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Chapter 491: Passing the Human Body Disaster

Five spacious caves were carved out from the side of a gigantic mountain cliff, with Mu Chen taking residence and sitting quietly in one of them. This was the place where they would close up and break through for this period of time.

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Sitting on the stretch of ice-cold mountainous rock, a clump of white air was expelled from his mouth. Looking towards his right, he could faintly discern Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from the heavy mountainous cliffside. Clearly, Luo Li, Xu Huang and the other two had already entered their respective mountain caves and had proceeded to prepare for their breakthroughs.

“Human Body Disaster...”

Mu Chen tightly clenched his hands as a scorching-hot gaze gushed from his eyes. This was the first of the three Tribulations he would have to face on the path to become a Sovereign. Undoubtedly, this was the most difficult and most life-threatening checkpoint, since only god-knows how many geniuses had come to a halt at this stage, wasting many years of bitter training trying to pass through these three Tribulations, before dying while full of hatred and bitterness.

The three small Disasters of the Sovereign realm was sufficient to cause the face of anyone below the realm of Sovereign to change colour. Even without personally experiencing it, the terror they brought, coupled by their terrifying awe, had been long drilled deep into the hearts of everyone.

Therefore, regardless of how tyrannical Mu Chen’s Human Body had become, which was even stronger than some experts who had passed through their Human Body Disaster, he still felt slightly nervous and tense at this stage. He knew that the stronger one’s Human Body was, the greater the pain and difficulty one would experience when passing through one’s Human Body Disaster. Naturally, though, the greatest benefit would be the increase in strength and power of one’s Human Body.

Like every increase in strength, it was always accompanied by danger.

Taking a deep breath, Mu Chen slowly closed his eyes, entering a cultivation state. With a slight thought, the Spiritual Energy within his body started to rapidly circulate around in a loop within his body, continuous without any end.

Generally speaking, as long as one had reached the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, anyone would be able to attempt their Human Body Disaster. Of course, it wouldn’t automatically appear. It required the control of any individual for it to appear for them. It’s said that as long as one had made one’s preparation to attempt their Human Body Disaster, one would just need to circulate all of the Spiritual Energies one had in one’s body round and round in a loop. As these Spiritual Energies circulated around one’s meridians at high speed, the power they generate would gradually seep into one’s meridians, flesh and bones.

When one’s strength reached a certain level, one’s life force would be strengthened to a somewhat full state. When that life force merged with the energies seeping into one’s meridians, flesh and bones from

the Spiritual Energies revolving at high speeds within one's body, it would transform into some sort of a blood-fire. As this blood-fire forms within one's body, it would spread through the body. As it burns, it would temper one's flesh and blood, causing one's Human Body to become even more tyrannical. However, at the same time, if one wasn't able to endure such tempering, one's flesh and blood would be burnt and roasted alive by the blood-fire. At that time, one's body would be wrecked, something that would result in massive harm to oneself.

This was the origin of the Human Body Disaster. The fire born within one's flesh and blood was simply unavoidable for anyone, with no help being able to be provided externally. The only way was to rely on oneself. Only then would one be able to truly pass through this Tribulation and obtain a quantitative change in one's Human Body from the blood-fire.

Quietly sitting within the cave for three whole days, Mu Chen maintained a high speed circulation state of the Spiritual Energy within his body. At this moment, if one was able to take a look into his body, one would be able to discover that a faint red colour had appeared on all of the meridians within his body. Clearly, they appeared to be boiling up, while an invisible energy started to radiate from those boiling meridians, slowly seeping into Mu Chen's flesh and blood.

Slivers of intense pain came gushing from every place within Mu Chen's body. Yet, not a single inch of movement was made by him. That's because he knew that this was the first indication of the blood-fire gradually lighting up within his body. As of now, compared to the pain when his Human Body Disaster truly began, such minor pain wasn't even worth mentioning. If he wasn't even able to endure this much, it's best for him to not attempt and try his hand on his Human Body Disaster.

At this moment, his skin had already turned boiling-red hot, with the entire interior of the mountain cave becoming exceedingly dry due to all of the moisture present being evaporated away by the high temperatures radiating from Mu Chen.

As Mu Chen's skin grew increasingly scarlet-red, suddenly, numerous beads of blood started to seep from his pores. Dripping from his boiling hot skin, they sizzled as tiny plumes of white clouds rose into the air.

TSSSSH!

Those sounds grew increasingly frequent as bead after bead of blood continued to seep from Mu Chen's body, before being evaporated away, sending out puffs of white smoke, which had seemingly covered Mu Chen's body within.

Within the large cloud of white smoke, Mu Chen slightly cracked open his eyes as he furiously clenched his teeth. With a clench of his hand, an emerald-green jade-like fruit appeared. Emitting endless fragrance into the air, rays of brilliance sparkled from its surface, while pure energies started to radiate from it.

That was the Divine Immortal Fruit that Mu Chen had obtained from the earlier remnant. This Spiritual Fruit had a beneficial effect for those that were attempting to pass through their Human Body Disaster.

Mu Chen rapidly stuffed the Divine Immortal Fruit into his mouth. Instead of biting or chewing, he just held it within his mouth.

Holding onto the Divine Immortal Fruit, Mu Chen's hand seal abruptly changed. In the next instant, the Spiritual Energy circulating within his body started to increase in speed once more.

Shh! Shh!

The temperature of the boiling hot meridians rose once again as slivers of mysterious energies started to rapidly seep into his flesh and blood.

Roar!

Suddenly, an intense shiver shook through Mu Chen's body as blood seeped from his mouth from the force of him biting down on his teeth. At this moment, dense clumps of blood-red flames surfaced within his flesh and blood. Akin to the start of a prairie fire, it spread like wildfire. Before a minute could pass, it had already covered every single inch within Mu Chen's body.

As the blood-red flames burned and raged, they adhered to his flesh and blood. As exceedingly high temperatures started to brew, they appeared to want to melt all of his flesh and blood. What intense pain would that result for Mu Chen?

Uncontrollable shivers racked Mu Chen's entire body with beads of sweat instantly pouring out. However, upon their appearance, they would instantly evaporate into clumps of steam by his boiling-hot skin

Clenching his teeth as hard as he could, veins popped out across his entire body, wriggling and squirming akin to earthworms, giving off an exceedingly malevolent look. At this moment, his handsome face had also appeared exceedingly warped and contorted.

Within his body, as long as it was a place where flesh and blood were present, it would be intruded by the blood-fire. Adhering to his flesh and blood, they crackled as they burned, causing the flesh and blood to brim with energy and vitality as they wriggled and squirmed akin to having a life of their own. Furthermore, they appeared to start to shrink in size in the presence of the burning blood-fire.

This was a Tribulation that almost appeared like a trial of torture.

Clenching his teeth with all his might, blood trickled down the corners of his mouth. Despite the agony and intense pain radiating from his body, which were more than sufficient to cause people to go mad, Mu Chen did not devour the Divine Immortal Fruit still present within his mouth, as he knew that this was just the start of his Human Body Disaster. For him, it would take quite a while for the completion of the tempering of his flesh and blood.

Therefore, he would be in such a boiled up state for a period of time. In the off-chance that he relaxed and caused his consciousness to go blurry, his body might be turned into ashes by the blood-fire burning within him, something that would cause all the years of bitter training to go down the drain.

"Come! Let me experience exactly how frightening this Human Body Disaster truly is!"

A low roar rang out from his heart, resounding within his scarlet-red body.

Roar! Roar!

Appearing to have heard the roar of fury ringing within Mu Chen's heart, the blood-fire burning within his body started to grow increasingly rampant and ferocious. As the flames of the blood-fire grew more intense, mysterious energies continued to pour out and temper his flesh and blood. As it brought about intense pain and agony, his flesh and blood started to become more and more tempered.

Within the mountain cave, white mist surrounded Mu Chen as intense shivers racked through his body, with beads of blood continuing to seep from his pores. As this continued on, a thick layer of dried-up blood started to gradually form on the surface of his skin, before completely covering him up.

His hands sent punch after punch rumbling towards the ground, relying on such a method to vent the intense pain and agony he felt within his body.

Roar!

Low bestial roars of pain howled from his clenched throat, resounding and reverberating within the sealed mountain cave.

This was the Human Body Disaster! The first of the three Tribulations towards the Sovereign realm that caused terror and torment to countless Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase experts!

This pain and agony would continue all the way till all of Mu Chen's flesh and blood had completed their tempering and underwent a qualitative change under the roasting of the blood-fire.

While Mu Chen was suffering so much pain and agony from his Human Body Disaster, a faint and delicate fragrance had filled the interior of a spacious mountain cave adjacent to his. A young girl was quietly sitting there with her legs crossed, her appearance caused the entire spacious mountain cave to appear much more alluring.

At this moment, Luo Li swept her beautiful eyes to look towards the right side of her mountain cave. Despite the extremely thick layer of rock separating the two mountain caves, she was still able to sense the faint vibrations, as well as the low roars of pain ringing from there. This indicated to her that Mu Chen had already started his attempt to pass through his Human Body Disaster.

Having passed through hers, she knew exactly how much pain and suffering one would need to pass through this Tribulation. What's more, with his already tyrannical Human Body, the Human Body Disaster that Mu Chen would need to experience far exceeded that of many other people. In fact, this was exactly the reason why loads of people did not attempt to cultivate any Body Refinement Divine Art before passing through their Human Body Disasters. With such a powerful Human Body, although one would be able to summon forth even more strength, it would also bring about even greater pain and agony during the passing of one's Human Body Disaster.

In the off-chance one becomes unable to endure any longer, all of one's bitter training would completely go down the drain.

Since that was the case, why not focus on cultivating one's Spiritual Energy, and wait till the successful passing of one's Human Body Disaster to cultivate a Body Refinement Divine Art, right? In such a way, it would reduce the danger and pain by a great deal. Nevertheless, Mu Chen didn't make such a choice. He had chosen an extremely difficult path, as he knew he needed greater power and strength...

There were many things that he wanted to protect.

Gently biting her lip, Luo Li's beautiful eyes slightly drooped down, with her not daring to take too many looks at the right wall of the cave. If she took too many looks, she felt that she could see the youth present there, suffering in pain and agony, something that was even more painful for her than passing her own Human Body Disaster...

"Mu Chen, I'll not let you suffer alone."

The young girl softly muttered. In the next instant, she furiously clenched her hands as they rapidly formed hand seals before her body. Immediately, vast and boundless Spiritual Energy unexpectedly started to gradually show signs of flaring up within her body.

This was the signal of the impending start of a Spiritual Energy Disaster!

Luo Li's actually attempting her Spiritual Energy Disaster!

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Chapter 492: Suffering

The interior of the gigantic mountain cave appeared exceedingly hot and dry as a large cloud of white mist enveloped within. Within, one could faintly discern a figure sitting quietly on the ground, and was also the source of the high temperatures within the mountain cave. The ground within appeared to be in a cracked state as fissures extended across the mountain cave from the figure.

Boom!

Low and deep sounds rang from within the white mist as Mu Chen's fists heavily hammered the ground, instantly causing cracks to rapidly extend further. Both of his arms were completely encased in a layer of dark-red blood clots. This colour, which could only form after multiple layers of dried-up blood, would cause a ghastly sight to the hearts of anyone that could see it.

Although Mu Chen was in a sitting position, his body was crunched up, with labored and painful pants continuously ringing out from his throat.

The blood-fire within his body had already continued burning close to ten whole days.

Within these ten days, he was seemingly always enduring such frightening pain and agony, with the flesh and blood within his body continuously being burnt and roasted by the blood-fire as they underwent their tempering. Although Mu Chen was clearly able to sense the blood-fire burning within his body, with the energy contained within his flesh and blood starting to become increasingly tempered, the pain and agony felt by him had also continued to rise and increase.

Generally speaking, the duration of a Human Body Disaster would be about seven to eight days. However, Mu Chen had already been in such a state for ten whole days. Furthermore, there still wasn't any sign of this coming to a stop.

However, all of this was well within the expectations of Mu Chen. With how tyrannical his fleshly body was, the Human Body Disaster that resulted from it would naturally be even more frightening. Now, what he needed to do was to clench his teeth and continue to endure. He believed that if he could endure, there would be a gigantic progression of his strength as a result of this.

Crackle!

Blood continued to seep from the surface of the dried-up blood before quickly evaporating away, transforming into patches of dark-red dried-up blood that merged with the layer already present there.

Opening his eyes with much difficulty, his vision clearly appeared somewhat blurry at this moment. Using his strength to swing his head from side-to-side, yet another shiver shook through his body as it seemed that the blood-fire burning within his body had grown stronger yet again. This burning sensation appeared to pierce through his flesh and blood, encasing his entire body, wanting to turn him into ashes.

“How can my journey stop here?!”

As the intense pain and agony continued to spread across his body, Mu Chen tightly clenched his fists as roars resounded within his heart.

Over the past few years, he had experienced god-knows how many life-or-death situations. Youths that were able to possess such a resilient and tenacious personality wouldn't be there for no reason, but was something that was built and tempered from being in life-or-death situations time-after-time again. He had promised his father to personally bring his mother back. He had also promised the young girl that would always be in his heart, no matter where he went, that he would become an unrivaled expert, to block the wind and rain and protect her.

Therefore, how could something as small as a Human Body Disaster obstruct him from his path of progress!

With a forceful bite, Mu Chen finally devoured the Divine Immortal Fruit he had held in his mouth since the start. Instantly, a cool, refreshing and pure energy started to radiate from within his body. This refreshing feeling caused Mu Chen to have the implosion of moaning out in happiness.

At this moment, his blurry consciousness started to become clear once again.

Roar! Roar!

As the refreshing energies of the Divine Immortal Fruit started to spread within his body, the blood-fire grew increasingly vigorous, appearing to be attempting to completely burn away the incoming energies.

“Do you think such a puny Human Body Disaster could stop me?!”

Mu Chen roared within his heart. Clenching his teeth tightly, he continued to endure the intense pain and agony omnipresent across his body. He definitely needed to win this war!

The scorching-hot temperatures within the mountain cave rapidly increased as suppressed bestial-like roars continued to ring within the steam-like white mist around Mu Chen's body...

As of now, he had no path of retreat! The only thing he could do was to persist all the way till the end!

Time continued to elapse under Mu Chen's perseverance. In a blink of an eye, five more days had passed...

Three figures hovered in the skies outside of the mountain caves, which were Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang.

“Mu Chen and Luo Li seem to show no signs of coming out...”

Looking towards the two tightly shut mountain caves before them, Xu Huang said helplessly while shrugging his shoulders.

Their Human Body Disasters had taken merely five days before ending. Furthermore, due to the Divine Immortal Fruit, it could be said that they had passed through it without any life-threatening danger. Therefore, not only had they obtained a great increase in their strength, they were now considered to be genuine experts at the realm of Human Body Disaster.

“Mu Chen should be just like us and undergoing his Human Body Disaster, right? Why’s he taking so long...?” asked Zhao Qingshan in doubt.

“There’s only one possibility,” replied Xu Huang as he shook his head. “Before even passing his Human Body Disaster, the strength of Mu Chen’s fleshly body is even stronger than experts who have passed their Human Body Disaster. Therefore, his Human Body Disaster would be even more frightening than ours, while taking greater time to complete... Thus, don’t compare what he’s going through now to what we have done.”

As he gave his reply, one could hear somewhat of a sob in his voice. All of them had saw Mu Chen start at the beginning as an unassuming Freshman, taking one step at a time all the way to become the number one person of their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Although all of them were also working hard to improve and progress, from the looks of it now, they were still tossed far behind and unable to reach up towards where he was.

In this universe, there’s always bound to be some people who would possess monstrous talents. Wanting to chase after them would be something that was futile.

“What about Luo Li? She’s also still closed up...”

Said Mu Fengyang as he looked towards the other tightly shut mountain cave, the place where Luo Li had been isolated in. Till now, not a single movement of wanting to come out could be sensed from within.

Hearing that, Xu Huang and Zhao Qingshan exchanged glances with each other, noticing the doubt present in each other’s eyes. Luo Li had long already passed her Human Body Disaster. As of now, with her being isolated for so long, could it be that she was also making a breakthrough? That meant to say... that as of now, she was attempting her Spiritual Energy Disaster?

Thinking about this point, shock and astonishment filled the hearts of Xu Huang and the other two, while causing some excitement to gush from within. If Luo Li’s able to successfully pass her Spiritual Energy Disaster, that would be a great increase in the combat strength of their group. At that time, they would truly possess the strength to rival those elite groups present in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

“Since we can’t interfere with their breakthroughs, it’s best that we quietly wait for them here. Both Mu Chen and Luo Li are extraordinary. I think that they will succeed in the end,” said Xu Huang.

Hearing that, both Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang nodded their heads. Both of them knew that regardless of Mu Chen’s Human Body Disaster or Luo Li’s Spiritual Energy Disaster, they would

absolutely be much harder than what ordinary people have to experience. However, all of them had absolute confidence in the two. There's no need to talk about Mu Chen, as the dazzling accomplishments he had achieved over the last two years in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was more than sufficient for them to sigh in admiration.

As for Luo Li, she didn't participate in the contest for the so-called "glory within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy", which resulted in her only being ranked 10th on the Heavenly Rankings at the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. However, the strength that she possessed was something that no one among them would dare to underestimate, including Mu Chen.

That's because ever since her entry into the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy till now, there was yet to be someone that had seen Luo Li take action without the slightest bit of restraint.

No one was clear exactly how tyrannical this absolutely beautiful young girl was. Even Mu Chen wasn't able to confirm this point. Merely, while they were in the academy, that young girl had habitually kept quiet and stood by Mu Chen's side, faintly smiling as she observed him obtain dazzling accomplishments one after the other.

Therefore, everyone would unknowingly forget that this young girl, whose beauty was unrivaled in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, would in fact possess the strength that rivaled her astonishing appearance.

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While Xu Huang and the other two quietly waited for Mu Chen and Luo Li to leave their closed training, they did not know that in a place far away from them, beams of light were quietly shooting across the skies. The direction those beams of light were shooting towards was precisely the location where Mu Chen and his group were...

There were quite a few of those beams of light. Furthermore, shooting across the horizon, tyrannical Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated from them. Clearly, not a single one of these people were weaklings.

Rays of brilliance sparkled on the top of a mountain peak, before five elegant and beautiful figures surfaced from within, they slight swayed as they appeared, painting an exceedingly alluring sight.

At the helm of these five figures was a familiar face. Beautiful, noble, prideful, akin to a phoenix soaring across the nine heavens, enjoying the countless gazes of admiration shooting from the earth below.

She was Wen Qingxuan.

"Captain, it seems that there's quite a few people that have the same goal as us," said two exceedingly cute and lovable young girls standing behind Wen Qingxuan as they looked towards the beams of light shooting across the horizon, their sweet voices rang like two black naped orioles.

Hearing their words, Wen Qingxuan gently nodded her head, her slender finger starting to lazily twirl a lock of her long black hair. Slightly tilting her head, she shot a gaze towards the targeted direction with her beautiful eyes, before saying with a sweet smile, "Although the number of points Mu Chen's group have didn't increase for the last half a month, for the time being, they are still within the Top 16.

Therefore, their location would naturally be exposed to everyone. What's more... there are even some

people that are circulating news about Mu Chen's group having obtained the Divine Palace's invitation of the Divine Wood Palace. It seems that there's a complete ancient inheritance in the Divine Wood Palace. Therefore, there's quite a few groups rushing towards them."

"Captain. The location of Mu Chen's group has not changed since they appeared. Could it be that they don't know that they've long been locked-on and encircled by those groups eyeing towards them?" A frown appeared on a golden-haired young girl with a rather fiery figure standing by Wen Qingxuan's side as she spoke out.

"Not changing their location for an entire half a month..."

A faint smile appeared on Wen Qingxuan's face as she replied, "They should be cultivating. This is truly interesting. In a situation where their location has been revealed, they actually dared to brazenly close up and cultivate... this Mu Chen truly has quite some courage."

"Captain, do we need to take action to chase those groups away?" asked the identical-looking twins with sweet smiles present on their faces.

"No need."

Waving her hand, an arc curled up from the corner of Wen Qingxuan's mouth as she replied, "We can take advantage of this to see exactly what ability this Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road has. If he doesn't have any ability, then don't blame me for snatching away the person of his heart..."

Speaking till here, Wen Qingxuan extended her slender fingers towards the far distance, before slowing clenching them into a fist. At this moment, the smile present at the corner of her little mouth was brimming with soul-stirring appeal.

"Luo Li, I've finally found you."

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Chapter 493: Attack

Mountain peaks quietly towered over a desolated mountain range as the entire stretch of the world appeared to be in state of silent desolation, with the only sounds present being the gales billowing and wreaking havoc across the entire region.

Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang quietly sat on one of the mountain peaks present there. From time-to-time, their gazes would look towards the two mountain caves that were still tightly shut, before giving helpless smiles in response. If the time was added up, the period of time which Mu Chen and Luo Li had closed up seemed to have already lasted for close to 20 whole days.

If Mu Chen and Luo Li were truly attempting their Human Body Disaster and Spiritual Energy Disaster respectively, wouldn't that mean that they had been persisting for close to 20 days already?

Just the thought of this point was enough to send shivers crawling over the bodies of the trio. Having experienced the pain and suffering one had to endure when one was breaking through their Human Body Disaster, they knew it felt akin to one's body being burn into ashes, something that would truly cause dread and terror in people's hearts. Their Human Body Disasters had only lasted for five to six days, with them narrowly avoiding defeat in their attempts.

However, as of now, Mu Chen and Luo Li had already persisted for 20 days.

If during all this time, they were under the frightening pain and agony of being burnt alive, exactly how frightening was their endurance and willpower?

Thinking about this, the hearts of Xu Huang and the other two palpitated as they gave a sigh, whilst some unconcealable respect gushed from within them. When ordinary people saw Mu Chen and Luo Li, they would only see their impressive strength. However, who would know exactly how much they would need to pay to obtain such strength? In this universe, strength didn't fall from the sky.

"Our ranking seems to have dropped to the 14th place..."

Zhao Qingshan took out his Academy Plaque to take a look. After being in isolated cultivation for such a long period of time, with no increase in the points they possessed, other groups had already caught up to them. As of now, they were about to be kicked of the Top 16.

"It's alright if we drop from it," said Xu Huang with a smile as he shook his head. "It's still too early for us to contest for the Top 16. If we stay on the rankings, other people will pay attention to our whereabouts. At that time, the feeling of being stared at all the time wouldn't be good at all."

Hearing that, Mu Fengyang nodded his head in reply. As of now, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was just gradually ramping up. There was no need to put too much importance towards the number of points they had. Previously, Mu Chen had also said that points weren't important in this phase of the tournament. What's more important was their strength; after all, without adequate strength, snatching away too many points would only result in serving those points to other people on a silver platter.

"Let's wait for Mu Chen and Luo Li to smoothly come out from their breakthroughs. Then, we can head out to find the true remnant of the Divine Wood Palace. At that time, our group would absolutely not be inferior to any other group!" A scorching-hot gaze shot out from Xu Huang's eyes. Previously, following behind Mu Chen, they had only rushed into a remnant of the Divine Wood Palace's branch, before breaking through their Human Body Disasters. Such a rate of progress could simply be classified as incredible. Just the benefits they had obtained in this branch remnant was already so gigantic. How would the remnant of the genuine Divine Wood Palace be any less extravagant? Maybe, at that time, they might even be able to rush and attempt their Spiritual Energy Disasters.

Furthermore, if they were to succeed in their breakthroughs, their group would finally be able to truly reach their strongest state. At that time, they would have absolute confidence and challenge any group participating in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament!

Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang fiercely nodded their heads in agreement, their eyes similarly brimming with the anticipation towards the remnant of the genuine Divine Wood Palace. It's said that presently, there was the existence of a genuine inheritance from the Ancient Antiquity. If they were able to obtain it, it would have an extremely great benefit for their future accomplishments.

Naturally, though, although the Divine Wood Palace was exceedingly enticing, all of them knew that the three of them didn't have the capability to contest for it... It was only due to Mu Chen and Luo Li's lead that they were able to possess such confidence in pushing forward with this plan. After all, just the remnant of a branch of the Divine Wood Palace had them contending against powerful groups with

people the likes of Xia Hou and Zhen Qing. At that time, the groups they would encounter in the remnant of the genuine Divine Wood Palace would naturally be even stronger than the previous two groups.

“Oh?”

As Xu Huang and the other two were having a chat, a shiver suddenly shook through their minds as they raised their heads to look towards the distant horizon. Suddenly, urgent whooshing sounds rang from that locatiob, with numerous tyrannical Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from there, too. Clearly, there were quite a few people rushing over from there.

As the trio exchanged glances, the expressions on their faces changed as they abruptly stood up. With a clench of their hands, three long spears radiating with fierce energy fluctuations appeared in a flash as they vigilantly stared towards the direction where the whooshing sounds were coming from. From the looks of the sounds ringing from there, it seemed like all of them were rushing towards their location. Xu Huang and the other two weren't that stupid to believe that those people rushing into such a deserted region were taking a stroll. After all, with them being in the Top 16, their location was clearly broadcasted on all of the Academy Plaques. Speaking of which, they appeared just like fat succulent sheep. If all of those fellows were rushing towards them...

Dark shadows surfaced within the eyes of Xu Huang and the other two. As of now, Mu Chen and Luo Li were still in their isolation cultivation and could not be disturbed, so they would have to protect those two till they came out.

“Prepare to take action. Even if we have to risk our lives, we cannot let them interfere and disturb Mu Chen and Luo Li,” said Xu Huang in a solemn voice, with his gaze turning frosty.

Hearing that, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang both nodded their heads as their gazes morphed into the likes of fierce wolves.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Under the vigilant gazes of Xu Huang and the other two, flashes of light sparkled in the distant horizon as beams of light streaked across, quickly heading towards the mountain peak the trio were on. From the looks of it, there were 30 people at the very least, appearing to constitute 6 to 7 groups.

Furthermore, Xu Huang and the other two could sense that everyone present in those groups were fierce and of elite caliber, their gazes we're swift and fierce, while powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations gushing out of their bodies. At the very least, half of the 30 people had passed their Human Body Disaster.

As the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament ramps up, due to the countless large and small remnants present on this shattered continent, the strength of quite a few groups had clearly risen drastically as a result. Perhaps, at the very beginning, a group possessing a member of Human Body Disaster would already be considered as a pretty good group. However, after a month since the start, things had gradually started to change.

The cultivation realm of Human Body Disaster was no longer sufficient to command respect in people. That's because there were even more people that were relying of the various kinds of benefits they'd gotten in the Shattered Continent to start to obtain breakthroughs in their cultivation.

Solemn expressions appeared on the faces of Xu Huang and the other two, since the 6 to 7 groups heading towards them gave them immense pressure. From the looks of their movements, those 6 to 7 groups seemed to be working together and not working individually. This caused them to feel slightly overwhelmed with shock, at what time during this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament did such a formation actually appear from?

Other than the groups from their own academies, the groups participating in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament were largely antagonistic to one another. Wanting to come together to collaborate wasn't an easy thing to accomplish, just like the collaboration between Xia Hou and Zhen Qing. Although they were in an alliance, both of them had their own reserved thoughts and plans, and were utilising each other for their personal benefits and had restrained their strength. This made it hard for the both of them to bring forth their greatest combat capabilities.

However, this mysterious crowd of groups was actually collaborating with a rather high level of perfection. Although they didn't dare to say that the crowd was even more perfect in working together than their own group, the trio were able to see that this was a genuine alliance of groups.

Exactly where did these fellows pop out from? From the looks of it, it seems that none of the groups are from any elite Spiritual Academies.

While Xu Huang and the other two were reeling in shock, the crowd of groups had already appeared in the skies above the mountain peak they were on. Among them, a figure slowly walked out. It was a youth dressed in black robes, with a sinister gaze present on his face. His thin lips looked just like the edges of a knife, causing people to feel his ill-intent with a single look.

Looking towards Xu Huang and the other two standing on the mountain peak, wrinkles appeared on his forehead as he said with an indifferent tone. "Are you the group from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy? Is your Captain, Mu Chen?"

"Who are you? What are you all planning to do?" roared Xu Huang in a deep voice.

"I'm Chen Xi. As for what we're here for..." A mocking smile surfaced at the corner of the black-robed youth's mouth as he replied. "We naturally have a fancy for the points you have... what's more, there's also the Divine Quota from the Divine Wood Palace, which should belong to Zhen Qing."

Suddenly, he turned his gaze to look at the two tightly shut mountain caves. Raising his forehead, he said, "So it turns out that he's in isolated training... making a hasty last-ditch effort. This is truly interesting."

"I'm afraid that you won't be able to snatch the things in our hands!" growled Xu Huang with a sneer. At this moment, he clearly wanted to obtain more time for Mu Chen and Luo Li.

"Even Mu Chen doesn't have the qualifications to say such words to me. As for you three fellows who have just passed through your Human Body Disasters, who do you think you are? The Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's merely like that," said Chen Xi with an indifferent smile. Not being a person that

would do a sloppy job, he didn't say too much useless banter. With a casual wave of his hand, he gave his command. "Capture them, before smashing those mountain caves for me."

"Yes!"

Five figures instantly roared in reply behind him, before shooting forward, and immediately rushed straight towards Xu Huang and the other two. These five people had all passed their Human Body Disasters.

"Let's duke it out!"

Fierce expressions appeared on the faces of Xu Huang and the other two as they tightly clenched their long spears. Faced against such a tyrannical formation, they didn't have any intent of retreating. With low roars, the trio rushed forward, heading straight towards the incoming five people. Boundless Spiritual Energy instantly erupted from them, obstructing the five from gaining any ground.

Bang! Bang!

Boundless Spiritual Energy swept out. Although they were in a three-against-five match up, relying on their viciousness, their opponents were unable to gain so much as an inch in their advance.

While a huge battle erupted there, five exquisite figures surfaced on the top of a mountain peak located a distance away. Those five figures merely shot a look towards the direction where the battle was taking place, with no signs of wanting to take any action.

"Captain, the Captain of that Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy group seems to be in isolated cultivation. How will they be able to defend against so many people with just 3 members?" asked one of the two lovable twins in a sweet voice as they scanned the location with their beautiful eyes.

Slightly lifting her head up, Wen Qingxuan showed her slender and snow-white neck, which appeared akin to the grace shown by a swan. With a sweet smile, she replied, "There's no need to care about that, since that's their business. Furthermore, I feel that the renowned Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road should not be so easily dealt with, even when encountering such trouble. Let's wait here and see, for the time being."

As she gave her reply, Chen Xi was looking indifferently towards Xu Huang and the other two that were giving their all to obstruct the advance of the five people. Sweeping his gaze towards the two tightly shut mountain caves, he gave a flick of his finger towards the space. Instantly, fierce Spiritual Energy transformed into a ray of light, shooting out before fiercely smashing against one of the mountain caves. At the same time, a cold roar resounded akin to a clap of thunder.

"Mu Chen, come out!"

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Bang!

Boundless glowing Spiritual Energy rays smashed against the mountain cave, instantly causing the entire mountain peak to intensely shake. Gigantic fissures immediately extended across the entire mountain

peak as giant rocks tumbled down, finally shattering into bits and pieces as they smashed against the ground.

“Bastard!”

Upon seeing this, the faces of Xu Huang and the other two instantly turned cold as their gazes grew malevolent. The long spears in their hands immediately danced about, bringing about intense killing intent as they sent erratic all-out attacks straight towards the five Human Body Disaster experts. Not a single bit of defensive intent was present in their “kamikaze” attacks, causing the faces of the five to change as they hastily retreated back, not daring to risk their lives to contend against the trio.

However, although they didn’t dare to risk their lives to contend with the trio, relying on their advantage in numbers, they were finally able to suppress and keep the trio under control. With this, the trio was unable to extricate themselves to protect the mountain cave.

Chen Xi indifferently looked towards the mountain cave that he had attacked. As giant rocks continued to fall down and shatter apart, creating clouds of dust that spread out, the giant rock that sealed the cave was rapidly collapsing apart, before finally splitting into pieces in the end.

Seeing the mountain cave finally being opened, Chen Xi gave another point at the space before him, sending yet another ray of Spiritual Energy sweeping out. Travelling at lightning speed, it smashed straight into the open mountain cave.

Boom!

Rampant Spiritual Energy wreaked havoc within the mountain cave, causing massive sounds to ring out from within. Chen Xi’s move was exceedingly vicious. If there was truly someone that was attempting to breakthrough, the person within would suffer serious injuries in response to such shock. At that time, the person within would fail in their breakthrough, while similarly suffering unimaginably serious injuries from the backlash of this failure as well.

“Go. Toss out all of the people inside for me.” said Chen Xi with a faint smile as he waved his hand.

Immediately after saying this, three figures shot out yet again from behind, with the Spiritual Energy fluctuations rippling from them having reached the realm of Human Body Disaster.

The three figures shot towards the interior of the mountain cave at lightning speed, before disappearing within. However, not a single bit of commotion appeared after this.

Seeing this, the face of Chen Xi slightly changed as he watched with a dark look at the jet-black interior of the mountain cave. Unexpectedly, there were no movements detected ever since he had sent the three people in the cave. Furthermore, there wasn’t any sign of them coming out. From the looks of it, they had all been dealt with at the instant they had entered the mountain cave.

Such an unforeseen outcome caused Chen Xi to feel slightly shocked; after all, he had yet to feel any Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from the mountain cave. Clearly, before they could even take action, those three people had already been dealt with. Wanting to deal with three experts of Human Body Disaster in such a short instant wasn’t a task that could be easily accomplished.

“Hmph! Do the people from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy only know how to hide and show their tails?” sneered Chen Xi with a cold and fierce gaze in his eyes.

From the looks of it, his earlier destruction didn't yield much effect as the person cultivating within had successfully broke through long before hand.

Bang! Bang!

As Chen Xi's voice rang out, suddenly, three dark figures flew out from the mountain cave, before tumbling and descending down like thrown balls, forming three giant holes in the ground. As everyone looked over, everyone's faces instantly contorted as all of them saw the three figures lying within, drenched in blood. The trio was the three Human Body Disaster experts that had rushed into the mountain just moments ago. However, at this very moment, no one exactly knew if they were alive or dead.

Looking at the three figures lying in the the holes on the ground, Chen Xi tightly clenched his teeth, his gaze turning cold and dark as he stared towards the jet-black cave before him. Suddenly, rustling sounds rang out as footsteps were heard coming from within.

As the footsteps gradually grew closer, a figure slowly broke through the darkness. Finally, he appeared in the sunlight, appearing in the presence of all of the gazes shooting over from the surroundings.

Upon being able to clearly see the figure, everyone was in shock.

That's because what they saw was a figure covered in thick layers of dried-up blood, causing people to feel shock and astonishment upon him appearing in their sights.

Standing before the mountain cave, not a single shred of emotion was present in the blood-covered figure's eyes as he looked towards Chen Xi and the other groups hovering in the skies. With a slight shiver of his body, the layers of dried-up blood started to crack, before completely splitting apart. As the pieces fell to the ground, Mu Chen appeared once again before everyone.

At this moment, his upper body was completely bare, revealing his ramrod straight body. There were no iron-like lumps of muscles present on his body, with him appearing slightly skinny and frail. However, despite having a body that appeared slightly skinny and frail, one could faintly discern the heart-palpating feeling of frightening power radiating from him.

In the air, upon seeing Mu Chen, who had successfully come out of his cultivation, ecstasy immediately erupted from the hearts of Xu Huang and the other two, with them taking a breath of relief, as if a heavy weight was lifted from their shoulders. At the very least, Mu Chen's alright...

Standing under the rays from the sun, the sunlight illuminated Mu Chen's figure, causing his body to sparkle with faint rays of brilliance, appearing as if he was made of jade. As his black hair swayed and gently fluttered in the breeze, his eyes appeared as abstruse as the dark night skies.

“Wa, he's quite handsome.”

On the mountain peak in the distance, the eyes of the two lovable and cute twins opened wide and instantly lit up as they noticed the youth standing ramrod-straight under the sunlight.

“He is the Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road, Mu Chen?” Slight amazement was present in the eyes of Wen Qingxuan as she looked towards the figure standing under the sunlight. From the looks of it, he truly appeared to be quite good-looking. The only thing that wasn’t known was how capable he was. His cultivation realm of Human Body Disaster wasn’t considered to be all too strong. Clearly, she was able to see through Mu Chen’s current realm of cultivation with a single look.

However, regardless of her preliminary view, Wen Qingxuan wasn’t stupid. If the Mu Chen before her eyes only possessed strength on the level of Human Body Disaster, he would not be able to walk all the way till this stage. Furthermore, there was the first-hand proof that those three Human Body Disaster experts that rushed into his cave weren’t able to put up much of a resistance before being knocked out and tossed out like garbage by him.

“Could it be that there’s no one from your spiritual academies that taught you that disturbing other people’s training isn’t a considerate action?” Raising his head, Mu Chen looked towards the dark-eyed Chen Xi and the others before saying with a faint smile.

Staring back at Mu Chen, Chen Xi sneered before replying, “So you’re the Captain of this group, Mu Chen?”

Hearing that, Mu Chen smiled and nodded his head.

“Hand over the Divine Wood Quota of the Divine Wood Palace and I’ll let you and your group leave,” said Chen Xi in a slow manner as he extended his palm out.

With a smile, Mu Chen shook his head. Looking straight into Chen Xi’s eyes, which had turned cold and dark, he replied, “Hand your points over to me and I’ll only knock you all out.”

“Puff.”

Hearing those words, sweet laughing sounds immediately rang out from the pair of cute twin young girls standing on top of a distant mountain peak.

“Stupid death-seeking idiot!” The corner of Chen Xi’s mouth twitched as flames of fury gushed from his eyes. Is this Mu Chen a dumb idiot? He had over 15 experts of Human Body Disaster behind him, with he himself being of Spiritual Energy Disaster. As for the rest, all of them were of Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. With such a lineup, even experts of Spiritual Energy Disaster would turn around and run away in the face of them. However, this Mu Chen had actually dared to recklessly challenge all of them?

“Everyone take action! Grab him and cripple him!” roared Chen Xi sinisterly.

“Yes!”

Hearing that, the experts standing beside him instantly roared in reply, before shooting gazes of ill intent towards Mu Chen. In the next instant, their figures shot out. As boundless Spiritual Energy swept from them, the Spiritual Energy of the world flared up as a dozen rays of earth-shattering Spiritual Energy rushed towards Mu Chen.

However, faced with such astonishing attacks heading his way, Mu Chen still remained standing right outside of the mountain cave, with not the slightest bit of movement detected from him.

Bang! Bang!

The powerful attacks came enveloping over, violently smashing against his body. Instantly, Spiritual Energies wreaked havoc, causing the entire mountain to appear as if it was collapsing.

“Ha! This person’s so stupid! He doesn’t even try to dodge!” The voices of the twins instantly rang out in shock.

Seeing this, Wen Qingxuan faintly raised her eyes to look towards the place where the Spiritual Energies were wreaking havoc in. However, at this moment, her gaze started to slightly freeze.

“You’re looking to die!”

Noticing the cloud of smoke and dust rising and sweeping out, a sinister smile rose from the corner of Chen Xi’s mouth. Faced against such a barrage of attacks, even experts of Spiritual Energy Disaster would not dare to meet it head-on. Yet, this Mu Chen was truly stupid to the point of doing so. Could he be that stupid? This is truly amusing.

However, his mocking laughter didn’t continue on, because once the cloud of dust had dissipated away, a thin, half-naked figure still quietly stood at the same spot as before.

Seeing this, the smile on Chen Xi’s face started to slowly freeze up.

Xu Huang and the other two took a deep breath of relief as they wiped away their sweat-filled foreheads.

Patting away the inexistant dust on his body, Mu Chen lowered his head to take a look, before nodding his head in satisfaction. After passing his Human Body Disaster, his fleshly body was already that tyrannically powerful. In the previous barrage of attacks, he had not summoned forth any Spiritual Energy to defend against them, having completely depended on his physique as defense.

Before he had passed through his Human Body Disaster, he would definitely not be that brazen. However, as of now, he was entirely different from before.

“From the looks of it, you do not approve of my suggestion, huh?” Looking towards Chen Xi, Mu Chen gave a faint smile as he spoke out. Yet, there was not a slightest trace of warmth present in that smile. “Since that’s the case, I’ve no choice but to take action.”

“Take action and deal with him now!”

Chen Xi roared with a dark shadow present in his eyes, while his expression grew much more solemn. So it turned out that the reason why Mu Chen’s able to defeat Zhen Qing and his group was due to him possessing some ability. However, with his extraordinary lineup present, once all of them took action, he did not believe that Mu Chen would be able to create any waves at all.

“Humm!”

However, just as his cold roar rang out, astonishing sword cries suddenly erupted from the mountain peak behind Mu Chen. In the next instant, a ray of Sword Aura abruptly rushed towards the clouds. As the Sword Aura swept out, even the mountain peak was sliced into two, as if it was as soft as tofu, with the two sliced halves appearing as smooth as glass.

As the Sword Aura wreaked havoc across the region, a beam of light shot out, before landing by Mu Chen's side. As the brilliance dissipated away, it revealed an absolutely beautiful young girl within.

This young girl held a longsword in her hand, with her long hair shining with a silvery luster, while her glass-like eyes appeared so beautiful it caused people to become intoxicated just by looking at her.

Luo Li had also successfully come out from her isolated cultivation.

At the mountain peak in the distance, soul-stirring splendor surfaced in the eyes of Wen Qingxuan, who had always maintained her languid manner. Looking at the familiar beautiful figure in the distance, an alluring arc slowly curled up at the corner of her mouth.

Luo Li, I finally get to see you again.

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As Luo Li's slender body appeared right by Mu Chen's side, the Sword Aura that blotted the skies rapidly converged together, before completely entering her body. However, the mountain peak that was sliced into two showed exactly how fierce the previous wave of Sword Aura was.

"Luo Li has also come out!"

Xu Huang and the other two were in joy as they looked towards Luo Li, before finally breathing a sigh of relief as another heavy weight was taken off their shoulders.

Mu Chen's gaze was similarly filled with shock as he looked towards the slender and elegant young girl. Naturally, he was able to sense the faint Spiritual Energy pressure radiating from Luo Li's body. The sensation of this pressure was clearly much more powerful than before.

"You've passed your Spiritual Energy Disaster?" asked Mu Chen in astonishment.

With a sweet smile, Luo Li gently nodded her head.

Seeing her reply, Mu Chen immediately turned speechless, before feeling slightly depressed. It seemed that Luo Li was always present above his head. Although one's Spiritual Energy cultivation didn't represent one's true combat prowess, every time he broke through and assumed that he would be on equal grounds, the latter would similarly break through herself, thereby tossing him behind yet again.

"Looks like it isn't that easy for you to surpass me."

Seeing the slightly depressed Mu Chen, a witty shadow unconsciously flashed within her clear and transparent beautiful eyes. In the next instant, she raised her snow-white chin towards him with slight satisfaction. She, who was always quiet like a lotus would only show an attitude that ordinary young girls would possess in front of Mu Chen.

Rolling his eyes unhappily at her, Mu Chen said, "Don't provoke me. If not, even if you've passed your Spiritual Energy Disaster, I'm still able to smack your butt."

A deep reddish shade surfaced across Luo Li's face and ears as she heard his words, before a slight shadow of embarrassment surfaced within her eyes as she replied, "Pervert."

If it were other people that said such frivolous words to her, she might have long sent her sword thrusting out. However, faced against Mu Chen, she could only embarrassedly stare towards him, her bearing appearing exceedingly alluring and soul-moving.

“Hmph!”

Seeing the two lovebirds flirting with each other, Chen Xi could not help becoming enraged. The flames of fury burning in his eyes had grown even denser. With a sneer, he roared, “Mu Chen, do you really not plan to hand over the Divine Wood Plaque?”

Panning his head across to sweep his gaze towards Chen Xi, Mu Chen gave a clench of his hand, causing the Divine Wood Plaque to appear within. Waving it around, he replied, “Are you talking about this?”

Spotting the Divine Wood Plaque in Mu Chen’s hand, a flash instantly gushed from Chen Xi’s eyes. Greedily licking his lips, he said, “Hand it over and I’ll not give you any trouble! You are not worthy to have it!”

Hearing that, Mu Chen only gave a smile back in return. Shaking his head, he replied in a soft voice. “Rejected.”

“You!”

Flames of fury instantly gushed from Chen Xi’s face. Clearly, he had also discovered that Mu Chen was playing with him. In the next instant, he said with a sinister and deceitful tone. “Mu Chen, I’ll advise you to not be mistaken about yourself! Although you come from one of the five Great Academies, it is our Academy Alliance that has the say in this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament! If you really do provoke us, I’ll guarantee that you won’t even have the chance to retire from the tournament!”

“Academy Alliance?” Mu Chen slightly raised his eyebrows as he asked, “What the hell is that...?”

As he said those words, he shook his head as his gaze slowly started to grow cold. “Since you guys don’t want to leave by yourselves, then all of you shall stay.”

“Take action together and finish all of them!”

Chen Xi was endlessly maddened by Mu Chen’s attitude. Does this fellow truly think that he will be able to defeat over 30 of us by himself and his group?

As his roar rang out, his hands abruptly came together to form a seal. In the next instant, powerful Spiritual Energy swept out like a storm, unexpectedly forming a gigantic stone tablet before him. Sparkling with dazzling rays of brilliance, mysterious patterns covered the entirety of its surface. At the same time, unique fluctuations started to radiate from it.

Behind Chen Xi, the dozen experts present there had also fiercely roared in succession, sending boundless Spiritual Energies gushing out. Transforming into beams of light, they shot straight into the stone tablet.

Humm! Humm!

As boundless Spiritual Energy poured into it, the the radiant stone tablet drastically increased in size, instantly growing to a gigantic height of a thousand metres. As it’s giant shadow came enveloping over,

the entire mountain was covered in it. Instantly, exceedingly overbearing Spiritual Energy fluctuations rippled, causing the entire region to appear even darker and gloomier.

“Let me see what qualifications you have to keep us here!”

“Heaven Suppressing Divine Tablet!”

Chen Xi’s face turned slightly pale as he did his utmost to control the stone tablet that had everyone’s Spiritual Energy condensed within. Locking his frosty gaze towards Mu Chen and Luo Li, a cold roar rang out from him, before the radiant stone tablet brought along its gigantic shadow as it pressed down towards Mu Chen’s group at lightning speed.

Raising her beautiful face, Luo Li looked towards the radiant stone tablet, before saying, “That person does have some ability. He’s actually able condense other people’s Spiritual Energies into his own attack. Looks like the Divine Art that he had learnt is slightly mysterious.”

As her voice rang out, with the Luo God Sword in her hand, Luo Li gracefully strode forward. With a shiver of her hand, sword light in the form of a silvery river abruptly rushed to the skies from the Luo God Sword. Condensing together, it transformed into what seemed like a gigantic glowing shadow of a sword. Instantly, incomparably fierce Sword Intent radiated out, wreaking havoc across the region, before punching the mountain peak below it full of holes.

“Luo God Shadow Sword.”

Luo Li gave a tap with her slender snow-white hand in the space before her, causing the gigantic glowing sword shadow to howl. In the next instant, shooting across the horizon at lightning speed, it appeared right before the radiant stone tablet, smashing against it in a fierce head-on collision.

Bang!

Astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations swept out across the skies as the tip of the sword pierced straight into the bottom of the stone tablet. Astonishing fluctuations erupted from the two that were crazily trying to corrode each other apart.

Raising his head to look towards the spectacle in the skies, Mu Chen gave a faint smile, before giving a heavy stomp. Cracks instantly extended from the ground below him as his figure shot into the sky. Quickly, he appeared beneath the sword shadow at lightning speed, before sending a punch rumbling out.

Crackle!

The light of black lightning encased his fist as claps of thunder were faintly heard ringing out. Traces of warping and distortion could even be faintly discerned from the surrounding space. After successfully passing through his Human Body Disaster, the power he could muster had reached a somewhat frightening level.

Bang!

With his black lightning-encased fist, Mu Chen’s punch fiercely smashed towards the sword shadow. The frightening power behind his punch instantly gush like a flood, causing the sword shadow give a long cry.

Relying on the power gushing into it, the sword shadow pierced straight through the stone tablet with a whoosh.

Bang!

Piercing through the stone tablet, the sword shadow rushed across the horizon, while cracks started to rapidly extend and proliferate across the stone tablet. Finally, it exploded into glowing dots that blotted the skies with a bang.

Puff!

As the stone tablet exploded, the faces of the dozen experts instantly turned white while blood spurted from their mouths. Being the lead, Chen Xi bore the brunt, with the Spiritual Energy within his body exploding apart, sending him shooting back miserably across a few hundred metres while spewing blood out. Instantly, the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from him grew weak. Clearly, he had suffered some really serious injuries.

He stabilised his sorry looking figure as an expression full of shock and terror gushed from his eyes. He was simply unable to believe that their combination attack was actually destroyed by Mu Chen and Luo Li!

The duo of the young boy and girl before his eyes were unexpectedly that strong?

That's why there wasn't the slightest bit of dread present on their faces, even when they were faced against his lineup! They had simply not placed the entire lineup in their eyes!

"Let's go!"

Wiping away the bloodstains at the corners of his mouth, Chen Xi clenched his teeth, immediately making the decisive judgement to flee. The current situation had already progressed to a stage that none of them could regain control of. From the looks of it, they had truly underestimated the combat strength of Mu Chen's group by far too much. In that group, those three members were insufficient to raise any dread in them. However, Mu Chen and Luo Li, especially that Luo Li, were exceedingly frightening.

According to Chen Xi's estimates, with Mu Chen's and Luo Li's strength, they might be able to rival the various big bosses of their Academy Alliance...

"Mu Chen, you're formidable! However, don't be too satisfied about it! Next time, our Academy Alliance will come knocking on your doors! At that time, I'm afraid that you'll no longer have the chance to struggle anymore!"

An indifferent expression appeared on Mu Chen's face as he observed Chen Xi fleeing away, not taking any action to stop this from happening.

"Why did you let them run away?" Xu Huang and the other two felt slightly confused. If Mu Chen really wanted to take action, he could clearly force Chen Xi and his crowd to stay behind.

Not replying to them, Mu Chen turned his head around while an exceedingly serious expression appeared on his face as he looked towards a mountain peak in the distance.

Panning her head across, Luo Li cast her beautiful eyes similarly towards the same direction, before saying in a soft voice. "That's because there's still some unwelcome guests here. Compared to those fellows before, those fellows aren't considered as anything..."

Upon hearing that, the faces of Xu Huang and the other two instantly changed, before casting their terrified gazes out to size up their surroundings. There's still a stronger group covetly eyeing us?

Seriously looking into the distance, a roar encased with powerful Spiritual Energy resounded across the region like a clap of thunder. "The few of you have seen enough and should reveal yourselves, right?"

Mu Chen could faintly discern a powerful pressure coming from that direction. This was the first time he had felt that since he had entered the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

Clearly, a truly formidable figure seemed to be staring at them.

Under the attentive gaze of Mu Chen, rays of brilliance suddenly sparkled from the distance. As the rays of brilliance shot over, they appeared in the nearby sky within a few breaths. Immediately, Xu Huang and the others shot their nervous gazes over, before immediately gawking the sight they saw.

As the rays of brilliance dissipated away, five exquisite and alluring figures slowly appeared in the skies.

The five girls all possessed outstanding figures, especially the one standing at the front. The golden battle armor covering her body accentuated her graceful and slender figure, while her slender, snow-white neck appeared akin to the nape of a swan. Her long black hair flowed down her golden battle skirt, with her slender long legs below appearing so dazzling, they caused people to be unable shift their gazes from them.

Xu Huang and the other two slightly gawked as they looked towards this girl, being unable to control their eyes from lighting up. This was the first time they had seen a girl of similar age that was able to rival Luo Li in appearance and temperament.

"Haha. You're truly worthy of the renowned Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road. This is the first time we've met. I'm Wen Qingxuan."

Dressed in the golden armor, the absolutely gorgeous girl that appeared as beautiful as a goddess of war looked towards Mu Chen, before slightly parting her lips to give a faint smile as she introduced herself.

"Wen Qingxuan?"

As this name rang in their ears, the shock and amazement in the eyes of Xu Huang and the other two instantly disappeared completely. An expression that was overwhelmed with shock crept up their faces. The girl before them was actually the Captain of the group that had towered over the first place on the competition point rankings, Wen Qingxuan?

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Chapter 496: Two Beauties

"Wen Qingxuan?"

When this name rang into Mu Chen's ears, even he felt his heart growing slightly colder. Ever since the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, her name had been akin to thunder piercing his eyes.

That's due to the number one place of the Top 16 rankings of the tournament had been occupied by this group from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy ever since it started. Even with many other strong groups doing their best to catch up, they were still unable to surpass them.

Wanting to lay claim to the number one place of this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament rankings, where the experts were as numerous as the clouds in the sky, wasn't an easy task to accomplish. This was even especially so when this group was entirely composed of such pretty and exquisite-looking beautiful girls. For them, the difficulty to accomplish such a task would even be intensified.

Therefore, being able to continuously occupy the number one place showed that Wen Qingxuan's group definitely possessed rather frightening strength.

Whoever dared to underestimate and neglect those girls who appeared even more beautiful than flowers might have to pay an exceedingly high price.

Mu Chen focused his gaze on Wen Qingxuan. Although he was shocked in awe of the appearance and temperament of the girl before him, he felt even more of an ambiguous vigilance against her. Not knowing Wen Qingxuan, and with the latter suddenly knocking on their doorsteps, he felt that this wasn't much of a good matter.

The strength of the group currently present before them might be the strongest group they've encountered since the start of the tournament. If they were to truly start a fight, even Mu Chen, who had just broken through, would not dare to guarantee themselves a victory against this group.

"So it's Captain Wen Qingxuan. I've been looking forward to meeting you for a long time."

As those thoughts revolved within his mind, a faint smile appeared on Mu Chen's face as he cupped his hands toward her.

Quietly standing by Mu Chen's side, Luo Li shot a somewhat strange look towards Wen Qingxuan. Although she had seen her before, they couldn't be said to be anymore than acquaintances. Initially, while in the Spiritual Road, Luo Li's mind was only set on dealing with Ji Xuan, which resulted in her not having the heart and mind to form connections.

Looking towards Wen Qingxuan, the latter suddenly panned her head over, causing two similarly beautiful and soul-stirring eyes, yet possessing entire different temperaments, to cross gazes.

These two young girls were both exceedingly outstanding, appearing as if the intelligence of the world had condensed into their bodies. They merely stood there, not saying a single word. Yet, a unique atmosphere started to extend and envelope, causing the people at the side to be unable to interrupt their staredown. Naturally, there was also no one that was willing to break this graceful challenge.

As their beautiful eyes crossed gazes, it appeared as if something scorching-hot seemed to gush from the depths of Wen Qingxuan's eyes, causing Luo Li to become slightly startled. Getting a strange feeling from it, she subsequently panned her gaze away.

Brimming with smiling intent, Wen Qingxuan took light and graceful steps forward, walking towards Mu Chen, as her alluring figure caused other people to be unable to stop following her every move with their eyes. Bringing about a delicate fragrance, she drew closer towards Mu Chen and Luo Li. As she did so, Mu Chen was finally able to clearly see this alluring beauty.

Faced against Wen Qingxuan, even Mu Chen had to sigh in admiration towards her. Just based on her exquisiteness and degree of beauty, Wen Qingxuan was not one bit inferior to Luo Li, merely that her temperament was entirely different from Luo Li. Luo Li was like the lotus resting quietly within the mountain valley, making the troubles and worries within people's hearts to gradually turn peaceful upon seeing her. Compared to her, Wen Qingxuan had a noble and arrogant air radiating from her, something like a phoenix that was soaring over the clouds would possess. It was extremely hard to find the softness and gentleness ordinary girls would have from her. Accentuating her slender and graceful figure, the tight-fitting golden battle armor on her body gave people a unique feeling of her being a goddess of war.

"Luo Li, we meet again."

Standing before the two, Wen Qingxuan's eyes were currently resting on Luo Li's figure. Extending her slender and jade-like little hand, she said with a smile, "I've yet to thank you for what happened at the end of the Spiritual Road. If not for you obstructing Ji Xuan, I might not have been able to obtain the championship."

With a faint smile, Luo Li shook her head as she extended her hand to give a gentle handshake to Wen Qingxuan. She didn't have a cold and indifferent temperament, merely that she loved to be in a quiet and calm environment. The girl before her, Wen Qingxuan, could be the most outstanding girl of similar age that Luo Li had seen over the past few years. When girls as outstanding as the two met, there would mostly likely be two extremely different outcomes. One would be the rise of some hostility, while the other was them becoming somewhat emotional. This was similar to the so-called "mutual understanding and respect between men."

Therefore, Luo Li did not reject Wen Qingxuan when faced with the latter's friendly action.

"I've some grudge and grievances with Ji Xuan. Since Mu Chen was no longer in the Spiritual Road then, that's why I personally took action. You're very strong, and have relied on yourself to obtain the Spiritual Crown. I didn't give any help to you," replied Luo Li in a soft voice.

"If you had attempted to take the Spiritual Crown, then, I might not have been able to contend against you," replied Wen Qingxuan with a smile as her beautiful eyes wandered about.

Choosing to reply, Luo Li only gave a smile back in response.

Looking at the two girls from the side, Mu Chen could not help rubbing his nose. For some unknown reason, he could faintly discern himself feeling unnecessary... furthermore, he could feel that the gaze Wen Qingxuan sent towards Luo Li wasn't quite right...

Behind him, Xu Huang and the other two exchanged glances with each other. Under the envelopment of the atmosphere coming from the two girls, They didn't even dare to utter a single word.

"Captain Wen Qingxuan. Could it be that you and your group didn't rush here for us?" said Mu Chen with a soft cough. If it was a male who dared to get so close to Luo Li like that, his face would have already flipped and turned black. However, with the opposite party being such an enchanting girl, the only thing he could do was to endure.

Only at this moment did Wen Qingxuan turn her gaze to look towards Mu Chen. Her pair of noble and arrogant phoenix-like eyes started to size him up, giving off what seemed to be the flavor of an

examination. In the next instant, a shade of ridicule curled from the corner of her red lips as she said, "Captain Mu Chen, I'm here to make a deal with you."

"What deal?" asked Mu Chen in slight startlement.

With a clench of her jade-like hand, an Academy Plaque appeared within Wen Qingxuan's hand. Present on the surface of the Academy Plaque was a number nearing 8000, the number of points this plaque possessed. Although they knew about this, Xu Huang and the other two still sucked in a breath of cold air, while their hearts and minds were filled with shock. After exhausting themselves for so long, the number of points they had was actually not even half of what Wen Qingxuan possessed. These girls were too terrifying.

"Captain Mu Chen, I'll give all of these points to you. Furthermore, I'll guarantee your admission into the final match. However, the condition is that you allow Luo Li to join my group. What do you say?" Grasping her Academy Plaque in her hand, a smile surfaced at the corner of Wen Qingxuan's mouth as she gave her reply.

Hearing those words, Xu Huang and the other two instantly gawked as they vacantly looked at Wen Qingxuan. Clearly, they did not understand the meaning of what she had said. She wants to use those points to exchange for Luo Li?

Mu Chen and Luo Li had also gawked at those words. However, frowns quickly started to slowly appear on Mu Chen's forehead as he thought, This Wen Qingxuan's actually aiming for Luo Li?

A frown also appeared on Luo Li's forehead. Looking towards Wen Qingxuan, she said in a somewhat displeased manner, "Captain Wen Qingxuan, what is this about?"

Not replying to Luo Li, Wen Qingxuan continued to grin as she looked towards Mu Chen.

Staring straight at Wen Qingxuan, Mu Chen's gaze turned dull as he slowly replied, "I don't know exactly what you want to do; however... Captain Wen Qingxuan, let's not talk about a mere 8000 points, even if you use yourself to exchange for Luo Li, I would feel that it's not worth it in the slightest."

Although he knew that the girl before him wasn't benevolent or virtuous, her strength was on a level that caused even him to feel danger. However, Mu Chen could not permit her to act that brazenly and wilfully here. Therefore, he no longer remained courteous with his reply.

"Outrageous!"

Upon hearing Mu Chen's reply, the four similarly alluring and beautiful girls standing behind Wen Qingxuan instantly roared with their sweet voices.

As for Xu Huang and the other two, they quietly stuck out their thumbs. Faced against a girl like Wen Qingxuan, Mu Chen might be the only person that would treat her like that.

"Oh really?"

A grin still hung on Wen Qingxuan's absolutely beautiful face, with the only change being the slight jump in those pair of phoenix-like eyes. Clearly, it was also extremely rare for her to bump into anyone that dared to speak to her in such a manner. Although she didn't have the thought to compare herself to Luo Li, the tone present in Mu Chen's reply, which sounded as if she was absolutely unable to be compared

to Luo Li, was something that she wasn't too fond of. After all, there's always some pride and arrogance in every girl's heart. What's more, a girl like her, who was always the centre of attention wherever she went...

Upon hearing Wen Qingxuan's reply, spiritual light sparkled from the hands of the four girls behind her, especially from the twins, with unique fluctuations starting to radiate from them.

Wen Qingxuan wasn't the only strong person with this group. Even her four other group members weren't people that were easy to deal with. If each of them were to go their separate ways, every one of them would be able to take charge of a group by themselves.

Sensing that the atmosphere had turned into something that wasn't quite right, Xu Huang and the other two quietly revolved their Spiritual Energies. Although they knew that the group before them possessed terrifying strength, if it was needed for them to take action, they would go all-out without any restraint.

Luo Li's forehead started to knit up, since she clearly didn't expect that the situation, which was originally somewhat friendly, would turn into this in an instant. Nevertheless, without speaking a single word, she slowly tightened her grip on her Luo God Sword as her lovable face grew slightly frosty. As long as Wen Qingxuan and her group took action, she would not hesitate one bit to take action herself.

Although she had quite a good impression towards Wen Qingxuan, it was nothing compared to her relationship with Mu Chen.

The minute action of Luo Li tightening her grip on the Luo God Sword was noticed by Wen Qingxuan, leading to her gently puckering her little red mouth. Sending a sweet smile towards Mu Chen, she said, "What I've said just now was a joke. You won't be offended by it, right?"

Sensing the change in attitude from her tone, Mu Chen could only nod his head while remaining silent.

Seeing Mu Chen nod his head, Wen Qingxuan gave a light laugh, with her voice growing increasingly gentle and soul-rapturing. "However... I do take mind in the words you've said earlier. Could the renowned Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road allow me to experience the ability you possess that made Luo Li stay by your side?"

Bang!

At the very instant when her gentle voice rang out, frightening Spiritual Energy erupted from her body, like a volcano. With a clench of her jade-like hands, an exceedingly gorgeous golden-coloured spear surfaced within. With a whoosh, the spear tip was thrust straight towards Mu Chen.

At this instant, the atmosphere froze up.

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Boom!

Boundless Spiritual Energy spontaneously erupted from Wen Qingxuan as she held a long golden pike in her hands. This pike was exceedingly gorgeous, and seemed to be formed from plumes of golden feathers. At the tip of the pike was a phoenix spreading its wings, with its wings forming the

incomparably sharp edge of the blade. If one were to listen carefully, one could almost hear the resonating cry of the phoenix.

Despite bringing out her pike, a smile remained on Wen Qingxuan's beautiful face. However, a faint threatening atmosphere emanated from her eyes.

Lifting her pike, she levelled it and pointed it right at Mu Chen. The boundless, agitated Spiritual Energy immediately targeted Mu Chen, and its suppressive force was so extreme, it was to the extent that even the Xu Huang trio behind Mu Chen broke out in cold sweat and were unable to move a muscle.

Mu Chen stared at the golden pike in front of him, and in the depths of his eyes, a chilling intent was surging.

"Captain Wen Qingxuan, don't push it too far!" Luo Li roared in response to Wen Qingxuan's provocation, unsheathing her Luo God Sword. A frightening Sword Aura erupted from her sword.

Slightly panning her head, Wen Qingxuan looked towards Mu Chen as the smile present on her face appeared coquettish and soul-stirring, yet possessed a concealed element of indifference and coldness. "Captain Mu Chen, if you really want to take action, our group might be invincible. Since you don't possess the strength to stand on the same level as us, I believe that you should understand that what I've said isn't a request, but a threat!"

Staring right back at Wen Qingxuan, black lightning started to sparkle as it slowly surfaced on his body. Wrinkling his forehead, he said, "Captain Wen Qingxuan. I know that your group is indeed extremely strong. However, I also have to tell you that I don't see you being truly capable of devouring us!"

Bang!

Just as Mu Chen's voice that was gradually turning cold rang out, black lightning light furiously erupted from his body. As black bolts of lightning crazily arced and danced on the surface of his body, a frightening energy shock wave rippled, causing signs of warping and distortion to appear in the surrounding space.

"Oh really?"

Looking at Mu Chen, with his entire body clad in a black lightning light, Wen Qingxuan slightly raised her phoenix-like eyes, while giving a light tug to her little red lips. In the next instant, a cold arc appeared at the corner of her mouth as a shiver shook through her jade-like hands. Like a golden bolt of lightning, space was shattered apart as the golden war spear in her hands was explosively thrust towards Mu Chen's chest.

Roar!

A dragon's roar resounded as Mu Chen's body appeared to instantly turn illusionary.

Whoosh!

The golden war spear was thrust straight towards Mu Chen's chest. However, it was unable to draw the slightest bit of blood as the figure before it had started to slowly dissipate away.

"A shadow remnant? What quick speed."

With her spear landing on air, no feelings of shock were felt by Wen Qingxuan. With a sweet smile and a shift of her exquisite figure, she transformed into a beam of light, rushing straight across the horizon. The long spear in her hand was explosively thrust out, causing a golden spear shadow to shoot out, heading towards a certain place at lightning speed.

Bang!

Astonishing gales swept from the space as Mu Chen's figure appeared in a flash. A fist clad in black lightning light heavily smashed against the shadow spear, causing lightning to gush out as Mu Chen's body was sent retreating back a dozen steps. Wen Qingxuan's attack was exceedingly powerful! Although he had relied on his tyrannical fleshly body to block it, piercing pain had already started to radiate from his fist.

Seeing this spectacle, Luo Li's lovable face turned completely cold, with surging Sword Intent sweeping out as she prepared to take action at any moment.

Humm!

However, just as she was about to do so, suddenly, the two exceedingly cute twins clapped their hands together to form a hand seal. In the next instant, rays of brilliance that appeared in the shape of runes shot out from their little hands. Drastically increasing in size as they did, they transformed into a radiant prison, immediately enveloping over Luo Li.

Mysterious runes sparkled within the prison as they fluctuate about. Appearing akin to being alive, they slowly squirmed about as strange energies radiated from them.

Seeing this, a frosty expression appeared on Luo Li's face as incomparably fierce sword light hid the skies and covered the earth as it swept out, smashing right against the rune prison. Crackling sounds instantly erupted within the prison as minute cracks started to appear and extend.

Noticing these changes, the lovable faces of the twins slightly changed. Even experts of Spiritual Energy Disaster would not be able to extricate themselves from this rune prison of theirs. However, both of them had never imagined that signs of it collapsing would appear so quickly in the face of Luo Li's attack.

Only at this moment did Xu Huang and the other two regain their senses, since the changes happening to the situation before their eyes had happened too quickly. Who would have guessed that the exceedingly amicable showing by Wen Qingxuan a moment ago would change into a confrontation of swords and daggers within a short span of a few minutes? What caused them to feel incomparable shock was that this Wen Qingxuan truly appeared to not be a sociable person. Although she was elegant, beautiful and not one bit inferior to Luo Li, she truly had a completely different temperament, compared to the latter.

Thinking about this, the trio quietly sighed in their hearts, yet quickly revolving their Spiritual Energies to full power. After exchanging glances, the trio immediately rushed towards the remaining two girls of Wen Qingxuan's group that have yet to take action. Since they had started to fight for some unknown reason, they wouldn't stand aside and watch the fight taking place without doing anything.

The remaining two girls of Wen Qingxuan were both also bright and soul-stirring beauties, with one of them possessing a head full of long golden hair, giving off an exceedingly dazzling sight. As for the other,

she appeared to be weak, frail and exceedingly quiet and refined. Yet, Xu Huang and the other two did not dare to underestimate her one single bit due to her appearance. After all, the group before them truly held the first place in the rankings...

“Hmph.”

Seeing the trio taking an offensive stance and rushing over, fear and dread were absent from the face of the golden-haired girl as she gave a cold snort. With a clench of her hand, a giant axe of exaggerated proportions appeared within, seemingly dwarfing her exquisite figure. Shooting out in the next instant, astonishing gales howled as they followed the giant axe as it furiously chopped down towards the trio.

As for the weak and frail-looking girl, she retrieved an emerald-green jade umbrella. With a shake, incomparably rampant Spiritual Energy instantly gushed out, instantly condensing into the shape of a hurricane. As it took form, it transformed yet again into a giant python that sat in the sky, launching attacks right towards the incoming trio.

“Captain Mu Chen, I know that you aren’t as simple as you appear to be. However, I believe that you don’t have the capability to obstruct me in whatever I want to do. Therefore, why is there a need to put up a useless struggle? If you let Luo Li go, I can guarantee that your Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy group will enter the final match.”

“I’ve long heard of the great name of the Spiritual Road Champion, Captain Wen Qingxuan. Since I’ve the opportunity to meet you today, please advise me.”

Looking at the dazzlingly beautiful young girl dressed in golden battle armor with a golden war spear in her hand, causing her to appear just like a goddess of war, a faint smile appeared on Mu Chen’s face. In the next instant, his expression turned ice-cold as black lightning light crazily sparkled on the surface of his body. Having summoned forth the might of his Lightning God’s Physique till it’s maximum limit, four lightning runes rapidly appeared on his chest. Frightening energy fluctuations started to slowly radiate from him, shaking the surrounding space to the point of ripples starting to appear.

After breaking through his Human Body Disaster, Mu Chen’s fleshly body had clearly become more tyrannical.

Staring at Wen Qingxuan, he gave a furious stomp, causing the air beneath his feet to explode apart. With a whoosh, he appeared right before Wen Qingxuan.

Wen Qingxuan’s eyes brimmed with interest as she looked towards Mu Chen. Grasping her golden war spear, her golden battle armor-encased figure appeared voluptuous and exquisite. She was clearly slightly interested in this Blood Calamity that was similarly famous within the Spiritual Road as her. Being the man that could make a person like Luo Li fall into love with, he should have some ability, right?

Appearing in a flash, Mu Chen’s expression appeared exceedingly cold. Giving a hug to the air before him, astonishing ominous energies abruptly erupted from him, rushing towards the dome of the skies. Everyone within a hundred kilometre radius from him was able to clearly sense them.

As the ominous energies blanketed the region, a black-coloured demonic pillar rushed towards the skies.

Looking at the astonishing ominous energies brought forth by the appearance of the black-coloured demonic pillar, the bright and beautiful eyes of Wen Qingxuan slightly narrowed.

“Captain Wen Qingxuan, would you like to try receiving a move from me?”

As his loud roar resounded, his hands fiercely came together to hug the gigantic demonic pillar. While ominous energies surged and swept out like tidal waves, black lightning crazily sparkled across his body. In the next instant, hugging the demonic pillar, he gave it a furious wave, casting its shadow across the region, while howls seemed the ring out from the Spiritual Energy present in the world.

At this instant, a scarlet-red shadow had gushed out once again from Mu Chen’s eyes. Clearly, this was due to the ominous energies from the Great Meru Demonic Pillar, which was being controlled by him.

After entering the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, Mu Chen had yet to use the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. However, from the looks of it, faced against a truly dangerous opponent like Wen Qingxuan, he finally chose not to keep it hidden. Upon taking action, he had unleashed his true killing move.

Bang! Bang!

The air continued to be blasted away, with the mountain peak below being shaken to the point of collapsing apart.

Raising her slender, snow-white neck, Wen Qingxuan looked towards the incoming Great Meru Demonic Pillar as it brought along its ominous energies towards her. Her phoenix-like eyes contracted, while a sliver of astonishment that was exceedingly rare to appear flashed across her face. This Mu Chen’s actually able to reach such a degree of strength with his cultivation realm of Human Body Disaster?

“What can it change if I receive one move from you?!”

Although Wen Qingxuan was a girl, the arrogance in her was stronger than anyone. She would not yield and admit defeat to anyone! She was just like the phoenix soaring across the nine heavens, always raising her head up high in haughtiness. In this universe, it seemed that there was no one that could let this girl, who appeared just like the spirit of the heavens and earth to yield.

With an alluring laugh, one that was similarly brimming with haughtiness, her jade-like hands tightly gripped her golden war spear. As vast and boundless golden light swept out, they appeared just like the unfurling of a phoenix’s wings, presenting an exceedingly spectacular scene.

“Heavenly Shadow Phoenix!”

A lovable roar rang out as Wen Qingxuan turned into a beam of golden light, rushing across the horizon. As golden light radiated from her entire body, she appeared to have transformed into an incomparably gigantic golden phoenix, sending astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations flooding across the entire region.

Flapping its wings, the golden phoenix pierced through the heavens, smashing heavily against the gigantic demonic pillar in the next instant without the slightest bit of hesitation.

Boom!

At the instant of the collision, the weather seemed to have changed.

The Blood Calamity and the final Champion of the Spiritual Road had started a genuine confrontation.

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Chapter 498: Cooperate

Bang!

The terrifying tornado-like Spiritual Energy erratically swept across the horizon, causing the clouds in the sky to split and shatter apart. As the shock waves surged and rumbled, loud claps of thunder could seemingly be heard resounding across the region.

As the frightening Spiritual Energy shock waves shot out, ripples from it started to affect the battlefield below, causing Xu Huang and the other two to miserably retreat back, their eyes brimming with shock as they looked towards the confrontation happening in the skies. They had never seen such a confrontation before, not even from the fights Mu Chen had with experts of Spiritual Energy Disaster. Indeed, this Wen Qingxuan wasn't simple at all, being actually able to force Mu Chen to such a degree.

Whoosh!

Under their shocked and terrified gazes, the storm of Spiritual Energies swept out, while two figures shot out from within.

Boom!

As they retreated back in the air, every single step they made caused the air to explode apart, while giant craters formed in the ground beneath them. Cracks extended from them like spiderwebs, revealing the astonishing destructive power caused by the collision of their attacks.

Heavily stomping his feet, a shiver shook through Mu Chen's body as he finally got rid of the frightening force of rebound acting upon him. At this moment, his expression became exceedingly solemn, while the Great Meru Demonic Pillar surfaced behind his body, radiating with astonishing ominous energies. Raising his head, he focused his gaze towards the slender and elegant figure in the distance.

At this moment, the golden war spear was still present in Wen Qingxuan's hands, while the golden battle armor encased her slender and exquisite figure. After experiencing the tyrannical head-on collision of their attacks, she appeared to have not received any injury from it. On the contrary, scorching-hot fighting intent gushed from her pair of beautiful eyes. Mu Chen's power and strength had clearly exceeded what she had expected.

Although the opposite party had the assistance of that black-coloured demonic pillar, this was the first time she had seen someone being able to contend against her with a cultivation only at the realm of Human Body Disaster.

"The Blood Calamity of the Spiritual Road is a well-deserved title for you," said Wen Qingxuan with a smile as she tilted her golden war spear forward.

"The wielder of the Spiritual Road's Spiritual Crown is truly formidable," replied Mu Chen with a faint smile. The black lightning light radiating from his body showed not even the slightest sign of turning weaker. The girl before his eyes, Wen Qingxuan, absolutely possessed the qualifications to make him

treat her with caution. Regardless of any connections, just based on talent and strength, there were only two people he had met in the last few years that was able to make him feel especially dreadful and cautious when around them.

One of them was Ji Xuan, while the other one was Luo Li. Now, he had to add Wen Qingxuan to this list.

As the Great Meru Demonic Pillar hovered behind Mu Chen, scarlet-red runes sparkled on the surface of its gigantic body. Boundless ominous energies continued to radiate from it, before pouring into Mu Chen's body yet again, providing him massive levels of power.

"Between you and Ji Xuan, I wonder which of you is more formidable." Suddenly, Wen Qingxuan gave a laugh as her jade-like hands tightly clenched her golden war spear.

"Won't you know it after you've tried?" replied Mu Chen in an indifferent tone as his gaze slightly drooped down.

Hearing the faint and minute fluctuations surfacing within Mu Chen's tone, a crafty smile curled up at the corner of Wen Qingxuan's small red mouth. From the looks of it, there truly were some deep grudges and grievances between Mu Chen and Ji Xuan.

"Then I, Qingxuan, will accept your invitation!" Fighting intent surged within Wen Qingxuan's beautiful eyes as she gave her reply. Mu Chen's strength had truly ignited the competitive spirit present in her heart. She had never once assumed that she was weaker than any man. Furthermore, the opposite possessing strength exceeding her own was something that was extremely disliked by her.

"Heavenly Phoenix Spear!"

Boundless golden light erupted once again from Wen Qingxuan. With a clench of her jade-like hands, the golden war spear ferociously left her hands. Violently expanding in size, it grew to a gigantic size of a hundred metres in length. As golden light gushed from it, it transformed into a spectacular beam of golden light, shooting at lightning speed towards Mu Chen in an overbearing and incomparably fierce manner.

Upon seeing this, not daring to neglect the incoming attack, Mu Chen gave a hug towards the air before him. Causing the Great Meru Demonic Pillar behind him to rush towards the sky. Immediately, ominous energies hid the sky and covered the earth as they swept out, preparing to face the incoming attack once again.

Scree!

However, just as Mu Chen was about to take action once more, a clear and resonant sword cry resounded across the region. A flash swept by Mu Chen's gaze as a hundred metre shadow longsword split the air apart as it suddenly shot by, instantaneously appearing in front of the golden war spear, before smashing right into it.

Ding!

A clear metallic sound resounded as Sword Aura and Spear Aura swept out.

A slender and soul-stirring figure appeared right on top of the shadow sword. With a raise of her jade-like hand, currents of Sword Aura gushed from within, heavily smashing against the golden war spear. The might of the surging force immediately sent the golden war spear flying back.

Seeing this, Wen Qingxuan raised her eyebrows, and moved her hand, which caused the golden war spear to rapidly shrink in size, before it returned to her hands as a golden beam of light.

“Captain Wen Qingxuan, if you really want to take action, let me accompany you.” Standing tall on the gigantic shadow sword, a frosty expression covered the entirety of her exquisite, porcelain-like face as she spoke out. Staring right at Wen Qingxuan, she spread her jade-like hands apart, and slowly raised her Luo God Sword. In the next instant, astonishingly fierce Sword Intent started to radiate from it.

“Luo Li, it’s he who asked me to test it out. Didn’t you hear what he said just now?” Seeing that Luo Li was about to take action, a sweet smile appeared on Wen Qingxuan’s face as she said in helplessness.

Despite her reply, she gradually started to restrain her boundless Spiritual Energy, while the fighting intent within her beautiful eyes started to slowly withdraw.

Seeing this, Luo Li clenched her hand, causing the Luo God Sword to shoot back into her hand. Looking at Wen Qingxuan with a somewhat helpless expression, she replied, “Captain Wen Qingxuan, we don’t have any intention of being hostile towards you and your group. Therefore, please do not cause anymore trouble.”

“Okay.”

Giving a lovable smile, Wen Qingxuan nodded her head, before shooting towards Luo Li and saying, “However, I don’t like the way you address me. I’ve been searching for you for so long already. Therefore, you have to call me Qingxuan.”

Seeing the amicable smile brimming on Wen Qingxuan’s face, Luo Li slightly hesitated. Nevertheless, she nodded her head once as she replied, “Okay.”

Seeing that Wen Qingxuan had restrained her fighting intent, Mu Chen had also shot towards Luo Li. Hearing the exceedingly intimate tone Wen Qingxuan was using in her speech towards Luo Li, Mu Chen slightly raised his eyebrows as he thought, If it was a male... I would have immediately hugged the Great Meru Demonic Pillar and sent it smashing down...

“Captain Mu Chen, I’ve merely wanted to test your strength. You wouldn’t mind my earlier actions, right?” A generous and alluring smile appeared on Wen Qingxuan’s face as she said while looking towards Mu Chen.

Seeing the stunningly beautiful face of Wen Qingxuan that caused people to lose their breaths, Mu Chen felt a slight ache developing in his head. The girl before him was truly too troublesome to deal with. Such a character on a beauty like her was already excessive, yet she was too hard to be dealt with...

Below them, Xu Huang and the other two had move closer, their faces and hair all covered in dirt and grime. Earlier, despite their collaboration, they were suppressed to a distressed state by the two identical flower-like beauties.

“Hey. You three are no good. Compared to your Captain, you three are trailing behind by too much.” The four members of Wen Qingxuan had also shot over. Resting her giant axe on her soft and alluring shoulder, the golden-haired girl looked towards Xu Huang and the other two before flinging her mouth.

Looking up toward those seemingly gentle and weak girls, with smiles pursing on their lips and little dimples on their lovable faces, Xu Huang and the other two could not help feeling somewhat embarrassed. However, the trio knew how formidable those gentle and quiet young girls were, since they were tossed quite vigorously here and there by them.

Depressed expressions covered the faces of the trio. They had assumed that they were able to raise eyebrows and cause people to hold their breaths towards them after breaking through their Human Body Disaster. However, they never expected that they wouldn't be able to deal with two soft and tender girls.

“They're the group ranked at the first place. Their strength as a whole is naturally higher than us,” said Mu Chen with a smile as he patted on the shoulders of the trio.

The only thing Xu Huang and the other two could do was give a bitter smile while nodding their heads. That's why Wen Qingxuan and her group were able to occupy and dominate the first place. With such strength and lineup, they truly were extremely strong and powerful.

Turning his head to look at Wen Qingxuan, wrinkles appeared on Mu Chen's forehead as he asked, “Captain Wen Qingxuan, exactly what reason have you come to find us for?”

With a flick of her finger, her golden war spear disappeared in a flash. Blinking her big eyes towards Mu Chen, Wen Qingxuan replied, “Two reasons. The first is to come and see Luo Li, as she had greatly helped me in the Spiritual Road, while I've not had the chance to thank her for that. As for the second reason... I've wanted to find you to collaborate. Naturally, I needed to test your strength before collaborating.”

“Collaborate?” asked Mu Chen doubtfully as he looked towards Wen Qingxuan.

“The Divine Wood Palace Quota.” Curling a lock of her black hair behind her ear, Wen Qingxuan gave her reply in a played down manner.

“So you all have also come here for the Divine Quota, huh,” said Mu Chen with a slight frown on his face.

“You're too narrow-minded. In the Ancient Antiquity, the Divine Wood Palace was one of the regional Overlords of this Shattered Continent. The inheritance present in their remnant isn't something that you can devour all by yourself.” Wen Qingxuan rolled her eyes towards Mu Chen, saying, “Furthermore, you guys aren't the only ones that have obtain the Divine Quota. From what I know, there's a total of six Divine Quotas. You guys have merely obtain one of them.”

“The groups that came earlier to deal with you guys are from the Academy Alliance. You should have heard about them, right?”

“Yes,” replied Mu Chen as he nodded his head. Feeling doubtful, he asked, “What's the matter with that?”

“Simply speaking, they’re an alliance,” replied Wen Qingxuan with a smile. “They’re an alliance formed by the groups of numerous spiritual academies. Although the groups from those spiritual academies are naturally not our match in a 1-on-1 duel, after the reorganization in their alliance, their strength has become exceedingly tyrannical.”

“Reorganization?”

“Yes... for example, they would split their groups up before gathering all of their experts together.”

Hearing that, Mu Chen asked in shock, “Is that possible? Won’t that break the rules?”

“There’s nothing that doesn’t conform to the rules. It’s just that those reorganized groups aren’t able to enter the final match, that’s all. Naturally, at that time, all they need to do is to form their original groups once again. However, at that time, after obtaining the various benefits from the Shattered Continent, their strength would be much greater than before,” replied Wen Qingxuan.

“Therefore, although you guys aren’t quite bad, you can’t rely on the strength of your group alone to contend against an entire alliance, right?”

Hearing her reply, thick creases appeared on Mu Chen’s forehead. He never imagined that situation of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament would have such changes during their mere isolation of 20-plus days.

“It’s said that the Academy Alliance has also obtained a Divine Quota. Therefore, at that time, when you enter the Divine Wood Palace, you would definitely bump into them. I believe that if we collaborate, it would be extremely beneficial to you guys,” said Wen Qingxuan with a clench of her hand, her face brimming with confidence. In the next instant, she cast her pair of bright and beautiful eyes towards Mu Chen.

“So, what do you say?”

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Chapter 499: Love Rival?

“So, what do you say?”

Hearing Wen Qingxuan’s clear and pleasant voice, Mu Chen sunk into a deep thought. Following the elapsing of time, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was currently starting to gear up, with various powerful groups gradually starting to surface. The strength of those groups would not be inferior to those coming from the five Great Academies. This was something that Mu Chen had experienced earlier, with the example being Zhen Qing, whose group wasn’t weaker than Xia Hou’s group.

Furthermore, it was clear that a situation like the appearance of Zhen Qing and his group wouldn’t be a one-off. There might be even more of such similar groups present in the dark. Although Mu Chen was confident about himself, he wasn’t blind. Just as what Wen Qingxuan had said, it was extremely hard to rely solely on the strength of his group to contend against an alliance formed by numerous groups.

There were numerous large and small remnants concealed within the fragments of this Shattered Continent. There was no one that could guarantee that a not-too-assuming group would not chance up a great opportunity, and distinguish themselves with a drastic increase of their strength.

What's more, as of now, Mu Chen's group was currently in a phase of strength that could be said as advancing by leaps and bounds. The absolute majority of the people that were able to participate were of Heavenly Completion Stage. After the Heavenly Completion Stage would be the three Sovereign Disasters. This was a unique phase where one wouldn't need much accumulation of bitter cultivation to progress. That's because the tribulations by themselves were a form of tempering. As long as one was able to pass through them, one's strength would greatly advance and rise.

Therefore, with the aid from the numerous ancient remnants present in this Shattered Continent, an absolute majority of the people present here would obtain great progress within the short number of months they would spend here.

In this phase of great transformation, whoever was able to grasp the right opportunity would be able to obtain the greatest progression of strength from their entire group, allowing them to walk at the forefront of everyone present in this Shattered Continent.

This was the reason why Mu Chen had placed such importance on the ancient remnant of the Divine Wood Palace. Although there were numerous other ancient remnants hidden within the Shattered Continent, there should not be many that were able to rival what the Divine Wood Palace held in store. Therefore, as long as they were able to enter this ancient remnant, it would definitely be extremely beneficial for him and his group.

However, it was due to this Divine Wood Palace's remnant being that perfect that there would naturally be countless groups flocking over towards it, with truly powerful groups among their ranks. At that time, the battles that would be waged would absolutely be unable to be matched by those in the past.

Therefore, at that time, if they were able to collaborate with a group like Wen Qingxuan's, it would be considered as the most perfect scenario for Mu Chen and his group.

"Why did you find us for this?"

Mu Chen asked as he looked towards Wen Qingxuan. From the surface, with their strength, if they wanted to find a group to collaborate with, there would clearly be quite a few better groups to choose from. However, she had decided to find them in the end, something that caused slight doubt to rise within Mu Chen's heart.

"That's because I believe in Luo Li," replied Wen Qingxuan with a sweet smile as she looked towards Mu Chen. A bright and beautiful smile surfaced on her beautiful, snow-white face as she said in a teasing fashion, "Could it be that Captain Mu Chen had assumed that I've fallen for him?"

Hearing her words, Mu Chen gave an embarrassed laugh. He wouldn't be tricked into her claim of having fallen for him. Furthermore, it was extremely hard for him to imagine that an extremely opinionated girl like her would change her mind for a male.

"Luo Li has helped me before. Perhaps it might be accidental of her. However, I'm unable to not repay this favor. I'm clear about Luo Li's strength. As for you..." Shooting a sizing gaze around Mu Chen's body with her beautiful eyes, Wen Qingxuan slightly raised her red lips before saying, "From our exchange earlier, you really do possess some ability. Therefore, it can be considered that we didn't suffer any losses coming here to collaborate with you."

"I'm truly honored," replied Mu Chen in an unhappy tone as he shook his head. This Wen Qingxuan truly is extremely hard to deal with.

"I don't like collaborating with you men. Therefore, if you say that you're honored, it's indeed quite an honor to do so," said Wen Qingxuan earnestly as she nodded her head, sounding exceedingly impressive as she did so.

This caused Mu Chen to become speechless.

Seeing Mu Chen appearing as if he had hit a wall, Luo Li could not help giving w soft laugh.

"Okay. I agree to collaborate," replied Mu Chen as he nodded his head. Turning around, he pointed towards Xu Huang and the other two and said, "These are my group members, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang. They've just broke through their Human Body Disaster."

Shooting a mere glance at the trio, Wen Qingxuan withdrew her gaze in an instant, before nodding her head in a de-emphasizing manner.

Noticing the attitude she had towards them, Xu Huang and the other two could not help bitterly laughing in their hearts, but did not dare to show one bit of discontentment on their faces. Although the girl before them was as beautiful as Luo Li, those pair of beautiful phoenix-like eyes always seemed to possess more than sufficient feelings of encroachment. If it were people or things that didn't garner her interest, her silence and faint smile was more than enough to make many people feel ashamed of their inferiority.

Only at this moment did they understand exactly how easy it was to get near Luo Li, who always appeared quiet and would only reveal a gentle smile before Mu Chen.

"They are Le'er and Pin'er. They're identical twins. If they collaborate, even experts who had passed through their Spiritual Energy Disaster would not be able to escape from their hands," said Wen Qingxuan as she point towards the two sweet and soul-stirring young girls that seemed to be cut out from the same mold.

"This is Xiu Ling. Don't look down on her. What she cultivates is a strength-based Deity Tier Spiritual Art. Furthermore, after cultivating a Body Refinement Deity Tier Spiritual Art, when she crossed hands with an expert who had passed his Spiritual Energy Disaster, she sent that fellow who tried to tease her was drilled straight into a mountain with a single punch... other than you and Luo Li, there's no one in your group that is her match," said Wen Qingxuan with a grin as she pointed to the golden-haired young girl.

The golden-haired young girl by the name of Xiu Ling nodded her head towards Mu Chen and Luo Li, before sending a faint and indifferent glance towards the embarrassed-looking Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang.

"This is An Ya. She's a young wealthy woman, and god-knows how many Spiritual Items are carried by her. Wanting to defeat her isn't something that's easy to accomplish," said Wen Qingxuan as she pointed to the final quiet and refined-looking young girl.

An Ya sent a somewhat embarrassed smile towards Mu Chen and his group, causing little dimples to appear on her lovable face, giving her an exceedingly pure look.

“In addition, they’re able to attempt their Spiritual Energy Disaster,” added Wen Qingxuan.

Hearing this last point, Mu Chen could not help sighing in admiration, while nodding his head. That’s why Wen Qingxuan and her group was able to occupy and dominate the first place in the rankings. With such a lineup, the only words that could be used to describe them would be tyrannical. These girls appeared weak and frail, yet each and every one of them possessed strength comparable to those who have passed through their Spiritual Energy Disaster.

Face against such a tyrannical group, if his group took action, Mu Chen felt that they wouldn’t be able to see the glimpse of victory; after all, their disparity in strength was rather clear. The only people in his group that could stand at the peak would be he and Luo Li. If their opponents were able to hold and obstruct the two of them, Xu Huang and the other two would quickly fall into a disadvantage.

Therefore, this was the main reason why Mu Chen had to give his all to contest the ancient remnant. As of now, they were representing the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, after all, and not fighting for themselves. Not only did he have to consider for himself, he also needed to take Xu Huang and the other two into consideration. If not, they would definitely be in quite a substantial disadvantage in the final match.

“What about you?” asked Mu Chen with a smile towards Wen Qingxuan.

From the looks of it, Wen Qingxuan’s cultivation seemed to be of Spiritual Energy Disaster. However, Mu Chen could faintly discern some dangerous fluctuations coming from her. Clearly, she was concealing many things from them.

“Me?” A crafty smile appeared on Wen Qingxuan’s face as she replied, “ If you’re willing to share your secrets with me, I’ll consider doing so for mine.”

“What secrets do I have?” asked Mu Chen as he slightly narrowed his eyes.

“I’m able to sense a unique feeling coming from your body... it’s extremely powerful. However, it seems to be in a state of deep sleep,” replied Wen Qingxuan with a faint smile as she cast her alluring and beautiful eyes towards Mu Chen.

Hearing her reply, as chill shook through Mu Chen’s heart. Deep sleep? Is she talking about Nine Nether? Truly an astonishing sensing level. This was the first time he had bumped into someone of similar age to him that was able to sense Nine Nether in the midst of her transformation. Indeed, his Wen Qingxuan is not simple...

“Looks like you’re not willing, huh. Nevermind. I’m also lying to you. Even if you tell me your secrets, I won’t be willing to tell you mine,” said Wen Qingxuan with a wave of her hand. Looking towards Luo Li, she said with a grin, “I’ll be willing if it’s Luo Li. Luo Li, do you want to know?”

Hearing that, Luo Li only gave a faint smile, and shook her head before replying, “Everyone has their own secrets.”

“Did he tell his secrets to you?” asked Wen Qingxuan in a seemingly accidental fashion.

Shooting a look at Mu Chen with her clear, glass-like eyes, Luo Li replied with a faint smile, “He would naturally tell me those that can be mentioned. Furthermore, I believe in him.”

Mu Chen glared unhappily at Wen Qingxuan. For some reason, he could feel as if she was trying to incite disharmony between his relationship with Luo Li. However, their relationship was as stable as a cornerstone and not easily moved or shaken by such attempts.

“Luo Li, you truly are good at understanding people. I really like that.” Rays of splendor radiated from Wen Qingxuan’s phoenix-like eyes. Unable to control herself, she went near to Luo Li, before holding the latter’s slender hands in an intimate manner, while saying with an alluring laugh, “Why not toss away this bunch of smelly men and go together with us! We’ll definitely be able to become the champions of this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament!”

Despite their different temperaments, when two faces that were capable of causing the downfall of nations come together, they formed an exceedingly attractive sight that caused Xu Huang and the other two to quietly gulp down their saliva. However, the gaze Mu Chen sent towards Wen Qingxuan appeared somewhat weird and strange. Although Wen Qingxuan appeared like she was playing and teasing around, somehow, he felt that something was not quite right...

Sensing Mu Chen’s gaze, Wen Qingxuan appeared to not care one bit as she held on to Luo Li’s slender and tender hands. However, while in at an angle that Luo Li was unable to see, she raised her eyebrows somewhat provocatively towards him before slightly opening her mouth.

Seeing this, Mu Chen’s eyes grew wide open, as he could decipher the words mouthed out by the alluring little lips of Wen Qingxuan.

“I will make Luo Li mine!”

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The words Wen Qingxuan had mouthed had clearly caused Mu Chen’s heart to violently shake, with the gaze he sent towards the former turning somewhat strange. He finally understood the origin of the weird feeling he was having. From the tone and manner of Wen Qingxuan’s words, she clearly had a special thought towards Luo Li.

It seems that there is a special... rival in love popping out?

Noticing Mu Chen’s strange gaze, Wen Qingxuan showed not one bit of being offended. On the contrary, she revealed an alluring and soul-stirring smile towards him. This smile had the charm that could cause the downfall of a country, causing Mu Chen to give a sigh of helplessness within his heart. Pretty lady, why do you want to head down this path?

Wen Qingxuan held Luo Li’s hands in a confident and natural manner. Being exceedingly close to Luo Li, the exquisite figures of the two girls appeared to be pasted together, clearly showing the extreme intimacy between them.

Luo Li also felt slightly flabbergasted by such intimacy shown by Wen Qingxuan. Nevertheless, she clearly didn’t think about any weird ideas from this. Therefore, despite being slightly uncomfortable, she didn’t reject this intimacy. She had no lack of a favorable view towards Wen Qingxuan, as the latter was similarly outstanding, while possessing an extremely free and unconstrained character. These traits were extremely hard to be found on ordinary girls.

However, although Luo Li didn't mind it, Mu Chen felt jealousy and envy brewing within him. With a dry cough, he extended his hands to grab onto Luo Li's snow-white wrist, before pulling her away. Stepping forward, he separated Luo Li from Wen Qingxuan, before saying with a smile, "Captain Wen Qingxuan, when do we take action?"

Seeing Mu Chen barging in, Wen Qingxuan could not help rolling her eyes towards him. Twirling a lock of her hair in her hand, she said in an indifferent tone, "Naturally, as soon as possible. As of now, all six Divine Quotas have landed in the hands of people, and they should also know about the location of the Divine Wood Palace. Therefore, they would head there at full force. This Divine Wood Palace remnant isn't like any ordinary remnant. There are quite a few inheritances within it. As long as you obtain one of them, it would allow your group's strength to drastically increase. Therefore, there's no one who would be willing to give up on such an opportunity."

Slightly nodding his head, Mu Chen muttered, "Of the other five Divine Quotas, whose hands did they land in?"

"According to what I know, the Academy Alliance should have one, while the people from the Saint Spiritual Academy and the Martial Spiritual Academy have each gotten one... as for remaining two, I'm not too sure. However, as to the people who are able to obtain and hold on to those Divine Quotas, I believe that no one would believe that those people don't possess an adequate level of strength. Therefore, the groups that would contest for the Divine Wood Palace remnant would naturally be rather strong."

Raising her phoenix-like eyes to look into the distance, Wen Qingxuan continued speaking, "The Great Spiritual Academy Tournament has already started to entered its heated phase. Those powerful groups that are hiding in the dark are all starting to reveal themselves in succession. The Great Spiritual Academy Tournament this time is even tougher than previous times as god-knows how many crouching tigers and hidden dragons there are within this tournament. Even I don't have absolute confidence in achieving the championship. If not, I wouldn't come to find you guys to collaborate."

"There are four leaders within the Academy Alliance; of which, three of them are known by me. Each of them are quite strong and aren't easy to deal with. Furthermore, all of them have rather splendid combat results, with even experts of Spiritual Energy Disaster suffering defeat in their hands."

Hearing her words, Mu Chen's forehead immediately twitched. Being able to defeat experts of Spiritual Energy Disaster... From the looks of it, the three leaders of the Academy Alliance really do possess some ability. In this current phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, experts of Spiritual Energy Disaster were already able to dominate fights by themselves. As for people who were able to even defeat them, this showed what peak level they were in.

"There's still one more leader?" asked Mu Chen in doubt. It seemed that Wen Qingxuan had only talked about three of the aforementioned leaders.

"The Head Leader of the Academy Alliance is exceedingly mysterious. Furthermore, he's the creator of this Academy Alliance. I've yet to see his true face. However, being able to let the other three wild and untamable Heads elect him as their Head, I'm afraid that this person should be a formidable opponent to deal with," replied Wen Qingxuan with a slight frown.

Hearing that, Mu Chen nodded his head, his expression turning solemn. From the looks of it, the matter of this Divine Wood Palace remnant truly would not be easy. Even someone as arrogant as Wen Qingxuan appeared to be that vigilant and cautious.

“The people from the Saint Spiritual Academy... was it Ji Xuan and his group?” Suddenly, Mu Chen’s eyes slightly flashed as he shot out a question.

“I’m not too sure about this, but each of the four Great Holy Sons of the Saint Spiritual Academy head their own teams. Of them, there are two that needs to be paid attention to,” replied Wen Qingxuan as she looked towards Mu Chen.

“Oh?” Mu Chen appeared exceedingly interested as he listened. Clearly, Wen Qingxuan’s information was much more accurate than theirs, to actually be able to get such a deep understanding of the Saint Spiritual Academy’s four Great Holy Sons.

“From the surface, there isn’t any separation of the four Great Holy Sons. However, that isn’t true... Among the four, Great Holy Son Wang Zhong is undoubtedly the strongest. As for the other one, it is Ji Xuan. He’s the one among the four Great Holy Sons that have the least experience. However, at the same time, he’s the one whose depths are deep and unmeasurable. I think that you should know about this point, right?” replied Wen Qingxuan.

“Great Holy Son Wang Zhong...” muttered Mu Chen as his eyes slightly narrowed. He had crossed hands with one of the four Holy Sons, Xia Hou, even causing serious injuries to the latter. From what he could see, other than Ji Xuan, he had assumed that the other Holy Sons should not be much apart in strength from one another. However, after hearing those words from Wen Qingxuan, he should pay more attention to this Wang Zhong.

“As for the Saint Spiritual Academy group that would appear in the Divine Wood Palace, there’s a very high possibility that it could be either Wang Zhong or Ji Xuan in their lead...” replied Wen Qingxuan.

Hearing that, Mu Chen slightly nodded his head. Regardless of Wang Zhong or Ji Xuan, both of them are exceedingly thorny opponents. From the looks of it, this Divine Wood Palace really would become extremely lively.

“Take your Divine Quota out. We should be making our move now.” Not wanting to talk any longer, Wen Qingxuan looked towards Mu Chen and spoke out.

Not hesitating, Mu Chen clenched his hand, causing the Divine Wood Plaque to appear within. Activating his Spiritual Energy, the Divine Wood Plaque instantly radiated with emerald-green rays of brilliance. After starting to slowly vibrate, it pointed towards the northwest direction.

“Northwest, huh?” Looking towards the shown direction, Wen Qingxuan gave a slight nod.

“Let’s go.”

Storing the Divine Wood Plaque, Mu Chen gave a huge wave of his hand, before taking the lead. Shooting out, he transformed into a beam of light, with Luo Li, Xu Huang and the other two immediately following suit.

“Let us get on our way, too.”

With a faint smile, Wen Qingxuan took the lead, and headed out as the exquisite young girls followed behind her.

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This fragment of the Shattered Continent was exceedingly vast. Although it was only a fragment of the entire Shattered Continent, it was not inferior in size to the Northern Heavens Continent. Therefore, even after heading on their way for five continuous days, they were still unable to reach the location indicated by the Divine Wood Plaque.

However, during their five-day journey, Mu Chen and the rest were able to clearly sense a gradual change as the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament ramped towards the climax. Along the way, they had seen far too many fights. There were large-scale ones and small ones, with the largest having hundreds of groups duking it out in a radius that seemed to spread over a thousand kilometres. The rampant Spiritual Energy fluctuations caused even the entire world to change colour.

Faced against those fights, Mu Chen and the rest only observed from the side with a detached point-of-view, not interfering with any of them while heading along their journey. He didn't have the slightest bit of thought towards the possibility of obtaining such a gigantic amount of points as he knew that it was still not the time to take action just for the sake of points.

While Mu Chen didn't go out to provoke those groups, there were similarly no groups that came out to provoke them. Naturally, the greatest reason was due to Wen Qingxuan travelling beside them. Faced against the tyrannically powerful group placed first in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, there was clearly no one that dared to recklessly provoke them. However, Wen Qingxuan and her group were attracting too much attention...

As they smoothly went on their way, three more days quickly passed by. Finally, Mu Chen and the rest were getting near their targeted location. That's because Mu Chen was able to sense the Divine Wood Plaque in his hands emitting increasingly bright rays of brilliance. Faintly, he could also sense it gradually turning warm.

These signs all pointed to the fact that they were starting to get close to the concealed genuine remnant of the Divine Wood Palace.

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"The remnant of the Divine Wood Palace is very likely at the ancient mountain range two thousand kilometres away from us."

Standing on a mountain peak, Mu Chen held the Divine Wood Plaque as he said that. Looking towards the horizon in the northwest direction, he said with a smile, "According to the speed we're travelling at, we should be able to reach there by tomorrow."

"This should be considered as the central location of this fragment of the Shattered Continent," said Luo Li in a soft voice as she scanned the surroundings with her beautiful eyes. "The groups that have appeared here are getting increasingly stronger... I believe that the location where the Divine Wood Palace remnant have already attracted many groups to converge at its location."

Hearing that, Mu Chen nodded his head. Along the way, they had seen quite a few groups that were heading along the same direction as them. Clearly, the location of the Divine Wood Palace remnant had already been revealed by other people. This would mean that when it came time to harvest the treasures present within it, it would clearly be even more chaotic.

“There should be a transaction base located 5 hundred kilometres in front of us. We might be able to temporarily stop there. This transaction base should be the largest one within a radius of tens of thousands of kilometres. There will be a lot of groups converging there, with quite a few genuine good things present there, especially some Combat Spirit Pills. I think that we should need some of those,” said Wen Qingxuan as she looked into the distance.

“Combat Spirit Pills... that’s too luxurious,” replied Mu Chen as he rubbed his nose. Those Spirit Pills that were able to increase one’s combat strength or increase recovery of Spiritual Energy were exceedingly expensive. Wanting to exchange for them would absolutely require an exorbitant price. He really did want to acquire some of them. However, they were truly luxurious items, things that not just anyone could afford.

“As if I’ve asked you to pay,” said Wen Qingxuan as she rolled her eyes towards Mu Chen. Proceeding to ignore him, with a shift of her exquisite figure, she took the lead and shot off.

Helplessly shrugging his shoulders, Mu Chen brought along the rest as they chased after her.

Five hundred kilometers wouldn’t take much time for Mu Chen and the rest. As mountain after mountain shot by beneath their feet, they could feel countless Spiritual Energy fluctuations suddenly appearing in the distance before them. Raising their heads, they could see countless beams of light, hiding the skies and covering the earth as they shot by, finally landing in the ground in the distance skies.

Present in this area was a somewhat large town that had clearly appeared not long ago, quietly sitting on the ground. It was precisely this town that those countless beams of light had landed in.

Clearly, this should be the so-called “transaction base” that Wen Qingxuan had spoken about.

Looking at the luxurious little town, slight curiosity rose within Mu Chen, before he was about to lead everyone to descend with a wave of his hand.

However, just as he made a move, he discovered that Luo Li had suddenly come to a halt. At this moment, faint chilling intent surfaced from her faintly smiling beautiful face.

Striding in front of Mu Chen, Luo Li’s ice-cold gaze shot towards a mountain peak in the distance. A dozen figures were faintly discernible as Mu Chen cast his gaze over, causing wrinkles to appear on his forehead. There seemed to be two to three groups present there, with those people appearing exceedingly unfamiliar. However, blood-red robes were worn by each and every one of them, causing them to appear exceedingly glaring and striking.

Fluctuations that caused Mu Chen to feel somewhat uncomfortable were radiating from them.

“What’s the matter?” asked Wen Qingxuan in a soft voice, having also noticed the blood robe-dressed groups that seemed to be also looking over towards them.

Slowly clenching her Luo God Sword tightly, Luo Li looked towards Mu Chen, before replying in a slow manner, "They're people from the Blood God Clan."

Hearing her reply, Mu Chen's eyes instantly narrowed. One of the four God Clans of the Western Heavens World, the Blood God Clan? He never expected them to even send people over to the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament... were they aiming for Luo Li?