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Chapter 1181: Divine Sect's Exam

A few days later, Xu Daofeng sent someone to take Mu Qingyi to the exam.

Mu Qingyi didn't know what the exam was, so she just followed Xu Daofeng. Chu Mu wanted to learn more about his father's situation from Xu Daofeng and Lu Yuqin, so he went along with her. At the same time, he could also learn about Divine Sect's exam, since he had nothing to do now anyways.

Uncle Bai Yu was currently thinking of a solution for the Devil Soul matter. With his own daughter imploring him, he had to agree to her wishes. Thus, he would deal with this. Moreover, since Ye Qingzi had signed a soul pact with the little Devil Soul, her soul was also loosening as she was gradually trending into the spirit dominator rank. This made Chu Mu extremely jealous.

When Prince Chao and Ye Wansheng obtained their own emperor Devil Souls, Chu Mu would probably be the only one left in the spirit emperor rank. This was a huge blow to his ego.

Ye Qingzi was cultivating in the courtyard while the spectral Jinrou could not go out as she pleased. Thus, the latter was left to read a book in the courtyard. Ye Wansheng and Prince Chao often mysteriously disappeared. Accordingly, that left Chu Mu to himself.

As he followed Mu Qingyi to the Divine Sect residence, they unfortunately happened to run into someone they knew.

"Oh, it's Big Sis Mu and Big Brother Chu. Why are you here?" Liao Yu happily ran over.

"That's something I should be asking you." laughed Mu Qingyi.

Liao Yu was a rather delightful brat.

“I’m from Cloud City. Wen City is Uncle Peng’s home, and I went there to learn things.” said Liao Yu.

As he spoke, Liao Yu suddenly thought of something. With twinkling eyes he said to Chu Mu: “Big Brother Chu also wants to join Divine Sect? Then this will be interesting. Li Zuoteng and Mu Zheng are both there, and they have the most hope of being chosen to enter Divine Sect.”

Chu Mu remembered Li Zuoteng and Mu Zheng. They were probably the so-called leaders of Cloud realm’s young experts.

“That’s not my intention. It’s your Big Sis Mu that wants to join Divine Sect.” Chu Mu shook his head.

Mu Qingyi threw a glance at Chu Mu. Although she didn’t say anything, it was possible to see that Mu Qingyi wanted to say that it was his idea.

“Oh? That’s too unfortunate. Big Brother Chu is so strong that perhaps you don’t even need to take the exam.” Liao Yu was a bit disappointed.

Although he hadn’t personally witnessed it, Liao Yu was somewhat certain that the purple flame creature that was able to fight Border Commander Wu Zhen’s Rock Wing Dragon was very likely to be Chu Mu’s soul pet. He was so young yet so strong. He probably had even surpassed the outstanding Li Zuoteng and Mu Zheng, whom he worshipped.

“You guys have arrived. Brother Chu also wants to try?” Xu Daofeng seemed to have been waiting here for a while, and immediately went up to greet them.

“I just came to take a look.” Chu Mu still didn’t plan on joining Divine Sect. On the one hand, he didn’t enjoy joining factions and on the other, it seemed like his father had run off to Darkness Sect. If Divine Sect and Darkness Sect truly were at opposite ends, that would be awkward.

“Haha, I don’t know why, but I’ve always had the feeling that you’re an expert. It’s very unfortunate that you won’t be joining our Divine Set.” said Xu Daofeng.

“Of course Big Brother Chu is an expert. Moreover, he’s extremely strong!” Liao Yu butted in. His adoration for Chu Mu had probably already surpassed those two young experts from Cloud Realm.

Xu Daofeng laughed. It seemed that his guess was right. This Chu Mu had definitely hid himself extremely well.

When they entered the courtyard, there were already ten people standing there. They all seemed to be Cloud Realm young experts. What surprised Chu Mu was that Wu Xu was also among them.

Wu Xu obviously didn’t recognize Chu Mu. He was presently standing next to a somewhat ugly looking man and was speaking with him in a friendly manner.

“He is Li Zuoteng. The strongest person in the younger generation of Cloud Realm. The only person who can fight him is Mu Zheng.” Liao Yu quickly pointed at the man who was a bit ugly.

“Who is Mu Zheng?” Mu Qingyi was even more interested in the one surnamed Mu because that could very well be a cousin or along those lines.

“Are you looking for me, beautiful young lady?” at this moment, the man standing next to them, dressed neatly, turned around and spoke in a very gentlemanly tone.

“This is Mu Zheng. Big Sis Mu, he is Mu Zheng.” Liao Yu looked excited.

Mu Qingyi examined Mu Zheng, but didn’t say anything.

Mu Zheng faintly smiled, but also didn’t say anything. However, his gaze went to Xu Daofeng.

“If I haven’t guessed incorrectly, this distinguished person should be Master Official Lu’s disciple, Xu Daofeng. I’ve been looking forward to meeting you.” politely said Mu Zheng.

Xu Daofeng politely nodded his head, and exchanged pleasantries.

When Mu Zheng spoke Xu Daofeng’s name, the other ten people in the courtyard all looked over and began to silently discuss among themselves. There were even a few people who went up and expressed goodwill.

Those who could stand here were definitely peak experts of Cloud Realm’s younger generation. From their point of view, Xu Daofeng’s status truly was not just ordinary.

“Are you taking the exam with us?” Mu Qingyi asked Xu Daofeng.

“No, my difficulty is slightly higher because I was directly chosen by my teacher. If I am unable to prove my strength, it will defame my teacher.” said Xu Daofeng.

“What is the exam?” Mu Qingyi was at a loss since she had prepared nothing and dragged into this at the last minute.

“It should be a strength and ability exam. I can’t say for sure either... oh, I should leave. When Official tang comes, he will tell you what to do next. I hope you pass.” said Xu Daofeng.

Mu Qingyi nodded her head and surveyed the surrounding competitors.

Besides Chu Mu, there were also a number of spectators. There were only eleven people, including Mu Qingyi, who were taking the exam.

They didn’t need to wait long. The Divine Sect member called Official Tang appeared. He didn’t say anything, but just motioned them to follow him as he flew off in a certain direction.

Chu Mu saw that the other spectators were following, so he did too. Due to Wu Xu’s presence, Mu Qingyi didn’t summon the Crown Phoenix King. Instead, she rode on the White Tiger behind them. Chu Mu, on the other hand, sat on the Dead Dream as he followed, neither too slow or fast. From time to time, he would ask Liao Yu a few things about Cloud Realm.

“Who is that fellow?” Li Zuoteng threw a glance at Chu Mu who was riding the dark purple phoenix.

That was a low class dominator rank phoenix, and it was phoenix he had never seen before. When Chu Mu had summoned the Dead Dream, he had attracted a lot of eyes, and when he had flown over the city, there were a huge crowd of sighs.

“He doesn’t seem to be a participant,” said Wu Xu.

The exam participants were all wearing numbers. Chu Mu wasn’t. However, Li Zuoteng and Wu Xu both realized that the man riding on a low class dominator was probably very strong. They subconsciously had placed him among the competitors, since there would only be one person chosen among them.

“If he’s not, then that’s good.” Li Zuoteng didn’t pay anymore attention to Chu Mu.

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“Isn’t this going towards Wen Mountain?” Liao Yu sat on the Dead Dream and asked in a somewhat confused tone.

Presently, Official Guan was leading the 11 examinees past the 46th city, which was the most remote city, and towards a place deep into the mountain range.

“What is Wen Mountain?” asked Chu Mu.

“That is a famous bewildering world outside our cloud City. There are very strong dominator rank creatures residing there. Perhaps the examination grounds will be there.” said Liao Yu.

After traveling for a long while, Divine Sect Official Tang finally did bring them to Wen Mountain.

Wen Mountain was extremely enormous and when they entered the mountain, they found that it was easy to lose their way even while flying. This made Chu Mu think of the enormous mountains in the demon realm.

“You guys are correct. Our examination grounds will be Wen Mountain.” Divine Sect Official Tang swept his eyes over the 11 examinees.

“What you must do is very simple. Not long ago, I chased a savage beast that slaughtered a kingdom city into Wen Mountain. If you capture it, you will have completed the exam.”

As Official Tang Spoke, Liao Yu whispered to Chu Mu: “I heard about that savage beast. It’s a Blood Drinking Demon that is about the low class dominator rank. It slaughtered a kingdom city, leading to a horrible murder case on the scale of a massacre. The reward was posted and it’s about 1000 xuan. I never expected Divine Sect to use it as the exam. If an examinee’s strength has not reached the low class dominator, they probably will choose to withdraw.”

The exam objective was indeed very simple. However, completing it was exceptionally difficult. Not only was it a test of strength, but it also tested their pursuit and capturing abilities. Chu Mu was a bit nervous whether Mu Qingyi would be able to stand out from the ten other outstanding young experts of Cloud Realm.

“There is only one entrance to Wen Mountain. Of course, if you wish to, you may also take other paths - that is, if you aren’t afraid of not being able to find your way out. The news has been confirmed. That Blood Drinking Demon is still somewhere in Wen Mountain. You may capture it or kill it. You just need to bring it back to me. There’s one thing I will tell everyone. Our Divine Sect is not the same as other factions. There is no ideology of the winner being the king; we must adhere to our convictions. Therefore, it is not permitted to fight amongst each other when capturing the Blood Drinking Demon. It belongs to whoever obtains it. It is not permitted to steal. The person to be

chosen will ultimately be decided by Master Official Lu. If you exhibit too much of an evil tendency, even if you bring back the Blood Drinking Demon, the chosen person may not be you.” said Official Tang.

Official Tang swept his eyes over the 11 examinees and then waved his hand: “Go, I hope you don’t disappoint me.”

After Official Tang finished speaking, there were already a few people charging forth on their soul pets. They seemed to be very impatient.

“I’m going.” Mu Qingyi said to Chu Mu.

“Ok, go. I have nothing to do anyways so I’ll just wait here.” said Chu Mu.

“Ok.” Mu Qingyi nodded her head and urged her White Tiger to rush into Wen Mountain.

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“Wu wu wu~~~~~”

Not long after Mu Qingyi left, Mo Xie who was lying on Chu Mu’s shoulders, sleeping, suddenly opened her eyes and stared at Wen Mountain.

“What’s the matter?” asked Chu Mu.

Mo Xie told Chu Mu that she sensed an uneasy aura in Wen Mountain. Moreover, it was a very powerful aura.

“I had Qingyi bring a Fairy Butterfly. If there’s any danger, the Dead Dream will notice it.” said Chu Mu.

Chapter 1182: Hunting the Blood Drinking Demon

“Liao Yu, do you know of Li Xu’s branch?” asked Chu Mu.

“Why would I not know? That is the strongest branch of our Cloud Realm’s Li Family. If things go as expected, Li Xu will be the next city lord.” said Liao Yu.

“What experts do they have?” continued asking Chu Mu.

“Experts... that isn’t easy to say. Li Xu himself is one of the top three people in our Cloud Realm and his strength is even stronger than Border Commander Wu Zhen.” said Liao Yu.

Chu Mu obtained a rough understanding of Li Xu’s branch’s strength, and had a certain idea of how strong they were in his mind.

“Big brother, this exam is a bit too hard, no? The range of Wen Mountain is so big; the mountain is probably ten thousand times larger than a normal mountain. Inside there are various caves, valleys, cliffs and waterfalls. These are all places where it’s possible to hide. If the Blood Drinking Demon conceals its aura, how will it be possible to find?” said Liao Yu.

“Actually, the range isn’t as big as you think.” faintly smiled Chu Mu.

Chu Mu who often trained in the wild had a very thorough understanding of soul pet habits. If he was participating in this exam, he would be able to lock onto the range the Blood Drinking Demon was operating in within a short period of time.

Of course, when Mu Qingyi had departed, he had used a mental voice to teach her how to find the Blood Drinking Demon.

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Wen Mountain was also covered by lingering clouds. The interior of the mountain was a complex maze. Hills circled the mountain and it would not be an easy task to find a Blood Drinking Demon in this vast mountain.

After Mu Qingyi entered Wen Mountain, she began to move alone. She noticed that each person was moving in a different direction.

After passing through a rock hill that was covered by clouds, Mu Qingyi used her soul remembrance to sense the area.

“Hu~~~~~”

The White Tiger spat out a breath and turned to look in front. From time to time, it would use its nose to smell the ground.

Mu Qingyi didn't have a certain direction she was going in. She just let the White Tiger lead the way.

"Blood Drinking Demon..." Mu Qingyi retrieved a thick pet book from her spatial ring. As she sat on the White Tiger, she began to carefully read about the Blood Drinking Demon's habits, characteristics and places it inhabited.

"It enjoys the shade. Ok, I can exclude the sunny side of the mountain and the mountain peak." muttered Mu Qingyi.

"It enjoys slaughter and drinking blood. Each day, it needs to try new blood. Even if it is wounded, it has to have blood to replenish itself. It's probably hiding itself where there are more soul pets gathered. Thus, I can ignore more remote areas." Mu Qingyi took out a map and pencilled out locations where soul pets were sparsely scattered.

Before entering Wen Mountain, Official Tang had given each person a very detailed map of Wen Mountain. This gave Mu Qingyi an effective method of eliminating locations.

"It doesn't like water. Streams, rivers, lakes and waterfalls can be eliminated." Mu Qingyi's finger lightly traced through the map and she once more eliminated a few locations on the map.

Mu Qingyi gave a rough search of the area closest to her, but it was still difficult to find anything.

"Every once in a while, the Blood Drinking Demon will shed its skin, releasing a medicinal smell." Mu Qingyi muttered to herself again.

The White Tiger kept smelling as it progressed. The Blood Drinking Demon could hide its aura, but it could not escape the smell from shedding skin.

Soon, Mu Qingyi found an air-dried skin in a cave. The smell it emanated could be smelled several tens of kilometers away by the White Tiger.

The skin of the Blood Drinking Demon appearing here meant that the Blood Drinking Demon had stayed here.

Of course, the Blood Drinking Demon was an extremely intelligent creature. After completing its shedding, it would change dwellings so as to prevent creatures with sensitive noses from using the skin to find it.

“Then this direction is correct.” a smile rose on Mu Qingyi’s face. It seemed that her luck was not bad. She had found a lead so quickly.

“Chu Mu said that the most likely places the Blood Drinking Demon could be dwelling were: on the top of an ancient and tall tree, in a cave underneath a cliff or halfway down a cliff, and in the most narrow part of a sealed mountain valley...

“Additionally, its dwellings will slightly change depending on the season. In the winter, it will choose the most narrow part of the valley, during the summer it will choose underneath a cliff or halfway down a cliff, and during the spring or autumn it will choose the top of a tree. Now that it is nearly autumn, the chances of it appearing in a cave underneath a cliff are slightly higher...”

Thus, Mu Qingyi proceeded to place most of her attention on caves underneath cliffs.

Soon, Mu Qingyi was pleasantly surprised to discover the second piece of skin the Blood Drinking Demon had shed. Even if it had been purposely buried in the kill by the Blood Drinking Demon, it had still been smelled by the White Tiger.

“Speaking of this, how does Chu Mu know such detailed things?” when she found the second clue, Mu Qingyi couldn’t help but admire Chu Mu. The difficulty of pursuing a creature in the boundless large mountain was innately very high. Yet, a few tips from Chu Mu gave Mu Qingyi a very accurate direction. Most importantly, she had found her trail in such a short period of time.

Mu Qingyi couldn’t help but silently think that it was indeed unfortunate that Chu Mu wouldn’t join Divine Sect. With his tracking abilities, any criminal would fall into his hands; it would be impossible to escape.

With her second clue, a focus on the cliff caves and a knowledge of what the Blood Drinking Demon liked and hated, the range greatly shrank. As she penetrated deeper into the mountain, Mu Qingyi gradually sensed that this Blood Drinking Demon probably wasn’t too far from her.

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“Hu”... suddenly, the White Tiger gave a deep sniff and abruptly rose its head. Its eyes were staring at the lofty cliff about ten kilometers away.

“There?” asked Mu Qingyi.

The White Tiger nodded its head and instantly ran towards the cliff.

Ten kilometers wasn't very far for a dominator rank creature and quickly, the White Tiger appeared underneath the cliff. By this point, Mu Qingyi could already smell the dense medicinal smell.

"This fellow just finished shedding its skin!" said Mu Qingyi.

The White Tiger ran up the 90 degree cliff. On the side it ran up, its back was to the sun, meaning there were many shadows.

When Mu Qingyi looked up, she could see a piece of skin hanging from a tree on the cliff. The piece of skin was fluttering in the violent wind.

Mu Qingyi caught up and discovered that there were still non-dry liquids stuck on the skin. This proved Mu Qingyi's conjecture just now.

The Blood Drinking Demon was nearby!

Mu Qingyi immediately had the White Tiger jump higher up on the cliff, where the White Tiger instantly smelled a thick blood stench waft over from the forest.

Mu Qingyi released her soul remembrance and her eyes flickered with a blue halo. She stared off to where the blood aura was wafting over from.

Indeed, a rapidly moving figure flashed by in the forest and almost instantly disappeared from Mu Qingyi's field of view.

“Chase!” Mu Qingyi said to the White Tiger.

“Hou hou...” the White Tiger roared and jumped off the several hundred meter cliff. After landing, it exercised its four robust limbs, leaving a huge layer of frost on the ground.

“Yi...” the small heavenly bird on Mu Qingyi’s shoulders began to beat its wings. As it flew into the air, it was enveloped by a thick golden flame, rapidly transforming it into the imposing and domineering Crown Phoenix King. It flew straight across overtop the green trees, rapidly approaching the Blood Drinking Demon that was playing with its life, fleeing.

The Blood Drinking Demon was a demon, so its speed was not ordinarily fast. Without the Crown Phoenix King’s perpetual aerial lock on, the White Tiger would easily be shaken off.

The chase moved from the forest to the mountain ridge. The Blood Drinking Demon kept fleeing while Mu Qingyi relentlessly pursued.

The gap gradually closed and the corners of Mu Qingyi’s mouth faintly curled. There was nowhere for the Blood Drinking Demon to flee!

“Raging Flame Whistle!” Mu Qingyi looked at the Crown Phoenix King in the air, and gave it an order.

The Crown Phoenix King’s wings beat and a scorching golden flame descended from the air, forming a sea of raging flames in front of the Blood Drinking Demon and forcing it back.

The Blood Drinking Demon didn't like fire and it didn't dare charge directly through the raging flame technique. Instead, it glanced behind it and savagely looked at Mu Qingyi who was relentlessly chasing it.

Suddenly, it turned around and instantly erupted with terrifying speed. Its bloodthirsty claws swiped at Mu Qingyi and the White tiger!

Mu Qingyi was already prepared and gave the White Tiger an order.

A frosty storm coiled around the White Tiger and as it charged, the energy coalesced on its claws. It charged straight at the Blood Drinking Demon!

The frosty ice storm and bloodthirsty aura mixed together before proliferating through the surrounding mountain range.

At this moment, the Crown Phoenix King in the air completed its technique. It rapidly swooped down from the sky and when it neared the Blood Drinking Demon, it created a phoenix fire image with its wings. The fire image forcibly descended on the Blood Drinking Demon, suppressing its body.

The Blood Drinking Demon reacted very quickly. It transformed into a series of remnant figures that rapidly dodged the phoenix figure's suppression.

However, the Crown Phoenix King's technique was not that simple. After the Crown Phoenix King descended, the earth and mountain range mysteriously fissured apart. Pillar after pillar of fire surged out of the ground. The torrential heat beautifully filled the silent mountain range.

The Blood Drinking Demon continuously changed its directions, dodging the magma pillars shooting out of the ground. As it searched for an opportunity to escape, it also searched for an opportunity to attack...

However, Mu Qingyi had already seen through its intentions. The combination of the White Tiger and Crown Phoenix King's ice and fire perpetually wound create an ardent flame and icy frozen wall around it. This firmly trapped the Blood Drinking Demon in a limited area as the area itself was also continuously shrinking. This didn't leave the Blood Drinking Demon any opportunity to flee.

This Blood Drinking Demon's strength was roughly a bit stronger than the low class dominator rank. However, the Crown Phoenix King was a huge favorite to win if it fought it one against one, and even more so if the White Tiger which neared the low class dominator rank was added.

Mu Qingyi gradually obtained control. However, she wasn't hasty or impatient. For some reason, she seemed to feel that there were always a pair of eyes watching her from nearby.

"Although I really don't want to ruin your mood, please don't injure my companion, beautiful young lady." a sinister voice rang out from nearby.

Indeed, Mu Qingyi's vigilance was correct.

Mu Qingyi was about to take down the Blood Drinking Demon, but she gave up on this. Instead, her eyes turned to the man a kilometer away.

"This Blood Drinking Demon is your soul pet?" calmly said Mu Qingyi. She could feel an evil aura emanating from this man's body.

“No, but its style and conduct is to my liking. It is very compatible with our organization’s recruiting conditions...”

Chapter 1183: Darkness Sect’s Killer!

Outside of Wen Mountain, Chu Mu and most of the other spectators were silently waiting for the outcome.

Suddenly, Chu Mu creased his brows because the small Dead Dream on his shoulder told him that the Fairy Butterfly with Mu Qingyi had just been crushed.

Mu Qingyi’s small Fairy Butterfly would trigger when Mu Qingyi encountered danger. Now that he had discovered the Fairy Butterfly’s disappearance, it proved that Mu Qingyi was in danger and it could endanger her life.

Chu Mu glanced at Official Tang. He knew very well that this Divine Sect member wouldn’t let him enter Wen Mountain, therefore he had to secretly infiltrate his way in.

“Big Brother Chu, where are you going?” Liao Yu looked at Chu Mu and asked with a face full of confusion.

“She’s in danger, so I have to go over.” said Chu Mu.

“But how are you going to enter?” asked Liao Yu.

However, the moment Liao Yu finished asking his question, Chu Mu mysteriously disappeared from where he was. Liao Yu faintly saw the silhouette of nine tails flit through the dark clouds before quickly disappearing in the only entrance to Wen Mountain.

Liao Yu stared with his eyes wide open. He couldn't believe that Chu Mu was going to enter Wen Mountain in front of everyone's eyes. Although Liao Yu couldn't see Chu Mu, he was certain he had already entered the mountain.

He quickly turned around and looked at Official Tang's reaction. The strongest person here was Official Tang so even if he couldn't see anything, that didn't mean that this Divine Sect member didn't see anything either.

However, the moment Chu Mu disappeared, besides staring intently at that location for a short while, Official Tang evidently didn't notice someone secretly rush in just now. This greatly shocked Liao Yu, and he was even more certain of Chu Mu's terrifying strength. Even Divine Sect's examiner hadn't discovered him.

After entering Wen Mountain, Chu Mu didn't stop as he rushed into the depths of the mountain.

"Dead Dream, go. Find her!" Chu Mu ordered the Dead Dream.

The Dead Dream flew into the air and its dark purple body split into countless graceful feathers. There were millions of these feathers and they all transformed into dark purple Fairy Butterflies, each with their own life force.

These Fairy Butterflies flew in different directions through Wen Mountain. They were like numerous black clouds that covered the mountain. Probably even the smallest creatures on Wen Mountain wouldn't be able to escape the Dead Dream's field of vision.

Without knowing where Mu Qingyi was for the moment, Chu Mu could only blindly charge forward.

However, as the millions of Fairy Butterflies covered the mountain, Chu Mu was able to deduce a direction.

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In the undulating black hills of the mountain, the wheel of golden and angry flames was particularly conspicuous.

Underneath the flames, the hills had been frozen by a thick layer of ice. Everyone around, the ice had been shattered into countless pieces where the exhausted White Tiger stood. It fiercely stared at its opponent.

The White Tiger was near the low class dominator rank, but its present enemy had already reached this rank. It was an Ice Steel Devil Bear that was the size of half a small mountain.

This time, the White Tiger had burst forth with all of its potential to fight against the slightly stronger Ice Steel Devil Bear. The fight had lasted a long time as well.

The White Tiger could not lose because it knew that once it did, it would bring Mu Qingyi immense pressure since the Crown Phoenix King's own opponent wasn't inferior to it. If the Ice Steel Devil Bear, which had the attribute counter, joined the fight against the Crown Phoenix King, the latter would quickly lose.

“How tenacious, but what I, Wang Chongshan, have is time. I'm very happy to spend more time playing with you. I'm pretty sure that the others won't have finished off their opponents this fast anyways.” the man called Wang Chongshan cracked a smile.

Mu Qingyi didn't respond. From the continuous stream of words uttered by this fellow during the course of this fight, she realized that this fellow was probably a Darkness Sect member.

Mu Qingyi didn't know anything about Darkness Sect and had only learned of this organization's existence a short while ago. But from what she could see, Darkness Sect's members could indeed match Divine Sect. They unexpectedly dared to set a trap in the selection exam. This was absolutely not something a normal faction would dare.

Mu Qingyi was also bewildered. Why was it that when she had just happened to participate in this Divine Sect exam, she encountered this group of fugitives that dared find trouble for Divine Sect. Moreover, they didn't seem to be weak either.

"Pu pu pu pu pu..." a figure beating its wings rang out in her ears. Mu Qingyi was very familiar with this noise.

She turned around and saw several Fairy Butterflies that blended in with the night appear around her. These Fairy Butterflies were flying around Mu Qingyi as if they were telling her something.

Mu Qingyi knew that Chu Mu's Dead Dream had found her, so it wouldn't take long for him to catch up. Therefore, she only needed to stall for a short while, and the self-proclaimed Darkness Sect member in front of her wouldn't be able to laugh again.

Mo Xie's running speed was abnormal. After the Dead Dream found Mu Qingyi's location, Mo Xie, for the first time, erupted with her full speed.

With an innate demon attribute, Mo Xie's speed was unparalleled with those of the same rank. Added on the path paved by the moonlight, Mo Xie was able to run straight through the air.

They passed by countless large hills and through the darkness, Chu Mu was able to see a gorgeous golden flame burning behind a mountain hill.

This was clearly used by Mu Qingyi to guide the way for Chu Mu. Following the golden flame's location, Mo Xie held up her long tails and flitted through the night sky over the undulating hills. Her aura was imposing and boundless.

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“Are we playing a hunting game right now? That's fine. Be careful and don't get caught by me. You probably understand that, as an evil criminal, I won't have self-control in front of a great beauty.” Wang Chongshan rode on his soul pet, neither fast or slow, following behind the Crown Phoenix King.

In truth, Wang Chongshan's speed was not much faster than the Crown Phoenix King. Moreover, if he didn't use his full strength, it wasn't guaranteed that he would be able to keep Mu Qingyi here. The reason why he didn't stop talking was to trigger Mu Qingyi and incite fear in her heart. This way, he would be able to find a gap in her defenses and take her down.

Lord Duo had instructed that all members participating in the Divine Sect exam had to die. What surprised Wang Chongshan was that the female soul pet trainer he encountered had such outstanding strength. If she had another dominator soul pet, he would have trouble dealing with her.

Suddenly, Wang Chongshan discovered that this female soul pet trainer had slowed down. Seeing as the fight had lasted for so long, her soul pet was probably out of physical strength.

A smile rose on Wang Chongshan's face. He had wasted such a long time and it was about time to end things. This way, he wouldn't be the last one to report back after completing his mission.

However, just as Wang Chongshan was about to approach Mu Qingyi, he abruptly felt a cold aura wash over his back.

A pair of silver eyes flashing with demonic lights was hidden in the dark night. The eyes were staring at him. Wang Chongshan didn't know what they were, but he began to flee out of fear and shock. However, he was unable to shake off the eyes and it seemed like the entire dark night was watching him.

"You enjoy playing hunting games? Then you had best hope that I don't manage to hunt you down, otherwise you'll taste the feeling of wishing you were dead!" Chu Mu's cold voice echoed in Wang Chongshan's ear.

Chapter 1184: Yu Suo, Escape Plan

Mu Qingyi stayed in place to rest. She didn't chase after Chu Mu, because she was sure that Chu Mu could get rid of the man named Wang Chongshan.

After not too long, Chu Mu walked back with a resentful ghoul around him.

"He's dead?" Mu Qingyi asked.

"En, I don't have the habit of leaving people alive. Where did they come from?" Chu Mu asked.

"I don't know, it seems to be Darkness Sect. They want to destroy and even kill the participants that Divine Sect selected this time.

“Whatever, it’s their matter, let’s not mind it.” Chu Mu didn’t like getting into trouble. Handing over the soul capture ring to Mu Qingyi, he continued, “The Blood Drinking Demon King should be in there. It ran at me when I was on my way here, and so I captured it and came over.”

Mu Qingyi blinked, not expecting such a good thing to happen.

Chu Mu sent Mu Qingyi to a safe spot, and told her to go back to the Tang Palace first.

When Chu Mu went into the Wen Mountain, Officer Tang already somewhat noticed. If he flew out at them again, Officer Tang would no longer dismiss it just a mistake. If captured, it would count Mu Qingyi as cheating.

Thus, Chu Mu decided to exit out another side of Wen Mountain.

The reason Wen Mountain had only one exit was because it was the safest. Or else, no matter which other way they tried to leave, they may fall into a Wen Mountain territory that can easily cause people to be unable to leave.

Chu Mu was very brave, so he decided to go straight through these dangerous grounds.

Passing through the Wen Mountain, Chu Mu found a corpse. This corpse was one of the ten contestants. As Mu Qingyi said, there were many Darkness Sect people trying to assassinate the contestants.

“This invisibly increased the difficulty of the test by a lot.” Chu Mu muttered.

When he split from Mu Qingyi, she gave her map to Chu Mu. Going south for a bit, he found the route wasn't as easy as he thought. It looked like he would have to try a bit harder to get out of Wen Mountain.

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"You mean there are Darkness Sect people?" Palace Tang was staring in shock at Mu Qingyi, his pupils dilating.

"Yes, I met one." Mu Qingyi briefly explained the situation where she met Wang Chongshan.

"Darkness Sect? You said Darkness Sect!" A spectating old man's walker fell to the ground, his entire body shivering.

The old man came for his grandson. It was rare that their clan finally gave birth to such a prodigy, so he unhesitatingly sent him over to Divine Sect to become a member. Little did he expect that there was Darkness Sect people in the very first test.

Not many people knew of Darkness Sect, but those that knew them definitely lost color in their faces. The old man knew of Darkness Sect's terrifyingness and was even more worried his grandson may die in this Wen Mountain!

"I need to go in!! My nephew is still inside!" Li Kuangshen immediately hopped up.

Li Kuangshen was Li Xu's bloodline, so his nephew was Li Zuoteng. Li Zuoteng was the strongest of LI family's young generation. If he were assassinated, it would be a huge loss to Li Xu's family bloodline.

On the other side, a Mu clan woman couldn't sit still anymore either because her son Mu Zhen was in the mountain and was in danger.

"You best should stay outside. If there really are Darkness Sect, any of you will die if you go in. I've already sent people to notify Officer Lu and other people. They'll come very soon." Officer Tang furrowed his brows and said.

Officer Tang knew of Darkness Sect well. Any of their members must be dominator rank. This was same as Divine Sect. Though they kept hiding like a shadow under the blazing light of divine sect, whenever they appeared, they weren't any weaker than divine sect people.

"But..... but we can't just wait here. One has to know that darkness sect were all people who could kill with indiscretion." Mu Clan lady was crying out loud. Wherever Darkness Sect people appeared, nothing remained. This organization's cruelty was outside of anyone's imagination. The recent incident of a city getting completely slaughtered had some people pointing at Darkness Sect.

Officer Tang didn't say anything. He knew Darkness Sect too well. If people entered right now, more people would die. Now, they had to gather all divine sect members and enter Wen Mountain together..... Wen Mountain's highest peak had a very normal long-haired man standing there.

Beside this long-haired man was another Spatial Listening Demon. This demon's pupils had no focus, as if it lost its soul.

"Really..... Really still alive?" The man's hand shook lightly. He covered his face as if almost crying with joy.

After an unknown amount of time, the man finally recovered, and looked at the spatial listening demon.

“The person that enslaved her is in this Wen mountain?” The man’s fingers sank into the tree branch nearby and said angrily.

“Leader, we’ve dealt with four of them. Also, we lost contact with Wang Chongshan, so he may have been taken out. Also, news of us here has gone out. People outside have sent us messages that Lu Yuqin is coming here.” The ugly Li Zuoteng half kneeled while speaking to the emotionally unstable man.

Li Zuoteng lowered his head but quietly glanced at the Dark Sect leader, and was silently wondering what could have happened to unsettle the leader like this.

“Tell everyone to come over.” Leader said.

“Are we retreating?” Li Zuoteng said.

Lu Yuqin’s power was terrifying. If she came over, it would be hard for them to escape so Li Zuoteng subconsciously thought he was calling for a retreat.

“No, we have to do one more thing.” Leader said.

“Another thing? As long as we kill the contestants, can’t we just leave?” Li Zuoteng was confused.

“Don’t waste time, just do as you’re told!” The leader said impatiently.

Li Zuoteng didn’t dare to say more and immediately backed off to tell all the darkness sect members.

To deal with the ten contestants this time, Darkness Sect sent ten killers. Some of them finished their missions while the other hadn't even found their targets, yet they were all called back.

“Don’t worry about Divine Sect’s contestants, go chase after a person for me.” Leader said.

Li Zuoteng was speechless. The leader told them to chase after someone yet he didn’t even know what they looked like. How were they supposed to chase?

Immediately, they all started asking for characteristics of the person yet they were all scolded by the leader, “Barring the contestants, the only one remaining in Wen Mountain is the one being chased! Idiots!”

Everyone was scolded and no one dared to ask anymore. The only clue left was a spatial listening demon whose origins were unknown. This spatial listening demon supposedly could feel the person’s location.

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As for the person now being chased, Chu Mu had no clue. If he knew that Dark Sect's people were all on him, Chu Mu would leave directly from the front entrance of Wen Mountain, not caring about whether Officer Tang would notice.

In reality, Yu Suo let out a long breath in Chu Mu's soul pet space. If Chu Mu had not taken the roundabout route for Mu Qingyi's success, she couldn't get this chance to escape.

Yu Suo wanted to escape long ago. In Marsh Mountains, she already controlled the Spatial Listening Demon to go find a xuan item for her.

The Xuan item was a flower pollen. Once Chu Mu absorbed it from the sky, the pollen naturally would flow into her and raise her phase by one. This one phase of increase could allow her to break through Chu Mu's soul pact restriction and escape.

Surprisingly, she felt the Darkness Sect Leader Wan Zhong in Cloud City at the time.

Yu Zuo felt his presence but couldn't get in contact. Thus, while Yu Suo helped nurture Ye Qingzi's soul items, she sent some information into the spatial listening demon's mental world to help her send the message.

When the Spatial Listening Demon sent the message to Wan Chong, he was running the assassination mission in Darkness Sect. Yu Suo was certain that Wan Chong would come to try to save her after finding out about her situation.

Chu Mu didn't know that his courage gave Yu Suo a great chance to escape. He was currently leaving the last stretch of mountains of Wen City. Past here, leaving the mountains was close.

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“Why do I feel as if someone’s chasing me?” Chu Mu suddenly stopped at the mountain top and looked behind him.

“Wuwuwu~~~~~” Mo Xie nodded in agreement.

Mo Xie also felt it as if some weak mental was chasing Chu Mu’s soul. Yet, there wasn’t any mark on Chu Mu.

“Is Dead Dream getting chased?” Chu Mu’s soul remembrance went into Dead Dream’s soul.

After looking around for a but, Chu Mu discovered nothing.

However, Yu Suo in his first soul pact started getting nervous.

She didn’t expect Chu Mu to be this vigilant. If he looked through each and every soul pet of his, he would definitely find the mark on her soul. Once the mark was removed, Wan Chong and Spatial Listening Demon would have trouble finding her.

Now that Yu Suo was very worried, scared that Chu Mu would look at her. Because, once she was found, her escape plans would fall through, and the insane Chu Mu would give her an even worse punishment.

Chapter 1185: Mental Competition, Fierce Female Devil

“Strange, why is there the smell of pollen?” CHu Mu sniffed the air, and felt an aroma come.

This was a very special smell. Not your normal pollen, but it contained some strange flower type power.

“Wuwuwu~~~~~” Mo Xie smelled it too but she didn’t seem to like the smell and started sneezing, as if allergic.

“Young master, I think the smell is Qin Wind Powder.” Old Li jumped out to educate them.

“What’s that for?” Chu Mu asked.

“It’s a very rare flower that has a wide range of effects. Illusion, pain killer, enrage, as well as a nurturing for flower type soul pets.” Old Li said.

“Nurture?” Chu Mu slightly furrowed his brow.

“This means increase the strength of flower type soul pets raises similar to xuan items.” Old Li hadn’t noticed anything and continued to explain.

However, Chu Mu realized something was wrong because he felt uneasy commotion coming from his first and second soul pact.

“At first, the pollen has no smell. You being able to smell its aroma means young master has already been around it for a while.” Old Li continued.

This caused Chu Mu's heart to sink. At the same time, a string of proud laughs came from the first soul pact, alluring yet full of danger!

"Is this your doing?" Chu Mu stopped and used his mind to communicate.

"Chu Mu, do you still remember what I said? I have tens of thousands more ways to torment people than you?" Yu Suo was no longer speaking gently and quietly like before, fully revealing her queen like arrogance!

After speaking, Chu mu felt a massive mental energy attack his mind.

"Wuwuwu!!!!!!" Mo Xie immediately let out an angered call, her eyes staring straight into Chu Mu's soul to look down upon the trouble making Evil Good Queen!

"Mo Xie, don't worry about her for now." Chu Mu looked around calmly and said.

The space nearby was rippling. Chu Mu already felt a group of experts approach him. One of them was very strong. If Mo Xie went to pressure Evil Good Queen, Chu Mu probably wouldn't be able to deal with it himself.

Chu Mu had guessed the arrival of this day. Clearly, the Evil Good Queen was getting stronger while their own soul remembrances still remained the same. Yet, Chu Mu never had expected the woman to be able to set up a plan even while being captured.

Evil Good Queen's largest worry was Mo Xie, because even if she could break away from Chu Mu's soul pact and seals, Mo Xie could still capture her and bring her back.

Yet, Evil Good Queen seemed to have found an incredibly powerful person to restrict Mo Xie to help her escape.

“Even Darkness sect has connections with you? You truly spread your network wide.” Chu Mu humphed coldly and said to Yu Suo who was struggling against the soul pact.

“My world is much larger than you can imagine but that's fine. Once you've become a slave, I can slowly show you.” Yu Suo laughed.

“Oh, you still don't want to kill me? I have tortured you so much to the point where I feel I'm cruel.” Chu Mu said.

“So what?” Yu Suo laughed coldly.

At this moment, Chu Mu could already feel his second soul pact's evil good queen rising in power!

Different from raising a phase like before, Evil Good Queen seemed to be going through a morph that caused its strength to raise furiously!

Chu Mu told Mo Xie to protect him while he sat down, closed his eyes, and entered meditation.

Evil Good Queen was also Chu Mu's soul pet. At the same time its strength was increasing, it became much stronger than

Chu Mu entered straight into meditation. The group of darkness sect people that chased after Chu Mu were already near after following the Spatial Listening Demon.

“Is it him?” Li Zuoteng wore a mask and looked at the cross legged man.

The man seemed young but his face was covered by a mist of resentment, obscuring it from being seen.

This man wasn’t like a contestant, because a contestant wouldn't risk it to appear in such a dangerous area.

“Take him down first.” The leader said.

Ten of them quickly summoned their soul pets to attack Chu Mu.

Chu Mu sat in place. He could feel the nearby situation.

These ten people were the assassins darkness sect sent to kill the contestants. However, the most powerful one hadn’t appeared, so it seemed like he wasn't nearby.

If the man hadn’t appeared, then these people truly weren't enough.

Chu Mu stopped caring about them, because he believed that Mo Xie could protect him from receiving any damage at all.

First and second soul pact were lifting up with huge mental tides that attacked Chu Mu's soul. Strings of laughter echoed through Chu Mu's mind.

At this moment, Yu Suo was like a siren standing at the tip of tides, constantly stirring up tides to attack the cliffs. Chu Mu sat in silence like a cliffside rock. His emotions weren't affected by these demons' commotion. Instead, he was very focused on fighting against the two souls.

"Heng, once the morphing completes, you're dead meat!" Yu Suo was surprised at his calmness and humphed.

Evil Good Queen still didn't finish morphing. Only after morphing could she obtain full power. With Chu Mu's current ninth remembrance spirit emperor strength, it was impossible to trap her. Her mind was already imagining Chu Mu kneeling down and begging for forgiveness.

The morph wouldn't take long. Evil Good Queen's sacred blue and blood red petals constantly switched in between, seeming to merge yet also remaining independent. The queen on the petals had her upper body completely exposed. She looked upwards and was absorbing all the pollen in the air.

Occasionally, it was enjoying it, occasionally it was trashing with pain, countless pythons moving around.

This was all seen by Chu Mu. When the Evil Good Flower was good, the demon looked like Yu Suo and was an angel. When it was evil, it became a devil. The fiercely roaring and veiny figure caused even Chu Mu to be somewhat apprehensive.

At the same time, the angel and devil forms constantly swapped between each other. The gentle goodness and terrifying resentment filled Chu Mu's soul pact space.

The soul's attacks buffeted Chu Mu's mental barrier again and again. In the process, Chu Mu felt many different kinds of hallucinations.

Worlds of flowers, full of people, grandiose altar.....

In all the hallucinations, Chu Mu suddenly saw an extremely clear image.

It was a young girl, alone at a precipice that seemed like the end of the world. She turned around with a glance that emanated the deepest resentment, anger, hatred, and sorrow!

Suddenly, she held a purple crystal pendant to her chest as she leaped into the endless darkness, falling, falling, always falling.....

Her body slowly became smaller and smaller until there was only a white dot. Darkness slowly engulfed the soft body. At the end of Chu Mu's vision, just as darkness engulfed this young woman, the darkness suddenly separated, revealing layers upon layers of writhing python like vines. Compared to the vines, the falling girl was like a speck of pollen.

This contrast was striking, causing Chu Mu's whole soul to shiver.

And the moment he shivered, all the illusions disappeared, and Chu Mu returned to reality.

Sadly, Chu Mu felt his two soul pacts clearly empty now.

Chu Mu didn't open his eyes even though he knew Evil Good Queen was standing right before staring at him angrily yet laughing.

Evil Good Queen indeed was standing in front of Chu Mu, she escaped.

However, she didn't dare attack Chu Mu. One, killing Chu Mu would hurt her soul too. Second, the stupid fox was right behind her. She wasn't confident she could attack faster than it.

"Her Majesty!!!" An abnormally excited, and even slightly whimpering voice came from behind!

The man who called out was the darkness sect leader called Wan Chong. Wan Chong was almost kneeling and was wild with joy, "You..... you really are..... alive!!!"

Evil Good Queen's blood-red slowly faded away and she regained her human form. She didn't want her old subordinates to see her other side.

"Wan Chong, you've fallen." Seeing an old friend, Ye Suo smiled bitterly.

"Yes..... yes, I deserve to die. After you left, I should have kept my faith....." Wan Chong said with shame.

Li Zuoteng stared shocked at the leader Wan Chong.

It was hard to imagine that a darkness sect leader was calling himself a subordinate in front of a woman without any arrogance; it was like he was a loyal servant!!

One has to know that the darkness sect leader was even stronger than a Border Commander. Li Zuoteng was stunned that someone like him would have such a servile moment!!

“Faith, laughable.” Yu Suo smiled mockingly.

Wan Chong lost his composure with this expression of hers. In the past, he had never seen her show such a smile. One has to know that in Wan Chong’s heart, she was absolutely perfect, having no mortal air around her nor any plotting. She was absolutely pure.

“Whatever, this is fine. Let’s leave.” Yu Suo stepped forth towards Wan Chong.

Wan Chong nodded respectfully but angrily glared at the man that dared imprison Yu Suo. At this time, the man was still sitting here with his eyes closed, seemingly unaffected by the unfolding events.

“Let subordinate kill this common man who dared disrespect your majesty!” Wan Chong yelled angrily.

“Don’t care about him, let’s leave first. There’s a very powerful person nearing from Divine Sect.” Yu Suo also glared angrily at Chu Mu.

In reality, even if the Divine Sect expert didn't come, Yu Suo wasn't sure she wanted to touch Chu Mu, because she knew the true strength of Chu Mu's fox very well!

If they forcefully tried to kill Chu Mu, the fox would definitely instantly break its soul pact with Chu Mu. Once fully unleashed, even Yu Suo and Wan Chong together couldn't possibly beat this undead legend Hades.

Chapter 1186: Advance! Spirit Dominator Chu Mu

Wan Chong stared angrily at Chu Mu and the nearby corpses.

Wan Chong didn't get there immediately, because he had to set down some obstructions for Lu Yuqin. Otherwise, once she arrived, Wan Chong would not even be able to save Yu Suo and may die with all his subordinates.

However, in the short time it took for Wan Chong to put down obstacles, this person's soul pet already killed five of his subordinates' soul pets, so naturally, he was extremely annoyed.

Wan Chong needed to leave with Yu Suo in the opposite direction of Lu Yuqin as soon as possible.

"Your majesty, who was that, and why didn't you allow me to kill him? Give me ten seconds and I could've done it." Leader Wan Chong said.

From Wan Chong's fall to today, his strength was no longer what it was before. He was desperately trying to prove his strength.

"The stupid fox beside the man is the legendary Hades. Its strength is suppressed by his spirit remembrance. If we kill him, the Hades will release its full power. Do you really think you can take on a tenth phase undead rank organism? Even without any strengthening or rank ups!" Yu Suo said.

“This.....” The leader Wan Chong stared on. He indeed didn’t expect it to be the legendary Hades. No wonder it could kill his subordinates so quickly. Wan Chong looked back at Chu Mu with lingering fear.

“Are these all your subordinates? Are they completely trustworthy?” Yu Suo looked around arrogantly at the remaining five people.

The remaining five darkness sect members didn’t dare say anything more.

In their mind, the Wan Chong was already a terrifying presence. Yet, this person was as respectful as a servant in front of this woman. They didn’t even have the courage to lift their head.

“No.” Wan Chong said with certainty.

Wan Chong’s words caused the five of their hearts to become ice cold. They felt the utmost hostility come from Wan Chong’s gaze.

“Whatever, let’s leave them around. I need the people.’ Yu Suo said.

After being disturbed by Chu Mu, Yu Suo had lost contact with most of her people in Cloud Realm. Her plans were also completely disrupted, and she basically needed to restart. This was the time when she needed as many people as possible.

Thankfully, she met the old friend Wan Chong, who was now very powerful. With his help, taking down Cloud realm shouldn’t take too long.

Of course, the extra surprise was that Wan Chong was now in darkness sect and was a leader. Yu Suo had long been wondering how she could infiltrate the darkness sect. Now that she had Wan Chong as a contact, it would be much simpler.

As for Chu Mu, Yu Suo definitely didn't think it was over. She had to wait until she got stronger and gained more power before they turned around to deal with him. She was considering to use flower poisons to torture him for a few years before making him a slave, making him doing whatever she wanted. Even if he died, she would shackle her soul and give him no rest or else she could never fully vent her anger.

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Yu Suo had already left for a while. Chu Mu was still sitting in place. His face was slightly pale, the result of his soul getting attacked.

However, with a strange lifting of Chu Mu's hair and clothes, his complexion slowly recovered.

A special swirl surrounded Chu Mu, occasionally spreading to the surrounding and occasionally retracting into him at a pace akin to breathing.

Slowly, this aura of coming out and going back in slowly got lighter. Chu Mu's breathing became very regulated and his soul no longer seemed to be wounded.

Mo Xie stood aside Chu Mu, her long tails nearly surrounding Chu Mu. Her eyes blinked with some excitement.

“Wuwu?” Mo Xie stuck her head over and looked at Chu Mu.

Chu Mu smiled and rubbed little Mo Xie’s head, saying, “I succeeded.”

Mo Xie opened his mouth, and smiled with her rows of gleaming white teeth.

Just now, Mo Xie stood aside Chu Mu to protect him. She didn't go and chase after Yu Suo simply because Chu Mu was about to break through and needed a powerful protector to ensure nothing went wrong.

“Young master, you truly are brave.” Old LI jumped out then.

“One had to try or else if he was permanently stuck at ninth remembrance spirit emperor, it was very uncomfortable. However, I finally did it!” Chu Mu smiled.

Chu Mu was just speaking with Old Li and Mo Xie when a white shadow flashed through the night and lightly landed by Chu Mu.

It was a Cloud Immortal Dragon Phoenix!

The Cloud Immortal Dragon Phoenix looked familiar to Chu Mu. It reminded him of the God of Prison island that had once fought against Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon.

The one riding the Cloud Immortal Dragon Phoenix was a simply dressed Lu Yuqin. Her eyes gazed at Chu Mu with an imperceivable expression.

“Spirit dominator?” Lu Yuqin asked.

She clearly remembered that when she saw Chu Mu before, he was still a ninth remembrance spirit emperor. This time, seeing him in Wen Mountain, he was already spirit dominator and seemed to have just entered. One could tell from the slight disorder in his aura still.

“You’re late, they’ve already escaped.” Chu Mu looked at the female expert and said.

Lu Yuqin didn’t completely lose her vigilance towards Chu mu. She pointed at the nearby corpses and said, “These were killed by you?”

“En.” Chu Mu nodded.

In the short time where Chu Mu and Yu Suo entered the short mental fight, Mo Xie had already gotten rid of five darkness sect members.

When Lu Yuqin stepped in, she already found out from Mu Qingyi that Chu Mu was in Wen Mountain, so she wasn’t suspicious of Chu Mu. And, Chu Mu indeed killed five darkness sect members. The reason she was staring was because she didn't expect a ninth remembrance spirit emperor soul pet trainer to hide so much strength as to kill five darkness sect members.

“You saved these participants, which Divine Sect will thank you for. Can you tell me how many people they had?” Lu Yuqin said.

“Saved contestants?” Chu Mu was somewhat confused. Quickly, CHu Mu realized that MU Qingyi must have told Lu Yuqin that he stayed in Wen Mountain because he was saving the others.

Chu Mu was no longer as socially inept as he was before and gladly accepted THIS, “ I just wanted to help. This time, darkness sect sent twelve people. I killed one first, whose corpse is in Wen Mountain. He wanted to kill Mu Qingyi. Afterward, I got chased by them and killed five. One seemed really strong though, I didn't fight him.”

“Then there’s six.” Lu Yuqin furrowed her brows lightly.

Lu Yuqin naturally wanted to chase after them. These bandits killed four of the recruits she brought. If they couldn't capture the killers, she couldn't give a good explanation to the family of those fallen.

“Wuwuwu~~~~~” At this time, Mo Xie in pitiful appearance now extended seven tails and shook them in front of Lu Yuqin.

Mo Xie wanted to tell Lu Yuqin that there were seven.

Wan Chong, Li Zuoteng and another four, as well as Yu Suo, meaning seven.

“You’re saying there were seven?” Lu Yuqin understood Mo Xie’s tail language.

“Six.” Chu Mu shook his head and said with certainty.

“You know the way back, right? Go back first.” Lu Yuqin jumped back onto the Cloud Immortal Dragon Phoenix.

The Cloud Immortal Dragon Phoenix lifted up a large amount of fog and quickly went into the sky, becoming a white light that flew towards the Darkness Sect people.

“So fast.” Chu Mu lifted his head and watched the departure.

He wondered what rank Lu Yuqin’s soul pet was. It was ten times faster than Dead Draem. With this pace, she probably could actually catch up to them.

After Lu Yuqin left, Mo Xie laid back on Chu Mu’s shoulder and was very confused. Lifting up a claw, she counted out seven fingers, and called out in confusion.

Mo Xie wanted to tell Chu Mu that there were seven that escaped including Yu Suo.

“Very soon, there will be six left.” Chu Mu laughed.

Since he was already spirit dominator rank, where could Yu Suo run?

Chu Mu slowly started an incantation. Chu Mu’s retraction incantation was very long. Yu Suo still hadn’t left to the point of no retraction.

“Come back.” Retraction incantation started. Chu Mu’s first soul pact immediately appeared with a glow, and became a powerful mental wave sent into Yu Suo’s mind.

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“Your majesty, you want to take over cloud realm?” Wan Chong said with surprise.

Wan Chong remembered that she never had interest in power. Why did she suddenly want to take over cloud realm? Is there something special about cloud realm?

“Not only cloud realm.” Yu Suo slightly revealed her ambition. She had to have Wan Chong respect her. Yu Suo was no longer the original one that anyone could bully!

“This..... I don’t think it’s that simple.” Leader Wan Chong said with confusion at Yu Suo, feeling that the woman was very different from who he originally knew.

“I already made some plans. Just do as I say.” Yu Suo said.

However, just as Yu Suo was rolling out her plans of cloud realm, she suddenly felt a powerful mental wave hit her mind.

Yu Suo’s head felt like it was about to explode, her body starting to glow with blue.

A soul pact appeared under her that was forcefully dragging her in, causing the ambitious Yu Suo to lose all her composure.

“How is that possible..... How is that possible!!” Yu Suo went pale, and stared in disbelief at the powerful restrictions in the soul pact symbol.

“If I remember correctly, you said that the torture wasn’t that much?” Chu Mu’s devilish sound echoed through Yu Suo’s mind, causing her to start trembling uncontrollably.

“Your improvement gave me lots of benefits. Adding on the attack to my soul..... En, for the punishment, I’ll give you what you want and match your noble background. I can finally see just how strong my devil flames can get with my new rank.”

Chapter 1187: The Defender of Past

The blue glow surrounded Yu Suo’s body. Yu Suo bit down hard, and used her mind to resist it.

The glow slowly dimmed. Yu Suo struggled free from the summoning diagram but was covered in sweat afterward.

“What’s wrong?” Leader asked worriedly.

Yu Suo didn’t have time to answer because the second summoning incantation was already under her feet.

Soul pact signing itself had a mandatory element. Chu Mu and Yu Suo signed a soul pet soul pact and not an equivalent one, so when they weren’t too far apart in strength, the dominant one would always be Chu Mu. Chu Mu was her owner so no matter how hard Yu Suo wanted to fight back, her soul was permanently Chu Mu’s servant.

“Retracting a soul pet doesn’t need soul power. Every time you resist, your punishment will be one level heavier. You can figure out how much your arrogance is worth.” Chu Mu’s voice slowly floated over.

Chu Mu could infinitely cast the retraction incantation, but Yu Suo needed to waste copious amounts of mental energy to stop it. With this being the case, it was inevitable that she was recalled.

Yu Suo’s eyes were nearly flaming with anger. She never wanted to return to the skyless devil flame prison and face the torture that made days stretch into years. She had so much to do, she couldn’t just be a slave of a human!

“Bring me away, fast, bring me away as far as possible!” Yu Suo said to Wan Chong.

Wan Chong didn’t hesitate at all and rode his soul pet into the skies, far away from Chu mu.

The blue glow remained. Wan Chong looked curiously at Yu Suo’s feet.

Soul pet trainers were all too familiar with this glow. It was a soul pact incantation.

However, Wan Chong didn’t understand why, as a human, Yu Suo would show such a diagram. This should only happen on soul pets being retracted!

“Your Majesty, you..... Are you alright?” Wan Chong looked at Yu Suo’s increasingly pale face and also started worrying.

“Wan.....Wan Chong..... You listen carefully.” Yu Suo’s voice became shaky and weak. She knew she couldn’t resist any more.

Wan Chong quickly knelt down and said hurriedly, “Your majesty, what’s happening? Who set this curse upon you? Wan Chong will go and kill him immediately! I’m no longer the person I was before and has the power to protect your majesty. Even if I don’t have enough power right now, I will in the future! I swear on my life that I will no longer let any pain fall upon you like before, please just tell me!”

Seeing her old friend just as stubborn as he was when he was younger. Smiling with a hint of bitterness, she said, “If I’m no longer the person I was before too, would you still be willing to serve me?”

Wan Chong hesitated, before lifting his head to look at Yu Suo.

“Though I’ve fallen, my oaths will never change!” Wan Chong said solemnly.

Wan Chong lowered his head again like a knight swearing fealty to his princess.

It had been too many years since he had to worry about things like loyalty, oaths, and belief. Having fallen into darkness and being lost, his entire world was so dim he didn’t know what to do. However, the moment he saw this woman again, he knew what he was living for for the rest of his life.

Maybe countless people would mock and laugh at him for that but this world could never understand guardians in the first place. He never needed the world’s understanding either!

The moment he lowered his head, Wan Chong had already decided to pick up his identity as a guardian. He was waiting for the woman to proceed with the solemn ceremony, yet those noble and soft hands never fell on his shoulders.....

“Your majesty?” Wan Chong called out but got no response.

He lifted his head slightly but found that the edges of her robes were gone. He stood up suddenly when he realized that she had already disappeared!

Wan Chong was stunned. Was this the nightmares that plagued him at night finally coming for him during the day to joke with him?

Some petals fell to the ground. Wan Chong stood still for a long while before finally picking them up.

“This.....” Suddenly, Wan Chong was elated.

The petals proved that this wasn’t a dream, because the marks on the petals told Wan Chong what to do next.

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Sitting far away beside a calm lake, an angel like woman knelt by the grass. Her robes blossomed outwards like flower petals while her long purple hair scattered slightly loosely in front of her.

She was a slave again, but she kept her head high, keeping her dignity and respect.

She didn't say a word, sitting there and silently swearing to never speak to this devil ever again!

Chu Mu stood right beside her. After summoning Yu Suo back, Chu Mu brought her out again.

Seeing her arrogant and stubborn look, Chu Mu felt it was hilarious. It was like when he could never become a soul pet trainer and remained stubborn after people mocked him.

"Who is that Wan Chong person?" Chu Mu asked.

Yu Suo said nothing. After finally escaping this evil man, she was back. Her emotions were in the pits, and she was unbelievably angry.

"Was he your original guardian?" Chu Mu continued.

Yu Suo's eyes were focused elsewhere, yet Chu Mu's words instantly made her turn around, nearly blurting out her disbelief, as too how Chu Mu knew it.

"I think I saw some of your memories when we were fighting. En, pretty sad, I really am sympathetic for you." Chu Mu said.

Yu Suo's face turned steely green. This damned soul pact, why did her memories get leaked? That was a shame that she never wanted anyone else to know!!

“Though I’m sympathetic, the punishment remains.” Chu Mu smiled his signature smile that seemed natural but slightly devilish. “You resisted my summoning nine times, I’ll round it up for you, and increase the flames by ten levels. Don’t give me that look, it’s good for you too. With your ambition, how could you be weak? Once you’re more powerful, you can try to escape again and attack my soul. Then I can get stronger as well. It’s a mutually beneficial relationship.”

Having Chu Mu see her past, Yu Suo was already furious from shame. After hearing Chu Mu say that, she was going to go crazy and bet it all in a battle.

How would Chu Mu let the crazy woman even touch him? A quick incantation immediately retracted her into the soul pet space. He even added a soul seal on the Evil Good Queen for good measure.

“Chu Mu, you will die horribly! Horribly, horribly, you won’t die well!!!!” Yu Suo became a she-devil as she started cursing!

Chu Mu felt annoyed and casually sealed off the soul pet space connection, letting her reflect on her actions in the flames first.

“Hu.....” A bright flame appeared in Chu Mu’s palm. Chu Mu looked at the silver flames and couldn't help but smile.

With his spirit remembrance growth, he should be middle class dominator rank, right?

Chapter 1188: Divine Sect, Darkness Sect, Fight Over the Dominator Devil Soul Part 1

“Chu Mu, are you ok? I just saw the light of a technique from that direction.” Mu Qingyi saw Chu Mu return and spoke with worry to Chu Mu.

“Don’t worry, I’m doing really well.” Chu Mu laughed and rose his eyebrows as he said to Mu Qingyi, “Can you not tell that there’s something different about me?”

Chu Mu began to act cockily.

Just a short while ago, Chu Mu had been very worried, because he discovered that the others would enter the spirit dominator rank in a little while. On the other hand, he had a huge headache about this. Fortunately, he had broken through this time and it couldn’t be considered too late.

“Are you injured?” Mu Qingyi carefully looked at Chu Mu.

Chu Mu shook his head. He was in a very good mood right now and felt like teasing Mu Qingyi: “Use your soul remembrance to look.”

“Oh.” Mu Qingyi used her soul remembrance to check. She quickly found that her soul remembrance was blocked by some other force, preventing her from seeing Chu Mu’s soul clearly.

Mu Qingyi stopped her probing and with a bit of shock, looked at Chu Mu and said: “Your... your soul remembrance.”

Chu Mu cracked a smile.

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In the mountain courtyard, Uncle Bai Yu returned after midnight. He was probably thinking of a way to save the home searching Devil Soul.

Ye Wansheng and Prince Chao also returned after midnight. Their mysterious disappearances were met by Ye Qingzi and the spectral princess's despicable gazes. This was especially the case for the spectral princess who, through her mind-reading abilities, knew where they went to return to so happily.

Ye Wansheng had thick skin and didn't care, while Prince Chao was extremely embarrassed.

After the two of them, Chu Mu and Mu Qingyi returned.

The spectral Jinrou had the strongest perception abilities and her two beautiful, watery and limpid eyes stared at Chu Mu with astonishment.

When the others looked at Chu Mu, they didn't see anything. Instead, they only felt that Chu Mu seemed to be a lot more pleased today.

"Chu Mu, you entered the spirit dominator rank?" Princess Jinrou was the first to speak up.

Chu Mu laughed and nodded his head: "Yup."

Ye Wansheng and Prince Chao stared with wide eyes at Chu Mu.

“Are you joking? You accompanied Goddess Mu to her exam. How could you have advanced a rank? Were the two of you actually dual cultivating?!” Ye Wansheng shouted out.

Mu Qingyi coldly glared at Ye Wansheng, who decided to shut his mouth.

Seeing how shocked everyone was, Chu Mu knew that he had obtained his desired effect. Thus, he told everyone about Yu Suo’s strength increase and her second defection.

Chu Mu had previously allowed Yu Suo to increase her strength as she pleased for the simple reason that Yu Suo’s strength increase would increase his soul remembrance growth. Indeed, Yu Suo and the Evil Good Flower Queen were both his soul pets and a soul pet trainer’s soul increase relied solely on soul remembrance.

When the Evil Good Queen’s strength rose by a phase, Chu Mu instantly felt a great wave strike his soul. Chu Mu used this force to forcibly break through the barrier!

Most of Chu Mu’s soul pets were already at the spirit dominator rank. Thus, even without relying on certain xuan items, there was an extremely high chance he would still be able to break through.

“The... then did you manage to capture the Evil Good Queen? If that woman escapes...’ said Prince Chao.

“She is currently facing the fire, and reflecting on her actions.” said Chu Mu.

Chu Mu wouldn’t let Yu Suo escape. Even if she did escape, Chu Mu was able to capture her back the first time, meaning he would be able to capture her back the second time.

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On the second day, Xu Daofeng ran over to congratulate Mu Qingyi, who had successfully passed the exam and become Divine Sect's practice disciple.

"This exam is only used to appraise your strength and you are still far from becoming one of our members. It just so happens that Teacher Lu feels very good about Young Lady Mu and adding on the fact that Chu Mu helped us get rid of many Darkness Sect members, Teacher Lu allowed Young Lady Mu to directly become a Divine Sect practice disciple. Moreover, you will be like me and follow Teacher Lu. In the future, Young Lady Mu will be my martial sister, haha." said Xu Daofeng with a bit of excitement.

Mu Qingyi nodded her head. In truth, Teacher Lu also gave Mu Qingyi a very good feeling; this could be seen from the way she presented herself.

From the time when those people had revered Xu Daofeng, she realized that Divine Sect's Lu Yuqin had an extremely high status. If she were to take her as her teacher, this would both increase her strength faster, and make her status different than normal Divine Sect members.

"Teacher Lu puts the most emphasis on character. As for strength, as long as your talent is not excessively bad, following Teacher Lu will still allow you to surpass the others." said Xu Daofeng.

"Then can you ask your Teacher Lu whether she is accepting any more disciples? A beautiful teacher... tch." Ye Wansheng smacked his lips.

"Teacher Lu does not like those with an improper character." said Xu Daofeng.

Xu Daofeng looked around, but didn't see Chu Mu. He asked: "What about Chu Mu? Why isn't he here? Speaking of which, Chu Mu truly hid himself well. He was even able to kill Darkness Sect Members, managing to kill several people by himself. If it were me, I would be able to deal with two or three at most."

"Chu Mu is a training madman. He is currently training with Uncle Bai Yu in Wen Mountain." said Prince Chao.

Prince Chao had discovered that he was turning into a degenerate from all his fooling around. He planned on going to Wen Mountain to train after a few days.

Cloud City was located in the mountains and in the range of mountains, there were many bewildering worlds that were worth going to. Prince Chao didn't want to neglect his training.

"How about this. Why don't Junior Martial Sister Mu follow me. Our teacher wishes to see you..." said Xu Daofeng.

Mu Qingyi nodded her head and followed Xu Daofeng to Divine Sect's building.

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The time for the Devil Soul auction gradually grew nearer. Uncle Bai Yu tried multiple ways of saving the Devil Soul home searcher, but Wan Meng was guarding the Devil Souls extremely tightly. He didn't give anyone a chance to break in. Thus, without another choice, Chu Mu and Bai Yu could only use the simplest method to seize the home searcher.

This easiest method was obviously to just buy it. The head of each of the six Darkness Sect members had a bounty on them. This gave Chu Mu 2000 xuan, which was definitely a surprise windfall of wealth.

Chu Mu estimated that the Devil Soul's price could be elevated to around 3000 xuan. Therefore, Chu Mu and Bai Yu took on a few high ranking bounties that were nearby. They entered the depths of Wen Mountain to both bitterly train and increase their strength, as well as collect the remaining 1000 xuan.

Xuan couldn't be found everywhere. Even if one was strong, if one didn't have a means of access, it would be impossible to obtain xuan. Moreover, information about xuan had, to a large extent, be correlated to one's own strength. For example, Chu Mu and Bai Yu, with their level of power, had spent a great amount of effort to traverse a huge number of bewildering worlds. Ultimately, however, they only obtained one or two xuan materials. To a spirit emperor, this was already an otherworldly windfall. Nonetheless, to them, it was insignificant.

Fortunately, Wan Meng decided to push the auction time back in order to lengthen the effect. This gave the two of them enough time to collect enough xuan.

Chapter 1188: Divine Sect, Darkness Sect, Fight Over the Dominator Devil Soul Part 2

The day of the auction finally arrived.

The auction this time was rather ceremonious. Indeed, each monarch rank Devil Soul was the equivalent of a first rank xuan, which could create a dominator. As for an emperor rank Devil Soul, its price was extremely close to a middle class dominator.

There were not people that had a middle class dominator rank in the entirety of Cloud Realm.

"Master... Master Official Lu. You... you came as well. Your presence truly brings like to my auction." Wan Meng's face was full of smiles and he even looked particularly excited.

As a businessman, Wan Meng would be extremely happy to be able to run into middle class Divine Sect Officials. He never expected that a person of the Master Official class would appear this time!

Lu Yuqin indifferently glanced at Wan Meng, but she couldn't be bothered to talk with this businessman.

Wan Meng didn't dare show any disrespectful expression, and personally guided Lu Yuqin into the auction hall.

Subsequently, Wan Meng saw Xu Daofeng and Mu Qingyi following beside Lu Yuqin.

Wan Meng naturally recognized Xu Daofeng since he was a famous young expert in this large realm. He was even stronger than Li Zuoteng and Mu Zheng. Most importantly, he was Lu Yuqing's personal disciple. This was countless times more powerful than a normal Divine Sect member.

However, when Wan Meng saw Mu Qingyi, his smile suddenly froze and his expression was extremely rich.

"So... so it is... is Young Lady Mu." Wan Meng let out a dry laugh, but his back was dripping with cold sweat.

Mu Qingyi couldn't be bothered to even look at him and walked into the auction.

Wan Meng's smile was frozen as he watched Mu Qingyi from behind. There was now sweat on his forehead.

When he remembered his attempt in Wen City of taking liberties with Lu Yuqin's disciple, Wan Meng really wanted to give himself a slap. Fortunately, he had cleverly gone up and given an apology. Otherwise, he truly would have suffered a very miserable death.

"Will she say something to Master Official Lu? Then my business will..." Wan Meng knew that Lu Yuqing most despised those with immoral characters.

Gritting his teeth, in order to protect his status, Wan Meng decided to quietly send Mu Qingyi a large gift. Otherwise, there may be a day when he was suddenly kicked out of Divine Sect.

"Are there any wing type xuan items in our warehouse?" Wan Meng called over a subordinate and asked.

"No, but we have many wing type xuan materials."

"Xuan materials are fine. Find an opportunity, and deliver them to Young Lady Mu. Do you understand?"

Mu Qingyi had been looking for xuan materials not long ago; however, she was unable to purchase them due to insufficient funds. She definitely didn't think that this fatty would send them to her on his own accord.

After giving instructions to his subordinate, Wan Meng quickly followed Lu Yuqing into the resting room.

The auction hall was in the shape of a gyroscope. There were rows of seats close to the auction stage, while the two walls were filled with square shape honorable guest rooms. These honorable guest rooms and resting rooms were separated by a single door, making it convenient for those with statuses to compete in the auction.

“Master Official Lu, with you here, that dominator rank Devil Soul will definitely be unable to flee this time.” Wan Meng entered the resting room and respectfully bowed.

“The lives of the 27 hunters in Wen City will be remembered as your negligence. I hope you will be able to compensate for them.” coldly said Lu Yuqin.

When she heard this, the adjacent Mu Qingyi’s heart tightened.

“So Lu Yuqing came here for the dominator Devil Soul?” quietly thought Mu Qingyi.

Lu Yuqing had extremely terrifying strength. Mu Qingyi was sure of this. If Lu Yuqing had come for the dominator Devil Soul, she definitely would not allow the home seeker to fall into someone else’s hands, because the home seeker Devil Soul was the only bargaining chip that was capable of threatening the dominator Devil Soul.

“This is a bit troublesome. I need to tell the others as soon as possible.”

Mu Qingyi was slightly anxious. However, it seemed that she could not leave right now.

“Do you have a way of making the dominator Devil Soul appear?” asked Lu Yuqin.

“Unfortunately this subordinate does not know. This subordinate only knows that there is a home seeker Devil Soul in this group of Devil Souls. However, I am unable to ascertain which one it is. Therefore, I was only able to use an auction to make the people who captured Devil Souls auction off Devil Souls. First, I collected all of the Devil Souls and gave a soul imprint on each Devil Soul. Once the dominator Devil Soul, which has been imprinted by the net of light, appears, the imprint on the home seeker’s imprint will attach to its body, allowing us to easily pursue it.”

Lu Yuqin’s brows faintly creased. It didn’t seem that this method was very proper.

However, when she considered that this dominator Devil Soul could be used to save a life, she could only nod her head and tacitly agree to this method.

Mu Qingyi heard everything and realized that this fatty still don't know which was the home seeker. Moreover, he was only selling a portion of the Devil Souls. There was probably still a large portion in the hands of others. This fatty was just gambling that the home seeker Devil Soul was among the auctioned Devil Souls.

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In the normal seats, Prince Chao, Ye Qingzi, Ye Wansheng, Chu Mu and Uncle Bai Yu were waiting.

Chu Mu and Uncle Bai Yu had only returned yesterday. Although the two of them had tried their best to search for xuan, and even with Old Li who was a xuan finding expert, they were only able to find items worth 500 xuan. This was simply not enough.

Xuan were indeed not easy to find. Bai Yu and Chu Mu once more recognized how precious xuan were. Despite how strong the two of them were together, it was of no avail.

They could only take it one step at a time and hope that the price would be lower than 2500 xuan.

“That fellow seems a bit familiar.” Chu Mu glanced at the young man in the honored guest room and spoke.

“Isn’t that Li Zuofeng?” said Ye Wansheng.

It seemed that everyone in Cloud Realm knew who Li Zuoteng was. He was the young expert in Li Xu’s branch. When Ye Wansheng had encountered him once, there were many young women who had let out sharp cries, making Ye Wansheng very puzzled. This fellow was so ugly, yet managed to infatuate that many young ladies.

“Oh, I remember now.” Chu Mu faintly felt that he was very familiar when the small Mo Xie prodded Chu Mu’s ear and softly mumbled something.

Chu Mu nodded his head and said to himself: “So that was the case. The mask wearing person could be Helm Lord Wan Chong from Darkness Sect.”

In the honored guest room, Li Zuoteng’s hands had traces of cold sweat as he would quickly flit glances over to the nearby Lu Yuqin.

On that night, Wan Chong, Li Zuoteng and the others had nearly been caught by Lu Yuqin. Fortunately, Helm Lord Wan Chong’s darkness type creature had created a concealment space for everyone. They had also sacrificed a member to lure away Lu Yuqing. Otherwise, they would have been in huge trouble.

When he thought of how terrifying that woman was, Li Zuoteng felt his heart palpitate with her being so close.

“Helm Lord, I heard that the dominator Devil Soul was already stolen by a masked group of people.

“Devil Souls are not bound by most powers. In this world, only Divine Sect has a method to trap a Devil Soul. Therefore, even if the masked group of people captured the Devil Soul that was temporarily in a weak state, once the Devil Soul recovers, they will be unable to stop it from leaving. I’m sure that Wan Meng, that fat pig, intentionally prolonged the auction start in order to give the dominator Devil Soul enough time to recover and reach Cloud City. It will fall into the trap once again. Only with the home seeker to the Devil Souls have a chance of surviving. Even if the dominator Devil Soul does not arrive, I’m sure that the Devil Soul species will think of a method to retrieve it. Therefore, as long as we can control the home seeker, that will be the same as controlling all of the Devil Souls.” said Helm Lord Wan Chong.

Chapter 1189: Lu Yuqin’s Overbearingness

Darkness Sect’s goal in Cloud Realm was very simple. It was to stop Lu Yuqing from obtaining the Devil Soul.

Darkness Sect had managed to wound that person’s soul with great difficulty. He had been crippled to a desperate state and faced death itself. If Lu Yuqing found the Devil Soul, the sacrifice of so many people their Darkness Sect had made for that result would have been in vain.

Therefore, they absolutely could not allow Lu Yuqin to obtain the Devil Soul.

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In the seats, Chu Mu had thought it through already. If the price exceeded 2500 xuan, he would remember who purchased the Devil Soul, and then find a way to obtain it from this person. As for using words or force, that would depend on the purchaser’s attitude.

Not long after, the auction began.

It was the same beautiful mature woman in Wen City who hosted the auction. This time, she seemed even more passionate, using her sexy and attractive voice to influence the rich and powerful people seated in the honorable guest seats.

Chu Mu was honestly very interested in xuan items. The problem was that he had to deal with the problem of the home seeker since the reward for dealing with this was rather considerable.

There were three emperor rank Devil Souls being auctioned. This surprised Chu Mu. It seemed that people had caught Devil Souls from other places, or people hadn't auctioned Devil Souls last time in Wen City after catching them, waiting until Cloud Realm to reveal them.

Chu Mu didn't know what method Wan Meng used to make this many people auction their Devil Souls here.

Saving all of the Devil Souls wasn't too realistic. The dominator Devil Soul had also indicated that they only needed to safely return the home seeker to its species.

The auction began and the huge amount of Devil Souls were sold at different prices. There were many people with plenty of riches.

In the middle of the auction, an emperor rank Devil Soul finally appeared.

This Devil Soul's all-round talents were very abnormal, but its price still fetched 2300 xuan. This made Chu Mu feel as if he didn't have enough xuan.

Subsequently, another emperor rank Devil Soul was auctioned off. This Devil Soul's talent and potential were extremely high, fetching a price of 3000 xuan. Moreover, Li Xu's branch and the Mu Family General Residence's people were in the mix. They all seemed determined to obtain it!

This couldn't help but make Chu Mu's head hurt. The two great families of Cloud City were both aiming for the emperor rank Devil Soul. Although this extremely talented emperor Devil Soul with a large amount of potential wasn't the home seeker, once the home seeker appeared, it would certainly fetch a higher price.

If the home seeker were to fall into the Mu Family General's Residence, perhaps they would be able to negotiate. Mu Yuanen was part of that faction and Chu Mu and Bai Yu would have enough time to obtain more xuan to exchange.

However, if it fell in Li Xu's hands, that would be a future enemy. Things would probably be extremely troublesome.

Finally, the home seeker everyone wanted appeared. This home seeker, from the human perspective of talent, could only be considered decent.

However, Chu Mu wasn't optimistic because of this because in the emperor Devil Soul auction that had just occurred, the Li Xu branch weren't able to win the auction against the Mu Family General Residence. Therefore, their attitude towards this Devil Soul would be a must-obtain.

"Please bid a price!" the beautiful mature woman wore a smile as she charmingly spoke.

The price slowly rose from the original 1000 xuan and Chu Mu continuously bid.

However, strangely during this auction, Chu Mu discovered that there were very few people bidding. It was much fewer than before.

In fact, as the yelling continued, Chu Mu discovered that it only seemed to be him and another woman bidding.

Gradually, the people around him started staring strangely at Chu Mu. He could faintly hear them say things like “courting death” and “ignorant”.

“Chu Mu, it’s Lu Yuqin who is competing with you.” Ye Qingzi looked up and softly spoke to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu finally realized.

It was no wonder nobody dared compete. The moment Lu Yuqin bid, that meant she wanted it. There probably was nobody who dared fight over something a Master Official from Divine Sect wanted.

“Teacher, why not let Chu Mu have it.” Xu Daofeng said to Lu Yuqin.

”Lu Yuqing nodded her head and said: “I was planning on gifting this Devil Soul to you as a reward for passing the exam. Since you said to give it to him...”

“Eh...” Xu Daofeng was instantly speechless.

After hesitating, Xu Daofeng ultimately sighed: “Just leave it for him. He has been continuously raising the price. I’m sure he really wants it.”

Lu Yuqin didn’t say anything further, and didn’t raise the price again.

2300 xuan. This happened to be the same price as in Wen City. Chu Mu was very capable of paying this price.

Many people could be seen wishing to further raise the price, especially Li Xu’s branch.

However, everyone was waiting for Lu Yuqin to raise the price. After the host shouted out a few more times, while everyone was hesitating, she ultimately declared that this Devil Soul belonged to Chu Mu.

Being able to smoothly purchase the emperor Devil Soul surpassed everyone’s expectations, and even Chu Mu himself felt this was very strange.

When the auction ended and the home seeker was placed into a pristine spatial ring and delivered to Chu Mu, Chu Mu was even more certain he had obtained the home seeker.

“Princess, can you see if this is the home seeker?” Chu Mu said to the spectral princess in his own ring.

Presently, everyone was in the resting room. They weren't worried that others could see the spectral princess.

The spectral Jinrou slowly floated out. Her wonderfully curved body was extremely attractive.

She landed next to the home seeker. The home seeker clearly felt the dominator Devil Soul's aura and excitedly let out a shout.

"This is it. Let's bring it back to the Devil Soul land as soon as possible." a beautiful smile rose on Princess Jinrou's face.

However, in the next instant, Princess Jinrou's smile suddenly froze. She looked at the home seeker and she seemed to see the depths of its soul.

"What's the matter?" worriedly asked Uncle Bai Yu.

"There's... there's a soul imprint!" said the spectral princess.

The moment Bai Jinrou finished speaking, a orange light suddenly flickered on this home seeker's body. The light rapidly coiled around Princess Jinrou's body. It was as if water had dyed Princess Jinrou's body. While simultaneously releasing a strange smell, it also left a mark on her body that was hard to erase.

"This... this is..." Bai Yu was stunned.

Everyone had realized that Wan Meng could have used the home seeker to lure out the dominator Devil Soul, but never expected him to use such a sinister method!

“This cannot be, right? Do we have to bring the princess and flee the city again? This is Cloud City!” Ye Wansheng was stunned.

Everyone could see now that the mental imprint had attached itself to the princess. Wan Meng definitely knew the dominator Devil Soul was in the auction hall.

“Qingzi, do you have a method of getting rid of the mark?” asked Chu Mu.

“I can mask the smell, but the light will not disappear from her body for a short while.” as she spoke, Ye Qingzi retrieved a flower pollen she concocted herself and sprinkled it over Princess Jinrou’s body.

“Princess, go in my ring first.” said Chu Mu.

“Yes.” Princess Jinrou’s body transformed into a light mist that floated into Chu Mu’s jade ring.

Not long after Princess Jinrou floated into Chu Mu’s ring, Chu Mu heard commotion outside the resting room.

They didn’t dare stay here longer and immediately left the resting room. They immediately passing through the great hall, planning on immediately leaving the auction.

Unfortunately, just as they reached the great hall, a group of people surrounded them. This included Lu Yuqing, Xu Daofeng and Mu Qingzi.

Mu Qingyi had previously been thinking of a way to notify them, but Lu Yuqin hadn't given her a chance. She was looking at them with worry and quickly stood with them.

"What's the matter?" Chu Mu calmly looked at Lu Yuqin and coolly spoke.

"The Devil Soul you purchased is the home seeker." the fat on Wan Meng's face trembled as he spoke.

"What home seeker? Even if it's the home seeker, what does it matter? Are you asking for it back?" Chu Mu had no lack of confidence as he spoke.

"Brother Chu, it's like this. The home seeker is an extremely important member among the Devil Soul species. The Devil Soul leader definitely wants to bring it back to its species. Wan Meng left an imprint on every auctioned Devil Soul in order to lure out the..." Xu Daofeng wanted to explain the situation to Chu Mu.

At this moment, Lu Yuqin calmly said: "Quiet."

Lu Yuqin was very smart. Since the dominator Devil Soul had appeared in the auction hall, this meant that someone had already brought it into the auction hall. It was likely that the masked person and half devil who had recently created a hubbub were the people in front of her.

“I need the Devil Soul to save someone. I hope that you can give it to me.” Lu Yuqin stared at Chu Mu.

“It already signed a soul pact.” Chu Mu didn’t pretend and answered directly.

“It signed a soul pact with you? Impossible!” Lu Yuqin was extremely certain as she spoke.

At this moment, a faint spectral glow appeared on Chu Mu’s jade ring. The spectral form Princess Jinrou slowly floated out of the ring and looked at the surrounding people with her eyes that could read and understand everything.

Everyone revealed shocked expressions after the spectral princess appeared. On the one hand, they were shocked by her absolute beauty and on the other, they were shocked by a human specter!

The spectral form princess was honestly a Devil Soul and she could even use a part of the Devil Soul’s power. When Lu Yuqin saw the spectral Jinrou, she immediately creased her brows because she could see that the dominator Devil Soul had indeed already signed a soul pact. Otherwise, a spectral form human would not be able to appear.

“The dominator Devil Soul was willing to sign a soul pact with her, allowing her soul to awaken. If you’re doing this to save someone, do you think we’re doing this to harm someone?” Chu Mu didn’t have any intentions of giving way.

In order for the dominator Devil Soul to heal a soul, one had to sign a soul pact with it. Indeed, Devil Souls didn’t have any abilities to heal souls. Instead, it used its own body to heal a human’s soul.

“The person I need to save is very important.” Lu Yuqin’s voice was slightly somber.

“She is my daughter.” At this moment, Bai Yu spoke in an even colder voice.

He had strenuously gone through a myriad of hardships in order to awaken Princess Jinrou’s soul. Although she was still unable to assimilate with her body, being able to see her fly around by his side, talk with him and see her laugh was already enough to make Bai Yu extremely grateful.

How could Bai Yu allow Bai Jinrou to return to an ice-cold corpse?!

Chapter 1190: I want Territorial Independence! (1)

Xu Daofeng was slightly embarrassed. He never thought this would happen.

Of course, even more so, he never thought that Chu Mu and the others were the group of masked people in Wen City. That was a group of people that escaped from hundreds of dominator ranks and a Border Commander!

Lu Yuqin’s aura slowly expanded. Her soul remembrance was very high, much higher than anyone else.

Very clearly, Lu Yuqin was giving them pressure.

“What, you want to steal it?” Chu Mu felt the woman’s eyes slowly grow cold, and seemed like she was about to flip out.

“No, no we won’t, Teacher Lu.....”

“Shut up!” Lu Yuqin didn’t let Xu Daofeng finish.

Xu Daofeng didn’t dare to speak. However, he knew that with Lu Yuqin’s temperament, she definitely wouldn’t steal another person’s soul pet especially when they already signed a soul pact with someone else. Or else, how were they any different from darkness sect?

“I really need this devil soul. The person wounded is a sect leader. He got surrounded when taking out darkness sect people, and his soul is severely wounded. If he dies, the western border will grow increasingly rampant. This devil soul is yours, so I can tell Divine Sect to promise you goods in exchange.....” Lu Yuqin said very seriously.

“If your Divine Sect can revive her, we can consider the offer.” Chu Mu pointed at Princess Jinrou.

“The dead can’t come alive again.” Yu Yuqin said.

“Then we don’t have a deal.” Chu Mu turned around and left, not wanting to speak anymore to the increasingly pushy Lu Yuqin.

Lu Yuqin, of course, didn’t want Chu Mu to leave. She said coldly, “We’re basically certain that you’re a part of the masked group. According to divine sect rules, you’ve disturbed city order, and so I have the jurisdiction to take you down and bring you to jail.”

Chu Mu stopped walking and turned around to look at the icy cold Lu Yuqin. He suddenly laughed, “Master Official Lu, if you want to steal this, you can just say. With divine sect backing you, even if you steal it no one would dare to speak about it.”

“I’m only going by the regulation, and I haven’t tried to steal it. I just want to keep you around. What’s yours will still be yours.” Lu Yuqin said without changing expression.

Just as they were speaking, a few people started to walk over. One of them was an old man that walked right into the conversation. Smiling wide, he said to Lu Yuqin, “Master Official Lu, I remember that divine sect can’t easily interfere with matters within territories and realms. Even if we break city order, it probably should fall under the jurisdiction of the Realm Protector General, me, right?”

“General..... General Mu.” Wan Meng glanced shocked at this old general.

Lu Yuqin’s face paled even further. Looking at this old man, she had no idea why he suddenly butted in to help them.

Realm Protector Generals were on the same level as Border Commanders. All of cloud realm also knew that General Mu was cloud realm’s first expert. Adding on the Mu Dynasty behind him that ruled the entire border territory, he was a powerful man. Even the Li Xu family that governed cloud realm had to respect him.

“You’re Mu Zuoli.” Lu Yuqin lightly sucked in, more or less hearing about this Border Protector Generals’ name.

The old man nodded and said, “That’s me.”

When the old man admitted that he was Mu Zuoli, Mu Qingyi was dazed. Her eyes stared closely at the old man, and her emotions started fluctuating rapidly.

Mu Zuoli was Mu Qingyi's grandfather!

Mu Zuoli noticed that Mu Qingyi's gaze was on him, and smiled slightly with affection.

However, the old man seemed to realized that the issue at hand was somewhat problematic so he set aside the reunion talk and continued with Lu Yuqin, "I'll take them away and continue investigating. As for whether someone intentionally created chaos in the city or even sealed the city for their own benefits, I will also look further into it. I hope Master Official Lu can give me some more time."

"Mu Zuoli, you should know that the life of Sect Leader Chu....." Lu Yuqin said.

"Sorry, the ghost girl you see here is my adopted granddaughter. Life was born equal, with no greater or lesser good. If the sect leader knew that his life was spared only at the cost of a weak girl's soul, what do you think he would say? Furthermore, since the devil soul decided to sign a soul pact with her, divine sect should know best that she is the one truly suitable for the devil soul." Mu Zuoli's attitude was very resolute in protecting his people, going as far as adopting a new granddaughter.

Lu Yuqin couldn't reply to that. In reality, she herself knew that what she was doing was already going against her own principles and the values of divine sect, but thinking about the nearly dead sect leader, she knew she couldn't just let him die.

"What's all the commotion about?" Just as the two sides fell into a stalemate, a sound butted in.

The man who walked in was a middle aged man. From his expression, he clearly knew what was happening already, but he was still acting like he knew nothing.

“This long bearded man is Li Xu.” Ye Wansheng said in Chu Mu’s ear.

Chu Mu furrowed his brows, and slowly felt the events becoming more complicated.

General Mu saw Li Xu, and didn’t even bother hiding her disliking.

“General Mu, this is your wrongdoing. If you have to do things by regulation, shouldn’t this fall under my management?” Li Xu wanted to climb up in status so he stood on Lu Yuqin’s side.

As they spoke, Li Xu smiled. Seeing Chu Mu and the others, he said, “Alright, even if we have no proof of you people wearing masks and you can argue that you got the devil soul from somewhere else, I think that you guys can’t deny you’re all pretty prominent characters in New Moon Ground, right? Speaking of which, I should be fully responsible for that as well?”

This caused Chu Mu, Mu Qingyi, Ye Qingzi, Ye Wansheng, Prince Chao, and Bai Yu’s hearts to sink.

How did Li Xu know they were from New Moon Ground?

The only people who knew were Xu Daofeng and Lu Yuqin. However, Chu Mu didn’t think they would tell Li Xu that. And by the looks of it, Li Xu knew before coming. When they walked over, they were already laughing as they stared at Chu Mu.

“Master Official Mu, don’t worry. They come from New Moon Ground and thus fall under my jurisdiction. They already committed the crime of killing the general, so we wanted to take them down a while ago already.” Li Xu laughed and said.

"After finishing, the man turned to look at Mu Zuoli, "Mu Zuoli, you still want to favor them? They've committed high treason and we have evidence."

Mu Zuoli couldn't come up with a retort and glanced at Mu Ruanen.

At this moment, Mu Ruanen suddenly remembered that he accidentally told Wan City City Master Li Ziran about their origins in New Moon Ground, who then told Li Xu.....

"Master Official Lu, can you help me take down these prisoners?" Li Xushen invited.

Li Xu truly was smart. He knew that Lu Yuqin followed the rules strictly. Especially if Mu Zuoli interfered, Lu Yuqin definitely couldn't do anything against the rules. So, Li Xu found a very good justification for Lu Yuqin to take them away!

Lu Yuqin was still hesitating. She knew clearly that this was clearly using her power for herself. She was very against this, and had always told Xu Daofeng never to do this.

However, thinking of the sect leader's life and remembering that the sect leader's importance to a fourth of the territory, she felt it was necessary evil. As for the woman's life, she would try her best to recreate the ghost.

After making the decision, Lu Yuqin nodded and said, "Alright."

Chu Mu's heart sank. The strongest person here was Lu Yuqin. If she attacked, he would have no chance of winning.

The others weren't looking great either. After all, they all knew that without absolute strength, the final control fell on others' hands.

Spectral Jinrou lowered her head and lightly bit her lip. She didn't want to step forward, and wanted to walk straight towards Lu Yuqin.

At this time, two hands almost simultaneously stopped Spectral Jinrou.

The owner of the two hands were Chu Mu and Bai Yu.

They knew very well that if the devil soul broke its soul pact, Princess Jin Rou without a soul would never awaken again. She would die for real.

Bai Yu couldn't watch as his daughter died again. He'd rather fight Lu Yuqin or even Li Xu before allowing his daughter to go back onto the icy bed. It would be harder to accept that than upright killing him.

Chu Mu similarly didn't want to see Jinrou lose her soul. Jinrou and her father Bai Yu's experiences were things he saw himself. Feeling the heart wrenching sorrow as well as the joy afterwards, Chu Mu had no reason to leave himself out. If Bai Yu dared to fight, so did Chu Mu. He could take this opportunity to see just how powerful Lu Yuqin was!

Bai Yu and Chu Mu were both showing their battle intent, their eyes gradually filling with silver flames!

Lu Yuqin didn't step back either. Since she decided this was the solution, she would continue the whole way. The battle was moments away from starting!

"Chu Mu, Chu Mu, don't be brash and hear me out!"

At this moment, Chu Mu's mind echoed with Xu Daofeng's voice.

"Say it." Chu Mu replied coldly, not lowering his guard at all.

"Don't you want to make your territory independent? If you want to, say it now." Xu Daofeng said.

"What can that do?" Chu Mu said.

"Teacher Lu is a person that follows the rules strictly. You saw that if not for the Sect Leader in danger, she wouldn't act like this. And even so, teacher would never steal your devil soul forcefully..... The problem is that Li Xu gave teacher a good reason to attack you. As long as you get rid of this reason, teacher would have to be aware of the entire divine sect's fame. After all, Darkness Sect definitely will make a lot out of this. Also, General Mu wouldn't let this conflict go so easily."

"Are you sure?" Chu Mu didn't understand Lu Yuqin's character, and wasn't sure if it would work.

“I’m certain. Teacher Lu is a very righteous person, that’s something you don’t have to doubt. Anyways, as long as she can’t find a good reason to attack you, you’ll be safe. Otherwise, if she fights, even General Mu would easily lose.” Xu Daofeng said.

Needing every bit of help he could get, Chu Mu could only follow what Xu Daofeng suggested and declare they wanted independence!