

The Charm of Soul Pets

Chapter 46: Second Phase Soul Pet Battle

After being provoked by Mo Xie, the Fur Monster let out a raspy roar, waved its muscular arms around, and leapt straight towards Mo Xie!

“Use Flame Awn, attack its legs!”

Mo Xie first leaped backwards, creating distance between her and the Second Phase Second Stage Fur Monster. After landing, Mo Xie’s silver eyes immediately flashed with a bewitching red light.

A smear of captivating red quickly flashed past, shooting towards the Fur Monster’s legs. The Fur Monster had a pair of strong legs, so as the Flame Awn swept past, the monster jumped upwards, dodging the Flame Awn. Jumping five meters away, his arm muscles suddenly swelled up!

Barbaric Strength!

Numerous attack type soul pets had the ability to concentrate power into a certain body part in order to exponentially increase its attack power!

“Beng!”

The Fur Monster’s swelled arms violently smashed towards Mo Xie, who skillfully casted Moon shadow to dodge it, creating three fuzzy shadows around her.

“Complete stage Moon Shadow, very good!” When Chu Mu discovered Mo Xie’s Moon Shadow created three shadows, the edge of his mouth crept up as well.

The Fur Monster’s power was very strong. If not for the Moon Shadow being cast at an opportune time, Mo Xie would’ve had to escape to outside of five meters to avoid damage. The Moon Shadow’s evasion was almost right next the Fur Monster, so once the Fur Monster finished the hit, Mo Xie would be able to immediately retaliate!

“Attack its legs directly!” Chu Mu immediately ordered and seized ahold of this opportunity when the Fur Monster slightly took a breather.

Without a dash to back it up, Mo Xie’s Ripping Claw’s power couldn’t fully be released, so Chu Mu simply let Mo Xie claw normally.

“Shua!!”

Mo Xie's attacks were swift and efficient, her Second Rank sharp claws easily ripping through the Fur Monster's leg muscles, tearing open a deep bloody gouge!

"Huhu!!" The Fur Monster instantly let out a pained roar, smashing his muscled arms straight towards Mo Xie's body.

At such a close distance, it was hard even for Mo Xie to dodge. Her flank immediately suffered a heavy blow from the Fur Monster, causing her to fly a few meters away before rolling to a stop.

Seeing Mo Xie hurt, Chu Mu immediately started mustering his soul power to cast Chong Mei. However, Mo Xie also immediately stood up, while "Wu"ing towards Chu Mu, pridefully telling Chu Mu that she was capable of taking on this thug!

Chu Mu stopped his Soul Technique mid cast and nodded towards Mo Xie, "Continue attacking its legs!"

Mo Xie backed off a distance and when the Fur Monster approached, she suddenly accelerated, meeting the charging Fur Monster head on!

Mo Xie's Dark Assault was still Late Stage, but her own speed had increased, making this Dark Assault's speed even faster!

Springing upwards, a silver low arch gorgeously flit across the bush

"Shua!!"

The blood red razor was matchlessly eye-catching. The short shrubs were almost instantly sheared, as if a bloody sword had cut through them!

"Blood Splitting Claw!" Seeing this, Chu Mu showed an expression of amazement!

Blood Splitting Claw!

An ability even stronger than Ripping Claw! As the claw swept past, unless one had a very strong defensive skin layer, they would certainly suffer a bloody wound!

Chu Mu didn't think that after Mo Xie transformed into Second Phase, she would grasp an advanced ability like Blood Splitting Claw that only Beast Type soul pets with higher species ranks and stages could own!

Blood started oozing out as the Fur Monster bent over. The wound on its leg previously was even scarier than before, as even its bones could be seen!

With its legs hurt, the Fur Monster's fighting power was almost zero, making even escape hard to accomplish. Following, Chu Mu basically didn't even need to command

Mo Xie. Mo Xie only needed to swipe at the Fur Monster's vitals to end the Fur Monster's life!

"Seems like the soul crystal's effects are quite profound. Not only did you gain the power to control flames, but you also learned a new Battle Technique – Blood Splitting Claw. Very well, very well, this way, as long as it's not a Warrior Rank soul pet, anything under Second Phase, Third Rank shouldn't be your match!" Chu Mu rubbed Mo Xie's soft fur and said.

"Wuwuwu~~" Mo Xie loved Chu Mu's petting, and she closed her beautiful eyes and let out a pleasant murmur.

"This Fur Monster's Beast Type soul core is probably worth two silvers....." Chu Mu retrieved the Fur Monster's soul core and started calculating his profit.

Afterwards, Chu Mu brought Mo Xie to walk around in the nearby forest to look specifically for soul pets above the First Phase Eighth Stage and below the Second Phase Third Phase to hunt.

Of course, Mo Xie's stamina wasn't infinite. After killing six First Phase soul pets and three Second Phase soul pets, Mo Xie was quite tired, possibly needing to rest for a day before being able to recover fully.

Chu Mu didn't linger within the forest, and immediately brought Mo Xie back into his soul pet space and returned to the city.

"Rank Two Beast Type soul core, two silver, Rank Two Wood Type soul core, 1.5 silver, Rank Two Bug Type soul core, three silver, the other six I'll just count as 3.5 silvers. Just enough to get one gold....." The old trader was still listless as usual.

Chu Mu nodded and gave his soul cores to the old fellow, finally receiving another gold.

The old trader glanced at Chu Mu, and seeing that Chu Mu was so happy for a gold coin, he let out a rare expression of strangeness and said, "Just saying, I rarely do such small deals. Next time come with ten gold's worth of soul cores before you come to me....."

Chu Mu looked at the old man and said, "In such a short time even I couldn't gather that many soul cores, and I just arrived at this island, so I have very little knowledge of this place....."

The old trader raised an eyebrow and asked, "You're a new peon?"

Chu Mu nodded.

Those living on the island weren't all members of the Nightmare Palace. It was only the controller of the island that was from the Nightmare Palace.

Receiving Chu Mu's definitive answer, the old trader revealed a slightly surprised expression, and looked over Chu Mu again before speaking, "The soul cores you sold to me today were all hunted today?"

Chu Mu nodded, "Any issues?"

"There are no problems. It's just that I didn't think that a Cyan Nightmare Palace peon could collect this many soul cores within such a short amount of time. Looks like you must be one of the best of those who arrived." the old trader said.

"Hehe, I love those with potential, as doing business with people with potential is like an investment. Any soul cores you get in the future you can still sell to me, I'll give you a higher price for it. Also, other than the soul core market, I delve in most other realms too, so if you have any needs, you can come here to ask me first. I may even be able to give you a good price." The trader kept saying.

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

"Yes. Heavenly Blue Grass is eight silver a plant." The trader replied.

Chapter 47: Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen

Chu Mu decisively retrieved one gold coin and six silver coins, and gave them to the old trader while saying: "I'll take it immediately."

The old trader nodded his head and walked to the back of the completely vacant store. A successive series of disorderly sounds arose, like he was rummaging through a pile of various goods.

A moment later, the old man's beard had a bit more dust on it as he walked out. He passed over two extremely poor quality bottles of Heavenly Grass.

Chu Mu's gaze was a bit strange as he looked at the two Heavenly Grass.

The old trader looked at Chu Mu and seemed to sense something. He laughed and said, "Don't worry, the quality of these Heavenly Grass is much better than the Medicine Shop's. The reason why I sold it to you for such a cheap price was because I am investing in you. The initial period for peons is always extremely challenging. Cyan Nightmare Palace will definitely not supply you with very many resources so purchasing goods in the marketplace is a necessity.

“Currently, the exchange between us is negligible to me, so much so that these two Heavenly Grass are like trash to me. Just giving them to you would also be fine, but I’m a merchant...”

“In the future your strength will only grow stronger. When you obtain any nice items, you can sell any of them to me. As for anything you need, even if I don’t have it, I can always use different ways to obtain it. Regarding the price, it’s naturally will not be a problem.

Chu Mu looked a few more times at the old man and suddenly found that this lifeless old man truly had the brains for business. He unexpectedly understood what it meant to fasten himself to someone new who had a good chance of becoming a large client in the future.

It was actually as the old man said. Right now Chu Mu would have to work very hard for these few gold coins, but before long they wouldn’t mean much to him. Instead, traded goods would be even more valuable.

“How about it?” The old man said.

“Ok.” Chu Mu nodded his head and proceeded to say: “Do you have Soul Techniques here?”

“Yes, my Soul Disciple Soul Techniques number many and I have a few Soul Soldier Soul Techniques, but their prices are definitely above what you can bear.” The old trader said.

“Which ones are they?” Chu Mu said.

“Soul Disciple Soul Techniques: Natural Affability, Remembrance Search, Demonic Beast Language... these are all two gold coins.”

“Blood-sucking Technique, Heart of Water, Transforming Skin into Rock, Conceal, Rapid Freeze... five gold coins.”

“Soul Soldier Techniques: Adhering Flame, Ice Ray Shield... fifty gold coins.” The old trader said.

After listening to the prices, Chu Mu’s eyebrows creased. It was clear that for even the cheapest two gold coin Soul Techniques that weren’t very useful, Chu Mu still didn’t have enough money to buy them.

The Soul Techniques introduced by the old trader still had use though. The one that Chu Mu was most interested in was the Soul Soldier technique- Adhering Flame.

Adhering Flame was a strong fire energy conjured through soul power by soul pet trainers that adhered to soul pet bodies. This soul pet's control over the fire attribute would obtain a definite increase, and the might of its flame would become much stronger. By possessing this Soul Technique and using it on Mo Xie, she would definitely be able to challenge a peon level soul pet that was three levels above her.

After remembering the old trader's position, Chu Mu wasn't too reluctant to leave those few Soul Techniques that interested him and found another medicine store on the street.

First rank medicines had energy that could be extracted through Chu Mu's soul power. However, the configuration for second grade medicines was extremely complicated. Chu Mu wasn't a pharmacist and even if he knew the recipe, there was still a chance of failing due to a lack of skill. From a safer perspective, Chu Mu would naturally have to find a pharmacist to make the medicine for him.

"Five silver coins..." The young pharmacist bluntly gave Chu Mu a price.

"..." Chu Mu only had four silver coins on hand, but he was supplying the medicine ingredients. Furthermore, making a Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen would only took a few minutes for a normal pharmacist. Five silver coins for a few minutes of brewing made more money than hunting soul pets!

"I only have four silver coins..." Chu Mu was embarrassed due to his lack of money and suddenly found that there were barriers for everything if one didn't have money.

"Four is fine, just give me the medicine ingredients." The young pharmacist let out an expression of patience and after receiving the medicine ingredients, walked over to the medicine table. Skillfully, he took the two different medicine ingredients and chopped them. He then extracted their liquid, purified them, blended...

Five minutes later, the young pharmacist handed over the bottle of blue medicine and insipidly said: "Immediately give it to a second phase soul pet to drink and after convalescing for one day to half a day, it will be fine."

The young pharmacist finished speaking and turned around, ignoring Chu Mu.

Chu Mu didn't mind this pharmacist's arrogant indifference. In reality, this sort of occupation was largely composed of bigots.

From the very beginning, Chu Mu had spent time researching pharmacy. Later, he felt that investing time in this area was inferior to putting it all in increasing his strength. He believed that after his strength was enough, he would have enough resources to make those pharmacists make any medicines he wanted for free.

After receiving the Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen. Chu Mu returned to his room, which was one of the many surrounding Nightmare Palace.

“Chu Mu, why didn’t I see you at all today?” Ting Yu’s voice came from an adjacent room.

“I walked around everywhere.” Chu Mu replied.

“Today other Cyan Nightmare Island people came to challenge you. Those fellows were truly loathsome.” Ting Yu said.

“Oh, they were probably here to probe.” Chu Mu replied.

In a few days there would be peon fights. The higher one’s rank was, the higher their position would be, and the rewards would be more generous. In order to obtain more resources and power, any peon with brains would definitely try and understand the strength of others on the island.

“Mhm, but they are truly very strong. I heard that they also harbored second phase soul pets. Moreover, there are some people who have three soul pets. No wonder the foreman Zeng Ze gave a sigh, it seems like he knew that we didn’t have the chance of obtaining a rank...” Ting Yu said.

Mo Xie entering the second phase was something others didn’t know. Ting Yu also believed that Mo Xie was still at stage nine. There existed an enormous gap between the first phase, even if one was at stage nine, and the second phase, thus causing Ting Yu to feel dispirited.

Chu Mu only let out a casual grunt in reply and didn’t talk any longer with Ting Yu. Instead, he let the tired Mo Xie drink the Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen.

After Mo Xie’s nose smelled the Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen, she opened her mouth and drank it all in one gulp.

Not long after drinking it, Mo Xie’s eyes half-closed as she entered an extremely tired state. Chu Mu didn’t even have enough time to call her back to her soul pet space before Mo Xie lay down on Chu Mu’s bed and slept.

“Have a good sleep. Once you awaken you should be able to progress to second phase stage three.” Chu Mu stroked Mo Xie’s supple fur as he spoke.

“Shashasha”

When the small cyan bug saw Mo Xie, it immediately lept from the headboard onto Mo Xie’s body. The small cyan bug had an extreme fondness for the grandeur fur on Mo

Xie's neck. When Mo Xie appeared, the small cyan bug was like a small parasite that crawled on top of her head and fell into a deep sleep.

However, just as the small cyan bug left into the air, Chu Mu returned Mo Xie to her soul pet space. The small cyan bug's plan failed as it fell onto Chu Mu's bed, its eyes rolling around in a dizzy state.

"Little fellow, why don't you sleep as well." Chu Mu put the small cyan bug behind the headboard while he leaned against the bedside and began using his soul power to feed the White Nightmare.

Chapter 48: Killing A Stage Two Gila Monster

After feeding the White Nightmare, Chu Mu didn't sleep at all during the night. Instead he continued to silently cultivate and recover in order to speed up his soul power's restoration.

It wasn't until the advent of dawn that Chu Mu lay down on his bed and took a short nap. However, even before the sky had completely lit up, Chu Mu had already sat up. After eating his shoddy breakfast, he left early and headed towards the jungle from yesterday.

Chu Mu currently needed to earn money for Mo Xie's food. Additionally, Chu Mu was relatively interested in the old trader's Soul Disciple Soul Technique.

Rapid Freeze was an ice type Soul Technique. According to Chu Mu's estimates, the Rapid Freeze Technique only consumed one tenth of Chu Mu's soul power. Therefore, this sort of Soul Technique was something that Chu Mu could still use.

The Rapid Freeze Technique required 5 gold coins, while 10 days of food to feed Mo Xie's dual attributed soul core needed one gold coin. In other words, Chu Mu had to earn 6 gold coins.

Chu Mu didn't rush into the jungle; after all, Mo Xie hadn't fully awaken yet.

After randomly walking around the town's surroundings, when the sun had approximately fully risen, the sleeping Mo Xie in the soul pet space finally slowly opened her eyes.

Chu Mu somewhat urgently summoned Mo Xie in front of him in order to see what changes the Heavenly Blue Gyokuro Pungen brought her after taking it.

While sleeping, Mo Xie had grown two stages; thus, Mo Xie had advanced to the second phase stage three!

“Wuwu.” Mo Xie faced the multi-colored sunlight as she stood in front of Chu Mu, causing her silver fur to display a gorgeous and captivating red. The fur on her neck was graceful, making her appear even more noble and grand.

“You have transformed into the second stage, Flexible Fur. Very good, very good!” Chu Mu caressed Mo Xie’s fur as a smile appeared on his face.

The second stage of defensive fur, Flexible Fur, would maintain a supple state when not fighting or when rapidly running, which would help to decrease air resistance and sudden air fluctuations. While defending, the Flexible Fur would turn incomparably tough to mitigate sure injuries!

The two areas of Mo Xie’s body she could fight with were her fur and claws. Since Chu Mu placed particular emphasis on Mo Xie’s attacks, it wasn’t until she reached the second phase stage three that her defensive fur was upgraded to the initial second stage.

“The claws have also entered the second stage’s Fierce Claw’s middle stage. By the looks of things it will soon enter the late stage!” Chu Mu examined Mo Xie’s claws before nodding his head in satisfaction.

Aside from mastering battle techniques, a soul pet’s aptitude could also be discerned through the body parts that it used to fight. If it was simply a normal Moonlight Fox, the growth speed of its fur and claws would be extremely slow. Perhaps even if it was at the third phase, its claws would still be at the first stage’s Young Claws.

Mo Xie, as a Moonlight Fox who possessed a mutated bloodline, had a much higher innate talent than that of a normal Moonlight Fox. Coupled with Chu Mu’s meticulous nurturing, the growth and transformation of her body parts wasn’t slow at all.

“It shouldn’t be too strenuous to deal with those under the second phase fourth stage now. Let’s go and continue to fight!” Chu Mu was currently full of confidence.

Mo Xie looked very gentle on the outside, but she was haughty and warlike on the inside. She was like Chu Mu who loved ceaselessly fighting, ceaselessly practicing, and ceaselessly growing in strength.

Two days later.

At the south side of the jungle.

“Shua!!”

A captivating, red-colored awn of a blade magnificently streaked across the green jungle. In response, two trees standing abreast snapped apart!

“Luo!!” After a few seconds, a painful howl immediately reverberated around the jungle. The ear-piercing noise gave people a feeling of one’s blood running cold.

“Mo Xie, retreat, maintain a distance!”

The Blood Rending Claw swipe caused Mo Xie to leave a deep bloody scar on the Gila Monster’s body. Subsequently, she immediately left far away.

Just as Mo Xie left away, a striking flame abruptly flew out of the Gila Monster’s mouth. The streak of fire spread across the air causing the temperature of the slightly clammy jungle to instantly increase.

“Charm!”

Mo Xie maintained a distance of 15 meters with the Gila monster. A bewitching silver glint flashed through Mo Xie’s eyes, and a silver eye beam rapidly shot into the Gila Monster’s thoroughly red eyes.

The Gila Monster was in a state of indignant anger. However, it was a soul pet with weak intelligence. After being struck by Mo Xie’s charm, its two red eyes immediately began to revolve around, turning a yellow color. Finally, it slowly turned lifeless...

“You can dispose of it now!”

Seeing the Gila Monster lose its consciousness, Chu Mu immediately ordered Mo Xie to attack.

Half of Mo Xie’s body crouched down and in the next second, she suddenly launched into the air, passing through that streak of raging flames!

Dark Assault! Charm’s duration was extremely short and Mo Xie had to perform Dark Assault immediately in order to close the distance of 15 meters before Charm expired.

Blood Rending Claw!!

The blood red terrifying battle technique was performed once more. Blood Rending Claws ripped apart the wound on the Gila Monster’s neck again. The late second stage of defensive skin was already completely lacerated.

A blood clot was exposed, and a red liquid spilled out dying the ground filled with overgrown weeds in red.

Mo Xie slowly approached the Gila Monster’s corpse. After ensuring that the Gila Monster was already completely dead, she extended her claws and ripped apart its thick skin. She retrieved the Gila Monster’s dual attribute soul crystal and proceeded to eat it as the meal for the day.

“Thank goodness for Blood Rending Claw, otherwise it would be extremely difficult for middle second stage claws to rip apart that soul pet’s late second stage defensive skin.” Chu Mu said.

A second phase stage three Gila Monster with identical strength was something that Chu Mu had originally encountered on Cyan Nightmare Island. At that time, the Gila Monster’s terrifying aura rendered Chu Mu unable to even move the smallest bit.

Three months later, Chu Mu and Mo Xie had killed a monster that surpassed the ninth stage and was at the second stage. This feeling of steady growth couldn’t help but put a smile on Chu Mu’s face.

“We’ve stayed here for two days, it’s time for us to return. We also have to treat the wounds on your body.” said Chu Mu.

“Wuwuw~~” Mo Xie nodded her head.

After leaving the jungle, Chu Mu put Mo Xie back in the soul pet space in order to let Mo Xie’s battle strength recover quickly.

“30 first grade Soul Cores, two gold coins. 10 second grade Soul Cores, four gold coins. Two dual attribute second grade Soul Cores, one gold coin. This brings you to??a total of seven gold coins.”

“You are the first peon I’ve seen in the past many years that is able to earn seven gold coins from me using only two days.” The old trader looked at Chu Mu and spoke.

The old trader was already no longer spiritless like before. Although Chu Mu was still conducting a small transaction, it caused the old trader to be more certain of Chu Mu’s potential.

“Soul Technique- Rapid Freeze, sell it to me.” Chu Mu said.

“No problem.” The old trader nodded his head and climbed into the miscellaneous pile at the back. He began searching for the Soul Technique book.

Soul Technique- Chong Mei would consume an excessive amount of Chu Mu’s soul power. Unless it was a crucial moment, Chu Mu wouldn’t use it.

As for Soul Technique – Rapid Freeze, its consumption was a bit smaller. Chu Mu was unlikely to only direct Mo Xie’s fights; moreover, after possessing the Rapid Freeze Soul Technique, even if it was a second phase fifth stage soul pet, they could deal with it!

Chapter 49: Ten Man Free For All Battle

The old trader was quite efficient. When Chu Mu paid him five gold coins, he quickly retrieved a Soul Technique Book out from the heap of junk.

The Soul Technique Book for Spirit Disciples had a thin, scroll-like quality, and all Soul Technique Books could be classified as a consumable good. Once a trainer's soul remembrance was inputted into the book, the book's logged Technique would then be imprinted into the soul pet trainer's memory, and the book would become useless.

Unlocking Soul Technique Books also required soul power, so Chu Mu had to wait until after he fed his White Nightmare before opening the book.

Following this, Chu Mu also bought some Duo Type Soul Cores of the Beast Type and Fire Type from the old trader in order to guarantee food for Mo Xie's training in the next ten days.

Finally, with his last gold, he bought two bottles of Second Rank low power healing medicine from the pharmacist for healing Mo Xie.

After finishing all this, Chu Mu returned to his living quarters.

When he returned, it was already night. Immediately after Chu Mu stepped into the courtyard, the stench of blood hit him. He saw the other soul pet trainers huddled around in the courtyard, indignantly talking about something.

Ting Yu was one of them as well, so when she saw Chu Mu, she immediately walked up to him.

"What's up?" Chu Mu asked.

"Yesterday a few foremen came and distributed a few decent quality soul cores to us in preparation for the competition the day after tomorrow. Yet, today, many people from other islands came to mingle with us, trading soul cores based on different types. There was one group of people who were very impudent. As soon as we declined to trade, they started fighting....." Ting Yu said anxiously.

Chu Mu glanced at everyone and discovered that, other than two girls, everyone had a few obvious wounds. Even the strongest, Feng Gu, was ragged and filthy with blood.

The nine who survived Cyan Nightmare Island all had very keen self protection awareness. If they were wounded, then their soul pets were definitely defeated.

"Chu Mu, where have you been these days, don't tell me you don't know that the competition will be held in the form of teams? Now that we've been bullied like this, with

our soul pets hurt, how are we going to compete with people from the other islands!" With wounds all over his face, Cheng Zhuo said somewhat angrily.

The opposing side also had ten people, all of which were very strong.??But on their side, Chu Mu operated alone, rendering him unavailable for days on end. With a difference in both power and numbers, they were destined to fail.

"Team Mode?" Chu Mu furrowed his brows.

Ting Yu saw Chu Mu's puzzlement and immediately explained, "The battle is fought with each island as a team, and people with prominent performances in the team battles are picked out and ranked."

"Is it tag team or Ten v.s. Ten?" Chu Mu asked again.

"Strictly speaking, it's ten soul pets V.S. ten soul pets. Trainers do not participate." Feng Gu answered with relative calmness.

Since they reached Cyan Nightmare Island, Feng Gu was named the leader of the ten people. This team battle would also be led and commanded by him. Because Chu Mu couldn't be seen these days, Feng Gu could only gather the other nine people to practice synergizing their soul pets.

"With a team victory, every one of us will be able to go into the Soul Technique Book Pavilion to select a Soul Technique. Personal ability will be decided by the foremen and both rewards and jobs will then be distributed accordingly." Ting Yu added.

Chu Mu nodded and, without caring about anyone's grumbling, went straight back to his room to learn his new Soul Technique – Rapid Freeze.

"This guy is too self-centered, completely not putting us in his eyes!" Cheng Zhuo said angrily when he saw Chu Mu leave.

"Whatever, let him be. You best not irritate him. Don't forget that five people were killed by him in one night." Li Zhi said.

Cheng Zhuo grinded his teeth, but didn't really dare to do anything to Chu Mu.

Though the ten were led by Feng Gu, everyone knew that the strongest was really the always missing Chu Mu.

Returning to his living space, Chu Mu fed 80% of his soul power to his White Nightmare and used the rest to activate the Soul Technique Book – Rapid Freeze.

Chu Mu was now a Third Remembrance Spirit Soldier, so learning the abilities of a Soul Disciple wasn't too hard. Throughout the entire night, Chu Mu remained awake, spending all his efforts on repeatedly practicing Rapid Freeze.

Deep into the night, Ting Yu tossed and turned, struggling to fall asleep. For some unknown reason, she always felt like her room's temperature had fallen a lot. No matter how much she wrapped herself in blankets, there would still be coldness seeping into her body.

What caused the neighboring Ting Yu to be sleepless was naturally Chu Mu's masterpiece. After an entire night of practicing, Chu Mu finally grasped the incantation of Rapid Freeze and could properly cast this spell.

Of course, though he grasped it, Chu Mu could probably only succeed once every two tries, and if his casting failed, his soul power would still be depleted by around 10%. To master the ability and cast it 100% of the time, he still needed a period of consistent practicing and daily usage.

Mo Xie needed a day of rest to completely recover her fighting strength, so Chu Mu spent the second day practicing the incantation some more, as well as becoming more proficient in chanting the convoluted charm. This way, he won't encounter any problems when casting the spell.

"Chu Mu, are you in there?" The voice of a downcast teen sounded from outside the door.

"En, what?" Chu Mu asked. Chu Mu recognized the sound as Feng Gu's.

"Every Cyan Nightmare Island owner will compare their respective teams. If we suffer defeat in this team battle, Cao Yi will unleash his wrath on us, so even if you plan on forfeiting the Soul Technique selection, you should still participate in the fight." Feng Gu said.

"I will attend." Chu Mu said. A simple victory was enough to guarantee a chance to choose a Soul Technique, and the Soul Technique Books treasured in the Soul Technique Book Pavilion was definitely more plentiful than the selection of the old trader. Chu Mu wouldn't give this opportunity away for nothing.

"That's good. Then, do you want to join our tactic discussions?" Feng Gu asked.

"You guys can talk, I have to feed my Nightmare." Chu Mu carelessly picked an excuse.

"En, I hope that you will try your best tomorrow. Our opponents have two Second Form First Stage soul pets, so they're really strong. If you can distract and control one, we still have hope for victory." Feng Gu added.

Chu Mu simply agreed listlessly and continued practicing his incantation, unconcerned about the other people in the courtyard practicing battle tactics.

In Chu Mu's eyes, Mo Xie's strength was leagues above everyone else, so joining battle practice had minimal meaning. As for the two Second Form First Stage Soul Pets that Feng Gu mentioned, Chu Mu didn't have to take them seriously. The amount of Second Form soul pets Mo Xie has killed in the past two days wasn't just a few.

Chapter 50: Cao Yi's Conspiracy

When dawn arrived, Foreman Zeng Ze and Foreman Gu Lei came early into the courtyard, summoning all ten of the peons.

"I will now bring you into Nightmare Palace. Follow me and don't say a single extra sentence." Zeng Ze said to the ten.

The ten peons followed Gu Lei and Zeng Ze, the two foremen, and slowly ascended the slope towards the Nightmare Palace.

"Chu Mu, you come over." While Gu Lei was leading ahead, foreman Zeng Ze suddenly called Chu Mu to his side.

Chu Mu was a bit suspicious, but still walked up beside Zeng Ze and asked, "Boss Foremen, what do you need?"

Zeng Ze slowed down his steps. Only until the others had walked ahead for a while did he say to Chu Mu in an abnormally low tone, "You have to be careful."

"I don't understand what do you mean, Boss Foreman?" Chu Mu looked puzzlingly at Zeng Ze, who only recently had a change in attitude.

"Cao Yi wants you dead, but he doesn't dare to openly disobey Boss Xia's orders, so I think he may introduce some trickery to the battle."

Chu Mu furrowed his brows. On one hand, he didn't understand why Zeng Ze would tell him all this, but on the other hand, he didn't think that Cao Yi would actually rig the team battles.

"He won't directly kill you, but he may plug an extremely strong opponent into the team battles with the goal of killing your sole soul pet." Zeng Ze said.

"Mo Xie was now Chu Mu's only soul pet. If Mo Xie died, Chu Mu could find a new soul pet, but his soul power would definitely improve at an excruciatingly slow rate, meaning that the White Nightmare will inevitably eat his soul!

"Why are you telling me this?" Chu Mu asked.

A smile emerged from Zeng Ze and he said, "I sure don't want to stay on some island forever, and the only person that can promote me is Boss Xia."

Chu Mu eyed Zeng Ze and thought quietly, "This Zeng Ze's brain sure is better than that barbaric Cao Yi. Presumably if Cao Yi didn't detect Zeng Ze's ambition, he would sooner or later be replaced by Zeng Ze."

However, this way was also good. Each person had their own agenda. Once he dealt with Cao Yi, Chu Mu could also be a little more at ease.

"If you have any issues in the future you can tell me, I'll help you to the best of my abilities." Zeng Ze said.

Chu Mu nodded, very willing to make this simple and pure transaction of benefits with Zeng Ze. Of course, Chu Mu also knew that all of this was built on power. If he hadn't display the power to kill five people consecutively, Zeng Ze would never guard him like that. The old trader was the same; what he cared about was also Chu Mu's strength!

"Team battles have many variables, so you can only rely on yourself to avoid this calamity." Finished speaking, Zeng Ze quickened his pace and caught up to Gu Lei who was walking ahead.

Chu Mu nodded as well and caught up to the team, finally entering into the vicinity of the Cyan Nightmare Palace.

Zeng Ze and Gu Lei brought everyone into a great colloseum-like structure named "Devil Fighting Palace". The inside of the structure was very spacey, with gravel and sand covering the battlefield in the center.

When they walked into the Devil Fighting Palace, there were many Nightmare Palace members on the high seats. They were dressed glamorously, arrogantly overlooking the peons selected from each island.

Not sure if it was because every person in Nightmare Palace had to sign a contract with a Nightmare or because the members themselves just looked weird, when Chu Mu's eyes swept the room, he noticed all the members of Nightmare Palace looked conspicuously gloomy. When they sat there unmoving, it almost felt as if they were shrouded by a murky ghost.

"Don't randomly raise your head. You are peons, and they are the upper class of this island. Any disrespect from your gaze may attract lethal disasters!" Gu Lei snorted coldly, reminding those who were looking around everywhere.

Once those people realized that the luxuriously dressed ones sitting on the high seats were the real owners of Cyan Nightmare Palace, they withdrew cowardly and didn't dare to say anything.

On the high seats.

“Cao Yi, I heard the peons you brought this year are a bunch of useless people?” The island master sitting on the main seat gradually spoke.

The island master was a borderline old man with a luxurious robe. His entire build was slightly bloated, but he still had an imposing manner. Especially his eyes, which seem apathetic but are were piercingly keen.

Cao Yi was on the lower seat. Cao Yi was also an island master, but he was only the island master of a subsidiary island. The Cyan Nightmare main island had a total of 12 such island masters, and the Cyan Nightmare Island that Cao Yi governed didn't count as an important branch.

“A little accident happened so a few stronger ones died. Boss Island Master, I, Cao Yi, do not hope for anything anymore.....” Cao Yi laughed dryly.

“Others have all reported decently strong individuals, like Zi Shen, Chang Xing, Hong Ji, Wang Keluo.....Either they have a phase two soul pet or they have three soul pets. Your island only reported a Feng Gu, who has a Ninth Rank Rock Demon, and Chu Mu, who has a Ninth Rank Moonlight Fox.....” The island master slowly spoke.

Scolded openly by the island master, Cao Yi's expression was far from good, but all he could do was bow his body, afraid to meet the island master's gaze.

“Cao Yi, I never knew you were this “interesting”. Let's not mention the Rock Demon, at least it has some combat strength. What the hell is there a Moonlight Fox? Many places even list the Moonlight Fox as Low Servant Rank. Even if this soul pet reaches the Ninth Stage, what can it possibly do? Viewing this type of person as a elite peon, Cao Yi, you sure are getting greater and greater!” Guo Meng, a similar ranking island master, jibed sarcastically.

Cao Yi's face was already bright red with rage, but under this situation, he didn't dare to randomly vent his anger out!

Cao Yi breathed in deeply and restrained his anger back into his stomach again. His real goal this time was to get rid of Chu Mu. And if the peons he brought could win a rank, he didn't care anymore. After all, even if Zhou Shengmo and company were still alive, they still wouldn't be the match of the other peons.

“Liu Zheng, does your peon have a good chance of beating that kid?” Cao Yi ignored Guo Meng's mocking and quietly asked the bony man beside him.

The island master named Liu Zhen laughed and said, “Don't worry, Wang Keluo's strength is definitely top tier within the peons. To get rid of your Ninth Stage Moonlight

Fox would be a piece of cake. However, Cao Yi, the other peons you've brought will probably end last again."

Cao Yi's eyes turned. In reality, he received good news a few days ago. With the help of his uncle, he had a great chance of leaving this Cyan Nightmare Island and move into the mainland. He barely cared about the tiny benefits on this lousy island. The urgent task at hand was to get rid of the hidden hazard of Chu Mu. After all, Boss Xia's rank was too high.