

The Charm of Soul Pets

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After returning to his wooden hut, Chu Mu could finally go to sleep.

Nightmare Palace's rules meant that as long as one could survive this sort of competition while simultaneously not being devoured by the Nightmare, he would then have the qualifications to become a Nightmare Palace member.

Currently, Chu Mu could already be said to be a Nightmare Palace member. Three days later he would go to a few islands with towns on them and then he would no longer have to live like a slave.

The only thing that Chu Mu was worried about was Cao Yi, whose temperament was hard to judge. Previously, if Senior hadn't been mentioned, Cao Yi may have killed him right then and there.

"If I have the opportunity, I must get rid of this Cao Yi!" Chu Mu was able to discern the killing intent that Cao Yi harbored towards him. This sort of hidden danger could bring him a lot of trouble.

Upon returning to his wooden hut, Chu Mu didn't sleep immediately. His training had expended around thirty to forty percent of his Soul Power. Taking advantage of the fact that the White Nightmare hadn't eaten yet, Chu Mu needed to recover his Soul Power as soon as possible.

He silently cultivated from daybreak until approximately dusk when the White Nightmare finally awakened. It asked Chu Mu for food for the first time after entering stage nine.

Chu Mu's expended Soul Power had already been completely recovered by then, and he used it to feed the White Nightmare. In Chu Mu's consciousness, the White Nightmare let out a shout indicating that it had eaten enough and once again entered a deep sleep.

"Eighty percent. I still have twenty percent left, so I'm still fine." A smile finally appeared on Chu Mu's face.

After his strength reached a Soul Soldier's third Remembrance, he should have drawn apart a definite gap with the stage nine White Nightmare. Chu Mu was now able to have twenty percent of his Soul Power at his disposal.

The Soul Technique – Chong Mei expended approximately forty percent of Chu Mu's Soul Power. In a crucial moment, Chu Mu could still use it. Furthermore, once he left the Cyan Nightmare Island and became a Nightmare Palace member, Chu Mu would be able to access other Soul Techniques. The depletion of those Soul Techniques shouldn't be as large.

The remaining Soul Power left by the White Nightmare could be considered to have unhinged some of the locks restraining Chu Mu. After fights, Chu Mu no longer had to hide.

When night arrived, Chu Mu began training Mo Xie once again.

He continued to follow the same sequence of training- using twenty percent of the beast Soul Crystal Crown energy to baptise Mo Xie, and ten percent of the fire type Soul Crystal Crown energy to increase her attribute.

"A transformation happened?" When Chu Mu finished today's training, he immediately discovered a few changes with Mo Xie's body.

The most evident was that the claws hidden in her pads were no longer simply becoming sharper, but instead these Young Claws fell off and now new claws grew from her pads!

"Second stage claws, Punishing Claws!" Upon discovering Mo Xie's change, Chu Mu immediately revealed an expression of extreme excitement.

Evolving from the first stage's Young Claws to the second stage's Punishing Claws generally required a long period of time with ceaseless practice. The transformation this time allowed Mo Xie's claws to directly increase by a stage!

The sharpness of second stage Punishing Claws was an entire one times more than the final stage of Young Claws. Even if one continuously fought the whole night, abrasion would not occur like before!

Transforming from the first stage's Young Claws to the second stage's Punishing Claws caused Mo Xie's attack power to increase by a large margin. Perhaps her techniques would also transform as well!

During the third training session, Chu Mu's changed the attribute proportion and only allowed Mo Xie to use the fire attribute. At the last training session, Chu Mu once again drew out twenty percent of the fire attribute energy for Mo Xie before pouring in ten percent of the beast type attribute energy for Mo Xie.

Chu Mu did this to allow Mo Xie's transformation into the Moonlight Fox second stage to possess the fire attribute. However, what really surprised Chu Mu was that Mo Xie's silver colored fur had unexpectedly changed. The silver luster turned even more sparkly and fascinating, surprisingly entering the final evolution of the first stage of fur.

Chu Mu had continuously used beast type Soul Cores to feed Mo Xie throughout the duration of their training. When Mo Xie reached the ninth stage of the first form, her mainly attacked and her defensive fur was still stuck at the late stage.

However, this time after training, Mo Xie's defensive fur finally entered the final stage of the first stage of fur. Furthermore, from a growth perspective, it wouldn't be long before she could enter the second stage's annealed woolen fur state!

The second stage's annealed wooden fur was an extremely unique fighting fur of soul pets. While chasing something, the fur would turn extremely soft, forming a fluent line and reducing air resistance.

On the other hand, while defending, the second stage's annealed wooden fur would become tenacious and its resistance capabilities would reach a terrifying state.

If Mo Xie was able to reach the second stage's annealed woolen fur, even if she encountered a stage nine Hunting Wolf's Demonic Wolf's Violent Attack, she would perhaps only sustain a light injury.

"Although the defensive fur has yet to reach the second stage, it's not a big deal. Take your time!" Chu Mu was extremely satisfied with the results of this training session.

With Mo Xie's current state, even if four of Zhou Shengmo's Hunting Wolves appeared, they definitely would not be Mo Xie's opponent. Moreover, what Chu Mu was looking forward to more was whether the addition of the fire attribute would give Mo Xie any new abilities!

Mo Xie's transformation was relatively obvious during the third training session. However, during the subsequent fourth and fifth training sessions, Mo Xie didn't undergo anymore distinct changes. This was because Mo Xie was currently at the first stage of the second form and her body had a limit, so her claws and fur could not excessively grow.

Another reason was because the quality of this Soul Crystal could no longer satisfy Mo Xie's current stage. Any superfluous energy would pretty much become digested food .

It would be time to leave the island tomorrow. When night arrived, Chu Mu intentionally brought Mo Xie outside of the camp in order to see her abilities after the addition of the new attribute.

“Mo Xie!” Chu Mu chanted his incantation and summoned Mo Xie in front of him. A light blue radiance slowly condensed in front of him before slowly receding. In the middle of the Soul Pact design, the beautiful and grand Mo Xie appeared, with her wild nature.

“Wuwu” Mo Xie raised her head and let out a howl. The sound of the fox howl instantly echoed throughout the forest and startled a plethora of small birds into flying off!

“Zizizi~~”

From within a dilapidated tree inside the forest suddenly rang out an ear piercing shriek. Subsequently, a black flying soul pet abruptly circled around in the air as if it was complaining about Mo Xie making a ruckus in its territory.

“An approximately first form stage five Dark Night Bat? How perfect for practice.” When Chu Mu saw the noisy soul pet, a smile appeared on his face.

Mo Xie raised her head, her silver pupils attentively watching the bat. Suddenly, a trace of enchanting fire flashed across her pupils!

“Flame Awn!” In the first instant, Chu Mu grasped Mo Xie’s change in this regard.

Flame Awn was a fire type battle technique and was the most direct way to cause a burn injury. Although its burning effect wasn’t as effective as Conflagrate, its discharge speed held an absolute advantage.

Chapter 42: Leaving Cyan Nightmare Island

Flame Awn was like an obtrusive flame suddenly flickering gorgeously and magnificently in the night. The color of the flame closely resembled the sunset- a captivating red. The Dark Night Bat that was hit accurately let out a shriek!

“Zizizi...zi!!” The Dark Night Bat’s flimsy wings immediately lit up with a red color, and unexpectedly caught ablaze!!

The Dark Night Bat’s shrieks grew even more miserable. and the ear-piercing noise continued to ring out; it was acute and mournful.

With a burnt wing, the Dark Night Bat completely lost its battle power and transformed into a streak of red light that crashed into the grass. After painfully struggling a few times, its life gradually slipped away.

“Fire is extremely effective against wing type and dark type soul pets!” Chu Mu looked at the Dark Night Bat as he spoke.

Although Mo Xie had just grasped this Flame Awn technique, she was still able to kill this Dark Night Bat with one move. By coincidence, fire techniques were also super effective against the Dark Night Bat.

Dark Night Bats were part of the Demon World – Wing Attribute – Bat Race. It was very clear that this Dark Night Bat also harbored a dark attribute. Organisms with wings were normally fearful of fire type techniques that could burn their wings. With the addition of the dark attribute, this Dark Night Bat was truly unfortunate. Even while dying, it didn't think that a Moonlight Fox would unexpectedly perform a fire type technique, its fatal weakness!

With the addition of the fire attribute, Mo Xie currently only possessed the Flame Awn technique. As Mo Xie continued growing, she would gradually master more stronger techniques.

After returning to the wooden hut, Chu Mu was able to sleep while being somewhat at ease. Over the past few days, Chu Mu was constantly agitated, and he rarely had the chance to truly rest.

Right after lying down, Chu Mu entered into a deep sleep.

The vast white brilliance on the sea surface gradually emerged and a slightly warm radiance illuminated the black ocean, giving way to wisps of a gorgeous sunrising red sea.

A thin mist followed the sunlight's illumination before languidly dissipating. On Cyan Nightmare Island, the sound of a myriad of bird beast chirps welcomed the new day.

At daybreak, a boat appeared outside Cyan Nightmare Island. The flag hoisted by this boat was the Nightmare Palace's symbol.

The boat wasn't that large, and seemed like it could only hold about 20 people. All four sides of Cyan Nightmare Island were precipices and there was no place to dock, so the boat could only temporarily stop at the reef.

"Hang on. If you fall, no one can save you. The Hunting Sharks swimming around the reef's shore enjoy eating stupid things the most." Cao Yi stood by the precipice and spoke to the ten young soul pet trainers.

Astonishingly, standing next to Cao Yi was an enormous cyan feathered bird that was over three meters tall!

Back then, Chu Mu had encountered a tall Cyan Bird in the inner island. Cyan Birds were wing type soul pets and possessed the ability to control the wind.

That particular Cyan Bird's build was probably not even half a meter and it was only at stage four. The Cyan Bird in front of everyone had already surpassed that young and feeble form.

Cyan Birds with this build were probably above the fourth form. As for what stage in the fourth form, it was hard to determine.

Mo Xie was currently only at stage one of the second form. Compared to this Cyan Bird, the delta was enormous. However, Chu Mu believed that it wouldn't be long before Mo Xie would reach this level.

The fourth form Cyan Bird was able to completely sustain the weight of person. This sort of flying soul pet could easily become an extremely effective means of transportation. Moreover, the feeling of freedom from flying high into the sky was presumably something many longed for.

Therefore, when everyone saw Cao Yi's enormous Cyan Bird, they all revealed revered and jealous expressions.

With the Cyan Bird making round trips escorting them, Chu Mu once again experienced the feeling of soaring above the ocean while facing the ocean spray's whistle. This was also a feeling of freedom...

There were 15 people in total transported onto the boat. There were the ten new Nightmare Palace members who survived from the cruel competition, and the five foremen including Cao Yi.

Hoisting the sails, they set off. After surviving on a completely isolated island for half a year, they were finally able to leave this island. The ten surviving young soul pet trainers were all emotionally moved. Especially when thinking of the future, where they would become a Nightmare Palace member, which was equivalent to completely breaking away from a life of slavery. As long as they listened to Nightmare Palace's orders, they wouldn't have to worry for their lives again. Furthermore, they could use the Nightmare Palace's resources to slowly increase their strength!

Amidst the boundless blue ocean, the Nightmare Palace's boat slowly drifted along. The ocean water was not terribly calm and the boat unceasingly rocked about amidst the ocean waves. After experiencing two to three days of rocking, the soul pet trainers on the boat were already dizzy, and simply weren't in any mood to enjoy the ocean's charm.

Chu Mu's condition could still be considered good. The boat rocking didn't have much of an influence on him and he stood on the deck, facing the wind, gazing attentively at the sea waves ahead being parted by the boat.

"Don't stand there" A foreman glanced at Chu Mu and icily spoke.

Chu Mu looked at this foreman and a bit of confusion appeared in his gaze.

“The ocean contains many savage soul pets. Weak people like you standing near the edge of the boat is equivalent to suspending a piece of meat on the railings. You will easily attract the starving organisms in the water. They can easily jump up and swallow you in one bite before landing on the other side of the boat and returning back into the ocean...” The foreman said.

“Oh.” Chu Mu expressionlessly nodded his head and immediately retreated a few steps without changing his expression.

A smile appeared on the foreman’s face and a bit of arrogance appeared in his gaze. One reason was because he was looking down on the novice, Chu Mu, the other reason was that he appeared to be very old, older than Chu Mu.

“Hualala!!”

Just at this moment, a violent splash abruptly arose in front of the boat. Suddenly, the entire boat became incomparably rocky!!

From within the ocean spray, lines of sharp hunting teeth were revealed, which was followed by an enormous head!!

The head was a shark’s and the body an enormous python. Such a fierce organism suddenly appeared and proceeded to launch itself at the haughty foreman!

That foreman’s hair was blown back by the Python Shark’s fishy smelling breath. Just before his head was completely bitten off, this foreman barely managed to squat down and perform a roll, dodging this fatal attack. He sat with a pale face on the deck.

“Really....really dangerous... a ten meter Python Shark...” This foreman was perspiring cold sweat while gasping for air.

Chu Mu’s cultivation was fairly similar to this foreman, but his perception was slightly stronger. Just before the Python Shark appeared, Chu Mu had noticed this spatial fluctuation.

“Senior Cao, we have a large problem. It seems like we’ve been targeted by a group of Python Sharks!!” Just at this moment, a foreman somewhat flusteredly yelled towards Cao Yi!

Chapter 43: Water Sprite

Python Sharks, Beast World – Water Type – Shark Species, a Species Rank of High Servant Rank, were different from Hunting Sharks. These Python Sharks dwelled in

distant oceans, and typically traveled in large numbers in order to prey on larger organisms or fleets for assorted types of food.

The Python Sharks who attacked fleets were generally grown to a certain degree, so the Python Sharks that were attacking were mostly second form and above. No first form infant sharks appeared.

Soul pets of second form and above, and also High rank, were simply not something the young soul pet trainers could handle.

Cao Yi still needed to rely on the new members such as Chu Mu in order to gain benefits from Nightmare Palace, so naturally he couldn't let anything happen to them.

"Get your asses down into the ship cabins!" Cao Yi yelled at everyone!

"Hualala!!" (TL: Water splashing sound)

Just as Cao Yi finished, a more than ten meter high wave suddenly rose up. Within the frothing wave, a massive ten meter long organism unbelievably lept out and flipped straight over the boat's center, ??crazily splashing water all the crew members' faces crazily!

"Pa!"

A frightening water snake tail swept past. Immediately, the tree-like flag pole snapped, falling over and crushing the deck!

"Damned beast!" Cao Yi was clearly furious. When the more than ten meter long Python Shark flew past, he unexpectedly grabbed ahold of the Python Shark's tail, and fell into the water with it!

When they fell into the water, water splashed up onto the dock again, splashing everyone on the boat!

"Long long long long"

The ocean water rolled unceasingly. All the young soul pet trainers went to hide in the cabin, slightly shocked from watching Cao Yi jump into the ocean area.

"Gu lu lu~"

The ocean water was bubbling. Suddenly a huge rumbling sound could be heard and the water abruptly exploded, revealing an upwards sucking whirlpool, spinning up the waters.....

Within the spinning whirlpool, a deep blue water-formed creature slowly floated into sight. This creature had a dark blue liquid torso, a somewhat humanoid head composed of water, a snake-like water whip for arms, and a semi-void, fog like lower body.

“Water Sprite!!” When the soul pet trainers observing from the hidden cabins saw this extraordinary soul pet, they were amazed!

Water Sprite is of Elemental World – Water Type – Sprite Species – High Servant Rank.

Water Sprites could be said to be the most typical Elemental World organism. Many trainers who came into contact with water frequently ranked Water Sprites as their first choice for a water type soul pet!

The Water Sprite displayed in front of everyone was dark blue, clearly free of the initial transparent infant form. It was a Third Form soul pet. According to Chu Mu’s knowledge of Water Sprites, the Water Sprite Cao Yi summoned should be of Third Form Eighth Stage.

“Cao Yi’s soul pets are almost all above the Third Form, I won’t be his match in the short term.....” Chu Mu thought.

Mo Xie had just reached Second Form, and her Species Rank was still lower than the soul pets of Cao Yi. Without mutating, even if Mo Xie reached the Fourth Form, she still wouldn’t be Cao Yi’s soul pets’ match.

But thinking about it, Cao Yi was already a middle-aged man well into his forties, and Chu Mu was only fifteen. The gap of twenty something years wasn’t easy to close within a short time.

“Heng, reckless scum, how dare you destroy my ship!” Cao Yi stood beside his Water Sprite. Underneath his feet emerged a special water whirlpool that kept him from sinking into the water.

“Kill it!” Cao Yi commanded his Water Sprite.

The Water Sprite showed no emotion. It raised its whip-like water arm and violently slapped the ocean water. Immediately, a major subsidence appeared exactly where the Python Shark was swimming!

“You want to escape?” Cao Yi’s eyes went cold. Suddenly chanting an incantation, a snow white glow appeared around him, quickly forming into a ray of light and shooting into the ocean!

The Python Shark realized the power of the Water Sprite so he wanted to swim into deeper waters, but the water under him suddenly started to freeze, quickly turning into a sturdy ice wall!

“Peng!!!” the Python Shark rammed into the incomparably sturdy ice wall, distinctly shaking.....

Seeing Cao Yi cast another Soul Technique, Chu Mu’s creased his brows.

The Soul Technique Cao Yi casted was obviously of the Ice Type. Most trainers had their soul pets as their main attacking method. Of course, if some trainer could master a technique even better than their soul pet, they could become very dangerous too.

For example, Chu Mu’s Soul Technique – Chong Mei. Chong Mei is an ability where the trainer, through his/her mental bond with their soul pet, mimics a soul pet’s ability and casts it with their own Soul Power.

Chu Mu used the Soul Technique Chong Mei to mimic Mo Xie’s Charm. As a Spirit Soldier, the effects of Chu Mu’s cast were a lot stronger than the Ninth Stage Mo Xie. Not only could it completely daze a soul pet, it even affected Tang Xian, who was standing quite far away.

Charm doesn’t count as a very dangerous ability, especially since it was only the Moonlight Fox’s basic ability. If Chu Mu owned a stronger pet with even more terrifying abilities, and Chu Mu casted them with his own soul power, then the resulting strength would be quite formidable. At least Chu Mu had the confidence that if he used Flame Awn through Chong Mei, it would be three or more times stronger than if Mo Xie casted it!

Soul pet trainers made their soul pets fight continuously, causing them to constantly grow and evolve. Soul Pet trainers were the same, constantly increasing their Remembrance soul and making themselves stronger.

Cao Yi’s Water Sprite was clearly stronger than the Python Shark, which only had a massive body. The battle didn’t last long before a captivating red spread within the waters.

The Python Shark Cao Yi killed was clearly the leader. Once it was dead, the other lower Stage sharks naturally lacked courage to trouble the ship further.

“Boss Cao is sure powerful, your Water Sprite is just getting stronger and stronger, worthy of its Level Six Water Talent.” The foremen, seeing Cao Yi bring his powerful Water Sprite back onto the boat, immediately welcomed him with flattering praise!

A smile floated onto Cao Yi’s face. Though his Water Sprite was only at the High Servant Rank, its ability to control water wasn’t any worse than even the higher ranked soul pets. It was one of the soul pets Cao Yi was quite proud of.

Chapter 44: Cyan Nightmare Main Island

The damage on the sail did not affect the voyage. After another day of travelling, the people on the boat slowly discovered an island gradually appearing on the horizon.

As the boat drew closer, the island slowly grew bigger. Flat, lush green and full of life, it looked as if they were nearing the edge of a continent.

“This is the Cyan Nightmare Main Island. In the future, most of your time will be spent here. If you do well, you may get dispatched to even bigger islands or even the mainland.” Zeng Ze pointed at the island and explained to these new members who had just escaped the clutches of death.

Going from an isolated, slaving island to an island with a small town, what they gained the most was liberty.

This emotion was indeed hard to put into words. The ten young trainers’ eyes all started twinkling, regardless of how ruthless, cruel, or selfish they usually were. Now, they all somewhat looked forward to the new environment.

Cyan Nightmare Main Island had a very large harbor. When their boat docked on the bay, there were still many ships bustling with activity, carrying around all sorts of goods.

The distance between the islands were huge, so Chu Mu temporarily didn’t see anyone flying into the island from the far seas with their own soul pet.

The Beast World – Flying Type soul pets were plentiful. However, those with the carrying capacity, flying stamina, size and other aspects that satisfy a soul pet trainer’s transportation needs weren’t common. Cao Yi’s Cyan Bird could only carry someone in flight briefly. If the duration was longer, the Cyan Bird’s modestly strong wings also wouldn’t be able to handle it.

“Look, follow those two, they’ll arrange everything for you!” Once off the boat, Cao Yi shouted at everyone, and he went off in an unknown direction.

Zeng Ze and Gu Lei lead from ahead while the ten new members followed behind closely.

The two foremen didn’t explain anything about the Cyan Nightmare Main Island, and just told everyone to follow them. Glancing around and leaving the group was not permitted.

After entering the dock, a great path could be seen. The first sector of the path was straight, its sides decorated by harbor-styled stores and houses, seemingly not much different from some towns on the mainland.

The straight path??stretched approximately two kilometers before rising, providing passage to a mild hill.

In reality, looking down the path from the docks would enable you to see the patches of granite structures at the apex. One of the buildings, as imposing as a palace, had a special tower shaped roof that could be counted as this island's symbol.

"This mountain is Cyan Nightmare Palace. There will be many clearly marked places that you are not allowed to enter. This Cyan Nightmare Palace is one of them, because you don't have the qualifications to enter it yet....."

Cyan Nightmare Palace's structures were distinctly more exquisite than those from the town downhill, but Zeng Ze and Gu Lei didn't bother bringing Chu Mu and the others within the Nightmare Palace's vicinity, and instead brought them to a circle of normal houses.

"You are now the lowest of servants, without any title. Other than being able to live on this island, if you, who have no power, are disobedient of orders, you will be sentenced to death!"

"In a few days I will bring you into the Nightmare Palace to let you fight against members of other islands. Jobs and responsibilities will be assigned according to your strength."

"With a job, you will receive corresponding resources. What's worth mentioning is, according to your Job Battle ranking, you'll receive certain rewards. Naturally, the better your ranking, the better your rewards. En..... I remember the reward some time ago for the top few was a high potential Warrior Rank soul pet!"

If Zeng Ze's previous words left everyone despondent, the possibility of getting a Warrior Rank soul pet brightened everyone's eyes again!

The lowest Species Rank was Servant Rank, which was split to Low, Medium, High.

Warrior rank was clearly beyond High Servant Rank. Soul Pets with a Warrior Rank, even in their infant Phase, were very expensive because, after proper training, at a certain Stage,??both Medium and High Servant ranks wouldn't be their match at all.

"If only some of you could get a higher rank, and get a decent job....." Zeng Ze said with a strange tone.

"Now you live here. It won't be much different from your previous wooden room. These days, you won't be restricted much. You can walk around town, but what I need to tell you is that your status is of the lowest servant. Don't go to places you shouldn't go to and salute to everyone you need to!"

After Zeng Ze finished speaking, he gave everyone one gold to buy necessities in the town.

After receiving the gold, Chu Mu walked back into his own room. Unlike the previous mingled rooming, this time Chu Mu got his own room, and he was separated from Ting Yu by a wooden wall.

Chu Mu also liked this personal space. After all, he had many secrets that he didn't want others to know.

Chu Mu didn't stay in his room for long. Right now he really wanted to know what resources were on this island that could quickly increase his strength.

First he naturally went towards the town's market place. Chu Mu changed his set of clothes and went towards the previous main pathway.

"Chu Mu." Just as he left, Feng Gu approached him from in front. Feng Gu amiably greeted Chu Mu.

Chu Mu just nodded. Ever since Cao Yi exposed that Chu Mu was the murderer, everyone treated him very nicely, including Feng Gu.

From the previous disregard and underestimation to the current deliberate friendliness, the reason was very evident.

The shops on the main street were generally focused on soul pets and their trainers. Chu Mu walked through roughly until he saw a medicinal shop, which he walked into.

The shop had many special medicinal ingredients on display. These ingredients were all kept in medicinal tubes and other containers to retain their potency.

"What do you need?" The shop assistant walked out from within the shop, and sized up Chu Mu, and said calmly.

"Do you have any Heavenly Blue Grass?" Chu Mu asked.

Chu Mu obtained a Gyokuro Pungen before. Once he obtained some Heavenly Blue Grass, he could concoct the Third Rank medicine, Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen.

This medicine could directly increase Mo Xie's stage by around two. Right now, Chu Mu didn't care about anything else, and put all his attention on how to raise his and his soul pet's strength- how to become stronger!

"One gold per plant" The assistant replied.

Chapter 45: Not Enough Funds, Hunting Time

One gold per plant. Chu Mu immediately got a headache. He only obtained one gold in total from the foreman, and this gold was supposed to be used to buy living necessities.

The Gyokuro Pungen and Heavenly Blue Grass's mixture ratio was 3:2. Therefore, making the Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen required at least two Heavenly Blue Grass, which mean Chu Mu had to pay two gold. Chu Mu had a total of one gold on him currently.....

"You're a peon, aren't you?" The shop assistant saw Chu Mu's awkward expression and smiled strangely.

Chu Mu nodded, glancing at the assistant.

"Every year at around this time there's a big batch of people who enter the island. Before they receive a job, they're almost all penniless. In reality, even with a job, your salary isn't much and you need to rely on yourself to earn more." The assistant, looking like he knew a lot, said to Chu Mu.

"Is there anywhere that trades in Soul Cores, Soul Crystals, or other soul pet materials?" Chu Mu asked.

"Exit the door and turn right. In a hundred meters, you'll see an old man with strange looks." The assistant replied.

Chu Mu nodded. He knew he didn't have the economy to buy the two Heavenly Blue Grass, so he could only rely on selling other items in order to earn two gold.

Walking out of the shop, he quickly found the strange old man mentioned by the assistant.

The strange old man's hair was pure white. He was just sitting by himself in the little shop. The room was very spacey, devoid of anything.

"Do you buy soul cores here?" Chu Mu walked in and asked, while staring at the old man.

"Yeah, how many do you have?" The old trader asked Chu Mu with a half-dead and dispirited tone.

A soul pet's food is very key. Many times soul pet trainers would all have to go to marketplaces to buy soul cores for their soul pets' food. This type of thing was very circulated on the market, almost similar to cash.

“No, I don’t have any. I just wanted to ask where you can hunt for some, as well as how much you are willing to pay for one.” Chu Mu said.

The soul cores Chu Mu had were virtually worthless. Relying on them to get a gold was impossible.

And, in order to let Mo Xie develop towards a stronger direction, Chu Mu had to deeply consider the problem of feeding. He couldn’t simply feed Mo Xie purely Beast Type soul cores like before. Even feeding Mo Xie with two Beast Type soul cores and one Fire Type soul core seemed inadequate, so he now needed to try his best to buy duo type soul cores for Mo Xie’s food.

Since duo type soul cores’ prices were definitely higher, Chu Mu had to think about his income so he could sustain his future food purchases. Therefore, becoming a hunter to earn some money was necessary.

“For single type soul cores, other than pure Elemental Types and Soul Types, level one soul cores will be bought with bronze, level two soul cores will be bought with silver, and level three will be bought with gold.....” The old trader said.

Ten bronze was one silver, and ten silver was one gold.

This old trader’s explanation of “bought with bronze” meant that for a single Type level one soul cores, the price ranged from one bronze to ten bronze.

First Stage soul pets’ soul cores were all level one, meaning that Chu Mu’s previous Beast Type soul cores were only worth a pitiful amount of bronze.....

“Which places are fit for hunting soul pets?” Chu Mu asked.

“Exit the town from the south, you’ll find some everywhere. The further inland you walk, the stronger the soul pets you meet will be.” The old seller said listlessly, as if whether Chu Mu traded with him or not, he would still look spiritless.

Chu Mu nodded and didn’t go to any other place for idle shopping, instead going straight to the south of the city like the old trader said, hoping to quickly gain enough money to feed the Second Phase Mo Xie, and earn enough for the two Heavenly Blue Grass as well, to let Mo Xie quickly increase her power.

When walking out of the south gate, Chu Mu saw a few trainers riding strong-legged soul pets into the city. The feeling of being able to ride a soul pet and roam freely made Chu Mu have a few thoughts for himself.....

After leaving the city, he saw a somewhat flat tropical meadow. Past the 100 meters of empty space was the island’s jungle.

“Come out, Mo Xie.” Chu Mu knew that when he entered the jungle zone, he might encounter some actively aggressive beings, so he must stay vigilant.

Since her Second Phase evolution, Mo Xie hadn't truly battled yet, so Chu Mu could also gauge Mo Xie's current fighting strength through battle.

“Bug Type Four Bladed Great Mantis, about Eighth Stage- shouldn't be a problem to deal with.” Chu Mu quickly found his first prey within the jungle.

The battle thirsty Mo Xie, after entering Second Phase, had also become restless. Seeing the Mantis, without Chu Mu even purposefully commanding her, she strided forward swiftly and appeared in front of the Four Bladed Great Mantis!!

The Mantis only realized that danger was near when Mo Xie was already within five meters of it. Turning around sluggishly, it was too late, for Mo Xie has already pounced at it, her sharp claws fiercely swiping past!

“Shua!!”

The Mantis had a hard flesh armor, but this armor was only level one, so how could it withstand Mo Xie's level two claws? A long wound immediately appeared on the Mantis' body, oozing out a green liquid.

“Er!!” The Mantis became furious, its four arms became like four incomparably sharp scythes, directly casting Blade Slash towards Mo Xie!

Four hits swept down, whirling leaves everywhere and even cutting down a massive tree, but this Blade Slash didn't even touch Mo Xie's fur!

The Mantis's Blade Slash was completely not inferior to that of a Hunting Wolf's Violent Wolf's Demonic Strike. At the time, Mo Xie needed to use Moon Shadow to dodge that spell, but what Mo Xie needed now was merely a few simple movements and jumps to avoid it!

The Eighth Stage Mantis was no match for Mo Xie.

Mo Xie didn't even need to waste any strength in using an ability and effortlessly killed the Four Bladed Great Mantis.

“This Four Bladed Great Mantis' soul core is probably worth only five bronze. Seems like earning at least three gold in a short time will be quite difficult.” Chu Mu extracted the Mantis' soul crystal and threw it into his bag.

“Huahua~” Just as he straightened up, Chu Mu immediately heard the leaves shaking. Looking for the source of the sound, Chu Mu locked his Soul Remembrance onto an organism on the treetop.

The jungle leaves are very dense, so through the leaves, Chu Mu could only see some greyish white fur.

“Wuwuwu” Mo Xie sensed the aura of another soul pet and immediately fox called towards the grey white furred creature to demonstrate her dominance!

“Huhu!!”

A slightly irritated sound came from that direction, as if provoked. The grey haired creature suddenly jumped down from the leaves, its big feet stepping on the ground, sending leaves and branches radially away from him!

“Fur Monster, High Servant Rank. From its appearance it seems to be under Second Phase Third Stage.....”

“Mo Xie, this is perfect for your first real enemy post evolution!” The edge of Chu Mu’s mouth rose and his eyes gazed at the bad-tempered soul pet.