## **NINE STAR HEGEMON BODY ARTS Chapter 194**

When the bell rang, Long Chen and Tang Wan-er were like two released arrows that shot out. At the same time, the other core disciples did not react at all slower than them.

Everyone had all realized this was a merciless struggle. They all knew how important it was to get a good ranking this time.

But although they all set out at almost the exact same time, Tang Wan-er was the absolute fastest. She had awakened her ancestral mark, causing her control over her wind energy to become even smoother. In terms of speed, she was definitely number one.

Once the other core disciples and Long Chen charged out, the others also quickly followed up. But Long Chen's side wasn't the same as others. That was because Long Chen's side was slower in order to prioritize safety.

As for the other factions, they clearly didn't have such misgivings and all rushed out, not giving a thought to protection.

Tang Wan-er was the first to grab a flag. She threw the flag to Guo Ran.

As soon as he caught the flag, he placed it into the flag case on his back. When the flag entered the case, a number lit up one the case: 1.

At this time the other core disciples had also arrived at the flags they had targeted.

But at that moment, Tang Wan-er had already thrown over a second flag. Her speed was essentially double others.

Other people were shaken when they saw such speed. If that continued, her advantage would become all too obvious.

But now wasn't the time to fight with others. The first thing to do was to grab all the flags that were on the ground. Only then would they go fight over the flags in other people's possession.

Qi Xin's faction was to the right of Long Chen's. He had rushed to his first flag, but when he went to grab it, his hands went through thin air.

He was shocked to see the flag had floated up on its own and was flying back.

He then saw Long Chen and cursed, "Long Chen, you're asking for it!"

That flag was pulled over by his Spiritual Strength.

Grabbing it, Long Chen threw it back to his faction and rushed straight to another flag.

He didn't even glance at that idiot Qi Xin. It was already such a time, but he still didn't focus on grabbing flags and wasted his time cursing others. Long Chen really admired that kind of intelligence.

"Don't just stand there! Get the flags!" In the distance, Gu Yang gave him a reminder, while he himself resumed rushing for the flags, deciding to rush in front of Long Chen.

If Long Chen dared follow his original route, they would definitely meet at the end. A sneer appeared on Gu Yang's mouth.

That was because he saw there were seven flags on Long Chen's path, and they were extremely convenient to grab. He knew Long Chen wouldn't change his course.

Flags filled the air. Guo Ran and the others all focused completely on grabbing those flags and putting them into their flag case. In just a couple breaths, they already had eight flags.

Other than Guo Ran, the rest of the faction was focused completely on protecting Guo Ran. They formed a triangle around him as they advanced forward.

Long Chen had already told those people that their task was to protect Guo Ran and not let anyone approach him.

"Careful! Crap, someone stole our flags!" suddenly one person let out a roar. Since their entire faction had rushed out to get the flags, their faction hadn't been careful and another faction had charged over, snatching the three flags in their case, stealing their hard work.

By the time that faction's people reacted, all the flags had already landed in their enemy's flag case.

That faction furiously charged at the person who had snatched their flags, beating him badly and causing him to faint. But to exchange his injuries for three flags had definitely been worth it.

That faction then began to charge at that faction, but those people had already been prepared and they were unable to do anything to them.

The entire field was completely chaotic. But Long Chen's side wasn't at all messy. All they needed to focus on was catching flags.

As for Ye Zhiqiu's side, they had also been attacked, but they were much smarter. Seeing that Long Chen had formed such a protective formation, they had also formed one as well, not letting their attackers gain anything.

The core disciples were extremely fast. Tang Wan-er flew her last flag over to Guo Ran and saw there were already none left around.

Looking further away, she saw that while there were a few flags left, she wouldn't be able to rush there fast enough. Other people were already too close to them.

"Return to defend!" Long Chen shouted to Tang Wan-er. He was rushing over to his last flag at this time. Once he got it, he would also run back.

The entire battlefield's flags had all been snatched. Long Chen saw that Guo Ran actually had thirty-six flags on him. They were currently number one.

Number two was Gu Yang's faction. He had a total of twenty-seven, while Ye Zhiqiu's faction had nineteen. Although he didn't know what ranking that was, it was definitely not low.

That was because many factions only had three to five flags. One reason was because they weren't that good at observing the situation and hadn't chosen good paths, ending up running into others.

The other reason was because they hadn't seized the initiative and others had taken flags on their paths before they could get to them.

Just as Long Chen was about to touch that flag, he suddenly felt a sense of danger. A terrifying gale was charging at him from behind.

Before the attack had even arrived, a powerful pressure already caused his bones to shiver.

Without even thinking about it, he immediately dodged to the side. Twisting his head, he saw that it Gu Yang had already arrived where he had been, currently just missing his punch.

"Your reactions aren't bad, but that won't stop me from crushing you." Gu Yang was a bit surprised that Long Chen had managed to dodge his sneak attack. He reached out his hand to grab that flag.

Long Chen snorted. Using Spiritual Strength to move things at a distance was extremely costly, and they already had enough flags that he didn't need this one. Pointing a finger, a blue spark shot out.

Just as Gu Yang was about to touch that flag, that spark immediately ignited the flag, turning it to ashes. A flag had been trashed just like that.

Gu Yang angrily smashed Long Chen with a fist.

"Die!"

Long Chen circulated his FengFu Star and also punched out.

BOOM!

Long Chen felt an unstoppable force send him flying. His arm was in great pain, almost feeling as if it was broken.

"What powerful strength!" Long Chen was greatly shaken. Gu Yang really was inconceivably powerful. He was worthy of being an expert who had long since awakened his ancestral mark.

That fist had only relied on his physical strength, but it had still sent him flying. That was the first time Long Chen had encountered someone whose physical body was more powerful than his own.

"Eat another one of my fists!" After sending Long Chen flying, Gu Yang had quickly chased after him, smashing another fist down.

This time the sleeve over his arm completely exploded and the tattoo-like runes over his arm lit up.

Long Chen immediately felt an immense pressure. He knew Gu Yang's power had far surpassed his expectations. He no longer kept anything back.

Heaven and earth shook as the divine ring appeared behind his back. A terrifying aura surged out of him, making him seem like a god of war.

At the same time, he extended his hand and a huge flame weapon appeared. That was a three meter long blue-colored broadsword.

The flames in that broadsword surged over and over. Runes covered it as it roasted the air. As soon as that flame blade appeared, it slashed down on Gu Yang.

## BOOM!!!

When that huge flame blade collided with Gu Yang's rune-covered fist, a terrifying wave of qi forced back both Long Chen and Gu Yang.

Gu Yang was shocked. Although he had heard Long Chen had powerful techniques, as someone who had awakened his ancestral mark, he had never placed a brat who was only in just the late Blood Condensation realm in his eyes.

He had thought that one blow would have been enough to crush Long Chen. He really had never imagined Long Chen would be able to receive it head-on.

That huge explosion shook everyone into a brief pause. But then they quickly began to wildly fight again. That was because they saw that over half the incense stick had burnt away now. They had to fight with all their strength. The entire battlefield was now extremely chaotic.

None of them had any experience when it came to battling in groups, so they all fought on their own. The entire battlefield looked like a bunch of hoodlums duking it out with each other.

As for Elder Sun, a fiery light appeared in his eyes when he saw that divine ring behind Long Chen's back.

He could sense that ring of light was constantly absorbing energy from heaven and earth, replenishing his spiritual qi.

Such a Battle Skill was definitely able to be called a divine technique. With such a Battle Skill, he would have no fear of multiple people. His greed for it increased even more.

Senior apprentice-brother Wan praised Long Chen inside when he saw he was able to block a runepowered attack by Gu Yang while still being in the Blood Condensation realm.

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None of these people knew that at the mouth of an immortal cave on Skywood Mountain, two people were lightly drinking tea and watching this entire scene.

"Sect leader, do you know what Battle Skill that is?" asked Tu Fang.

Ling Yun-zi shook his head. "I've never heard of it. Although there are similar Battle Skills, those are all supplementary parts of cultivation techniques that don't help in battle.

"That ring of light is not just absorbing energy from the world to replenish his own, but it is also increasing his strength by several times. It doesn't look like any cultivation technique or Battle Skill. Hehe, how interesting."

Ling Yun-zi and Tu Fang were hundreds of miles away watching this competition. Ling Yun-zi also wanted to see just how powerful a legendary Divergent was.

After their exchange Gu Yang sneered, "So you have one or two tricks. Then I don't have to worry about killing you."

His aura began to rise even further. The runes on his body began to quiver, appearing like countless caterpillars were twisting over his body, both extremely strange and terrifying.

As his aura continued to climb, the ground beneath him began to crack. The space around him twisted, making him appear like a human-shaped monster.

"I've already said that I'll crush you to pulp."

Gu Yang roared. The ground beneath him exploded as he charged at Long Chen.