiculing voice softly rang out, before proceeding to give a flick of his finger. In the next instant, Spiritual Energy suddenly condensed towards the flicked direction. Transforming into dozens of giant snakes, their giant tails starting to smash down akin to falling meteors.

Bang!

Still not falling back, Mu Chen sent a fist out, rumbling heavily towards those Spiritual Energy-formed giant snakes. In the next instant, frightening Spiritual Energy fluctuations exploded, the shock waves instantly formed sending him flying back. Such was the impact that signs of disorder even appeared in the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from his body.

Seeing this, the faces of Xu Huang and the others standing outside of the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array grew taut.

"What a fellow, he doesn't know the immensity of the heavens and earth!" Seeing this, Xiao Huang could not help deepening the chilling smile present at the corner of his mouth.

Whoosh!

However, this smile didn't continue for long as his pupils furiously contracted. That's because he noticed Mu Chen making a sudden turn around, rushing straight towards the western side of his Spiritual Array. Spiritual light radiated from the air present there, with array patterns being concealed behind the bright and resplendent spiritual light.

That place didn't seem eye-catching at all. However, Xiao Huang's expression instantly turned ugly, while shock and horror gushed from his eyes.

That's because Xiao Huang knew that that was the place where the true central area of his Spiritual Array lied. However, he never expected Mu Chen to have actually long discover where its location was. He had purposefully launched a fierce offensive in another direction for the sake of lowering Xiao Huang's guard.

Whoosh!

While Xiao Huang's face violently contorted, he hastily activated the might of his Spiritual Array, only for giant Spiritual Energy-formed snakes to instantly rush in a crazily pursuit of Mu Chen.

However, relying on the element of surprise, Mu Chen had already appeared before the array patterns sparkling with spiritual light. In the next instant, an ominous glowing pillar rushed towards the sky from the top of his head.

As a gigantic demonic pillar appeared in a flash, Mu Chen gave an illusionary hug before him. Without the slightest bit of hesitation, he grasped onto the demonic pillar, before violently swinging it down on the spiritual light below.

Seeing this, Xiao Huang's face instantly turned deathly pale.

As he waved the demonic pillar down, Mu Chen's indifferent-sounding voice rang out alongside whooshing sounds of air being split apart.

"After suffering losses two times in a row, you truly are extraordinarily stupid."

"I'm sorry. From the looks of it, those 20,000 points are mine now."

Bang!

Bringing about an ominous aura that blotted the skies, the demonic pillar rumbled down, before finally heavily smashing on the top of the array patterns glowing with spiritual light.

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Chapter 560: Hidden Cards

Bang!

The gigantic demonic pillar brought about a billowing Baleful Aura as it violently smashed against the Spiritual Array sparkling with dazzling spiritual light. As the two smashed against each other, astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations instantly swept out.

Bang! Bang!

As fluctuations swept out, even the air around it was sent exploding apart, sending deep muffled rumbles ringing continuously within people's ears.

Spiritual Energy crazily gushed out within the Spiritual Array as it attempted to defend against the assault from the demonic pillar. However, due to it having used the absolute might of its strength to attack Mu Chen earlier, it was unable to muster its entire might to muster its defenses.

A fervent sparkle flashed within Mu Chen's eyes as he sensed a boundless attack crazily sweeping out from behind him. Fueled by his rage, Xiao Huang had activated all of the might of his Spiritual Array in an attempt to launch an attack towards him.

However, at this very moment, Mu Chen clearly couldn't fall back. If he did, the Heaven Binding Array would fall into the complete control of Xiao Huang once again. After suffering the earlier losses, the latter would absolutely activate a gigantic amount of Spiritual Energy to protect the central area of his Spiritual Array. When that happens, it would undoubtedly add difficulty for Mu Chen if he still wanted to break the Spiritual Array.

Therefore, at this very moment, he absolutely couldn't get frightened into retreating from the terrifying attack coming from his back.

As an ominous glint flashed across Mu Chen's eyes, a Baleful Aura started to crazily condense within their depths. A low roar fiercely rang out from his mouth, only for the gigantic body of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to inflate by a notch. Asura-like roars ringing from the purgatory seemed to resound from it as killing intent gushed from it, blotting the skies.

"Break for me!"

An explosive roar rang from Mu Chen's mouth like the roar of thunder as the Great Meru Demonic Pillar smashed down once again.

Crack!

As Mu Chen activated his Lightning God's Physique to the extremes, he had also pushed the circulation of the Spiritual Energy within his body to the very limit. In fact, he had also pulled out the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. Using such an ominous weapon to launch such a frightening attack, even the Heaven Binding Array would not be able to endure it. As the demonic pillar descended, cracks started to extend like a spiderweb.

At this moment, the Heaven Binding Array was on the verge of collapse.

"Bastard!"

At this moment, Xia Huang could no longer remain calm, his face turned ashen as he roared in a fierce voice. With a change of his hand seal, a mouthful of blood essence spewed from his mouth.

As this mouthful of blood essence shot out, the dozens of gigantic Spiritual Energy-formed snakes chasing behind Mu Chen suddenly raised their heads and howled towards the skies, before devouring that blood essence. In the next instant, a bloody light erupted from their bodies, before starting to fuse together at an astonishing rate. As spiritual light blossomed, a colossal snake approximate a thousand metres long appeared.

As the gigantic snake hovered in the air, its shadow enveloped a radius spanning a couple dozen hundred metres. Under its shadow, even the giant mountain peak started to tremble. Clearly, Xiao Huang had been forced to a point of complete fluster by Mu Chen.

Whoosh!

As the colossal snake took shape, it flung its gigantic tail about while it penetrated through space. Akin to a fierce divine spear that was impossible to block, it was thrust straight towards the back of Mu Chen at lightning speed.

Such speed caused others to feel unfeigned palpitations in their hearts.

Upon seeing this, a faint change appeared on Luo Li's exquisite face. Tightly clenching her Luo God Sword, she took a half-step forward.

However, just as she did that move, Xiao Wang, standing not far away, immediately drew his giant flaming bow. Scarlet flames rose at the arrow tip, causing distortions in the surrounding space.

He aimed the tip of his arrow right towards Luo Li, but he did not release the bowstring. However, once the latter took any strange actions, he would immediately take action to obstruct her.

Although Xiao Wang knew how extremely formidable the girl, Luo Li, standing before him was, he still possessed some confidence in his capability to stop the latter if he was to take complete action.

Although she shot a frosty look at Xiao Wang with her beautiful eyes, Luo Li did not take action. Rotating her eyes around, she looked straight right into the storm-filled Spiritual Array.

Bang!

The pressure that came from behind was similarly detected by Mu Chen. However, not a single bit of panic was present in his eyes. On the contrary, it was filled with a chilling shadow.

Bang!

Staring at the Spiritual Array before him, the extension of the cracks grew increasingly rapid.

Whoosh!

The whooshing sounds ringing from behind rang ear-piercingly within Mu Chen's ears, whilst piercing pain faintly radiated from his back.

Everyone immediately raised their attentiveness, their eyes not even blinking one bit.

"Break!"

Taking a half-step forward, a chilling glint sparkled within his black eyes as the demonic pillar violently descended.

Crack! Crack!

The Heaven Binding Array, which had already reached its limits, was finally unable to endure such an assault. As the cracks exploded apart, a clear sound finally extended and perfused across the entire Spiritual Array at an astonishing rate.

Bang!

As spiritual light explosively blossomed, the Spiritual Energy instantly exploded apart.

Incomparably powerful Spiritual Energy shock waves swept out like a hurricane, while a violent tremble shook through Mu Chen's body.

Whoosh!

Exceedingly fierce whooshing sounds rang from behind Mu Chen's back, the robes behind him quietly split apart. However, just as the sharp divine spear-like snake tail had shot right at Mu Chen's back, it abruptly froze, while the boundless Spiritual Energy originally present in it immediately dissipated away. At this instant, the colossal snake exploded apart, transforming into glowing Spiritual Energy dots that blotted the skies.

At that instant the colossal snake, which was originally enveloping and about to suppress Mu Chen, had instantly dissipated completely. The glowing dots that blotted the skies descended from around him, appearing exceedingly magnificent.

This spectacle caused everyone present to let out uncontrollable breaths of relief, as if a heavy weight was lifted off their shoulders. Although the one that had received the attack wasn't them, the suppressive feeling from the depths had made them somewhat unendurable.

While they took breaths of relief, everyone looked at the thin figure standing within the glowing dots that blotted the skies. Exclamations of admiration surfaced within the eyes of quite a few people. Who would have guessed that Mu Chen would actually rely on his own strength alone to destroy the Spiritual Array that was thorny for even someone like Wen Qingxuan...

"Truly worthy of the Blood Calamity."

Standing in the distance as he took in this spectacle, a faint smile appeared on the face of Wu Ling. Looking at the figure of the youth, a heavy regard brimmed within his eyes. When Mu Chen was ousted halfway during the Spiritual Road, it was undoubtedly an extremely heavy blow towards him, as this had seemingly stopped the one-plus year of training that was extremely important to him. In the eyes of people with talent like him, this year of bitter training was more than sufficient to toss other people far, far behind.

Wu Ling was originally worried that Mu Chen would receive a serious injury from doing so. If that happened, it was inevitable that he would lose an opponent that he treated with high regard. However, from the looks of it, in the end, Mu Chen's truly the Mu Chen he knew...

"Looks like there will indeed be a good show to watch in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament," muttered Wu Ling. As of now, there was no one that could obstruct the path of Ji Xuan. Similarly though, Mu Chen's momentum wasn't weak. With the extremely deep grudges and grievances between the two of them, there would definitely be a huge battle if they were to bump into each other. Furthermore, if these two similarly dazzling people were to bump into each other, even people like Wu Ling would feel curious in anticipation to the spectacle that would happen.

"However, the matter today might not be that simple. Other than that fellow, who could have such a way to cause those few fellows to take action together?"

A deep intent glowed within the eyes of Wu Ling as he swept his gaze out towards a few locations. After quietly pausing for a moment, an ambiguous glow sparkled within his eyes.

Puff!

Within the air, Xiao Huang stared blankly as his Spiritual Array broke apart, while paleness gushed from his face. Instantly, a mouthful of blood fiercely spewed out as he staggered back multiple steps, the Spiritual Energy within his body appeared to be in much chaos and disorder.

Clearly, he had suffered quite a bit of injury due to his Spiritual Array being broken.

“That’s not possible...” Xiao Huang didn’t bother about the bloodstains at the corner of his mouth, only blankly looking at the broken Spiritual Array before him. At this moment, a feeling of inconceivably gushed from his eyes. He was somewhat unable to believe that his powerful Spiritual Array, which was more than sufficient to trap an expert of First Grade Spirit Disaster to death, would actually be destroyed by a person with a cultivation merely at the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster.

“From the looks of it, your Spiritual Array isn’t as strong as you think.” Turning his body around, Mu Chen looked right towards the pale-faced Xiao Huang as he spoke with a faint smile.

Xiao Huang locked his stare right at Mu Chen, his eyes appearing fierce and malicious akin to a wolf. However, as of now, an additional shadow of extreme dread was present within. With his Spiritual Array that he had meticulously arranged being broken, he was forced to truly regard Mu Chen with seriousness.

“Since you’ve lost, according to our bet, you should hand over your 20,000 points honestly,” said Mu Chen as he sent a smile towards Xiao Huang.

Hearing that, Xiao Huang’s face slightly twitched as a cold and dark shadow appeared within his eyes.

“From the looks of it, you indeed aren’t willing to admit your defeat.” Seeing Xiao Huang’s actions, Mu Chen shrugged his shoulders in slight helplessness. Panning his head across to Wen Qingxuan, he said, “I’ll leave the rest to you.”

Hearing that, Wen Qingxuan nodded her ice-cold face. Turning her beautiful eyes towards Xiao Huang, her jade-like hands tightly gripped her golden war spear, while faint killing intent flashed within her long and narrow phoenix-like eyes.

Seeing this, Xiao Huang’s face instantly changed as he retreated two steps back, his eyes brimming with vigilance and dread.

Seeing Xiao Huang’s reaction, Mu Chen could not help shaking his head, his voice cold and indifferent as he said, “Xiao Huang, is there any need to act like that? Take out whatever method you guys have prepared. Do you truly think we’re here to watch a show of you hiding and concealing your hand?”

Upon hearing Mu Chen’s words, Xiao Huang’s pupils finally contracted, while the vigilance on his face started to slowly dissipate away. Staring at Mu Chen, only after quite a while did he start to slowly say, “How did you sense it?”

“That’s because you guys aren’t as strong as you think. The lot of you don’t possess the qualifications to challenge us just by yourselves,” replied Mu Chen in a calm voice.

“Haha. Truly worthy of the Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road, Mu Chen,” said Xiao Huang with a sneer. Panning his head around he stared right at Mu Chen, before saying, “Nevertheless, you truly have quite some courage, actually daring to head over even though you know that this isn’t a good place to rush into.”

The only reply Mu Chen gave was to continue staring indifferently at Xiao Huang.

Seeing Mu Chen’s gaze, the smile at the corner of Xiao Huang’s mouth grew somewhat chilling. With a wave of his hand, he said, “Gentlemen, since you’ve been discovered by him, what’s the use of hiding anymore?”

Hearing that, the various groups present in this region started to exchange glances with each other.

“Haha. I originally assumed that we wouldn’t have the chance to take action. Indeed worthy of the Bloody Calamity.” While the various groups were in doubt, a faint laughing voice finally rang out from a certain location in the sky.

Whoosh!

Countless gazes immediately shot over, only to see spiritual light suddenly surface from a mountain peak. In the next moment, figures started to appear one after another under the gazes of everyone present.

Upon spotting the faces of those figures, the faces of seemingly everyone instantly contorted as shock appeared in their eyes.