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Chapter 701: Fang Mu's Black Moon Curse!_1

Meng Sha's words, like a thunderclap, threw Mr. Zi and the Body Refinement Doctor into deep thought.

The Void Beast Witch from the Witch School looking to form an alliance with the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect for a joint exploration of the ancient battlefield.

How exciting that sounded!

Since when had the people of the Witch School started to understand the value of cooperation!?

Neither the Body Refinement Doctor nor Mr. Zi wanted to believe Meng Sha's words.

However, Meng Sha's proposition made it extremely hard for them to refuse.

Securing an extra ally at this time would be greatly beneficial.

The relationship between the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect was excellent, as their leadership overlapped. Only the core members of the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect were privy to this information.

This arrangement facilitated the cooperation between the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect.

While they could not digest Meng Sha and her people, they had no issue keeping an eye on her.

Meng Sha had been sticking close to both men; as soon as she wanted to reap any rewards in the ancient battlefield, she would inevitably move to resource-rich areas.

It seemed that the content of the first six pages of Meng Sha's ancient book had indeed been snatched away by someone else!

Otherwise, Meng Sha probably wouldn't even offer to stay close to them.

The ultimate dispute over the relics was of utmost importance.

Both the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect had the qualification to vie for the final relics.

If they could pull the Witch School in as well, they could dispose of Meng Sha when necessary, passing the danger onto the Witch School.

Mr. Zi was still somewhat hesitant.

Mr. Zi had old acquaintance with Meng Sha, having suffered losses at her hands several times.

But, the Body Refinement Doctor of the Eternal Alchemy Association simply agreed.

"If that's the case, then follow us!"

"When we make gains, they will be divided in a three-two-one ratio!"

"We, the Eternal Alchemy Association, will take the lion's share, and you from the Witch School will take the least."

"If we capture an Evil Spirit, it will be allocated to the Witch School first. This is our bottom line for cooperation."

The Body Refinement Doctor showed no sign of wanting to negotiate with Mr. Zi, as he could see that Mr. Zi had no desire to accept the Witch School.

On the one hand, accepting the Witch School would involve assuming risks, and on the other, splitting the gains three ways would inevitably decrease their current profits.

The manpower deployed by the Evil Heart Sect on this occasion was overall less powerful than that of the Eternal Alchemy Association.

Without mentioning competition with other forces, they were already at a disadvantage when competing with the Eternal Alchemy Association alone.

Therefore, Mr. Zi wasn't thinking about acquiring the heritage in the ruins. Instead, he wanted to amass resources.

So he could account for his actions when he returned to the Evil Heart Sect.

Understanding Mr. Zi's purpose, the Body Refinement Doctor slightly increased the allocation to the Evil Heart Sect when distributing resources.

To offset the loss to the Evil Heart Sect's resource allocation caused by the Witch School's inclusion.

The Body Refinement Doctor's statement that the Witch School taking 10% of the resources as the bottom line was no bluff.

The Witch School was the target of both the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect, so the Body Refinement Doctor had no intention of giving the Witch School more resources.

Otherwise, it would impact the interests of the Eternal Alchemy Association, and no one was willing to do anything against their own interests.

Meng Sha's words came from Liu Xi, at Fang Mu's instruction.

Fang Mu realized that what the Body Refinement Doctor said was indeed the bottom line.

Fang Mu initially planned to use the manpower of the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect, so there was no need for him to haggle over the bottom line.

However, Fang Mu couldn't agree directly, as this would surely arouse suspicion from Mr. Zi and the Body Refinement Doctor.

Fang Mu had Meng Sha contemplate for a moment, then she spoke very earnestly.

"I can accept the allocation of 10% of the resources, but you must prioritize giving us Evil Spirits!"

"This applies even to Earth Evil Spirits!"

"If you agree to my terms, I will lead you in the exploration of the supplies based on my understanding of the first six pages of the ancient book!"

After the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect discovered Meng Sha, Fang Mu devised a plan for her to join them.

He planned to use the real ancient book to let the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect derive some benefits from it.

No matter what, Fang Mu knew that there were some parts of the area with supplies that he wouldn't be able to reach.

After all, it was unlikely that Fang Mu could travel multiple paths at the same time.

Once Meng Sha obtained the right to lead the way, she could direct the manpower from the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect to block Fang Mu's periphery.

If other forces approached, Meng Sha could rush up with the manpower of the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect to get to them ahead of time.

And block the manpower of other forces on the outside.

To prevent the manpower of other forces from affecting Fang Mu.

The only force in this world that Fang Mu had hostile relations with was the Evil Heart Sect.

JA City was where Fang Mu was born; Fang Mu had lived in JA City for sixteen years.

In this life, he was a bona fide resident of JA City in the Dragon Soaring Federation.

The Evil Heart Sect launched an attack on JA City, destroying a large number of the city's infrastructure and causing the deaths of millions of people through the Dimensional Rift.

The dormitory building and the small auditorium of Jinghai Beast Control High School, where Fang Mu lived, collapsed among many other infrastructures.

More than a third of the students were either killed or seriously injured.

Many teachers also fell victim to the plotters of the high-dimensional creatures, as well as Mr. Gray and Mr. Red from the Evil Heart Sect.

Fang Mu wasn't of a meek disposition; he wouldn't let a grudge go unresolved!

The moment he learned that the Evil Heart Sect planned to participate in the exploration of this large ancient battlefield, Fang Mu had decided not to let any of the Sect's members leave!

All forces are extremely careful when choosing partners for cooperation, fearing being backstabbed by their partners at critical moments.

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The Body Refinement Doctor of the Eternal Alchemy Association trusted Meng Sha so easily, not because they approved of Meng Sha's character.

But because the Witch School stood behind Meng Sha.

The Witch School would endorse Meng Sha's actions.

At the critical moment, Meng Sha manipulated her own Ground Beast Void Tentacle and Sister of Earth Spirit Mental Shield, as well as the sudden attack by the Charm Peak Spirit White Horse Female Warrior.

They could definitely hit the Evil Heart Sect hard!

Fang Mu had nothing to do with the blame placed on the Witch School.

With Liu Xi, Fang Mu doesn't have to rely entirely on Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun, and Qin Shao. Instead, he can sneakily make things happen!

Shui Miao looked at the ancient books and regretfully said,

"All things related to spiritual energy have been obtained by Ah Mu."

"It's a pity that these three guardian beasts do not have any particularly high-quality specimens."

"I heard that two evil generals of Ancient Genesis had jointly attempted to challenge the Star Moon Grand Canyon, where they obtained a plant-type beastmaster called the Brewed Spirit Blueberry!"

"The blueberries produced by Brewed Spirit Blueberries, each containing spiritual energy equivalent to the daily output of a Spirit Absorbing Goldfish of the same rank."

“The Brewed Spirit Blueberry is said to be highly productive.”

“It’s a pity that Ancient Genesis never shared this resource with other forces.”

Shu Liangjun has had many dealings with the Ancient Genesis, so his understanding of them is no less than that of Shui Miao.

Shu Liangjun has tasted the Brewed Spirit Blueberries before.

The Brewed Spirit Blueberries are indeed what was said by Shui Miao, but what is inside a large ancient battlefield is not something they can control.

So naturally, they can’t insist!

Fang Mu raised his eyebrows. Shui Miao’s disdain for the Spirit Absorbing Goldfish really runs deep!

But Fang Mu didn’t believe in this, and planned to cultivate the Spirit Absorbing Goldfish properly.

The special breed of the Five Blessings Orchid Longevity Absorbing Spirit Goldfish has proven the potential of the Spirit Absorbing Goldfish group.

Under the circumstances of pure life energy, water elemental energy, and the liquid spiritual energy refined and gathered by the Five Blessings Orchid Longevity Absorbing Spirit Goldfish,

Fang Mu is confident to cultivate the Spirit Absorbing Goldfish!

Who knows, those Spirit Absorbing Goldfish eggs might bring him unexpected rewards!?

Suddenly, Fang Mu noticed that the path under his feet had changed.

Originally, the path under Fang Mu's feet was covered with dirt and dust, and corpse fungus generated by the union of Dead Qi.

However, the path in front had been laid with bluish-white jade tiles, which felt like clouds and diluted moonlight under the ripples of water.

This place is indeed marked with a heart shape in the ancient books, where there is no annotation.

This place has been deliberately created, indicating that it was carefully designed by the creators of this ancient battlefield.

Qin Shao looked at the blue and white jade tiles on the ground and cried out in surprise.

"Ah Mu, I suggest we spend some time collecting these jade tiles!"

"If I'm not mistaken about the material used to make these jade tiles, it should be the legendary Completely Jade-like Wood!"

"According to ancient records, wood becomes a state that is neither metal nor stone but is extremely sturdy when soaked in high concentration spiritual energy."

"It does not decay in any environment!"

"I believe these jade tiles may be a type of Completely Jade-like Wood!"

As Qin Shao spoke, he squatted down to scoop out a piece of jade tile from the ground and make a final judgment on the material of the jade tiles.

Upon hearing Qin Shao's words, Fang Mu immediately used the Eye of Omniscience to investigate the jade tiles under his feet.

[Xufeng Pear Wood] (Completely Jade-like): The Xufeng Pear Tree undergoes a metamorphosis in a high density spiritual energy environment, with anti-corrosion properties and also releases a soothing wind to maintain the freshness of the environment. Under the influence of the spiritual environment, it radiates an origin color light that is in harmony with the wood, illuminating the surrounding environment.

Fang Mu has a certain understanding of Completely Jade-like Wood. Completely Jade-like Wood cannot be produced in the Seventh Era.

This is a product of the Spiritual Energy Era. People nowadays can only obtain it by exploring relics or excavating it from the earth.

Any type of Completely Jade-like Wood is an absolute luxury!

Because the Completely Jade-like Wood is not large in size and it's hard to keep intact,

It is seldom made into furniture by craftsmen.

Most of them are grinded into buttons for tailored clothing by designers, or turned into jewellery for members of large forces to wear.

Such luxuriously high-end resources were being used as flooring!

Fang Mu was interested in the tiles made from Xufeng Pear Wood.

The Abdominal Territory Worm's Secret Region Space would be transformed by Fang Mu into a spiritual energy environment in the future. These tiles made of completely jade-quality Xufeng Pear Wood could be laid in the Secret Region Space for roads and furniture crafting.

The usage of Xufeng Pear Wood is akin to installing lamps in the Secret Region Space of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

Fang Mu had been pondering which Guardian Beast to use for illumination in the Secret Region Space of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

Neither Shu Liangjun nor Shui Miao had paid much attention to the tiles used to pave the road under their feet before.

After being reminded of their value by Qin Shao, they actively helped Fang Mu collect them.

Upon collecting them, they placed the tiles in a silver spatial equipment each, and handed the silver spatial equipment to Fang Mu.

Qin Shao was also very covetous of the fully jade-quality Xufeng Pear Wood, but at the end of the day, he didn't ask Fang Mu for it nor propose a trade.

The opportunity to extend life expectancy remained the most beneficial exchange for him!

At the end of the tile road, there was a stone platform. A stone box resembling a chessboard was placed on it.

Shui Miao, Qin Shao, Shu Liangjun, and Jin Ya all frowned upon seeing this chessboard-like stone box.

They didn't understand what it was.

There were some traces carved next to the stone box, looking somewhat like a type of script.

But it seemed to have been deliberately erased.

The stone platform and the stone box were the same material, the carved traces on the stone box weren't affected.

The traces on the stone platform shouldn't have been eroded either!

While Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun, and Qin Shao were frowning, Fang Mu suddenly opened his eyes wide.

That's because Fang Mu found that the item on the stone box, resembling a chessboard, was akin to a game called Huarong Dao that he played in his previous life.

Fang Mu reached out to touch the stone box, and suddenly a mysterious energy surged from within and entered his body.

A tattoo-like mark that looked like the black night appeared on Fang Mu's face.

Fang Mu's twin souls had somehow connected with the stone box at the same time.

The hint that Fang Mu had touched before had depleted his soul energy.

Fang Mu could predict that every time he touched a hint, it would consume a portion of his soul energy.

When Fang Mu was young in his previous life, the Huarong Dao was the most basic of puzzle games, which could be resolved in as few as nine moves.

The soul energy contained within Fang Mu's twin souls was only enough for twelve steps.

The soul energy of a Beast Master doesn't increase with strength like spiritual power.

Soul energy is defined as the mass of the soul.

A person's soul energy only increases slightly after being constantly drained and then recovered.

But even a Beast Master like Shui Miao, if moving the pieces of the chessboard, could only take eight steps at most.

Not even enough for the quickest solution.

For a moment, Fang Mu was uncertain whether to suspect that people from the fifth or sixth epochs had a method of tempering the soul.

Or, was this game, or test, specifically designed for those born with twin souls?

Fang Mu casually touched the stone box, drawing the attention of Shui Miao, Qin Shao, and Shu Liangjun.

All three of them detected neither energy fluctuations nor special aura from the stone box, but surprisingly the stone box had an effect on Fang Mu!

The pitch-black crescent on Fang Mu's face strongly resembled a curse.

Shu Liangjun anxiously asked Fang Mu.

"Ah Mu, can you feel what kind of effect you've been subjected to!?"

Curses are extremely mysterious. Besides the person afflicted, it is difficult for others to investigate the specifics of a curse.

Unless the curse is in a phase of eruption.

Though they were unaware of Fang Mu's condition at present, they could feel that his soul energy was being mobilized.

This was indeed the worst news!

Because curses related to the soul could instantly lead to death, leaving almost no chance for treatment!

Chapter 703: Crescent Moon Pendant and Brocade Pouch!_1

Shu Liangjun, Shui Miao and Qin Shao didn't dare to examine Fang Mu's Black Moon Mark through energy probing.

They feared that it would activate the Black Moon Mark, immediately harming Fang Mu.

Shu Liangjun, Shui Miao, and Qin Shao didn't prepare to secure resources within the large ancient battlefield when they stepped in.

Even if Fang Mu decided not to give the Cold Drawing Master Fish to Shui Miao, Shui Miao wouldn't demand it.

The trios' main objective of entering the old battlefield was to ensure Fang Mu's safety and accompany him in his experiences.

However, currently, Fang Mu has incurred a soul curse, and they couldn't protect him.

Shu Liangjun and Shui Miao have known Fang Mu for quite some time now, and both have developed feelings of familiarity towards Fang Mu.

Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun consider Fang Mu a friend and a younger comrade that they highly value.

Though Qin Shao hasn't known Fang Mu for long, and naturally doesn't hold feelings as deep as Shui Miao or Shu Liangjun.

The primary reason Qin Shao contacts Fang Mu is to obtain opportunities to extend his lifespan.

If Fang Mu encounters any problem under his protection, it would already be fortunate of him if Master Qixing doesn't hold him accountable.

How could there be any chances of trading for lifespan extensions with him!?

Dealing with the wrath of a Senior Creation Zenith Master was not something easily borne!

Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun, and Qin Shao have observed how dearly Master Qixing treats Fang Mu.

The fact that Master Qixing allows Fang Mu to trade with so many Founding Sect resources and make a decision on using a Grandmaster-level Elixir without consulting him suggests Master Qixing treats him not as just a disciple, but like his own son.

Compared to Qin Shao's worry about losing the qualification for lifespan extension, Shu Liangjun and Shui Miao felt more guilt.

Fang Mu had saved Shui Miao's life before, and afterwards, he had even done Shui Miao a favor.

This is an act of kindness that can't be summarized with just a few words!

The Cold Drawing Master Fish was still stored in Shui Miao's spatial equipment.

Recalling how generous and free-spirited Fang Mu was when he handed over the Cold Drawing Master Fish, Shui Miao was overwhelmed by guilt.

If they had been more vigilant, perhaps Fang Mu's soul wouldn't have been cursed!

Jin Ya anxiously retrieved a tiny jade porcelain pot from her spatial equipment and started talking.

"I have a jar of Curse-breaking Elm Heart here. It can remove curses at the soul level. I don't know if it will be useful for Ah Mu!"

The Curse-breaking Elm Heart is the top treasure for lifting curses. Only one Elm Heart is generated for every thousand years lived by the Curse-breaking Purple Elm.

The heart of the Curse-breaking Purple Elm is quite valuable and was a gift Qin Shao gave to Jin Ya on her birthday.

Unless her own or her family's life was at risk, she would never use this life-saving treasure!

Fang Mu saw the jar in Jin Ya's hand. He smiled and accepted Jin Ya's kindness.

Regardless of whether the Curse-breaking Elm Heart could lift the curse of the Black Moon Mark on his face, even if it could, Fang Mu didn't want to use it.

Because this test was something he could very easily pass!

The Huarong Road Nine Steps solution was deeply embedded in Fang Mu's memory, and with his soul energy capable of making twelve steps, there was no worry of the test failure triggering the curse.

Since the position marked by a heart-shaped symbol in ancient books was a test, and even the test venue was set up using completely jade-like Xufeng Pear Wood.

It's enough to prove that there will be a great reward upon completing the test!

"My current state is very strange. Every time I move a step on the stone plate, a part of my soul gets swallowed by the Black Moon Imprint."

"I suspect once the red pieces on the board are moved to the marker on the board, the formation would be resolved!"

Hearing Fang Mu's description of his situation, Shu Liangjun, Shui Miao, Qin Shao, and Jin Ya did not breathe a sigh of relief.

The four examined the board carefully as they were certain they had never heard of such a game before.

Since it's a curse, it must have time limits. Finishing the board game within a short period and limited steps is almost impossible!

Anything with zero tolerance is always the hardest task in the world.

Qin Shao was the first to speak.

"Xiao Ya's jar contains four Curse-breaking Elm Hearts. We can try to see if it can break the curse."

"Even if it can't break the curse, it can reduce its impact!"

"Once the curse weakens, maybe the Black Moon Imprint will not swallow as much soul energy when you manipulate the board!"

No sooner had Qin Shao finished his words, than Shu Liangjun shook his head to express his opposition.

"I don't recommend trying this!"

"The Curse Power upon this Black Moon Imprint likely carries an Instant Death Effect. Once it is triggered, the Instant Death Effect may likely be activated!"

"Ah Mu, can you estimate how much time this curse has given you?"

Fang Mu, having slid his hand on the board for the second time and sensing it, said,

"Even if I don't move, my soul will still be consumed, and if I continue standing here, my soul energy will be exhausted in less than five minutes."

Fang Mu's second action on the board sent a shudder through Shu Liangjun's heart.

Only five minutes, it is not enough time to study the curse!

Even if the Curse-breaking Elm Heart was taken by Fang Mu, it would hardly take effect within five minutes.

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Rather, tinkering with the chessboard at will could accelerate his own death, so why was Fang Mu so unconcerned and calm in the face of death!?

After answering Shu Liangjun's question, Fang Mu moved his fingers repeatedly across the chessboard.

Shu Liangjun and Shui Miaoqinshao wants to stop him but didn't know how to say it since none of them have a method to break the curse.

Every move made by Fang Mu was equivalent to him personally bring an end to his life.

But soon, their guilt and worry quickly turned into astonished joy.

Because they found out that the complicated chessboard became clear after only five moves by Fang Mu.

By the ninth move, the red chess piece had already been moved to the designated area by Fang Mu.

Fang Mu's poise appeared as if this board game was a simple child's game.

Could it be that Fang Mu has seen this board game before and already knew how to solve it!?

The three of them felt that this possibility was small because the board game came from a large ancient battlefield.

It's impossible for Fang Mu to have played this chessboard during the fifth and sixth epochs.

The moment the red chess piece entered the designated area, the black moon totem on Fang Mu's face turned white.

The red chess piece trapped itself inside the chessboard, as if it had triggered a mechanism within the board.

The two corners of the board opened, and beneath the chessboard was an ancient copper key.

Next to the key was a hole, clearly the place to insert the key.

Fang Mu knew he had been rewarded for passing the test.

Fang Mu picked up the key and before inserting it, explained to the four people beside him.

"My deductive ability is very strong, my master values this aspect highly."

"In my deduction, it isn't difficult to solve the board game."

"If I can't solve something by myself, I'll ask for your help directly!"

Fang Mu has always claimed to be a Grandmaster Disciple.

Previously, Fang Mu has never stated how he became a disciple of the Grandmaster Creator.

Now, Fang Mu felt it was necessary to label himself.

In this way, whether in front of the four people or returning to the Starwheel, Fang Mu's status will be solidified!

Shu Miaoqinshao, Shu Liangjun, Qin Shao and Jin Ya looked at Fang Mu as if he was an Immortal.

Breaking the game in such a short time after just learning the rules.

This kind of deductive ability has already surpassed the realm of human capabilities, hasn't it?

The emergence of many Master-level and Grandmaster-level elixirs is due to the Creator's deduction of various formulas through the effects of spiritual materials, then verifying the effects of each formula.

The stronger a Creator's deductive powers, the fewer detours they will have to take in the verification process.

It can also ensure the possibility of a successful deduction of elixir formulas.

This is a rare ability for high-level creators, which is difficult to cultivate later in life.

As a Forging Spirit Grandmaster, Shui Miaoqinshao had never thought of taking a disciple.

But if he were to meet a youngster with this kind of deductive potency, Shui Miaoqinshao might also be moved.

After explaining to the four of them, Fang Mu inserted the key into the hole.

Fang Mu had an idea, if the thing inside the hole is precious, Fang Mu would like to explore the other two heart-shaped markings on the ancient scrolls.

Fang Mu had a premonition that although these three heart-shaped markings might not be inside the ruins, their value could be more precious than the inheritance inside the ruins!

The moment the key entered the hole, the hole started to rotate counterclockwise on its own initiative.

A stone trough appeared on the stone platform, and inside was a crescent moon-shaped pendant.

Next to the crescent moon-shaped pendant was a brocade pouch, which Fang Mu proceeded to open.

There was a line of ancient text on the pouch.

The current language of the Dragon Rising Federation was transformed from the ancient language, using many of the same characters.

Moreover, Fang Mu had previously devoted effort to understanding ancient languages, so he easily recognized the content written in the ancient book.

[Nurture the Crescent Moon Pendant with your own energy. Should you find yourself in danger, breaking the pendant may just save your life!]

[The fusion of two Crescent Moon Pendants would result in a Half Moon Pendant, while the fusion of three would result in a Full Moon Pendant.]

The upper part of the inscription in the brocade pouch was embroidered with black silk threads, whereas the lower part was embroidered with moon-white silk threads.

It gave off a silvery glow, reminiscent of moonlight.

Fang Mu reached out to pick up the Crescent Moon Pendant. After a moment of thought, he threaded it with a string and hung it around his neck.

The best way to nurture the Crescent Moon Pendant with his own energy was to wear it as an ornament.

Fang Mu was not sure about the authenticity of the pouch's inscription, but it was worth wearing the pendant like an amulet, just in case.

However, such a life-saving card had to be actively triggered rather than passively activated.

Only those acknowledged by the Crescent Moon Pendant and had their energy infused into the pendant could shatter it.

Otherwise, it would be exceedingly difficult for an external force to break the pendant.

In Fang Mu's opinion, this kind of life-saving card that required human activation was not as advantageous as the exclusive feature of the Blood of Abundance: [Ash-Dyed End].

[Ash-Dyed End] was a passive trigger that might save one's life when danger lurked and there was no time to actively use a life-saving talisman.

But a passive life-saving card could definitely activate when one's life was threatened, thereby resisting danger!

At this point, the white crescent patterns on Fang Mu's face had completely dissolved, allowing the energy within the white crescent to accept him as the owner of the Crescent Moon Pendant.

However, this particular energy within him did not disappear.

Fang Mu felt that if anyone were to kill him, they would probably be able to extract this special energy from his body.

At this thought, Fang Mu's heart tightened.

The other two spots marked with heart shapes in the ancient book probably housed the remaining two Crescent Moon Pendants.

The brocade pouch's moon-white silk threads explained that the Crescent Moon Pendants could merge with each other. Was this encouraging those who obtained the pendant to compete for the remaining two!?

Fang Mu was curious about the idea of merging the Crescent Moon Pendants into a Half Moon or Full Moon Pendant.

He had already collected all the Guardian Beasts related to spiritual energy in the ancient battlefield. His interest in the artifacts from the Epoch far less surpassed his interest in the two remaining Crescent Moon Pendants.

Fang Mu threaded a string through the Crescent Moon Pendant and hung it around his neck.

He put the brocade pouch into the Purple Ice Crystal Ring, then turned to Shui Miao and the others, saying,

"I wish to investigate the other two heart-marked locations in the ancient book."

"There most likely will be tests at those locations. I have the desire to attempt these tests!"

"The Crescent Moon Pendant we just found is an intact relic from the five-sixth Epoch, so our master would surely be interested."

"The other two locations have definitely already been discovered by now, so we will be taking on a risk by going there."

"I'm willing to offer each of you an opportunity to extend your lifespan in exchange for shouldering this risk for me!"

“I know you all agreed to help me gather materials and gain experience in the ancient battlefield.”

“However, this is a different matter entirely. I’ll need your help for this!”

Fang Mu spoke with utmost sincerity. He didn’t take advantage of the guilt from the earlier failed test, and he didn’t force them into taking on avoidable risks.

Fang Mu’s words stirred Shu Liangjun, Shui Miao and Qin Shao’s emotions.

Even if Fang Mu did not offer any benefits or promises, they would not refuse to explore the other two heart-marked locations in the ancient book for him, and they would willingly take action on his behalf.

In this situation, Fang Mu’s promises both respected them and proved he was a considerate man!

Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun looked to Qin Shao.

Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun certainly sided with Fang Mu. Among everyone present, Qin Shao was the least familiar with Fang Mu.

At this time, Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun couldn’t make decisions for Qin Shao, nor did they feel it was appropriate to make the first move.

Seeing Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun’s gaze, Qin Shao rolled his eyes and then said loudly.

“I haven’t had a bout with anyone since entering the ancient battlefield. My hands have been itching for a fight!”

“If you want more Crescent Moon Pendants, Ah Mu, even if someone else takes them, we can help you get them back!”

Chapter 705: Fang Mu’s Second Guardian Beast!_1

Shu Liangjun and Shui Miao's eyes still clearly marked their closeness with Fang Mu and their distance from Qin Shao.

Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun would instinctively choose to help Fang Mu whenever he made a request.

Their gaze towards Qin Shao seemed as if he was an outsider.

This left Qin Shao feeling somewhat helpless.

As the Dominator of the Ancient Heritage Clan, Qin Shao implemented a policy of prioritizing interests above all else.

Otherwise, the Ancient Heritage Clan might not have survived until now!

This made the Ancient Heritage Clan seem a bit unsociable when interacting with others.

Fang Mu possessed the ability to extend life span, an ability that Qin Shao couldn't afford to ignore.

Sometimes, forming alliances based on interests could be more reliable, provided that one could ensure the irresistible attraction of the benefits he brought to the other party.

The relationships between Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun and Fang Mu were based more on feelings, while Qin Shao's was driven by interest.

But it was undeniable that all three of them shared the desire to build a relationship with Fang Mu!

So, Qin Shao made a resolute statement.

Everyone entered the large ancient battlefield to explore and acquire resources, and struggling for survival was just another means of acquiring resources.

Even within Rock Peak City, there were fierce conflicts, with some forces disappearing from the city every day.

Even some top forces suffered losses.

This was even more true within the vast ancient battlefield!

Competing for resources one desired seemed like the best method.

In a world ruled by the law of the jungle, pillaging and killing were the norm.

Having lived in the Beastmaster world for over a decade, Fang Mu, the transmigrator, had already grown accustomed to the laws of this world.

Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun also made their intentions clear after Qin Shao's declaration.

"After we finish exploring this path, the other paths should already have been explored by others."

"By the time we turn back, every force capable of entering the ancient battlefield should have arrived."

"Apart from fighting, it would be hard to obtain resources through exploration."

"The test we just went through would keep most people out."

"When there are members of certain forces dying, other forces will certainly be on alert!"

“It’s likely that when we get there now, the two locations marked with a heart shape haven’t been completed by anyone yet.”

Fang Mu nodded in agreement.

The number of forces entering the large ancient battlefield was huge, and even with Fang Mu’s ancient scroll, the amount of resources he had obtained thus far was already at its limit.

A guardian beast able to produce spiritual energy as well as treasures like the Plant Spring were all seized by him.

If this got out, he would instantly become a target for all.

Items like Epoch relics undoubtedly contained valuable items inside.

But Fang Mu couldn’t possibly snatch all the Epoch relics from the other forces.

Even if Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun, and Qin Shao were all willing to help, there was no possibility of success without exposing Liu Xi.

The world was full of good things, and although Fang Mu was a greedy person, he knew his limitations.

Only after developing the Infinite Tower into a powerful force would be the perfect opportunity for Fang Mu’s greed!

Thanks to the accurate map, Fang Mu and his party headed directly towards the nearest heart-marked location.

Along the way, Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun, Qin Shao casually gathered a large number of Souls of Death while Fang Mu obtained three Epoch relics.

The Epoch relics were stored in containers of various shapes, with most of them being rather small-sized.

Relics greater than ten cubic meters were relatively rare.

One of the relics that Fang Mu had just obtained was nearly one hundred and twenty cubic meters in size, large enough to be a statue if placed in a square!

This relic was marked in the ancient book.

The larger the relic, the more difficult it would be to open it, and Fang Mu wasn't sure how much life energy he would need to soak and baptize it in order to open this relic.

If it weren't for Fang Mu's astonishing reserve of Life Elixirs and the infinite production of Life Elixirs from the Life Elixir Pond, he would definitely be troubled now!

During the process of collecting the Souls of Death, Qin Shao suddenly uttered an exclamation.

A guardian beast of the Undead element, resembling a dry corpse, was immediately tied up by a small green snake that flew out from Qin Shao's sleeve.

Then the small green snake brought this Undead guardian beast to Fang Mu.

"It's rare to see an excellent Undead guardian beast, Ah Mu, are you interested in this Undead guardian beast?"

"This Rotting Nightmare Stiffness is a Domain-Type Control Beast among the Undead guardian beasts, far rarer and more precious than the Stealth Stinger Spirit!"

Fang Mu raised his eyebrows slightly upon hearing this.

No matter the element, Domain-Type Control Beasts were always a rare treasure.

Domain-Type Control Beasts often had a group amplifying effect on beasts of the same element.

Fang Mu had contracted Eden Greenfield and had personally experienced the benefits brought by Domain-Type Control Beasts.

Looking at the unimpressive Rotting Nightmare Stiffness in front of him, which was withered and skinny like a piece of black charcoal, Fang Mu used the Eye of Omniscience to investigate it.

[Beast Name]: Rotting Nightmare Stiffness

[Beast Species]: Walking Stiff Corpse

[Beast Level]: Bronze (9/10)

[Beast Element]: Undying

[Beast Potential]: Silver

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skill:

[Land Contamination]: It can infuse the Corpse Qi inside its body into the land beneath its feet, using the Corpse Qi to alter the surrounding environment. The undead can be healed on contaminated land, and the living will be affected by the Corpse Qi.

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Exclusive features:

[Deathland Nightmare]: Nightmarish Qi cloaks the land corrupted by one's corpse Qi, obscuring the vision of the living. When the living explore the nightmarish environment through their spiritual power, the nightmarish Qi contaminates their spiritual power.

[Split Body Expanding Territory]: When the transformation of the contaminated ground reaches its current limit, you can split your body to let the body parts start contaminating more land, increasing the size of the contaminated land area.

Evolutionary Path:

①: Dead Territory Zombie, ②: Gigantic Rotting Bone Zombie, ③: Four-Limbs Action Zombie.

Like the Stealth Stinger Spirit, this Rotting Nightmare Stiffness is a Bronze Rank Epic Quality Guardian Beast.

Even in ancient battlefields, this Bronze Rank Epic Quality Guardian Beast is a rare existence!

In terms of individual capacity, Rotting Nightmare Stiffness is no match for Stealth Stinger Spirit, but strategically, Rotting Nightmare Stiffness is far superior to Stealth Stinger Spirit!

Even if the Stealth Stinger Spirit evolves into the Stealthy Hidden One, the strategic significance of Rotting Nightmare Stiffness still trumps the Stealthy Hidden One!

The reason is that the Domain created by the skill [Land Contamination] of Rotting Nightmare Stiffness has a healing and support effect on all undead creatures.

And all the Guardian Beasts that the Beast Master of Fang Mu Yama has, are of the Undead Species!

Once the Rotting Nightmare Stiffness grows, it can exponentially increase the battle power of Fang Mu Yama.

Corpse Qi is a special form of dirty energy controlled by Zombie-type Guardian Beasts after refining dead qi.

The thing that Nightmare Stiffness species excel at the most is refining corpse qi.

And they store the corpse qi in their bodies, which are similar to black charcoal.

This is a unique gift of the Nightmare Stiffness undead creatures.

The amount of corpse qi that can be stored in the body of Nightmare Stiffness undead creatures is dozens of times that of Zombie Species undead creatures such as Sturdy Stiffness and Bone Stiffness.

A Bronze-Ranked Nightmare Stiffness undead creature has almost the same amount of corpse qi in its body as a Diamond-Ranked Sturdy Stiffness or Bone Stiffness undead creature.

The genre of the Beast Master enhances the value and strategic significance of the skill [Land Contamination].

After [Land Contamination] is unfolded, the undead species of Guardian Beasts above will receive the healing of [Land Contamination].

If the opponent is a living being, the living being on the contaminated land will be weakened to a certain extent.

If they absorb corpse qi, their bodies will rot rapidly.

This exacerbates all injuries!

The nightmarish Qi released by the exclusive attribute [Deathland Nightmare] of Rotting Nightmare Stiffness will envelope the domain.

In addition to the ability to block vision, it will also contaminate the spiritual power of the living beings exploring the environment through spiritual power.

Once the spiritual power is contaminated, the target will be in a frenzied state if the situation is lighter.

If the situation is severe, the target will fall into a state of confusion!

Once in a state of confusion, they will indiscriminately attack the surrounding targets.

While the skill [Land Contamination] can create a domain, the exclusive attribute [Deathland Nightmare] is also considered within the domain scope.

A double domain, one to augment allies and another to restrict enemies, makes Fang Mu exclaim in his heart that he has struck gold!

This level of undead creature is really hard to find in large ancient battlefields!

Domain-Type Control Beasts are limited by their levels, and the area of their domain is limited.

Lower-ranking Domain-Type Control Beasts often cannot cover the whole battlefield when laying out their domain in arena battles.

Like Eden Dreamland, when it expands its domain, it can only cover half of the arena.

However, Rotting Nightmare Stiffness has the exclusive attribute [Split-body Expansion] which allows it to split its body and use the split body to release corpse qi to contaminate more land, expanding the area of its domain.

The higher the rank of Rotting Nightmare Stiffness, the higher the frequency of corpse splits.

The area of a Domain-Type Control Beast's extended domain directly affects the value of a Domain-Type Control Beast.

As Fang Mu examined the data of Rotting Nightmare Stiffness, Yan Yubanruo was already salivating, wanting to form a contract with it through the white paper man produced by the skill [Golem Paper Control].

Both Shui Miao and Shu Liangjun couldn't help but sigh after seeing the Rotting Nightmare Stiffness.

“For those who specialize in contracting undead species Guardian Beasts, this Rotting Nightmare Stiffness can be called a strategic core Guardian Beast!”

“If we have the resources, it would be worthwhile to form a pact with a summoning type ghost system beast for the sake of this Rotting Nightmare Stiffness!”

Fang Mu thanked Qin Shao and stored the Rotting Nightmare Stiffness into the Purple Ice Crystal Ring.

Without hesitation, Fang Mu chose the evolutionary path of Dead Territory Zombie among the three evolutionary paths of the Rotting Nightmare Stiffness.

The Dead Territory Zombie is the evolutionary path that develops along the bloodline of the Rotting Nightmare Stiffness.

This evolutionary path will strengthen the domain-type abilities of the Rotting Nightmare Stiffness.

The second evolutionary path, the Giant Rotting Bone Stiffness, enhances the rotting effect, but the type of beast changes.

The ability of Ancient Zombie to contain Corpse Qi is not as good as the Nightmare Stiffness, so Fang Mu unhesitatingly abandoned the second evolutionary path.

The third evolutionary path is even more outrageous, turning a proper domain-type creature into an aggressive type beast.

Only a fool with a broken head would make such a choice!

Apart from the Rotting Nightmare Stiffness, Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun, and Qin Shao also found some decent undead creatures for Fang Mu.

However, either these undead creatures have too high a rank, or their abilities overlap with the undead species beast currently contracted by Yan Yubanruo, or they do not meet Fang Mu's requirements.

In short, all these undead species beasts were eliminated by Fang Mu, and he decided to offer them to Capricorn at the next Starwheel meeting.

To see if Capricorn has any intention of trading.

Along the way, Fang Mu and his companions encountered several forces, most of which showed a defensive attitude towards them.

But there were also some overly confident forces who considered Fang Mu and his companions as prey; they were directly suppressed by Qin Shao.

There was no need for Fang Mu and the others to keep a low profile now because Fang Mu had already achieved his purpose with the ancient books.

Being overly cautious in the current environment of chaos will only make one a target.

After Qin Shao had suppressed two teams of people in front of other forces, no other factions dared to target Fang Mu and his party.

On the contrary, they were afraid that Fang Mu and his companions would target them.

Gu Lian, the leader of the Poisonous Gu Villa, made a point of greeting Fang Mu after seeing the strength of his party.

And he invited Fang Mu and his party to ally themselves with him, so they could help each other during the exploration of the ruins.

His goal was exactly the same as that of the Truth Hall!

Fang Mu didn't refuse the Truth Hall at that time, and there was no need to refuse the Poisonous Gu Villa now.

Apart from deep-rooted forces like the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect, which could form stable alliances,

those temporary alliances were like the friendship among the green tea sisters, scattered like sand.

In front of interests and inheritance, they disperse without effort!

Gu Lian introduced her own forces and saw that Fang Mu was the core of their team.

However, when she confirmed that Fang Mu did not have a strategic origin, Gu Lian frowned.

Just as Gu Lian was in this predicament, she heard Fang Mu ask.

"We came in this direction because we heard that there's a test here. After completing the test, there may be something similar to inheritance, so we came!"

"What's your purpose for coming this way!?"

Upon hearing this, Gu Lian was taken aback, quickly realized that Fang Mu considered her as a competitor.

Gu Lian had seen that test earlier on.

In Gu Lian's view, the fully jade-like wood lining the ground is like a trap, giving people the impression that there will be huge gains after the test is passed.

But this test had killed too many strong beings, even the deputy head of Ten Thousand Medicine Manor, a force on par with Poisonous Gu Villa, died in the test!

The death of the deputy head of Ten Thousand Medicine Manor dampened many forces' enthusiasm.

Gu Lian didn't expect that Fang Mu's party came for that test!

Gu Lian looked at Fang Mu with a strange gaze, always feeling like Fang Mu was a ghost ready to plunge into the cycle of reincarnation.

Gu Lian decided to straightforwardly grant Fang Mu a favor.

Even if their forces were reduced, they still possess a strong combat power and worth for her to ally the Poisonous Gu Villa with them!

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Gu Lian cleared her throat lightly and spoke very earnestly to Fang Mu.

"I won't lie to you, we didn't spend much time at the place you just mentioned."

"If you want to go, we can guide you."

“But, that place is highly dangerous, and it’s uncertain whether there is anything like a legacy.”

“What is certain is that many people have lost their lives there.”

“Have you ever heard of the Ten Thousand Medicine Manor?”

“The Ten Thousand Medicine Manor had the qualification to compete for legacies in the ruins, but due to the death of the vice chief Feng Qianren, they have lost the chance to compete for the legacy!”

“When a team leader encounters problems, it will make his team headless. I suggest you let your subordinates try when you get to the legacy site.”

Honest men keep clear of dangerous walls. There are few fools in the world like Feng Qianren.

Gu Lian believed that Fang Mu would not let himself get personally involved in danger.

The reason why Gu Lian said so much was to owe Fang Mu a favor.

Listening to Gu Lian’s words, Fang Mu was reassured. It seems that the second heart-shaped location marked in the ancient books hasn’t been completed by anyone yet!

As Gu Lian has shown her goodwill voluntarily after introducing herself, Fang Mu had to react somehow.

Since Fang Mu was planning to build the Infinite Tower and has already reported its name to the Truth Hall.

Fang Mu didn't mind letting more forces know about the Infinite Tower.

Why not make a name for the Infinite Tower in this large ancient battlefield!

"My name is Yan Luo, from the Infinite Tower."

"Since you just passed that place, do you know what kind of challenge is there!?"

Fang Mu's introduction was a response to Gu Lian. Gu Lian was weighing the four words 'Infinite Tower' in her heart.

She was certain that she had never heard a power name related to the Infinite Tower before.

Gu Lian looked at people like Shui Miao, Shu Liangjun, and Qin Shao subconsciously, and wondered in her heart.

Where did the Infinite Tower come from!?

The oyster in Fang Mu's hand was actually releasing pressure unique to a Guardian Beast of the second sequence!

A Guardian Beast with a level in the second sequence can completely control its own breath.

This second sequence Guardian Beast let out its breath not fully retracted, implying to deter other forces.

If the other party really has that intent, then the Infinite Tower should not be a low-key force after all.

If that's the case, why was it unknown before!?

Gu Lian and Fang Mu haven't met before, so she didn't think Fang Mu would be fooling her.

For someone like Gu Lian, not knowing the power of an opponent often draws more attention.

In fact, Gu Lian didn't need to answer Fang Mu's question. Even if she did, it could be treated as a trade with Fang Mu.

The information Fang Mu asked for came at the cost of other forces' lives. Those who weren't there at the time couldn't know!

Because I didn't know the depth of the Truth Hall, Gu Lian did not talk about the reward with Fang Mu, but told him what she knew.

"There's a stone platform there, and on it, something like a chessboard."

"Touching the chessboard will bring a curse, causing a black crescent mark to appear on the face."

"This black crescent mark is closely connected to the soul. You need to try to break the chess game before the soul is drained to get through the test!"

"What's very magical is that after each challenger dies, the soul energy of the challenger will restore the chess pieces on the chessboard."

"So trying to open the chessboard by sacrificing several people's souls is unrealistic!"

"Just to tell you, our Poisonous Gu Villa left first because we felt there was no chance."

"Many forces have lost their enthusiasm for this."

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu gave a ninety percent pure Life Elixir to Gu Lian.

“The information you provided is really useful for our Infinite Tower. Here’s a token of our gratitude for your information!”

Through Gu Lian’s words, Fang Mu confirmed his guess that the three heart-shaped locations marked in the ancient books should each hide a String Music Pendant.

The Crescent moon pendant can be combined. Fang Mu felt he had the ability to get three Crescent moon pendants.

He could try to turn the Crescent moon pendant into a Full moon pendant to maximize its value.

Thinking of the chessboard restoring after each challenger fails, Fang Mu felt a strange feeling in his heart.

I don’t know whether the person who set up this test is afraid of the challengers using the human sea tactics to pile up or waiting for the real suitable person with this chess game.

Have there been any transmigrators in this world before besides me!?

Thinking of this, Fang Mu shook his head lightly, any conjecture requires sufficient evidence.

Just based on the children's puzzle game Hua Rong Dao, Fang Mu couldn't make precise guesses.

During the evolution of the two worlds, there may have been some extremely similar things or games by chance.

The board on the stone platform had just been covered with a special metal block.

If the carvings on it were of soldiers, then Fang Mu could make corresponding guesses!

Receiving the Life Elixir that Fang Mu threw over, Gu Lian was quite shocked in her heart.

The news she provided is indeed very useful, but it's not worth a ninety percent pure Life Elixir.

This guy named Yan Luo didn't even verify the truth of her words with his strength.

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The way the opponent threw the elixir was very skilful, it seemed that anyone from any force who would share such information could receive such a reward!

This move by Fang Mu sent three messages to Gu Lian.

Firstly, Yan Luo, the head of the Infinite Tower, is very generous, meticulous in his dealings, and unwilling to owe favors to other forces.

Secondly, the Infinite Tower internally possesses a Master-Level Maker, and there is more than one.

Otherwise, it wouldn't be sufficient to support Yan Luo's generosity.

Thirdly, there are ample Master-Level Maker resources to use, which further proves why the members of the Infinite Tower are so outstanding.

A force like this is very suited to form an alliance during the struggle for the relics.

Upon understanding these three points, Gu Lian took the initiative to speak to Fang Mu.

"I suppose you are also here to seek inheritance in the ruins."

"I am not sure if you are aware of this, but a large number of Beast Controlling Forces have surged into the ancient battlefield."

"These Beast Controlling Forces will actively avoid humans and will only appear in front of humans when there are competition over resources!"

"Many forces have already encountered the Beast Controlling Forces and bloodshed conflicts have occurred."

"Most of these Beast Controlling Forces have likely made a deal with Huang Yuan and were secretly sent in by him."

“Otherwise, it would be impossible for such a large-scale Beast Controlling Force to infiltrate without revealing any clue!”

“Apart from humans, these Beast Controlling Forces are also competitors for the inheritance in the ruins.”

“Our Poisonous Gu Villa wants to form an alliance with the Truth Hall. If one of us is in danger, we hope the other can come to rescue.”

Gu Lian was clearly fascinated by the Life Elixir that Fang Mu had just thrown. However, she still handed the Life Elixir with a purity of 90% to Fang Mu.

As a manifestation of Poisonous Gu Villa’s determination to seek cooperation.

Fang Mu, hearing this, looked at Gu Lian’s palm extended to him, but didn’t take the Life Elixir in her palm.

Instead, he looked up, smiling to Gu Lian, giving a nonchalant look.

“Let’s keep things separate. This is the reward for the information you gave me, you can just take it!”

“The goal of my Infinite Tower is to compete for inheritance in the ruins, you guessed it right.”

“So, we are competitors.”

“It is not stable for competitors to talk about cooperation. We in Infinite Tower don’t like to engage in these false collaborations.”

“If your Poisonous Gu Villa can give up competing for the inheritance in the ruins and choose to help Infinite Tower.”

“I will convert the efforts made by Poisonous Gu Villa into resources of Master-Level Maker as a reward, to ensure you won’t suffer any loss!”

During the speech, Fang Mu and Gu Lian looked each other in the eye.

After speaking, Fang Mu slowly moved his gaze away.

Fang Mu’s words initially left Gu Lian with a feeling of displeasure.

However, after Fang Mu offered to provide Master-Level Maker resources as a return, Gu Lian’s displeasure immediately disappeared.

Because the other party did indeed propose a way of cooperation, and this way of cooperation has benefits distribution.

It’s much more reliable than their own verbal agreement!

Although they could take back the life elixir given to her, they did not, which indirectly showed that the Infinite Tower was a reliable ally.

The man in front of her named Yan Luo looked like a young man, and was so ordinary that he would go unnoticed in a crowd.

But during the brief eye contact just now, Gu Lian saw an imposing dignity and composure in Yan Luo’s eyes.

Dignity could be cultivated, but this kind of composure in the dangerous environment of a large ancient battlefield, required the support of absolute strength!

Fang Mu only proposed a cooperation plan and did not say much about the many forces competing for inheritance in the relics, and only one would eventually win.

This showed that the other party was not very concerned about whether Poisonous Gu Villa chose to ally.

Gu Lian was torn for a while, as it was hard for Poisonous Gu Villa to rank among the top ten among all the human forces.

Although the acquisition of inheritance in the ruins is about fate, strength is the root of everything!

Despite leading the team, she found no items related to spiritual energy. However, she did find over ten Epoch relics and many precious spirit materials.

The trip was already a relative success.

Instead of fighting for the opportunity to gain inheritance in the ruins, it's better to cease at this point.

And to be able to steadily obtain resources of Master-Level Maker!

Gu Lian, in her predicament, did not make a decision immediately, but said to Fang Mu.

"Yan Luo, since you're going to that place to attempt to solve the chess dilemma, I would like to wait until we arrive to give you my answer!"

"This would give me some time to think as well!"

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu nodded in agreement.

Fang Mu preferred Gu Lian's attitude over the nonchalant acceptance of the archangel from the Truth Hall.

While on the move, Fang Mu informed Liu Xi to possess Meng Sha while still controlling Huang Yuan.

Huang Yuan and Meng Sha, both puppets controlled by Liu Xi, were easily swappable targets for possession.

Fang Mu intended for Liu Xi to lead the people from the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect to the third inheritance location.

Firstly for information gathering, and secondly for preventing others from obtaining the crescent moon pendant.

As the person who deciphered the chess dilemma, Fang Mu knew clearly that the crescent moon pendant wasn't an ordinary artifact, but binds to the person who solved the chess puzzle.

Therefore, Fang Mu couldn't have Liu Xi solve the puzzle in his place, even with his knowing how to do so.

If the crescent moon pendant bound with Liu Xi instead, Fang Mu would not be able to use his energy to attract the crescent moon pendant to merge!

With the guidance of Liu Xi, Meng Sha reached a cooperation agreement with the Body Refinement Doctor and Mr. Zi, and began to work with the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect.

The Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect became pawns of Fang Mu.

Although he couldn't control them openly, he could still guide them subtly from behind the scenes.

After trying out this behind-the-scenes control, Fang Mu found it extremely suitable for himself.

Controlling from behind the scenes is much safer than being in the forefront.

Despite Fang Mu having many lifelines, his power level is only of a One-point Stars Beast Master.

It is not allowed for him to be in the forefront!

This second location marked with a heart shape on the ancient book should also be paved with tiles made of completely jade-quality wood.

These tiles were taken away by someone at some point, leaving only a bare stone platform.

There are only two or three forces left observing next to the stone platform, one of which is lifting a companion with an extinguished soul, their faces full of grief.

Seeing this, Gu Lian couldn't help but sneer.

Even the death of Feng Qianren, the deputy owner of Ten Thousand Medicine Manor, didn't make these people back down. Greed indeed blinds people!

But greed comes at a cost!

Under the circumstance where there was no one on the stone platform, the other two forces still did not step forward.

Finally, the leader of one faction sighed and led his team away from the platform.

Every minute wasted here would result in less gain.

Since they had given up, there was no need to continue to linger here!

Just as Gu Lian was about to explain the situation to Fang Mu in detail, she saw Fang Mu calmly step onto the stone platform.

Before stepping onto the stone platform, Fang Mu returned the JuYang Giant Clam to Shui Miao.

The JuYang Giant Clam stirred up a water curtain that surrounded the stone platform, shielding the inside from prying eyes.

Seeing this, Gu Lian's eyebrows twitched wildly. She didn't expect Fang Mu to go straight to the dangerous place without even observing it first!

These men who followed Fang Mu did not even try to dissuade their impulsive leader!

If something happened to Fang Mu, wouldn't her effort for potential cooperation go to waste!?

Was she still thinking about whether to give up competing for the inheritance in the relics and fully support the Infinite Tower to get resources of a Master-Level Maker!?

Before Gu Lian had time to lament in her heart, the water curtain quietly dispersed.

Fang Mu emerged from the stone platform as if nothing had happened.

Seeing Fang Mu strolling leisurely, Gu Lian had only one thought in her mind.

Did Fang Mu just stand on the stone platform and take a look without touching the chess pieces?!

If that's the case, then why the hell did you put up a water curtain!

What are you showboating for!? You made this bluff completely convincing!

But it also proved that Fang Mu is a cautious person and worthy of cooperation.

Once they reach the relics, Poisonous Gu Villa won't have to pay for Fang Mu's impulsiveness.

Chapter 709: jester and Pull-head Flower!_1

In the process of cooperation between powers, every power hopes their partner is led by a cool-headed and strategic person.

Not a hot-headed loner!

Gu Lian had never imagined that Fang Mu would complete the test in less than a minute.

“Yan Luo will likely appear soon, people are expected to activate the relics, and it will be time to compete for the inheritance in the relics!”

“I don’t advise you to attempt this humanity-testing challenge!”

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu nodded as if nothing had happened.

“Thank you for leading the way, we will meet again at the entrance of the relics when they appear.”

“It’s better to explore separately during this time!”

“Otherwise, if we explore together and share resources, it would be difficult to determine the distribution ratio.”

“Secondly, the harvest would be much less than if we explored separately!”

“We each have our own opportunities in this ancient battlefield, it’s better not to hinder each other’s chances!”

When Gu Lian heard Fang Mu’s words, a huge sigh of relief welled up inside her.

She was afraid that during the cooperation between Poisonous Gu Villa and Infinite Tower, Infinite Tower would insist on Poisonous Gu Villa to follow their lead.

Because when it came to resource distribution, as long as Infinite Tower did not go for a fifty-fifty split, differences would certainly arise!

If disagreements occur before the exploration of the relics, it would be difficult for the two parties to cooperate in a constructive manner within the relics.

These words of Fang Mu made Gu Lian feel Fang Mu's sincerity again.

"Alright! We will meet at the entrance of the relics. Poisonous Gu Villa decides to accept the invitation of Infinite Tower and help Infinite Tower obtain inheritance."

"If Infinite Tower gains the inheritance, they only need to pay us the resources of the Grandmaster Creator!"

Upon hearing this, Fang Mu raised an eyebrow and walked ahead.

"Rest assured, we will not let Poisonous Gu Villa help in vain!"

"Even if we Infinite Tower do not gain the inheritance, we will still hand over the resources of the Grandmaster Creator to Poisonous Gu Villa."

After Fang Mu chose the left path, Gu Lian led her team down the middle path.

To avoid competing for resources with Fang Mu and causing unnecessary friction.

Souls of Death, commonly found in the ancient battlefield, could be sold for a good price in the outside world.

The Panfeng Federation has been embroiled in so many farces, making the Qingdian Clan look like clowns.

But all the forces were clear, the billions of Souls of Deaths obtained by Qingdian Clan were enough to cover the damages caused by the opening of the large ancient battlefield.

They could even make a substantial profit!

Just that the Qingdian Clan itself made a mess and ruined the Town Rock Family and Luanyue Family, these losses at the Federation base could not be replenished by money.

Gu Lian directed the people of Poisonous Gu Villa to fight non-stop, collecting a large amount of Souls of Death.

Some Ritual Beasts bred by Poisonous Gu Villa have a high demand for Souls of Death.

A young man standing behind Gu Lian couldn't help but speak up.

"Deputy Director, do you think the people from Infinite Tower are reliable?"

"We of Poisonous Gu Villa have never had any records related to Infinite Tower."

"This person just now stood by the stone platform and quickly walked back down after a glance at the trial."

"In my opinion, this is quite frivolous."

Yu Fei is the leader of the intelligence group in Poisonous Gu Villa, responsible for the intelligence collection work in Poisonous Gu Villa.

He could be considered Gu Lian's right-hand man and was deeply trusted by her.

Yu Fei has always been cautious in his actions, and his greatest strength is spotting gaps and filling them in the team.

After hearing Yu Fei's words, Gu Lian contemplated for a long time.

The agreement between Gu Lian and Fang Mu was only verbal, which couldn't be considered formal!

If one party wanted to back out, they could simply tear up the agreement.

That's why everyone was very cautious when seeking allies.

In the end, Gu Lian shook her head.

"Yu Fei, what do you think is the chance of our Poisonous Gu Villa gaining the inheritance in the relics?"

Yu Fei paused for a moment after hearing Gu Lian's question, and then said candidly,

"We of Poisonous Gu Villa only have the opportunity to compete for the inheritance among many groups, but we are not strong competitors!"

"Unless something unexpected happens, our chances of getting the inheritance are close to zero!"

Just as Yu Fei finished speaking, Gu Lian said very seriously,

"Since our Poisonous Gu Villa has a small chance of gaining the inheritance, it may not be a bad choice to exchange this nearly zero chance for a steady income of Grandmaster Creator resources!"

“Try to gather more information about Infinite Tower when you encounter other forces, there might be some special gains!”

After Fang Mu and Gu Lian’s teams left, there was only one force left in front of the stone platform.

This force was the Winged Beast Group.

The Winged Beast Group doesn’t breed any bird-type controlled creature, they mainly cultivate beasts that can fly, like the Flame-winged Lion Scorpion.

The Winged Beast Group cooperates with multiple Federations and is a large-scale biological group across Federations.

Many of the Flame-winged Lion Scorpions from Dragon Soaring Federation’s Creator’s Guild were provided by the Winged Beast Group.

Being a large-scale group across the Federations seems glamorous, but it is far behind powers like Poisonous Gu Villa!

Zhou Yuhang, as an honorary director of the Winged Beast Group, is a high-level player supported by the Winged Beast Group.

Zhou Yuhang had been to many ancient battlefields for the Winged Beast Group, and had entered large ancient battlefields more than once.

But this was the first time he saw such an assessment!

Zhou Yuhang had a premonition, as long as he passed this assessment, he would definitely get a reward.

Chapter 710: Jester and Pull-head Flower!_2

In his own team, there was a Beast Master who experienced a change in his soul during a contract with a special soul-type Mystic Beast.

Compared to the average person, his soul became far more robust!

The mass of his soul had reached one and a half times that of an average person's soul.

After many previous trials, the method to solve the chessboard had become relatively clear.

Zhou Yuhang had been leading the team and waiting here, constantly discussing strategies with the Beast Master on his team.

Zhou Yuhang turned to the thin old man in his team and said,

"Since you've finished formulating your strategy, why don't you give it a try?"

"If you can walk off the stone platform, the Winged Beast Group will help raise your Main Battle Mystic Beast from an eighth rank to a sixth rank!"

"This will elevate you to the level of a mid-rank guardian beast!"

"If you're not able to descend from the stone platform, the Winged Beast Group will help cultivate your two granddaughters into Hexagram Beastmasters."

"I can guarantee this with my personal honour!"

"Everyone here can be a witness to my words!"

Upon hearing this, the old man swallowed in apprehension.

From the moment he sensed Zhou Yuhang's interest in the inheritance on the stone platform, the old man realized he had no choice but to give it a try.

He trusted Zhou Yuhang's guarantees, but Zhou Yuhang never gave him the choice of whether he wanted to take on the risk or not.

As a Hexagram Beastmaster with an eighth-ranked beast, the old man was more than capable of providing for his granddaughters.

However, he knew clearly that he had no right to refuse.

If he were to refuse and be forced by Zhou Yuhang to step onto the stone platform, then he would lose the benefits that Zhou Yuhang had offered him!"

"Mr. Zhou, then I will give it a try."

As the elderly man nervously stepped onto the stone platform, his fingers trembling as he touched the metal block.

Unlike what he had imagined, the black moon mark didn't appear on his face.

This sudden change astonished the old man, Zhou Yuhang, and everyone else in the Winged Beast Group.

What was happening!?

Why was this different from the trials other people went through on the stone platform?

The old man quickly solved the chessboard through his calculations, and he found that the stone platform remained unchanged.

He felt a strange shift in the chessboard and upon lifting it, he discovered a keyhole underneath.

Next to the keyhole was a slot for the key, but the key had disappeared.

Everyone who had stepped onto the stone platform prior had perished, except for the young man who just came with Gu Lian. After he stepped on the platform, something abnormal happened.

While the young man was on the platform, a water curtain enveloped it, obscuring the situation inside.

Could it be that this youngster completed the trial within a minute, obtained the benefits, and disappeared!?

He even remembered to relock the keyhole before leaving, and reset the chessboard.

Realizing this, the old man felt as if he'd just escaped a grave danger.

Basing on his calculations, the old man felt that his failed attempts had been more numerous.

Even though his soul had experienced a mutation, he likely only moved eight steps on the chessboard.

It took eleven steps for him to solve the chessboard just now!

Zhou Yuhang's expression was one of incredible surprise, followed by deep seriousness.

How did this person know the solution to the chessboard so easily? Was it possible he was already aware of how to solve it?

Where did these five people who came with Gu Lian hail from!?

From the look on Gu Lian's face when they left, it was clear that he didn't know that the young man that resembled him had already completed the trial.

The young man that resembled him also didn't inform Gu Lian honestly about the situation.

Being able to complete the trial so easily, these five people must have profound backgrounds!

Understanding the environment within a large ancient battlefield, Zhou Yuhang didn't dare to casually inquire about Fang Mu's group.

He feared that his indiscreet inquiries would offend Fang Mu and his group.

Zhou Yuhang, whose emotions were a mixture of shock and disappointment, looked at the elderly man descending from the stone platform and spoke.

"Even though you didn't have a role this time, you still managed to descend from the stone platform."

"I'll ensure that the strength of your Main Battle Mystic Beast increases."

"Let's go! After the relics manifest and the powerful forces enter the relics, we can carry out a sweeping operation within the ancient battlefield!"

"Let them fight for the inheritance within the relics!"

"Every time a relic appeared, they always fought fiercely over the inheritance within."

Zhou Yuhang spoke with a seemingly carefree attitude, but in reality, his eyes were filled with envy for the inheritance within the relics.

They simply lacked the power to vie for it!

While Fang Mu was hurrying to the third heart-shaped marking noted in the ancient book, Liu Xi had already successfully possessed Meng Sha.

And he even lured Meng Sha to lead the forces of the Eternal Alchemy Association and the Evil Heart Sect and reach the marked location in advance.

By the time Meng Sha arrived at the scene, numerous forces were already waiting in front of the stone platform.

Among them were Yin Qingzhi, the leader of Celestial College, and Chunhui, the leader of Beast-binding Hall.

Yin Qingzhi hailed from a prestigious lineage, with the elders in her family being a Master Creator sitting in the rank of the elders in Ten-thousand Nations Federation.

She enjoyed the finest resources and education from a young age.

Although she seemed approachable on the outside, she was actually arrogant.

The person she despised the most was the licentious woman, Chunhui, the head of Beast-binding Hall.

Chunhui had an indescribable relationship with two grandmasters of Forge Spirit, five Master Creators, and two Grandmaster Creators.

In addition to these nine, Chunhui also maintained ambiguous ties with numerous powerhouses.

At this time, Chunhui and the Pavilion Master of the Stone Pavilion were exchanging flirtatious glances.

In less than five minutes, the Pavilion Master of the Stone Pavilion had given Chunhui two gemstones.

These gemstones were precious treasures that could only be mined from the subterranean dimensional rifts.

Yin Qingzhi really didn't understand what charm Chunhui held!

Yin Qingzhi looked down on Chunhui, and Chunhui also shared the same disdain for Yin Qingzhi.

Such a good young woman, yet she insisted on presenting herself aloof, with a cold face.

Chunhui could sense the contempt from Yin Qingzhi.

Chunhui had no regard for the Pavilion Master of the Stone Pavilion.

If it were not to annoy Yin Qingzhi, Chunhui wouldn't have even bothered giving a glance to the Pavilion Master of Stone Pavilion.

For a moment, the atmosphere on the scene was somewhat subtle.

Neither the factions that were friendly with Yin Qingzhi nor those who were on good terms with Chunhui dared to take sides at this moment.

Having a Grandmaster Creator backing them was no joke!

Watching someone whose soul was drained fall weakly from the stone platform, Chunhui yawned.

Then she stretched her waist, showing off a perfect curve.

"Having watched for so long, it seems I have no fate with the trial on this stone platform."

“The trial on the stone platform itself is not difficult. At the beginning, they predicted a maximum of twelve steps to be taken.”

“But it could be cracked with a calculation of nine steps!”

“Regrettably, the trial on this stone platform demands a high-level of soul energy. Those like I, who don’t meet the requirement, better not ascend and seek our own deaths! It would just be a wasteful loss of life!”

After affirming that she wasn’t capable of completing the trial on the stone platform, Chunhui directly revealed the secret of the stone platform.

Since she herself was incapable of passing the trial, why not give a favor to the other factions present at the scene?

Having finished talking, Chunhui looked up at Yin Qingzhi.

“Sister Qingzhi has been standing here for quite some time now.”

“Looking at Sister Qingzhi’s confident demeanor, it surely seems she has assurance in passing the trial on the stone platform!”

“I’m wondering, who is Sister Qingzhi preparing to send up!?”

“I can be on the sidelines cheering for Sister Qingzhi!”

Chunhui’s words caused a slight jolt of excitement among many factions present around. Their faces had an amused expression.

Many factions present at the scene had already discovered the secret of the trial on the stone platform.

After affirming that they themselves were not capable of completing it, they gave up on the idea of ascending the stone platform.

Those who were staying there for a long time did so with anticipation of a conflict likely to happen between Yin Qingzhi and Chunhui.

As a result, Chunhui directly fired the first shot at Yin Qingzhi!

Yin Qingzhi's brows suddenly furrowed.

The term "Sister Qingzhi" sounded exceptionally grating to Yin Qingzhi when it was spoken by Chunhui.

Which eye of Chunhui saw her looking confident and sure of completing the trial on the stone platform?

She'd hurried here due to the guidance of the Celestial Tadpole in the Silver Bowl.

Besides the power of searching for objects, the Celestial Tadpole also had the ability to find ancient ruins in the battlefield.

The ruins were most likely in this area!

Chunhui, who was aware of the ability of the Celestial Tadpole, had been following her around.

A person who was already taking advantage of her even had the audacity to cause trouble!