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#### Chapter 571: Lightning Gods Technique VS Divine White Bone Physique

Bang Rumble.

The low rumbles of thunder resounded across the reddish yellow desert, causing even the azure blue sky to seemingly turn dim.

Standing in the air, black lightning bolts sparkled crazily across his body. As the black lightning bolt rippled out in halos, they caused the surrounding space to warp and distort.

As of now, Mu Chen's Lightning God's Physique, had already been cultivated to the level of Hexa Rune Lightning Physique. It's said that when one's Lightning God's Physique reaches the Ennea Rune Lightning Physique, one's physique would be able to rival that of a Sovereign realm expert.

If was able to reach that level, a casual punch from Mu Chen would be truly able to shatter space apart. With a wave of his palm, he would be able to wipe out mountains, showing how exceedingly powerful it was.

While Mu Chen was activating his Lightning God's Physique in complete effect, Lu Tian swept his gloomy gaze over from the skies above. Looking at the lightning sparkling across Mu Chen's body, the corner of his eyes started twitching slightly.

Clearly, he could sense how tyrannical Mu Chen's physique was.

"I don't believe that your physique's even stronger than my Divine White Bone Physique!"

Lu Tian roared out as a gloomy shade filled his eyes. With the entire situation already progressed to this stage, he naturally could no longer underestimate Mu Chen anymore. However, he was similarly extremely confident in his Divine White Bone Physique. This was due to him having crossed hands with Ji Xuan before. Although it had result in his defeat in the end, the strength of his Divine White Bone Physique had caused even Ji Xuan to feel shocked and astonished. This point was more than sufficient for Lu Tian to feel proud about himself.

Therefore, faced against Mu Chen now, he did not feel any dread or fear.

The chilling white spiritual glow continued to radiate out from Lu Tian's body. Bones white to the point of causing people's hearts to palpitate appeared to have grown out from Lu Tian's body. Forming a dense bony armor, it encased Lu Tian's body within, appearing to have to be indestructible.

Under the white bones, a sinister looking gaze shout out. With a furious stomp, the space below his feet rippled, before his figure instantly disappeared.

"Such a quick speed!"

Upon seeing this, the faces of Lin Zhou, Xu Huang and rest involuntarily changed. Lu Tian's speed was such that they were seemingly unable to observe him with their bare hands, with them only being faintly able to discern slight traces of Spiritual Energy fluctuations.

Due to them being unable to chase up to Lu Tian's figure with their eyes, their gazes instantly turned towards Mu Chen. After all, regardless of how fast Lu Tian was, his goal would always be to attack Mu Chen.

Whoosh!

Just as their gazes locked on to Mu Chen, they noticed ripples appearing in the space behind Mu Chen. In the next instant, a figure glowing with white light appeared in a flash. Bringing along a frightening force, the white bone encased fist rumbled heavily towards Mu Chen's back without the slightest bit of mercy.

Such a speed was akin to that of lightning.

Bang!

The white bone fist pierced right through Mu Chen's body. However, despite that, there was not a single trace of blood spurting out.

"A remnant shade?"

A faint smile appeared on Lu Tian before swinging his right leg towards the back of Mu Chen in a whip like fashion. Chilling white Spiritual Energy appeared to form into a gigantic Spiritual Energy gale, chopping down furiously like a battle axe.

Bang!

A palm suffused with lightning patted out heavily from behind, slamming straight against the white bony leg.

Boom!

A loud bang rang out, as energy ripples visible to the naked eye rippled out, causing the space to split apart. Unable to endure the impact from the collision, the air present in the surroundings exploded apart, sending shockwaves surging out.

A faint shutter shook through the two people. However, in the next instant, both of them shot out in spectre like fashion.

Lightning and white brilliance erupted in the air. However, what's peculiar was that everyone was unable to notice their figures, with them only being able to see the two clumps of brilliance smashing against each other time and time after again. Every single time they collided, frightening energy shockwaves would sweep out, causing berserk sandstorms to swirl up from the desert below.

"Indeed, that Lu Tian possessed some ability, to be able to contend with Mu Chen with his physique." said Xu Huang and the others as their faces grew solemn. They were extremely clear how strong Mu Chen's physique was. However, from the looks of it, Lu Tian was unexpected able to not be in a disadvantage when contending against Mu Chen on this aspect. From this, one could tell how powerful the latter was.

"The Bone Sect is similarly a powerful regional influence within the shattered continent in the ancient antiquity. Their inheritance, the Divine White Bone Physique's naturally not weak."

Wen Qingxuan spoke out. "It's said that this Lu Tian had crossed hands with Ji Xuan. Despite his eventual loss, by relying on his Divine White Bone Physique, he was able to cause some trouble for Ji Xuan. If not, the latter would not hold the former that strongly in regard and allow the former to join the latter's alliance."

"Furthermore, Ji Xuan's Spiritual Energy is stronger than Mu Chen's by a notch. Although he has yet to breakthrough to Second Grade Spirit Disaster, by relying on the strength of his physique, he's able to put up a fight even against experts of Second Grade Spirit Disaster." said Luo Li with a faint smile.

"That strong?"

Shock and astonishment appeared on the faces of Xu Huang and the rest. As of now in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, although the strength of various groups have all been increasing at an astonishing rate, there were still extremely few people that have managed to breakthrough to Second Grade Spirit Disaster. These people possessed absolute qualifications to enter the final match. From the looks of it, this Lu Tian's unexpectedly able to possess the strength to contend against those at Second Grade Spirit Disaster, clearly more than sufficient to show his might.

Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li nodded towards one another, before raising their slender and snow white necks, casting their beautiful eyes towards the extremely intense fight happening in the air. Both of them knew that although Mu Chen can be said to be crossing hands with Lu Tian, truthfully, this could also be said as another way he was employing to pit himself against Ji Xuan.

Lu Tian had already suffered defeat in Ji Xuan's hands, before being subdued by the latter. On the other hand, although Mu had no interest in subduing Lu Tian, he had all the interest in the world to forcefully break the high place Ji Xuan had in Lu Tian's heart.

Bang!

Yet another gigantic bang rang out in the skies, a frightening energy shockwaves rushed out under the gazes of everyone present. Two glowing figures abruptly shot out, retreating a dozen steps in the air, with every step they take causing the air below to shutter and explode apart.

Everyone's gaze instantly turned over towards them.

In the air, two figures surfaced from within the dazzling brilliance.

At this moment, charred patches were scattered around the white bone encased body of Lu Tian. Clearly, those were injuries brought about by the berserk Black Divine Lightning coming from Mu Chen in their earlier head on confrontation.

Comparatively, Mu Chen appeared to be somewhat in a better state. With the black lightning encasing his body, it had result his body becoming as strong and resilient as metal. Although there were white scratches present on his skin, all of these couldn't even be counted as anything in the presence of Mu Chen's tyrannical physique.

The previous crossing of hands which had causing people's scalps to turn numb had unexpectedly not causing any significant injuries for the both of them.

This scene caused the corner of quite a few people's eyes to twitch. Aren't the physique of these two fellows too overpowered...

"Quite a powerful physique."

Lightning flowed around the surface of Mu Chen's body as he stared at Lu Tian in the air, his eyes sparkling with the same lightning radiance. Every since the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, the person before his eyes, Lu Tian, might just be the strongest fellow he had met so far.

"From your expression, could it be that you believe that you've already gotten the advantage?" said Lu Tian with a sneer. In the next instant, chilling white radiance circulated around his body, before the charred clumps rapidly dissipated away.

The white bones around his body shone in a luster brimming with power once again.

"However, you being able to train your physique to such a degree have exceeded my expectations. However, I'm very sorry to inform you that there's still quite a big disparity between you and Ji Xuan!"

With a cold sneer, Lu Tian shot words of ridicule out. Despite that, what he had thought was different from the words he had spoken. That's due to him knowing how hard it was to train and temper one's physique. If not for that bone pond present within the remnant of the Bone Sect, he might not have been able to cultivate his Divine White Bone Physique to such a level. He had originally assumed that there won't be many people within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament that would be a comparable physique to him. However, who would have expected that person before his eyes, Mu Chen would possess one that wasn't weaker than his own.

Being able to be heavily regarded Ji Xuan, this fellow indeed possess some ability.

Hearing that. Mu Chen gave a faint laugh in response, before replying in a voice that appeared to be accompanied by the roars of thunder. "Activate your Divine White Bone Physique to the limits. Otherwise, your arrogance won't last much longer."

Hearing that, a chilling expression appeared on Lu Tian's face as he stared at Mu Chen. However, upon seeing the calm, exceedingly abstruse black pupils of his that appeared to have not the slightest traces of ripples, for some unknown reason, he felt a chill surface within his heart.

This chill caused Lu Tian to sink into silence for a while. Extending his hands out slowly, his eyes staring chillingly at Mu Chen, before abruptly changing his hand seal. As his hand seal changed, the white bones on the surface of his body started to slowly radiate with a gem like luster, just like sparkling diamonds. However, everyone could sense that the might of Lu Tian's physique had risen once again.

"Your tone's quite arrogant. I've already cultivated my White Bones Divine Physique to the point of transforming bone into jade. When I cross hands with Ji Xuan some time ago, although I lost in the end, he was unable to break my White Bones Divine Physique. As for now, what about you?" the increase in power erupting out from his physique causing the chill within Lu Tian's heart to rapidly dissipate away, while his voice become gloomy and sinister once again.

Lightning flowed within Mu Chen's black pupils, with not a single trace of any emotion seemingly present within. Slowly clenching his hands, roars of thunder akin to those of a furious dragon erupted out from his body.

Bang! Rumble! Rumble!

The roars of thunder grew increasingly loud, before resounding across the entire region, causing even the hurricanes wreaking havoc within the desert to become suppressed by them.

The skies started to grow dim.

Crackle.

Due to the spectacle unfolding before him, Lu Tian narrowed his eyes slightly. In the next instant, as a chilling glint flashed within his eyes, a dazzling splendor erupted furiously from his jade like body.

Whoosh!

Akin to a jade coloured ray of light, his figure shot across the horizon, hurtling straight at Mu Chen. Clearly, he could sense some threat from the latter. Thus, he did not want to allow Mu Chen to successfully activate his strength to his maximum capability.

“White Bones Divine Physique, Jade Bones Divine Fist!”

A loud roar resounded from Lu Tian, before his figure appeared right before Mu Chen seemingly in an instant, before a jade like fist rumbled heavily out.

Bang!

The surrounding space started to ripple, while all of the air in a hundred metre radius exploded apart. Gigantic fissures started to appear on the desert below, before rapidly expanding out.

Dumbfounded shock and terror immediately gushed out of the eyes of countless people.

They turned their gazes towards Mu Chen, only to see that the black lightning bolts that were sparkling crazily on the surface of his body had rapidly retracted within his body. Such a scene appeared as though he had been suppressed.

“That’s not right!”

However, there were some people who were quick to discuss that something wasn’t quite right. That’s because he saw that as those lightning bolts retracted within Mu Chen’s body, lightning like patterns had suddenly appeared on his arm, before rapidly extending out.

Within a short instant, seemingly half of Mu Chen’s body had already been covered by the lightning patterns that were sparkling with a black radiance.

This scene gave somewhat of a malevolent flavor.

While the glowing lightning patterns had covered half of Mu Chen’s body, lightning finally erupted out from his jet black eyes, appearing just like the awakening of a lightning dragon.

Bang!

The arm covered in black lightning patterns started to move at a slow, yet unavoidable speed as it sent an attack out.

Boom!

In the next instant, the lightning fist and the jade bone fist smashed heavily into each other.

At the instant of the collision, Lu Tian noticed faint twitching at the corner of Mu Chen's mouth, before an indifferent voice that caused his entire body to turn cold started to slowly ring out.

"Since Ji Xuan's unable to break your White Bones Divine Physique, I'll be the one to break it."

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#### **Chapter 572: Great Harvest**

Boom!

In this instant, bright and resplendent lightning accompanied by astonishing peals of thunder resounded across the horizon. Akin to giant pythons, bolts of lightning wreaked havoc crazily around as they blanketed the surrounding skies.

A myriad of lightning bolts surged around under the dim skies, causing a exceedingly terrifying spectacle for everyone around.

Figures retreated in miserable fashion on the desert below. At this moment, everyone's ears were filled with the peals of thunder, with some unfortunate people having flood starting to flow out from their ears. Clearly, they were injured by the roars of the thunder ringing out from the skies.

Below the epicentre of the collision, the desert had collapsed down, with gigantic fissures extending out like a spiderweb, while sand flowed down within like waterfalls.

After evading the lightning roars, everyone raised their heads to look towards the origin where they had raided out from.

Signs of warping and distortions had appeared space surrounding there, appearing to have formed an entire stretch of empty space, with the air a hundred metres in radius around having completely exploded apart.

In the empty space, two figures still maintained their stance, their fists pointed against each other, while their frozen bodies appeared statuesque.

The frightening energies that have been gushing out from the two people had completely dissipated away quietly. The only movement present on them was the gentle breeze blowing at their robes, causing them to flutter slightly.

Every sound within the region had turned quiet, as every single gaze latched on tightly towards the the two figures present there.

Under the attentive gazes of everyone in the surroundings, a faint shudder shook through Mu Chen's body, before the lightning originally sparkling within his black pupils completely vanished away.

Looking calmly towards Lu Tian standing right before him, he proceeded to slowly release his clenched fist. As his finger quivered slightly, he gave a gentle flick towards the layers of jade like bones covering the surface of the latter's body.

Crack!

This appeared to be a gentle flick that possessed not even one bit of power behind it. However, it had brought about astonished and shocked responses in the people around. Following a minute cracking sound ringing out, everyone's eyes hastily contracted as cracks suddenly started to extend out from the surface of the jade like bones.

Crack! Crack!

The minute sounds grew in frequency. As their gazes shot over, they saw dense cracks have unexpectedly appeared quietly on the bright jade like bones encasing Lu Tian's body.

At astonishing speeds, the cracks extended out, completely covering every spot of the jade like bones in a short span of a few breaths.

At this moment, Mu Chen slowly lowered his fist. As he did so, the faint trace of blood surfaced on his finger tip. Shooting an indifferent glance over, he gave it a light rub to clean it off.

Bang!

Suddenly, the bright jade like bones on the surface of Lu Tian's body shattered apart. As the jade like bone fragments shot out, Lu Tian's originally frozen body appeared to have suffered a strike by lightning as he abruptly shot backwards.

Bang! Bang!

As Lu Tian's body flew out, clumps of blood mist spurted crazily one after another from his mouth. In the short span of a few breaths, everyone could feel the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating out from the former started to decrease at an astonishing rate.

Puff!

Yet another mouthful of blood spurted out from him. Finally, being unable to endure any much longer, Lu Tian dropped straight down from the skies, before burrowing head first into the sand below under the terrified and dumbfounded gazes of everyone around. As blood clumped up the sand as it landed on the desert surface, Lu Tian gave of an exceedingly miserable sight.

As Lu Tian's body drilled deeply into the sand, the wind devastated deserted turned deathly silent once again. Regardless of the various groups that had gathered around Lu Tian, or those groups like Lin Zhou who were encircled by them, at this moment, all of them were at a loss for words.

The suppressive feeling coming from Lu Tian was truthfully too heavy for them. Therefore, upon seeing this person, who was standing high up in the sky, collapse with such a loud rumble, the shock surging out within them was truly quite huge.

"He's won." happiness erupted from the faces of Xu Huang and the others, while their tense hearts started to relax.

Noticing this, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan both gave a smile without much of any other expression. Clearly, they did not feel much of a surprise with Mu Chen being able to defeat Lu Tian.

The lightning patterns sparkling on the surface of Mu Chen's body had already completely disappeared away. Shooting down, he landed on the sands below, before appearing right by the exceedingly miserable looking Lu Tian.

At this moment, the latter was covered with blood as he continued to gasp painfully for air. Clearly, he had suffered heavy injuries from the confrontation earlier.

As blood flowed out from Lu Tian's mouth, he stared right at Mu Chen's with his eyes wide open, brimming with inconceivable feelings. He's White Bones Divine Physique was unexpectedly defeated by Mu Chen using the strength of his own body...

This was something that Ji Xuan was unable to accomplish them.

"Looks like your White Bones Divine Physique isn't as strong as you've thought." said Mu Chen faintly as he stared at Lu Tian.

Shooting a vicious glare at Mu Chen, gloominess and malevolence still remained within Lu Tian's eyes. Cracking his mouth open to give a chilling laugh, he spoke out. "Mu Chen, you're formidable. This time, I've indeed made an error in judgement. However, so what if you've defeated me! Even you will be hard pressed to imagine how strong Ji Xuan is now! Being treated as his enemy will be the most sorrowful thing you'll ever experience in your life!"

"You still never forget to be a good henchman even at such a time."

Mu Chen spoke out with a laugh, before squatting down. Looking calmly towards Lu Tian, he replied in a slow manner. "I've never treated defeating you as anything big. In the future, you'll see the showdown between me and him, am I right?"

Mu Chen's voice appeared exceedingly calm, with not so much as a fluctuation present within. However, when Lu Tian stared at him, he was unable to say any ridiculing remarks back. That's because he could feel as though there was a lion hiding within the depths of the calm black eyes of the youth before him, causing his heart to palpitate in fear.

With a clench of his hand, a ray of brilliance shot out from Lu Tian's bosom, before landing within his palm. This was precisely the Academy Plaque of Lu Tian's group.

The quantity of points present on it had reach a high number of 20 thousand.

"You!" seeing this, Lu Tian's face instantly contorted.

"Spoils of war." replied Mu Chen with a faint smile.

Flicking his hand, yet another Academy Plaque appeared in a flash. After transferring half of the points that Lu Tian's Academy Plaque has, the points on his group's Academy Plaque had risen to approximately 13 thousand.

This was a quantity that Mu Chen and his group had never reached before. However, at this moment, it wasn't even enough to catapult them into the top 16 rankings.

Mu Chen tossed Lu Tian's Academy Plaque back. Seeing this, the latter clenched his teeth, with his gaze appearing to contain some hatred and resentment.



Whoosh!

Luo Li, Wen Qingxuan, Xu Huang and the rest of the groups had shot over at this moment. As Wen Qingxuan walked close, she gently fluttered her gaze towards the numerous groups in the air that had launched attacks at Mu Chen earlier, before speaking out, "How to deal with those fellows?"

Toying with the Academy Plaque in his hand, a chilling shade flashed through Mu Chen's eyes, before he replied. "Since they had taken action, they naturally have to pay some price. Having followed Lu Tian for the past few days to snatch points from quite a few people, they had only themselves to blame for such a result."

Hearing that, Xu Huang was instantly shocked as he spoke out. "There's at least a hundred groups present here. If we are to take action against them, I'm afraid that will be some trouble in doing so."

In the air, the numerous groups that had taken action against Mu Chen seemed to have discovered the gaze filled with ill intent shooting out from the latter, causing a chill to run through their hearts. They proceeded to quietly gather close to one another. With so many groups converged together, no matter how formidable that Mu Chen was, he shouldn't dare to anger the masses, right?

Clearly, Mu Chen had also sensed their actions, causing a ridiculing smile to curl up at the corner of his mouth, before turning to look at Lin Zhou and his group.

Noticing Mu Chen gaze shooting towards him, Lin Zhou immediately gawked, before his eyes started to sparkle. He had immediately picked up on Mu Chen's plan. This resulted a chilling smile cracking open from his mouth as he nodded his head.

"Everyone, those bastards had snatched our points so happily just moments ago! Now, we can't just let them go like that, am I right?" leaping up, Lin Zhou stared at the dozens of groups that were encircled by Lu Tian and his gang earlier before roaring out in a fierce voice.

Hearing his roar, the dozens of groups became restless, while anger and hatred surfaced within their eyes. Nevertheless, with their disadvantage in numbers, they did not dare to carelessly take action.

"Everyone, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. That's the basic rule for the heavens and earth. If there's anyone that doesn't accept that, I'll help you." said Mu Chen with a faint smile on his face.

"You're vicious, Mu Chen!" some people roared out.

However, as those people roared out in anger, rays of brilliance had already erupted from the eyes of the dozens of groups that were encircled earlier. With a furious clench of their teeth, they rose in to the skies, forming an encircling formation, trapping the hundreds of groups within.

"You dare!"

Seeing this, the hundreds of groups instantly roared out in fury. Those groups that they had encircled earlier had actually dared to take action against them.

Hmph!

However, as their roars rang out, a cold snort followed suit, before golden light erupted out, only for everyone to see Wen Qingxuan holding her golden war spear in her hand as she stood in the air. As a

chilling gaze swept out from her beautiful eyes, those groups under her gaze started to shiver, while their eyes started to fill up with terror and dread.”

“Hand over your points obediently, and I’ll remain courteous. If any of you continue to remain stupid and pigheaded, I’ll make sure that you’ll not be able to participate in the next Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.” Wen Qingxuan’s sweet sounding voice rang out, yet the icy cold intent present within causing the hearts of quite a few people to shudder in fright.

“Take action!”

Seeing this, Lin Zhou gave a loud roar, taking the lead as he shot out.

“Take out points back from them!” behind him, the dozens of groups shot out in succession as their roars resounded out.

Instantly, the surrounding skies became chaotic. Although the hundreds of groups had the numerical advantage, their morale had seemingly collapsed completely. Added with Mu Chen, Wen Qingxuan and the others shooting out covetous gazes from the side, they were utterly defeated in a moments worth of time, all of them suffering miserable defeat. The few that attempted to follow were all forced back by Luo Li.

Therefore, within a short span of ten minutes, the hundreds of groups were completely defeated, with figures dropping down in miserable fashion, before being forced to hand over their Academy Plaques.

Stepping out, Lin Zhou collected all of the Academy Plaques, before carrying them and walking towards Mu Chen. Handing all of them over the latter, a smile cracked open from his mouth as he said, “Although I know Brother Mu’s character, the rules are the rules. Only you can take the majority of these points.

Looking at the hundreds of Academy Plaques present before him, Mu Chen could not help but to gawk out.

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### **Chapter 573: Targeted**

The hundreds of Academy Plaques placed before his eyes truly possessed a slight shock factor. Even with Mu Chen’s character, the scene before his eyes caused him to slightly gawk.

Mu Chen stared at the Academy Plaques. If he was able to obtain all of those points, his group should have enough points to catapult themselves into the Top 8 ...

Beside him, the eyes of Xu Huang and the others turned scorching hot, similarly showing their shock due to the presence of so many Academy Plaques.

Standing by his side, Luo Li didn’t say a word, while Wen Qingxuan crossed her jade-like hands before her chest as she cast her beautiful eyes towards Mu Chen.

Behind Lin Zhou’s back, the dozens of groups were also staring at Mu Chen, complicated feelings filled their eyes. However, they did not make any noise in the end. That’s because they knew that if not for Mu Chen appearing here today, they would be hard-pressed to escape the calamity they were in earlier.

According to the rules, Mu Chen would absolutely obtain the majority of the spoils of war. As for them, being able to obtain the bits that trickle down would in fact be an exceedingly good deal by itself.

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Under the glare of everyone present, Mu Chen continued staring at the Academy Plaques as he deeply pondered for a bit. Finally, a smile appeared on his handsome face. This smile was entirely different from the dark and sinister one that Lu Tian wore earlier, being able to cause warmth to appear in the hearts of people.

It had to be said that the smiling Mu Chen possessed quite some charm, shown by the gradually relaxed expressions on the faces of the groups behind Lin Zhou.

“Captain Lin Zhou, you’ve truly given me a hard problem to solve,” said Mu Chen as he looked towards Lin Zhou.

Hearing that, the latter gawked, before scratching his head and replying, “You don’t need to worry about it. In fact, matters like weak groups being eliminated by powerful groups are too much of a common thing in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. There’s no one that would say anything about it.”

“Of the points here, I’ll take a one portion, with Wen Qingxuan and her group taking another. As for the last portion, you can distribute it among everyone here. After all, these points are your spoils of war,” replied Mu Chen within a smile.

Hearing Mu Chen’s reply, Lin Zhou and the rest immediately gawked while blankly staring at Mu Chen as they felt slightly inconceivable towards the former’s decision. After all, they had collaborated with some powerful groups before. However, those so-called “collaborations” were in fact those powerful groups wanting to utilise them as cannon fodder or meat shields. Furthermore, when it came to the distribution of points, the powerful teams would seemly seize half or more of them. Only the rest would be distributed to the groups that were in collaboration with them.

Therefore, when Mu Chen had only taken a taken portion, all of them seemed to be slightly unable to believe what they just heard.

“Don’t look at me like that. I’ve not gotten to the stage where points don’t matter. On the contrary, I rather love snatching points from them as opposite to those weaker ones.” replied Mu Chen with a faint smile as he pointed towards the Lu Tian who was buried in the sand.

Exchanging glances with each other, a slightly unconcealable look of gratitude emerged from the eyes of Lin Zhou and the others after deeply pondering for quite a while. Their groups weren’t strong or weak, causing them to feel extremely awkward in the current situation of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Generally speaking, upon reaching such a stage, they would seemingly become point banks in the eyes of those powerful groups. Such a status could be considered as low and pitiful. Therefore, Mu Chen giving them such an extremely large choice was a first for them.

That’s because all of them knew what Mu Chen was giving them wasn’t just a choice, but respect, too.

“Thank you, Captain Mu Chen.” the groups standing behind Lin Zhou cupped their hands towards Mu Chen as they said their thanks in deep voices.

The dozens of group captains cupped their hands towards Mu Chen while saying their thanks, with gratitude present within their eyes. During this period of time, their emotions were truthfully not quite good. Could anyone's honor not be hurt by being exploited by powerful groups one after another before having their points snatched away from them?

Mu Chen was somewhat stunned and amazed by their responses. Giving an awkward laugh, he turned his gaze towards Wen Qingxuan before saying, "Take two portions of the points. I've said before that I'll try my best to let you regain your Numero Uno place again."

Panning her head to shoot a look at Mu Chen, Wen Qingxuan raised her red lips before replying in a low voice, "I never knew that Captain Mu Chen also knows quite a good move to buy the hearts of people."

Unable to tell whether Wen Qingxuan had any intent of ridiculing him with her reply, Mu Chen wrinkled his forehead as he said, "That's not my intention. I purely dislike doing something like that."

"Okay, okay. I never said that you were like that."

Wen Qingxuan replied with a faint smile, with her voice unexpectedly turning somewhat gentle. Looking deeply at Mu Chen with her beautiful eyes, she said, "If you had truly devoured all of those points, I would have become slightly disappointed in you, although this truly is no concern of whether it's right or wrong. I know that power is the say in this place, and that there's no one that's able to criticise or find fault with what you do. Nevertheless, if you're unable to even resist such a temptation, I'd truly be unable to believe that you'd be able to walk far in the path ahead of you."

Shooting a look at Luo Li, she said in a profound manner, "If you're unable to walk that far, don't destroy such a lustrous girl as her."

"Everyone has their own interpretations of the truth. However, it seems as if you're praising me," replied Mu Chen as he rubbed his nose. Truthfully speaking, his thoughts were extremely simple, as he did not want to use such a way to obtain points. That's because he knew that this wasn't the original intent of the creation of this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. The groups that relied on the weak groups to obtain a large quantity of points would not be able to truly stand at the peak at the end.

"Your skin's quite thick, huh," said Wen Qingxuan as she rolled her eyes towards Mu Chen. The gentleness that was present within her voice was instantly gone, and she regained her arrogant, phoenix-like appearance once again.

As she spoke those words, Wen Qingxuan waved her jade-like hand, before taking out two portions of the points present on the Academy Plaques. As the thick brilliance rose up, the points on her Academy Plaque drastically rose by 20,000 points, inching closer towards the Numero Uno, Ji Xuan.

After taking those points, Wen Qingxuan tossed the Academy Plaques towards Lin Zhou and the others, who hastily took over and distributed the remaining points.

After a moment of chaos, order was regained in the surrounding area, while the gazes shooting towards Mu Chen were filled with gratitude.

"Brother Mu Chen, there's no words that can describe our thanks for this great kindness. All of us will remember your kindness," said Lin Zhou as he slightly bent his waist. Without saying anymore

roundabout words, he waved his hands, before turning around and leaving. After expressing their gratitude to Mu Chen once more, the other groups had also started to leave.

Seeing their leaving figures, a faint smile appeared on Mu Chen's face.

"What about that fellow? From the looks of it, he seems to not have any good feelings towards you," said Wen Qingxuan as she pointed her slender finger towards Lu Tian. At this moment, the latter appeared to have clenched his teeth, clearly possessing an extreme amount of hatred towards Mu Chen.

Upon hearing that, Mu Chen's eyes slightly narrowed. A person of such strength as Lu Tian was considered somewhat of a threat towards him and his group. If he was to let the latter go so easily, upon regaining his stride, the latter would definitely cause some trouble for him and his group.

"Mu Chen, you've already taken away my points! What else do you want? Could it be that you want to kill me?"

"I won't go as far as to kill you," replied Mu Chen with a laugh. As his eyes sparkled, faint black light suddenly surfaced within his palm, with an extremely strange and mysterious power present within it.

This was the power of sealing that came from the page of the "Undying Blueprint" present within his body.

Mu Chen pressed his palm onto Lu Tian's chest, causing the sealing power to rapidly drill within the latter's body. In the next instant, Lu Tian discovered to his horror that the Spiritual Energy within his body had unexpectedly started to decline at an astonishing speed.

Within the short span of a few breaths, Lu Tian, who was already heavily injured, had his strength decrease to roughly the realm of Human Body Disaster, while the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from his body were being suppressed to the extremity.

"What-what have you done to me?!" Lu Tian was finally terrified. That's because he could feel that the Spiritual Energy within his body appeared to have been suppressed, causing him to unexpectedly be unable to circulate it at will.

As he probed with his mind, he discovered black rays of brilliance sparkling within the meridians of his body. It was precisely those strange and mysterious black lights that had caused him to lose the absolute control he had over the Spiritual Energy within his body.

"I've only temporarily sealed your Spiritual Energy, that's all."

With Lu Tian's current state, wanting to dispel the sealing force within him would take a month, at the very least. During that time frame, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament would have already reached its conclusion.

Lu Tian's face lost all colour, with his eyes brimming with unbridled anger and fury.

Nevertheless, Mu Chen did not continue caring about him as he calmly turned his body around. Looking towards Luo Li, Wen Qingxuan and the rest, he said, "Let's go. We should find the next target now."

As his voice rang out, his figure started to rise to the sky, with Luo Li and the rest following suit, leaving behind an exceedingly miserable Lu Tian roaring in fury and anger...

The matter of Lu Tian's group suddenly dropping out of the Top 16 had caused quite the big ripples within the vast central region. After all, within this place, Lu Tian was still considered to be a rather famous expert. Who would have expected that his defeat would happen so quickly? As people took in this set of news, all of them could not help sighing and lament. There were truly crouching tigers and hidden dragons within this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

On the top of a green mountain peak.

Looking at the Academy Plaque, faint wrinkles started to appear on Ji Xuan's forehead.

"Lu Tian's been defeated," said Mu Feng, who was standing behind him. "Could it be that there are people wanting to deal with us?"

"There're crouching tigers and hidden dragons in this place. With him being too rampant, Lu Tian's defeat was inevitable." On the contrary, Ji Xuan did not appear so overly concerned. After all, rising and falling with the current phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was all too common.

Hearing that, Mu Feng nodded his head, without adding anymore words.

Clearly, the two of them had not placed such a common matter so heavily within their hearts.

However, their current frame of mind only lasted for a day, before being abruptly broken. At that moment, even with Ji Xuan's state of mind, his face had started to turn dark.

That's because they had heard yet another shocking piece of news on the second day that was circulating around the vast central region.

It was from the Myriad Beasts Spiritual Academy. The group led by Wang Jiang that had obtained the inheritance of the Demonic Alligator Palace had similarly been defeated, with the person doing so being known as Mu Chen.

On the mountain peak, Mu Feng looked towards the dark-faced Ji Xuan. At this moment, they could clearly feel the feeling of being aimed at. That Mu Chen had already started to launch a challenge towards Ji Xuan.

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### **Chapter 574: Approaching Storm**

As time had elapsed to this phase, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had already entered its final period of the contention for hegemony. More and more powerful groups continued to emerge, before continuing to constantly change the Top 16 with new names.

Therefore, under the premise of such large changes, other than the few groups that truly possessed astonishing strength, the other groups all felt alarmed, anxious and afraid that there would be a powerful group emerging and defeating them at any moment, before standing on their heads and spreading their fame and reputation across the entire competition.

Even under such a period of great change, the defeat of Lu Tian and Wang Jiang, the originally 10th place and 8th place respectively, had still caused quite the big ripples in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

That was due to the similarity in the group that had led to the defeat of these two powerful groups, which was precisely the one from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that had Mu Chen as their captain.

Furthermore, those people with more informed sources knew about an additional piece of information, which was that Lu Tian and Wang Jiang were both part of Ji Xuan's alliance... as for Mu Chen, he didn't find anyone else, but had specifically targeted those groups that were in an alliance with Ji Xuan. The intent of targeting the latter was already clear and obvious.

Such targeting caused quite a few people to feel amazed and stunned. As of now, Ji Xuan's fame and reputation was too extensive and widespread within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. This heaven-gifted son of the Spiritual Road was still as dazzling as the sun, even in a place like this, where numerous geniuses were present, causing people to be only able to look up to him.

Quite a few powerful groups had all suffered defeat in the hands of Ji Xuan and the group he led, successfully becoming his stepping stones to reach greater heights. Therefore, in the current phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, the number of groups that were able to send a challenge towards Ji Xuan and his group might not even exceed one hand.

It was also this reason that caused everyone to feel that stunned and amazed upon hearing that Mu Chen had actually dared to target Ji Xuan at this current phase of time. After all, regardless of anything, there was a clear, hard-to-surmount disparity between Mu Chen's fame and reputation, when compared to Ji Xuan.

Therefore, everyone was waiting for the response of Ji Xuan towards such targeting by Mu Chen.

However, what made many people astonished was that after Lu Tian and Wang Jiang's groups were defeated, Ji Xuan had unexpectedly not made any retaliatory actions. Such feelings appeared as if he had forgotten about the focus Mu Chen had made against him.

Such a response by Ji Xuan had seemingly exceeded everyone's expectations. They were completely unable to understand why Ji Xuan, who had always been exceedingly fierce in his actions, would not invoke any retaliatory response. This was clearly unlike his usual mannerisms and attitude.

Nevertheless, regardless of how much Ji Xuan's actions had caused voices of doubt to rise within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, he did not make any changes to his actions. Appearing to still continue calmly defeating group after group, obtaining more points and steadying his position as the Numero Uno on the rankings.

It was within those blanketing voices of doubt that yet another attention-grabbing matter happened, which was a new group that had rushed into the Top 16. Generally speaking, it was a common occurrence for powerful groups to suddenly rise into the Top 16 during this period of time. Other than causing everyone to feel astonished for a moment, things quickly calmed down.

That was because it wouldn't take long for this dark horse that had emerged to be brought down by yet another dark horse, something that was common in this current situation.

Therefore, what made people interested was that this emerging group wasn't a dark horse, but a group that was unexpectedly from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Ranked 16th on the point rankings. Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Captain, Shen Cangsheng, With the addition of this group in the points ranking, the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had become the only Spiritual Academy within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament to occupy two places within the Top 16.

That's because after defeating Wang Jiang, the group led by Mu Chen had rose to the 10th rank on the rankings.

"Ji Xuan's really able to endure."

Standing on a hill, Mu Chen looked towards a small town present before him. From time-to-time, there would be streaks of light descending from the skies, before landing within. This was a small transaction base within this region, and was also their temporary resting ground, for now.

"Why won't Ji Xuan take direct action against us? As of now, we've already stepped into the Top 16, with Ji Xuan being able to find our location," asked Xu Huang, standing behind Mu Chen in doubt. This question had been bugging him for the past few days, as he was guarding against Ji Xuan sending an attack. However, what made him suspicious was that for the past few days, Ji Xuan, who should be getting angry and furious at them for such targeting had not shown any movement at all.

"That's because Ji Xuan's also afraid," replied Luo Li in a soft voice.

"You guys underestimate your Captain too much," added Wen Qingxuan with a smile. "Within the Spiritual Road, he and Ji Xuan are old opponents. Furthermore, in such a confrontation, Ji Xuan doesn't have any obvious advantage over him."

Hearing that, Xu Huang and the others gave embarrassed laughs in response, with shock and astonishment appearing in their eyes as they looked towards Mu Chen. As Ji Xuan gradually increased in fame and reputation, they had also started to know about the frightening strength the latter possessed. Such a character would absolutely be rated as a heaven-gifted child, and was more than sufficient to cause countless geniuses to pale in colour when compared to him.

However, even this heaven-gifted child seemed to not be able to obtain much of an advantage in Mu Chen's hands. One could see from this that the latter similarly possessed the methods and capability that was not inferior to Ji Xuan.

"That's why there's no one that could obstruct Mu Chen's path in our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. So, it turns out that he's a top-class big shot..." said Zhao Qingshan with a bitter laugh. In the past, they were still brooding about the fact that Mu Chen was a Freshman, with them being his Seniors. However, now, they had no choice but to respect and admire the former.

"You guys better not praise me." Mu Chen could not help laughing. "The accurate reason why Ji Xuan didn't take action is due to fearing the three of us."

His fingers were pointing at himself, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

Among the three of them, other than him, the other two beautiful and soul-stirring girls were also not ordinary people. Within the Spiritual Road, Luo Li forced Ji Xuan to the point of him losing the chance of



obtaining the Spiritual Crown, while Wen Qingxuan had obtained it in one sweep, suppressing the outstanding geniuses present there with her skills.

Among the two girls, the fame and reputation of Wen Qingxuan wasn't inferior to Ji Xuan, with her also being the only person in many people's eyes that could contend with Ji Xuan for the number one spot. As for Luo Li, she was the one who had the lowest profile. Even Mu Chen was not clear exactly how much power this future Empress of the Luo God Clan was concealing. Every single time he had probed her out, the young girl would only give a smile in response without answering, causing Mu Chen to feel itchy all over about it.

With these two heavyweight figures beside him, no matter how prideful or confident Ji Xuan was, he would not dare to carelessly take action.

Furthermore, there were also other reasons behind his decision to not attack them. That's because if Ji Xuan really wanted to launch an all-out battle with Mu Chen and his group, it would definitely result in a heaven-shaking battle. At that time, regardless of who would win or lose in the end, both parties would get seriously hurt and injured.

At this moment in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, there were other heavyweight existences within other groups. To Ji Xuan, those groups had similarly possessed extreme threat to him.

Perhaps, in ordinary circumstances, those few heavyweight groups would not dare to recklessly confront Ji Xuan in battle. However, once he had crossed hands with Mu Chen and suffer serious injuries as a result, those heavyweight groups might be the first to deal with him, who was the opponent with the greatest threat to them.

It was precisely due to such a reason that caused Ji Xuan to not recklessly take action in response to Mu Chen purposefully targeting him, despite knowing that the latter had removed his claws being Lu Tian and Wang Jiang completely away.

This fellow clearly possessed a rather strong level of patience and fortitude.

Hearing that, Xu Huang and the other two quietly breathed a sigh of relief. Not requiring to faces the strongest group in the current Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was something worth relaxing a bit for them.

"You guys are celebrating too early."

Seeing that, Mu Chen gave a faint smile as he spoke out. Crossing his fingers gently, he continued speaking. "With my understanding of Ji Xuan, he would not completely endure this matter without doing anything. As of now, the reason why he doesn't make any action is due to him not having absolute assurance."

"Ji Xuan's cautious and prudent, and won't recklessly take action. Once he takes action, it would definitely a lightning-quick method."

"Therefore..." Mu Chen raised his head and looked into the distance. As chilling intent surfaced within his black pupils, he continued speaking, "The current tranquility is just the prelude of the storm. Once Ji Xuan takes action, what comes next... would be the true assault of the storm."

Hearing Mu Chen's words, the faces of Xu Huang and the other two turned sluggish. Although Mu Chen sounded calm and neutral, they were still able to hear the chilling intent hidden beneath it.

"Cough... let's not care about him. In any case, we've got you three heavyweights. If he really takes action, we aren't afraid of him."

Xu Huang gave a dry cough, before looking at his Academy Plaque. With a smile, he said, "I never would have imagined that Shen Cangsheng and the others would also be able to rush up into the rankings. Those fellows truly are not simple, too."

Hearing that, Mu Chen smiled and nodded his head. Looking at the group at the 16th place, which was now occupied by Shen Cangsheng's group, this clearly showed that their strength had progressed by leaps and bounds compared to before. From the looks of it, they had similarly obtained quite a huge benefit from this Shattered Continent. This caused Mu Chen to feel quite relieved and gratified.

"It truly has been a long time since we've seen them. I don't know how they are doing right now," said Mu Chen with a faint smile. He also wanted to see and meet up with Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton, Su Xuan and the others again.

"Why not we go and find them?" suggested Xu Huang.

Hearing that, Mu Chen shook his head and replied. "As of now, we've already brought the fight to Ji Xuan. If Shen Cangsheng and the others are to move together with us, we'd bring trouble for them."

"Oh?"

Suddenly, Luo Li cried out, her beautiful eyes slightly contracting as she pointed towards the 1st place on the point rankings, before saying in a deep tone, "Ji Xuan's position is changing."

Hearing that, Mu Chen and the others instantly looked over. Indeed, Ji Xuan's location was changing extremely quickly. Clearly, they were currently moving at an extremely quick pace.

"Could they be rushing towards us?" asked Luo Li in astonishment.

Hearing that, faint wrinkles appeared on Mu Chen's forehead as he stared at Ji Xuan's changing location. After an instant, his eyes furiously contracted, while chilling intent gushed from the depths his black pupils.

"He's not rushing towards us..."

Mu Chen's handsome face appeared exceedingly dark at this instant, with his hands abruptly, tightly clenched, while the killing intent within his eyes soaring.

"He's planning on taking action towards Shen Cangsheng and the others!"

Hearing those words, the faces of Xu Huang and the others instantly contorted.

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### **Chapter 575: Retaliate**

The atmosphere on the hill froze seemingly in an instant, while a murderous aura started to quietly appear.

Ugly expressions appeared on the faces of Xu Huang and the others. Never in their wildest dreams did they expect that Ji Xuan would turn his spearhead towards Shen Cangsheng and the others.

“He’s planning to return an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,” said Wen Qingxuan in a slow manner.

During this period of time, Mu Chen had been pulling out the teeth and claws of Ji Xuan’s alliance. Therefore, Ji Xuan had now chosen the same exact method to remove the other Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy group, as well as to appropriate a response to Mu Chen.

“Ji Xuan’s extremely cautious in his actions. He knows what kind of action you would take if he was to do such a thing. However, he still chose to do so. Therefore... I believe that he should have made his preparations,” said Luo Li in a deep voice as she looked towards Mu Chen.

Hearing that, Mu Chen slightly nodded his head. With Ji Xuan always having exceedingly deep and complex schemes, if the latter didn’t have the slightest bit of assurance, he would absolutely not recklessly do something like that. However, from the looks of it, he had still gone through and did it. That is to say, did he already put the fear of Mu Chen and the others dealing with him behind his back?

Exactly for what reason caused him to suddenly not worry about such fear?

A glint sparkled within Mu Chen’s eyes, while slivers of killing intent gushed from within. Indeed, there had never been a place where this opponent was easy to deal with.

“What should we do?” Xu Huang and the others stared at Mu Chen. If Ji Xuan and his group had come prepared, them recklessly moving out might be something that the former would have expected. At that time, once they engage in combat, it might start what might be the most intense and cruel fight within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

In such a situation, even Mu Chen wouldn’t have absolute assurance of being able to obtain victory.

Ever since he had started to take action against Lu Tian and Wang Jiang, Mu Chen had already anticipated that Ji Xuan wouldn’t dare to recklessly start a counterattack against them. This would cause him to silently wait for the right time. It was this silence that would undoubtedly create a blow towards the latter’s fame and reputation.

Indeed, the matter had proceeded according to Mu Chen’s expectations. However, he had not expected that Shen Cangsheng and the other group would rush into the Top 16 at this moment, causing them to appear in the sights of Ji Xuan.

Therefore, this move by Ji Xuan had turned his originally disadvantageous situation around. At this moment, there might already be quite a few people paying attention to this matter, and would be anticipating a response from Mu Chen’s side.

Exactly what should he do? Continue to bide his time, or take the risk of the possibility of Ji Xuan being prepared for him to mount a rescue?

If it was the former, it would result in quite a big blow towards Mu Chen’s reputation, as this whole matter was started by him. As for now, Ji Xuan had directed his anger and fury onto Shen Cangsheng and the other Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy group. If Mu Chen was to watch and not take any action, there might be quite a few that would wag their tongues about him.

However, if he chose to do the latter, once he suffered defeat, Ji Xuan might not give them the chance to make a resurgence.

A chilling light slowly congealed within Mu Chen's black pupils, with the surrounding atmosphere turned so tense it appeared to have frozen solid. After an instant, he slowly closed his eyes. Upon opening them, his gaze appeared to have slightly calmed down.

Slowly tensing his body, he said in a calm voice, "Let's head out!"

Xu Huang and the others were startled as they looked towards Mu Chen.

"Regardless of what preparations Ji Xuan has prepared for us, this is something that we've started. Regardless of what the outcome is, we have to carry it on our shoulders," replied Mu Chen in an indifferent tone.

"Furthermore, I really, really want to know what kind of show Ji Xuan has prepared. However, regardless of that, I'll let him know that he might not be able to stomach me, Mu Chen."

"It was like that in the Spiritual Road, and will be the same over here."

Looking towards the calm-faced youth before their eyes, Xu Huang noticed a layer of gloss reflecting out of the latter's black pupils under the illumination of the sunlight. Even when faced against the most elite figure, whose name had shocked the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, the latter still did not show the slightest bit of dread or fear.

Mu Chen's calm appearance caused Xu Huang and the others to gradually calm down, before solemnly nodding their heads.

Staring at Mu Chen's face awhile, Luo Li gave a gentle laugh. She loved the self-confidence that was hidden within the core the youth before her eyes. That kind of self-confidence wasn't brought forth by ignorance nor being impetuous, but one that originated from one's core.

Admittedly, Ji Xuan was powerful. However, he too possessed an intolerable arrogance and contemptuous attitude.

Wen Qingxuan twirled a lock of her black hair that flowed behind her ear as she swept a look towards Mu Chen with her beautiful eyes. At this moment, she knew that the apex clash of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was truly about to start.

There was only one thing she did not know. Exactly who among these two similarly monstrous talents would end up being the final victor in this clash?

Mu Chen took a deep breath, before giving an abrupt wave of his hand. As his figure rose into the air, he transformed into a ray of light, shooting straight towards the direction of Shen Cangsheng and his group, as indicated on the Academy Plaque.

Behind him, Luo Li, Wen Qingxuan, Xu Huang and the others immediately followed suit, with dense murderous auras following the whooshing sounds that rang out.

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While Mu Chen and his group started to rush towards where Shen Cangsheng and his group was, quite a lot of people within the central region had also discovered this change in the situation.

Therefore, the atmosphere was on the verge of exploding.

As of now, there was no one that didn't know about the reputation of Ji Xuan. After all, being able to lord over the Numero Uno place was more than sufficient to show the astonishing capabilities he possessed.

Faced against such a monstrous talent, there might not be any group that dared to show the slightest bit of ignorance towards them. At this moment, everyone knew that the group led by Ji Xuan absolutely possessed the qualifications to aim for the championship.

As for Mu Chen, there weren't many people that knew about him in the earlier phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. However, following his destruction of the large array arranged by Xiao Huang, defeating Mo Xiu, Qiu Ning and Liu San with a single move, as well as destroying Ji Xuan's alliance partners, the former 10th and 8th placed Lu Tian and Wang Jiang respectively, his fame and reputation had risen at an exceedingly astonishing pace.

This was especially true after he had destroyed Ji Xuan's alliance. With Ji Xuan not showing any movement at all, the name of Mu Chen was remembered by more and more powerful groups.

When thinking about a person that was able to cause a monstrous talent like Ji Xuan to suffer losses and restrain his emotions made everyone feel fear and dread towards him.

Therefore, everyone had great anticipation towards the moment when these two people would bump heads, and to what kind of astonishing battle would take place.

Therefore, upon noticing the movements of Ji Xuan and Mu Chen, seemingly all of the powerful groups had turned their eyeballs over. All of them had a premonition that the curtains towards the most eye-catching confrontation within the entirety of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had already started to draw open.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Suddenly, countless hurried whooshing sounds rang out across the entire earth, as powerful groups rushed across the horizon in succession. Transforming into rays of light, all of them rushed across the vast earth as they headed towards a certain location.

Seemingly inadvertently, this had quietly caused the fiery and intense atmosphere within this region, where seemingly all of the powerful groups within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had converged, to be pushed to its pinnacle.

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Whoosh!

Rays of light shot over the horizon.

Mu Chen's figure was presently at the lead of those figures, with his eyes tightly locked on the far distance. At this moment, not the slightest fluctuation was present on his handsome face, even when he

could sense the suddenly fierce change in the atmosphere within the entire region, since all of these changes were caused by his actions.

As of now, they might have already become the most prominent group within the masses present within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

“Ji Xuan and his gang seems to have discovered our actions, since his speed has suddenly increased by quite a bit. According to his current speed, I’m afraid that he might reach Shen Cangsheng and his group before us,” whispered Luo Li after suddenly moving closer to Mu Chen.

Hearing that, Mu Chen’s eyes slightly narrowed. Taking a look at the Academy Plaque within his hand, he noticed that Ji Xuan’s movements really did suddenly increase in speed. Such a speed had caused even him to feel somewhat shocked.

“Let’s speed up.”

Mu Chen spoke out in a deep voice. They needed to find Shen Cangsheng and his group before Ji Xuan and his gang did. If not, in the off-chance they were to land in the hands of Ji Xuan and his gang, it would be a form of suppression towards Mu Chen. Such a method was something that Ji Xuan excelled in.

As his voice rang out, a shadow dragon abruptly took form beneath his feet. As a dragon roar resounded across the horizon, Mu Chen’s speed drastically increased once more.

At his instant, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan had increased their speed without the slightest bit of restraint as they quickly followed behind him. The only people left behind were Xu Huang and the rest. Nevertheless, at this moment, Mu Chen could no longer care about that.

They had to reach Shen Cangsheng before Ji Xuan does!

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As the atmosphere within the vast earth had suddenly turned fiery and explosive, the atmosphere in a certain valley had also turned exceedingly depressed.

Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton, Su Xuan and the other two sat within a valley as they quietly recuperated. They had experienced a great battle not too long ago against a group that was quite formidable, causing them to expend a considerable amount of effort to clinch the victory.

Nevertheless, relying on the points they had obtained, they had finally broke into the Top 16.

“That fellow, Mu Chen, really has climbed very fast. He’s actually at the 10th place already.” After taking a look at his Academy Plaque, He Yao suddenly cast his mouth aside as he spoke.

“That brat’s always been remarkable. Him only climbing to the 10th place as of now is something that I’ve not expected,” replied Shen Chansheng with a smile as he opened his eyes.

“However, as of now, our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy is the only Spiritual Academy with two groups in the Top 16,” added Li Xuanton with a faint smile.

Hearing that, everyone smiled and nodded their heads.

“Oh?”

Suddenly, Su Xuan, who was playing around with her Academy Plaque in her hand, cried out in shock, before her beautiful face slightly changed. Fiercely raising her head, she said, "That's not right, why are there so many groups suddenly rapidly heading towards our direction?"

Upon hearing that, Shen Cangsheng immediately gawked as he hastily pulled out his Academy Plaque. Indeed, other than them, the groups present at the Top 16 were unexpectedly closing in towards their direction.

Among them included the Numero Uno, Ji Xuan, as well as the 10th place Mu Chen.

"What's the matter?" Sensing that something wasn't quite right, Li Xuanton and the others immediately asked in deep voices.

A slight change happened to Shen Cangsheng's gaze, before he furiously stood up as he replied in a fierce voice, "Let's leave, quickly! We've become Ji Xuan's target! He wants to use us to retaliate against Mu Chen!"

Hearing that, the faces of Li Xuanton and the others instantly changed.

Clenching her Academy Plaque, Su Xuan's voice turned bitter as she said, "I'm afraid that we're too late..."

Shen Cangsheng's face turned dark as he raised his head. At this instant, whooshing sounds were already reverberating as they rang from the distant horizon.

Lowering his head to look at his Academy Plaque, he saw that the Numero Uno, Ji Xuan, was already at a position that was merely a dozen kilometres away from them. Such a position was more than sufficient to indicate that they had already been locked on by him.

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### **Chapter 576: Flee**

The atmosphere within the mountain valley froze and turned suffocating as exceedingly ugly expressions appeared on the faces of Shen Cangsheng and the other four. Clearly, they were somewhat caught with their pants down by this sudden trouble...

Although they had obtained quite a big benefit in this fragment of the Shattered Continent, resulting in their strength improving by quite a bit, they were extremely clear that they were absolutely not a match for a group like Ji Xuan's.

Once the two sides were to truly engage in combat, their side would lose without a doubt.

"What should we do?" asked He Yao as he looked towards Shen Cangsheng with an ugly look on his face.

As a dark shade fluctuated over Shen Cangsheng's face, he gave a furious clench of his teeth as he replied, "I'll take the Academy Plaque and run away! You guys scatter and leave!"

Hearing Shen Cangsheng's reply, Li Xuanton's face instantly sunk down as he said, "With such a short distance, they would already be able to lock onto us. Simply running away would be of no use.

Furthermore, once they catch you or any of us, it would end up with the same result. That's because if any one of us falls into their hands, they would definitely use us to deal with Mu Chen!"

"And with Mu Chen's character, I'm afraid that he wouldn't just stand by the side and watch! If not, he wouldn't be rushing over here with all his might."

"Let's go together! Although Ji Xuan and his gang are extremely formidable, we ain't just mud on the floor!" growled Yang Lin, the last member of the group.

Creaking sounds rang from Shen Cangsheng's hands as his face turned ashen. At this moment, a feeling of humiliation gushed from his heart. Being a rather prideful person at heart, he was the Numero Uno on the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's Heavenly Rankings before the appearance of Mu Chen. However, at this moment, they were forced to such a miserable position, yet he was powerless to change it.

Bang!

Shen Cangsheng fiercely sent a punch against the rock wall beside him, causing cracks to rapidly extend from his fist. Taking a deep breath, he said in a deep voice, "Let's scatter first. As of now, Mu Chen and the others are currently rushing over. Regardless of anything, we have to drag the time on and wait for him to arrive. At that time, Ji Xuan will fail at his objective."

Hearing that, Li Xuanton, Su Xuan and the others nodded their heads in agreement. All of them were not willing to land in Ji Xuan's hands and be used against Mu Chen.

"Let's go!"

Shen Cangsheng gave a low roar. Taking to the air, he quickly shot in the opposite direction of where those whooshing sounds were ringing from. Behind him, Li Xuanton, Su Xuan and the other two wore tense expressions on their faces as they rapidly followed suit.

Whoosh!

Increasing their speed to the maximum, the five shot across the horizon at lightning speed, causing sharp and hurried whooshing sounds to ear-piercingly reverberate within the vast mountain range.

Darkness filled the entirety of Shen Cangsheng's face, his eyes brimming with unconcealable anger and fury. With his hands tightly clenched, green veins squirmed and throbbed on their surface. Such a speedy retreat caused him to feel as if his heart was burning up.

Crack!

The sharp and incisive sounds of space being split apart appeared to ring from the horizon behind them.

"Run quickly!" Suddenly, Shen Cangsheng's face contorted as he fiercely roared.

"Haha. These few friends from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, we've hurried over here from a place far, far away. And yet, you all want to leave before even saying any greetings. Isn't this to impolite of you all?" Just as Shen Cangsheng's roar rang out, faint laughter, accompanied by a voice, suddenly rang out within the region.



Upon hearing that voice, the hearts of Shen Cangsheng and the others furiously sunk down.

“Don’t worry about him! Continue on!” growled Shen Cangsheng. However, before his voice could fully ring out, his eyes furiously, abruptly contracted. Fiercely raising his head, he saw a figure with his hands behind his back stand on the mountain peak before them, looking straight towards them with a grin on his face.

This figure was dressed in white robes, with a warm and radiant smile covering his handsome face, making it hard for people raise their vigilance against him. Nevertheless, upon spotting him, the faces of Shen Cangsheng and the other four instantly contorted.

“Ji Xuan!”

“Please stay behind, the few of you,” said Ji Xuan with a smile as he looked towards Shen Cangsheng and the other four.

“In your dreams!”

Shen Cangsheng sneered in reply. Sweeping a glance towards Li Xuantong and the three, the five of them explosively scattered seemingly in the next instant.

Seeing this, Ji Xuan couldn’t help giving a gentle sigh. Not a single flutter of emotion was present within his eyes, before he gave a wave of his sleeve. In the next instant, exceedingly powerful Spiritual Energy instantly swept out from his sleeve just like a long river.

Swish! Swish!

As the long Spiritual Energy river swept out, it split into five parts, appearing right before Shen Cangsheng and the other four in the blink of an eye. As the long Spiritual Energy rivers converged together, they transformed into a giant Spiritual Energy palm that fiercely pressed down from above.

Bang!

A giant thunder-like bang resounded.

Shen Cangsheng and the other four that were originally shooting away were instantly sent in the opposite direction. Other than Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong, who staggered back a few steps, muffled groans rang out from Su Xuan and the other two, while a faint shade of paleness appeared on their faces.

This Ji Xuan’s strength is actually that terrifying! He had forced the five of them back just with a single palm of his.

Shen Cangsheng and the other four were forced to group up once again. At this moment, a shadow of shock flashed across their eyes. The power and strength of Ji Xuan had far exceeded all of their expectations.

As of now, within their group, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong were both currently at the pinnacle of First Grade Spirit Disaster. As for Su Xuan, He Yao and Yang Lin, all of them had already reached the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster. Truthfully speaking, such a lineup was considered to be rather strong. If not, they wouldn’t be able to rush into the Top 16 by just relying on their own strengths.

However, despite that, their lineup was obstructed just by Ji Xuan alone.

“These few friends from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. You all should be clear that my true target’s not you all. As long as you all agree to be captured, I’ll not make things difficult for you all,” said Ji Xuan in a warm tone.

Not giving a reply, a glint faintly sparkled within Shen Cangsheng’s eyes.

Whoosh.

At this moment, more whooshing sounds rang out from behind them as four glowing figures shot over. Splitting up and moving into four separate locations, they completely sealed the surrounding space. The four that had shot over were precisely the members of Ji Xuan’s group.

Seeing this, the eyes of Shen Cangsheng and the other four turned dim. From the looks of it, they seemed to have no way to easily escape this predicament.

Exchanging glances with one another, all of them took a deep breath before their gazes gradually turned fierce. Even if there wasn’t anymore chances for them to escape, they would absolutely not let themselves be captured that easily! They needed to buy time for Mu Chen!

“Take action!”

Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton explosively shot out seemingly at the same instant. Clenching their hands, long spears appeared in a flash. Spiritual Energies erupted from their bodies without the slightest bit of restraint, while the incomparably fierce spear tips explosively rumbled towards where Ji Xuan was at lightning speed.

At the same instant, Su Xuan, He Yao and Yang Lin had rushed towards another location. They had chosen to collaborate and attack one of Ji Xuan’s group members that had sealed that direction.

Bang! Bang!

As the spear tips heavily pierced towards the place where Ji Xuan stood, the mountain peak below had instantly collapsed. As giant rocks tumbled down, Ji Xuan strode through the air, walking straight up into the skies, while his white robes appeared clean and unblemished. The fierce attacks coming from Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton had unexpectedly not caused the slightest bit of harm towards him.

“Looks like you all do not approve of my suggestion, huh.” Looking towards Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton, Ji Xuan shook his head with some regret, before taking a small step forward.

Whoosh!

As his feet landed in the air, his figure appeared to have instantly shifted right before the two. As the trio exchanged gazes, the eyes of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton snapped wide open.

Bang!

With exceedingly tacit understanding, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton had sent a palm out each, patting out at seemingly the same time. Bringing along astonishing gales, boundless Spiritual Energies heavily patted down towards Ji Xuan’s body.

Boom!

However, just as they had sent their palms patting down, Ji Xuad had sent a palm of his own out in welcome. In the next instant, the palms of the trio heavily smashed against each other.

Astonishing Spiritual Energy gales immediately swept out.

Although Ji Xuan's figure had seemingly not moved an inch, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton appeared to have suffered a heavy blow. Their bodies shot backwards in a miserable fashion, skidding over a hundred metres in the air before finally being able to forcefully stabilise themselves. At this moment, their hands were faintly trembling as intense pain radiated from them, appearing as if their bones had been shattered.

"I believe that you two should be the most elite of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. As of now, with Mu Chen placed above your heads while having the status of a Freshman, shouldn't you two be uncomfortable about it? Since that's the case, why not collaborate with me? If I settle and finish off Mu Chen, I'll guarantee your names in the Saint Spiritual Academy, and will make sure you guys are promoted into the final match," said Ji Xuan in a slow manner as he looked towards Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton.

Being a Freshman in the Saint Spiritual Academy, Ji Xuan was extremely clear how much jealousy and resentment those veteran outstanding students had towards him. With Mu Chen's road being similar to his own, one could tell that the latter's situation wasn't much better than his own. The few people before him should not have good feelings towards Mu Chen.

However, he had clearly made some errors in his judgement this time. Upon hearing him say those words, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton only gave a laugh in reply. The smiles present on their faces weren't deep, yet it showed of a faint flavor of ridicule and disdain.

It was precisely this ridicule and disdain that caused the genial smile on Ji Xuan's face to slowly disappear.

If the people before him were exchanged for the other groups from the Saint Spiritual Academy, Ji Xuan would dare to bet that they would instantly betray him... however, these fellows from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy were actually defending Mu Chen, who was now standing on their heads?

Form a certain perspective, wouldn't this mean that Mu Chen had obtained a more perfect result than him?

"You two truly don't know what's good for you," said Ji Xuan with an indifferent smile. In the next instant, his figure disappeared once again.

Bang!

Astonishing Spiritual Energy erupted once again, as the figures of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton were sent retreating once more, with blood flowing down the corners of their mouths. However, before they could react, a spectre-like figure had surfaced once again before them, while an even fiercer attack came enveloping over.

Bang! Bang!

The figures of the two continued to backpedal in a miserable fashion. Even after collaborating, they were still at a complete disadvantage, and were even unable to muster the slightest bit of resistance. Therefore, within the span of a dozen breaths, the amount of blood streaming down the corners of their mouths continued to increase.

Boom!

At the other location, Su Xuan and the other two had collaborated in an attempt to break through from another direction. However, they discovered that they were unexpectedly unable to obtain the slightest bit of advantage over the youth from the Saint Spiritual Academy before them.

“Haha. Could it be that you’ve chosen to break through from here because I appear to be the weakest?” After being targeted by Su Xuan and the other two, the youth by the name of Mu Feng spoke out in a ridiculing manner as he grinned towards the trio.

At the other three directions, his three other group members had only sealed those directions without taking action. That’s because they knew that if Su Xuan and the other two had chosen them as the direction to break through, the trio might have a slight chance in doing so. However, they had ended up choosing Mu Feng. Other than Ji Xuan, that fellow was the second strongest within their group.

Solemn expressions appeared on the faces of Su Xuan and the other two. Nevertheless, none of them made any noise, with them merely attacking with increasing intensity.

“Don’t drag it on anymore, Mu Feng.”

Just as Mu Feng was wanting to speak ridiculing comments, an indifferent voice rang out not far away from him. That was precisely Ji Xuan’s voice.

“Look’s like you three are unlucky.”

Hearing that, Mu Feng gave a smile. Looking towards Su Xuan and the other two, his smile started to become abnormally cold and chilling.

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### **Chapter 577: Miserable**

Seeing the chilling smile curl on the face of Mu Feng, the expressions on the faces of Su Xuan and the other two grew increasingly ugly. Exchanging glances with one another, Spiritual Energies proceeded to sweep out from their bodies without the slightest restraint.

Whoosh!

The trio explosively shot out. After such a long period of tempering within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, their teamwork and rapport had clearly reached a state of extreme tacit understanding between each other. Although their cultivation was only at the realm of Spiritual Energy Disaster, when they collaborated, their combined might would cause even an expert of First Grade Disaster to feel fear and dread.

However, the person before them, Mu Feng, wasn’t an ordinary person at First Grade Spirit Disaster, but a genuine expert at Second Grade Spirit Disaster. Such a realm of cultivation was even higher than that Lu Tian that Mu Chen had defeated earlier.

Therefore, faced against the ferocious attacks coming from the trio, Mu Feng only gave a faint smile, one which contained ridicule and disdain present within. With a furious clench of his hand, a dark-red halberd appeared, while his gaze grew even colder.

A scarlet-red crescent-shaped glowing pattern appeared to be present on the surface of the halberd, sparkling with heart-palpating fluctuations.

“Demonic Moon Halberd, Cleaving Moon!”

With an indifferent expression on his face, the halberd in Mu Feng’s hands abruptly chopped down, only for blood-red rays of brilliance to erupt from it. In the next instant, they formed into a gigantic blood-red crescent moon. As the crescent moon howled downwards, it brought about an incomparable chill as it came down on Su Xuan and the other two.

As the blood-red crescent moon shot out, a scar was carved into the space it had travelled past.

Seeing this incoming crescent moon, the faces of Su Xuan and the other two instantly changed. Not daring to show the slightest bit of neglect, they immediately unleashed their most powerful attacks.

“Phoenix Wing Spiritual Umbrella!” With a clench of her hand, a spiritual umbrella that appeared to be constructed from phoenix wings appeared in Su Xuan’s hand. As spiritual light sparkled from it, the cry of a phoenix rang out. In the next instant, powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated from it. Clearly, this was an Peerless Rank Spiritual Artifact that possessed outstanding might.

“Devil Dragon’s Blade!” At the same time, a large blade constructed from the head of a dragon appeared in He Yao’s hands, with dragon scales covering the entirety of its surface. With an loud roar, a gigantic dragon-shaped arched blade explosively shot from it.

“Hundred Beasts Wheel!” Rays of brilliance erupted from Yang Lin’s hand, before transforming into a malevolent-looking glowing wheel. Spiritual light started to perfuse around the glowing wheel, before transforming into the shape of a hundred beasts, with their roars shaking the air around them.

The trio clearly had some luck as they had obtained Spiritual Items that were of quite a high grade. The might they were able to unleash was also extraordinary. At this moment, with their collaboration, they appeared to possess an exceedingly powerful aura.

Bang!

Four fierce attacks smashed together at lightning speed, instantly causing a loud bang to resound across the horizon. Seemingly at the same time, a Spiritual Energy shock wave that could be seen by the naked-eye had also swept out.

“A mantis trying to stop a chariot.”

Seeing this, a chilling smile appeared on Mu Feng’s face. As his gaze abruptly turned ice-cold, the Demonic Moon Halberd in his hand shot out once again. This time, a bloody light gushed from it, causing blood-red crescent moons to continuously surface from it, before hiding the skies and covering the earth as they howled.

Bang! Bang!

Faced against the successive battering from the blood-red crescent moons, the attacks of the trio appeared to have instantly collapsed. Although they had the support of their Spiritual Items, the disparity between them and Mu Feng was too large.

This disparity between Spiritual Energy Disaster and Second Grade Spirit Disaster could never be made up by relying on Spiritual Items.

Bang!

As their attacks collapsed and failed, a shudder shook through the bodies of the trio as they miserably retreated back as if they had suffered a huge blow. As they did so, a sweet taste appeared in their throats, before blood seeped out from the corners of their mouths.

Whoosh!

However, without waiting for the trio to suppress the tremors shaking within their bodies, Mu Feng had already appeared behind Su Xuan's back akin to a bolt of lightning. Clearly, he was planning to end this fight as quickly as possible.

"Su Xuan, be careful!"

Seeing this, He Yao's face instantly contorted as he hastily roared.

At this moment, the Spiritual Energy within Su Xuan's body was rolling and surging. She had similarly discovered Mu Feng, who had shot towards her. However, with her strength being exhausted, she was completely unable to evade from him. Thus, she could only stare as Mu Feng's fierce palm blade shot over at lightning speed.

Bang!

However, before the hand blade could land on Su Xuan's body, a huge force came barreling over, sending her body flying away.

He Yao's body had appeared where Su Xuan was a moment ago. In the next instant, Mu Feng's fierce hand blade chopped down towards the former's hand without the slightest bit of mercy shown.

Squirt!

A jet of blood shot out.

A miserable shriek instantly rang out from He Yao's mouth, as his left hand was severed by Mu Feng's palm. His body started to tremble and shake due to the intense pain radiating from his arm, while he unsteadily retreated and staggered in a miserable fashion.

"Go!"

Stemming the blood flowing from his arm, He Yao roared towards the blank-looking Su Xuan.

"What a touching scene," said Mu Feng with a grin as blood dripped down from his palm. At this moment, his gaze appeared as cold as the edge of a blade. In the next instant, he shot out once again towards Su Xuan.

“Bastard!”

With a furious curse, Yang Lin fiercely clenched his teeth. Unable to care much about anything, he rushed straight out, appearing right before Su Xuan’s body. As Spiritual Energy howled from him, he sent a fist rumbling straight towards Mu Feng.

Seeing this, a ridiculing smile appeared on Mu Feng’s face. Without showing any mercy again, he sent a fist rumbling straight towards Yang Lin’s fist like a bolt of lightning.

Crack!

Frightening energy waves gushed out as Yang Lin’s arm started to instantly warp and distort. Cracking sounds started to ring out from his bones as he was sent flying akin to having suffered a lightning strike, spewing blood as he went.

Seeing the two people who had suffered serious injuries in the blink of an eye just to protect her, Su Xuan’s eyes started to involuntarily turn red.

At the same time when Su Xuan, He Yao and Yang Lin had suffered a complete defeat, the bodies of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton were completely covered in blood. Nevertheless, fierce and vengeful shadows were still present in their eyes. Despite being in such a depressing situation, the two of them did not give up the slightest bit of hope. Circulating the Spiritual Energies in their bodies to their absolute maximum, they launched attack after attack right towards Ji Xuan.

Nevertheless, their attacks could only be exchange for an indifferent palm from Ji Xuan, before the two were sent retreating back in a miserable fashion, the blood covering their bodies growing increasingly scarlet-red.

Such a scene appeared exceedingly tragic and full of despair.

At this moment, whooshing sounds endlessly rang out within this region as figures appeared in the distant skies and mountain peaks in a successive fashion, with their eyes all trained towards the huge battle erupting at this location.

Clearly, those were the powerful groups that had rushed over due to them being not far away when the fight had occurred.

Upon seeing such a seemingly one-sided fight before their eyes, all of them could not help quietly giving a sigh. From the looks of it, this group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would suffer a complete defeat today.

However, despite the sighs, there was not a single person that had stepped forward to offer assistance to them. Faced against the group that was considered to be the strongest in the current phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, there might not be many who would have the courage to start a confrontation with them.

Puff!

Blood spewed from the mouths of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton yet again, Looking towards Ji Xuan, who wore a calm expression and faint smile in his face, the both of them could not help tightly clenching

their teeth. They had also sensed the complete defeat at the side of Su Xuan and the other two. Yet, the two of them were powerless to do anything about it.

At this moment, the eyes of the two had turned blood-red, with their pride and arrogance appearing to have been smashed and scattered apart. Originally, the both of them had believed that they had already made great progress in their cultivation. However, who would have guess that they were still that frail and weak, even to the point of being unable to protect their compatriots?

“Looks like you two are feeling extremely sorrowful.”

With a faint smile, Ji Xuan said, “In fact, if you want to blame someone, you can blame Mu Chen. Everything’s due to him. If he had not acted as if he was clever, you all would not have had to endure such humiliation.”

Ji Xuan’s words were extremely venomous, appearing to be more so than his actions. Not only did he want to squash Shen Cangsheng and his group beneath his feet, he even wanted to cause them to feel such humiliation, converting this into hatred and transfer it onto Mu Chen.

“There will always be some disparity between you and Mu Chen.” However, faced against such heart-rending words, a smile cracked open for Shen Cangsheng as he spoke out, the blood at the corner of his mouth causing him to appear somewhat malevolent.

“What did you say?” Hearing that, Ji Xuan’s eyes started to gradually turn cold.

“You’ll forever be alone. There will be no one that will trust you. Even those compatriots of yours will give up on you when you meet with such similar troubles as me. However, we will never give up on Mu Chen,” replied Shen Cangsheng in a ridiculing fashion.

“Therefore, you’ll never ever be able to match up to Mu Chen! He’ll always be stronger than you!”

“Haha.” Ji Xuan made a soft laugh. Shaking his head, he said, “Who would care about something useless like trust? You’re so-called ‘belief’ is so weak in the face of power and strength that it’s really laughable.”

As Ji Xuan’s voice rang out, his face had already turned completely cold. He proceeded to speak again. “Therefore, you guys should come to a stop at this point.”

Whoosh!

As the last of his words rang out, his figure had already disappeared like a spectre.

Without any prior signalling, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton had already explosively retreated.

Nevertheless, at the instant when they did so, a blurry figure had already appeared between their midst. In the next instant, an ice-cold palm shot out towards their throats akin to the talons of an eagle.

Bang!

Their bodies were heavily pressed against the precipitous mountain cliff behind them. As the rocks behind them shattered apart, blood spewed from them once again, while the Spiritual Energies radiating from them dropped to their weakest.



Right before them, an expressionless Ji Xuan stood in the sky, his hands on their throats, causing them to be unable to move even a single inch.

On the other side.

With a smile on his face, Mu Feng looked towards Su Xuan while saying in a soft voice, "Now, is there anyone else that can protect you?"

Whoosh!

His figure had shot out, heading straight towards Su Xuan.

Tightly clenching her teeth, Su Xuan circulated the Spiritual Energy within her body to the utmost degree. At this moment, she could only try her best to endure a bout with Mu Feng.

Boom!

The fierce Demonic Moon Halberd heavily smashed against the spiritual umbrella. As the frightening power came gushing through, Su Xuan's body shook as the spiritual umbrella in her hands was sent flying away.

Pressing close to Su Xuan, Mu Feng looked towards the pretty face just inches away from him, before giving a faint smile brimming with chilling intent. In the next instant, sending a palm patting out, Spiritual Energy surged from his body, causing the horizon the split apart.

"This ends here!"

As Mu Feng's chilling voice rang out, Su Xuan closed her eyes in despair.

Rumble!

However, at the instant before Mu Feng's palm was about to land on Su Xuan's chest, erratic claps of thunder suddenly resounded across the entire region, causing Mu Feng's face to furiously contort.

A black bolt of lightning split the horizon apart at an indescribable speed. Under the countless astonished gazes shooting from this region, it violently smashed against Mu Feng's body.

Bang!

Mu Feng's body instantly shot away, smashing straight into the ground. As he landed on the earth, the area around him collapsed and caved in, while gigantic fissures extended like a spider web.

After smashing Mu Feng away, the bolt of black lightning didn't come to a stop. With a shift, it rushed straight out, while a fist sparkling with lightning mercilessly rumbled out, immediately heavily smash against Mu Feng's chest, who was now unable to even evade or dodge.

Puff!

Mu Feng's eyes rapidly sprung wide open as he spewed a mouthful of blood. As he did so, the ground beneath him caved in once more.

A roar rang from him as he attempted to struggle out of his predicament. However, a palm sparkling with lightning immediately clasped over his throat, causing his struggling to abruptly freeze.

The black lightning before his eyes started to slowly dissipate away, before a thin figure finally appeared before everyone's eyes. Present on the figure was a handsome face, merely that an extremely malevolent expression covered in murderous aura had covered its entirety.

"Mu Chen!"

Cries of shock and astonishment instantly resounded across the entire region.

Not far away, the gaze of Ji Xuan, who had already defeated Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton had also slightly changed. Slowly panning his head across, he looked towards the familiar-looking lightning-clad figure, before a smile started to curl from the corner of his mouth.

"You've finally arrived, Mu Chen."

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#### **Chapter 578: Two Kings Reunion**

In this vast region, figures were faintly discernible at the edges of the distant sky as they continued to hide the sky and cover the earth as they shot over. As of now, it was clear that this region had already become the most prominent place within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

Various powerful groups were now standing in the air, with all of their gazes focused towards the stretch of area before them. To be precise, they were all trained towards the thin figure clad in black lightning bolts.

They were able to clearly sense the dense killing intent radiating from the figure. Such killing intent appeared to have caused the temperature of the entire region to drop by quite a bit.

That was Mu Chen.

"He has finally arrived..." Whispers quietly rang out as the gazes from everyone in the region converged.

"If he had arrived just a bit later, that Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy group would have been completely wiped out."

"Ji Xuan and his group are truly vicious in their actions..."

"From the looks of it, there won't be an easy conclusion to this matter."

"Ji Xuan's not easy to be dealt with. Although that Mu Chen's fame and reputation has been skyrocketing recently, can he really match up to Ji Xuan? His cultivation seems to only be at Spiritual Energy Disaster..."

"....."

Whispering noises incessantly continued to ring out, while everyone's gazes had converged on the two main characters present within the region. Anyone would be able to sense that an intense fight that would shock everyone present would erupt in this region today.

Under the attentive gazes of everyone, Mu Chen had a hand wrapped around Mu Feng's throat while standing within the caved-in ground present below, appearing just like a prey within the talons of an

eagle. Furthermore, the killing intent radiating from his body informed everyone that if he were to unleash a killing blow, he would absolutely show no mercy nor remorse.

Being within Mu Chen's grasp, Mu Feng's face had already turned ashen, with the blood dripping from the corner of his mouth causing him to look somewhat miserable. A venomous and unwilling gaze shot from him towards Mu Chen. Due to the latter taking such quick action, he was unable to muster any defenses, causing him to become instantly suppressed by the latter.

He absolutely didn't believe that Mu Chen would be able to suppress him in a head-on confrontation!

Su Xuan was staring at the figure standing not too far away from her. It had been more than half a year since she had seen him, yet he appeared to have not changed much, merely that his originally handsome and gentle face had appeared somewhat more healthy and robust. Perhaps, due to the vast killing intent radiating from his body, he appeared exceedingly sharp and incisive, just like an extraordinary divine spear standing tall within the heavens and earth.

Wiping away the bloodstain at the corner of her mouth, Su Xuan's originally tense heart started to slowly calm down. The youth before her appeared to cause people to have boundless confidence in him, causing them to feel calm and steady in his presence.

Panning his head over, Mu Chen looked towards Su Xuan. As his malevolent gaze started to turn gentle, he said, "Senior Sister Su Xuan, are you alright?"

Hearing that, Su Xuan shook her head. Turning her head to look towards He Yao and Yang Lin, her eyes turned reddish as she said, "But they're seriously injured."

Having his hand chopped off by Mu Feng earlier, blood continued to flow out from He Yao's severed stump. At this moment, Yang Lin was completely covered in blood, giving off an exceedingly miserable appearance. Nevertheless, upon seeing Mu Chen's appearance, the both of them heaved a great breath of relief.

Hearing her reply, Mu Chen apologetically nodded his head towards them.

Squirming his body, He Yao leaned against a rock. Sending a smile with much difficulty towards Mu Chen, he asked, "How confident are you?"

What he meant was naturally about how confident Mu Chen was to deal with the situation before them. After all, he was extremely clear about exactly how tyrannically strong Ji Xuan's group was.

"With me here, they'll not be able to hurt you all," replied Mu Chen in a soft voice.

"I'll leave it to you, then..." He Yao slowly replied with a nod as he looked towards the exceedingly dazzling youth before his eyes.

Slightly nodding, Mu Chen proceeded to raise his head up. At this moment, his gaze turned emotionless and indifferent as he looked towards the figure present not far away from him.

The figure standing over there had also casted his gaze over at the same time.

As their eyes interlocked, the ice-cold killing intent gushing from within appeared to have caused even the air to start freezing.

“You’ve finally arrived, Mu Chen,” said Ji Xuan in a soft voice, with his hands similarly tightly grabbing onto the throats of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton.

“I came here to see what great show you’ve prepared for me. Would it be even more spectacular than last time?” replied Mu Chen with a faint smile.

Hearing that, Ji Xuan started smiling as he said, “It shouldn’t leave you disappointed.”

“I very much anticipate it,” replied Mu Chen slowly.

“Release Mu Feng!” Fierce cries rang out across the sky as the three remaining members of the Saint Spiritual Academy group darkly stared at Mu Chen. Powerful Spiritual Energies gushed from their bodies as they covetously stared at Mu Chen.

The cultivation realm of all three of them was at First Grade Spirit Disaster. Although they were inferior to Mu Feng, they were absolutely not weak. Despite this, Mu Chen appeared to have completely ignored the roars coming from them.

“Hmph!”

Seeing this, the eyes of the trio turned ice-cold. Exchanging glances with one another, they each sent a palm patting out seemingly at the same instant. Boundless Spiritual Energies swept from them, transforming into Spiritual Energy palm prints that started to press down towards Mu Chen.

Despite this, Mu Chen appeared to have not moved even an inch.

Swish!

However, just as those Spiritual Energy palm prints were about to descend, a sharp sword cry suddenly rang from across the sky, before three gigantic sword arcs explosively shot over.

Puff!

As the sword lights howled over, they instantly sliced the three Spiritual Energy palm prints into two, causing them to transform into glowing dots that blotted the skies.

Whoosh!

Countless gazes shot towards the direction where those sword arcs had come from, only to see two glowing figures rushing over at a speed akin to chasing the moon and stars. Finally, two exquisite and beautiful figures appeared right by Mu Chen’s side.

The two girls appeared graceful and elegant, while possessing flawlessly beautiful appearances. Nevertheless, they caused people to feel shock and astonishment, with even the somewhat frozen atmosphere in this region appearing to possess some luster upon their appearance.

Seemingly all of the eyes had involuntarily shot over and converged onto them.

“That’s Wen Qingxuan!”

“The other girl... she’s called Luo Li, right? I know her. She’s the Queen Luo of the Spiritual Road. At the end of the Spiritual Road, she had even caused Ji Xuan to suffer serious injuries.”

“From the looks of it, they appear to be Mu Chen’s helpers. These two girls are definitely not simple. If they were to genuinely take action, even Ji Xuan wouldn’t dare to proclaim to have absolute confidence in victory. That’s why Mu Chen dared to appear here.”

“.....”

The appearance of the two girls had instantly caused even greater exclamations. Compared to Mu Chen and Ji Xuan, they were even more attractive for their attention.

Flanking beside Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan shot a look at the former. Turning their gazes to the front, they rested their eyes on Ji Xuan, who was standing not too far away from them.

With her not having much previous contact with Ji Xuan, Wen Qingxuan was not brimming with interest as she proceeded to size up the former. Being the arch-enemy of Mu Chen, as well as the guy who had snatched first place from her, Wen Qingxuan was exceedingly curious as to who this Ji Xuan was.

Compared to Wen Qingxuan, a calm and tranquil expression was present on Luo Li’s face. Her pair of clear glass-like pupils shot a quiet look at Ji Xuan, with not a single fluctuation present within that tranquil gaze of hers.

With Luo Li’s appearance, Ji Xuan’s gaze had immediately converged to her. Nevertheless, though, the calm and tranquil beautiful eyes of the latter caused the corner of his mouth to involuntarily twitch.

“It has been a while, Luo Li.” Suppressing the pounding within his heart, Ji Xuan said in a slow manner.

Resting her beautiful eyes once more on Ji Xuan, Luo Li replied in a soft voice, “Do you still remember what I’ve said to you at the end of the Spiritual Road?”

Hearing that, Ji Xuan’s pupils slightly narrowed, while his expression gradually turned fierce.

That was a scene that he would never, ever forget. By forsaking everything, the girl dressed in black had caused him and her to become mutually wounded. Furthermore, at the very last moment, the girl did not pay any other kind of attention other than to hurt him. With a calm voice, she had told him that his life was Mu Chen’s to claim. That’s why she didn’t kill him...

“I believe that he will make you disappointed.” A dark shadow was present in Ji Xuan’s eyes as he stared at Mu Chen, while the hands gripping the throats of Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong started to grow uncontrollably tighter.

Hearing that, a faint smile that caused the hearts and souls of the people to stir started to surface on her absolutely stunning face. With a gentle tone, she replied, “You’ll be disappointed, as he’s stronger than you.”

Not one bit of ridicule was present in her gentle voice. Yet, that soft and light tone caused the usually calm Ji Xuan to uncontrollably shiver, while a deep shade of darkness was present on his handsome face. At this moment, greenish veins even started to slowly surface on his arms.

Astonishment was present on the faces of Ji Xuan’s three group members as they set their gazes on the current Ji Xuan. This truly was the first time that they had seen the usually emotionless Ji Xuan show so much emotional fluctuations.

Every single gaze within this entire region moved around the trio of Mu Chen, Luo Li and Ji Xuan. As if being able to discern something that had happened between them, the faces of everyone present started to turn somewhat strange.

“Oh really? I’m really looking forward to it.”

Ji Xuan gave his reply. Taking a deep breath, Ji Xuan suppressed the anger and fury within his heart, before turning his dark and sinister gaze towards Mu Chen. With a smile he said, “What do you have that’s stronger than me? Is it your Spiritual Energy Disaster realm, or is it your strength?”

Hearing that, Mu Chen gave a laugh. Shaking Mu Feng that he had grasped within his hand, he replied, “Let’s release the people in our hands. I don’t assume that you would be that childish to resort to threats like this, right?”

At this moment, Ji Xuan had also laughed; however, it was one that didn’t contain the slightest warmth at all. With a wave of his palm, he tossed Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton away.

With a calm expression, Mu Chen tossed Mu Feng away, sending the latter flying against a mountainous rock, smashing it into bits.

Miserably crawling out from the mountainous rock, an ashen expression was present on Mu Feng’s face as he stared at Mu Chen. Nevertheless, though, he did not dare to recklessly take action against the latter.

Seeing Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton being thrown away, Mu Chen hastily went forward to assist them. The current appearance of the duo, being entirely covered with blood, caused them to appear exceedingly miserable.

An expression brimming of apology and regret was present within Mu Chen’s eyes as he looked towards the duo.

“There’s no need to say any unnecessary words. I’ll leave the rest to you. That bastard’s very strong. If you don’t have assurance, we’ll just flee as quick as we can. Better have more chances than to lose lives.” Words rang from a crack of Shen Cangsheng’s mouth as he patted Mu Chen’s shoulder.

Hearing that, Mu Chen gave a laugh, before nodding his head.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The whooshing sounds within the region grew louder and louder. Looking over, the entire mountain range and plains around were filled with figures. With seemingly all of the powerful groups that have participated in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament being attracted towards this location.

With an indifferent expression on his face, Ji Xuan cleaned away the bloodstains present on his palms. Raising his head, he took a look at the figures that covered the surrounding mountain range and plains, before giving a soft clap.

“The Mu Chen Elimination Operation begins.”

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**Chapter 579: Revealing Cards**

Within this vast region, numerous figures were present, blotting the skies and covering the land. However, these figures were split far away from each other as they stood in the air, appearing to be vigilant and cautious about each other.

The black sea of humans stood in the air, extending into the distance, with clear layers of separation between them.

Due to the enormous crowd, the Spiritual Energies radiating from their bodies dyed the entire region in a rainbow shade, causing an especially gorgeous and magnificent scene to appear before people's eyes.

At this moment, gazes shooting from all across the sky were locked onto the vast stretch of area before them, where two groups of people were in confrontation against each other.

As of now, the group led by Ji Xuan was, without a doubt, the strongest group amongst all of those that were present here. Furthermore, the most important thing was that Ji Xuan's strength was deep, unfathomable and hard to grasp.

Seemingly since the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament till now, Ji Xuan had yet to experience a single defeat. Faced against any opponent, he would always sweep them over as if he was brushing away dried twigs, appearing to be seemingly invincible.

Faced against a monstrous talent like him, there might not be anyone within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament that would not have fear and dread towards him.

However, although Ji Xuan's strong and powerful, Mu Chen and his group weren't any run-of-the-mill characters, either. Without mentioning about the 2nd placed Wen Qingxuan and just talking about Mu Chen, his fame and reputation had recently skyrocketed, appearing just like a black horse that no one could underestimate.

As for Luo Li, she had always kept a low profile. Nevertheless, everyone who had an understanding of her would know that she was a girl whose appearance and temperament was not one bit inferior to Wen Qingxuan. Other than that, she also possessed a rather frightening level of strength.

The triangle formed by the trio possessed a level of might that would be absolutely more than sufficient to cause people to smack their lips.

Therefore, when these two groups of people were to undergo a head-on confrontation, there would be a great deal of people who would want to know exactly which group would be able to gain an advantage.

Therefore, upon seeing Ji Xuan waving his hand down with indifference, the expression of everyone present in the entire region tensed up, with their bodies slowly following suit.

With his hand hanging by his side, a calm and tranquil expression continued to be present on his handsome face. Aside from him, Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li had gradually started to clench the war spear and longsword respectively in their hands.

The Mu Chen Eliminate Operation...

Just from the words alone, one could tell that it was specifically crafted to target Mu Chen.

Humm. Humm.

Gales blew across the air, bringing along humming sounds. Although all of the powerful groups within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had gathered over here, the entire region appeared so silent that one could hear the sounds of the wind blowing.

“Haha. What a really lively place.”

The atmosphere within the region, which had appeared to have frozen over, did not continue for long, as a clear and refreshing laughter suddenly rang out, shattering the ice apart.

Whoosh!

Everyone’s gazes seemingly turned over in an instant, caused their eyes to look towards a mountain peak in the far distance. As spiritual light flashed at that place, multiple figures slowly surfaced from within.

Standing right in front of the group of figures was a youth dressed in green robes. As the long hair flowed from the head of the youth, he gave off an exceedingly confident and natural appearance. As people looked over, the rampant winds blowing across the region suddenly turned even more fierce and hurried. Unexpectedly, the rampant winds that blotted the skies started to converge towards his location, before transforming into a howling tornado.

“That’s...”

People’s eyes proceeded to look towards the chest of the green-robed youth, where a green-coloured Academy Insignia was present. A vast, endless dark-green universe was present there, indicative of Academy Insignia of one of the five Great Academies, the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy!

“That’s the Azure Heavens Spiritual Academy’s Liu Qingyun!”

“It’s actually the 4th place Liu Qingyun!”

“So it turns out that Ji Xuan has secretly invited him over?”

Following the appearance of those figures, waves of uproar instantly erupted across the entire region. Among the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, Liu Qingyun was similarly an expert at the very peak. Currently placing 4th on the point rankings was more than sufficient to show his strength and power. Such a person possessed similar qualifications to contend for hegemony. However, who would have guessed that Ji Xuan was able to invite him over?

“Liu Qingyun!” Shooting a slightly cold gaze towards the figure with her beautiful eyes, Wen Qingxuan said in a cold voice, “Looks like you want to interfere in today’s matter, huh.”

Sweeping his gaze over, Liu Qingyun sent a faint smile towards Wen Qingxuan, before replying, “Qingxuan, Mu Chen had gone somewhat overboard in this matter. Therefore, you can’t blame me.”

“I’m not familiar with you, so you better not call me like that. If not, don’t blame me for being discourteous,” said Wen Qingxuan in an indifferent tone as her beautiful eyes slightly drooped down.



“In any case, we’ve collaborated before...” Liu Qingyun replied with a frown. Proceeding to shoot a look towards Mu Chen, an ambiguous shade flashed across his face, before saying, “Furthermore... it’s extremely rare for me to see you walk so close to somebody...”

Hearing that, a sparkle flashed within Mu Chen’s eyes. Shooting a look towards Wen Qingxuan, he gave a helpless laugh, before saying in a teasing fashion, “I finally understand what a femme fatale is.”

Clearly, Liu Qingyun had known Wen Qingxuan before. Furthermore, from his tone of his voice, one would be hard-pressed to not discover the fancy that was obviously present towards the latter. Perhaps, a large reason for him accepting Ji Xuan’s request to take action to deal with Mu Chen might stem from his envy and jealousy.

After all, he had some understanding towards Wen Qingxuan’s temperament, knowing that the latter would absolutely not have any close contact with males. Even during the previous time where they needed to collaborate, she had only done her part, before immediately leaving once her goal was accomplished, not giving Liu Qingyun any chance to strike the metal when its hot.

Therefore, this was the first time Liu Qingyun had see Wen Qingxuan collaborating with a male for so long, and would even not hesitate to go against a thorny character like Ji Xuan for his sake.

“Mu Chen! If you dare to speak anymore nonsense, do you believe that I will not trample you to death?!” Wen Qingxuan’s willowy eyebrows immediately turned slightly vertical. Staring right at Mu Chen, she proceeded to clench her teeth and growled.

Hearing that Mu Chen immediately laughed.

“With Liu Qingyun added in, this isn’t good news for us,” said Luo Li in a soft voice as she looked towards Mu Chen. The people they had defeated earlier, like Lu Tian and Wu Jiang, were not a match for this Liu Qingyun. The latter was like them, coming from one of the five Great Academies, and was even a genius from the Wind Spirit Clan. He was extremely strong, be it his talent or his background. If he wanted to help Ji Xuan, this would create quite a bit of pressure for Mu Chen and his group.

Hearing that, Mu Chen nodded his head and replied, “Furthermore, I’m afraid that Ji Xuan still has more in store for us...”

Ji Xuan stood in the air not far away, a calm and tranquil gaze still present within his eyes as he looked towards Mu Chen. Without any ripples of shock or astonishment present on his face, he raised his hand once more, before giving a gentle wave down.

“Brother Fang Yun, please reveal yourself.”

As Ji Xuan’s indifferent-sounding voice rang out, a chill seemed to have blown across the expressions of quite a few people. Fang Yun? Could it be that Nine Cauldrons Spiritual Academy’s Fang Yun, who’s currently the 6th place on the point rankings?

“Cough. Look’s like this can be considered as the most spectacular confrontation within the entirety of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament before the final match. Therefore, it would be extremely regretful if I’m absent at here.” As Ji Xuan’s voice rang out, a laughter rang out. Everyone’s sight converged over, only to see the sea of humans suddenly part there, before multiple figures slowly walked out from within.

The person standing in the lead was dressed in white robes, while having a delicate and effeminate appearance. His hair had an ash-grey colour to it, while his pair of eyes appeared exceedingly radiant. At this moment, a faint smile was present on his face as he looked over to the stretch of land before him, where the seas of humans had converged to.

An Academy Insignia was similarly present on his chest, with the image of nine cauldrons present on it.

That was the mark of the Nine Cauldrons Spiritual Academy. A hundred years ago, the Nine Cauldrons Spiritual Academy was once a member of the five Great Academies. Falling into decline thereafter, it had resulted in them losing the title of being one of the five Great Academies. Nevertheless, though, the Nine Cauldrons Spiritual Academy similarly possessed exceedingly astonishing might. The group they had sent to participate in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament and being about to obtain the 6th place on the point rankings were more than sufficient to confirm that fact.

Not surprisingly, Fang Yun's appearance had caused waves of clamoring to erupt, with shock and astonishment appearing in the gazes of quite a few people. The people that Ji Xuan had invited over were all peak-level characters that possessed the qualifications to contend for the 8 quotas present for the final match.

From the looks of it, Ji Xuan truly had come prepared. He truly wanted to completely destroy Mu Chen and his group.

Gazes that blotted the sky all converged onto Mu Chen, with ambiguous expressions present within their eyes. At this moment, no one really knew if the latter would be able to make a proper retreat under such a line-up prepared by Ji Xuan.

"Mu Chen, are you satisfied in the show I've prepared just for you?" said Ji Xuan with a faint smile as he looked towards Mu Chen. "If you're not satisfied..."

As his voice rang out, he extended his slender palms and gave a gentle clap.

Seeing that action, the eyelids of the crowd around could not help rapidly twitching, while shock overwhelmed their hearts. Could it be that this hasn't come to an end?

Whoosh!

As Ji Xuan's clap rang out, a blood-red shade suddenly swept across from the distant horizon. Appearing as blood-red akin to a river of blood, it swept across the horizon, before rushing towards the region populated by the attentive gazes of countless experts.

Seeing the river of blood, Mu Chen's eyes instantly, slightly narrowed, while chilling intent gushed from the beautiful eyes of Luo Li standing beside him.

As the river of blood dissipated away, multiple figures appeared in a flash from within. Those figures were dressed in blood-red robes, with a familiar-looking face located in their midst. That was precisely the person that had escaped from the Divine Wood Palace after being injured by Mu Chen, Xue Tiandou.

At this moment, Xue Tiandou was sending a dark and sinister gaze towards Mu Chen. Nevertheless, though, he clearly wasn't the main character there, as a youth with blood-red hair stood right before him.

This youth also wore a set of blood-red robes. Sweeping his red, malevolent eyes over, he finally rested his gaze onto Luo Li's body, before saying with a faint smile, "It truly has been a long time, Luo Li."

Tightly clenching her Luo Shen Sword, Luo Li's clear and beautiful eyes were brimming with chilling intent. As her red lips slightly parted, a clear and cold voice rang out from within, "Xue Tianhe, I never imagined that even you, the third prince of the Blood God Clan would come over here."

"For you, the future Empress of the Luo God Clan, it won't be overboard for any of our Blood God Clan to come over," replied the youth by the name of Xue Tianhe with a smile.

Within the entire region, quite a few gazes fluctuated between shock and doubt as they looked towards this Xue Tianhe. Although this name had yet to appear in the Top 16, anyone would be able to sense the pressure brought about by him, which was not the slightest bit weaker than Liu Qingyun or Fang Yun.

All three of these figures were of the heavyweight-class.

For the sake of dealing with Mu Chen, Ji Xuan had truly done his homework. All of the people that he had called out to absolutely possessed the qualifications to contend for the final match quotas. They were the true figures at the peak of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

"Mu Chen..."

A warm and gentle smile surfaced once again on Ji Xuan's handsome face. Looking towards Mu Chen and his group, who were surrounded on all sides, he said in a slow manner, "Are you satisfied with my preparations?"

Gazes blotting the skies all shot towards Mu Chen. Faced against such a frightening line-up, even formidable characters like Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan should feel extreme pressure.

This wasn't a good situation to break.

The cards that Ji Xuan had brought out all possessed extreme might.

Faced against this situation, what would Mu Chen do?

Under the countless attentive gazes shooting over, Mu Chen slowly raised his head. At this moment, there curiously wasn't much shock or fear present on his handsome face. On the contrary, a faint smile had surfaced on it, before his soft voice rang out.

"Are you done already?"

Despite not sounding deep, when this voice entered the ears of the masses, it caused their hearts to violently shudder.

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#### **Chapter 580: Confront**

"Are you done?"

As Mu Chen's voice softly rang out, the clamoring originally present within the entire region turned silent once again, with quite a few people looking in shock and astonishment at Mu Chen. That's because they were unable to see much of any shock or fear present on the latter's face.

This made everyone feel stupefied. Could it be that Mu Chen's still not clear about the current situation he was in? Faced against a line-up with the likes of Ji Xuan, Liu Qingyun, Fang Yun, as well as that Xue Tianhe and their groups, even with Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan, they shouldn't be able to contend against them, right?

There's no one present here that would underestimate the might the trio of Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan possessed. However, this could also be absolutely said towards the line-up the trio was up against. Each of the people Ji Xuan had invited over were heavyweight figures, and this wasn't a joke.

However, even in such a spot, there was still not a change of expression on Mu Chen's face. What does this mean? Is he truly clueless about his current situation, or does he possess something that can make him so confident in facing such a line-up?

If it was the latter, it was inevitable for some people finding it hard to believe.

After giving some thought about it, the gazes of some people started to faint sparkle. Being able to cause a monstrous talent like Ji Xuan to have so much fear and dread of him, it was clearly that Mu Chen wasn't an ignorant person.

Since Mu Chen wasn't having any fear or dread due to ignorance, there's only one explanation that fits the picture, which was that he had made a similar form of preparation, too.

Such a thought caused the hearts of quite a few people to slightly tremble, while a weird shadow appeared within the gazes that had focused on the exceedingly calm youth before their eyes.

Naturally, they weren't the only ones that were in shock and doubt. Even the heavyweight characters like Liu Qingyun, Xue Tianhe and Fang Yun slightly narrowed their eyes in response, a sparkling glint present within their eyes as they rested their sights on Mu Chen's body.

"Looks like you've long expected my preparations?" Ji Xuan's eyes had similarly contracted. Looking towards Mu Chen, he said with a faint smile.

"Being opponents for so many years, how would I not understand these methods of yours?" replied Mu Chen with a faint smile as he looked straight back at Ji Xuan.

"Oh?" Hearing that, Ji Xuan's eyebrows twitched, before saying with a smile, "Since it's the case, I really want to see what kind of preparation you can make."

"It's isn't some shocking preparation, merely that there are many experts present in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. Since you're able to invite heavyweight figures, how can I not do anything in this regard?" replied Mu Chen with a smile.

As his voice rang out, Mu Chen turned around. Looking towards the sea of humans that had extended endlessly across the horizon, he said with a clear voice and a smile, "Please show yourselves, Brother Wu Ling, Brother Wen."

As Mu Chen's voice rang out, the entire region turned silent, before a slightly helpless-sounding voice slowly rang out from within the sea of humans. "Mu Chen, this collaboration of yours really is a little spicy."

As the voice slowly cracked apart from the sea of humans, a group of figures slowly walked out. The figure in the lead was a youth with a delicate and effeminate appearance. He was impressively Wu Ling from the Martial Spiritual Academy.

Wu Yingying stood quietly behind him, her pair of beautiful eyes trained on Mu Chen standing not far away from him as she muttered, "Really what a worrisome fellow."

Standing right beside Wu Ling was yet another youth, one who had an incomparably ordinary appearance, and appearing unassuming in any aspect. At this moment, a harmless-looking smile was present on his face. A hand was revealed from one of his sleeves, appearing especially abnormal, as an exceedingly white luster was radiating from it. This caused it to appear as if it was made of gemstones, causing people to have a feeling of being unable to pull their gazes away.

"That's the current 3rd place in the point rankings, the Martial Spiritual Academy's Wu Ling?"

"There's also Wen Bushen, the group currently in 8th place. It seems that they have been at those rankings for a very long time. Although they have yet to rise up, they have yet to drop below the 8th place."

"Indeed, Mu Chen had made preparations for this, to actually invite two heavyweight figures of his own own."

Upon the appearance of Wu Ling and Wen Bushen, waves of clamoring instantly erupted across the entire region, while quite a few people sighed in admiration within their hearts. From the looks of it, this entire matter had truly turned interesting. Both parties had unleashed their remarkable abilities and invited heavyweight figures out. The line-up for both sides might be considered as the strongest within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

The few groups that were invited over had the greatest possibility to become the groups that would qualify for the final match.

Looking towards Wu Ling and Wen Bushen, Mu Chen cupped his hands in gratitude towards them. During those few days of hunting, not only did he pluck out the fangs and claws of Ji Xuan, he had similarly sought out allies that could collaborate with him. After all, being all too familiar with Ji Xuan, if the latter wanted to deal with his group without any restraint, he would definitely pull other heavyweight groups to his side.

Therefore, he similarly needed to make some preparations of his own.

From the looks of the current situation, Ji Xuan had pulled Liu Qingyun, Fang Yun and Xue Tianhe, while Mu Chen had Wen Qingxuan, Luo Li, Wu Ling, as well as Wen Bushen. With Mu Chen himself added in, the latter's line-up could be termed as perfect.

The lineups on both sides were absolutely the best of the best within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. The scene right before their eyes had caused the blood within quite a few people to show signs of surging and boiling.

This up the beat for the final match.

"I never expect that you would actually team up with Mu Chen, Wu Ling."

A chill suffused through Ji Xuan's eyes as he rested his gaze onto Wu Ling. Indeed, he had not expected that the latter would actually come together with Mu Chen. After all, Mu Chen's relationship with Wu Ling while on the Spiritual Road couldn't be considered to be close.

"Don't look at me like that. I'm also just here to even the field." A smile surfaced on Wu Ling's effeminate face as he gave his reply. Turning around and looking at Wu Yingying standing beside him, his mouth slightly twitched in helplessness. Although he admired Mu Chen, he did not have any plan to enter the war between the latter and Ji Xuan, when the latter had sought him out. It was merely due to him being unable to endure Wu Yingying's nagging that he finally conceded and accepted to help.

"You're short-sighted. Don't you know what kind of person Ji Xuan is? That fellow has extremely big ambitions. If he manages to deal with Mu Chen, we might not be able to escape from his future plans. For the sake of clinching the Championship, that fellow would sweep anyone that obstructs his path with no mercy at all." Seeing Wu Ling's expression, Wu Yingying could not help coldly snorting out.

"Are these really the only reasons?" asked Wu Ling in a teasing manner.

"What else are you thinking about?" Wu Yingying growled, her willowy eyebrows turning slightly vertical as a pinkish shade flashed across her fair complexion. Nevertheless, she still opened her bright and beautiful eyes to shoot a fierce glare towards Wu Ling.

Hearing her growls, Wu Ling gave a dry cough. He was completely helpless against this crafty and unruly younger sister of his. Thus, the only choice he could do was to turn towards Ji Xuan, before saying with a smile, "Ji Xuan, you've really blown the matter up. From what I can see, if our two lineups were to really duke it out. I believe that both parties would pay quite a high price..."

"To pay this price, there's a very high possibility that there will be some people that would lose the qualifications to get promoted into the final match."

As Wu Ling's clear voice rang out across the sky, it immediately caused the eyes of the heavyweight helpers invited by both parties to sparkle. After all, all of them were clear that both sides were absolutely not easy to deal with. If they were to really duke it out, they might have to pay an extremely high price as a result.

Regardless of Ji Xuan or Mu Chen, such a price was clearly not too worthwhile. Due to the grudges and grievances between the two, they could call for help and reinforcements, but they would not go so far as to throw their lives for the two's cause.

Slightly narrowing his eyes to look at Wu Ling, Ji Xuan proceeded to shoot a look at Mu Chen, before saying with a faint smile, "Do you have any good suggestions, Captain Wu Ling?"

"Everyone takes a step back, pack up and go home, before really duking it out in the final match," replied Wu Ling with a grin.

As his words rang out, quite a few groups instantly gawked. Could it be that the astonishing lineups from both sides would just pack up and retreat like that? Is this a joke? Did they gather their heavyweight allies over just to be dazzling eye-candy?

Hearing that, Mu Chen only gave a faint smile, declining to give any comment to it.

Ji Xuan similarly gave only a smile in response. Sweeping his gaze over, he finally rested his eyes on Mu Chen before saying, "I also believe that it isn't worthwhile to start the final match here. However, since everyone's here, there's still things that are needed to be done."

"Mu Chen. Since today's matter is started with the two of us, how makes us concluding it sound for you?"

As those words from Ji Xuan rang out, it caused the hearts of quite a few people to instantly shudder. With the relatively similar line-up between the two, it wasn't likely for a group battle to erupt. Furthermore, the line-up brought together by Ji Xuan was already unable to provide much threat to Mu Chen. Since it was the case, the only thing he could do was to toss away his helpers and personally grace the stage.

However, such a scene still needed to be constructed by Ji Xuan. The majority of the reason why he had feared and dread in Mu Chen was due to Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan. However, from the looks of it, that fear and dread had been suppressed in the current situation.

After all, if Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan still wanted to help Mu Chen take action at this moment, the few heavyweight helpers that Ji Xuan had invited over would not stand back and watch without taking action.

A chilling glint had glazed over Luo Li's beautiful eyes, due to her clear understanding Ji Xuan's plan. So it turns out that this fellow's plan all along has been to force Mu Chen into a duel with him.

From a certain perspective, the current Ji Xuan was indeed extremely powerful. Although she knew that a fight would definitely happen between Mu Chen and Ji Xuan, she did not wish for this to happen now, as Mu Chen's cultivation has yet to truly reach the realm of Spirit Disaster.

As of now, if Mu Chen crossed hands with Ji Xuan, it wouldn't be advantageous for him.

This was something that Ji Xuan was clear about. Therefore, he had unleashed all of these schemes to force Mu Chen to take action. That way, he would be able to force Mu Chen to completely fluster up, resulting in the loss of his most thorny opponent.

Chilling covered Luo Li's beautiful face. In the next instant, tightly grasping her Luo God Sword, she took a step forward. Nevertheless, she was stopped by Mu Chen, who had extended his hand to obstruct her.

Slightly shaking his head towards her, the youth proceeded to raise his head to look towards Ji Xuan. An incisive smile started to surface on his handsome face, before he slowly nodded his head under the countless attentive gazes shooting over.

"Let's do as you wish."