

The Charm of Soul Pets

Chapter 6: Trapping and Capturing a Soul Pet

His entire body was covered in bloodstains, and Chu Mu didn't dare do anything else too extreme. After all, myriads of Soul Pets had extremely acute senses of smell; for example, the terrifying and savage Hunting Wolf.

The Hunting Wolf's rank was High and it was even slightly stronger than the Mandy Monster. As long as someone managed to obtain one, even if its aptitude was average, once it reached at least the 7th stage, the person could definitely enter the top ten .

As for the inferior Bramble Demon, even if it reached the Ninth stage, it most likely would still have problems defeating a seventh stage high ranking Hunting Wolf.

Chu Mu found a hidden region and rested there for a day while he spent the time treating his own wounds.

The effects of the healing medicine were remarkable and Chu Mu was soon able to stand up.

On the third day, Chu Mu had finally, truly, entered the inner island. Chu Mu continued to walk forward with particular caution. If he were to encounter any Soul Pet en route, it would be much more terrifying than any of the foremen's Hunting Wolves. If he were to capture such a Soul Pet, he would definitely be able to sweep away his opponents.

However, these Soul Pets were all incomparably savage, so before capturing one, Chu Mu didn't even dare to closely approach one.

"Double Headed Snake, Gulan Nisi, Fire Fox, Ten Legged Poison Centipede, Macaque Demon... alas, I can't approach any one of them. They are all above the seventh stage..."

Hiding on a tree, watching the Soul Pets walking under the tree today, Chu Mu would incessantly let out a bitter laugh. The ranking of these Soul Pets were mostly High or Medium. Unfortunately, Chu Mu could only watch helplessly as the rope trap in his hands was never actually triggered.

A trap was currently Chu Mu's only method of dealing with Soul Pets stronger than him.

However, Chu Mu's handmade trap was only limited to high level Soul Pets of the third stage and under. Just now, all of them had pretty much been at a level higher than that of the seventh stage, and had strength that could rival the Hunting Wolves. Chu Mu's shabby trap would not be able to contain these ferocious monsters.

Patience...Chu Mu needed to have utmost patience.

“That’s weird, how could there be such a weak Soul Pet wandering about here?”

Suddenly, a weak and small Soul Pet appeared in Chu Mu’s field of vision. According to Chu Mu’s estimate, it was most likely at the first stage.

This small animal had beautiful reddish brown fur and had a gorgeous fox-like tail; its body was clearly somewhat small and exquisite. This young fox had evidently been drawn to Chu Mu’s trap by the food that lay there. Looking at its appearance, it had also sustained an injury as it cautiously hobbled over and reached for the food on the trap.

“Reddish brown fur... It should be a Red Cloud Fox... It’s forehead has a silver crescent moon imprint... Weird, isn’t this an imprint only Silver Moon Foxes possess? Could it be that this young animal is a mixed breed?” Chu Mu softly muttered to himself.

Chu Mu didn’t trigger the trap. Despite this small animal truly being at a relatively low stage, its ranking was very low. No matter if it was a Red Cloud Fox or a Silver Moon Fox, they were both of lower rankings.

This sort of a Soul Pet couldn’t be considered a battle Soul Pet. In major cities, they normally would become small house pets for girls to cuddle with as they slept.

Chu Mu renounced triggering the trap and waited for the small half-breed to take the food, before dropping another piece of food onto the trap with the rope. He continued to wait...

After continuously waiting on the tree for three days, Chu Mu didn’t encounter any satisfactory Soul Pets.

At daybreak, Chu Mu gnawed on his breakfast rations and decided that if he didn’t encounter a Soul Pet that met his requirements during the morning, he would take a risk and enter an even deeper area. There, he would search for a suitable place.

“Sha Sha”

Suddenly, the faint sound of leaves rustling disseminated in Chu Mu’s ears.

The tree Chu Mu was on was called the Long Leafed Tree. Ipso facto, there were a few Soul Pets that enjoyed resting here; for example, the Macaque Demon that Chu Mu had seen earlier.

Aside from the Macaque Demon, there were also the Cyan Bird and the Wind Spirit Butterfly.

The rank of the Macaque Demon was approximately that of the High rank. The Cyan Bird was also at the high rank, and the strongest was the Wind Spirit Butterfly. Its rank placed it as a superior existence among beasts.

The lowest requirement for Chu Mu was a Soul Pet at the high rank. As for the question about a Soul Pet's aptitude, Chu Mu could only rely on luck. If he were able to obtain a Cyan Bird or Wind Spirit Butterfly, Chu Mu could pretty much return to his residence and begin to train his Soul Pet.

There was an important reason as to why Chu Mu chose to climb the Long Leafed Tree. It was because the Macaque Demon, Cyan Bird, and Wind Spirit Butterfly that dwelled on this tree would not take the initiative to attack humans, so it was relatively safe.

Therefore, when he heard the rustling noise, Chu Mu was not fearful, but instead happy, because there was a chance that one of these three Soul Pets could appear.

After brushing aside the long leaves, Chu Mu immediately found the origin of the sound.

In front of Chu Mu wasn't a robust and muscular macaque, nor was it a free and leisurely Cyan Bird. It wasn't even a graceful and beautiful Wind Spirit Butterfly. Instead, to Chu Mu's great disappointment, it was a small cyan insect.

The cyan insect was very small and was only as long as Chu Mu's palm and as wide as his thumb. It had a pair of shiny black eyes.

At this moment, the shiny black eyes of the small pest greedily eyed the rations in Chu Mu's hand...

"....." Chu Mu was speechless. He let out a bitter laugh and broke off a small part of his rations. He gave it to the wretched small cyan insect and said, "Go ahead and eat it; however, you must bring me good luck."

This small cyan insect fundamentally wasn't even considered a Soul Pet and had upset Chu Mu's prior expectations.

The small wood eating insect was not fearful of others and after taking the small piece of ration, it stayed adjacent to Chu Mu while contentedly gnawing on it.

The small wood eating insect's gnawing speed was extremely quick. It let out a pleasant sounding rustling noise and after finishing the ration, propped up its body and pitifully stared at Chu Mu.

Chu Mu didn't care for such a small amount of rations and once again handed over another piece in a bored manner. The small cyan insect let out a noise of elation and speedily began gnawing.

“Yi!”

Suddenly, an irregular gale arose and something clearly swayed at the top of the Long Leafed tree. The leaves of the tree chaotically swayed as they fell all over the place.

Chu Mu was startled and after his gaze penetrated the Long Leafed Tree’s leaves, he suddenly discovered a slightly large eagle Soul Pet with cyan colored feathers as it orbited the Long Leafed Tree!

“A Cyan Bird!!” Chu Mu was overjoyed!

Cyan Birds were a wing type Soul Pet of the Beast World. The superiority of their wings along with their ability to control the wind allowed them to be virtually unmatched among others at their stage and rank.

Nimble, flying, and wind type Soul Pets; if he were to capture it, after three months of upgrading its strength and raising it to the seventh stage, he definitely could rank among the best!

“Shashasha~~”

The small cyan insect felt the Cyan Bird’s aura and so scared that it shook from head to toe. Its climbing speed was unexpectedly quick as it immediately crawled up Chu Mu’s arm onto his shoulder. Subsequently, it hid in the collar of Chu Mu’s shirt.

“Abominable, this one possesses at least the fourth stage of strength. Its ranking is High, and it’s at the fourth stage...” Seeing the free and easy cyan silhouette causing the gale on the Long Leaf Tree as it circled around, Chu Mu incessantly swore.

The trap Chu Mu had dug was meant to deal with Soul Pets on the ground. If he wanted to obtain the Cyan Bird, the difficulty was truly somewhat large.

“No matter what, I must try!” Chu Mu didn’t want to forsake this opportunity and pried apart the branches before climbing to the very top of the tree.

Stepping on a sturdy tree branch, Chu Mu’s two hands tightened around his machete. He breathed in a deep breath of air and met the biting cold of the gale head on. His eyes unwaveringly stared at the Cyan Bird circling around the tree!

Chapter 7: Surpassing 9th Stage Organism

“Zhizhi~”

Chu Mu crouched and borrowed the sturdiness of the branch to leap into the air. He flew towards the Cyan Bird and raised the machete in his arm.

Almost there!

Chu Mu's judgement was extremely accurate and the machete fell precisely on the Cyan Bird's trajectory.

"Yi!!" The Cyan Bird let out a sharp cry. Just as Chu Mu's machete was about to chop down onto its body, the Cyan Bird's wings flapped and its speed suddenly increased!

Chu Mu only saw the cyan colored figure slip past him and the machete filled with all his effort only managed to scrape the Cyan Bird's tail, brushing off a cyan colored feather.

"Extreme Speed. This Cyan Bird is a freak!" Chu Mu's expression completely changed as he didn't expect that the Cyan Bird would have already learned Extreme Speed, which was an ability that momentarily increased its speed!

After the machete swung through the air, Chu Mu fell from a height of nearly 10 meters; fortunately, he fell on a soft grass patch. To alleviate the force of impact, Chu Mu did a roll when he landed.

Lifting his head, Chu Mu looked at the Cyan Bird with regret.

Generally speaking, only Cyan Birds who reached the sixth stage were able to use Extreme Speed a sort of flying stunt.

The feathered crest of the Cyan Bird in front of him was clearly only at the fourth stage of strength, but it was still able to perform a sixth stage technique. This meant that the aptitude of this Cyan Bird was extremely high.

High ranking and high aptitude simply made for an extremely perfect battle Soul Pet. If he could capture it, he could definitely defeat the others on the island.

"Yi!!"

Suddenly, the Cyan Bird let out a bird cry and the cyan silhouette gorgeously swooped down from the sky!

"Crap!" Chu Mu abruptly realized that he had angered the Cyan Bird and he grabbed his machete while running towards a thick shrub in an attempt to preserve his life!

"Huhuhuhu!!" An intense gale erupted behind Chu Mu and it became hard to breathe. The crushed rock on the grass began to fly everywhere.

"Tornado...holy!" Chu Mu turned around and astonishingly discovered a 3 meter tall spiral of air that swept away everything as it rushed towards him. The grass and shrubs were pulled out of the ground and tore up everything around Chu Mu.

A three meter tall tornado was enough to throw a 100 kilogram body 5-6 meters into the air. If he were to fall from this height, even if he didn't die, he would at least sustain a heavy injury.

The surrounding stream of air became as sharp as a knife as the tornado was only 10 meters away from Chu Mu. He felt a heavy suction force pull him towards the tornado!

“Hou!”

Suddenly, a cow-like sound echoed from within the forest. Immediately after, in between Chu Mu and the tornado, an organism covered in heavy armor appeared.

As the tornado passed through the heavily armored organism, this heavily armored Soul Pet was only raised a few inches off the ground.

This Soul Pet had an enormous body and the tornado didn't have a large effect on it. It only incessantly curled up around its body.

The heavy armored organism was lifted off of the ground and whirled around a few times before slowly descending onto the ground again. As for the tornado, after being obstructed by such a heavy object, it ultimately slowly dissipated.

“Nido Beast! What a timely appearance!” Seeing the rhinoceros like Soul Pet with layers of armor, Chu Mu let out a sigh of relief.

Nido Beasts were Soul Pets with both absolute strength and absolute defense. It's ranking was High rank, and looking at the external characteristics of this Nido Beast, this one was at least at the eighth stage.

“Hou!!”

The Nido Beast had clearly been accidentally provoked by the Cyan Bird. It opened its mouth and spat out a sonic boom at the Cyan Bird.

The sonic boom blew up the Cyan Bird's left wing and caused it to reel backwards!

“Pupu” the Cyan Bird fell onto the peak of the tree and smashed its head.

The Cyan Bird seemed to be aware of the Nido Beast's ferociousness and didn't dare approach it. It viciously eyed Chu Mu, but had no option but to flap its wings and fly away.

“A High rank Soul Pet truly isn't something easy to capture.” Watching the Cyan Bird leave, Chu Mu helplessly shook his head and felt quite regretful.

After the eruption of the tornado, the small forest was clearly in a somewhat chaotic state and Chu Mu was scared that he was still being watched by the angry Cyan Bird. He had no choice but to search for a new area to put down his trap.

Fortunately, his journey was relatively safe, and Chu Mu didn't bump into any savage Soul Pets. He smoothly found a new hiding spot and after laying down his trap, he began another round of waiting.

"Those fellows should have already started raising their Soul Pet's strength..." Chu Mu couldn't help but talk to himself. In order to obtain a good Soul Pet, Chu Mu had to have both courage and patience.

One day of waiting didn't reap any harvests. Chu Mu propped himself on a tree branch and his gaze was fixed on the bright moon in the sky. His expression was quite bleak and he subconsciously rubbed his chest.

The Nightmare in his body still existed. This caused Chu Mu's every breath to feel somewhat stifled. Moreover, Chu Mu had already faintly felt that the Nightmare was about to enter the third stage of strength. This signified that he was one step closer to death.

"I don't know how much longer I can live for..." After muttering to himself, Chu Mu closed his eyes and took a small nap.

Chu Mu, sleeping on the tree trunk, was enveloped by a haze. It seemed as if his head had been covered by a specter. If one looked at him, he looked even more lonely and helpless.

Another three days of waiting passed.

He woke up early in the morning and when he opened his eyes, Chu Mu was startled. His hazy eyes instantly dilated!

Gila Monster!!

His heart made a "Pudong...Pudong" sound as it beat!

Facing an organism that was at least two meters tall, two meters long and at the super strong ninth stage, Chu Mu's breath nearly stopped!

The Gila Monster was often referred to as a Fire Iguana and was the Beast World's-Beast Type's-Iguana species Soul Pet. It was a fire attribute, and possessed fire type attacks. The fire spit from its mouth was enough to burn one of the foremen's Hunting Wolves to death.

Aside from this, the Gila Monster possessed an exceptional defense. Its external layer was composed of keratin armor and this layer of armor probably wouldn't even be broken by ten Hunting Wolves gnawing on it for an hour. There wouldn't even be any injuries!

Chu Mu didn't even have any intention of capturing this sort of a Soul Pet. After all, this Gila Monster didn't only have a High species rank, but its strength was at the super strong ninth stage!

Its enormous body crawled down from Chu Mu's side and completely disregarded his trap. It further ignored Chu Mu's bait and leisurely walked past the large tree with a lofty air.

A fiery hot breath attack arrived, causing Chu Mu to be drenched in sweat, but he didn't dare to move an inch!

The Gila Monster stopped for a brief moment before continuing its journey and proceeded to walk forwards.

Seeing the Gila Monster leave, Chu Mu let out a large sigh of relief. His gaze fell on the nearly four meter long Soul Pet. Chu Mu was somewhat gloomy; if he were able to capture it, not only would he be able to defeat all the other opponents in the competition, he would also be able to escape the grasps of those people...

Only, it was a pity this hope probably wouldn't ever bear to fruition.

"Sousou~~"

Just as he let out his sigh, suddenly, Chu Mu heard a faint trembling noise.

Chapter 8: Species Mutation, Moonlight Fox

"A Gila Monster was just here, and this soul pet still dares to pass by. Is it another fierce one?" Chu Mu guessed secretly.

The Gila Monster that surpassed stage 9 was still not far off. This type of creature had its own unique odor, able to scare away weaker soul pets.

The bush rustled a bit. After a moment, a delicate little soul pet crawled out.

This soul pet glanced vigilantly at the wriggling Gila Monster ahead, and slowly walked towards the food.....

"Blue Star Fox, another little fox....."Chu Mu looked at the little guy, a bit speechless.

At the trap was a Blue Star Fox even smaller than the previous young foxes. Including the tail, it was no longer than forty centimeters.

And judging by its sparse fur, it should be still young. Using human standards, it was equivalent to a child that just learned how to walk.

“A Blue Star Fox should be a bit higher ranking than the Red Cloud Fox. Too bad it’s still only good for being a pet for girls.....”Chu Mu laughed bitterly and shook his head, looking helplessly at the little guy that’s was taking his bait.

When the little guy took the bait from Chu Mu, it even checked the surrounding again—clearly a clever little soul pet.

“Not too strong, just too weak. Ai.....” Chu Mu’s heart was hopeless as well as he broke off a piece of ration and handed it to the little cyan bug standing on his shoulder.

The little cyan bug happily took the ration and started nibbling it. “Sha sha sha”.

The wait was always hard to bear. Chu Mu didn’t drive the little cyan bug away, keeping it as a little companion. Also, the little bug didn’t even count as a soul pet, but it had a very high vigilance. Every time there was a strong soul pet, the little bug would always alert Chu Mu.

Chu Mu waited several more days to no avail, so Chu Mu had to switch to another place.

“What.....What’s happening, did I bother an entire fox’s nest, how is there another young fox?!”

The fifteenth day came, and Chu Mu saw another young fox come and take his food!!

Chu Mu’s bait were soul core shards from soul pets. These soul cores originated from soul pets, so to most normal soul pets, this was delicious food.

Chu Mu had a limited amount of soul core shards, and not nearly enough for every little fox to take some.

Finally, Chu Mu couldn’t take it any longer. When another young little Moonlight Fox tried to steal his soul core shards again, he firmly triggered his trap!

“Wuu~~”The young moonlight fox immediately realized the danger and unexpectedly reacted swiftly. The moment the trap sank, it used its tiny claws to grab onto a tree root buried deep in the ground, hanging itself about 50 centimeters from the top of the hole-like trap.

“Sousou!!!”The young Moonlight Fox was very agile. Using the corners of the trap, it bounced back and forth until it reached ground level.

Chu Mu stared blankly for a bit; This young Moonlight fox was at most an infant, yet it was this agile! That trap was set for stage three soul pets!

“Shashasha!!!”

Just when Chu Mu thought the little guy was going to escape, the little bug on Chu Mu’s shoulder suddenly made a noise. Right afterwards, strings of white silk spewed out of the little cyan bug’s mouth!

The white silk very accurately tangled the Moonlight Fox mid flight. The Moonlight Fox panicked and fell down, right onto the edge of the trap.

“Pew” The cyan bug continuously spewed out white sticky silk, bundling the Moonlight Fox tightly in layers, cutting off any chance of escape the young fox had.

The young fox struggled continuously to try to escape the silk, but though it was fast, it’s strength was too small, and it couldn’t struggle free. Soon, it was out of energy.

Chu Mu looked slightly awestruck at the big eyed little bug, then looked at the trapped fox and couldn’t help but start laughing. He patted his little buddy and said, “Good job. Didn’t know you could spew silk as well, you indeed bring me luck.”

The little cyan bug started wiggling its body, radiating a cute air of superiority.

Chu Mu rewarded another piece of ration to the cyan bug and walked in front of the fox. He decisively picked the little beast up and crawled back up the tree.

Strong soul pets often roam the grounds, so Chu Mu didn’t dare to stay there for long.

The little fox laid there, its eyes constantly spinning and showing unconformity, waiting for the slightest opportunity to escape.

“Hmm, strange...why does this one also have a silver moon mark?” Chu Mu quickly noticed the mark on the Moonlight Fox’s forehead.

In the Beast Kingdom – Beast Type – Fox Species, only the Silver Moon Fox has a silver moon shaped mark on their forehead.

And the reason the Moonlight Fox was called Moonlight Fox was because it had the ability to absorb moonlight and convert it power.

Chu Mu remembers the first time he met a fox, it was a mix between a Red Cloud Fox and a Silver Moon Fox, with a Species Rank of Low.

The second time he met a Blue Star fox, which was also ranked as Low, but slightly higher than the Red Cloud Fox. Chu Mu vaguely remembered seeing a silver moon mark as well, but he didn't care about it at the time.

The third time, he met this Moonlight Fox, which was ranked Medium. What confuddled Chu Mu the most was that this one had a silver moon mark as well.

"Moon shaped marks should only be owned by the Silver Moon Fox, how do all three young foxes have it? Could it be? All the three foxes are really the same one?"

"Same one... That can't be possible, the three foxes are all of a different species, they can't be the same..."

Chu Mu was only speaking without thought. In reality, though Red Cloud Fox, Blue Star Fox, and Moonlight Fox are all foxes, they were of a different species, so they couldn't be the same.

Soul pets were born into a species forever, this doesn't change....

Of course, there's always a very special exception....

A soul pets' quality was determined by their Species rank, and that differs by species, so it couldn't be changed.

But in the realm of soul pets, there's a very very very rare situation — It's called Species Mutation!

Theoretically all soul pets could continuously improve, like a High ranked Hunting Wolf improving from stage 1 to higher stages.

But, every soul pet had a limit; even if its stage was still increasing, because of the limitations of their species, their power would only increase minutely.

And at that time, those with Mutant blood had a very small chance of having a species mutation, mutating from a lower ranking species to a higher one!

Once, Chu Mu had heard about this before. A very potent Hunting Wolf had mutated into a stronger Fear Wolf.

The Species Rank of a Fear Wolf was much higher than that of a Hunting Wolf. A stage six Fear Wolf could defeat three stage six Hunting Wolves!

Mutations were miracles of the soul pet realm, and it was also the biggest surprise a soul pet trainer could get!

Chapter 9: Soul Pact; Obtaining a Mutated Soul Pet

"This small fellow couldn't be a mutation, right? Chu Mu grabbed the small fox in front of him and carefully examined it.

"Even if it is a mutation, it should only have mutated from a Red Cloud Fox to a Blue Star Fox. How did it suddenly change into a Moonlight Fox? Unless this small fellow didn't only mutate once, but mutated twice in this period of time."

Chu Mu continued to talk to himself, but as he kept talking, his voice grew softer and softer.

Chu Mu was speaking without seriousness and didn't actually believe that there was a Soul Pet on this planet that could continuously mutate. After all, species mutations were already extremely uncommon. As for continuous species mutations... this was simply equivalent to an ultra strong Soul Pet whose species rank was able to infinitely upgrade.

However, speaking to himself in this manner, Chu Mu was suddenly aware of an extremely important question. This had to do with the silver moon mark on the other Red Cloud Fox and Blue Star Fox's heads!!

"The Soul Pet Mutations Book has a description that Soul Pets with species mutations will have a place on their body where a mark of their original species will be left."

Chu Mu's expression had already changed from nonchalant to serious. He was also slowly becoming overwhelmed with shock!

"Mutated...Mutated...Mutated Soul Pets, or is it a...a Soul Pet with continuous mutations?!!"

Chu Mu remembered the first time he saw the Red Cloud Fox, its tail had a trace of a wound. In order to confirm his guess, Chu Mu hastily grabbed the tail of the fox and brushed apart its fur.

A shallow scar!! Chu Mu stood on the spot, dumbfounded. He was still somewhat unwilling to believe that the wound was in the same spot.

"A Continuous Mutation Soul Pet... it truly is a Soul Pet with continuous mutations... Am I dreaming..."

At the moment, Chu Mu's heart was boiled in passion and he felt as if his entire body was billowing in heat waves!!

To most Soul Pets, the ability to mutate once was a luxury good. As for him, he had inadvertently encountered a Soul Pet with the ability to continuously mutate. This was a priceless treasure??!!

A Soul Pet with continuous mutations had unlimited potential and infinite room for its strength to grow!

A Cyan Bird with High ranking and High aptitude, or even an Ultra High ranking Gila Monster was fundamentally unable to compare to a Soul Pet with continuous mutations!

(TL: Chinese idiom- Heaven never bars one's way= Never give up)

Chu Mu didn't remember the last time he had laughed in such a carefree manner like today!!

"Mutated Soul Pet, Continuous Mutation Soul Pet, hahahahaha!!"

The sultry tears fell onto his cheek.

In the past year, Chu Mu's innermost being was incomparably desolate. This was because from the start to finish, his life was suspended in someone else's fingertips. If this person were to so much as slightly move his fingertip, Chu Mu would face the cruelest death possible.

Every person on the island was struggling at the edge of life and death. Chu Mu had already stepped into the gates of hell and the devil in his body was incessantly developing.

Chu Mu knew that he wasn't very far away from his date with death.

To others, greeting death required courage, but to Chu Mu, one needed even more courage- so much so that it couldn't even be classified as simply as courage!

Being forced onto a road of death, the only path to survival was to fight.

Having forced his way into the extremely dangerous inner island, Chu Mu had also decided that this was his only chance at survival!

As expected, in the dangerous region, Chu Mu had obtained the greatest hope for life!

It was a Soul Pet that could continuously mutate! As long as he nurtured it with the utmost care, he could definitely roam the world with ease!

Chu Mu wiped the corners of his eyes, gradually subdued the burning passion in his heart.

Chu Mu also knew that it still wasn't the time to be happy. Even if he had a Soul Pet that could continuously mutate, he still needed to cultivate it one step at a time in order to let him become stronger and stronger.

The first thing he needed to do was sign a Soul Pact.

Chu Mu looked face to face with the small fox and discovered that even though this small fellow had been completely restricted by the white thread, it was still thinking of a method to free itself. From the small Moonlight Fox's eyes, Chu Mu saw unwillingness and tenaciousness resonate throughout the fox.

No matter what sort of a temperament this Moonlight Fox had, Chu Mu absolutely had to capture it!

Chu Mu closed his eyes and began to draw out his Soul. He expedited the Soul Force in his body and opened his Soul Pact energy.

"Fourth Soul Pact, open!"

A light blue, peculiar halo appeared on Chu Mu's hand; it was composed of a circulating gorgeous luster.

Chu Mu lightly placed his palm on the Moonlight Fox's body. The light blue halo immediately coiled around the Moonlight Fox.

The Moonlight Fox's eyes revealed a somewhat frightened expression as it began to frantically try to free itself. Only, the white flexible web spit out by the Cyan Insect was extremely strong. The small and weak fox was unable to free itself.

The Soul Pact Halo continued to circulate in a brilliant manner, like flowing water. However, following the Moonlight Fox's struggles, the light blue Soul Pact Halo became dimmer.

The rays of light grew continuously dimmer and ultimately, the light blue Soul Pact Halo disappeared.

The disappearance of the light blue halo signified that the Soul Pact this time didn't succeed. This Soul Pet further harbored an extremely intense intention to resist, and did not accept Chu Mu's Soul Pact at all.

Chu Mu also knew that the chances of him succeeding on the first try wasn't large. Fortunately, the White Nightmare was currently asleep, and the Soul Force in his body was full enough to attempt 10 Soul Pacts.

Chu Mu continued to draw out his Soul and consume the Soul Force in his body. He once again released the light blue Soul Pact Halo.

The halo curled around the Moonlight Fox's body. Suffering from the Soul's irritation, the Moonlight Fox immediately exposed an indignant and pained expression. It tried to struggle again and not long after, the light blue Soul Pact Halo disappeared again.

There was no way Chu Mu would easily renounce this chance and he continued to use his Soul Pact strength.

After several attempts at capturing it with a Soul Pact, Chu Mu wasn't able to subdue this Soul Pet.

On the seventh try, Chu Mu didn't immediately perform his Soul Pact; instead, he attentively gazed at the incessantly obstinate Moonlight Fox and said: "Small fellow, I know that you don't want to be captured by anyone, but you're currently too weak. It's extremely hard to survive in the inner island and there's a chance that you'll be slaughtered while you're in this exceptionally young phase. You probably don't want such a depressing end, right? You long to become strong, and I am someone who can bring you to stand at the very pinnacle of this world!

"Receive my Soul Pact!!"

Chu Mu spoke very earnestly because he believed that Soul Pets were able to understand the human language.

After speaking, Chu Mu performed his seventh Soul Pact. He placed his palm on the Moonlight Fox's body; the light blue halo once again coiled around its body...

Chapter 10: The First Fight, Bramble Demon

This time, the moonlight fox didn't show as much resistance as before. Instead, it used its beautiful eyes to watch Chu Mu.

Soul pets were like humans, they all had their own thoughts and emotions. Currently, Chu Mu could see a glimmer of hesitation and blankness, as if it was trying to decide whether or not it should trust Chu Mu.

Additionally, the process of a soul pact was slightly restrictive and forceful, so as soon as the Moonlight Fox showed a sign of hesitation, the soul pact halo became brighter!

The light blue halo slowly closed in as the Moonlight Fox's resistance grew smaller, starting to imprint on the young fox's soul.

Slowly, the Moonlight Fox stopped resisting, and the light blue glow eased itself into the Moonlight Fox's body, becoming a mark that belonged only to Chu Mu and imprinted itself onto the Moonlight fox's soul.

"Wu"

The Moonlight fox let out a weak gasp, giving off a light blue glow from its body.

The glow covered its body, and its fine body slowly dissipated in front of Chu Mu under the blue glow.

Soul pet trainers had their own soul pet space where they can hold their pets. Whenever they signed a soul pact with a pet, they could, through their thoughts, summon their soul pet to and from their soul pet space.

The summoning and recalling of soul pets all required soul power. Though he didn't have much soul power left, Chu Mu still eagerly summoned his first battle soul pet in front of him.

A light blue glow gradually appeared. Wrapped inside was an elegant and beautiful body, with a pretty and fluffy tail waving to and fro, and a pair of intelligent eyes gazing at Chu Mu, which was as enchanting as moonlight.

The Moonlight Fox's gaze was different from before. In the place of blankness and suspicion, there was now meekness and gentleness.

Seeing the first soul pet he captured, Chu Mu couldn't help but start laughing. This was a soul pet with unlimited potential; it could evolve from Medium to High, or even more. This also meant that Chu Mu's destiny changed drastically with this soul pet!

"Wu"

The Moonlight Fox let out a weak sound of complaint, looking miserable. It wriggled its cute body around, trying to struggle free of the white silk that still coiled around it.

Chu Mu brought out his knife and strenuously cut all the resilient white silk. Then, he gathered the little fluffy guy into his arms and started stroking its fur.

The Moonlight Fox seemed to enjoy this caressing, reluctant to leave Chu Mu's embrace and showing dependence. It used its tiny tongue to lick Chu Mu's cheek.

Seeing this young Moonlight Fox showing intimacy already, Chu Mu guessed that this young fox's age and wisdom wasn't that high, and that it survived on this treacherous island simply by instinct and tenacity. For a young soul pet, this couldn't have been easy; its growth must have been very arduous.

"Little guy, you must have been orphaned at a very young age. But, don't worry about it. We'll be mutually dependent upon each other in the future, and you no longer have to fight by yourself.....Speaking of which, let me get you a name first." Chu Mu grinned sheepishly. This smile was the first time in many years that Chu Mu had smiled from the depths of his heart.

In reality, Chu Mu was just like the little fox who struggled to survive in the inner island. Now, though, Chu Mu was no longer fighting by himself.

"I remember a weapon called Mo Xie. Beautiful and gentle when still, but sharp and deadly when moving- just like you. Let's call you Mo Xie, it fits the sly little fox you are."

"Wu~~" As if it didn't like Chu Mu calling it sly, it cried out, unsatisfied.

"Hmm, I meant wise....."

The little fox immediately extended its smooth little tongue and started licking Chu Mu. Chu Mu laughed at that, thinking that the little guy not only had potential, but was also very interesting.

Obtaining a pet that was more than satisfying, Chu Mu now had the confidence to leave this dangerous inner island.

Of course, even on the return journey, Chu Mu didn't dare to lower his guard in the slightest. After all, the little Moonlight Fox was still young, still unable to confront strong soul pets at the moment. In fact, Chu Mu had to take on the responsibility to protect the young moonlight fox.

Recalling soul pets didn't take much soul power, but summoning one did. Chu Mu's soul power was still needed to supply the White Nightmare. As a result, he didn't recall Mo Xie. Instead, he brought it and started walking back.

Chu Mu was very meticulous. While entering the inner island, he made a few markings along the way so that he wouldn't lose his way in the dangerous island.

Following the markings he made on the trees, Chu Mu returned to the thorny area again without a hitch.

Chu Mu remembered that there was a stage two Bramble Demon in this thorn forest, so he raised his guard.

Just when he was about to climb over, little Mo Xie suddenly jumped out from Chu Mu's embrace and dashed into the thorn forest.

After signing a soul pact with a soul pet, within a certain distance, the position of the soul pet could be discerned by the soul pet trainer. Chu Mu didn't want a treasure like Mo Xie to have an accident, so he immediately followed.

Mo Xie's body was small, its movements strong and swift, darting through the thorn forest with ease, and not getting scratched the slightest.

Chu Mu followed quickly, soon realizing that little Mo Xie was dashing straight towards the Bramble Demon that attacked him.

"Sososososo"

When they got near the Bramble Demon's position, Chu Mu heard the sound of the thorn forest wavering and rustling.

Hacking through the thorn forest, he saw the moon coloured figure quickly darting here and there within the dense thorns. Behind it was a vine as thick as a thumb chasing Mo Xie like a snake. However, compared to little Mo Xie's nimble movements, the chasing vine seemed sluggish.

"Yes, this will be the first battle on our way to becoming the strongest!"??When Chu Mu saw the little Mo Xie fight with the Bramble Demon that almost killed him, it sparked his fervor for battle.

As a qualified soul pet trainer, one mustn't personally join the fight. Instead, one must become the controller of the entire battle!