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#### Chapter 561: Ji Xuans Testing

Spiritual light flashed on the mountain peak as figures appeared from within. As they appeared, cries of astonishment rang out one after another within the air.

“Ranked 14th on the point rankings, Mo Xiu?”

“There’s also Qiu Ning of Rank 15... Rank 16’s Liu San... what a powerful lineup. Why did these fellows suddenly gather together?”

“Are they all here for Mu Chen? Isn't this formation too large for this?”

“...”

Cries of astonishment continued to ring out across the region as quite a few people were frightened by the formation that had appeared before their eyes. That’s because the three groups that had appeared were unexpectedly powerful groups that were currently placed on the point ranking’s Top 16.

Although they were ranked at the bottom of the rankings, the groups that were able to continue standing within the rankings round after round of elimination battles were absolutely not average nor ordinary. Upon bumping into such strong groups, ordinary groups would quietly slink away in response. Who would dare to have any conflict with them? However, from the looks of it, these three powerful groups present on the rankings have actually appeared at the same place. Furthermore, the person they were targeting was unexpectedly the same...

Shock filled the eyes of quite a few people, while they had finally discovered whatever didn’t feel quite right. The matters that had happened today seemed to all be aimed towards Mu Chen. Could it be that this fellow had provoked that many powerful groups?

While cries of astonishment continued to ring out in the skies, Mu Chen’s gaze and had similarly shot over to the figures that had appeared on the top of the distant mountain peak. What he saw caused him to slightly narrow his eyes, as he could clearly sense how extraordinary those groups were.

“Looks like you’re their true target for all the things you’ve pulled out today.” Slightly narrowing her beautiful eyes as she took in the scene before her, Wen Qingxuan turned to look towards Mu Chen, before speaking in an enthusiastic manner.

Despite the changes, Mu Chen’s handsome face still remained calm and collected, while a faint chilling light sparkled within his eyes. Staring at the three powerful groups oozing with astonishing auras, an understanding appeared within his heart.

“Haha. I’m Mo Xiu, and I come from the Fire Spiritual Academy. I’ve truly heard of the great name of Captain Mu Chen.” Standing before the figures on the mountain peak was a youth dressed in grey robes. Smiling faintly towards Mu Chen, he cupped his hands before speaking with a laugh.

“Qiu Ning. Vajra Spiritual Academy.” A fierce-looking male that contained some malevolence on his face with a sturdy and iron tower-like body locked his gaze onto Mu Chen as he spoke.

“Liu San. Myriad Willows Spiritual Academy.” This time, the one speaking was a rather thin and frail-looking youth. Dressed in green robes, his long sleeves fluttered about, causing him to look as if he would get blown away by the wind. However, not a single person in this region would believe that the person before their eyes truly didn’t possess the strength to even truss a chicken.

Mu Chen calmly looked at these three experts that radiated with astonishing auras. From the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from the three, he could faintly discern that they were even more tyrannical than experts at First Grade Spirit Disaster.

“Truly a rare sight. Added with Captain Xiao Huang and his people, you guys have seemingly activated four of the Top 16 groups in the point rankings,” said Mu Chen in a slow manner.

“Haha. We’ve just been entrusted with a task by someone,” replied Mo Xiu with a grin.

Hearing that, the faces of quite a few groups instantly changed. Exactly what person would actually possess such a big capability to actually invite these four powerful groups to deal with Mu Chen? The identity of this person’s absolutely extraordinary.

There wasn’t much change in Mu Chen’s expression, yet the radiance sparkling within his eyes grew increasingly incisive. With a gentle flick of his finger, a gust of wind split the air apart, before saying in an indifferent tone, “Has that Ji Xuan fellow become that gutless? It isn’t easy for us to bump into each other, and now he even wants to find people to test me?”

Ji Xuan?

Upon hearing that name, shock filled the hearts of seemingly everyone. During this period of time, the name of Ji Xuan had seemingly suppressed the former Numero Uno who had stayed there for quite a long time, Wen Qingxuan. After all, everyone knew that compared to the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament to now, the current phase was where the battles and fights were at their most intense. Therefore, compared to the start of the competition, the Numero Uno now was undoubtedly worth more of its weight in gold.

This was especially true due to some time ago, where Ji Xuan had seemingly suppressed three powerful groups that were placed on the Top 16 by himself. When news of this battle circulated throughout the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, it had caused his Numero Uno place to become even more solid, impregnable and unreachable by ordinary people.

Therefore, when everyone present knew that the four powerful groups before them were actually sent by Ji Xuan, a somewhat strange and peculiar look appeared in their eyes as they cast their gazes over towards Mu Chen. None of them had ever expected that Mu Chen would actually have such deep grudges and grievances with Ji Xuan.

“We came here on the behest of Ji Xuan. Our only goal is to confirm whether you possess the qualifications to continue being his opponent, that’s all there is to it...”

A faint smile appeared on Mo Xiu’s face as he continued speaking. “If you don’t... your journey should come to an end here. He said that he does not wish for such a weak you to appear before him.”

“He truly has such a big tone!”

Suddenly, an ice-cold, sweet-sounding voice rang out. Everyone turned their gazes over, only to see Luo Li shooting a chilling glare towards the gathering of the three groups with her beautiful eyes. At this moment, a somewhat incisive chill had appeared on the absolutely beautiful appearance of the young girl.

Clearly, Luo Li was truly infuriated. Although she didn't mind Ji Xuan sending people to deal with Mu Chen, she was absolutely unable to tolerate Ji Xuan assuming that he was on a higher pedestal than Mu Chen.

During the Spiritual Road, Ji Xuan had crossed hands many times with Mu Chen. However, when the statistics were brought out, Mu Chen hand obtained more victories over Ji Xuan. If not for that despicable move done by Ji Xuan to infuriate Mu Chen to the point of forcing him to create that Blood Calamity that led to him being kicked out, the person that would have the last laugh at the end of the Spiritual Road might not have been Ji Xuan.

As Luo Li slowly clenched the Luo God Sword in her hand, everyone was able to sense an extremely fierce Sword Intent starting to radiate from her. This Sword Intent appeared to slice the air apart, causing people's hearts to palpitate in response.

Seeing this, the faces of Mo Xiu and the other two Captains finally changed slightly. Focusing their gazes on Luo Li, their gazes grew much more solemn and filled with dread. The young girl with bright and resplendent silvery hair before them had caused an indescribable feeling of danger to surge within them.

"Haha. According to what I know, during the Spiritual Road, when Ji Xuan had fought with Mu Chen, he was at a disadvantage for the majority of the time."

With a sweet smile on her face, Wen Qingxuan said, "Looks like he's now extremely confident with himself, huh. That's very good. I've not crossed hands with him while in the Spiritual Road. It seems that I have to supplement this in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament this time."

Seeing these two girls speaking out for Mu Chen, shadows of envy and jealousy gushed from the eyes of the various groups present in this region. That's because the two girls were truthfully so outstanding that they had stirred the hearts and souls of every male present here.

This was especially true for Wen Qingxuan. Seemingly everyone knew about her arrogant and haughty character. Furthermore, she seemed to have a slight repulsion towards the opposite gender. Therefore, it was extremely rare for the opposite gender to be able to become her friend. However, from the looks of it, it seemed that way as she had actually spoken out for Mu Chen. In addition, from the words she had used, she did not even give the slightest bit of face to Ji Xuan.

Therefore, everyone could sense that the current Mu Chen was truly too fortunate! That's why he could be the target of focus!

"They truly are good women." At a side, Xiao Huang's eyes sparkled as took in the scene before him. Speaking with a faint smile, his voice had a ridiculing tone present within, one that was exceedingly clear and distinct.

“How can relying on women be considered as any ability at all?” Mo Xiu and the others took the opportunity to toss their ridicule out, yet their eyes were brimming with envy and jealousy.

Wrinkles started to appear on the foreheads of Mo Xiu and the other two. The dread and fear they had towards Wen Qingxuan was in fact not one bit weaker than Ji Xuan. After all, regardless of anything, one of them was the former Numero Uno, while the other was the current Numero Uno.

They had originally assumed that due to Ji Xuan’s existence, even if Wen Qingxuan was to have the intent to help Mu Chen, she should have some fear towards the former. However, who would have expected that the girl that had always been arrogant and haughty had now stood right by Mu Chen’s side without the slightest bit of hesitation? In fact, she had not given any care of standing against a powerful opponent like Ji Xuan.

A faint light flashed within Mo Xiu’s eyes before he turned to look at Mu Chen. At this moment, the latter had already become the focal point of everyone within this region. However, what made Mo Xiu feel shock and astonishment was that ever since the beginning till now, the handsome face of the latter remained like the tranquil surface of an ancient well, with not one bit of fluctuations present. Even after their round of rather provocative words, Mu Chen’s eyes still appeared calm and collected.

However, it was this sort of calmness that caused Mo Xiu to feel somewhat uneasy.

At the end, he wasn’t an idiot to show disdain towards Mu Chen. This was an opponent that even Ji Xuan felt extreme dread and regard for. Although the latter had been kicked out of the Spiritual Road midway through, he still did not dare to show any neglect to him. The person before him had actually relied on his own strength to break Xiao Huang’s “Heaven Binding Array”. This point was more than sufficient for them to show a thorough regard for him.

“Mu Chen. As of now, shouldn’t you not let bystanders, especially two girls, help prop up your face?” said Mo Xiu in a slow manner.

Only after hearing that did Mu Chen raise his head. Casting his indifferent gaze towards Mo Xiu, something seemed to congeal within his black pupils. Finally after quite a while did he reply. “Did you all come here on the behest of Ji Xuan?”

He already knew the answer for his question. Therefore, without waiting for Mo Xiu and the others to reply, he gave a gentle nod of his head, before turning around to wave his hand at Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

“Stare at those two fellows for me. Don’t let them run away.” The two he was talking about were naturally Xiao Huang and Xiao Wang.

As he said those words, his gaze still remained on the figures of Mo Xiu and the other two, before starting to deeply ponder for a slight moment. For some unknown reason, despite him being in a state of pondering, it still caused a heart-palpitating feeling of suppression to quietly radiate.

Slowly walking forward, Mu Chen continued to keep his gaze on Mo Xiu and the other two, before speaking out in a soft voice. “Wanting to stop me from walking forward from here, huh. That’s possible, and in fact it’s extremely simple...”

“Huh?” The eyebrows of the trio jumped up in response.

Countless gazes within the entire region were now locked onto Mu Chen's body.

Slowly extending his thin palm, Mu Chen's handsome face still remained calm and collected, yet his indifferent-sounding voice resounded like the roar of thunder, causing the hearts of everyone to shake.

"I just need you three to receive a move from me."

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#### **Chapter 562: Untitled**

"You three just have to receive one move from me..."

As Mu Chen's calm and indifferent-sounding voice slowly rang across the sky, the clamoring noises originally present within the region had turned deathly silent, seemingly in an instant.

The jaws of quite a few people started to turn slightly agape, their gazes turning blank as they looked towards the thin figure before them. For a moment, they seem to have a feeling as if they had mistakenly heard him say those words.

Not only did Mu Chen want to take on three people by himself, he had even wanted to use just one move to deal with them?

The mouths of people could not help twitching in response. If not for the abnormal situation before them, they might have already started uncontrollably laughing and sneering, as Mu Chen's words were truly too rampant.

The three people before him were absolutely not just some ordinary people. They were powerful figures that were now ranked among the Top 16 in the point rankings. Although their places were at the bottom of the rankings, the might of their strength would cause extreme dread and fear even in experts of First Grade Spirit Disaster.

Although Mo Xiu and the other two might not have passed through the second level of their Spirit Disaster, they had absolutely started making contact with it already. Compared to them, experts at First Grade Spirit Disaster still had some disparity in strength and power.

After seeing Mu Chen's ability when he broke Xiao Huang's Heaven Binding Spiritual Array, there was already no one that dared to underestimate him again. However, despite that, there was no one that would be able to contend against three experts placed on the point rankings with their individual might, no matter how optimistic the case.

"This fellow..."

Hearing Mu Chen's words, Wu Yingying had tightly knitted her eyebrows. Staring at Mu Chen's figure, she said, "Exactly what is he up to?"

"That's because he wants to show his superiority to Ji Xuan by making a stand now," replied Wu Ling with a smile. "Ji Xuan had sent people over to feel him out. Therefore, he wants to turn Ji Xuan's probe into a palm and send a heavy slap back."

"A while ago, Ji Xuan had defeated three experts on the point rankings by himself, sending them tumbling down from the Top 16. From then on, his name shook the entire Great Spiritual Academy

Tournament. What Mu Chen wants to do now is precisely the same. Furthermore... he wants to be even more vicious.”

“A one move deal? Won’t this be... too risky?” Wu Yingying retracted the word “rampant” before she could speak it. Having some understanding of Mu Chen, as well as his character, she knew that it was impossible for him to get hot-headed and lose all rationale in his thinking.

“You can be considered to have some understanding... This fellow never speaks without thinking.”

A bright light slightly condensed within the eyes of Wu Ling. Staring at the figure before his eyes, he said with a faint smile, “Therefore, he should have a certain level of assurance. Haha. I’m indeed extremely curious to see exactly how he’s going to accomplish this with his strength at merely Spiritual Energy Disaster. Could he be relying on Spiritual Arrays? If he plans to do so, he would have to arrange an array comparable to the Rank 5 Combination Diagram, the Heaven Binding Spiritual Array, to be able to deal with three experts at First Grade Spirit Disaster, right? Would Mo Xiu and the other two give him such time to do so?”

Hearing her brother’s words, Wu Yingying wrinkled her eyebrows once more, while a slightly ugly feeling appeared within her heart.

As the sounds of whispers blotted the skies and shook the earth, Mo Xiu and the other two had similar blank expressions displayed on their faces. Exchanging glances with one another, preposterous and incredulous feelings started to uncontrollably erupt within their eyes.

A person whose strength appeared to be merely at the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster had actually said that he wanted to deal with the three of them by himself. Furthermore, from the looks of it, it seemed as if he wanted to deal with them using a single move.

Although they knew that Mu Chen’s strength should be higher than what his outward appearance was showing... wanting to deal with the three of them using a single move... This caused them to feel so much anger and fury to the point of them involuntary laughing. Does this Mu Chen truly think that he is Ji Xuan?

“Truly impressive, Captain Mu Chen.” Mo Xiu could not help giving a sneer. Staring right at Mu Chen, he continued speaking, “From the looks of it, you’ve also heard about what Ji Xuan had done a while back. However, if you truly want to use a similar method to prove that you possess the qualifications to contend with him, I’m afraid that you’ve found the wrong people to do so.”

Hearing that, a smile surfaced on the calm, handsome face of Mu Chen while he replied, “From what time did Ji Xuan think he’s above me? The lessons he received from me in the past should be plentiful enough.”

“Those battles during the Spiritual Road are just experiences and tempering. If you’ve always treated those as your source of confidence, you’ll become extremely disappointed at yourself,” said Mo Xiu with a sneer still present on his face.

Hearing that, Mu Chen nodded his head in agreement, before replying with a faint smile, “I’ll have you guys bring that statement to Ji Xuan.”

Mo Xiu's face instantly twitched slightly when Mu Chen gave his reply, before his gaze turned slightly dark. Exchanging glances with the other two Captains beside him, they proceeded to take a step forward. Instantly, three tyrannical Spiritual Energy fluctuations swept out from their bodies like a hurricane.

Bang! Bang!

As their Spiritual Energies swept out, spiritual light flashed, as the suppression brought about by the three tyrannical Spiritual Energies rapidly radiated, causing the faces of quite a few groups to turn solemn.

Even those Captains of powerful groups who had reached the first level of their Spirit Disaster had their eyes brimming with fear and dread. Indeed, none of the people in the Top 16 were one bit mediocre.

Behind Mu Chen, the faces of Xu Huang and the others were filled with solemnity. They had similarly not expected that Mu Chen had planned to contend against those three powerful people by himself. Although they were somewhat worried for the former, since matters had already progressed to this stage, the only thing they could do was to sit quietly and wait.

Shooting a look at Mu Chen's back, Luo Li didn't speak due to her confidence and trust in the former. She similarly knew that Mu Chen would not speak without making any thoughts beforehand.

"Oh? Can you do it?" Wen Qingxuan could not help shoot a question. Although she had already seen the might of the Combination Array Mu Chen had arranged while in the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace, from the looks of the current situation, the opposite party would clearly not give him the time to do so.

"Didn't I tell you that you can't just shoot such a question out at any random time?" Slightly panning his head, Mu Chen shot a smile towards Wen Qingxuan as he gave his reply.

A faint blush of embarrassment instantly appeared on Wen Qingxuan's fair and exquisite face, before shooting a fierce glare at Mu Chen. This fellow actually dares to tease me at such a time!

"Relax."

Mu Chen took a gentle breath as a faint shade of fierceness appeared on his handsome face. "Since there are people that want to test if I would be any of threat to him, I'll naturally not disappoint him."

Hearing that, Wen Qingxuan lightly nodded her head, without saying anymore words. She knew about the grudges and grievances between Mu Chen and Ji Xuan, with seemingly no possibility of reconciliation. If it was in the past, she might have chosen to remain neutral in the face of their confrontation. However, when Mu Chen had rushed across a thousand miles to help her, this had truly made her consider him as a friend. Therefore, among the two, she would naturally be biased towards Mu Chen.

Even though she knew that Ji Xuan was an extremely thorny person to deal with, this wasn't something she, Wen Qingxuan, would care about. The arrogant and self-confident her would never assume that she would be weaker than Ji Xuan.

“That would have to depend on your performance. As for the few fellows from the Academy Alliance, feel relaxed as none of them will be able to run away,” said Wen Qingxuan, shooting a faint glare towards Xiao Huang, Xiao Wang and the others standing not far away with her beautiful eyes.

Sensing her incoming gaze, a faint sneer surfaced on the faces of Xiao Huang and Xiao Wang, giving them an amused appearance. They were all too clear about the strength of Mo Xiu and the other two. If the two of them were to collaborate, they might have some chance of victory. However, they would absolutely not dare to proclaim their ignorance to be able to defeat the trio with a single move.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen slightly nodded his head. With Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan present, regardless of how difficult it was to deal with Xiao Huang or Xiao Wang, Mu Chen did not believe that they would be able to do much in the presence of these two girls.

Therefore, raising his head up, an indifferent light radiated within his eyes as he locked his gaze on to Mo Xiu and the other two.

At this moment, the trio had similarly locked their gazes onto Mu Chen, while a somewhat ugly expression appeared on their faces.

“Looks like Captain Mu Chen’s truly determined to carry on like this, huh.”

Under the perfusion of boundless Spiritual Energies, Mo Xiu’s deep voice rang like the roar of thunder, resounding across the entire region.

“Since you’re truly that confident in yourself, the three of us truly want to take a look at exactly how much of your ability matches up to your boasting.”

The gazes of the trio started to gradually turn fierce as the Spiritual Energies howling from their bodies grew increasingly rampant. As the Spiritual Energies pressed against the surrounding air, low muffled explosion sounds erupted.

The entire region had now been seemingly perfused by a feeling of suppression brought about by the boundless Spiritual Energies sweeping out.

A few people started to quietly retreat back, since they were able to sense that the battle that was about to take place would be extremely astonishing...

As boundless Spiritual Energies rippled like waves, the faces of Mo Xiu and the other two started to gradually turn cold.

“Captain Mu Chen, you should make your move. The three of us are looking forward to face it at anytime! However, I have to add that we know of you being a Spiritual Array Master. If you’re planning on letting us wait stupidly for you to arrange your Spiritual Array, I’m afraid that we’re unable to let you do so.”

Noticing the boundless Spiritual Energies surging from the trio, a faint glint sparkled within Mu Chen’s black pupils. The degree of Spiritual Energy surging from their bodies was a few degrees stronger than ordinary experts at First Grade Spirit Disaster. Clearly, the trio had already started to touch Second Grade Spirit Disaster. If they were given some more time, there was an extremely high possibility for them to be able to successfully cross this step.



Their individual strength wasn't weaker than that Xue Tiandou he had bumped into in the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace. In fact, they might even be a tad stronger.

Therefore, it was no wonder that there would be so many strange-looking gazes appearing when he made his claim.

However... the current him was similarly much stronger than he was while in the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace.

Taking a deep breath, Mu Chen slowly closed his eyes. As his hands gently clapped together, they quietly formed a somewhat shaky and exceedingly mysterious hand seal.

Following the completion of the hand seal, faint dark-green radiance started to radiate from his palms.

Humm. Humm.

Gigantic dark-green halos, approximated a thousand metres in radius, started to radiate one after another. As they started to ripple, everyone saw the layer upon layer of luscious trees and plants starting to quietly sparkle with a green light.

This was... the Divine Wood Scripture!

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#### **Chapter 563: Might of the Divine Wood Scripture**

Incomparably gigantic green ripples started to radiate from Mu Chen, with seemingly the entire verdant mountain range being completely enveloped within their radius. This spectacle instantly caused shock and astonishment to appear in the eyes of quite a few people, before being replaced by doubt and suspicion. That's because they weren't able to sense much of any powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations from within those green ripples...

Mo Xiu and the other two took the spectacle happening before them with calm expressions on their faces; however, their bodies started to quietly tense up. Being able to stand at the Top 16, they were naturally not brainless people. From the looks of it, the current spectacle had brought about some doubt in them, and it was this uncertainty that caused fear and dread to surface within their hearts.

That's because none of them knew exactly what method Mu Chen was preparing to deal with them.

Standing in the air, Mu Chen faintly started to close his eyes. Within the dark-green radiance, his hands started to slowly, but resolutely, form mysterious and ancient hand seals. As the hand seals were formed one after another, the dark-green ripples that were radiating grew increasingly bright and radiant.

Humm. Humm.

Unknowingly, some people suddenly started to sense minute shaking that appeared within the mountain range they were on.

Suddenly, the face of Wu Ling, who was standing on the top of the mountain peak in the distance, changed as a shadow of shock flashed within his eyes. Slowly lowering his head, he looked towards the verdant sea of trees present on the mountain range.

“These fluctuations...”

Bang! Bang!

The trembling started to increase in frequency, before everyone was finally able to sense it. In the next moment, all of them noticed a green light erupting from the sea of trees in the mountain range that was brimming with vitality.

As the green light hid the sky and covered the earth upon its appearance, the faces of everyone fiercely changed as they sensed extremely powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations present within the green light.

Furthermore, the Spiritual Energy present within was brimming with vitality. Compared to ordinary Spiritual Energy, it appeared to possess even more life and spirituality.

“Where did all of this Spiritual Energy come from?” Some people could not help crying out in astonishment. It wasn’t that they weren’t able to sense the flow of Spiritual Energy present in the Heavens and the Earth; however, where did all of this vast and boundless Spiritual Energy come from?

“That’s not right... the source of that Spiritual Energy seems to be from those trees!” Those people with acute senses were able to sense the origin of the Spiritual Energy.

As those words rang out, they had undoubtedly caused shock to fill the hearts of countless people once more. Everyone knew that the myriad of things present within the heavens and earth possessed spirituality, with the trees being amongst them, with the precipitation of Spiritual Energy happening over an extremely long time. The only difference between them would be in their strengths. However, this Spiritual Energy was exceedingly hard to mobilise. Wanting to extract Spiritual Energy present within other people and objects was an extremely difficult matter to accomplish. Only experts that have stepped into the Sovereign realm would be able to attempt and get some success out of such a method.

However, right before their eyes, such a spectacle had occurred with Mu Chen, someone who was merely at the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster. Such a shock caused them to be absolutely unable to remain calm and composed any longer.

A sliver of shock surfaced on the beautiful faces of Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan. Clearly, this was also the first time they have seen Mu Chen displaying such a technique. However, after feeling slightly shocked, Luo Li took a quiet breath of relief, while a somewhat peculiar look appeared in Wen Qingxuan’s eyes as she looked towards the back of Mu Chen. Every time she bumped into this youth, he seemed to always bring quite a bit of shock and surprise to people.

At this moment, the calm and composed expressions on the faces of Mo Xiu and the other two started to slowly fade away. As their faces started to change, while they stared at the green light rising from the unending sea of trees before their eyes, a look of uncertainty started to fill their eyes.

Ignoring the shocked gazes coming from his surroundings, Mu Chen continued to keep his eyes tightly shut, with the speed at which he formed his hand seals starting to slow down. Faint beads of cold sweat started to surface on his forehead, while slivers of paleness flashed across his face.

The Divine Wood Scripture was a true Greater Divine Art.

Even some Sovereign realm experts were unable to possess a Divine Art of this grade. Therefore, despite Mu Chen's considerable talent, it was absolutely not easy for him to be able to display this Divine Wood Scripture.

A faint light of lightning started to flash on the surface of Mu Chen's body. Clearly, he had already started to quietly activate his Lightning God's Physique, making the display of the Divine Wood Scripture a tad bit easier for him.

While this happened, the shaking present within the sea of trees below grew increasingly clear and distinct.

Suddenly, Mu Chen's eyes snapped open, with a green light unexpectedly circulating within his black pupils. In the next instant, his hand seals furiously changed, while a deep roar resounded from within his heart.

"Divine Wood Scripture, Wood to Spirit Transformation!"

Mu Chen sent a furious pat down on the verdant sea of trees below.

Invisible fluctuations seemed to radiate from his palm print, while faint ripples appeared within the surrounding space.

Humm! Humm!

Suddenly, dazzling green light erupted from the verdant sea of trees, with the shaking of the earth growing even more rapid. In the next instant, the eyes of everyone present furiously contracted. Before their very eyes, a gigantic tree with luscious green leaves had unexpectedly started turning yellow and was wilting at an astonishing speed.

The yellowing and wilting started from a point, before rapidly spreading out. Layer upon layer of yellowing and wilting continued to spread, travelling at astonishing speeds while doing so.

As this phenomena continued to spread, within a short span of a dozen breaths, all of the trees within a ten thousand metre radius had unexpectedly yellowed and wilted, appearing to have been drained of all of the Spiritual Energy present within them.

When this phenomena continued to the very limit, those trees had unexpectedly exploded apart, transforming into dust and fluttering about.

Bang! Bang!

Low and deep sounds akin to firecrackers going off continued to ring out as they crackled and popped.

Within a short span of time, the sea of trees had transformed into a bare patch of earth, with thick layers of wood dust left on the surface.

Blank expressions of dumbfoundedness filled the faces of everyone as they took in the spectacle before them. Exactly what is this method to actually be so overbearing?!

Everyone's gazes started to shift, only to see boundless dark-green Spiritual Energy howling towards the air above the already bare mountain range, with soaring vitality present within them.

All of this Spiritual Energy was squeezed out from those exploding trees, with the might of such power causing even the scalps of experts of First Grade Spirit Disaster to turn numb.

As Mu Chen's body slowly descended, he just so happened to land on top of this boundless sea of Spiritual Energies surging beneath, before raising his head to look towards his front. On the mountain peak before him, a sliver of an ashen shade had appeared on the faces of Mo Xiu and the other two, with their faintly twitching eyebrows clearly revealing the shock present in their hearts.

The terrifying spectacle brought about by Mu Chen had clearly shocked the hearts of the trio.

At this moment, their eyes were completely filled with solemn expressions, with them not daring to show the slightest bit of neglect. The suppression they felt surging over towards them caused them to even have a feeling as if their bodies were unable to move.

"What happens next will be up to you three."

Sending a faint smile towards Mo Xiu and the other two, Mu Chen proceeded to extend his finger, before giving a gentle tap at the space in front of him.

"Spiritual Sea Shock Wave."

A faint voice rang from his mouth. As he uttered his final word, the black pupils of the youth instantly turned fierce. Appearing as sharp and incisive as the edge of a blade, it caused a chill to appear in their hearts.

Bang!

A violent shiver shook through the surging spiritual sea before it started to howl. Gigantic fierce waves swept out, blotting the skies akin to a flood that descended from the skies. Without any scruples, they swept across the horizon, appearing just like when Mount Tai was falling over as they pressed down on Mo Xiu and the other two.

As the spiritual sea swept out, signs of warping and distortions appearing in the surrounding space. With its shadow enveloping over, the entire region started to turn dim.

Upon seeing this, everyone instantly retreated back with explosive actions, all afraid of being part of the collateral caused by the spiritual sea. The impact produced by it would cause even an expert of First Grade Spirit Disaster to instantly turn into pulp.

Extremely ugly expressions had appeared on the faces of Mo Xiu and the other two. Exchanging glances with each other, low roars rang out from their mouths as powerful Spiritual Energies erupted from their bodies at their full might.

At this moment, no longer did the trio dare to hold back the slightest bit. The arrogance present earlier in them due to Mu Chen wanting to deal with them by himself had now been tossed unimaginably far away. Only at this moment did they truly realise why even a monstrous talent like Ji Xuan would treat the youth before them as a truly mighty opponent.

"Fire God's Art, Flaming Dragon Burns the Heavens!" Taking the lead, Mo Xiu clapped his hands together to form a hand seal as his roar rang out. In the next instant, scarlet-red Spiritual Energy erupted from

him, transforming into a gigantic hundred metre-long flaming dragon. Scarlet-red flames seemed to flutter on the surface of this flaming dragon as astonishingly hot temperatures started to radiate from it.

“Golden Vajra Divine Palm!” Golden light erupted from Qiu Ning as his body started to inflate numerous times over. As the golden light flashed from him, he appeared just like a golden vajra buddha. With a solemn expression on his face, he sent a palm patting out, causing a gigantic golden glowing palm print to howl out.

“Willow God’s Flowers!” The skinny and frail-looking Liu San gave a low roar, causing a green glow to radiate from him, before transforming into a gigantic willow tree behind him. As its branches extended, they appeared to be able to hide the skies and cover the earth, whist radiating with boundless power.

At this moment, the trio had respectively displayed their most powerful techniques. Clearly, all them believed that if they were to show even the slightest bit of restraint, only the word miserable would be able to describe their incoming plight.

As vast and powerful Spiritual Energies flooded the entire region, shock filled the hearts of everyone as they took in the astonishing show of power present before them.

Bang! Rumble!

Under the attentive gazes of countless people, the dark-green spiritual sea swept like a flood. Finally, while bringing along a frightening Spiritual Energy suppression, it pressed down on the trio.

Under this absolutely tyrannical surge of Spiritual Energy, seemingly any kind of attack would appear weak and small.

Bang!

As the Spiritual Energy sea pressed down, it heavily collided against the astonishing attacks coming from the trio.

Boom!

At the instant of the collision, the loud clap of a thunderous roar resounded, with everyone within a hundred kilometres being able to clearly hear it. Everyone’s eyes were firmly locked onto the place of collision. Over there, Spiritual Energy shock waves were sweeping out akin to storms, wreaking havoc along the way.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Finally, the tense gazes of everyone present within this region transformed into gazes of terror as the Spiritual Energy sea surging with giant waves buried the flaming dragon, golden vajra palm, as well as the radiant willow tree in an instant...

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**Chapter 564: Crashed**

Bang! Bang!

The vast spiritual sea swept across the horizon, suppressing anything in its path akin to a world-ending flood. Transforming everything it touched into dust, it displayed its world-shaking might.

As giant waves that blotted the skies surged from the spiritual sea, the dark-green light seemed to have perfused across the entire region.

Before the spiritual sea, the flaming dragon howled, the golden vajra palm appeared to have wanted to shatter the heavens and earth apart, and the gigantic willow tree sparkled with an astonishing green glow as the three attacks merged together. Such a lineup was more than sufficient to cause the hearts of people to tremble.

However, despite facing such an assault, the spiritual sea still swept out without the slightest bit of delay. Finally, under the surging of its giant waves, it completely engulfed the flaming dragon, golden vajra palm and gigantic willow tree.

Puff!

Upon being engulfed by the spiritual sea, dense white steam instantly erupted from the flaming dragon. Crazily howling, the flaming dragon struggled about. Nevertheless, its gigantic body had started to dissipate at an astonishing speed.

After rushing through a distance within the spiritual sea, the golden vajra started to rapidly turn dim.

The willow tree had similarly started to rapidly wither, appearing as if it had started to rot away.

Enveloping the three astonishing attacks, Spiritual Energy howled from the spiritual sea. Finally, an invisible howl seemed to ring from it. As giant waves surged out, the three powerful attacks had unexpectedly collapsed completely apart. Transforming into glowing dots, they dissolved into the spiritual sea...

Puff.

As the three attacks were wiped out by the spiritual sea, the faces of Mo Xiu and the other two abruptly changed, before involuntarily spewing a mouthful of blood that dyed their chests red.

Hiss...

The people paying attention to the entire fight from outside of the spiritual sea's radius could not help sucking in a breath of cold air. Although they were able to sense how terrifying Mu Chen's attack was, who would have expected that the all-out attacks from Mo Xiu and the other two would actually be completely suppressed in such a head-on manner...?

Standing in the air, Mu Chen indifferently stared at the trio. With a flick of his finger, the spiritual sea that had suppressed their attacks howled out once more, hiding the heavens and covering the earth as it enveloped over them.

Whoosh!

Seeing this, the faces of the trio instantly changed. Upon observing the frightening power that the spiritual sea contained, how would they dare to let it touch them even the slightest bit?! Stomping their feet, they proceeded to shoot towards three different directions.

Bang! Rumble!

As the spiritual sea smashed against the mountain peak, the entire majestic mountain peak instantly collapsed apart, before being razed to the ground.

Bang!

As the mountain peak collapsed, Mu Chen's hand seal changed once more, only for the spiritual sea to abruptly change into three separate currents. Shooting across the horizon at lightning speed, they travelled at an astonishing pace before appearing before the bodies of the trio.

As the sea currents revolved around the bodies of the trio, a frightening suppression instantly sealed all of their paths of retreat.

Finally, a pale shade gushed from the faces of Mo Xiu and the other two, while they did not dare to make even a single move. All three of them knew that if they made so much as a single strange movement, the spiritual sea condensed from vast and boundless Spiritual Energy would instantly press down on top of their heads. At that time, they would follow their predecessor, which was the mountain peak that had been razed to the ground.

Fortunately, though, the Spiritual Energy sea currents had only surrounded them and did not press down much more.

Not far away from them, Mu Chen had locked his black pupils on the trio, although he had yet to make any sound. Nevertheless, the indifferent gaze shooting from him had caused their hearts to turn cold.

Therefore, exchanging glances with one another, the trio could only give bitter laughs in response. Raising their hands up, they said in astringent tones, "We've lost."

With the fight reaching such a stage, there was already not much else they could do but admit defeat. The youth standing before them, Mu Chen was absolutely not someone that would show mercy and leniency. There was not the slightest bit of doubt in them that if they continued resisting, Mu Chen would ruthlessly smash them down without the slightest bit of hesitation.

As the sound of the trio admitting defeat resounded, the entire region had undoubtedly turned silent. What preceded next was an upsurge of cries of astonishment that uncontrollably rang out.

The changes happening on everyone's faces fluctuated exceedingly splendidly, as such an ending had truthfully exceeded their expectations by far too much.

At the back, Xiao Huang and the people of the Academy Alliance that originally had sneers present on their faces in their wait for Mu Chen to humiliate himself had started to slowly turn stiff.

The corner of Xiao Haung's mouth twitch, while his gaze became filled with darkness as he stared at the figure of Mu Chen. The move the latter had displayed caused even him to feel heart-palpating fear.

"How's that possible?!" Xiao Wang hoarsely roared out. His strength was on the same level as Mo Xiu and the other two. However, from the looks of this, even after taking action together, the trio had been destroyed by Mu Chen...

Behind their backs, Mo Yu and the others had faces overwhelmed with shock and terror, while their bodies started to involuntarily shiver. They never imagined that within the short span of time, that was less than even half a month, Mu Chen's strength had unexpectedly rose to such a realm.

"He truly has some moves." Staring at the sky, a sliver of astonishment and solemnness flashed across Wu Ling's eyes, before slowly nodding his head. Mu Chen truly is Mu Chen. Despite losing some cultivation time after being kicked out halfway through the Spiritual Road, with his talent, wanting to supplement that empty period of time was clearly not too big of a problem.

"That fellow..." A splendid shadow flashed across Wu Yingying's beautiful eyes as she exclaimed. The imposing aura radiating from Mu Chen was indeed somewhat astonishing. Even she was momentarily unable to come up with any derogatory words to nitpick about him.

Luo Li's originally tense body had started to quietly loosen up, while a faint smile appeared on her face as she looked at the back of the youth. This youth had finally started to gradually radiate with the grace and elegance he had shown while in the Spiritual Road. The future him would become even more dazzling.

On the contrary, though, Wen Qingxuan slightly pouted her little red mouth, with her beautiful eyes still brimming with arrogance and haughtiness. Nevertheless, it was even inevitable for her to have a few points of astonishment appearing in her heart. She had started to discover that the youth before her eyes seemed to appear akin to a bottomless pit, one that people were completely unable to judge its depth. Even someone as arrogant and haughty as her had no choice but to admit in her heart that Mu Chen was indeed exceedingly outstanding...

Standing in the air, Mu Chen didn't pay attention to the various thoughts present in the hearts of the various people that were present in this region, but continued to stare right at Mo Xiu and the other two. At this moment, the faces of the trio appeared dark and gloomy. One had to imagine that the confrontation today had truthfully given them a somewhat huge blow.

After all, being able to walk to such a stage, they were naturally people that possessed exceedingly high talent. Furthermore, they weren't lacking in chances and opportunities. They had assumed that they should be considered as one the very best within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Other than people like Ji Xuan, Wen Qingxuan, Wu Ling and a handful of other monstrous talents, they possessed more than sufficient qualifications to rise to the top.

However, as of now, reality had given them a cruel answer.

Even after collaborating, they were immediately defeated by a single attack from Mu Chen. Furthermore, what's most crucial was that the latter's cultivation was merely at Spiritual Energy Disaster...

Exchanging glances with one another, the trio proceeded to sigh. Finally, they had completely understood why even someone like Ji Xuan would possess that much fear and dread for Mu Chen to the point of even sending them to probe him out.

With a clench of their hands, three Academy Plaques appeared within. Flicking their fingers, they sent them flying towards Mu Chen. Being the losers, they were very clear what the rules were, despite their



extreme unwillingness. After all, they had suffered much hardship and difficulties just to obtain those points.

With a clench of his hand, the three Academy Plaques were sucked into his hand. Giving them a glance, what he saw made him raise his eyebrows. There was a total of 10 thousand points present on those three Academy Plaques, a quantity that could be considered as extremely high.

“Are you three the subordinates of Ji Xuan?” Playing around with the Academy Plaques in his hand, Mu Chen shot a question with an indifferent manner.

“We’ve no interest in being anyone’s subordinates. We merely owe him a favor, that’s all. As of now, after helping him feel you out, this favor can be considered to have been paid,” replied Mo Xiu.

Hearing that, Mu Chen slightly narrowed his eyes. After ponder for a short while, he gave a flick of his finger, sending the three Academy Plaques shooting back towards the trio.

“You.” Seeing this, the three exclaimed in shock as they looked straight towards Mu Chen.

“This concerns the grudges and grievances between me and Ji Xuan. It’s best that you guys don’t interfere in the future. If there’s a next time, things might not be that easy for you all,” replied Mu Chen indifferently. There wasn’t much of any direct grudge or grievance between him and the trio. Therefore, he didn’t want to be too stiff towards them. These fellows were somewhat capable. Having too many opponents wasn’t the result that Mu Chen wanted.

Hearing that, the trio instantly gawked in shock. As their faces alternated between an ashen and red shade, only after quite a while did they take their Academy Plaques back, before saying in embarrassment, “Thank you very much for your magnanimity, Captain Mu Chen.”

After all, those points were what their entire groups had obtained together. If they were to hand them all over, it would be hard for them to account towards their groups’ members. Therefore, despite their pride that made them not wish to take them back, in the end, rationale had triumphed over face.

With a wave of his sleeve, the spiritual sea surrounding the trio rapidly dissipated away, before finally transforming into glowing dots that filled the skies, slowly fluttering down towards the bare mountain range below.

Seeing this, the trio cupped their hands once again towards Mu Chen, before fluttering back and retreating. Clearly, they no longer had any plans on taking action again.

Seeing Mu Chen allowing the retreat of Mo Xiu and the others, while even causing them to not have the slightest bit of anger towards him, the people present in the region could not help feeling admiration for the former. After all, not everyone could ignore the gigantic attraction brought about by ten thousand-plus points. After all, such a gigantic amount of points was more than sufficient to send any group into the Top 16.

After seeing Mo Xiu and the other two retreating away, Mu Chen turned his body around. Locking his indifferent-looking gaze onto Xiao Huang and the people of the Multi-Academy Alliance, he said in an indifferent voice, “After enjoying such a long show, where’s your payment of 20,000 points?”

A sluggish expression flashed across Xiao Wang's face, before clenching his teeth and growling, "Don't be a bully, Mu Chen!"

"Looks like you're unwilling to hand them over by your own accord," said Mu Chen.

"Why the need for this, Mu Chen?! Worst come to worst, we'll not interfere with the matter between you and Ji Xuan anymore. Let's bury the hatchet for this grudge and grievance. What do you say?" said Xiao Huang in a deep voice.

From the move Mu Chen made to patch up matters with Mo Xiu and the other two, the former appeared to not be so willing to offend too many people. After all, he was already a top ranked target for many. Making too many opponents was clearly something that Mu Chen was trying his best to avoid. Therefore, this had indeed given some hope for Xiao Huang and the Multi-Academy Alliance.

Raising his head to look towards Xiao Huang, whose eyes were currently sparkling, a ridiculing smile slowly curled up from the corner of his mouth. In the next moment, bringing about a chilling killing intent, his voice, which was gradually turning cold, started to ring out across the skies.

"If you don't hand the points over, everyone will leave an arm here."

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#### **Chapter 565: Points**

"If you don't hand the points over, everyone will leave an arm here."

As Mu Chen's ice-cold voice rang out across the sky, the temperature of the entire region seemed to drop, causing shock to tremble through the hearts of quite a few groups. Looking over towards Mu Chen, everyone immediately noticed the lack of expression present on the handsome face of the former.

Clearly, at this moment, Mu Chen seemed to not be joking around.

"What did you say?!" The corner of Xiao Huang's mouth twitched, before he fiercely roared. He never imagined that Mu Chen would have not the slightest intent to consider putting this matter behind him. Furthermore, he had even wanted them to leave an arm behind!

"I'm afraid that you don't possess the qualifications to make us leave an arm behind!" Xiao Wang chillingly roared out, killing intent gushing from his eyes.

Shooting an indifferent look at them, Mu Chen didn't continue talking any more useless words as the killing intent radiating from his body grew increasingly dense. The only reason why he had let of Mo Xiu and the other two leave so easily truly was due to the lack of any direct grudge and grievance between him and them. However, those people from the Multi-Academy Academy present before his eyes had been at odds with him ever since the beginning. Furthermore, Xiao Huang did not show the slightest bit of mercy towards him when he was trapped in the latter's Spiritual Array earlier.

Moreover, Mu Chen had never believed that having an overly compassionate attitude was any good at all. Being compassionate wouldn't bring about reverence. The reason why he had let Mo Xiu and the other two off so easily really was due to the reduction of future troubles. However, it had similarly allowed for some people to assume that after provoking him, Mu Chen wouldn't make any frightening

circumstances. However, once others had such a thought, Mu Chen's future days wouldn't be peaceful anymore.

Therefore, after showing the so-called 'compassionate attitude', he still needed to show a terrifying move to follow.

Clearly. The former was shown to Mo Xiu and the other two. As for the latter, it should be reserved for the unlucky Xiao Huang and the Academy Alliance.

Turning his gaze towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan, Mu Chen slightly nodded his head.

Humm.

With the clench of her hand, the Luo God Sword in Luo Li's hand erupted with a fierce brilliance. And indescribably incisive Sword Qi started to radiate, instantly causing the faint distortions in the surrounding space.

Quietly staring towards Xiao Huang and Xiao Wang, Luo Li slowly raised the tip of her sword, before locking it straight towards the two of them.

At this moment, a sweet smile appeared on Wen Qingxuan's face, one that appeared somewhat cold and chilly. Tightly clutching her golden war spear, her black hair flowed down like a river, while a shadow of indifference appeared within her willowy phoenix-like eyes. Bright golden light started to radiate from her body, bringing along tyrannical waves of Spiritual Energy fluctuations as they swept out.

As the two girls aimed towards Xiao Huang and Xiao Wang, a feeling of suppression abruptly radiated about, causing the hearts of numerous experts present in the region to turn sluggish, while an indescribable feeling of danger started to radiate from within.

"Let's go!"

The eyes of the Xiao brothers rapidly sparkled, before both of them seemingly roared at the next instant. Transforming into rays of light, they rapidly shot across the horizon at lightning speed.

Whoosh!

However, at the instant when they had made their move, Luo Li had already disappeared from her original position. Upon her reappearance, she had already stood right in front of the Xiao brothers like a spectre. At this moment, a calm and serene expression was present on her absolutely beautiful and exquisite face as the Luo God Sword in her hand slowly made a vertical slicing motion.

Swish!

The space before her seemed to have been instantly sliced apart, while a sword light so fierce that it caused people to be unable to open their eyes shot out, hurtling towards Xiao Wang's chest at lightning speed.

Seeing this, Xiao Wang's face instantly contorted. Pulling the bowstring of the giant flaming bow in his hands, a flaming arrow abruptly shot out.

Bang!

Under the chopping motion from the sword light, the flaming arrow instantly split apart. In the next instant, the sword light heavily chopped down on Xiao Wang's chest without the slightest bit of mercy.

Crack.

Xiao Wang's robes were instantly ripped apart, while an inner armor vest that was sparkling with spiritual light appeared in everyone's view. Clearly, this was a defensive Spiritual Item. Dense halos instantly erupted from the inner armor vest, shielding Xiao Wang within.

Crack!

However, this protection only lasted for a split second. Facing against the merciless sword from Luo Li, the defense formed by the inner armor vest only lasted for an instant before being penetrated by the former.

Blood immediately shot out from Xiao Wang's chest as he was sent flying back akin to suffering from a heavy blow. Shooting straight towards a mountain peak, his body was instantly embedded into the mountain cliff, showing an extremely miserable sight.

Holding the Luo God Sword in her hand, Luo Li stood in the air, her long silver hair fluttering about in the gentle breeze, while her robes accentuated her soul-stirring curves. Such an absolutely beautiful and breathtaking spectacle caused everyone who saw her to gasp in admiration.

Bang!

Across the horizon, as golden light perfused, a clear cry of a phoenix rang out as another miserable figure appeared, shaking and causing the towering giant trees along its path to explode as it flew by.

The figure retreated hundreds of metres back before finally being able to stabilise himself in a miserable fashion. As everyone looked over, what they saw was precisely Xiao Huang. However, at this moment, his face was deathly pale, while blood surfaced at the corner of his mouth, no longer giving the same presence as before.

A golden light shot towards him before Wen Qingxuan appeared in a flash. Clutching the golden war spear in her hands, she pointed the tip towards Xiao Huang, while her phoenix-like eyes were brimming with chilling intent.

Although the might of the Spiritual Array arranged by Xiao Huang was powerful, once he had lost his Spiritual Array, the combat prowess he could display was in fact weaker than Xiao Wang by a notch. Therefore, how could he be a match for Wen Qingxuan?

Low clamoring noises instantly rang out across the entire region as the gazes heading towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were filled with gasps of admiration. The strength displayed by the two girls were considerably intimidating to their eyes.

Naturally, though, it wasn't a surprise to them that Wen Qingxuan possessed such strength; after all, she was the former Numero Uno and the current rank 3 in the rankings. However, they were exceedingly unfamiliar towards Luo Li. Although this girl possessed an appearance and personality not one bit inferior to Wen Qingxuan, she had an entirely different character compared to the former.

Wen Qingxuan's arrogance, and strong stance was just like a phoenix soaring across the horizon. As for Luo Li, she appeared calm and quiet, just like a lotus in a deep valley.

Therefore, when they saw that this girl, which had been quietly following by Mu Chen's side, had actually displayed such astonishing strength, it was inevitable for them to become gobsmacked.

Seeing how miserable the Xiao brother's were, the faces of Mo Yu and the others of the Academy Alliance turned deathly pale. At this time, they didn't even have the heart to run away, while the feeling of being powerless after defeat brimmed within their eyes.

The Mu Chen before their eyes was clearly someone that they could no longer contend against. The growth rate of the former had far surpassed their expectations.

Sweeping an indifferent gaze across them, Mu Chen turned his eyes towards Xiao Huang once again. With a faint smile on his face, he said, "There is still no change in your decision, right?"

As his voice rang out, without waiting for Xiao Huang to give his reply, Mu Chen raised his palm and made a throat-slicing action towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

Seeing this, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan nodded their heads. As a chill surfaced within their beautiful eyes, they prepared to take action again.

"Wait!" Xiao Huang's face violently contorted as he hastily roared. From the looks of Mu Chen's indifferent gaze, as well as the chilling eyes of the two girls, he knew that if he hesitated just one bit longer, he might truly leave an arm behind.

"I'll give the points!" growled Xiao Huang, before turning his gaze towards Mo Yu and the others. Seeing this, the latter few hesitated awhile. However, upon seeing the fierce gaze coming from Xiao Huang, the only thing they could do was to give a bitter sigh before tossing their Academy Plaques to the former.

Truthfully speaking, they weren't from the same Spiritual Academy as Xiao Huang. They came together to form the Academy Alliance due to the strength of Xiao Huang and Xiao Wang, as well as wanting to obtain some benefits. However, from the looks of it now, not only did they get no benefits out of it, they had even lost all their points as a result.

This caused them to feel like crying, while an additional feeling of disappointment towards Xiao Huang surfaced within their hearts. Exchanging glances with one another, all of them knew that there was no longer any good left for this Academy Alliance...

Xiao Huang wasn't privy to their thoughts as he received the Academy Plaques from them. Clenching his teeth, he proceeded to toss all of them to Mu Chen.

With a flick of his finger, Mu Chen sent all of the Academy Plaques shooting towards Wen Qingxuan, causing the latter to slightly gawk in response.

"Didn't I say that I owe you a Numero Uno place...? With these 20,000, even though you still aren't able to reach first place again, the distance would be extremely small," said Mu Chen as he sent a smile towards Wen Qingxuan

At this moment, Wen Qingxuan possessed approximately 20,000. As for the first place, Ji Xuan, his points had already reach a staggering 50,000. Clearly, during the few days where Wen Qingxuan was trapped, Ji Xuan had been doing his best to widen the disparity.

Receiving the Academy Plaques, Wen Qingxuan hesitated for a bit, before finally nodding her head. With a flash of radiance erupting from her jade-like hand, she whisked all of 20,000 points away.

As she did so, the number of points her group possessed immediately shot up to approximately 40,000, instantly exceeding the original number 2 on the rankings, Wu Ling.

On the mountain peak not far away, upon seeing the sparkle appear on the Academy Plaque in his hand, Wu Ling gave a helpless shrug. Nevertheless, he didn't feel any worry from this, as he was extremely clear that there would be some earth-shattering changes happening to the point rankings in the last moments of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament...

"Looks like Xiao Huang and his Academy Alliance have burnt their hands trying to get a piece of the pie," said Wu Ling with a faint smile.

"They're simply frauds." Wu Yingying fumed as she spoke out. Naturally, she was talking about the matter of Wen Qingxuan being stronger than them.

"Those are points that people have risked their lives to obtain. How is that fraudulent?" Wu Ling appeared to not care as he waved his hands about. Yet, his eyes were casting an exceedingly interested gaze towards the figure of the thin youth in the distance.

He knew that after this fight, Ji Xuan and Mu Chen were already in incomplete opposition of one another.

After taking the points away, Wen Qingxuan casually tossed back the Academy Plaques towards Xiao Huang. Upon receiving them and see them with half of their points gone, the latter's heart instantly started to ache while his face started to twitch.

Xiao Huang's group, which was originally placed at 9th on the rankings had half of their points taken away, causing them to immediately drop out of the Top 16.

"Let's go!"

Xiao Huang shot a vicious glare at Mu Chen, his heart brimming with anger and fury. Nevertheless, he did not dare to reveal them. With a wave of his hand, he brought along Xiao Wang, who had finally managed to struggle and tug himself free from the mountain cliff as they rapidly retreated away. Their retreating figures appeared somewhat miserable, akin to dogs running away with their tails between their legs.

After hesitating awhile, Mo Yu and the others followed suit. Nevertheless, they kept an extremely far distance between them and the Xiao brothers.

This time, Mu Chen did not obstruct Xiao Huang and the Academy Alliance from retreating. Raising his head up, he looked towards the far distance, his handsome face appeared calm and collected. Merely, an extremely fierce and chilling glint gushed from the depths of his black pupils.

Ji Xuan. Since you want to play this game, this time, I'll accompany you to the very end.

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### Chapter 566: Memories

Rumble. rumble.

This was a deep valley, with a waterfall descended from the giant peak above akin to a heavenly dragon. The loud rumbling sounds ringing from it caused the entire valley to shudder and vibrate.

Bringing along a frightening amount of energy as it rushed downward, the waterfall travelled a certain distance before suddenly arching up. At this location, the waterfall split, transforming into multiple gigantic streams of water rushing down, with some giant rocks below instantly shattering into pieces upon contact with them.

At the place where the waterfall had arched, one could faintly discern the dim radiance of Spiritual Energy. If one was to take a closer look, one would be able to see what appeared to be a figure sitting within the waterfall.

Sitting quietly within, regardless of how frightening the energy contained within the water current smashing against his body, the figure did not even move a single inch.

He quietly sat there, continuing for approximately an hour before finally slowly opening his eyes. Dazzling rays of brilliance surfaced from his eyes, before waves of extremely powerful Spiritual Energy swept out. At this moment, the waterfall above him had completely dissipated away, only resuming after quite a while later.

Standing up, the figure slowly strode forward, walking towards the waterfall. Spiritual light started to perfuse from his body, causing his skin to sparkle with a gem-like luster, appearing to be made out of jade.

As the water current weighing thousands and thousands of pounds came gushing down, it did not cause even the slightest bit of obstruction to him. As he slowly strode past it, the waterfall was unexpectedly unable to leave even a trace of water on his body.

Floating out of the waterfall, with a move of his body, he descended on the craggy rock beside the waterfall.

Dressed in white robes, the figure's black hair fluttered away, revealing a face that was as handsome as the dazzling sun above. At this moment, a gentle smile hung at the corner of his mouth, causing him to appear cultured and refined. Such an aura had an absolutely lethal level of attraction to some girls.

An insignia of an academy dazzled on his chest, with holy light gloriously shining from it. That was precisely the insignia of the Saint Spiritual Academy.

As for him, he was precisely Ji Xuan.

Whoosh.

Faint whooshing sounds rang out from the side, before a figure appeared right before Ji Xuan. The figure that was revealed was also an exceedingly handsome youth, who sent a smile towards Ji Xuan, before saying, "Xiao Huang's group have dropped out from the Top 16, while Wen Qingxuan's group has risen from 3rd to 2nd place."

“Looks like they’ve been defeated,” replied Ji Xuan, with not much surprise within his eyes.

“Mu Feng, did Mu Chen appear?”

The youth by the name of Mu Feng nodded his head. At this moment, a somewhat astonished look appeared within his eyes as he replied, “According to the news that we’ve received, Mu Chen appeared. Mo Xiu and the other two had collaborated, but were defeated by a single move from him. Tsk, tsk. That fellow’s somewhat formidable, to actually achieve such a feat.”

“Defeating them with a single move, huh.” Ji Xuan’s gaze still remained indifferent as he said, “If it’s him, such a feat isn’t sufficient to warrant any surprise. However, I never expected that he would actually be able to catch up so quickly. I thought that the year of delay from the Spiritual Road would put quite a stop in his cultivation speed.”

“That’s right. Why did the points of Mo Xiu and the other two not drop?” Ji Xuan suddenly asked. He had also paid attention to this, as the rankings of Mo Xiu and the other two were still present at the bottom end of the Top 16.

“Mu Chen didn’t take action against them, and had even let them off. On the other hand, he was not one bit courteous towards Xiao Huang and the Multi-Academy Alliance, and immediately told them to leave an arm behind if they didn’t hand over the points,” replied Mu Feng.

“Merciful on one hand while showing his might on the other,” said Ji Xuan as he slightly narrowed his eyes. “Truly befitting of Mu Chen, such a shrewd move. I’ve originally wanted him to become the common enemy of the masses. I never expected that he would actually not get taken in by this.”

Mu Feng understood in a flash, before saying, “That’s why you knew that Mo Xiu and the other two would most likely fail, but still let them go! So it turns out that you’re trying to dig a pit for Mu Chen to fall in. However, it’s a pity. That brat’s not any other ordinary person.”

“If he was any ordinary person, there’s no need for me to pay so much care about him,” replied Ji Xuan with a faint smile. “There isn’t much friendly relations between us and Mo Xiu, Qiu Ning and Xiu San. They’ve merely owed us a favor due to our initial plan. Now that this matter has come to an end, added with the favor they now owe Mu Chen, they would absolutely not come close to us again.”

“They’re just a few minor characters. Do they really think that they would be able to stabilise their positions at the bottom end of the Top 16 just by relying on themselves? God-knows how many groups possess comparable strength to them that are standing right by behind them. And this isn’t including those powerful groups that are stronger than them. After losing our protection, they won’t be able to hold on to their places for long,” said Mu Feng with a smile.

“What are you planning to do next? From the looks of it, Mu Chen should be moving together with Wen Qingxuan. That girl, Wen Qingxuan, isn’t exactly simple. With them collaborating, I’m afraid that it would cause some trouble for us,” said Mu Feng with a frown.

Hearing that, Ji Xuan slightly nodded his head. Indeed, Wen Qingxuan wasn’t just another ordinary character. Even he had to admit this fact.

“There’s no need to get prematurely worried. Don’t get misguided due to worrying about them.” A glint wandered within Ji Xuan’s eyes, before replying with a faint smile. “Initially, during the Spiritual Road,



I've caused Mu Chen to get expelled from there. This time, I'll let him truly understand exactly who the genuine victor is."

Hearing that, Mu Feng nodded his head. After following Ji Xuan all the way till here, he was extremely clear exactly how much frightening strength the person before him possessed. Although he had yet to meet Mu Chen, he did not believe one single bit that there would truly be anyone present within this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament that could triumph over Ji Xuan.

"That's right." Ji Xuan paused for a bit. Looking towards Mu Feng, he could see the rays of indescribable emotion present within the latter's eyes. After quite a while later, he said, "There's a girl by the name of Luo Li by Mu Chen's side, right?"

Hearing that question, Mu Feng nodded his head. At this moment, he was also shooting a look towards Ji Xuan, as he could sense a sliver of a peculiar expression present within the latter's voice that was extremely rarely seen from him.

"That Luo Li's always by Mu Chen's side. She's also extremely formidable, and can even be described as only showing the tip of the iceberg. I feel that she might even be no weaker than Wen Qingxuan," replied Mu Feng.

"How can the next Empress of the Luo God Clan be one bit ordinary?" muttered Ji Xuan. Nevertheless, upon remembering that Luo Li was always accompanying Mu Chen's side, despite his deeply concealed and reserved nature, he could not help flashing a shade of darkness across his face, while feeling extremely uncomfortable within his heart. This state of mind and emotion should be one of extreme envy and jealousy.

Ever since their first meeting during the Spiritual Road, the youthful girl's quiet and serene nature, as well her bright, resplendent eyes, coupled with her radiant hair that appeared just like a silvery river, had caused his heart to throb exceedingly hard.

Within the Spiritual Road, Mu Chen had become an irreconcilable enemy for Ji Xuan. The latter knew that the reason more or less was due to that young girl that would always quietly stand by side of the former, regardless of anything.

Regardless of what he did, Ji Xuan was unable to garner the care and concern from the young girl. Regardless of what he did, the faint smile at the corner of the young girl's mouth would not blossom for his sake.

This was something he refused to accept. He had been the heaven-gifted son since young, with his outstanding talent causing him to be as dazzling as the radiant sun. Despite this, however, this was the first time he had felt the feeling of defeat from people not caring even the slightest bit about his outstanding talent.

Since he was unable to make her care about him, he would make sure that she would firmly remember him, regardless of whether it be of hatred or killing intent...

Therefore, he had schemed against Luo Li in the Spiritual Road, forcing the usually calm Mu Chen to become completely enraged, before utilising all means and ways to create that Blood Calamity and expel the latter for the Spiritual Road.

On the day when Mu Chen was expelled from the Spiritual Road, Ji Xuan was standing in the far distance as he took in this scene. At that moment, he was able to see the calm expression within the youth's gaze as he departed. However, it was that calm and peaceful expression that caused Ji Xuan's expression to turn dark.

At that moment, Luo Li was also present, merely that she was calmly watching Mu Chen leave, never turning her gaze around from the start to the end. Only after Mu Chen had left did she turn around and leave, leaving a slender, elegant back figure in Ji Xuan's eyes.

It was that day that an extraordinary level of fury and anger surged within Ji Xuan.

He had achieved his target and forced Mu Chen out of the Spiritual Road, and had appeared considerably perfect in the eyes of the majority. After all, within the Spiritual Road, one's methods wasn't important, as they only cared about the results.

Nevertheless, Ji Xuan wasn't one bit happy. The calm expression on Mu Chen's face as he left and Luo Li's figure as she had turned and left caused Ji Xuan to not feel even a sliver of happiness.

Furthermore, after Mu Chen was expelled from the Spiritual Road, Ji Xuan did not see Luo Li again, not until the finale of the Spiritual Road.

The young girl still wore a long black robe, with her long silvery hair falling all the way down to her slender waist. Standing alone, she finally swept a light look towards Ji Xuan with her bright, glass-like pupils.

It was only a glance, yet it had caused Ji Xuan to involuntarily slightly straighten himself up, wanting to completely display all of his dazzling aspects.

Nevertheless, all of that was ignored by the young girl. Under the gazes of countless outstanding geniuses, she slowly raised the long sword within her hand, before point the tip straight towards Ji Xuan.

Not a single word had yet to leave her mouth. As her silvery hair fluttered apart, she had already unleashed her attack.

Swift, fierce, vicious.

In the end, both of them were mutually injured.

The young girl had not said a single word at all. She had given up her qualifications to contend for the Championship, using it to cause Ji Xuan to be unable to obtain that honor. She had used a method to tell Ji Xuan and everyone present about the anger and fury she had suppressed within her heart.

At that moment, Ji Xuan had retreated in a somewhat miserable fashion. Looking towards the young girl, whose body was similarly covered in wounds, a killing intent that would be able to blot the skies had gushed from his heart in that instant. This wasn't directed to Luo Li, but towards Mu Chen.

That fellow merely had the luck to meet Luo Li earlier than me! It should be me that the girl should be willing to give up everything for! It's all because of that fellow, Mu Chen!

Without him, he, Ji Xuan, would have become the the greatest victor in the Spiritual Road!

Regardless of glory or the girl.

Creak.

Ji Xuan slowly clenched his hands tightly, causing green veins to squirm and dance across his gemstone-like skin. The rumbling sounds and moist air brought about by the waterfall caused him to gradually escape from those memories.

However, his eyes grew increasingly ice-cold, with the chilling intent present causing Mu Feng, who was beside him, to shutter.

Raising his head, Ji Xuan looked into the far distance with his ice-cold gaze.

Luo Li, this time, I'll step on Mu Chen right before your eyes. I will let you know that compared to me, Mu Chen's nothing!

Regardless of ability or strength, I'm stronger than Mu Chen!

Therefore, only I am the most suitable for you!

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#### **Chapter 567: Tooth Extraction Mission**

The atmosphere within the devastated mountain range was no longer as lively as before. Following the conclusion of the great battle, the various powerful groups that had converged in this region had started to quietly disperse.

Standing on top of a mountain peak, Mu Chen looked towards the horizon, which had cleared up, before turning around to look at the bevy of young girls behind his back.

The three groups of the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy had gathered together. This group of young girls had pretty and beautiful appearances, their gurgling laughters radiated with youthfulness and vitality. Such a spectacle caused Xu Huang and the other two to involuntarily flutter their gazes over and over again.

"Tsk, tsk. I really never imagined that you would become this strong after a period of two months. You truly leave people dumbfounded," said an enchanting and voluptuous girl with a grin as she walked over. She was the person that Mu Chen had bumped into not too long after the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, Tang Mei'er.

At this moment, her beautiful eyes were suffused with rays of brilliance as she stared right at Mu Chen. When they had initially bumped into one another, Mu Chen's cultivation was merely at the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. However, as of now, he had already passed his Spiritual Energy Disaster. Furthermore, what's more terrifying was that his true combat prowess was on a level that even experts at First Grade Spirit Disaster were hard-pressed to match.

Such a rate of progress was truthfully astonishing.

"What's the matter? Have you two met before, Elder Sister Mei'er?" asked Wen Qingxuan in a somewhat astonished manner. From the looks of it, Tang Mei'er seemed to have not mentioned about having met Mu Chen and his group before.

Proceeding to suspiciously stare at Mu Chen, she continued probing, "He didn't bully you all, did he?"

Hearing that, Mu Chen's face instantly turned black as he shot a vicious glare at Wen Qingxuan. However, the young girl before his eyes did not pay any notice to his threat. On the contrary, she raised her sharp, snow-white chin up in a haughty hoist, appearing just like a queen looking down on her subjects.

"Hehe. With Little Sister Luo Li around, he won't even have the courage to do so," replied Tang Mei'er with a lovable laugh while she covered her red lips with her jade-like hand.

Hearing that, Luo Li gave a faint smile in response, her clear and limpid eyes gently sweeping across to Mu Chen.

The play acted out by the three girls instantly caused Mu Chen's head to swell. Breaking Xiao Huang's Spiritual Array and dealing with Mo Xiu and the Multi-Academy Alliance appeared much easier, like a heaven's dream, than to deal with the three girls before him.

Seeing the somewhat depressed appearance extruded by Mu Chen, the three girls could not help gently laughing.

"Hey, your charm's pretty good, and your taste is also very high. Could it be that you've taken a fancy for the most prideful and beautiful phoenix of our Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy?" Stealthily moving close to Mu Chen, Tang Mei'er said with a soft laughter.

"However, there's an extremely high degree of difficulty in this. This lass, Qingxuan's too prideful. I'm afraid that you won't be able to make her submit."

Mu Chen being somewhat unable to endure this provocative and straightforward set of words from Tang Mei'er, instantly caused an embarrassed shade to appear on his face. Shooting a look at Wen Qingxuan, who was currently chatting with Luo Li, he said with a dry laugh, "Please don't joke around, Elder Sister Mei'er. I truly don't have any intent to do so."

Mu Chen was extremely clear that Wen Qingxuan did not have any interest in him. On the contrary, she was interested in Luo Li. Therefore, from a certain perspective, Mu Chen still had to be cautious towards her.

"Nevertheless, I pity my Little Sister Qian'er. Thinking about a certain somebody all day long in the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy. However, that certain someone is imprisoned in a cluster of flowers, while being extremely satisfied with himself," said Tang Mei'er as she shot a look at Mu Chen with her beautiful eyes.

Mu Chen felt that her gaze appeared to treat him akin to a heinous traitor, resulting in him being only able to give a bitter laugh in response. In the face of this, even giving an explanation would not be able to clear up the situation.

"Next up, what are you planning to do?" However, at this moment, Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li had walked over. Shooting a look at Mu Chen, a serious expression appeared on the latter's lovable face as she shot a question towards him.

Hearing that, Mu Chen started to deeply ponder awhile. As of now, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had started to somewhat enter its final phase. It's this phase where the fights and battles would become the most intense.

Of the countless groups present, only a mere eight, a number that could be counted with one's fingers would be able to enter the final match at the very end.

Therefore, for the sake of obtaining one of those eight quotas, any group that possessed some level of strength would bet and risk their lives for it.

"Earlier on, Ji Xuan had sent Mo Xiu and the others to feel you out. In fact, this should be considered as sending a challenge to you. Are you going to head out and aim straight for him?" asked Wen Qingxuan with a slight knit appearing on her forehead. "However, I have to remind you about something. That Ji Xuan fellow has extremely deep schemes and plans floating around in his head. As of now, there are quite a few of the powerful groups placed in the Top 16 that can be considered as part of his alliance..."

"Oh?" Mu Chen slightly raised his eyebrows upon hearing that.

"Strictly speaking, the three groups that you have dealt with earlier aren't considered to be a part of Ji Xuan's alliance. They merely owed a favor to Ji Xuan, that's all. In my understanding of Ji Xuan, I'm afraid that there's even an extremely high possibility of him creating the situation in which the debt was owed," said Wen Qingxuan in a deep voice.

Hearing that, Mu Chen nodded his head in agreement. With the schemes and plans of Ji Xuan, it wasn't difficult for him to arrange for such a matter to occur. Furthermore, it really fits his character extremely well. Therefore, Mo Xiu and the other two Captains that appeared today might just be merely his scouting chess pieces, no more than that.

"As of now, who else is part of Ji Xuan?" asked Mu Chen.

"The Rank 10, Lu Tian. He's from the Heavens Spiritual Academy. That's another top ranking Spiritual Academy. Naturally, the most important matter is that Lu Tian and his group have obtained quite a large benefit from the remnants in this Shattered Continent," replied Wen Qingxuan as she shot a look at Mu Chen. "Have you heard about the Bone Sect?"

At a loss, Mu Chen shook his head.

"The Bone Sect should be one of the elite regional influences of the shattered continent in the Ancient Antiquity. Their strength and background were not much weaker than the Divine Wood Palace," replied Luo Li with a faint smile.

Hearing that, Mu Chen shrugged his shoulders in helplessness. Both Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li had extraordinary backgrounds, with the information they knew naturally being much more than him.

"Luo Li's experienced and knowledgable," said Wen Qingxuan as she shot a smile towards Luo Li, before continuing with her reply. "The Luo Tian's group from the Heavens Spiritual Academy has obtained the inheritance of this Bone Sect."

"In addition, there's the Rank 8, Wang Jiang. He's from the Myriad Beasts Spiritual Academy. Similarly, he has obtained the inheritance of the Demonic Alligator Palace. That Demonic Alligator Palace is

another tyrannical influence present on the Shattered Continent during the Ancient Antiquity. Therefore, as of now, they really are quite strong.”

Mu Chen slowly nodded his head in response. From the looks of it, it seems that his group wasn't the only ones that had obtained good fortune in the Shattered Continent.

“Are they considered to be part of Ji Xuan's alliance?” asked Mu Chen with slightly narrowed eyes. From the looks of it, Ji Xuan had really made quite some consideration in this. The people that he had roped in weren't just any simple and ordinary figures.

Slightly nodding her head, Wen Qingxuan replied, “As of now, Lu Tian and Wang Jiang can be considered to be people that possess much fame and reputation within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. However, there is a bigger heavyweight present within Ji Xuan's alliance.”

Hearing that, Mu Chen's eyes instantly slightly narrowed. That Lu Tian as well as that Wang Jiang have already reached 10th place and 8th place respectively. However, there's actually a bigger heavyweight than them?

“Liu Qingyun, from the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy. He's also a genius from the Wind Spirit Clan. It's said that the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy has purposefully borrowed him from the Wind Spirit Clan,” replied Wen Qingxuan as her exquisite-looking face grew slightly solemn.

“Liu Qingyun...”

At this moment, Mu Chen's eyes had started to slowly narrow, while slight shock appeared within his heart. He never expected that Ji Xuan would actually be able to pull one of the five Great Academies over to his side.

Even Mu Chen had heard a few rumors about this Liu Qingyun. He's an existence that absolutely able to contend for the final eight quotas. Added with Ji Xuan, such a lineup would absolutely be not one bit weaker than the collaboration between himself and Wen Qingxuan.

“Although they are usually fighting for their own respective benefits. Once they encounter an unapproachable trouble, they would collaborate. Furthermore, from my estimations, they would definitely collaborate to deal with you,” said Wen Qingxuan in a soft voice. After all, she also knew about the deep grudges and grievances between him and Ji Xuan.

“What a good move by Ji Xuan,” said Mu Chen in a calm manner. After so many years of not seeing the former, Ji Xuan's getting more and more experienced in playing this move of forming alliances.

“Therefore, I wouldn't advise you to immediately head out and find trouble with Ji Xuan. You wouldn't have much superiority if you choose to do so,” said Wen Qingxuan.

Hearing that, Mu Chen slightly nodded his head in response. Knowing all too well about how thorny Ji Xuan was. Regardless of how formidable he himself was, he wouldn't be able to succeed in dealing with such an alliance just by relying on themselves.

“Therefore, what do you plan on doing now?” After explaining the situation, Wen Qingxuan shot one more question at him.

Hearing that, Mu Chen started laughing. Retrieving his Academy Plaque, he looked towards the names sparkling with brilliance present on its surface. Finally, extending his finger out, he gave a gentle tap on its surface before replying, "There isn't much to consider about. Since Ji Xuan's trying his best to construct this kind of alliance to trap me, we naturally can't just sit here and await death."

"For instance?"

"For instance, when those claws of his are still trying to obtain more points to solidify their places on the rankings..." At this moment, a faint chilling light started to circulate within Mu Chen's black pupils as he slowly clenched his hands.

"We'll start by completely removing all those claws of his!"

Hearing Mu Chen's reply, Wen Qingxuan raised her slender eyebrows in response. At this moment, her bright phoenix-like eyes were brimming with interest as she stared at Mu Chen. The originally handsome face of the youth now appeared much more serene and deep. This caused him to appear as if he was a lion that had tensed its body up, and was on the verge of lunging straight at its prey.

"Are you interested in earning some points?" said Mu Chen as he shot a faint smile towards Wen Qingxuan.

Flinging her little rosy mouth, Wen Qingxuan replied, "Just speak straight to the point, you need a free hired thug. Why the need for such fanciful words?"

"Everyone has their needs," replied Mu Chen with a smile.

Wen Qingxuan was unable to refute with his reply. After some slight pondering, she nodded her head and said, "Since I owe you a favor for the earlier matter, I'll help you this time to pay this back. Furthermore, that Ji Xuan fellow is someone that I quite dislike. Being able to create some trouble for him isn't harmful for him."

Hearing that, Mu Chen gave a laugh, before doing a slow stretch.

Since Ji Xuan had already started to make a move on him, he need not to show any mercy anymore. Ji Xuan, our confrontation has officially started...

I'll uproot every single one of the claws that you've painstakingly roped in!

Therefore, let this mission be called the tooth extraction mission!

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### **Chapter 568: Encircling**

Shattered Continent, southwest zone of the central region.

A vast desert sat within, one with a reddish-yellow colour. Looking across, the seemingly endless yellow sand extended to the end of one's sight.

As of now, this reddish-yellow desert appeared restless as frightening gales wreaked havoc everywhere they went. Wave after wave of storms battered the entire region, sending sand into the air and blotting the skies, obscuring the vision of everyone present.

The origin of those erratic, devastating winds wasn't nature, but the huge battle that had erupted within the desert.

Accurately speaking, this was a battle of a considerably astonishing scale.

Figures hovered in the air as boundless Spiritual Energies radiated from their bodies. As Spiritual Energy fluctuations surged from them, incomparably fierce Spiritual Energies swept out from their hands, before heavily smashing down on the earth before them.

Bang! Bang!

As the earth shook and trembled, gigantic fissures started to extend like spiderwebs. Within the current desert, a few figures were present, retreating and evading in a miserable fashion as they defended against those incoming attacks.

There was approximately a hundred of those figures present there, appearing to be exceedingly few as compared to the figures who were encircling them, which were more than sufficient to contain multiple times their amount.

Clearly, this was a large-scale encircling battle.

Such a spectacle wasn't a rarity within the current central region. Following the increasing intensity of the fights and battles taking place, there were quite a few groups that started to lump together. The result of this led to the formation of large-scale battles taking place.

For instance, the spectacle happening right now, which was precisely a larger collaborative force encircling a small force.

Their goal was clearly the points held by these groups.

The rampant gales that had wreaked havoc within the desert was a result of the intense battle taking place.

In the sand-strewn skies filled with rampant gales, a figure stood at the lead position. This person wore a set of greyish-white robes, his face appearing exceedingly dry and withered, while his skin was of a slightly peculiar greyish-white colour.

At this moment, he did not take action, with his hands crossed before his chest as he looked expressionlessly at the groups below, who were putting up a stiff resistance. While the rampant gales blew by, they were unable to even cause his robes to flutter.

Numerous figures were present behind this person. These people had ridiculing smiles hanging on their faces as they looked at the struggling groups present below them, appearing to treat this encirclement between two hugely despairing groups as a game for amusement.

This group was precisely the group from the Heavens Spiritual Academy. As of now, they were placed 10th on the points ranking.

"Captain, once we deal with those fellows, we should be able to rise the 9th place after taking the points of those groups." Suddenly, a youth smiled as he spoke towards the greyish white-robed male standing in front of him.



This greyish white-robed male was naturally the Captain of this group, Lu Tian. As of now, he was a first rate expert that possessed considerable fame and reputation in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

Upon hearing that, he merely nodded his head, before shooting a look at the other ten-plus figures standing behind him. Powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated from all of their bodies, with all of their cultivations unexpectedly at First Grade Spirit Disaster.

These people could be considered as their collaboration compatriots. However, it was clear that Lu Tian possessed the greatest say and authority in this large group. One could see this from the respectful gazes shooting from the few other Group Captains towards Lu Tian.

“Fellow Captains. We will take the majority of the points obtained here. I hope for everyone to understand. After all, now’s the critical period for us to rush into the Top 8.” A smile appeared on Lu Tian’s face as he spoke out towards those few Captains.

Upon hearing that, the few Captains hastily shook their heads, although their smiles grew slightly unnatural. Although they had relied on a powerful group like Lu Tian’s to obtain quite a bit of points during the most recent period of time, they would offer the most manpower while also suffering the greatest losses. Although no lives were lost, quite a few of their group members had serious injuries present on their bodies. Wanting to completely recover would require a considerable amount of time. As of now, with the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament already entering its final phase, waiting for those severely injured group members to fully recover might result in them missing out in this competition entirely.

With this large group, they had paid the highest price, yet seemingly half of the points would be taken away by Lu Tian’s group, while the other half being split equally among the other groups.

This clearly wasn’t too fair. Despite that, though, no one dared to speak about it. That’s because all of them were extremely well-aware of Lu Tian’s strength, with them lacking the qualifications to haggle with him. In this place, if they were to leave the protective envelope of Lu Tian, their ending might be all too similar to those few groups they were currently encircling.

Therefore, even though they were extremely discontent towards the overbearingness of Lu Tian and his group, they did not dare to show the slightest bit of their true feelings.

Sweeping an indifferent look towards the few Captains with somewhat unnatural expressions on their face, Lu Tian proceeded to heedlessly retract his gaze back. Looking once again at the devastated area of sand below, he said, “It’s about time. Zhou Ya, go and settle the fellow that’s putting up the greatest resistance.”

“Yes, Captain.” A smile cracked open from a youth behind Lu Tian as he gave his reply, before locking his chilling gaze towards the ground below. Presently, there was a group that was putting up an especially intense resistance, with numerous attacks being blocked by them. The leader of this group seemed to possess a similar realm of cultivation at First Grade Spirit Disaster.

This youth by the name of Zhou Ya walked out, before descending towards the direction of the group.

As Zhou Ya descended, the group being locked onto had also felt the impending threat, Them drawing closer to one another, ugly expressions appeared on their faces as they stared right at the descending Zhou Ya.

“What should we do... Captain?” In the locked on group, a few group members asked as they looked towards their Captain.

This Captain had a somewhat sturdy built, while his face appeared slightly familiar. If Mu Chen was present, he would be shocked to find out that this person was actually the group from the Desolation Spiritual Academy that he had bumped into not long after the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

As for this person, he seemed to be known as Lin Zhou.

Mu Chen had even obtained the information of the branch palace of the Divine Wood Palace from them, before collaborating to enter and search for the treasures. The two parties had merely parted ways after the end of the treasure search. They never imagined that they would actually have quite an improvement to their cultivation upon entering the central region.

However, at this very moment, Lin Zhou appeared to be in a slightly miserable state, his gaze that was staring right at Zhou Ya was being filled with dread and fear. Although he had similarly managed to successfully pass the First Grade Spirit Disaster, Lin Zhou knew that he was just lucky to pass it a while ago. As for Zhou Ya descending towards him, the latter’s strength was already close to making contact with Second Grade Spirit Disaster. He was simply not a challenge for the latter.

Furthermore, there were even more powerful figures hovering in the sky above that were covetously eyeing them, especially the Captain of the Heavens Spiritual Academy, Lu Tian, who was an extremely formidable character.

“Hand over your Academy Plaque. We just want your points and not to hurt people. However, if we are to really head to that stage, we won’t mind doing it,” said Zhou Ya in an indifferent voice as he extended his hands towards Lin Zhou.

“These points have been painstaking accumulated by us! If it's taken away by you just like that, how am I going to account to everyone!”

Bang!

As Lin Zhou’s voice rang out, Zhou Ya’s face turned completely dark, as powerful Spiritual Energy swept out from him. With a stomp, his figure appeared right before Lin Zhou in a spectre-like fashion.

“Since you don’t know how to account to them, let me tell it to you!”

A cruel smile rose from the corner of Zhou Ya’s mouth, before sending a palm patting furiously out. His palm was suffused with a white gem-like luster, while one could faintly discern the white bones beneath the flesh and blood present, casting an exceedingly peculiar sight.

Bang!

Sending his palm patting out, the air below his palm exploded apart, while boundless Spiritual Energy patted down towards Lin Zhou’s chest without the slightest bit of mercy at all.

Such a fierce attack caused Lin Zhou's face to change. Hastily revolving all of the Spiritual Energy within his body, he immediately sent a fist rumbling out.

Boom!

As the fist and the palm smashed against each other, Spiritual Energies wreaked havoc as they swept out, with the powerful shock waves causing layer after layer of sand to fly away.

Hmph!

A pale shade surfaced on Lin Zhou's face as a muffled snort rang from him, whilst being sent flying back by the impact. Carving out a hundred-plus metre long scar on the ground, and could not help spurting a mouthful of blood.

"Captain!"

Seeing this, the faces of the other members of the Desolation Spiritual Academy group fiercely roared, before hurtling together towards Zhou Ya.

"You all are attempting to do the impossible."

An indifferent smile appeared on Zhou Ya's face as he took a step out, before passing through the four incoming people in a spectre-like fashion.

Bang! Bang!

Suddenly, mists of blood shot out from the chests of the four people, before their figures were hurtled backwards in a miserable fashion. The robes covering their chests had shattered, while a deep bloody palm print appeared within.

Lin Zhou's face instantly turned ashen as he saw what had happened. Struggling to stand up, a vicious expression appeared in his eyes as he stared at Zhou Ya, who was now slowly walking over.

"Now, are you planning to hand over the points or not?" said Zhou Ya as he stared indifferently at the already exhausted and dispirited Lin Zhou.

"You all have been chasing after us for three days... isn't this too overbearing?!" Lin Zhou roared back in fury.

"Childish."

Laughing out, Zhou Ya shook his head before saying, "In this place, as long as you have enough strength, you'll possess the qualifications to be absolutely unrestrained in how overbearing you want to display. Naturally, if you have an ample solid background or compatriots, we might fear you for an instant. However... will a group like your's have those?"

Ridicule and disdain was present on the smile curling from the corner of Zhou Ya's mouth. Truthfully speaking, the strength of Lin Zhou's group wasn't considered to be that strong. Therefore, Zhou Ya did not believe that they would have any friendly relationship with any of the heavyweight groups.

Furthermore, even if that was the case, so what? His Captain was a person that had a friendly relationship with an expert like Ji Xuan, who was the current Numero Uno on the point rankings. Placed within the entire central region, who wouldn't give them any face?

Hearing that, the expressions of Lin Zhou and his group turned sluggish, while their eyes started to gradually turn dim. Being clear about themselves, among the groups they had a collaborative relationship with, there was not a single one that could compare to the Heavens Spiritual Academy's groups present before their eyes. After all, the latter and his group were placed highly on the current point rankings. Within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, there truly weren't too many groups that would be able to surpass them in strength.

As for those experts that were able to surpass Lu Tian and his group, why in the world would they see anything in their group at all?

"The nonsense ends here."

Looking at the sunken Lin Zhou, Zhou Ya proceeded to take a step forward, with his palm hurtling towards the former's chest at lightning speed. The tyrannical Spiritual Energy condensed within that palm caused Lin Zhou's body to turn still, with him not daring to show the slightest bit of movement. At this moment, the smile at the corner of Zhou Ya's mouth turned into a chilling one.

"It's extremely unfortunate, but I have to tell you that you've lost your last chance. Therefore..."

As a tremble shook through his palm, tyrannical Spiritual Energy gushed from Zhou Ya.

Seeing this, Lin Zhou closed his eyes in despair.

"Haha. If you're smart enough, this palm will not go down. If not, even your Captain, Lu Tian, would not be able to save you."

However, at the instant when Zhou Ya was about to do the deed, a clear and somewhat familiar sound of laughter rang out in an unhurried fashion. The voice appeared to be neither far nor near, yet it caused a tremble to shake through Lin Zhou's body as he furiously snapped his eyes open.

In the next instant, what he saw on the sand not far away were figures slowly walking over. Present in their lead was an exceedingly familiar-looking figure.

That... was Mu Chen.

Upon taking in this sight, Lin Zhou's eyes grew increasingly wide open.

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### **Chapter 569: Lu Tian**

Within the battering sands, figures were slowly walking out from the sandstorm, before coming to a stop a few hundred metres before the big battle happening before them. As for the person in the lead, it was precisely Mu Chen.

At this moment, a faint smile hung on his face as he surveyed the intense battle happening before his eyes. Staring at Lin Zhou and his group, whose eyes were gradually turning wide, he spoke with a smile.

“Mu Chen!”

Opening his eyes wide, Lin Zhou gawked as he took in the sight of the appearing Mu Chen, before hastily saying, “Why the hell are you here? Leave, now!”

The place before him wasn't a good place at all! Lu Tian and his gang wouldn't let go of any group present here. Mu Chen suddenly intruding here was simply an impending disaster for the latter.

Although Lin Zhou knew that Mu Chen's quite strong from their time in the branch palace of the Divine Wood Palace, he did not believe that the latter would be able to contend against an extremely famous experted like Lu Tian.

“Leave, now?”

Hearing that, a chilling smile surfaced on Zhou Ya's face. Darkly glaring at Mu Chen, he said with a fake smile, “Were you the one that spoke out just now?”

Giving no heed to him, Mu Chen raised his head. Looking right at Lu Tian and his gang standing in the air not far from him, who had similarly started to pay attention to him, he said with a smile, “Looks like we've found the right guy.”

“Damnable thing!” The corner of Zhou Ya's mouth slightly twitched. Sending a backhanded patting forcefully towards Lin Zhou's chest, the latter was sent flying a dozen steps back, before yet another mouthful of blood spewed from him.

Bang!

After sending a palm out to push Lin Zhou away, Zhou Ya's gaze grew increasingly ice-cold. In the next instant, powerful Spiritual Energy abruptly erupted from his body, before moving once again in a spectre-like fashion as he hurtled towards Mu Chen.

“Careful!”

Clutching his chest, Lin Zhou hastily roared.

Despite this, Mu Chen's head was still raised as he looked towards Lu Tian and his gang, appearing to not care the slightest bit towards Zhou Ya shooting straight towards him.

“Stupid idiot!” Seeing that Mu Chen had unexpectedly not cared about him, Zhou Ya's face instantly turned ashen as he malevolently laughed out. At this instant, the white light radiating from his palm grew increasingly dense, while white bones seemed to surface from within his flesh and blood. With astonishing force, his palm furiously patted down towards Mu Chen.

Seeing this, the faces of Lin Zhou and his group instantly turned deathly pale.

Whoosh!

Nevertheless, just as the malevolent-looking Zhou Ya's palm was about to land on Mu Chen's body, a golden light suddenly flashed from behind him. In the next instant, a golden long spear swept out, smashing against Zhou Ya's chest at lightning speed.

Boom!

As a low and deep voice resounded, golden light radiated. Zhou Ya's face seemingly contorted in an instant, with his face fluctuating between green and red. As an intense shiver shook through his body, he was sent flying back in an exceedingly miserable fashion.

Zhou Ya's feet scraped across the ground, creating two gulches spanning hundreds of metres across the sand. Upon stabilising his body, close to half of his body had already been buried in the sand.

Puff.

Multiple mouthfuls of blood spewed from Zhou Ya, dying the sand before him scarlet-red.

The entire region seemed to have quietened down in an instant.

The mouths of Lin Zhou and his groups started to slowly open wide as they took in the scene in dumbfounded shock. They were truthfully somewhat unable to comprehend how Zhou Ya, who had suppressed them to the point of being unable to put up any resistance, had unexpectedly been instantly beaten like a dead dog.

Turning their gazes along the length of the golden war spear extending from Mu Chen's back, they noticed an absolutely beautiful girl dressed in golden battle armor standing right by his side.

This girl possessed a graceful and elegant bearing, with the curves beneath her battle armor appearing exquisite and soul-stirring, causing people's blood to flow quicker upon seeing her. However, at this moment, a golden long spear hung in her hand as an indifferent gaze shot out from her willowy phoenix-like eyes. Sweeping across towards Zhou Ya, who was sent flying by her, her gaze appeared somewhat indifferent and uncaring.

"Wen... Wen Qingxuan!" Blood flowed down the corner of Zhou Ya's face as he looked towards the absolutely beautiful girl. Upon spotting her, terror and shock abruptly gushed from his eyes, before crying out her name.

Wen Qingxuan?

A tremble shook through the hearts of Lin Zhou and the others. To them, this name was akin to thunder piercing their ears. After all, the group led by Wen Qingxuan was now placed 2nd on the rankings. To them, the shock of hearing the name of someone so high up on the rankings was truthfully too strong.

After the momentary shock, all of them proceeded to cast vacant stares right at Mu Chen. Clearly, they did not understand why Wen Qingxuan would appear by the latter's side, and even take action for him.

Not bothering to look more than a glance at Zhou Ya, Mu Chen raised his head to look towards a place in the sky not far away from him. There, the gazes shooting out had already been trained on him and his group.

Upon spotting Wen Qingxuan, the faces of the people present there involuntarily changed, while thick shades of dread and fear started to surface within their eyes.

"Wen Qingxuan... why would she appear at this place? Why is she taking action against us?" A dozen Captains softly cried out in shock, their voices sounding flustered and worried. Clearly, Wen Qingxuan had quite a bit of a shock factor in this place.

Fiercely staring at Wen Qingxuan, Lu Tian said in a deep voice, "Wen Qingxuan, we've never butted in your business. What's the meaning of this?"

Sweeping a look out at Lu Tian with her beautiful eyes, Wen Qingxuan didn't take notice to his words, merely keeping her long spear back to allow for Mu Chen to head forward.

"Haha. You must be Captain Lu Tian, right...?" said Mu Chen, sending a faint smile towards Lu Tian. "I'm the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's Mu Chen. We've come here today to ask for a favor from you, Captain Lu Tian..."

"Mu Chen?"

Hearing that name, Lu Tian's eyes instantly contracted. Naturally, he had heard about some news of Mu Chen. Furthermore, he also knew about the great grudges and grievances between him and Ji Xuan.

A chilling glint started to surface within Lu Tian's eyes. Nevertheless, remaining calm and collected, he replied with a different tone. "Oh? I seem to have no connection with you... I'm afraid that it'll be somewhat difficult for me to help you."

"I've quite a simple proposition for you, Captain Lu Tian," said Mu Chen with a smile.

"Oh? Let's hear it."

Staring straight at Lu Tian, the smile hanging on Mu Chen's face appeared somewhat warm and gentle. Replying in a gentle voice, he said, "I wish for Captain Lu Tian to publicly announce that you have dispelled the alliance with Ji Xuan."

Hearing that, Lu Tian's face instantly changed. Sinisterly staring at Mu Chen, he said in a ridiculing fashion, "This joke's not one bit funny."

Wrinkling his forehead, Mu Chen replied, "So, Captain Lu Tian's not willing?"

"Mu Chen, I know that you have some grudges and grievances with Ji Xuan. However I have to remind you that it's best for you to be more honest. Let me tell you a fact! There's not even half an aspect you have that can match up to Ji Xuan," said Lu Tian with a sneer as he stared at Mu Chen. "Compared to Ji Xuan, you're still lacking too much!"

"Looks like negotiations are over then," said Mu Chen with a helpless smile.

"So what if negotiations are over? Do you think that you'll be able to dominate this place just by licking Wen Qingxuan's boot?" said Lu Tian with a sneer. With a wave of his hand, the dozen Captains of First Grade Spirit Disaster gathered around him, proceeding to covetously stare at Mu Chen and his group.

In the end, they were in the same boat as Lu Tian, and naturally did not want to see anything happening to Lu Tian. Although Wen Qingxuan was standing before them, causing extreme fear and dread to surface within them, there was still the existence of Ji Xuan behind Lu Tian's back.

That was the most tyrannical person present on the current point rankings.

If they were able to climb on his boat, there would absolutely be no one in this central region that would dare to aim for them.

Whoosh!

Below, the people that had encircled the groups, with Lin Zhou's included, within had also hastily shot back. Hovering in the air, they sent hostile gazes as they stared right at Mu Chen and his group.

Crossing his hands before his chest, Lu Tian looked down on Mu Chen from above. Although there was the existence of Wen Qingxuan and her group by Mu Chen's side, he had over a hundred men in the groups under his wing. Among them, the experts who were in the First Grade Spirit Disaster numbered a dozen. Such a formation would make squashing Mu Chen to death an absolute possibility.

"With the grudges and grievances present between you and him, Ji Xuan would naturally come and find you without needing me to get involved. For the sake of giving Wen Qingxuan face, if you take the initiative and leave now, I'll not haggle about the matter of you injuring Zhou Ya," said Lu Tian with an indifferent voice.

"That truly is a pity."

Mu Chen gave a helpless laugh, merely that his black pupils turned ice-cold in an instant. With a furious stomp of his feet, black lightning appeared to erupt from his body in an instant.

Whoosh!

Whooshing sounds rang out as Mu Chen appeared to have transformed into a bolt of lightning. In the next instant, appearing right before Lu Tian, he sent a palm abruptly patting out.

Bang!

Lightning converged under Mu Chen's palm. As it traveled, the air was pressed to the point of exploded apart, with signs of distortion and warping even appearing in the surrounding space.

Lu Tian was clearly vigilant towards Mu Chen. Therefore, upon this sudden assault, not a single trace of fluster was shown by him. On the contrary, a sneer rang out instead. "I've long heard about you, Mu Chen. I really want to see exactly how capable you really are!"

Lu Tian sent a palm patting out. His palm sparkled with white light, before a malevolent-looking gauntlet made of bones appeared in a flash. This white bone gauntlet appeared to be covered with bone spikes, with their tips sparkling with a dark light. Clearly, it was an exceedingly powerful Spiritual Artifact.

This Lu Tian truly was crafty, being able to even enact such a malevolent plan out in such circumstances. At this moment, even Mu Chen was not able to pull his palm back anymore.

If he was to forcefully pull his hand back, what would follow would be a fierce attack coming from Lu Tian that would completely suppress him.

However, Lu Tian did not appear to notice the corner of Mu Chen's mouth curling slightly up when his bone gauntlet had appeared. In the next instant, a flash of radiance sparkled from the latter's palm, before an ancient stone seal appeared in a flash.

This stone seal appeared to be in a dark green shadow, with ancient patterns carved on its surface. Present on the stone seal was the carving of a stone tortoise.



As it appeared, frightening gravitational forces started to radiate, causing signs of warping and distortions to appear in the surrounding space. As this happened, even the Spiritual Energies present in the surroundings were forced to the point of scattering away.

The originally chilling smile present on Lu Tian's face instantly froze, with a look of shock replacing it.

From the Spiritual Energy fluctuations, the stone seal that had appeared in Mu Chen's hand was unexpectedly a Divine Artifact?!

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Bang!

As the dark-green stone seal appeared within Mu Chen's palm in flash, it immediately started expanding, instantly expanding to an approximately 1 metre big size. Extremely powerful gravitational force started to radiate from it, causing even warping and distortions to appear in the surrounding space as a result.

This stone seal was naturally the Quasi-Divine Item Mu Chen had obtained from the Divine Wood Palace, the Black Tortoise Seal.

After going through a period of refinement, Mu Chen was clearly able to properly activate it now.

Boom!

The stone seal within Mu Chen's palm rotated, before accompanying Mu Chen's palm as it smashed against Lu Tian's malevolent-looking white bone gauntlet without the slightest bit of mercy.

Bang!

A low bang resounded as everyone saw an incomparably powerful shock wave wreaking havoc as it traveled. The air within a few hundred metre radius instantly exploded apart, while some unlucky fellows who were near to the point-of-origin were sent flying back and spurting blood.

As the Spiritual Energies wreaked havoc, a fierce shutter shook through Lu Tian's body, only for him to shoot back in a miserable fashion. He took a dozen steps back in the air, before finally stabilising himself. Despite that, his face had already turned ashen.

Upon seeing this, the faces of the Captains on the same boat as Lu Tian involuntarily changed, their eyes brimming with shock as they looked towards Mu Chen. Clearly, they felt somewhat inconceivable that Mu Chen was actually able to gain an advantage in this first round of exchanging blows.

Stabilising himself, Lu Tian shot a dark look at the white bone gauntlet on his hand. At this moment, some of malevolent-looking bone spikes present on it had actually shattered apart. The dense white light around it had appeared somewhat dimmer. Clearly, the previous collision of attacks had caused damage to it.

"So that's why you dare to challenge Ji Xuan. So it turns that it's due to you having a Quasi-Divine Artifact in your hands, huh?" said Lu Tian as he chillingly stared at Mu Chen, with ridicule and disdain present within his tone.

“However, if you believe that you can contend against Ji Xuan just by relying on a Quasi-Divine Artifact, I truly believe that you’re just a lunatic raving about his mad dreams.”

With a calm gaze present in his eyes, Mu Chen extended his palm. As the Black Tortoise Seal slowly revolved within his palm, he looked straight towards the ashen-faced Lu Tian. With a faint smile, he said, “You really give off the vibe of a henchman...”

“The goal I’ve come here for... is for the sake of breaking this henchman of Ji Xuan.”

Hearing that, Lu Tian’s face started to slightly twitch. As he staring straight towards Mu Chen, dense killing intent gushed from his eyes. In the next instant, a chilling smile appeared on his face as he replied, “Since you’re seeking death, you can’t blame me for it. I’ll capture you before tossing you right before Ji Xuan’s face.”

“Take action!”

As his voice rang out, he gave an abrupt wave of his hand.

Seeing this signal, the hundreds of groups hovering in the air hesitated for a bit. Finally, Spiritual Energies started to condense within their palms, before powerful fluctuations started to radiate from them.

Bang!

As low rumbling noise made by Spiritual Energies gushed out, figures started to abruptly shoot out, rushing straight towards Mu Chen like a swarm of locusts. Fierce Spiritual Energy attacks enveloped Mu Chen akin to a rainstorm. Such a formation was exceedingly astonishing.

Although these people might not have reached the First Grade Spirit Disaster, with such numbers grouped together, such might would force even an expert in the First Grade Spirit Disaster to retreat or evade.

Nevertheless, Mu Chen did not retreat at all. Hovering in the air, the Spiritual Energy attacks heading towards him like a rainstorm started to be reflected within his black pupils.

Behind him, Luo Li, Wen Qingxuan and the others did not take action, with the only thing they did being quietly watching the scene unfolding before them.

Suddenly, a faint shuddering noise rang out from the Black Tortoise Seal in Mu Chen’s hand. Hoisting his hand out, the Black Tortoise Seal instantly rushed towards the sky. Dramatically expanding in size as it did so, it transformed into a gigantic hundred-plus version of its former size.

Surfacing in the air, the Black Tortoise Seal appeared just like a mountain, being unable to budge.

The Black Tortoise Seal came to a stop in the air above Mu Chen’s head, casting its shadow down below. Faintly, one could discern a low tortoise’s roar as it furiously resounded.

“Mysterious Tortoise Force Field!”

As the ancient tortoise's roar resounded, a dim glowing green screen abruptly descended from the stone seal. This glowing screen was approximately a hundred metres in diameter, instantly enveloping the same radius around Mu Chen.

Bang! Bang!

Powerful Spiritual Energy attacks howled, before all of them smashed against the dim glowing green screen. The spectacle that happened next was an especially peculiar one. At the instant when those attacks struck the glowing screen, they instantly cracked apart, shuttering like dying flames as they rapidly vanished without a trace.

This peculiar scene instantly caused the faces of those who had taken action to instantly contort, before shades of shock and astonishment flashed within his eyes.

"This is the might of a Quasi-Divine Artifact, huh..."

Seeing this, a shiver of shock had also flashed within the eyes of Mu Chen. After acquiring the Black Tortoise Seal, this was the first time that he had truly activated it. Thus, the might displayed by the Quasi-Divine Artifact caused him to feel rather astonished.

The glowing screen seemed to act like a force field. Anything that tries to intrude within its radius would get suppressed and crushed into bits by the force field. Even Spiritual Energy was of no exception. This was the absolute combination of offense and defense in one ability. With such a treasure, Mu Chen need not worry just one bit about the encirclement from those people.

"Revolve!"

With a change of his hand seal, the Black Tortoise Seal started to revolve. In the next instant, the gigantic dim glowing green screen proceeded to envelop over a few groups.

Bang!

As the glowing halo came enveloping over, those bodies of those people that were unable to evade abruptly froze, before terror and dread gushed from their eyes. In the next instant, their faces rapidly turned red, appearing as if they were unable to breathe.

The bodies appeared to have a mountain pressing down on them, causing them to be unable to revolve the Spiritual Energy present within their bodies.

Puff!

Puff!

Within the radius of the glowing halo, figures continued to spurt out successive mouthfuls of blood, with their bodies flying akin to birds with their wings broken. Dropping right out of the sky, all of them plopped completely into the yellow sands below.

As the glowing halo swept out, dozens of people instantly dropped out of the sky, causing a patch of emptiness to appear within the packed sky.

In an instant, an extremely ugly expression appeared on the face of Lu Tian, while a shadow of astonishment flashed across his eyes. He never imagined that the ancient and strange stone seal in Mu Chen's hand would actually be that formidable.

Chi.

Sweeping his gaze, Mu Chen's hand seal changed once more. In the next instant, the Black Tortoise Seal revolved once again, before the glowing halo enveloped straight over Lu Tian.

Bang!

Seeing this, Lu Tian's face instantly changed. Giving a furious stomp of his feet, Spiritual Energy completely blasted out from him, before he shot backwards like a bolt of lightning, which just so happened to bring him out of the radius of the glowing halo.

"There's some flaws in its speed."

Mu Chen muttered as he slightly nodded his head. Although the Black Tortoise Seal's force field was able to combine both offensive and defensive capabilities, it didn't possess a quick movement speed. When met against an opponent with extremely quick speed, the latter would be able to flee from it.

Thinking about this, Mu Chen gave a laugh. With a thought, the dim green glowing halo shot out once again towards Lu Tian.

Seeing this, the only thing Lu Tian could do was to retreat once again.

Mu Chen seemed to be planning on using Lu Tian to test out the capability of his Black Tortoise Seal. At this moment, he had diligently focused on controlling the Black Tortoise Seal. Therefore, despite some comical scenes appearing, the dim green glowing halo continued to pursue behind Lu Tian's back. Not daring to become enveloped within its radius, the latter could only continue to evade in a somewhat miserable fashion.

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After suffering the big loss earlier, a few of Lu Tian's compatriots did not dare to take action again. Only at this moment did they understand why Mu Chen and his group would suddenly appear to knock on Lu Tian's doorsteps. The key factor was the assurance of victory. After all, from the looks of the current situation, Wen Qingxuan had not take action since that initial blow. When the time comes for both parties to truly take action against each other, despite them having the numerical superiority, they truly did not possess any confidence at all within their hearts...

"Mu Chen, is your only ability being to use your Divine Artifact to suppress people?" After being forced to move about in a miserable fashion, Lu Tian's face grew increasingly ashen as he roared in a fierce voice.

"If you really possess true ability, you should use your true power to defeat me!"

With a clench of his hand, the Black Tortoise Seal rapidly struck down, before transforming into a ray of light that shot straight into Mu Chen's palm. Raising his head, he sent a faint smile towards Lu Tian before saying, "I know that you're using such 'I'm not up to the standard' remarks to provoke me. However, regardless of what method I use, there won't be much change to your final ending."

“Let me see you try!”

“Technique of the White Bones, Divine White Bones Physique!”

With a malevolent laugh, Lu Tian took a fierce step forward. A greyish-white radiance started to radiate from him. As this radiance started to congeal around his body, it started to gradually transform into a thin-layered white bone armor.

As the white bone armor encased Lu Tian’s body, a chilling luster started to suffuse on its surface. Faintly, extremely tyrannical energy fluctuations started to radiate from him. Lu Tian appeared to have activated some sort of a body-tempering technique.

The so-called “Divine White Bone Physique” was precisely what Lu Tian had obtained from the Bone Sect and possessed extraordinary might. Regardless of defense or offense, it was incomparably tyrannical. Lu Tian’s cultivation can be considered to be at the Pinnacle First Grade Spirit Disaster, with him not yet passing through the second level. However, by relying on this so-called “Divine White Bone Physique”, he was able to engage in intense fights against experts at Second Grade Spirit Disaster without suffering defeat.

Upon seeing this, the faces of the various groups alongside Lin Zhou’s who had been encircled by Lu Tian’s gang all slightly changed. From the looks of it, they too have heard about how tyrannical Lu Tian’s “Divine White Bone Physique” was.

“This is the Bone Sect’s Divine White Bone Physique?”

At this moment, Mu Chen had also raised his head, his black pupils focusing on Lu Tian, who was now encased in white bones. In the next instant, an indifferent laugh rang from him, before he slowly clenched his hands, only for black lightning to immediately gush from his body.

Low rumbles of thunder resounded across the entire region upon the appearance of that black lightning.

The black lightning bolts appeared to form lightning patterns on the surface of Mu Chen’s body as they quietly congealed together.

Clearly, Mu Chen was extremely interested in testing exactly which one was stronger, the Bone’s Sect’s Divine White Bone Physique, or his Lightning God’s Physique.