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#### Chapter 541: Snatching the Black Tortoise Seal

Shhhhhuuu!

The blood pike swept down along with a sharp wind as it ruthlessly aimed towards Mu Chen's head. The attack was extremely vicious.

Mu Chen's pupils turned cold at the same time as black lightning instantly surge out of his body. He tightly clenched his fist as lightning flickered on it when he threw a punch towards the blood pike.

Dang!

A metallic collision resounded as sparks flew. The fist and pike clashed as an astonishing fluctuation spread out. Mu Chen and Xue Tiandou's figures jolted before flying away.

Mu Chen tapped his foot on the air as he stabilised his figure. He had an indifferent expression as he stared at Xue Tiandou before him as killing intent vaguely surged within his eyes.

"Haha, your eyesight is pretty good..." Xue Tiandou said as he glanced at the Black Tortoise Seal in the light.

Xue Tiandou was similarly a Successor and thus, he naturally knew some info as well. The Black Tortoise Seal was the most powerful treasure amongst the ten treasures. Therefore, his choice was the same as Mu Chen's.

Mu Chen indifferently looked at him as the Devouring Dragon Demonic Spear appeared in his hand, before a baleful aura surged as he gripped it. He pointed the sharp end of the speartip towards Xue Tiandou as he smiled, "You've not been pleasing to my eyes since long ago. Seems like I no longer have to endure it."

"Are you sure you're not seeking shame yourself?" A mockery smile appeared on the corner of Xue Tiandou's lips.

"I believe you still don't have that qualification." Mu Chen said honestly.

The corner of Xue Tiandou's lips twitched as his eyes gradually turned cold. The hand that he used to hold onto the blood pike had veins popping out. Shortly after, the smile on his face gradually turned savage as he stomped his foot on their air. His figure mysteriously disappeared.

The instant Xue Tiandou disappeared, a dragon image flickered beneath Mu Chen's feet as he had appeared at the side of the pillar in an instant. The Devouring Dragon Demonic Spear in his hand drew a tricky angle as he stabbed towards the the left side of the pillar at lightning speed

Ding!

The blood pike shot out from that direction as it clashed with the Devouring Dragon Demonic Spear. Sparks flew as the surrounding air exploded from the impact.

"If you want to snatch the treasure, defeat me first." Mu Chen smiled as he looked at the figure that had appeared on the left side.

"There isn't any better option."

Xue Tiandou coldly laughed as he stomped his feet. Boundless scarlet-red Spiritual Energy surged out from his body like a tidal wave as it instantly occupied half of the sky. A powerful Spiritual Energy pressure was unleashed towards Mu Chen.

Rumble.

Black lightning frantically flickered on the surface of Mu Chen's body. On his chest, five lightning runes appeared. Clearly, he had used the Lightning God's Physique. Great power filled his limbs, causing the powerful Spiritual Energy pressure to lose effect.

Rustle!

The two figures flew out at the same time, along with sounds of wind breaking, as earth-shattering spear images clashed against the blood pike with boiling Spiritual Energy. It was like torrential rain as they clashed.

Ding! Ding!

Everyone could only hear the metallic sounds ringing as they clashed, as well as the waves of rampant fluctuations. The two figures, however, were especially blurry to watch. No one dared to step foot in that region. Even those that wanted to seize the treasure had to avoid.

Ding!

Speartip and pike tip clashed as neither was prepared to give an inch. Under the two powerful forces, even the spear and pike seemed vaguely curved. However, they were straightened in the next instant as the air exploded. The two figures were jolted back several steps.

Xue Tiandou's face was frozen cold. Mu Chen's physical body was indeed powerful. Even if he had the upper hand in terms of Spiritual Energy compared to Mu Chen, the latter could make use of his powerful physical body to compensate for it. Seems like ordinary methods would be useless to deal with this fellow.

"Blood God's Palm!"

As he pondered, Xue Tiandou's fist suddenly stretched out as formless bloody light gathered in his palm as he pushed his palm forward. A blood palm with the size of a few hundred feet was like thunderclouds as it shrouded Mu Chen along with concentrated reek of blood spreading out.

Mu Chen's eyes flickered as he clenched his fist. Black lightning frantically sparked as his entire arm became black in colour, giving off a feeling as if it could conquer everything before one.

"Thunder God's Fist!"

He threw the fist out as it carried along the roar of thunder as it clashed against the blood palm.

Boom!

Wild Spiritual Energy spread out as they caused even the space to start twisting.

When the surrounding people saw their confrontation, their faces couldn't help changing. Even a Late Phase Spiritual Energy expert would be in a terrible state at this level of confrontation.

"Four Gods Constellation Scripture!"

Destroying the blood palm with his fist, Mu Chen did not retreat as he formed seals with his hand. Powerful Spiritual Energy swept out as a starry sky appeared behind him. Four beasts took form as they charged towards Xue Tiandou in an instant.

"Petty tricks."

Xue Tiandou coldly smiled as he suddenly spreaded both his hands out. Boundless Spiritual Energy formed into a bloody screen as it descended before him. The four beasts were submerged as they charged into the bloody screen and quickly dissipated.

Mu Chen lightly smiled at the scene as his figure suddenly disappeared. When he appeared, he was already before the Black Tortoise Seal.

"Before you defeat me, stay your hands!" Xue Tiandou's gaze turned cold at the sight of him as he sent a palm out. The blood palm descended on Mu Chen's head.

Mu Chen narrowed both his eyes as the Devouring Dragon Demonic Spear suddenly stabbed forward. The spear lifted the Black Tortoise Seal as the body of the spear trembled, sending the Black Tortoise Seal flying away.

Rustle!

When the Black Tortoise Seal flew up, Xue Tiandou's eyes flickered as he had turned into bloody shadow, appearing before the Black Tortoise Seal before Mu Chen. He made a grab towards the seal as he coldly smiled, "Thanks a lot, seems like this treasure is unfated for you."

His smile had only been maintained for an instant, before his face changed. He could feel that the Black Tortoise Seal had suddenly become heavy when it landed in his hands. The feeling was as if he was lifting the mountains with his bare hands. Not only did his body feel heavy, even the Spiritual Energy within his body slowed down.

"You're welcome."

Mu Chen's mocking voice resounded before him. Mu Chen mysteriously appeared before Xue Tiandou as lightning flickered on his palm as he slapped Xue Tiandou's chest at lightning speed.

A violent wind tore the space as Xue Tiandou's face changed. His sleeves trembled as a wooden bell flew out as it instantly expanded in size before him.

Boom!

Mu Chen's palm heavily clashed against the wooden bell as it caused the bell to ring. Sound waves spread out, causing the air in this area to continuously shatter.

The wooden bell rapidly flew back into Xue Tiandou's sleeve under Mu Chen's palm.

“What a pity.”

Mu Chen sighed in his heart. Before refining the Black Tortoise Seal, one would only feel pressure from coming in contact with it. That was the reason why he would send the Black Tortoise Seal flying away earlier, because he wanted Xue Tiandou to go after it. And as he had wished, the latter fell for his trap.

If Xue Tiandou did not have the Wooden Spiritual Bell, he would have been wounded by Mu Chen in that attack earlier.

“What a good scheme!”

Xue Tiandou’s face was dark as he had reflected. His palm trembled as he sent the Black Tortoise Seal flying once again. The instant the Black Tortoise Seal left his hand, the pressure instantly disappeared. He coldly looked at Mu Chen as rage filled his eyes. He was actually tricked by that fellow.

“Since you’re seeking death, I’ll let you have a taste of Spirit Disaster!”

Xue Tiandou suddenly clenched both his fists as a torrential blood sea formed behind him. Both of his eyes turned red as concentrated bloodlust appeared on his face.

“Blood God Law - Blood Dragon Suppression!”

Xue Tiandou’s scarlet-red fingers pointed at Mu Chen as the bloody sea frantically rolled. It had actually turned into a ferocious bloody dragon as it brought along a strong smell of blood. It tore through the horizon as a colossal shadow shrouded a few hundred feet around Mu Chen. It had sealed off Mu Chen’s path of retreat.

Clearly, Xue Tiandou had pushed his strength of First Grade Spirit Disaster to the limits. It was even more powerful compared to the puppet Mu Chen had encountered in the Spiritual Treasure Mountain!

As the Blood God Suppression charged over, Mu Chen’s charming face was filled with graveness. However, he did not have the intention to dodge. He deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as the lightning on the surface of his body suddenly grew stronger. The black light had a faint green light mixed within it.

It was as if the lightning runes were growing out of his body and onto his arm. Those lightning runes were black in colour as they filled every single corner of his right arm. Black lightning seemed as if it had formed into a liquid as it slowly circulated on his arm. An unspeakable power was being emitted at this instant, causing even the space to be twisted.

“Arm of the Lightning God.”

Mu Chen took a step forth as lightning flickered in his black pupils. He threw a fist forward as the lightning liquid on his arm contained tens of thousands of lightning bolts as it heavily clashed with the incoming bloody dragon.

Boom!

As the two forces clashed, the entire region was silent for an instant. Thereafter, everyone could see fine cracks appear on the space. Thereafter, a fearsome fluctuation swept out, causing those nearby to fly away. At the same time, the ground below was torn as cracks appeared.

The impact wreck havoc as the bloody dragon disappeared in an instant as it turned into a bloody light. Xue Tiandou, who was staring at the scene before him, had his face instantly pale.

At the direction that he was looking, Mu Chen did not move as he had maintained the posture when he sent that fist earlier. There were still liquid circulating on his arm.

On his chest, lightning flickered as another lightning rune quietly appeared on top of the fifth.

Mu Chen's Lightning God's Physique had undergone a breakthrough, reaching Hexa Rune Lightning Physique!

Lightning flickered as the longspear in Mu Chen's hand swipe horizontally with the spear tip tilting as the Black Tortoise Seal landed on the speartip.

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#### **Chapter 542: Thorny**

Mu Chen stood on the air. One of his arms had lightning liquid circulating as if the lightning rune was growing on his muscles as it emitted a fearsome power. The other was holding onto the Devouring Dragon Demonic Spear in a tilted angle as the speartip had an ancient stone seal on it.

On his chest, there were six lighting runes that vaguely appeared as rampant lightning energy flowed on his body. As his muscles twitched, the surrounding atmosphere exploded. The strength of his physical body had reached a fearsome degree.

This was a sign that Mu Chen's Lightning God's Physique had reached Hexa Rune Lightning Physique.

It was the benefit that Mu Chen had obtained when he was in the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper.

Haaaaa.

A white mist had lightning mixed in it as Mu Chen breathed out. Lightning flickered as Mu Chen's eyes seemed as if there were lightning born in them. They emitted an indescribable pressure as he looked at the pale-faced Xue Tiandou before him as he had an indifferent gaze. If he did not break through to Hexa Rune Lightning Physique, he might not have the upper hand when he fought with Xue Tiandou. However, no one could have expected his Lightning God's Physique to break through when he was struck by the Divine Wood Lightning Dipper.

Hexa Rune Lightning Physique enabled Mu Chen to fight with any Spirit Disaster expert.

"Looks like you're unfated with this treasure." Mu Chen spoke as he lightly smiled.

Xue Tiandou's gaze was dark as he stared at Mu Chen. However, underneath that darkness, there was a trace of fear. Since the start, he had never placed Mu Chen on the same level as him. However, he couldn't help changing that kind of view anymore.

That was because he could sense pressure being emitted from Mu Chen's body.

The latter's physical body was much stronger compared to before. To an extent that even he could not disregard.

"You are indeed capable to be able to cultivate your physical body to such an extent. Amongst those of the same generations that I have encountered, your physical body could be ranked in the top ten." Xue Tiandou said as his tone was cold.

Mu Chen smiled in reply, "Thanks for your praise."

"However..."

Xue Tiandou's pupils seemed as if there were blood seas flowing in them as he slowly said, "No matter how strong your physical body is, there is still a limit to it."

When Mu Chen heard his words, he did not express his opinion on it. He shifted his gaze towards another direction. Despite the fact that Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan had encountered obstructions, with the strength of the two girls, the obstructions that they both encountered was lighter compared to his own. Therefore, by the time he obtained the Black Tortoise Seal, the two girls had already gotten the two treasures that he had chosen for them.

Luo Li's hand had a green jade ruler with complicated runes on it. If one were to attentively look at it, one could see dense vitality being emitted from the jade ruler as it seemed like grass.

Wen Qingxuan on the other hand, had a green wooden vine. The wooden vine was extremely simple, unadorned and had a smooth surface. It was similar to a green rope.

Clearly, the two treasures in their hands weren't ordinary objects. From the appearance of them, they seemed even more shiny compared to the Black Tortoise Seal that Mu Chen had obtained.

When Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan had successfully obtained the treasures, the seven other treasures had already fallen in the hands of others. However, there was a limit to the treasures, after all, as most of the people there were empty-handed, which made them feel unwilling, but there was nothing that they could do.

As the ten treasures had fallen in the hands of others, the intense battles from before had settled down. However, anyone could feel the tense atmosphere as there were many eyeing gazes.

The faces of Wang Zhong, Mo Yu and their group were the ugliest. When Mu Chen and Xue Tiandou fought, they had targeted Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan separately. However, the ending results could be seen. From a certain extent, the two girls had sharper means compared to Mu Chen. Despite the fact that they had given their all, they still lost to the two girls and ended up empty-handed.

As for Wu Yingying and the Four Seas Spiritual Academies, they did not partake in the intense battles as they had their eyes on the other weaker seven treasures. Therefore, they had gains from the battle. Although the treasures that they had obtained were Peerless Rank Spiritual Artifacts, they could still be considered as decent harvests.

The atmosphere in this plaza became a little strange.

Xue Tiandou stared at Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan as light flickered in his eyes. If he was dealing with Mu Chen alone, he still had some confidence. However, with Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan, even someone as prideful as him could only retreat.

"Mu Chen, aren't you guys a little too much?"

As Xue Tiandou's eyes flickered, a cold voice resounded from a corner. Everyone directed their gazes over and saw Wang Zhong staring at Mu Chen with hatred, "There are only three Quasi-Divine Artifacts here and all three of them are seized by your group. Are you going to let us return empty-handed?"

Wang Zhong's words were rather vicious. After all, the demands exceeded the supply. With Mu Chen's group of three gathered together, their strength was rather powerful and not a single side could gain any advantage if they were to act. Therefore, he was trying to isolate Mu Chen's group.

An uproar resounded in the entire plaza. Some people were unresigned as they couldn't help directing their gazes over to Mu Chen's group as fear and greed flickered in their eyes at the same time.

"Haha, Brother Wang Zhong is right. Mu Chen, a person cannot be too greedy, incase you'll die from bursting." Mo Yu coldly smiled at this instant as well. He had already originally hated Mu Chen. Adding on to Mu Chen's group of three seizing the three Quasi-Divine Artifacts, he would naturally hit him when he's down.

"Mu Chen, looks like you have quite a bit of enemies here." Xue Tiandou smiled as he looked at the scene before him in rumination.

Mu Chen had no expression on his face, whereas Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan's faces turned a little cold. The two girls flew to Mu Chen's side as they swept their cold gazes.

"Friend, from the looks of it, it seems like you have some grudges with Mu Chen's group. Why don't we join hands for once?" Wang Zhong's heart trembled when he saw Wen Qingxuan's cold gaze. He had too much fear for the latter and, therefore, he shifted his gaze and looked at Xue Tiandou. That person's strength could not be underestimated, since he had already reached First Grade Spirit Disaster, judging from his battle with Mu Chen earlier.

"Haha, I'm rather interested in this. You can leave Mu Chen to me to deal with." Xue Tiandou lightly smiled as he nodded his head. Wang Zhong's suggestion was what he had in mind. After all, he knew that it was difficult for him to deal with Mu Chen's group of three all by himself.

Wang Zhong rejoiced at Xue Tiandou's reply. He knew how hard Mu Chen was to deal with. The latter had defeated a First Grade Spirit Disaster when he was in the Spiritual Treasure Mountain. Therefore, it was great news to him that Xue Tiandou was willing to deal with Mu Chen.

"Haha, are the friends of Martial Spiritual Academy and the Four Sea Spiritual Academies interested to join in? I believe that the temptation of Quasi-Divine Artifacts is sufficient, right?"

After pulling Xue Tiandou to their camp, Wang Zhong looked at Wu Yingying, as well as the Four Sea Spiritual Academies. From the looks of it, he was obviously trying to pull people to deal with Mu Chen and his group together.

When Wu Yingying and the four Captains of the Four Sea Spiritual Academies heard his words, their faces changed a little that could not be noticed.

Wu Yingying looked towards Mu Chen. The latter did not have any expression, but the lightning that was flickering on the surface of his body revealed the rage and killing intent in his heart.

“You have already pulled two parties to your camp. If you were to pull us along to snatch for the three Quasi-Divine Artifact, how are we going to split amongst us? Are we going to fight another round?” Wu Yingying said indifferently.

Wang Zhong’s face changed at her words because Wu Yingying’s words were too sharp to the point that he didn’t know how to refute. After all, there were only three Quasi-Divine Artifacts and with Wang Zhong’s character, it was impossible for him to return empty-handed. Therefore, there would still be a round of intense battles for the distribution of Quasi-Divine Artifacts after dealing with Mu Chen.

The four Captains of the Four Sea Spiritual Academies exchanged looks as they shook their heads in the end, “Captain Wang Zhong, I apologize. We of the Four Sea Spiritual Academies have no intention to join. Although Quasi-Divine Artifacts are rare, since we have no fate to them, we will not force them.”

They rejected Wang Zhong’s invitation as they saw that be it Mu Chen’s group or Wang Zhong’s group, none of them were easy to deal with. Although they had some strength, there wasn’t any benefits in them partaking in the battle. Therefore, just as Wu Yingying had said, even after dealing with Mu Chen’s group, it might not guarantee that they would get the Quasi-Divine Artifacts. Who knows if all their efforts would be for naught and benefitted others instead?

Wang Zhong’s expression was a little ugly as he couldn’t help ruthlessly glancing at Wu Yingying. It was because the latter had picked such a point that caused the other party to withdraw their stirring hearts.

Wu Yingying paid no attention to him as she folded her arms. An arc appeared on her squashed chest as she coldly swept a glance at Mu Chen and snorted, “If you guys want to fight, feel free to fight. When you guys are tired from fighting, I will naturally act.”

Mu Chen smiled as he gave a grateful gaze towards Wu Yingying. He knew that her words earlier had dispelled the thoughts for many people.

However, Wu Yingying’s face was still cold as she paid no attention to his grateful gaze.

Wang Zhong’s face was ashened as he coldly smiled, “It will still be enough without you guys.”

As he finished speaking, he waved his sleeve as a ray of light flickered. A huge statue appeared on the plaza. It was a Divine Wood Guard. Furthermore, from the ripples emitted from that Divine Wood Guard, its power didn’t seem to be any weaker compared to the one in Mu Chen’s possession.

Mo Yu chuckled at the sight of it as he flicked his hand and another similar statue appeared.

“Since everyone has summoned this thing, then I’ll not stay my hands as well.” Xue Tiandou lazily smiled as he summoned another identical Divine Wood Guard with a movement of his hand.

The entire plaza was a little quiet as everyone directed their astonished gazes towards the three Divine Wood Guard. Who could have expected that Wang Zhong’s party would suddenly summon three First Grade Spirit Disaster puppets?

Mu Chen looked at the three puppets as he focused his gaze. Seems like every single team that had obtained the Divine Wood Plaque had also obtained a Divine Wood Guard.

Furthermore, from the formation, three of these Divine Wood Guards would represent three First Grade Spirit Disaster puppets. By adding Xue Tiandou, Wang Zhong and Mo Yu's party, this formation was rather troublesome to them.

Seems like things have started to become thorny.

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#### **Chapter 543: Two Girls**

Three colossal Divine Wood Guards stood on the plaza as the shadows from their huge bodies had covered the entire plaza. A formless pressure brought by them had caused many people's expressions to turn grave as fear filled their eyes. No one could have expected that Wang Zhong, Xue Tiandou and Mo Yu would have such powerful trump cards in their hands.

A Divine Wood Guard represented a First Grade Spirit Disaster expert. This strong entity was capable of defeating an elite team.

And now, there were three of such Divine Wood Guards.

Many people directed their gazes over to Mu Chen's group of three. However, they saw that Mu Chen's group of three did not panic. Clearly, they had already expected it. Excitement filled their hearts as they had a favourable opinion of Mu Chen, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan. After all, Wen Qingxuan was once the numero uno, so others couldn't help the fear in their hearts for her.

But, right now, there were three Divine Wood Guards that broke this balance. Three First Grade Spirit Disasters weren't easy to deal with.

Seemed like there would be a genuine ferocious battle this time around.

"Haha. Mu Chen, looks like the situation isn't in your grasp all the time." Wang Zhong smiled as he looked at Mu Chen. Three Divine Wood Guards had boosted his confidence. He refused to believe that with such an overwhelming advantage, they still could not suppress Mu Chen and his group.

Mu Chen did not have too many ripples on his face as he swept his gaze, before looking at Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan as he softly said, "I'll deal with Xue Tiandou."

Amongst the three, Xue Tiandou was clearly the strongest. Fighting with him would most definitely be the hardest. Although Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan's strengths were rather alarming, this was something that a man had to do at this point of time.

"Can you do it?" Wen Qingxuan took a glance at Xue Tiandou. That fellow was the most dangerous amongst the three. Although Mu Chen had the upper hand during their previous battle and managed to seize the stone seal, a majority of it was due to his powerful physique that far surpassed the expectations of Xue Tiandou. Now that the latter had preparations, victory would probably be much more difficult.

"Don't ask a man this sort of question. Even if he can't, he will still force his way up," said Mu Chen.

Wen Qingxuan was dazed for a brief moment. Shortly after, who knows where her trail of thoughts had led her as redness appeared on her fair skin as she ruthlessly stared at Mu Chen, "Lecher!"

Mu Chen was dumbfounded. Thereafter, he figured it out and he couldn't help having a weird smile as he teased, "I'm speaking about the problem of honor, what are you thinking?"

Wen Qingxuan's blush was comparable to the sunset's glow as she tightly gripped onto her golden warspear as she gritted her teeth, "I dare you to ask again?"

Seeing as Wen Qingxuan was about to explode, Mu Chen laughed and no longer teased her. The current situation wasn't too good and if he were to cause Wen Qingxuan to run from the anger, it would certainly be a headache for him.

"How are we going to divide them?" Luo Li was already immune to the quarrel of them both as she helplessly reminded them of the situation before them.

"Leave Xue Tiandou and his Divine Wood Guard to me." Wen Qingxuan coldly snorted as a chill surged in her phoenix-like eyes. Her face was filled with killing intent. Clearly, she was annoyed with those that dared to find her trouble. Did those fellows no longer fear her since they thought that she was no longer the numero uno?

Luo Li took a glance at Wen Qingxuan. She naturally knew that Xue Tiandou was the hardest to deal with amongst the other party and since Wen Qingxuan chose him at the first hand, it had clearly loosened their pressure.

Thereafter, Luo Li looked at Mu Chen. The latter was staring at Xue Tiandou as he lightly shook his head.

"What's your opinion?" Wen Qingxuan said unhappily at the sight of his action.

"Can the both of you obstruct them for a period of time?" Mu Chen said softly.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were startled as they looked at Mu Chen in doubt. However, the former quickly thought of something as her charming eyes focused, "You're going to form a Spiritual Array?"

Mu Chen slowly nodded his head.

"Is... is your Spiritual Array... reliable?" Wen Qingxuan couldn't help asking him. Just when that word was about to slip from her mouth, her face blushed as she quickly changed a word.

"Even more reliable than me!" Mu Chen said seriously as he couldn't, but was about to laugh.

Wen Qingxuan rolled her eyes at him as she spoke lightly, "Since that's the case, then I'll believe you for once. Me and Luo Li will obstruct them. However, if your Spiritual Array doesn't have too much of an effect... I'll take charge of the situation next and even you have to listen to my commands."

Mu Chen was startled as he looked at the charming features of the girl before him and nodded with a smile.

"I will hurry up."

Mu Chen nodded his head and, thereafter, he waved his hand and a similar Divine Wood Guard appeared, "This Divine Wood Guard will share some of the burden, the two of you be careful."

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan exchanged a glance as they nodded their heads. The two girls appeared on the two sides of the Divine Wood Guard. One had a golden warspear in her hand, while the other had a

longsword. Wind whistled as the hair of the two girls fluttered in the wind. That scene was extremely shaking to the core.

Everyone in the plaza could not help having their eyes light up as they looked at the two slender girls. The two girls possessed unrivalled beauty, but their temperaments were different.

Wen Qingxuan held onto the warspear as her golden battle armour covered her exquisite figure and her fine hair dropped down to her waist. Her long and narrow phoenix-like eyes were flickering with coldness and pride. Her current appearance made her look like a war goddess that was emitting fearsome fighting spirit.

Luo Li, on the other hand, stood towering as her longsword was held at a tilted angle. Her long azure dress tightly stuck to her soft body as her alluring curves were drawn out. Despite having outstanding beauty, her crystal-clear pupils were the most charming. They were clear, without any impurities, causing others to be drunk on her charm. Her fighting spirit wasn't as sharp as Wen Qingxuan's but when her eyes slightly hung down, there was a trace of chill that flashed past.

The two girls stood on the left and right of the Divine Wood Guard. The breathtaking appearance made god-knows how many people swallow their saliva. Thereafter, they all felt envy towards Mu Chen. How was that fellow so blessed to such an extent...?

"Haha, you're planning to let the girls lead the fight?" When Xue Tiandou saw Luo Li, a strong possessive desire rose as he mocked while looking at Mu Chen's direction.

Mu Chen wasn't bothered with his mockery as he sat down on the sky with indifference.

When Xue Tiandou saw that, his eyes flashed with a chill as he flicked with his finger and blood-red Spiritual Energy shot towards Mu Chen's direction.

Shhhhuuu!

An extremely sharp sword light swept past as it instantly shredded the Spiritual Energy.

Luo Li's fingers rolled a strand of her long hair as she lightly stared at Xue Tiandou, "He doesn't have the time to be bothered with you right now. If you want to fight, I'll accompany you."

Xue Tiandou's face turned dark.

"Hmph, what a big tone from you. I know that the strength of the two of you isn't ordinary. However, aren't you indulging in your fantasy if you think that you can obstruct all of us?" Wang Zhong coldly snorted.

"Even if Ji Xuan is here, he wouldn't dare to speak as such to me. Who are you?" Wen Qingxuan coldly laughed. Her disdainful tone made the corner of Wang Zhong's eyes twitch.

"Since that's the case, then I'll have to experience it!" Mo Yu's eyes were cold when he looked at Mu Chen as he had guessed something. In an instant, his sleeves trembled as three streaks of light flew out. At the same time, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong both had three streaks of light shooting out separately.

Nine streaks of light flew over as they expanded in size. They turned into nine humanoid puppets. Those puppets were a little mottled with a faint green light on the surface of their bodies. On their bodies,

there were numerous savage scars, which seemed to have indicated that they suffered a huge battle in ancient time, causing them to be a little damaged.

Despite being damaged, powerful ripples could be felt from their bodies. Although that degree could not be compared to the Divine Wood Guard, they were comparable to a Spiritual Energy Disaster in strength.

Mo Yu and his group still had such a trump card!

“Haha, thanks to you guys, although we did not obtain the treasure in the Hidden Spiritual Courtyard, we found some puppets that were buried in that forest.” Mo Yu coldly smiled.

With nine puppets with the strength of Spiritual Energy Disaster, they could even fight with First Grade Spirit Disaster experts. No wonder Mo Yu and his group was not afraid when they saw Mu Chen again, so they had this kind of trump card.

“Bunch of scraps, why bother taking out to embarrass yourself?”

Faced with their pride, Wen Qingxuan only lightly swept a glance as her casual words made the faces of Mo Yu and his group ashen.

“Since you’re so confident of yourself, then let us take a look at your skill.”

Xue Tiandou’s gaze was dark as he took a step forth. His blood river Spiritual Energy whistled out as it carried along a dense smell of blood and filled this heaven and earth.

Wang Zhong issued a soft snort as he had also pushed his Spiritual Energy to the limits. Although it was weaker compared to Xue Tiandou, it was still the strength of a First Grade Spirit Disaster.

Mo Yu, Qin Feng and Liu Xiong waved their sleeves as their nine puppets, as well as the Divine Wood Guard, took a step forth. They formed a fan-shaped formation as they surrounded Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

At this instant, everyone held their breath at the sight of the formation as their hearts began to race.

They, too, wish to know if those two fragile-looking girls could withstand the attacks of such a formation.

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### **Chapter 544: Might of the Two Girls**

Powerful Spiritual Energy swept out like a tornado as the powerful might from the Spiritual Energy made everyone in the plaza take a few steps back, fearing that they might be affected by the ripples of the battle.

Xue Tiandou and Wang Zhong both unleashed their strength as First Grade Spirit Disasters, whereas Mo Yu and his team of three controlled the nine puppets, as well as the Divine Wood Guard, as they stared at the opposition as prey. They surrounded Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan in a fan shape as powerful pressure shrouded towards the two girls like tidal waves.

“Hmph.”

Wen Qingxuan coldly snorted in disdain, facing the pressure as she held onto her warspear as brilliant golden light swept out from her body. Vaguely, one could hear the clear cry of a phoenix from the surging golden light.

Luo Li, on the other hand, maintained a calm expression as ripples fluctuated from the hand that she used to hold onto the Luo God Sword. A formless sharp sword intent was being emitted as it caused ripples to appear in the space.

“Let’s go!”

Xue Tiandou suddenly barked as his scarlet gaze fixed onto the two girls.

Boom!

Boundless Spiritual Energy instantly exploded similar to a volcano. The three Divine Wood Guards were the first to move as they charged forward with their quaking steps. Their fists flickered with green light as they tore through the sky and targeted the two girls standing on the shoulders of the opposing Divine Wood Guard.

Buzz.

A clear sword cry rang out in this heaven and earth as everyone could see an eye-stinging brilliance of sword light bursting forth from Mu Chen’s location. Within the sword light, there was an indescribable sword intent contained, as if it could pierce through the heavens and earth.

Rustle!

Sword light gathered and instantly turned into three sword images the size of roughly three hundred meters. Luo Li’s long hair that was originally bundled up had dropped down at this instant and looked like a silvery river that flowed down her waist. Her jade-like hand formed sword seals and her crystal-clear pupils seemed as if there was a sword river flowing in them.

Luo God Sword Art - Forming Sword Image!

Luo Li’s slender fingers pointed out as the three sword images swept out while whistling. In a rustle, they had tore the space as they stabbed towards the fists of the three Divine Wood Guards.

Bang!

The huge fists and sword images heavily clashed as a sharp Sword Aura swept out, causing the surrounding space to be twisted.

When the Sword Aura had dispersed, the three Divine Wood Guards’ charge was stopped as deep sword marks were left behind on their metallic fists. Fortunately, those Divine Wood Guard did not have any sensation of pain. Otherwise, blood would be flowing down from them, if they were someone else.

Everyone couldn’t help staring at that scene as they looked at the slender figure with their eyes filled with astonishment.

Those were three Divine Wood Guards, whose strengths were comparable to First Grade Spirit Disasters. But, right now, they were stopped by a sword from Luo Li, not allowing their colossal bodies to move half a step forward.

Some people inwardly smacked their lips. Previously, they saw how powerful Mu Chen was and they had also heard of some rumors regarding Luo Li. Thus, they did not dare to belittle her. However, no one could have expected that this quiet beauty that stood beside Mu Chen would possess such fearsome strength.

Just that previous attack alone was even stronger compared to Mu Chen from before.

At the rear, Xue Tiandou, Wang Zhong and Mo Yu's group were startled by Luo Li's sharp attacks. Mo Yu clenched his teeth as the nine puppets flew out. The nine puppets held warlances as they turned into streaks of light. They were flashing from the rear of the Divine Wood Guard as they unleashed their torriential attacks towards Luo Li.

"I have said previously not to embarrass yourself with these scraps of metal!"

Seeing the nine puppets charging out, a cold voice resounded as a brilliant golden light swept out. A golden warspear was like a golden phoenix as it swept out along with extremely powerful Spiritual Energy. The spear light flickered as it pierced through a puppet. Furthermore, that fearsome strength had even sent the puppet flying. At the same time, the remaining gale swept towards the other eight puppets.

Bang!

When the puppet that was pierced through flew away, it powerlessly fell down as the Spiritual Energy was drained, shattering into fragments.

Rustle!

The golden warspear flew back as it returned to Wen Qingxuan's hand. She swept her phoenix-like gaze as her cold stare fixed onto Xue Tiandou and the rest that were at the rear.

Xue Tiandou's face was dark. The surrounding Spiritual Energy around him had been brewed to the limits as the redness in his eyes grew stronger. He made a gripping action as a scarlet-red longspear appeared in his hand. That spear was especially red in colour as there were drops of blood falling off of it. A sinister energy was being emitted from it.

Boom!

Xue Tiandou heavily stomped his feet as the air beneath his feet exploded. His figure had appeared before Wen Qingxuan at an astonishing speed as his blood-red longspear aimed at the latter's neck at a tricky angle.

"Hmph."

Wen Qingxuan coldly snorted as she did not attempt to avoid Xue Tiandou's attacks. Her hand jolted as her golden warspear stabbed out. Golden light expanded as if it was a phoenix that had appeared from within the spear, showing how tyrannical it was.

Ding!

The speartips accurately clashed together as ripples fluctuated throughout the space. The layers of the surrounding space exploded.

Xue Tiandou's face was exceptionally grave as he could feel the Spiritual Energy ripples contained in the golden warspear. Faced with the waves-like Spiritual Energy, he had also pushed his power to the limits. Despite that, he still could not shake it in the slightest.

The strength of the girl before him had far surpassed his imagination.

Xue Tiandou's eyes flickered as blood light surfaced and his figure mysteriously disappeared.

Rustle!

When he reappeared, he had mysteriously appeared behind Wen Qingxuan. The longspear bolted out as it aimed at the back of the latter at lightning speed.

Ssssssssiiii.

The longspear pierced through the back of Wen Qingxuan. However, there wasn't any flow of blood as that figure gradually disappeared.

"After image?"

Xue Tiandou's pupils abruptly shrank. Wen Qingxuan's speed was actually fast to such an extent? It had even surpassed his Blood God Shadow?

Boom!

A tyrannical gale swept out from behind him. Xue Tiandou quickly turned around to defend in haste as it moved the body of his spear before him as it withstood the golden warspear like a pole.

Bang!

Sparks flew as a powerful energy surged forth from the body of his spear. The impact made Xue Tiandou feel pain on the webs on his hand as his figure flew out in a terrible state for a few hundred meters, before he could stabilise himself.

The surroundings were in an uproar.

Everyone had witnessed the fight Xue Tiandou previously had with Mu Chen. Mu Chen only had the upper hand after rounds of intense battle. But right now, Wen Qing Xuan already held the upper hand in just an exchange. The title of numero uno of the Ranking Board was not in vain.

Wen Qingxuan stood on the air as usual after she had beaten Xue Tiandou back. Her charming face was filled with dense fighting intent as her golden battle armour emitted dazzling light. She seemed like a living war goddess from the pride in her eyes, which made others feel a rush of excitement and felt intimidated, not daring to be profane.

Her rosy lips rose as she looked at Xue Tiandou. However, there was a smear of astonishment that flashed past her eyes. The strength of Xue Tiandou had also surpassed her expectations. No wonder Mu

Chen could not deal with him in a short time. That fellow's strength was much stronger compared to ordinary First Grade Spirit Disasters.

Xue Tiandou had no expression on his face as he loosened his numb palm. Thereafter, he tightly gripped his scarlet-red long spear as bloodlust surged forth from his eyes.

"Everyone, do not lay your hands. They are trying to delay time so Mu Chen can prepare his finishing move." Xue Tiandou resounded in a cold tone.

Hearing his words, Wang Zhong and the rest directed their gazes towards the rear. Naturally, they saw Mu Chen sitting on the sky. But not knowing when, there was a frightening amount of Spiritual Energy ripples being emitted as light intertwined. It was clearly a formidable Spiritual Array taking form.

"That's the Lesser Thousand Sword Spiritual Array!" Mo Yu said, gritting his teeth as his expression changed.

He naturally knew that before entering the Divine Wood Palace ruins, Mu Chen had obtained a rather formidable Spiritual Array Diagram. He knew how frightening it was if Mu Chen had managed to lay that Spiritual Array.

"Let's attack with our best!"

The three people exchanged a glance as their hands swept out of their sleeves. The three Divine Wood Guards charged out without fear. This time, the Divine Wood Guards did not have any defense as they unleashed their attack in a rampant manner. Even if they risked having them destroyed, they still had to drain the strength of Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan.

The eight other puppets also charged forth as they unleashed erratic attacks.

Facing those puppets that knew no pain or fear, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were tangled up for a moment as well.

Xue Tiandou and the other two looked at the fight as they formed seals with their hands. The seal changes they made were blurred to the naked-eyes.

Dense green light suddenly spread out from their palms as they released astonishing ripples.

"That's..."

When Wu Yingying saw the powerful ripples from the surroundings of those three, her charming eyes froze as well as she spoke in graveness, "Those three are actually unleashing Divine Arts? Furthermore, their Divine Arts seem to be from the same origin."

Wu Yingying furrowed her brows as she saw the intention of those three, before her face turned even more solemn.

Boom! Boom!

Rampant Spiritual Energy ripples exploded from the three people and in the next instant, all three of their gazes turned sharp as they pushed their palms out. A brilliant green luster swept the heavens and

earth as they shrouded towards the two girls. At the same time, a deep bark resounded from the heavens and earth like thunder.

“Lesser Divine Art - Divine Dragon Sealing Stake!”

“Lesser Divine Art - Heavenly Wood Mountain!”

“Lesser Divine Art - Divine Wood Binding Vine!”

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#### **Chapter 545: Explode**

Astonishing Spiritual Energy ripples exploded in the sky as they formed into fearsome Spiritual Energy. They made the air in the entire region seem as if it had frozen.

“They’re going to execute three Lesser Divine Arts!”

Someone exclaimed. Everyone here knew how powerful Divine Arts were and generally speaking, they were the means of Sovereign realm experts. Every single Divine Art possessed powerful might that far surpassed Peak Grade Deity Tier Spiritual Art. Likewise, a Divine Art was extremely rare as well and it was not easy to obtain one. Those that obtained one would possess a trump card that could change the entire situation when they executed it at a crucial time.

Therefore, when they saw that Xue Tiandou, Wang Zhong and Mo Yu executed three Lesser Divine Arts, they were startled.

Xue Tiandou and his group was clearly planning to deal with Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan with haste.

“But why are the Lesser Divine Arts being executed by them have such similar ripples...?” Everyone here also had good eyesight and could see that those three Lesser Divine Arts had similar energy ripples as they voiced their doubts.

Wu Yingying and the Four Sea Spiritual Academies weren’t in doubt as they knew that those Lesser Divine Arts were from the Divine Wood Plaques that Xue Tiandou and the other two had obtained. Similarly, when they obtained the Divine Wood Plaques, they had also obtained the learning method to a Lesser Divine Art of the Divine Wood Palace. The level of a Lesser Divine Art was of great aid to them. After all, it was something that only Sovereign realm experts could use in their level. Although they could barely execute them and could not unleash the true might of them, Divine Arts were still Divine Arts, they were in a whole different realm. Those who possessed a Lesser Divine Art could easily defeat opponents of the same level.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were being held up by the attacks of the three Divine Wood Guards, as well as the eight puppets. The two girls had also felt the powerful attacks brewing as their charming eyes instantly focused. They could see that their current situation wasn’t too good. If they were to fight one-to-one, they would triumph against any single one of them. If Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan were to use their hidden cards, not even Xue Tiandou could obstruct them.

But, right now was not a fair fight, since the other party had a more powerful formation. Furthermore, not a single one of them was an easy target. Despite the fact that they had the help of a Divine Wood Guard, they were still weaker in terms of strength.

“Is that slow fellow still not done yet? If he pisses me off, I will not leave anything for him!”

Wen Qingxuan’s brows straightened up as she clenched on her teeth. She took a glance at the rear, looking at Mu Chen, who was still quietly sitting. However, there was a huge Spiritual Array that was gradually taking form around him. Clearly, the Spiritual Array was still incomplete.

Boom!

A huge boom resounded as Xue Tiandou and the other two that weren’t far away had brilliant green light exploding from their hand seals.

The green lights soared to the heavens as they spread throughout this region. Everyone raised their heads as their eyes were filled with shock.

There was a majestic Spiritual Energy gathering above Xue Tiandou and the other two. Those Spiritual Energies were green in colour, as if they contained thriving vitality. Underneath them, there was a sharpness hidden as they seemed as weightless as leaves. They were swaying as they fell, but when they swept past, they were as sharp as blades.

Bang!

As the Spiritual Energy rippled, a green mountain that had the size of roughly a few hundred meters appeared. The top of the mountain was filled with ancient tree patterns as if it became three mountains. It dived down as it instantly appeared above the heads of Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan. The shadow created by it instantly shrouded them as it heavily fell down.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The air exploded as it created shapeless air cannons as it shot down, creating a deep crater on the ground from the explosion.

Roar!

A green light had spread out as if it was a huge dragon pillar that was bolt upright. It had the shape of a dragon’s head on the top. As it roared, it unleashed frightening sound waves that could shatter all things.

Shhhhuuuu!

A green vine that was the size of nearly four thousand meters whistled across as it looked like a colossal python whose head could not be seen. As it wriggled, it was hard to probe the direction of its attacks. The instant one was bound by it, even First Grade Spirit Disaster experts would have a hard time breaking free.

Three astonishing attacks were positioned top, middle, and bottom as they flew towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan’s direction. Under those sorts of attacks, it was impossible for them to dodge them.

Everyone held their breath as they did not dare to issue a sound.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan exchanged a gaze as their eyes became a little cold.

“I’ll defend and you attack!”

Wen Qingxuan softly barked. She knew that Luo Li's strength was not as she had shown on the surface. The Luo God Sword that she was wielding was a genuine Divine Artifact. Furthermore, it wasn't an ordinary Divine Artifact. However, the Divine Artifact was being sealed at the moment, but even so, Luo Li's attacks were extremely powerful.

"Okay." Luo Li nodded her head.

Wen Qingxuan loosened her grip on her warspear as golden Spiritual Energy swept out. Her slender fingers formed seals at lightning speed. A clear cry of a phoenix resounded as golden phoenix wings that were a few hundred meters in length spread out from Wen Qingxuan. Both of the wings folded as they formed a golden shield, defending her.

Boom! Boom!

The attacks of the three Divine Wood Guards and the eight puppets unleashed rampant attacks against the golden wings but weren't able to shake them in the slightest as they could not break through that defense in that short moment.

When Wen Qingxuan had blocked the Divine Wood Guards, Luo Li's feet tapped on the air as she flew onto the head of Mu Chen's Divine Wood Guard. Her hands that were gripping the Luo God Sword burst forth with dazzling light as both her hands held onto the sword hilt. She raised her hand as her sleeves fell down, revealing her fair and fine wrist. The snow-white skin was even more attractive compared to the sword light.

Her expression turned a little grave as she bit on her lips. In the next instant, sharp sword light flashed across her pupils.

The Luo God Sword in her hands slashed down as her clear yet cold voice resounded in the sky.

"Luo God Sword Art - Sword Slashes The Luo Water!"

Rustle!

When the sword fell, a dazzling light was compressed at an astonishing speed, making it a few feet in size as it concentrated on the tip of the sword, before it burst forth.

The space before her was torn apart as a black crack appeared.

The Sword Aura that was a few feet in size quietly swept out at an indescribable speed. Even people of Xue Tiandou's strength could only see a light flash past and feel a chill down their spine.

Tsssssssk!

The sword light streaked across the horizon.

The green tree mountain that was pressing down suddenly froze in its spot as everyone could see a fine crack appear on the body of the mountain. Thereafter, with an explosion, the tree mountain was split into two. The surface of the cut was as smooth as a mirror.

Roar!

The dragon-shaped stake issued a roar as green light spread out. It was split in half as well.

Crack! Crack!

The long green vine whose end could not be seen also snapped as it broke into pieces.

The faces of Wang Zhong and Mo Yu were dumbfounded.

Xue Tiandou's gaze was also dark. However, he wasn't as shocked as Wang Zhong and Mo Yu. He waved his sleeve as blood-red Spiritual Energy swept out as it formed into a bloody river barrier.

Bang!

A huge collision resounded from the blood-red barrier, as if it was sliced apart. Thereafter, a light charged through the bloody river and dissipated after traveling to a few feet away from Xue Tiandou's party.

The unrivalled rampant Spiritual Energy ripples dissipated in the sky.

Everyone gulped a mouthful of saliva as they looked at the young lady's figure in astonishment. The Lesser Divine Arts that were executed by Xue Tiandou's group of three were actually taken down by her alone?

"Damn it!"

Wang Zhong clenched his teeth as he felt shocked in his heart. Their attacks had reached a realm that even a First Grade Spirit Disaster could only avoid. But this Luo Li before them was only a Spiritual Energy Disaster in cultivation, how was she so fearsome?

"She's not so easy to deal with." Xue Tiandou said with indifference.

"Then, what should we do?" Wang Zhong could not hold back his question. They could no longer continue further as the Spiritual Array that Mu Chen was forming was almost complete. They felt extremely terrifying danger from that direction. If they could not defeat the two girls and obstruct Mu Chen, their situation would be extremely terrible.

"Explode the Divine Wood Guards." Xue Tiandou said coldly as a smear of ferociousness flashed through his eyes.

Wang Zhong and Mo Yu were startled as pain surfaced in their eyes. They were Divine Wood Guards that were comparable to First Grade Spirit Disasters, he's actually suggesting to explode them? How spendthrift was that!?

"If you guys don't wish for it, then escape while you have the time." Xue Tiandou coldly smiled.

Wang Zhong and Mo Yu exchanged a glance, before they abruptly gritted their teeth. They were already at this point of time and there was no way they could give up. Mu Chen and his group had quite a bit of treasures. If they defeated them, they would be able to recover their loss through their harvest.

"Risk it all!"

The two people said ruthlessly.

Boom!

The three Divine Wood Guards shot out once again. However, there were light runes appearing on their colossal figures at this moment as the light runes filled their bodies. As light was being emitted, rampant Spiritual Energy ripples swept out as if they were volcanos that were about to erupt.

The faces of everyone abruptly changed at this moment.

“Those three insane fellows are going to explode the Divine Wood Guards?!” A voice involuntarily exclaimed.

Those were First Grade Spirit Disaster Divine Wood Guards. If they exploded, how frightening would that might be?

The faces of Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan slightly changed. If they faced such a situation normally, all they had to do was avoid. But Mu Chen was behind them, the instant they avoided those explosions, Mu Chen’s plan would instantly fail...

Luo Li tightly gripped her Luo God Sword as veins surfaced on her arm.

“Bastards, let’s not care anymore. I’ll deal with them!” Wen Qingxuan clenched her teeth. Right now, there wasn’t any more time to wait. Despite the fact that she did not wish to reveal her hidden cards, there was no longer a choice at this point of time.

“Wait.”

However, just when she could not endure it anymore, Luo Li suddenly extended her hands and obstructed her.

At this moment, Mu Chen, who was seated on the space behind them, finally opened his eyes.

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#### **Chapter 546: Might of the Lesser Thousand Sword Spiritual Array**

The three Divine Wood Guards were emitting dazzling light as the ripples around them became extremely wild. At the rear of those three, Xue Tiandou and his party were eyeing the girls like prey and Mu Chen’s tightly shut eyes were finally slowly opening at this instant.

A chill flashed through his pair of black pupils.

“That Mu Chen has finally opened his eyes, his finishing move is already prepared?” Some gazes shot over from the surroundings of the plaza. Amongst those gazes, the majority was filled with doubt.

Although they could sense how powerful the Spiritual Array was from Mu Chen’s surroundings, there were three Divine Wood Guards charging at him with the intention of exploding. Those three were comparable to three First Grade Spirit Disasters!

“This fellow is indeed a Spiritual Array Master.” Wu Yingying looked at that figure as she clenched her teeth. However, there was a little shock in her heart. Mu Chen’s strength had already been revealed when he fought with Xue Tiandou earlier. But who could have expected that he also had the hidden identity of Spiritual Array Master.

Wu Yingying had no choice but to feel a little admiration for that fellow. No wonder that fellow's name was widely spread in the Spiritual Road to the point that even her elder brother, Wu Ling, had high opinions of him.

"However, can this Spiritual Array really deal with the situation before him?" Wu Yingying shifted her gaze towards the three Divine Wood Guards that were about to explode as graveness filled her face.

Not far away, despite the fact that the faces of Xue Tiandou, Wang Zhong and Mo Yu were a little dark, they still coldly swept a glance at Mu Chen as sneers were contained in their eyes. They had already paid the price of exploding three Divine Wood Guards in the current situation. That power was not something that Mu Chen and his party could handle with any methods.

"I'll see how you will overturn this situation." Xue Tiandou coldly smiled as he looked at Mu Chen.

Shhhuuu.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan quickly retreated as they appeared at the sides of Mu Chen. Their faces were filled with solemn as they looked before them, before asking towards Mu Chen, "Do you have the confidence? If not, we'll avoid it and deal with them later."

"No need for that."

My Cgen lightly shook his head. Although his voice wasn't loud, it contained a trace of resolution.

"I'll go next, you guys stay behind me." Mu Chen stood up as he took a step forth, standing in front of the two girls.

Looking at the slender silhouette of that youth, Luo Li lightly smiled. Wen Qingxuan, however, cast her rosy lips aside as she looked unhappy. She did not need anyone to protect her, since she could deal with all these problems herself.

However, staring at that silhouette that wasn't broad but gave her a sense of security, she did not speak and only issued a soft snort, before directing her gaze elsewhere. She'd let this fellow be in the limelight. Later, when he could no longer handle the situation, she would act and let that fellow talk to her with respect next time.

Imagining it, Wen Qingxuan's lips could not help rising.

Mu Chen was unaware of the two girl's thoughts as he indifferently looked at the incoming three Divine Wood Guards. The Spiritual Energy ripples in their bodies had already reached a frightening degree. The feeling that those three gave him was similar to volcanos that were about to erupt.

He indifferently glanced at Xue Tiandou's party that wasn't far away. He did not speak as he formed some seals with a single hand and the gigantic Spiritual Array started to move.

Boom!

The colossal Spiritual Array burst forth with dazzling light. At the same time as those countless lights intertwined, the Spiritual Energy in this region started to turn rampant as it frantically gathered together.

Huuuuu. Huuuuuuuuuuu.

A powerful wind whistled as Spiritual Energy tornados could be seen taking form within the Spiritual Array. The swaying appearances seemed like huge dragons twisting about.

Everyone could sense the commotion coming from the Spiritual Array as their faces changed. Even Wen Qingxuan's charming eyes froze. Although she previously felt that the Spiritual Array that Mu Chen was creating wasn't a simple one, she did not expect it to have such power.

"Is that a Combination Diagram?"

Astonishment flashed through Wen Qingxuan's eyes. It was the Combination Diagram that caused their points to fall from being in first place. She had paid the highest price for this Combination Diagram and, clearly, she knew a portion of the Combination Diagram's worth when she paid that sort of price.

She knew that Mu Chen was a Spiritual Array Master. However, when she bought that Diagram for Mu Chen back then, she did not expect Mu Chen to be able to create it. After all, this Rank 5 Combination Diagram was something that was close to a Rank 6 Spiritual Array. Thus, it was difficult for Rank 5 Spiritual Array Masters to create it.

Spiritual Energy tornadoes formed in the Spiritual Array and, in the next instant, the tornadoes started to split apart as tornadoes of various size started to revolve at rapid speeds.

Buzz. Buzz.

Buzzing sounds that were caused from the Spiritual Energy tornadoes rapidly spinning resounded in this region as ripples appeared around the space of the Spiritual Array.

Rumble.

The three Divine Wood Guards had already charged over.

Every single gaze was focused on Mu Chen's slender finger as it tapped down on the sky.

A sword ringing resounded as Spiritual Energy swords started to take form in the rapidly spinning tornadoes. Those swords did not have any physical forms, since they were all formed from the compressed boundless Spiritual Energy. The bodies of the swords trembled as they emitted fearsome Sword Aura.

The Sword Auras were extremely sharp as they even made the faces of Xue Tiandou's group change as they felt the sharpness harbored in the Sword Auras. Although the Sword Auras were incomparable to the slash that Luo Li had unleashed earlier, the amount of swords in the Spiritual Array had already reached hundreds.

This formation was something that could make the scalp of one tingle.

Facing this scene, even the faces of Wu Yingying and the rest could not help changing as a dumbstruck look appeared in their eyes.

"Lesser Thousand Sword Spiritual Array."

Mu Chen's indifferent voice resounded as the wind spread.

Buzz!

A few hundred Spiritual Energy swords whistled out as they became like raindrops shooting out from the Spiritual Array, along with Spiritual Energy tornadoes. All the Spiritual Energy in this region was being shaken by it.

The Sword Aura left deep marks on the ground below.

Rustle! Rustle!

The few hundred swords turned into streaks of light as they instantly clashed against the three colossal figures.

An earth-shattering explosion resounded.

Three dazzling lumps of light started to expand at this instant, along with some fearsome impacts.

Shhhhhhhuu! Sssssssshhh! Suuuuuuu!

However, the three lumps of light did not manage to expand as the hundreds of swords pierced through the lumps of light, along with the sharpest edge. They shredded the terrifying lumps of light into pieces.

Everyone was dumbfounded as they watched the Spiritual Energy lumps of light being shredded to pieces as they sensed the Spiritual Energy ripples within those lumps of light becoming weaker and weaker at a fearsome rate.

Before the explosions of the Divine Wood Guards were unleashed, they were already torn to pieces.

The faces of Xue Tiandou and his party turned extremely ugly as smears of astonishment surged from their eyes.

Shhhhhhhuu!

Especially when they saw that after tearing the lumps of light apart, there were still nearly a hundred swords remaining, their faces turned pale. In the next instant, they did not have any hesitation as they ran. All of their Spiritual Energy rippled to the limit as they flew away at lightning speed.

The power of a Combination Diagram had far surpassed their imaginations.

Mu Chen's gaze was indifferent as he looked at their figures. He made a flicking action with his finger as the hundred swords chased after his targets at a terrifying speed.

The speed of those swords was extremely fast and, in a few breath's time, they had already caught up to Xue Tiandou's party. Sword lights streaked past as they brought blood along with miserable shrieks.

Plop.

Xue Tiandou's back was filled with sword wounds as his clothes were torn apart. He was in a terrible state with his face turning pale as he spat a mouthful of blood. Both of his hands formed seals as a blood light flickered. Then, his speed increased as he turned into a bloody light, before he escaped in fear.

Wang Zhong and Mo Yu's group ran in separate directions. They were also spurring out blood essences. Even if it might leave behind some repercussions, they could not be bothered about it as they felt Mu

Chen's intent to kill them. Although it would be a little troublesome if one was to kill in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, it was not absolute.

Everyone was dumbfounded as they looked at the horizon. Xue Tiandou's party, who was holding the upper hands earlier, was in such a situation now as their sorry-looking figures became pitiful.

However, those pitiful figures rapidly disappeared into the horizon. Splashes of blood could still be seen as they fled. Clearly, in order to escape, they had paid quite the deep price.

Mu Chen still maintained his indifference as he looked at those escaped figures. After a while later, he made a grab with his hand. Dozens of swords flew back, along with Spiritual Energy tornadoes appearing before him. There were three green wooden plaques on three of the swords, they were the Divine Wood Plaques.

Mu Chen waved his sleeves as he stored the three Divine Wood Plaques. Thereafter, paleness rose on his face. The Spiritual Energy swords also started to sway as they crumbled. At the same time, the huge Combination Diagram exploded as it made rumbling sounds.

Mu Chen wiped the smear of blood on the corner of his lips as he helplessly cast his lips. The Combination Diagram was incomparable to an ordinary Rank 5 Spiritual Array. Even in his Heart's Eye state, he could only forcefully create it.

But, fortunately, he had already achieved his goals.

Mu Chen held onto the three Divine Wood Plaques as he smiled. Although there was paleness on his face, no one dared to target him in this plaza.

The terrifying Spiritual Array earlier had been engraved in their hearts.

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#### **Chapter 547: Collecting all the Divine Wood Plaque**

The originally rampant Spiritual Energies present within the region finally dissipated completely away as the azure-blue skies regained its peacefulness once again.

Shock and terror hung on the faces of everyone present in the surroundings as they blankly stared at the slender youth present in the air, while dense feelings of dread flashed within their eyes. The might of the Spiritual Array arranged by Mu Chen was truly too powerful!

No one might have expected such an outcome. Mu Chen, who appeared to have a cultivation of no more than Human Body Disaster, was unexpectedly concealing such a formidable trump card. With one single move, he had turned the situation completely around.

Under the frightening Spiritual Array, the domineering attitudes coming from Xue Tiandou and the others had been obliterated from the face of the earth.

A few people started to quietly sigh. Originally, they were planning on waiting for both Mu Chen and Xue Tiandou to get mutually injured before attempting to obtain some benefits. However, from the looks of the current situation, it's best to retract and restrain such thoughts. Although Mu Chen appeared to have consumed much of his strength, there was still Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan protecting him. All of them were extremely clear of the strength the two girls possessed.

None of those three were easy to deal with. Thus, it's best to not provoke them.

In the air, a pale shade was present on Mu Chen's face as his body slowly descended, with Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan following behind him.

Mu Chen swept his gaze around. As he did so, anyone that crossed gazes with him would involuntarily turn their eyes away. Even though they knew that Mu Chen had expended much of his strength, the fear and dread they had towards him had become even deep than before.

"Everyone. Since all of the treasures here have found their new owners, does everyone still want to remain here?" said Mu Chen with a faint smile.

Hearing that, quite a few groups exchanged glances with each other, before letting out dry laughs. In the next moment, a few people turned around and walked away. Indeed, all of the treasures here already had new owners. Regardless of their unwillingness, they were unable to change the results. Therefore, it's best to leave as early as possible. As for their journey in this remnant of the Divine Wood Palace, it should also come to an end.

As more and more groups left, the plaza started to gradually grow empty.

Crossing her hands before her chest, Wu Yingying shot a cold look at Mu Chen, before turning around and leaving.

"Wait." However, just as she had turned around, Mu Chen suddenly spoke out.

"What's the matter? Could it be that you still want snatch away the Spiritual Item in my hand?" snapped Wu Yingying with a snort as she flung her rosy lips aside.

Hearing that, Mu Chen gave an embarrassed laugh, before scratching his head and replied. "I want to make a deal with you."

"Not interested!" Wu Yingying rejected in a beat.

Seeing her snappy reply, Mu Chen gave a bitter laugh. Originally, he had assumed that Wu Yingying would have a somewhat favorable impression of him, since she had not collaborated with Wang Zhong and the others to deal with him. However, he never expected her to not even give him any face in her reply.

"Mu Chen doesn't have any intention of making things difficult for you, Miss Wu. There's no harm for you to listen to the deal he is trying to tell you about. If you're really not interested, we'll not obstruct you at all. What do you say?" While Mu Chen was feeling helpless, Luo Li, who was beside him, gave a faint smile as she said in a warm and gentle voice.

Only after hearing Luo Li's words did Wu Yingying turn her head around. Sweeping her beautiful eyes towards the former, a slightly complicated feeling appeared within the depths of her eyes. Even she felt slightly ashamed about herself in the presence of Luo Li's appearance and temperament. She truly didn't know why a girl as outstanding as her would take a fancy for such a pervert.

"Speak, then." Shooting a complicated look at Mu Chen and Luo Li, Wu Yingying finally gave her reply in a cold and indifferent tone.

"From the looks of it, this remnant of the Divine Wood Palace can be considered to have been completely explored. I believe that the Divine Wood Plaque might not have any other use for you. Therefore, is it possible for you to trade it with me?" said Mu Chen. Of the six Divine Wood Plaques, he had already obtain four of them, with only two left for him to complete the set.

"Divine Wood Plaque?" Hearing Mu Chen's words, Wu Yingying instantly gawked, before slightly knitting her eyebrows. Shooting a suspicious look at Mu Chen, she asked, "Earlier, you've already snatched the Divine Wood Plaques from the hands of Xue Tiandou and his gang. Why do you still need the one in my hands?"

Wu Yingying clearly wasn't stupid, but extremely bright and intelligent. With Mu Chen suddenly gathering the Divine Wood Plaques, it had undoubtedly caused some suspicion to rise within her.

"I've somewhat obtained a Successor status from that Spiritual Treasure Mountain earlier. Therefore, if I manage to obtain all six Divine Wood Plaques, I should be able to obtain some benefits," replied Mu Chen after some slight hesitation. In the end, he did not choose to lie and told her the truth.

"Oh?" Hearing that, Wu Yingying's eyes instantly contracted. In the next instant, an ambiguous smile appeared on her pretty face as she looked towards Mu Chen and said, "Are you not afraid that I'll become interested in the Divine Wood Plaques, making it even harder for you to obtain mine?"

"You've helped me a few times already. Although you might not admit it, I've always treated you as a friend. Therefore, I didn't want to lie to you," replied Mu Chen as he shrugged his shoulders. "If I were to lose such a benefit, I might feel some heart pain over it. However, it's not something that I need to obtain no matter what."

"Friend? Hmph. I can't shoulder that burden," snorted Wu Yingying with a stiff expression on her face. Nevertheless, some of the chilling intent originally present within the beautiful eyes of the young girl had quietly dissipated away.

"If you're willing, I can use ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to exchange for the Divine Wood Plaque in your hands. What do you say?" said Mu Chen in a soft voice. Ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid was already a rather high price for it. It may be assumed that anyone would be hard pressed to reject his trade. After all, at this moment, the Divine Wood Plaque had already lost its use. There's no use in leaving something worthless in one's hands.

However, she went against Mu Chen's expectations. Flinging her rosy lips aside in disdain, Wu Yingying replied, "Ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid? What a huge sum."

Seeing her response, Mu Chen's heart started to ache, before helplessly saying, "What do I have to do for you to accept this trade?"

"I don't want your Sovereign Spiritual Liquid," replied Wu Yingying. Clenching her hand, an exquisite-looking Divine Wood Plaque appeared. Playing around with it, she shot a look towards Mu Chen with her pretty eyes, before speaking with an ambiguous smile, "I'll even gift this Divine Wood Plaque to you. However, that way, you will now owe me a favor."

Hearing that, Mu Chen instantly gawked, before rubbing his nose with a bitter smile. Indeed, women were creatures that weren't easy to deal with. The hardest thing to trade around in this universe would be favors.

"Exactly what you want me to do?"

"I've yet to decide on it," replied Wu Yingying with a grin, her crescent moon-like eyes glistening with the craftiness of a fox.

Seeing this, Mu Chen turned speechless. At this moment, the only thing he could do was to nod his head and say, "As long as you're not asking to be stripped naked, I'll treat it as me owing you a favor."

Wu Yingying's lovable face instantly turned beet-red in response to Mu Chen's words. Staring at Mu Chen with incomparable resentment and embarrassment, creaking sounds rang out from her clenched teeth, before she fiercely tossed the Divine Wood Plaque towards him. This bastard, pervert!

"I'll remember this!"

After shooting a vicious reply, Wu Yingying rapidly turned around and fled.

Grasping the Divine Wood Plaque, Mu Chen looked at the lovable figure of Wu Yingying in the distance, before bursting out in laughter.

"Is it fun to tease a girl?" Unable to bear it, Luo Li shot a glare at Mu Chen as she said in an annoyed tone.

"Tsk, ts. I really am unable to tell. It turns out that Captain Mu Chen's a veteran in picking flowers, huh." Wishing for the whole world to be in chaos, Wen Qingxuan said with a sweet smile.

Being stared at by the two girls, cold sweat started to seep out from Mu Chen's back. With the only thing he could do being to cough dryly. In the next instant, his gaze suddenly turned around, before locking onto the crowd of people from the Four Sea Spiritual Academies that were about to leave this region.

"Haha, please hold on, friends."

A smile appeared once again on Mu Chen's handsome face as he quickly strode over towards the group from the Four Sea Spiritual Academies.

Towards this group from the Four Sea Spiritual Academies, Mu Chen wasn't as polite as he was towards Wu Yingying, and immediately took out five drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to exchange for the Divine Wood Plaque in their hands. The people from the Four Sea Spiritual Academies also felt suspicious towards Mu Chen's fancy for their Divine Wood Plaque. Nevertheless, they still nodded their heads and agreed, in the end. After all, being in the presence of the latter, they had no choice but to lower their heads. Mu Chen's lineup wasn't something they could contend against with their group of people. Furthermore, he had taken out five drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, which really moved their hearts in excitement. All of them were extremely clear about the value of the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid.

Therefore, after a somewhat friendly exchange, Mu Chen managed to obtain the last Divine Wood Plaque without a hitch. After obtaining the five drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in delight, the Four Sea Spiritual Academies group rapidly took off and left.

Thereafter, the entire plaza quickly became quiet and peaceful, not one bit like the liveliness just a while ago.

Hu.

With all six of the Divine Wood Plaques in his hands, Mu Chen gave a huge sigh of relief, as if a heavy load had been shifted off his shoulders. Although he really wanted to immediately assemble the six Divine Wood Plaques together to see exactly what benefit he would get, this wasn't the right place to do so. After deeply pondering for a slight bit, he looked towards Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan before saying, "Let's leave this place, too. The journey of this Divine Wood Palace should be, more or less, complete."

Hearing that, Luo Li nodded her head.

"What are you guys planning to do after this?" Suddenly, Wen Qingxuan asked.

"We'll go into secluded training," replied Mu Chen after a thought. He could feel the arrival of his Spiritual Energy Disaster. Furthermore, after this isolation, they should be able to let Xu Huang and the other two smoothly pass through their Spiritual Energy Disasters, which would result in an increase in strength of their group once again.

"Then, it's about time that we go on separate paths," said Wen Qingxuan with a smile. "As of now, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament should be about to enter its final phase. The various large and small remnants on this shattered continent should have already been searched by the people present. Also, those powerful groups hiding in the dark will appear in succession in the following period of time... when that happens, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament will have already entered its most lively phase of time."

Hearing that, Mu Chen gently nodded his head. At the starting of the Tournament, all of the powerful groups were all concealing their strengths and biding their time as they secretly searched for remnants to promote the strength of their groups. As of now, with the end of the search about to arrive, what's next should be the display of their true strength, and the period of time to start snatching points.

Clearly, this would result in intense battles that would involve everyone in this shattered continent.

That's because the number of groups that could enter the final match was a measly eight, a number that could be counted with one's fingers. For the sake of obtaining one of those eight quotas, every group present here would risk their lives for it.

In the past, they had given up on points for the sake of raising their strength. However, as of now... they would start contesting for points. If those groups that had filled themselves full of points possess insufficient strength to protect themselves, their ending would undoubtedly be the sacrificial lambs for others.

"You guys try to come out as fast as possible. If not, you all might not even be able to enter the decisive battle for the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. If that happens, being the Captain, you would really be humiliated," said Wen Qingxuan with a clench of her hand. Slightly raising her red lips, she continued speaking in a haughty manner. "As for me, I'm going to continue taking action. The numero uno on the point rankings has been snatched away by Ji Xuan. I won't let that numero uno place slip out of my hands."

Hearing that, Mu Chen slightly nodded his head. Ever since Wen Qingxuan's group had fallen off from the numero uno place, the group that had continued to maintain the numero uno place was the one led by Ji Xuan.

Raising his head, Mu Chen looked towards the distant skies. At this moment, his handsome face appeared exceedingly calm. He had a premonition that, not long from now, he would have a formal meeting with Ji Xuan...

That moment was something worth anticipating for.

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#### **Chapter 548: Separation**

Outside of the Divine Wood Mountain.

Following the ending of the journey in the remnant of the Divine Wood Mountain, the teeming atmosphere dissipated away at an astonishing pace. Of the seas of people present a few days ago, one would only see figures shooting across from time-to-time, with the absence of the clamoring that was incessantly ringing before.

On a desolated mountain peak outside of the Divine Wood Mountain, Mu Chen looked towards Wen Qingxuan and the other girls of her group standing before him. Sending a sweet smile towards him and Luo Li, she said, "Okay. Since the search within the remnant of the Divine Wood Palace has ended, our collaboration has come to a temporary end."

Hearing that, Mu Chen smacked his lips. Looking towards the absolutely beautiful face with a sweet smile present on it, he felt somewhat unwilling to let her go. That's because he knew that with Wen Qingxuan's departure, the strength of his lineup would instantly drop by almost half.

"That's a pity... so many good henchmen," said Mu Chen with a sigh.

"Huh?" Hearing his sigh, the grin on Wen Qingxuan's face instantly grew stiff. Taking a step forward, her jade-like hand grabbed onto Mu Chen's robe. Appearing like an enraged mother tiger, she clenched her teeth and growled, "Mu Chen, are you seeking death?"

"Oh... my mistake. Such good compatriots," replied Mu Chen with a cough.

Hearing Mu Chen's words, Wen Qingxuan gave a cold snort, before shooting a vicious glare towards him. After collaborating with this fellow, she truly didn't know how many times she had gotten mad due to him.

"If not for Luo Li, who would be willing to collaborate with a pervert like you!" What she said wasn't false. During the very beginning. It was she who had searched for Mu Chen and his group, with the only reason being that she wanted to see Luo Li. As for Mu Chen, although she had a sliver of interest towards the fame and reputation of the Spiritual Road's Blood Calamity, Mu Chen, compared to Luo Li, it was clearly insignificant.

However, as their collaboration grew deeper, Wen Qingxuan's view had gradually changed. That's because she was able to experience the power and strength that Mu Chen had concealed. Being able to obtain the fancy of Luo Li showed that this fellow truly had an outstanding aspect to him. However, Wen

Qingxuan would absolutely not say that out loud, as this would only allow for Mu Chen to feel additional satisfaction.

“Can you not do that.” Hearing that way of address from Wen Qingxuan, an ache appeared in Mu Chen’s head. While speaking to Wu Yingying earlier, he really did have a slight mindset to tease her. However, he had not one single bit of that towards Wen Qingxuan. That’s because he was extremely clear on how haughty and arrogant this girl before him was. If he had provoked and teased her for no apparent reason, Wen Qingxuan would show not one bit of hesitation to put him in order.

“Luo Li, anytime you ever snap out of this, you can just just kick this fellow away and enter our group. As for the other problems, I’ll always help you settle them,” said Wen Qingxuan as she looked towards Luo Li.

Shooting a look at Mu Chen, Luo Li gave a mischievous reply, “Okay. Anytime he offends me, I’ll make sure to kick him away.”

Hearing that, Mu Chen felt extremely helpless. From the looks of it, he truly cannot allow Wen Qingxuan anymore contact with Luo Li. Such a good girl like Luo Li had almost been turned bad by the former.

As the two girls chatted and laughed, Wen Qingxuan looked towards the sky, before turning around and looked towards Mu Chen while saying, “You guys better make good use of your isolation and increase your strength as much as possible in this period of time. You should be extremely clear about how intense the following period of time in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament will become. Don’t regret it if you are unable to enter the final match.”

Nodding his head, Mu Chen replied, “Relax. I still owe you the first place. I’ll help you once I come out from our isolation.”

“Tsk, who needs your help,” said Wen Qingxuan in disdain. Waving her hands, she continued saying, “Okay, its time to part. When you guys come out of your isolation, I’ll have already regained the numero uno place.”

As her voice rang out, the young girl proceeded to turn around, her long black hair fluttering about as she did so. Without the slightest bit of hesitation, her soul-stirring figure shot straight out, with her elegant back figure appearing exceedingly free and unrestrained.

“Bye, Big Brother Mu Chen.”

Pin’er, Le’er and the other girls sent charming smiles towards Mu Chen, before rapidly leaving to follow behind Wen Qingxuan.

Standing on the mountain top, Mu Chen looked toward the distant figures of Wen Qingxuan and her group, before a faint smile appeared involuntarily on his face as he muttered, “The final phase of the Great Spiritual Academy is finally going to arrive...”

Following the progress of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, the absolute majority of the groups had made gargantuan changes to their strengths. A few of those groups that were exceedingly ordinary at the start might have gotten some change in destiny on the way, causing them to become strong and powerful. There were even some already strong and powerful groups that had grown even stronger as they concealed their strength and bided their time.

Those groups did not reveal themselves and their genuine strength at the beginning of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, with their main focus being to search for remnants and destiny changing opportunities. Only at the final phase would they reveal themselves in succession. At that time, there will truly be battles between tigers and dragons.

Wanting to break out from the hundreds and thousands of elite groups to obtain one of the top 8 places clearly wasn't an easy task to accomplish.

"Let us prepare for close up training. Perhaps, this will be the final chance for us to close up in this Great Spiritual Academy," said Mu Chen towards Xu Huang and the others.

Hearing that, solemn expressions appeared on the faces of Xu Huang and the others as they nodded their heads. This was indeed the last opportunity they had to close up, as there would be no one that would give them a quiet period of time to close up in the final phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

"I don't know how Shen Cangsheng and the other group are doing now," muttered Mu Chen. Ever since the start of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, they had seemingly not received any information or news about Shen Cangsheng and his group. These fellows appeared to have disappeared entirely from the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament all together.

"Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton aren't simple. Both of them possess astonishing talent. As long as their luck isn't too bad, I think that nothing would happen to them," replied Luo Li in a soft voice.

Hearing that, Mu Chen nodded his head. Indeed, both Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton are exceedingly outstanding, with them not being any weaker than Wang Zhong and people of similar strength to him.

After laying down this though, Mu Chen waved his hand, taking the lead as he shot towards the depths of the mountain, with Luo Li, Xu Huang and the others rapidly following suit.

In the depths of the mountain, Mu Chen and the others found a remote location before heading out to find a mountain peak each to become their training location.

Mu Chen and Luo Li landed on the same mountain, with a waterfall flowing down like a silvery river at the back of it. The rumbling sounds of the water falling down resounded across the mountain, while the moist air caused the minds of people to shake.

Landing on a green rock beside the waterfall, Mu Chen raised his head and took a deep breath of the moist, water laden air. The icy coldness within causing his mind to feel increasingly refreshed.

With a slight fastidiousness to cleanliness, Luo Li gave a gentle wave of her sleeve, sweeping away the dust present on the green rock, before carefully sitting down.

Seeing the elegant and graceful figure of the young girl, a cheeky smile appeared on Mu Chen's face, before lunging over. A gentle cry of shock rang out from the young girl's mouth as Mu Chen immediately pushing her down on the green stone, while pressing the young girl's exceedingly soft body behind his.

"What are you doing." a faint pinkish shade appeared on Luo Li's lovable face, with her jade like hands crossing resolutely across her chest, as she shot a rebuking look towards the handsome face just inches away from her.

"It's hard for us to be alone. Those fellows aren't even one bit conscientious, especially Wen Qingxuan. She really itching to remove you far far away from my side." replied Mu Chen as he flung his mouth aside. Proceeding to look teasingly at Luo Li, he said, "However, never did I imagine that our little Luo Li would have such great charm to the point that even girls would want to eat her up."

Mu Chen gave a cheeky smile as he neared Luo Li's ear and muttered those words.

Hearing his words, Luo Li's lovable face instantly turned beet red, while an embarrassed shade appeared within her clear, limpid eyes. With a blush, she spoke out, "What nonsense are you talking about. Wen Qingxuan's also a girl...how's that possible, how's that possible..."

"Everyone within the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy are girls, with not even a male in sight. Things like that are a extremely common occurrence at there." on the contrary, Mu Chen was not one bit surprised by that. With a grin, he looked towards Luo Li and said. "However, you better not run off with her!"

Luo Li shot annoyed glare at Mu Chen. Unable to bear it, she raised her head and gave a fierce bite at Mu Chen's neck.

Nevertheless, her bite was light causing an involuntary shudder from Mu Chen. Is this little spirit enticing him?

Quickly, Luo Li discovered how inappropriate her actions were, causing her to hastily release Mu Chen. After struggling slightly for a bit, she spoke in embarrassment, "Release me."

A sliver of a scorching hot shade flashed within Mu Chen's eyes. Staring at the porcelain square face of the young girl before him, he extended a finger out and raised the exquisitely beautiful face of the young girl This caused her to raise her eyes slightly to look straight at him, before he buried his face straight down.

Luo Li's soft body instantly froze up. Raising her head slightly, a sliver of fluster appeared within her eyes due to the slightly humiliating and suppressed state she was in. After struggling for a bit, she discovered that the youth before her had not moved an inch. Thus she could only close her beautiful eyes and allow for this bad fellow that had seized her heart to obtain his spoils.

After tasting

As the water drops flew out from the waterfall, they form a mist that perfused out. Yet, little rays of springtime and surfaced by the side of the lake.

Finally, Luo Li had still pushed Mu Chen away in the end after him starting to get more and more excessive. This fellow's hand was not one bit conscientious. Therefore, shooting a resentful glare at him, she clenched her hand, causing the Luo Shen Sword beside her to emit a humming sound.

Hearing that Mu Chen hastily pulled his hand back. Clearly, if he was to going to push it abit more, Luo Li would use the Luo Shen Sword to poke him.

Extending his hand outs, Mu Chen grabbed on to the slender jade like hands of Luo Li. After struggling reservedly for a bit, the young girl gave up and let him do as he pleased.

“Luo Li, will you be heading back to the Luo God Clan after the end of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament?” said Mu Chen all of sudden as he looked towards the young girl beneath him.

A faint shiver shook through Luo Li’s alluring figure as she shoot a somewhat unnatural look towards Mu Chen, before nodding her head gently. After this parting, god know when would they ever be able to see each other again.

Taking a deep breath, Mu Chen slowly nodded her head and said, “Do you still remember the words I’ve said before to you?”

Luo Li nodded her head once more. The youth had said before, that when they met again, he would have become an unrivalled powerhouse, being able to shield her from any difficult or dangerous situations that wanted to harm her by standing before her.

“Regardless of anything, you have to wait for me.” said Mu Chen in a deep voice as he held the young girl deeply within his embrace.

Regardless of how arduous and difficult the journey to become an unrivalled powerhouse was, I will always push forward and will flip the earth and shake the heavens for you.

Hearing that, Luo Li gave a light nod, her beautiful eyes turning slightly red. At this moment, an arc started to curl up from her ruddy lips, causing her beauty to elevate to a soul stirring level.

Regardless of whether you will become an unrivalled powerhouse or not, I’ll always wait for you.

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#### **Chapter 549: Divine Wood Scripture**

By the side of the waterfall.

Mu Chen sat on top of a green rock, with Luo Li present near the waterfall not far away. At this moment, she had quietly closed her eyes, clearly gradually entering a training state.

Shooting a look at Luo Li’s beautiful figure, Mu Chen started to steady his mind. As of now, with time being that precious, he needed to grasp all the time he could to further increase his strength. If not, as the most intense period of time for the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament arrives, wanting to rise to the top would not a simple task to accomplish.

After all, there were many crouching tigers and hidden dragons present within this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

As a shadow of deep pondering appeared within Mu Chen’s eyes, he clenched his hand, only for some spiritual light to sparkle. In the next instant, the six Divine Wood Plaques appeared before him. As a green light shone from them, verdant life force started to perfuse from them.

With a casual grab towards Divine Wood Plaques, Mu Chen closed his eyes while extending his senses to them, before flinging his mouth aside in disappointment. That’s because he felt that those Divine Wood Plaques were empty within, with the learning method of those Lesser Divine Arts included. Clearly, the Lesser Divine Arts imprinted within those Divine Wood Plaques could only be sensed by a single person. Once they were learnt, the imprints within would disappear.

That's why it wasn't difficult for Mu Chen to obtain the Divine Wood Plaques from the hands of Wu Yingying and the Four Sea Spiritual Academies. It turned out that the majority of the value present in them had already been used up.

Nevertheless, despite that little bit of disappointment, it was still considered to be within Mu Chen's expectations. After all, he had collected these six Divine Wood Plaques not for the sake of obtaining those Lesser Divine Arts imprinted within them.

An ancient tree symbol slowly surfaced on Mu Chen's forehead. A weak green light radiated from it, slowly spreading out, before finally enveloping the Divine Wood Plaques before Mu Chen.

Humm. Humm.

At this moment, the six Divine Wood Plaques started to faintly vibrate, while the green light radiating from them grew in density. After an instant, upon reaching their maximum brightness, Mu Chen discovered that the six Divine Wood Plaques were actually starting to slowly merge together.

Drop after drop of green liquid appeared, before floating in the air. Within a short span of half a minute, the six Divine Wood Plaques had completely merged together, transforming into a large clump of churning green liquid. The surface of the liquid appeared to form multiple layers, just like the bark of an ancient tree.

At this moment, the tree symbol on Mu Chen's forehead grew increasingly radiant. In the next instant, a green beam of light suddenly shot out, shooting straight towards the clump of greenish liquid before him.

Buzz

Zapping sounds rang from within the liquid, before Mu Chen noticed that the centre-most location within the clump of liquid had actually turned solid. Faintly, it had started to transform into what appeared to be a green-coloured tree bark that was approximately the size of a palm. Exceedingly ancient fluctuations started to radiate from the tree bark, appearing to be brimming with life.

Following the appearance of the ancient tree bark, the tree symbol on Mu Chen's forehead started to slowly disappear, before completely dissipating away.

As Mu Chen extended his finger out, the greenish liquid split apart, while the green-coloured tree bark dropped, finally landing within his palm.

Mu Chen curiously sized up the ancient green-coloured tree bark in his hand. He was able to see dense ancient words sparkling on its surface, with every single word appearing exceedingly abstruse and mysterious.

"Is this the thing that's hidden within the Divine Wood Plaques?" muttered Mu Chen. In the next instant, a scorching-hot shadow surfaced within his eyes. With a furious clench of his hand, the green-coloured tree bark was tightly gripped within his palm.

Bang!

As a green light started to perfuse from his palm, it appeared to penetrate through his hand, before travelling at an astonishing speed towards Mu Chen's mind. At the same time, a low rumble was heard, appearing like an explosion going off within his mind.

Majestic and cryptic ancient information gushed out like a flood.

Green light continuously sparkled within Mu Chen's eyes, before finally slowly subsiding quite a while later. At that moment, an amazed and happy look surfaced on his face.

"Divine Wood Scripture..." muttered Mu Chen.

Present within the ancient information that had gushed into Mu Chen's mind were two portions of a Divine Art. One of them was known as the Divine Wood Scripture. Furthermore, what caused Mu Chen to feel shocked was that this portion of the Divine Wood Scripture had actually reached the realm of Greater Divine Art.

The Divine Arts were categorized into three levels, being Lesser Divine Art, Greater Divine Art and Perfected Divine Art.

Although there was just a word difference between the Lesser Divine Art to the Greater Divine Art, Mu Chen understood the disparity between the two, which was a genuine chasm. If a Lesser Divine Art moved the hearts of Sovereign realm experts, a Greater Divine Art would truly be able to pull the greed out from within them.

This Divine Wood Scripture was a truly genuine Greater Divine Art.

It's said that this Greater Divine Art was the fundamental technique that led to the establishment of the Divine Wood Palace. Even within the Divine Wood Palace, only Elder-level figures would have the qualifications to learn and cultivate a Divine Art of such a realm.

This Divine Wood Scripture was exceedingly abstruse. Once one was able to successfully learn it, one would be able to absorb the energies with trees in a radius of ten thousand metres, with the determination of its strength being one's level of attainment towards the Divine Scripture. Naturally, there was also another important element, which was the terrain, or the surrounding environment.

If the user was in combat while in a forest, the might of the Divine Wood Scripture would shock and astonish people. Furthermore, the greater the number of extraordinary trees in one's surroundings, the more terrifying the might of the Divine Wood Scripture would be. However, if one was in a desert, or the sea, it wouldn't even possess the might of a Lesser Divine Art.

From the information that had gushed into his mind earlier, Mu Chen was able to know that the Divine Wood Palace had an Elder that had trained in the Divine Wood Scripture in the Ancient Antiquity. This Elder's cultivation had reached the realm of 5-Stage Sovereign Realm. While on an external mission, he had bumped into an opponent whose realm had reached that of a 7-Stage Sovereign Realm, with their place of battle being on top of a primary forest.

It just so happened that there was a small patch of Chinese Parasol Trees present there. This was a kind of spiritual tree which possessed rather pure Spiritual Energies within it.

Therefore, the ending was completely predictable. This 5th Grade Sovereign Elder immediately activated the Divine Wood Scripture, causing serious injuries to the 7-Stage Sovereign Realm opponent in a single attack to the point of him almost dying from it.

One could see from this how important a good environment for battle was for this Divine Wood Scripture.

“So formidable.” Mu Chen could not help exclaiming in admiration, before a helpless smile appeared on his face. Indeed, this Divine Wood Scripture was extremely formidable, but the requirements it had towards the combat environment was slightly harsh. After all, one would not always be able to bump into opponents in an environment that just so happened to have a vast forest. Without it, the might of the Divine Wood Scripture would be greatly diminished.

As for having spiritual trees in the surroundings... that was even more harsh.

This made Mu Chen feel slight regret. If not for the limitation it had towards the environment, this Divine Wood Scripture might very well be one of the most outstanding of all Great Divine Arts.

With some regret, Mu Chen continued to look towards the second part of the Divine Wood Scripture, which caused him to gawk.

The second part of the Divine Wood Scripture wasn't strong at all. On the contrary, it was extremely weak... that's because it's name was called Tree Planting Art. As its name implied, it was a Divine Art, and was used to plant trees. It didn't possess a single bit of offensive capabilities, with its only function being to plant tree seedlings, before letting them grow and mature at an astonishing speed.

A blank expression appeared on Mu Chen's face. Clearly, he didn't quite understand why there would be such a weird Divine Art that specializes in planting trees. Did it want people of cultivation to become farmers?

That's not right.

Mu Chen regained his calm. Being able to be placed together with an important Greater Divine Art like the Divine Wood Art, this Tree Planting Art's absolutely not some useless Divine Art...

Tree Planting Art... tree planting?

Mu Chen muttered, before his faced slightly changed, while a somewhat outlandish shadow gushed from within his eyes. Could this Tree Planting Art be specifically used in concert with the Divine Wood Scripture? The might of the Divine Wood Scripture was decided by the environment it was used in, while the Tree Planting Art just so happened to be able to cause a vast forest to grow at an astonishing rate...

If one was to unleash this Tree Planting Art, before a fight, to grow trees, wouldn't one be able to possess the most perfect of environments?

Mu Chen's eyes abruptly lit up as he could not help clapping in excitement. This truly was perfect! The idea of this Senior from the Divine Wood Palace truly was unique, to actually be able to think of such a way to cover up the weakness of the Divine Wood Scripture. With the Tree Planting Art, one would be able to stabilise the might of the Divine Wood Scripture.

Furthermore, what's more important was that once it was able to gather the seedlings of a few spiritual trees and plant it down, wouldn't that make it even more terrifying?

Being exceedingly intelligent, Mu Chen was able to come up with quite a few detailed plans. With a few items, it would undoubtedly cause the Divine Wood Scripture to be much more powerful.

However... upon thinking that he would have to plant trees before fighting with people... the smile on Mu Chen's face started to turn slightly stiff. Wouldn't that be too weird...?

Mu Chen gave a bitter laugh in response, shaking his head before temporarily suppressing such thoughts. Although this action seemed slightly weird, as long as one was powerful enough, such details would be ignored.

"From the looks of it, I would have to comprehend this Divine Wood Scripture for a bit during my isolation training."

Mu Chen muttered. Learning a Divine Art of such a grade wouldn't be easy. However, the information that had gushed into his mind had contained the experiences of numerous Seniors of the Divine Wood Palace, allowing for the level of difficulty to drop by quite a bit. As for this Tree Planting Art, it was in fact not even considered as a Divine Art. At the very most, it could only be considered as a Middle Grade Divine Art. To Mu Chen, learning it simply wasn't difficult at all.

Taking a deep breath, Mu Chen suppressed the surging emotions within his heart, before slowly closing his eyes. Clapping his hands together, he gradually entered into a training state.

In the next period of time, not only did he want to break through his Spiritual Energy Disaster, he even wanted to seize the moment and successfully comprehend this Divine Wood Scripture.

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### **Chapter 550: The Climax of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament**

Time continued to elapse in an unhurried fashion, with the general situation of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament ramping up and growing increasingly fervent.

At this moment, the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament was ramping up to its final phase. Clearly, this was the phase where the fights and battles were at their most intense, with all of the elite groups that were biding and waiting for their time finally coming to the surface, completely exposing their dazzling brilliance to all.

That's because there was already no need for them to patiently hide during the day. What they wanted was to use all of their methods and ways available to them to obtain as many points as possible, before rushing towards the Top 8. Only by entering the Top 8 would they obtain the qualifications to enter the final match.

This would clearly become a rather cruel match of elimination.

The groups that were able to distinguish themselves and rise to the top would absolutely be outstanding, with them numbering in the hundreds, or even thousands. Wanting to fight and struggle for the Top 8 in such a situation with so many experts would definitely be a rather difficult task.

Yet, the matter was indeed headed this way.

Not long after Mu Chen and the rest had exited from their isolation training, the atmosphere within the entire Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had turned into a powderkeg that had been blown completely up by sparks and pressure coming from all directions. Everyone present could feel the rampant atmosphere perfusing within the air of the centre of the shattered continent, with ordinary groups not even daring to go near the centre region. As for those that dared, all of them possessed a rather high level of confidence towards themselves.

This region had already become the central point of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

As all those groups brimming with self-confidence gathered towards the central region of the shattered continent, massive battles naturally started to erupt without incident.

After a short span of a few days, the intense flames of battle had seemingly spread through every single inch of this vast region.

Fights and battles had seemingly sprung up at any given moment within this vast region, with each and every powerful group displaying various kinds of methods and techniques in their fights, causing boundless rampant Spiritual Energies to ripple throughout the heavens and earth.

Following the eruption of various intense battles and fights, those elite groups that were hidden in the dark and biding their time had started to quietly reveal their vicious fangs. Within the short span of a days, everyone was able to acutely sense the few unfamiliar and powerful groups that suddenly appeared, before defeating a few previously prominent groups. Finally, with a winner-takes-all stance, they would snatch away all of their hard-earned points...

A few of the previously prominent and strong groups were rapidly squashed. Despite all their efforts in resisting, what they received in the end was a painful sense of the disparity between them. Only at that moment did they start to feel regret. However, while they were continuously pursuing and snatching the points of those weak groups, these people were strolling around the various dangerous realms within the shattered continent, painstakingly searching and finding the chances of breakthroughs in the form of remnants. Under this tempering, their strength had increased time after time again, resulting in the them gradually pulling the disparity apart from those previously prominent and strong groups that were of similar levels of strength at the very beginning.

Therefore, within a short span of no more than two to three days, everyone had started to sense a huge change within the Top 16 on the tournament point rankings. Other than the extremely small number of groups that possessed powerful might, it seemed as if more than half of those well-known strong groups have been cruelly ousted from the rankings. Clearly, all of them have already been defeated in battle.

As for the groups that replaced those well-known groups, they appeared rather foreign and unfamiliar to everyone's eyes, with the Spiritual Academies they came from being not ranked amongst the elite Spiritual Academies. There was even a group that came from a middle-tiered Spiritual Academy that would appear exceedingly unassuming when placed within the lineup of Spiritual Academies participating in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

Out of nothing, they had reached the 8th rank within a short span of three days. Furthermore, they had maintained that place from then till now, with no one still being able to kick them down from there. From this, one could see exactly how strong this group was.

In such a period of time, there would be earth-shattering changes present every day of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

Foreign and unfamiliar groups continued to gush endlessly like a stream, before sending challenges towards those powerful groups on the top rankings. Wave after wave, one leading after another. Only those that were able to remain undefeated after those unending waves of challenges would be able to obtain the qualifications to rule over their respective places on the rankings.

The vast central region had seemingly turned into an exceedingly cruel elimination ground. Whenever a group appeared full of spirit, there would always be another retreating away in a miserable fashion. If one wanted to climb all the way to the top in here, there was only one path that awaited them, which was to step on the heads of others and climb up, one step at a time.

Among the groups present here that numbered as much as the stars that twinkle in the night sky, there would merely be eight of them that were able to stand tall at the very end.

Furthermore, it was extremely obvious that these eight groups would definitely be the best of the best.

Time quietly elapsed by, with the competition for the Top 16 becoming increasingly intense as time flowed on. Every single day, it seemed as if there would always be movements and changes to the Top 16, with every single change representing the appearance of an even stronger group, thereby increasing the already difficult level of entry towards the Top 16.

At this moment, the Top 16 were undoubtedly worth even more than their weight in gold than before.

Within the Top 16, the first place was still lorded over by Saint Spiritual Academy's group led by Ji Xuan, with the second place being occupied by the Martial Spiritual Academy's group led by Wu Ling. As for the third place, it was held by a group with a captain possessing a familiar name, being Wen Qingxuan.

Within the short span of a few days, Wen Qingxuan had reveal her astonishing strength once again, defeating one group after another in a considerably overbearing fashion, before finally scaling into the third place in a queen-like fashion. Her beautiful gaze scanned her surroundings with a cold and haughty fashion akin to a graceful and arrogant phoenix, causing the hearts of others to be exceedingly moved, while the same level of dread surfaced from within.

The groups ranked after Wen Qingxuan's group all possessed well-renowned fame, as of now, within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, with the level of strength causing absolutely no one to dare to underestimate them.

With the constant appearance of powerful groups, the changes within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had also appeared to happen exceedingly quick. As the previously prominent powerful groups get eliminated and wrecked one after another, those groups that were previously in the top places of the rankings started to get forgotten by the people. Even if they were mentioned, it would always be in disdain, accompanied by the flinging of mouths, with no more care taken when doing so.

Clearly, Mu Chen's group was also included among this list. Previously, they had once risen into the Top 16 within the rankings. However, as of now, they had completely disappeared from it. Therefore, when people had remembered about this group that had suddenly risen from the bottom from nowhere,

seemingly everyone had already forgotten about them. Clearly, everyone had already treated them as one of the members of the huge army of eliminated groups...

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As time elapsed, with everyone within the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament becoming badly bruised in their struggle for the Top 16, boundless Spiritual Energies suddenly shot towards the skies from within a desolate area deep within the a mountainous region.

Within three mountain peaks, boundless Spiritual Energies rushed towards the skies, before three figures shot towards the air amidst long roars. Powerful Spiritual Energies rippled around their bodies akin to the surging of waves, appearing exceedingly tyrannical. These three figures were clearly, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang, who had been in isolated training.

At this moment, unconcealable ecstasy covered the faces of the trio, as the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from their bodies were numerous times more tyrannical than before their isolation training. Clearly, they had already managed to successfully break through their Spiritual Energy Disaster...

Exchanging glances in the air, smiles cracked open from their lips.

Bang!

As the trio were exchanging glances, an earth-shattering sound suddenly resounded from the mountain behind them. They turned their gazes over, only to see the gigantic waterfall present there had been unexpectedly severed. Present below it was a figure sitting quietly on a green stone, with black and white spiritual energies in harmony radiating from his body, forming what appeared to be a gigantic hundred-metre large Spiritual Energy barrier. It was precisely this Spiritual Energy barrier that had seemingly severed the waterfall in half...

Whoosh!

Suddenly, the barrier made from the fusion of black and white Spiritual Energies exploded, causing rampant Spiritual Energies, in the form of a hurricane, to sweep out, instantly causing a storm that whipped within the entire region.

As the hurricane swirled the lake like a storm, the figure sitting within slowly opened his eyes. The view within his black pupils appeared increasingly abstruse, like a scene akin to a starry sky.

Looking towards the storm that had blotted the skies, Mu Chen gave a gentle wave of his sleeve, causing the storm the instantly freeze, before condensing together.

With a shift of his body, Mu Chen appeared in the air. Sensing the vast and boundless Spiritual Energy present within his body, a faint smile surfaced at the corner of his mouth. After crossing his Spiritual Energy Disaster, the Spiritual Energy present within his body was numerous times more dense than before.

“Truly worthy of the Spiritual Energy Disaster.”

Mu Chen muttered to himself with a faint smile.

Raising his head, Mu Chen looked towards the vast forest, before suddenly extending his palm out. Forming a rather unique seal, a luscious green glowing screen started to radiate from his palm, completely enveloping the giant tall trees present within the tens of kilometres below.

Crackle...

Under the envelope of the light, the giant tall trees appeared to have been provoked, instantly trembling and shaking. Finally, with a final slam, they transformed into rays of green light, rushing straight into the glowing screen present within Mu Chen's hand.

Whoosh. Whoosh.

The rays of green light rushed into the glowing screen, before disappearing away. Faintly, a luscious green sea started to become faintly discernible within the glowing screen...

"What a really wonderful Tree Growing Art..."

Looking towards the luscious green shadow within the glowing screen, before looking at the ground below, which had become completely empty, a sigh of admiration uncontrollably surfaced from within Mu Chen's eyes. Although this Tree Growing Art didn't have any offensive characteristics, the degree of mysteriousness it provided was not one bit inferior in Mu Chen's eyes to the Divine Wood Scripture.

Upon observing this scene unfolding before their eyes, Xu Huang and the other two that were standing not too far away were stunned to complete dumbfoundedness.

Sending them a smile, Mu Chen proceeded to look towards the distance. Present along that direction was the central region of this shattered continent. Despite the vast distance between there and where he stood, Mu Chen could still clearly discern a faint scorching atmosphere perfusing from there...

Slowly crossing his fingers, Mu Chen softly muttered.

"The final phase of the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, has finally started..."