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Chapter 1341: Night, Immortal Rank!

Coming back to Wind Rain City, the five of them felt as if they were in a completely foreign city.

Wind Rain City was no longer covered with lightning and clouds. This city's original watery gray appearance was now white.

On the harbor, the silver white New Moon Navy Army sat pristinely. The city's white streets were clean and orderly. The rooms and architecture were also all white. With such a new and fresh city, all newcomers would grow to like it.

It's pretty unexpected that Wind Rain City has gone through this much change in the brief year we were gone." Pang Yue exclaimed.

Ning Maner was nodding her head vigorously too. When she first floated over to this city, the city was forever shrouded in clouds and had no sun. This feeling wasn't something normal people could withstand. There was no sign of the sun that was shining brightly now.

Once they reached the harbor, the five of them waved at Sang Ying, and checked out how developed the navy was now.

The navy went from its original size of 3000 to 10,000, comprised of all elites.

According to Sang Ying, New Moon Land's ocean wasn't very vast. There was no need to create a massive navy. Ten thousand was more than enough.

Thus, Sang Ying didn't continue to gather navy members and instead kept this number while improving everyone's strength, hoping to make this navy into a force renowned through Eternal Ocean.

Chu Mu felt that Sang Ying's actions were correct. Liu Binglan also didn't attempt to expand New Moon Land's territory while developing the land. She instead wanted to create a unique territory between Zhenming Continent and Wupan Continent. It didn't need many people nor any massive mercantile connections. It only needed to keep its spot in this world and be unshaken by outsiders!

After seeing the progress in the navy, the five of them left Wind Rain City to head towards Wanxiang City.

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Wanxiang City's changes weren't huge. Though New Moon Land had a vast reserve of gold now, it kept its original appearance, not having many clear changes.

If one had to point something out, it would be Nightmare Palace.

Wanxiang City's Nightmare Palace was burnt to ashes by White Three. Upon rebuilding it, Nightmare Palace decided they might as well make it silver and show New Moon Land's symbolic color.

Prince Chao left the group when they passed Xiangrong City. This fellow couldn't wait to see Xia Zhixian anymore. Having been apart for a year, his longing was evident from how he left for Xiangrong City without even saying a word of farewell to the rest of them.

Once they reached Wanxiang City, Ye Wansheng of course went to see Shen Yue. Saying his farewell quickly, he headed towards the new Nightmare Palace.

Pang Yue went back to her Soul Pet Palace. Chu Mu brought Ning Maner to Soul Palace.

Three palaces were created in a triangle shape around the New Moon Palace, with Soul Palace as the deepest corner. Thus, every time he flew over to Soul Palace, Chu Mu would always go past New Moon Palace where people were discussing important matters.

This time, New Moon Palace was tightly shut, likely meaning that nothing important had happened.

Like usual, Chu Mu went to report to Liu Binglan the moment he came back to Wanxiang City.

"So that beautiful Female Supreme is brother's mother?" Ning Maner blinked and said in surprise.

The same time Ning Maner had been taken away, Liu Binglan was in the Wanxiang Palace Soul Palace so Ning Maner had seen her a few times. However, she never knew that the Female Supreme was Chu Mu's mother.

"Don't call her sister!" Chu Mu warned Ning Maner.

If Ning Maner called Liu Binglan sister, what would he be?

Liu Binglan seemed to know that Chu Mu was back, and was waiting on the pebbled courtyard waiting for him.

As he walked over, Liu Binglan noticed that aside Chu Mu had a beautiful and refined girl with her and was slightly confused.

Like most women, Liu Binglan was slightly averse to unfaithful men. However, as a mother, if Liu Binglan saw Chu Mu surrounded by many girls, her joyous emotions were definitely still in line with most mothers!

Thus, seeing Chu Mu bringing back an angel-like girl this time, her smile grew even wider and she carelessly threw Chu Mu aside.

After talking a bit, Liu Binglan found out that she was the girl stolen away all those years ago. Liu Binglan finally understood that this was the young girl that helped Chu Mu recover from his devil self. She hadn't expected her to grow to be this beautiful in a mere few years.

Ning Maner herself was naturally likeable. This was her species ability. Thus, it wasn't long before Chu Mu couldn't even put a word of his own into the discussion.

Chu Mu simply let them be and went back to his own courtyard to train.

Just before he left, he was chided by both Ning Maner and Liu Binglan for being a workaholic.

After returning to his room, Chu Mu clearly felt that his soul's level was raising again

After devouring White Three's Black Nightmare soul, Chu Mu's soul remembrance went straight from sixth remembrance to eighth remembrance. And with the soul pets all increasing in strength, Chu Mu's soul remembrance still had room for improvement.

Chu Mu could feel that this time, it was Night's soul transforming!

In the past six months of journeying, after Ning Maner recovered, she put most of her aura together and injected some into Night every day.

Over those days, Night was basically basking in constant nurturing of immortal items.

Chu Mu originally was afraid of some accident happening. Maybe Night's commander rank would cause it to be unable to step into immortal rank, or maybe because Night had died once, its corpse would affect its potential.

Over these many days, Chu Mu had been closely monitoring it.

Today, finally coming back to Wanxiang City, Chu Mu finally felt Night's soul change!

Change meant that Night was stepping towards immortal rank!

Putting down a barrier to stop anyone from disturbing him, Chu Mu sat down and fell into meditation to send his remembrance into Night's soul.

Right now, Night's soul was torrential like a tsunami. It was constantly barraging the giant barrier that was immortal rank. If it could get through, Night's soul would reach a new, more mystical level!

Night already had the chance of stepping into immortal rank back in Demon Burial Mound. This breakthrough could be said to be two years late. Night didn't want to drag it on any longer, so this time Night was putting its all into this bottleneck while utilizing Ning Maner's nurturing power!

Chu Mu also created a guiding force to help Night get through!

The improvement process was one of overcoming one's past self. It was a limit test to one's body and soul!

If one failed, he would expend all power, stamina, and energy.

Furthermore, if there were one failure, it was extremely detrimental mentally, and also would leave unseen wounds that affect future attempts. THus, this first attempt had to be taken wisely and hopefully, it could take down the barrier in one go!

The soul world's tides were like Night, full of a wild and rampant nature!

The tides roared forth as if imbued with Night's Chasing Wind Pursuing Moon. These two years of constant waiting accelerated these tides to create a monstrous wave!!!

Chu Mu's remembrance was also in this tide. Chu Mu could even clearly feel the sky-high barrier that was immortal rank!

At this moment, Chu Mu's heart was afire too!

Immortal rank was a territory Chu Mu had long awaited for.

As if running across a boundless plain, the black tide that surpassed Night's extremes became faster and faster. As it neared the mountain, Chu Mu could even hear Night's long call as it slammed without hesitation into the barrier!!

"Huhuhu~~~~~"

Black energy became a storm that roared through Chu Mu's courtyard into Soul Palace, and even further out into the entire Wanxiang City!

It was originally a sunny afternoon. However, in this moment, the sky suddenly was covered in thick black clouds, creating a giant swirl that surrounded the entire city!

The city was thrown into panic as everyone noticed only Wanxiang City was covered in darkness. Everywhere else still had sun.

In a deep courtyard of Wanxiang City, a white-bearded old man frantically ran out of his courtyard and gazed into the sky.

"This..... This is...... Is a soul pet stepping into the immortal rank?!" The white-bearded old man was the Cloud Gate Elder.

However, no matter how hard he thought about it, he couldn't think of who could have stepped into the immortal rank!

Outside the city, four people from the Greater Territory Capital stood in place with their commands, no longer daring to walk in.

"What's happening, why is the sky suddenly dark?" A young man asked confused.

The middle-aged man furrowed his brow. After gazing for a long while, he said, "It should be some soul pet stepping into the immortal rank, one can tell from the aura."

The other three were stunned and said, "This is New Moon Land, how can there be immortal rank experts?"

"Maybe this time, we didn't come in vain. If they have immortal rank experts, then they indeed have the qualifications to participate in this conference." The middle-aged man started considering, "However, I wonder which expert's soul pet broke through..... this New Moon Land truly is well hidden and mysterious."

"I really didn't expect this. It sounds like rumors are sometimes wrong."

"Of course, we can't eliminate the possibility that an immortal rank expert was just passing by and suddenly had their soul pet breakthrough."

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The darkness persisted for half a day. When the thick dark aura dissipated, it was night already.

As New Moon Land developed, strange things would occasionally happen in Wanxiang City. At the beginning, the Palaces would have to come out and pacify the citizens.

But eventually, the citizens grew used to it. Regulations in the Palaces said that they had to come out and give an explanation, but unfortunately, this time, the experts of the Palaces didn't know how to explain the darkness.

Deep inside the courtyard, Cloud Gate's Old Man stroked his beard and muttered: "It should be Bai Yu who broke through. He's been bitterly training in Nightmare Holy Region for many years. He's definitely encountered something fortuitous. He had the highest chance of breaking through. Only, why did he release a darkness attribute?"

Cloud Gate's Old Man thought that Bai Yu had the highest chance of breaking through.

After him, Liu Binglan was the only person in this world with an independent training space. She would probably be able to enter the immortal rank since her spirit remembrance was extremely high.

However, Liu Binglan didn't have any dark type soul pets, and her soul pets were lacking a bit of maturity. Thus, Cloud Gate's Old Man excluded her.

As for the other experts in Wanxiang City, he had seen them all before, but they didn't have a high chance of breaking through. The immortal rank wasn't something so easily crossed into!

Soul Palace.

Liu Binglan didn't need to guess. She knew that the person who caused the huge disturbance was Chu Mu. When she went to Chu Mu's courtyard, she could hear his carefree laughter.

"Big Brother's Dream Beast entered the immortal rank!" a smile rose on Ning Maner's face.

"The immortal rank?" an expression of shock appeared on Liu Binglan's face.

Liu Binglan often interacted with foreign guests, and she learned about the immortal rank from them. Among them, many who were high class dominator experts and pledged their allegiance to New Moon Land spoke with expressions of reverence when mentioning the immortal rank.

Liu Binglan herself was curious as to how strong the immortal rank was. Indeed, why were these arrogant experts so filial and respectful in front of them?

Liu Binglan had a coincidental opportunity to talk with Cloud Gate's Old Man about training. He had told her that the Six Star Space was like the Holy Regions, and had a lot of space to be unearthed. She only needed to find a way, and she would have hope of entering the immortal rank.

Liu Binglan didn't have many soul pets so when cultivating, she could focus on these few soul pets. Thus, her soul pets were all rather highly ranked. However, she was still a ways away from the immortal rank. At least, she still hadn't felt the doorstep into that rank yet.

As for Chu Mu, he was also an extremely fast cultivator. He had many soul pets, but their powers were very equal. Moreover, he was the first person to enter the immortal rank from New Moon Land.

With Cloud Gate's Old Man who oversaw New Moon Land like a great buddha, and now adding on Chu Mu's breakthrough, New Moon Land's status was no longer inferior to some small border cities!

In this world dictated by strength, it was hard to find a place without absolute strength. Chu Mu's breakthrough essentially allowed New Moon Land to ascend a realm. The banner of the Palaces could be planted in other border cities, and the nearby regions probably wouldn't dare find trouble for New Moon Land.

"Your Majesty Female Supreme, there are a few people who claim to be from Zhengming Continent's Territory Institution. They are unwilling to talk with our foreign receivers, and only wish to see you." reported a holy guard.

"Zhengming Continent's Territory Institution?" said Liu Binglan.

"Yes."

Liu Binglan furrowed her brows and sunk into thought.

Liu Binglan had previously interacted with people from a Territory Institution. While the surrounding regions had wanted to dip their fingers into New Moon Land's forbidden region administration rights, Territory Institution had acted as the arbitrator. Every few days, a few of Liu Binglan's subordinates would have to go to them to bring them historical documents confirming that the forbidden regions were a part of New Moon Land's territory.

However, the Territory Institutions that interacted with New Moon Land were mostly from realms. The highest-ranked one was from Jia Border. But Jia Border was only a first rank border territory.

However, the people this time had come from Zhengming Continent's Territory Institution!

This meant that the people who had come were the highest-ranked Territory Administrators in Zhengming Continent. These Territory Administrators were administrators of Zhengming Continent's border ranked territories. Why would they suddenly come a long way from Zhengming Main City to this distant place?

"Bring them to the meeting palace." Liu Binglan said to the holy guard.

Since people from the highest-ranked Territory Institution had come, there was definitely something important and Liu Binglan felt that she had to personally meet them.

"Yes."

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When night fell, Chu Mu couldn't hold back the excitement in his heart, and immediately urged Night, which had just broken into the immortal rank, to run through the entire New Moon Land.

The seemingly boundless New Moon Land of the past had now become a place only as large as his palm.

From midnight until daybreak, Chu Mu rushed from Wanxiang City to Western Kingdom, then to the new Seven Color City to see a few of the late bloomers of the Chu Family.

The current Western Kingdom was completely different from before. Seven Color City had become a kingdom city, and the administrator was Chu Tianheng.

The Chu Family couldn't be considered a large family clan. But it had many members and their development was steady. Chu Mu didn't interfere much either. Moreover, he didn't feel like he had to interfere.

For his Uncle Chu Tianheng, developing a tiny territory into a famous big city was far more enjoyable than having Chu Mu instantly make him Tianxia City's City Lord with a single order.

It had been many years since he had returned, and Chu Mu discovered that younger cousin Chu Yiyi had already gotten married to someone from outside the realm. They didn't know where he had brought her to, but every once in awhile, they would return.

Chu Ying had also gotten married, and was now in Tianxia City. Chu Mu knew the person who she had married. It was Palace Lord Yu's disciple, Shang Heng.

When he had been in Tianxia City, Chu Mu knew Shang Heng relatively well, and he heard that he was now the palace administrator of Tianxia City's Soul Palace.

Chu Mu was very curious as to how the two of them got together.

"Chu Mu, what rank is your Night Dream Beast? The aura it's emitting makes my entire body feel ice-cold. I also feel that even its gaze might be able to kill me." said Chu Tianheng.

"It just entered the immortal rank. I was excited about this so I had Night go from Wanxiang City to Western Kingdom. I just wanted to see how fast it was now." said Chu Mu.

"Immortal rank?" Chu Tianheng evidently hadn't heard of this rank. He probably knew of his own ignorance and inexperience so he asked: "How many days did it take?"

"Not even 12 hours," said Chu Mu.

Chu Tianheng was stunned, and wondered if he had heard incorrectly.

Even spirit emperor experts like him needed a year to reach Western Kingdom from Wanxiang City.

However, Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast had done it in 12 hours. How fast was that!

Chu Tianheng bitterly laughed and said: "It seems that the world is truly much larger than we think. Compared to you, I suddenly feel that the things I've done are insignificant."

"Don't say that." consoled Chu Mu.

"Haha, I'm just saying. But I should have known that you and your father wouldn't be constrained by our small family." at this point, Chu Tianheng suddenly thought of something and said: "Speaking of which, do you have any news of Tianmang?"

Chu Mu shook his head.

It had been many years, and Chu Mu himself also didn't remember much.

When he had returned from Prison Island, Chu Mu had come to see his father with excitement to tell him that he had held on and survived; moreover, that he had become an expert.

However, as time passed, he slowly climbed up from the negligible servant and warrior ranks to the present immortal rank. Yet, he was never able to see him. The wish to see him had not only not dissipated from the long time period, but had instead grown more urgent.

"About two or three years ago, an extra bundle of flowers appeared on your grandfather's grave. The soil also had light kneeling marks. I wonder if the person who came to pay respects to your grandfather was Tianmang. Additionally, for the next few days, I felt as if someone was watching us from afar. Tianren also felt the same. However, the feeling quickly dissipated." said Chu Tianmang in a low voice.

"I'm going to find him this time when I go to Zhengming Main City." earnestly said Chu Mu.

For some reason, Chu Mu felt that his father was purposefully avoiding people that he knew.

After Alliance Master Ling Chan was killed, Mu Qingyi had encountered him.

When he arrived in Cloud Realm, Chu Mu had obtained a bit of information on him from Dark Sect's arrest warrant.

Then, he learned more about him from Cloud Gate's Old Man.

And now, he learned from Uncle Chu Tianheng that he could have come back here two or three years ago to pay respect to his foster father, Chu Ming.

The signs all pointed to him being safe and sound.

But Chu Mu didn't understand why he was avoiding him and hiding, unwilling to appear in front of him.

Carrying this confusion, Chu Mu left Western Kingdom and returned to Wanxiang City.

When he returned to Wanxiang City, Chu Mu couldn't hold back the confusion, and went to tFemale Supreme's palace.

Liu Binglan would always cultivate here during the night. When she knew Chu Mu had come, she temporarily stopped her cultivation.

Chu Mu told the information he learned from Chu Tianheng to Liu Binglan.

"If it was two or three years ago..." Liu Binglan earnestly tried to remember. She suddenly grasped something in her memories and said: "If that's the case, I really did encounter a strange person wearing black monk garb two or three years ago. For a few consecutive days, I would always see him around. I guessed at the time that it was your father so I went to a pavilion, waiting for him to appear. But he never did appear. I think you had just left for the Eternal Ocean then..."

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"Today, people from Zhengming Continent's Territory Institution came. They wanted us to participate in the Territory Conference that happens once every 10 years. When the time comes, the city lords of the various large border cities, the owners of independent territories, the leaders of large factions as well as some extremely famous people will participate. Our New Moon Land has just become independent, and in the past has never participated in this conference. I'm not sure what is going to be discussed there." said Liu Binglan.

"Then let's go." Chu Mu was still thinking about Chu Tianmang, and didn't really pay attention o what Liu Binglan was saying.

"Aren't you about to go to Zhengming Main City?" asked Liu Binglan.

"You want me to participate in this conference?" asked Chu Mu.

Liu Binglan shook her head and said: "I know that you don't like this stuff. Of course I'll go personally. What's the matter? You seem unhappy that your mother is making a rare trip with you? Are you afraid that I'll get in your way?"

Chu Mu finally realized what was going on and hastily put on a smile: "How could that be? I'm extremely honored."

"That's better." said Liu Binglan with a humph.

"Perhaps dad will appear with you going." Chu Mu felt that there was a high chance of this happening.

Chu Mu remembered Chu Tianmang as someone who cared a lot about feelings. At least before he had become an adult, Chu Mu didn't ever see him with another woman. And each time Liu Binglan appeared, his emotions would be complicatedly helpless.

"He's an arrogant man. Perhaps he's already given you many younger brothers and sisters in the outside already. Him refusing to see us is only normal." coldly harrumphed Liu Binglan.

"..." Chu Mu didn't know what to say.

Obviously, the grudge Liu Binglan had towards Chu Tianmang was very deep.

From the start, the husband and wife relationship between Liu Binglan and Chu Tianmang was acrimonious. The two each had their own thoughts, and were very stubborn people.

Adding on the fact Chu Tianmang hadn't shown himself for many years, this made the grudge that Liu Binglan had towards him become even greater. Even if he was too lazy to see her, why was he refusing to see his son? He had to know that Chu Mu had spent many years looking for him.

"He could have some troubles." Chu Mu felt that he had to speak up for his dad so as to leave some room for reconciliation between them.

Liu Binglan didn't want to talk about him any further and changed the topic.

Chu Mu was even more helpless. He now understood why Liu Binglan's face was always covered in coldness whenever he saw her when he was young: the coldness was for Chu Tianmang to see. However, the coldness had accidentally reached him, leaving an indescribable fear towards his mother. Chu Mu silently thought to himself that he had to be extremely careful when he mentioned his dad to Liu Binglan in the future.

After talking with Liu Binglan and setting a time of departure, Chu Mu returned to his room.

After returning to his room, Chu Mu was still thinking about Chu Tianmang. He didn't understand why his dad was unwilling to show himself. Was there something restricting him? Could it be because of his Darkness Sect identity?

But it didn't matter if it was Divine Sect or Darkness Sect. This had nothing to do with Chu Mu, and he wouldn't care if his dad had joined Darkness Sect.

After thinking about it, Chu Mu still didn't understand, so he just stopped thinking about it.

Turning his mind to Night, which had already entered the immortal rank and adding on his own powerful dual evil powers, he probably wouldn't encounter much trouble going to Zhengming Main City this time.

After changing his clothes, Chu Mu didn't even turn on the lights as he walked towards his bed and pulled over the blanket.

However, as he pulled, a soft cry suddenly rang out from next to him. He turned his head and saw a young woman with a graceful figure wearing translucent sleeping wear sleeping on his bed. Her sleek skin and alluring fragrance stunned Chu Mu for several seconds...

"Big Brother, what are you doing..." Ning Maner's face was red from embarrassment as she softly spoke out.

As he looked at Ning Maner's delicate and alluring appearance, Chu Mu didn't know what to say for a while.

Just now he had been thinking about things. Although from the soul link he could feel that Ning Maner was nearby, he thought that she was in the room next door.

"I forgot that this was the place you used to sleep." Chu Mu's face went red, and he awkwardly turned his head.

This room indeed used to be Ning Maner's room. But after she left, Ye Qingzi liked this room more so they moved here. Thus, Chu Mu's room became this one.

"Oh, this is Big Brother's room. But Aunty Liu let me sleep here..." said Ning Maner. After finishing her words, Ning Maner immediately realized something, and her white and beautiful face was instantly dyed with red.

"Sleep here. I'll just go next door." Chu Mu stood up. He felt that if he kept looking, something was going to happen.

This woman was no longer the girl of the past. Her entire body was emitting youthful charm. Not only did she have an attractive and graceful figure, but she also had a fairy-like face of pure beauty. If he didn't keep his distance, Chu Mu, who had suppressed his desires for a few years, was now afraid that he would have evil thoughts.

"Big Brother, not long ago a very, very beautiful spectral sister flew in. She saw that I was changing and then flew out..." Ning Maner told Chu Mu about this just as he was leaving.

"..." Chu Mu was even more speechless. This misunderstanding just became even greater.

"I can feel that she's still at Lake Pavilion," said Ning Maner.

"Ok, thanks." Chu Mu closed the door. He wasn't very sleepy, and went straight to Lake Pavilion.

Chu Mu hadn't spoken to Princess Jinrou since coming back.

There was a lake in Soul Palace. At the center of the lake was a pavilion reached by crossing a wooden bridge. The pavilion was behind Liu Binglan's Female Supreme Palace, and was normally her personal pavilion.

The lake water was very clean, and it reflected the azure stars in the sky. From a distance, it looked like a star had fallen into the world. Only when the occasional drifting leaf landed on the lake, causing a faint ripple, would people realize that this was merely a reflection.

Next to the lake, a faint specter wearing a long white dress silently stood there.

She carefully shifted her body towards the lake, and stared at the tranquil water.

The lake water was an ink-black color, with the stars in the sky dotted in. The only thing that wasn't reflected was herself.

A trace of bitterness and frustration appeared on her face.

Bai Jinrou didn't know how long it had been since she had last seen what she looked like. After becoming a specter, she could pass through mirror worlds as she wished, but the mirror worlds were ultimately illusory. Her image didn't exist in reality. Put differently, she didn't exist in the real world.

Chu Mu was currently standing nearby. He knew that she liked water and liked staring at the tranquility of water. But when he saw the bitterness and frustration flash on her face, Chu Mu had a painful feeling in his heart.

This made Chu Mu think of what Hai Qie had told him on the boat.

"Jinrou." Chu Mu walked up to the spectral princess, and called out to her.

"Am I the same as those malicious spirits demanding vengeance for their grievances that are portrayed in books? Is my hair really long? Do I look like a monster? Are my eye sockets without eyeballs? Am I empty like a corpse...?"

After becoming a specter, Princess Jinrou would rarely appear in front of strangers. She was afraid that everyone didn't want to hurt her, and thus told her that even in her spectral state, she was very beautiful. She couldn't actually see what she looked like, and didn't know if what everyone said was true.

"Don't think like that. You're just as beautiful as before. You're the most..." Chu Mu hesitated before ultimately saying, "You're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen."

Princess Jinrou was stunned, and her water-like limpid eyes stared at Chu Mu.

Immediately, she lowered her head and said: "There are some things that I don't dare use my mindreading abilities for. I'm afraid that once I know, it will make me feel even worse."

"Just read my mind. There are some things that I myself don't even know the answer to or know how to say it," said Chu Mu.

Princess Jinrou shook her head. Even if she knew the answer, what did it matter? She was pretty much a dead person already.

"I'll help you find the Limbo Flower," Chu Mu said seriously.

Princess Jinrou didn't respond. She just sat with Chu Mu next to the lake, staring at the water.

"Where are you going next?" asked Princess Jinrou.

"Zhengming Main City. How about you come with me?" said Chu Mu.

"My father wants to take me to Zhengming Aerial Forest. The maps indicate that there is a Heaven Boundary Monument there," said Princess Jinrou. When she mentioned the Heaven Boundary Monument, Chu Mu remembered the words Ning Maner had told him.

Princess Jinrou could understand the words on the Heaven Boundary Monument. If he wanted to uncover the Heaven Boundary Monument's mystery, he needed her help. Thus, Chu Mu told her about what he knew of the Heaven Boundary Monuments.

"Monument Tear Individuals, Fake Monument Tear Individuals?" Princess Jinrou descended into thought.

During the time Chu Mu had left, Princess Jinrou had explored New Moon Land's two Heaven Boundary Monuments even further. She discovered a deeper layer of information that happened to match up with the Monument Tear Individuals Chu Mu just told her about.

"Can you read memories?" asked Chu Mu.

"Yes, but the person I read cannot resist this. Otherwise, it will deal a severe injury to my soul," said Princess Jinrou.

"I intentionally stayed at Lin City's Heaven Boundary Monument for a long time so that I would be able to remember the words written on the Heaven Boundary Monument. You can use my memories to determine what was written on Lin City's Heaven Boundary Monument."

"Ok"

Princess Jinrou nodded her head. She extended a finger, and lightly placed it on his forehead.

Reading other peoples' memories was a long process, and also expended a lot of mental energy. While she read his memories, she had Chu Mu write down the words she was saying.

Chu Mu could control spatial energy, so he wrote down the words Princess Jinrou down in the air, forming a series of special symbols.

However, Chu Mu couldn't understand these special symbols.

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"I feel that the Heaven Boundary Monuments are trying to convey some form of information. It's like a story that's split into ten parts. Until we gather these separate parts together, it will be difficult to understand what meaning the Heaven Boundary Monuments are trying to convey." Princess Jinrou meticulously wrote down the words Chu Mu wrote, in their own special way.

"Then, we now have information from three Heaven Boundary Monuments, right?" said Chu Mu.

"Yes. The information from these three Heaven Boundary Monuments aren't linked. Our Western Kingdom's Heaven Boundary Monument writes about a species that attempted to rebel, but ended up suffering severe punishment."

What species was it?" asked Chu Mu.

"I don't know. It didn't say. It only said that it was extremely strong." Princess Jinrou glanced at Chu Mu and continued, "Wanxiang Realm's Heaven Boundary Monument writes about the Ancient Flood Dragon Person and describes how powerful he once was."

Chu Mu knew about the Ancient Flood Dragon Person, and had found him lying dormant under the Wind Palace together with Princess Jinrou.

"Next is Wupan Continent's Lin City's Heaven Boundary Monument. It writes about the strongest species on Wupan Continent from 5000 years ago until now. These species, even in our generation, are still like gods. This includes an Underworld that stepped into the undying rank. It was written that an Underworld once fought against an extremely powerful rebelling species and ultimately lost. This species is probably the one recorded on Western Kingdom's Heaven Boundary Monument."

Princess Jinrou determined this from the last bit. There was a chance all of the Heaven Boundary Monuments told of an ancient legend. These legends had something to do with the world's strongest creatures and species. Thus, Princess Jinrou guessed that the Heaven Boundary Monuments could be an inscribed stele of history that used special words and illusions to tell others the story of creatures that reached the summit.

Chu Mu nodded his head. When he had entered Wing Palace, Old Li had told him as much. It seemed that Heaven Boundary Monuments really were related to the strongest of the past.

The soul pet world embodied an undulating development. It was like a country that, throughout its long history, as long as it wasn't completely destroyed, would have both its prosperous times and times of decline.

The soul pet world had its own prosperous times and times of declines. Nobody could say that the soul pets from 5000 years ago or 10,000 years ago were weaker than now. In fact, it was entirely possible that the species advantages of the creatures of a certain era were far stronger than the current strongest species. Unfortunately, the law of nature didn't mean that the strongest species would remain prosperous throughout time. Instead, the law of nature would choose the species that could survive over the long-term.

The living world was a cycle. Whether this era was strong or weak could only be determined by future people using the records left in history to compare.

Perhaps the Heaven Boundary Monuments were such a record that allowed people from later generations to understand the entire long process of creature reproduction, rank advancement, mutation, aging, and eventual degeneration. It would also illuminate which creatures truly stood at the top of the pyramid and became a god over all other living creatures!

"When I went to Aerial forest, I gathered information on a fourth Heaven Boundary Monument. The story should be even more connected. With the information from ten Heaven Boundary Monuments, perhaps we'll be able to uncover the mystery of the world!" Princess Jinrou's eyes lit up.

Princess Jinrou had been researching ancient languages in order to uncover the stories buried by time. When she realized that nobody over the past few thousands of years had uncovered the Heaven Boundary Monument's mystery, which she was about to do, she obviously grew excited.

She was much more enthusiastic about the Heaven Boundary Monuments than Chu Mu. Her goal was visibly to collect the records on the ten Heaven Boundary Monuments.

"Do you know where the other Heaven Boundary Monuments are?" asked Chu Mu.

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Thus, he had to understand the Heaven Boundary Monuments.

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Princess Jinrou stopped talking and looked flusteredly at Chu Mu.

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These words caused her heart to nervously beat like a small deer. She initially thought Chu Mu had said that just to console her, but now when she thought about it, Chu Mu had been very sincere when he said it. In fact, when he had said it, he had paused, not from meditation or insincerity, but because his character made it so...

Under the dawn's light, Princess Jinrou's faintly trembled and shone with a captivating luster.

Right now, she could feel like she was able to smell Chu Mu breath and his unique scent. But as a specter, she had no sense of smell.

Finally, she closed her eyes. Her long eyelashes formed a beautiful curve that was extremely captivating.

Time passed second by second. Princess Jinrou's heart rapidly beated as she was somewhat anticipating, somewhat flustered, and somewhat bashful.

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Her heart also slowly calmed with time and the trace of flustered anticipation gradually turned to disappointment.

Did he still refuse to take the step towards her? Had she lost the chance of a lifetime?

When she thought of this, Princess Jinrou felt bitter in her heart. This man had clearly said that he liked her in the Great Chu Family. But why did he maintain his distance from her after that? Why was it her that had to get close to him?

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After mustering up the courage to say those words, Princess Jinrou suddenly realized how stupid she was to say this aloud.

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Chu Mu was stunned. He never expected Princess JInrou to suddenly say this.

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"No!" Princess Jinrou stubbornly said. She didn't want to see Chu Mu taking pity on her. She would rather bury her confession and pride. After all, her own body wasn't far from death.

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Divine Sect

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The golden noble phoenix was basically Mu Qingyi's symbol in Divine Sect. Of Divine Sect's young generation disciples, Mu Qingyi was just as stunning and eye-catching as her Crown Phoenix King.

"Some of my friends are here, so I'm going to the gate to wait for them." Mu Qingyi said.

"It's Chu Mu and them?" Xu Daofeng said as his eyes lit up.

Mu Qingyi nodded and asked, "Do you want to go together?"

"Of course, it's been a while since I've seen them. I was just complaining that no one was here to mess around with. They came at just the right time." Xu Daofeng laughed.

"Then let's go." Mu Qingyi smiled.

After so long, they were finally at Zhengming City.

Over there past years, Mu Qingyi kept quiet and meditated in Divine Sect. However, Divine Sect was an unfamiliar place after all. There were always times when she felt lonely, and Ye Qingzi spent most of her time concocting medicine.

Mu Qingyi indeed missed them. She had wanted to go back to New Moon Ground in a little bit. However, since they were already heading here and said they would arrive by today, Mu Qingyi's mood had significantly improved.

"Sister Mu, your admirer is here." Xu Daofeng glanced behind and laughed.

Mu Qingyi looked backward and noticed a man riding a Cloud Immortal Bird towards her and immediately furrowed her brows. Looking at Xu Daofeng, he said, "Let's speed up."

As she said this, her Crown Phoenix flapped its wings and suddenly sped up, leaving a streak of flames in the skies of Zhengming Main City.

Xu Daofeng quickly caught up to Mu Qingyi, and threw Cloud Immortal Bird that was following far behind.

"Am I that scary?" The man said with a helpless laugh as he watched Mu Qingyi fly away.

Zhengming Main City wasn't massive. In fact, according to its rank, Zhengming Main City should be ten times larger.

However, the area it covered didn't represent a city's standing. At least Zhengming Main City was very strict on the members entering and exiting. They often rejected all soul pet trainers without a high enough rank without hesitation!

Wupan Continent's Wupan Main City restricted the amount of people that entered daily. Around it were many small cities, many of which had people waiting in a line with a number. This line often had a few monthlong wait.

Yet, compared to Wupan Main City, Zhengming Main City looked even more imposing. It completely stopped normal people from entering the city because they were too weak. Zhengming Main City didn't welcome weak people.

This rule had been around for a long time. There had never been a king who sympathized enough with the weak to take away this ruling. No matter how loud the protests were, the rules were maintained till today.

Zhengming Main City's ruler wanted to tell everyone that, to enter the city, one would have to take out one's strength.

If some cities could be described as gentle and amicable, Zhengming Main City was definitely imposing and overbearing!

In this world, many cities tried to be approachable and allowed everyone in. However, with its history, position, and cultural meaning, the powerful Zhengming Main City never lowered their attitude to do so. Only with this arrogant attitude could they show how hard it was to reach this far on the road of soul pet trainers. They could stand as elites in peace and gaze down upon all who couldn't even enter the city.

"It's a city that is very down-to-earth. And it makes sense- there's no point for a world-renowned city capital to be polite." Ye Wansheng looked at a large group of rejects and exclaimed.

Chu Mu's attention fell on the guards. He noticed that the guards stopped weak people from entering beyond just filtering by their ranks. They first asked for their ages. then asked if they had any special honors, before testing their strength.

This meant that experts were welcomed by age. This city allowed the commander ranks to enter, but one had to be extremely young and meet the potential requirements here.

"Speaking of which, what rank do we have to be to enter with our age?" Pang Yue said worriedly.

She was afraid that Zhengming Main City's requirements were too high for even her.

"The age rule is only for people under the dominator rank. You don't have to worry." Yu Bo interjected at this moment.

"Oh, that's good." Pang Yue let out a breath.

Dominator Rank and above could all enter this city freely without the guards even asking them a question.

Indeed, when everyone rode their soul pets to the gate, the guards let them through immediately. Everyone watching from the long snaking line behind them were all staring on enviously.

Just as they entered the city, the guards kindly reminded Chu Mu, "The city has rules. Those without special permission can't summon soul pets to fly in the sky. No one can start battles outside of designated fighting grounds. Also, any soul pet above fifty meters tall cannot be summoned outside of battlegrounds or personal territory."

Most cities had these rules. They weren't heavily enforced though. One could often see people without permission flying through the sky. The second two rules also happened occasionally.

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Beings above fifty meters meant Chu Mu's Little Hidden Dragon and Dead Dream would go beyond this standard.

Little Hidden Dragon could change its shape to any size. However, in battle, Little Hidden Dragon liked to become Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon's form, around 100 meters long, since it benefitted its battle the most.

Dead Dream could also change its size however it wanted. When the hundred thousand fairy butterflies gathered around it, it was like a black cloud that covered the sky.

Outside of combat though, Dead Dream kept its body around 10 meters, keeping it more agile.

Normally, for soul pets that could change shape, Chu Mu left them outside, beside him. Mo Xie, Dead Dream, and Little Hidden Dragon were often on Chu Mu's shoulders. They were either napping loudly or blinking their little eyes as they watched anything exciting happening around.

Mo Xie didn't say much more. Chu Mu's shoulder was her bed. Sometimes, Little Hidden Dragon would mischievously pull on Mo Xie's leg, causing them to dart up and down Chu Mu.

In recent times, Dead Dream was taken over by Ning Maner. She always hugged Dead Dream to sleep. During the day, either Ning Maner caught Mo Xie to hug, or she would capture Little Hidden Dragon to hug. Anyhow, she needed something to keep closer to her body.

"Yi, that golden figure is so familiar." Chao Lengchuan pointed at a radiant golden flame.

"Didn't you say that no one can fly in the skies?" Ye Wansheng immediately caught a nearby guard to question.

The guard said, "That's Divine Sect High Official Mu. Anyone in Divine Sect can fly in the city's skies."

"High Official Mu? Our Goddess Mu really is powerful, already taking on a High Official position!" Chao Lengchuan said with surprise.

High Official in Divine Sect was pretty high already. Mu Qingyi hadn't been lazy these past years, and was much stronger than before.

"Isn't the fellow beside her Xu Daofeng?" Ye Wansheng immediately recognized the person beside Mu Qingyi and started smiling.

As they spoke, Mu Qingyi and Xu Daofeng rode their soul pets down to welcome everyone with a wide smile.

"Female Supreme is here too? Mu Qingyi stared at Liu Binglan with some questioning.

Liu Binglan nodded towards her, signaling that she could use a different name now. There was no need to be this formal.

Mu Qingyi said hi to everyone. When her gaze fell on Chu Mu, she suddenly noticed that there was an absolute beauty aside Chu Mu. Her angel-like appearance caused even Mu Qingyi to be amazed.

Furthermore, she also noticed that the young girl was holding Chu Mu's arm. This intimacy could be explained by many things.

"This is?" Mu Qingyi asked.

"You recognize her." Chu Mu laughed.

Ning Maner said nothing and simply blinked at Mu Qingyi.

"I recognize her?" Mu Qingyi was confused. She definitely wouldn't forget seeing such a beauty. Especially her pure and sacred aura, she felt that the only person comparable was Evil Good Queen Yu Suo. However, Yu Suo's aura was something that everyone knew to be questionable. Yet, this young girl's purity seemed to be real, a purity that stemmed from the depths of her soul.

Suddenly, Mu QIngyi remembered someone that was indeed somewhat similar.

After Mu Qingyi was framed, she lived in Chu Mu's courtyard for a while. Other than Ye Qingzi, there was also a little cute girl that lived with Chu Mu. That little girl also had a similar aura that could invoke everyone's affection.

"Ning Maner?" Mu Qingyi finally remembered.

Ning Maner smiled brilliantly and said, "Sister Mu finally remembered."

Mu Qingyi's surprise was even greater. Ning Maner truly changed a lot. She was a cute little girl before yet, in no time at all, she had transformed into a beautiful woman!

Chapter 1347: The Evil Good Queen Content With What She Has?

Mu Qingyi had come to pick up Chu Mu and the others, planning first to bring them to Divine Sect. This way they would be able to catch up more; additionally, Ye Qingzi was cultivating in Divine Sect, and when her closed-door cultivation ended, Chu Mu would be able to see her right away. However, Chu Mu didn't have any interest in going to Divine Sect. That place was someone else's territory. Although Mu Qingyi had a bit of status there, this didn't mean the entire Divine Sect belonged to her.

Moreover, since they had come to a city, they wanted to see the city's scenery and characteristics. Not only did he not have any interest in going to Divine Sect, but Ning Maner, Pang Yue, and Liu Binglan also didn't have an interest.

As they normally did, Chu Mu went to a flourishing yet quiet part of the city to rent a residence where everyone could stay.

Mu Qingyi was very meticulous, and she knew that Liu Binglan didn't like using rooms that had been used by others before. Thus, she had Xu Daofeng find a residence that was just built which no one else had lived in before.

The entry requirements for Zhengming Main City were very high. To a lot of people, being able to enter the city itself would be the highest honor of their lives, let alone being able to have their own residence in the city.

If just Chu Mu, Ye Wansheng, and Chao Lengchuan had come, Xu Daofeng would just find any random area where they could stay. They were rather familiar with each other already. The most important thing was to just have fun.

However, this time, they had been accompanied by New Moon Land's Female Supreme Liu Binglan, the fairy-like beauty Ning Maner, as well as Pang Yue, who had taken Xue Daofeng's breath away. If he let these beauties live in any part of the city, that would be inexcusable. Thus, Xu Daofeng resigned himself to part with his own possessions and let Chu Mu and the others stay at his own private residence that he had received once he became an Upper Official. From his own unwilling expression, he probably hadn't even had a chance to live in this residence yet!

"Xu Daofeng, I really didn't expect you to be so stingy. It's just a residence. When you come back to Wanxiang City, I'll let you choose any of the grand and large residences." Ye Wansheng obviously enjoyed touching on sore spots and purposefully made fun of Xu Daofeng.

Xu Daofeng was speechless. This man was taking over his residence but was still making fun of him. How could Wanxiang City's land be compared to Zhengming Main City's? Indeed, a residence here was priceless, and even some wealthy people weren't able to purchase them.

"Fine, you said it. I'll choose a place in Wanxiang City. Recently, when I've been setting off on journeys, I've occasionally heard information about New Moon Land. Your New Moon Land is quite famous now. If it wasn't so far away, I'm sure many people would want to make a trip there. Also, I heard that your Xiangrong City is a stunning city that is full of butterflies that carry the fragrance of flowers..." said Xu Daofeng.

Listening to Xu Daofeng's words, Pang Yue smiled and said: "New Moon Land's land is very limited. The price of a residence in Wanxiang City is about 10 thousand Xuan. You won't be suffering a loss."

"10 thousand Xuan. Yes, that's rather high... wait, what? Ten thousand Xuan?!" Xu Daofeng suddenly realized something wasn't right and stared at Pang Yue.

"Yes. Do you not believe it?" said Pang Yue.

Xu Daofeng's expression revealed that he believed that it was merely a fantasy. Who would be willing to spent 10 thousand Xuan in a distant land just to purchase a residence? 10 thousand Xuan

was capable of nurturing a high class dominator rank soul pet. It was actually very close in value to his own residence in Zhengming Main City. Could New Moon Land's land be even more expensive than Zhengming Main City's?

"New Moon Land's land is limited, so the price is high. Most of the land is given to special status people to live in. It is rarely sold on the market." calmly said Liu Binglan.

"But... but that still doesn't make it worth 10 thousand Xuan! Even if you said 1 thousand Xuan, I still wouldn't believe you." said Xu Daofeng very frankly.

Next to him, Yu Bo stroked his beard and smiled as he said: "I didn't believe it at first either. But after I came to learn of something, I felt that 10 thousand Xuan actually wasn't excessive."

"Speaking of which, is Wanxiang City's land really that expensive? Why didn't I know?" At this point, Chu Mu weakly butted in.

The group was rendered speechless. Even Liu Binglan rolled her eyes.

"Chu Mu, are you sure you're New Moon Land's king..."

"He's a training fanatic. He doesn't care about anything else."

The adjacent Yu Bo coughed to cover his speechless expression and then said: "Chu Mu, do you not know the use of the Sealed Tower?"

"I do know." Chu Mu nodded his head.

Sealed Tower was similar to Immortal City's independent space. Inside were countless sealed soul pets that had committed crimes. It would then slowly refine their souls into a special aura that covered the entire city. The people living in the city would be nourished by this aura, and even people who didn't cultivate would have their lives prolonged.

However, the aura should be very weak, and have an imperceptible effect. It probably wasn't enough to raise the value of a single residence in Wanxiang City to 10 thousand Xuan, right?

"After a series of discussions I had with the various large border territories, I had them move a few prisoners and imprisoned soul pets that were awaiting the death penalty into our Sealed Tower and Immortal City. This way, the evil energy inside them could be refined into energy that everyone could absorb, and it entered every Wanxiang City house. The Xuan and Spirit energy created is a very expensive resource. That's why the prices of our Wanxiang City residences are so expensive." Liu Binglan gave a rough explanation to Chu Mu.

Liu Binglan wasn't a ruthless and greedy person. When the prisoners and imprisoned soul pets were placed inside Sealed Tower, they would be released after their life energy had been weakened to a certain extent.

Therefore, these prisoners that were originally awaiting a death penalty were more willing to sacrifice the strength they had obtained to have a chance to live. By sending the death row inmates of the Border Territories into Sealed Tower, Liu Binglan was both providing the city with an unending source of Xuan and Spirit aura, while also doing a good deed of saving these prisoners' lives. Indeed, Liu Binglan had to spend money in order to purchase them from these Border Territories.

Perhaps there were countless cultivators who had come to Wanxiang City and had a taste of the unending supply of Xuan aura. This made them more than willing to stay in Wanxiang City. And for those that weren't able to stay, they would spread the word about this when they left New Moon Land, enshrouding New Moon Land with an even thicker layer of mystery!

"Is this really the case? I've heard about this before, but I never listened closely. Does it mean that just by living there, my soul pets will be able to advance by themselves?" said Xu Daofeng with shock.

"It only increases the chances by a certain amount, while also increasing the success rate of strengthening.

Liu Binglan's words immediately made Chu Mu think of the external helping force he had when he helped Night breakthrough.

Compared to Ning Maner's nurturing aura, the helping force was negligible. However, during that crucial moment, it had helped him a great deal since even lacking a little bit when breaking through would often lead to failure.

"I really never expected your New Moon Land to have developed to such an extent. Speaking of which, your New Moon Land has many secrets. Haha, so I can have a residence in Wanxiang City? Ye Wansheng, you need to keep your promise!" said Xu Daofeng.

"Huh, did I say something just now?" Ye Wansheng was like Chu Mu, and didn't know about the Sealed Tower's effect at all.

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After everyone chose their rooms, Chu Mu inquired about Ye Qingzi.

Chu Mu was very curious as to why Ye Qingzi hadn't come to see him. She should have come to immediately see him. Could it be that she knew about something and was angry at him?

"Qingzi is in closed-door cultivation and still doesn't know that you've arrived. You guys will be a nice surprise for her." said Mu Qingyi.

"How much longer will she be in closed-door cultivation for?" asked Chu mu.

After being separated from her for so long, Chu Mu really missed her. Especially when he saw Xiao Xiao, Chu Mu couldn't stop thinking about Ye Qingzi.

"Soon, it should be in the next few days." faintly smiled Mu Qingyi.

"Oh, that's good." Chu Mu couldn't wait over these past few days. It didn't matter to what extent his relationship with the princess developed to, Chu Mu's heart was ultimately solely occupied by Ye Qingzi.

"Ye Qingzi spoke with me about you before she entered close door cultivation. She said she didn't know where you had run off to, but if you still didn't come to Zhengming Main City, she would go and look for you." said Mu Qingyi.

Chu Mu nodded his head. He had guessed that this was a possibility. However, when he thought of his relationship with the princess, he felt a bit guilty. How would he explain himself to Ye Qingzi?

"Oh, that's right. Do you want to see Yu Suo? I think she's nearby." said Mu Qingyi.

"She hasn't done any abnormal activities, right?" Chu Mu was still not at ease with this crafty and sinister woman.

"Mu Qingyi shook her head and said: "I also don't know whether it's true or not. But at the end of the day, she's still trying her best to protect Ye Qingzi. Previously, Qingzi had a conflict with the head disciple of Xuan Sect. Initially, Yu Suo didn't appear but later on, it was her that resolved this matter. She currently is in control of quite a bit of power in Zhengming Main City. I don't know why it's the case, but there are always so many experts willing to serve her."

Mu Qingyi had an extreme hatred towards Yu Suo. However, she couldn't help but admit that this woman really had skill. Indeed, she was able to create her own faction in Zhengming Main City in such a short period of time.

"But aside from running her own faction, she's rather content with her place," said Mu Qingyi.

"Content with her place? Her innate character hasn't changed. However, the difference is that the target of her plots isn't us this time," said Chu Mu.

Chu Mu wanted to kill this woman after the independence fight so that he would be able to sleep better at night. Unfortunately, Ye Qingzi wouldn't let him, so Chu Mu just stopped paying attention to her.

This time on their trip to Zhengming Main City, Chu Mu had already used their mental connection to sense her location. She would also know that he had come to Zhengming Main City. But Chu Mu couldn't be bothered to see her. This way, it wouldn't affect his mood when he saw Ye Qingzi.

This woman probably also didn't want to see him. Not long ago, she was next to him, but in an instant, she had moved far away.

Chapter 1348: A Huge Reward for Winning a Smile

After resting for a day, Chu Mu accompanied Liu Binglan to Territory Institution.

Although the conference didn't begin today, etiquette dictated that they should go and greet the inviting party first.

Territory Institution was situated at the center of the city. It was an extremely beautiful park and at the southern end of the park were several magnificent jade lofts.

After passing through the beautiful park, Chu Mu had the strange feeling that the scent from these flowers was familiar. Moreover, there was the remnants of a unique and alluring perfume from a woman.

"What is it?" Liu Binglan looked at Chu Mu and asked, confused.

"This park has Yu Suo's flower demons. Their ranks are not low either." explained Chu Mu.

"Her reach is rather wide. We come into contact with it wherever we go." said Liu Binglan.

Chu Mu glanced at the exquisite flowerbed that looked harmless and seemed to have been nurtured by humans. Yet, these were exactly the same plants as those in Wanxiang City in the past that looked beautiful and brightly-colored, but actually left Wanxiang City in an extremely dangerous situation. He didn't know what that woman had planned this time, but if she wanted to plot something in Zhengming Main City, a place full of hidden experts, it couldn't be something simple.

Right after they entered the main hall, there were a few people discussing official business to the side who immediately looked at Chu Mu and Liu Binglan.

"It's New Moon Land's Female Supreme Liu. Why is she here?" curiously asked a middle-aged man.

"New Moon Land is but a tiny private territory. They probably don't have the qualifications to participate in this high-level conference, right?" said an older woman.

"Why is she here? Could she have come uninvited?"

"Maybe New Moon Land is under the control of some great expert."

These people didn't bother covering up their voices.

With Liu Binglan's appearance and temperament, probably nobody would forget her after seeing her. These people were all important figures from Jia Border and the border territories near Jia Border.

The news that New Moon Land was a rich land had already spread to many border territories. In fact, many experts had gone there to see it, and their evaluations of New Moon Land were very high. Adding on the fact that New Moon Land now had several dominator rank experts, their upper-level strength was no longer inferior to a few cities.

But, by the same token, in the eyes of genuine border kingdoms, New Moon Land would be no more than a small pellet of a land no matter how much it developed. It would never be able to compare to border kingdoms, which were several thousand times larger.

This notion existed in Jia Border and the border kingdoms around it. Thus, when they saw Liu Binglan appear in the highest level Territory Conference, they abruptly realized something wasn't right. Did Territory Institution, which differentiated between ranks, permit this private territory, which wasn't considered up to par, to participate in this conference? Indeed, being able to participate in this conference was like adding on a halo to the territory. Moreover, it was a halo that sat equally with their border territories!

"These people come from Jia Border, Guang Border, Tu Border and Yu Border. Their relations with our New Moon Land aren't particularly good. Most of them have intentions of obstructing us. The only ones with more harmonious relations are Ze Border and Hong Border." Liu Binglan gave a quick explanation to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu nodded his head. He roughly remembered the appearances of those people who were just discussing them.

In the main hall, people from the inviting party came to greet them, and guided Liu Binglan and Chu Mu towards a place to sit down.

During their greeting, the inviting party divulged the contents of the conference.

After learning of the contents, Chu Mu and Liu Binglan didn't stay any longer.

Liu Binglan was a policymaker in New Moon Land, and not a diplomat. She was a person who found it very hard to speak with others, let alone establish good relations with other participants of Territory Institution.

Additionally, even though her territory was small, as a queen, she needed to have her pride. She had no need to randomly establish contact with people that didn't look like they were genuine Border Lords. That would only degrade her status.

After leaving Territory Institution, the four people from the border territories before were using "friendly" eyes as they looked at Liu Binglan and Chu Mu leave.

The four of them seemed to know something, as their eyes involuntarily carried traces of arrogance. Especially the older woman of the four - she seemed to find it difficult to hide her contempt for Liu Binglan.

"Mom, wherever you go, you always incur the jealousy of other women." Chu Mu noticed the eyes of the woman from Tu Border and half-jokingly spoke.

Liu Binglan carried coldness and pride in her bones. Even if she was meeting people who came from border territories, she would still have that coldness and pride. This would make people who had come from thousands of miles away feel dissatisfied when they were faced with this attitude. Adding on the fact that her appearance and temperament would always be superior, she would make others feel inferior and dislike her. This was especially the case for other women; it was only normal.

"Are you praising your mom, or calling your mom unwelcoming." Liu Binglan felt that Chu Mu's words were a bit uncomfortable.

"Obviously I'm praising you. You're so outstanding that you can't be bothered to gain knowledge from these mere peasants," said Chu Mu with a serious face.

Liu Binglan laughed. Chu Mu's words were rather pleasant to listen to.

Chu Mu rarely saw Liu Binglan laughed and continued to praise: "Mom is very beautiful when you laugh. You must laugh in the mirror to yourself when you have nothing to do and be bewitched by your own laugh."

"Do you think the routine you use to trick young women will work on your mom?" Liu Binglan retracted her smile and indifferently spoke.

Chu Mu was bewildered. When did he trick young women?

But speaking of which, if Liu Binglan had laughed like this in the past whenever she came to see him in Luo City, he wouldn't have such a negative view of her. Kids obviously didn't care if a woman looked good or not. They only cared if the woman was warm and friendly to them. Yet, every time he saw his mom, she would have a layer of frost on her face, and would always be wearing cold-white clothing...

As they were speaking, Liu Binglan saw two people walking towards them. For some reason, the two of them had come to a sudden stop and were staring foolishly at her. For the longest while, they didn't move their gazes.

Liu Binglan had already walked up to them before they finally reacted. Their faces went red and one of them awkwardly said: "I never expected to encounter Female Supreme Liu here. I was thinking of something just now and my mind went wandering. I'm very sorry."

The man next to him used a cough to hide his face as he said: "Female Supreme Liu also received the invitation of Territory Institution to participate in this conference?"

Liu Binglan nodded her head and then introduced to Chu MU: "This person is Ze Border Border Lord Huang Zefeng, and this is Hong Border Border Lord Li Moyu."

When Liu Binglan had given him a rough outline of their allies just now, she said that Ze Border and Hong Border were both trustworthy allies.

"Female Supreme Liu, who is this?" asked Ze Border's Border Lord Huang Zefeng.

The two Border Lords were very curious about who this young man who was walking very intimately with Liu Binglan was.

New Moon Land's potential had already been recognized by the two borders, and thus they were willing to become allies. After these two border lords had seen New Moon Land's Female Supreme Liu, they grew curious about this woman who had an extremely high reputation in the outside world.

They had heard of this cold beauty's reputation and after meeting her a few times, she was just like her reputation. Her face was as cold as ice and aside from a few lifts of the corners of her mouth out of etiquette, she would never smile.

The truth was that Liu Binglan didn't enjoy diplomacy, and didn't have the ability to talk smoothly like a diplomat. However, because of her cold and unfriendly nature to everybody, her reputation continued to grow alongside New Moon Land's gradual growth. There were even people who issued large rewards for any person that could win the smile of New Moon Land's Female Supreme.

Initially, this reward was just a joke that people created out of admiration. However, as more and more people learned of New Moon Land and the Female Supreme, adding on the fact that nobody had seen the ice on her face thaw, the reward continuously grew. Even now, the reward amount was still trending up.

Having a hefty reward to win the smile of a woman had happened before in the past. However, this was the first time the reward had reached such a high level. Therefore, it didn't matter if it was intentional or unintentional, this record-breaking reward was enough to show how cold this beauty was.

Both Border Lord Huang Zefeng and Border Lord Li Moyu knew about this. But they had just seen Liu Binglan give a sweet smile when they were walking over. Thus, on the one hand, they had been stunned by her beautiful and alluring smile, while on the other, they were shocked by the fact that she had smiled. Didn't this mean that the young man beside her had won the reward?!

With curiosity, the two Border Lords obviously wanted to know who the young man, who they hadn't met before, next to Liu Binglan was.

As for the reward, Liu Binglan had heard a bit about it. She ultimately felt it was something senseless. If she wanted to laugh, she would laugh. If she didn't want too, she wouldn't laugh. Why was there a need to create a reward?

"He's our New Moon Land's King - Chu Mu. The owner of the territory." said Liu Binglan.

The two Border Lords were stunned, and seemingly looked at each other in dismay.

The two of them never expected the owner of the territory to be so young. New Moon Land currently had numerous dominator rank experts, so even if their king hadn't reached the immortal rank yet, he was probably close to it.

The man in front of them wasn't very old, and was even part of the younger generation. Being the King of New Moon Land at such a young age was shocking. Indeed, most Realm Lords were white-haired old people!

Chu Mu wore a polite and faint smile as he nodded to them. Although Chu Mu was a cold and callous person, he wasn't like Liu Binglan, who wouldn't thaw over a thousand years.

"Truly a young and handsome talent. We probably can't find even a few young people comparable to King Chu within our border territories."

"Haha, this is truly a surprise. It seems that New Moon Land is the same as King Chu: both have unlimited prospects," said the Border Lords half out of politeness and half sincerely.

"Do you know what this conference is about? Just now, the inviting party was a bit vague with what they told us." Chu Mu got straight to the topic.

"Oh, we were just about to talk about this. How about this- We'll go and see the inviting party first. The two of you just wait here for a moment and after we see the inviting party, we'll have an indepth discussion with the two of you." said Li Moyu.

"Ok, that works."

Chapter 1349: Outstanding Experts Competition

Finding a quiet building, the two Border Lords brought a lot more people with them than before. Some of them were subordinates, while others were trusted aides and younger generation members that they wanted to train.

When they were still at the foot of the building, a woman that came with Border Lord Li Moyu said in a small voice to the man beside her, "Huang Yufei, who's that one alongside Female Supreme and the two Border Lords?" "I don't know. I've never seen him before. Maybe its a younger generation person Female Supreme Liu brought, just like us." Border Lord Huang Zefeng's second son Huang Yufei said.

"Great, we can bring him along to the Outstanding Experts Competition in a few days." The woman said.

"You seem to be interested in him? Can it be that our princess Li Qingqing is finally enamored?" Huang Yufei laughed covertly.

"Go away, I was just curious." Li Qingqing immediately straightened her face.

As the two talked, Border Lord Li Moyu called them from the building to tell them to go up.

Both of them were from the younger generation. The older generations' discussions rarely required them to be there. Telling them to go up was a certain form of recognition. The two of them were immediately happy and quickly walked up to the building.

Li Qinging had great manners. When she went up, she told the servant girls to step down and personally helped the four of them make tea. Huang Yufei sat there dumbly, occasionally sneaking a peek at Liu Binglan as well as Chu Mu, who sat beside her.

"I've heard of this slightly. However, I didn't expect Territory Institution would split such benefits between every territory owner." Liu Binglan nodded and finally understood the contents of this conference. "Newly expanded territories are always full of resources. If all the territories clamored and fought for it, it wouldn't be a pretty sight. Instead, we can use this method to peacefully and fairly split it. This is Territory Institute's responsibility." Li Moyu said.

"However, I have some questions. How was the north side expanded into? Wasn't there a large soul pet dynasty there?" Chu Mu asked.

This Territory Conference was started due to new territory in the north end of Zhengming Continent.

In the past year, a territory suddenly had a world-shaking fight that lasted a long time. The fighting caused the north side territory to rain blood for three consecutive months.

It wasn't clear who started this terrifying killing, but the end result was that the territory belonging to the soul pet world was taken over by Zhengming Continent's Border Army, which they quickly built defensive measures around.

During this summer, this territory would be permanently categorized as human territory. It would become a new large territory in the future.

Furthermore, before this territory was created, how would the resources within it be split?

Because of the excessive slaughtering, it was already an ownerless land. The treasures that countless people used to seek was now there for anyone to take. No one wouldn't feel attracted to this wealth, let alone give it to anyone else. Any faction with power in Zhengming Continent wouldn't give this chance up. Originally, New Moon Land was more or less uninterested in such matters, and wouldn't participate. However, how would Territory Institute know they were uninterested? Now that New Moon Land wasn't any inferior to many famous independent lands, it wasn't polite to not invite them.

With such good benefits, people would laugh at New Moon Land if they didn't come for a split. One had to know that the treasures in that territory could bolster an entire territory by themselves. Of course, more people would also question why a nameless small place like New Moon Land could also come for a share.

"North territory killing?" Chu Mu heard rumors along the way, but still wasn't sure of what happened.

"I don't know the situation well either, nor of any of the inner workings. I only know a lot of people died during this slaughter. It was an utterly malicious killing event..... Word is that a reaper that kills everyone on sight was born." Li Moyu slightly lowered his voice when he spoke about it.

"Speaking of a reaper, I heard from Yupan Continent that something happened in Quiet Forest again. A crazy devil used cruel techniques to kill seven immortal rank experts and hundreds of dominator rank experts. This is truly shocking news!" Huang Zefeng said.

"En, Zhengming Continent has a reaper, Wupan continent has a crazy devil. However, comparing the severity of the issue, Zhengming Continent definitely has it much worse. So many people died..... Ai, let's not say too much. Zhengming is determined to push the news down and seal everyone's mouths. We can speak about it occasionally, but the young ones have looser mouths. It'd be bad if we were convicted because of it." Li Moyu said.

As he said that, he specially glared at Huang Yufei and Li Qingqing to tell them not to say anything. They always ran off to their friends to show off whenever they heard about any interesting news. Huang Yufei and Li Qingqing were actually about to do just that. However, with the stare, their happy thoughts were all dismissed.

Li Qingqing stared at Chu Mu and was somewhat jealous. Why did the two elders not glare at that fellow, and only glared at them?

"From what I see, the benefits of this time will be determined by the Outstanding Experts Competition." Huang Zefeng brought the topic back.

"Outstanding Experts Competition?" Chu Mu showed his confusion.

"Do you not even know about the Outstanding Experts Competition?" Li Qingqing immediately took over.

Chu Mu nodded sincerely.

Beside him, Liu Binglan lightly explained, "It's Zhengming Continent's most authoritative younger generation competition. We told Mu Qingyi to compete for us. She was eliminated as she was entering the last round. In a few days there will be the Outstanding Experts Competition's final battle. Those that stayed until the end represent the strongest factions of Zhengming Continent.

"What does this have to do with the territory in the north?" Chu Mu asked.

"Such a large piece of cake, how can we split it fairly without getting everyone angry? The best way is to tell all factions to send their best younger generation members to compete. The higher their rank, the more they get. The younger generation represents the next era's strength. This is the most trustworthy indicator. Your New Moon Land Mu Qingyi entered the second to last match, and could almost reach the final battle. This means that your benefits will surpass us old territories by a lot now." Li Moyu laughed helplessly as he explained.

"Ai, we can only blame our younger generation."

As he got there, Border Lord Huang Zefeng's gaze suddenly fell on Chu Mu, and his expression shifted.

New Moon Land's young generation representative was Mu Qingyi, which to a certain extent meant Mu QIngyi was their strongest younger generation expert.

At first, many people didn't expect New Moon Land to even pass the initial bracket. Yet, Mu Qingyi had made it all the way to the second last battle, nearly eliminating an elemental sect disciple. This caused quite the ruckus in Zhengming Main City.

Thus, everyone subconsciously thought Mu Qingyi was the strongest of New Moon Land's younger generation.

However, today, they saw New Moon Land's King, Chu Mu. This Chu Mu clearly was very young still. Being able to be the King meant that he was definitely stronger than Mu Qingyi. If he joined, wouldn't that mean he would reach the last round?

Their old territories' representatives at most would reach the fourth level of the competition. Reaching the third level was already a great honor to their territory. Yet, how did New Moon Land have this many young experts? One Mu Qingyi had already surprised all of Zhengming Main City. Yet, the strongest young expert in New Moon Land wasn't even Mu Qingyi. It was their King Chu, who didn't even know what the Outstanding Experts Competition was.

Chapter 1350: Saintess? Permanent Blessing

"Hei, Brother Chu, tonight in Guang Moon Palace, the Saintess will give all the experts an Eternal Blessing. Let's go see it, shall we?" After leaving the building, Huang Yufei immediately extended a friendly invite to Chu Mu.

Since they were all the same age, they clearly would have more topics of discussion together. Huang Yufei didn't want to be behind his father all day, and act politely towards everyone that they met. That would be too restricting.

"Yes, there are also many different experts in Zhengming Continent that will be there. We might be able to see the experts that entered the last battle. If we can make friends with them, it would be an extremely lucky thing." Li Qingqing started convincing Chu Mu as well.

"Who's the Saintess?" Chu Mu was like a person that just came out from living under a rock; he knew nothing.

"Chu Mu, are you really part of Zhengming Continent? Why does it feel like you're from Wupan Continent?" Li QIngqing said speechlessly.

"I'm usually training in the wild, so I don't know much about current events." Chu Mu explained.

"That isn't strange. The Saintess became supported by many people in recent years. I remember it was last year or the year before when a terrifying epidemic broke out that killed exponential amounts of people every day. Just when we thought this epidemic would kill the entire city, an angel-like woman appeared. She planted many flowers within Ke City. Her flowers' aroma dispersed all the plague soul pets and saved the entire city. From then on, everyone called her a Saintess." Huang Yufei said excitedly.

"Also, I heard a lot of people say that wherever she plants flowers, one's body gets nurtured. Normal people could increase their lifespan, while soul pet trainers could slowly increase their remembrance. Soul pets also reach their healthiest state..... She also has the ability to give Eternal Blessings- it's all very magical." Li Qingqing quickly added, showing her reverence for this Saintess.

"She wears a veil?" Chu Mu asked.

"How did you know? Though she wears a veil, everyone knows she is definitely the prettiest woman on earth. At the time, I was just one follower in a sea of people, but when she glanced over, I felt as if I were shocked with electricity. I am sure that she saw me in the crowd....." Huang Yufei said with radiant delight.

Aside, Li Qingqing rolled her eyes and said, "Huang Yufei, are you really this shameless? Do you have to say it every time you see anyone? I'm tired of this story already!"

Huang Yufei said seriously, "I'm just speaking the truth, she saw me, you have no idea how many people were there too….."

Li Qingqing didn't mind Huang Yufei's narcissism and hugged Chu Mu's arm with a smile, "Let's go, let's go, maybe we can get the Eternal Blessing too."

Chu Mu wasn't used to a stranger being so close with him, but he felt that it was impolite to reject them. After all, their Border Lord Dlders indeed helped New Moon Land out greatly.

"Alright, let's go and see." Chu Mu nodded.

In reality, Chu Mu was basically sure of who this 'Saintess' was.

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Guang Moon Palace sat near Divine Sect sacred mountain. This palace was completely made with white jade. There was a vibrant crescent-shaped white jade floating on the domed roof. When Zhengming City fell into night time, the palace's stones combined with the moonlight to make it seem truly like a Moon Palace, unique and beautiful.

Tonight, Guang Moon Palace was filled with countless young soul pet trainers. From the far streets up to Guang Moon Palace's luxurious doors, countless heads bobbed up and down with no space in between.

Eternal Blessing, what an exciting event! If they could receive this Eternal Blessing, it was like giving their soul pet a new ability!

Soul pets' rank could be increased through diligent training and Xuan items. However, a soul pets' abilities were similar to species techniques in that they couldn't be obtained through normal outside means. Like Binding Wind Spirit's Ancient Will, these abilities couldn't be received from Xuan Items. A Binding Wind Spirit with Ancient Will would be much stronger than most other wind type soul pets in similar rank battles.

Other than this, Zhan Ye's Ancient Beast Soul, Mo Xie's Moon Essence, Night's Blood Marks, Thousand Wave Beast's Void Armor, and Zhan Ye's special life force, these were all species techniques that had nothing to do with rank but could still boost one's effective fighting power greatly. The classic example was Zhan Ye. It could challenge opponents two ranks above it because it had a few very perfect techniques.

Thus, gaining permanent ability through the blessing was far more valuable than a Xuan item or even Immortal item. It was hard to estimate. It was possible that an average person could suddenly become a powerful person because they received a very suitable technique. This often happened in the ever-shifting landscape of soul pet trainers. It was truly a sea of people. Looking at the jam-packed crowd and watching everyone act so reverently towards the Saintess, Chu Mu felt it was strange. Just how could that woman cause a group of normally logical young soul pet trainers to become this fervent?

If he hadn't seen it himself, Chu Mu could hardly believe how so many arrogant experts could put down their guises and await the Saintess like a group of lowly servants. This definitely wasn't just a matter of a permanent blessing.

"How are there so many people now!" Li Qingqing looked at the long line and said angrily.

"Many people are probably here because of the crown. With the Saintess getting more and more famous, many people wanted to see her out of curiosity. It isn't strange that there are this many." Huang Yufei said.

"Heng, no wonder, there are mostly guys!" Li Qingqing humphed.

Chu Mu gazed forth and noticed that the men indeed far outnumbered the women. Like what Huang Yufei said, even if they didn't have a chance to get the Eternal Blessing, they probably came to see her appearance.

Just like in Xiangrong City, having heard many things about the Emperor Concubine, Chu Mu was also curious as to what kind of woman could receive this many peoples' support and wanted to see her.

Just like back in Wanxiang City, Yu Suo had created the perfect image for herself. Seeing so many fervent people here, one knew that if anyone demeaned her, the crowd would turn against that person.

Chu Mu, of course, wouldn't be untactful and expose her. As long as she wasn't harming people that he cared about, he was fine with whatever her plans were.

Chu Mu, this time, didn't really come for the excitement. The experts in the Outstanding Experts Competition should all be in the Guang Moon Palace now. The person Yu Bo had told him to fight was in there. Chu Mu came to get an understanding of this person less he go into the fight unprepared.

Also, Chu Mu wanted to ask Yu Suo something.

Passing through the crowd and walking to Guang Moon Palace's stairs, Li QIngqing and Huang Yufei both showed their identity to convince the guards to let them into the palace.

Walking through the crowd, Chu Mu noticed that not everyone was an avid admirer here. A large group were also people who had been helped by the Saintess and wanted to come to give their heartfelt thanks. Especially the people from Ke City, her act of getting rid of the plague saved their lives and their families. This favor deserved such respect.

Seeing the large group of people kneeling in return for the favor they received, Chu Mu was actually still wondering whether the plague was also created by Yu Suo.

If it was, Yu Suo truly was cold-hearted. These people kneeling would then have been thoroughly played by her, yet they were still loyally thanking her.

If she didn't create the plague, then she truly was doing good. After all, a normal plague could already take away millions of lives or more. In front of plagues, normal lives were truly fragile.

After entering Guang Moon Palace, it was less squished. Chu Mu followed Huang Yufei and Li QIngqing into the back garden of Guang Moon Palace, only to find that many young soul pet trainers were sitting on vine seats, silently waiting for something.

"You three may sit." The old manager put the three near the back.

This wasn't strange. Li Qingqing and Huang Yufei didn't receive any good ranks in the Outstanding Experts Competition.

"Weiwei, Huang Yufei, did you see the person in white upfront? He has to be Elemental Clan "Son of Wind" Xin Xin. Xin Xin even spoke to me and called me pretty....." Li Qingqing grabbed Huang Yufei's sleeve excitedly, as if she saw her dream man.

Huang Yufei was disgusted. Just now he was berated for showing off, yet wasn't she doing the same now?

"If you don't know who Saintess is, you definitely don't know who Son of Wind Xin Xin is, right?" Huang Yufei saw Chu Mu's confusion and explained helplessly, "Xin Xin is one of the most powerful Elemental Clan young generation members. He was outstanding in this Outstanding Experts Competition. The reason he is called "Son of Wind" is because he's gentle and elegant like the wind, but also he has a special understanding of wind type soul pets. Even some older generation members feel inferior to him. He's a rare genius of Zhengming Continent."

Chu Mu nodded and said, "I only know Tang Zhuo is pretty powerful."

Tang Zhuo was the person Yu Bo said he would have to fight.

"Tang Zhuo?" The person sitting in front of them suddenly turned around and glared at Chu Mu, " You really don't know how to speak, ey? What do you mean 'pretty powerful'? We people in the back row probably can't even defeat his weakest soul pet. Don't say it as if you're pretty close to his level. We're just a dozen meters away from his seat, but these dozens of meters may be insurmountable in our lifetime.

Huang Yufei suddenly was embarrassed and said, "Brother Nie, my friend has trained for a long time and doesn't really know about current events. He didn't even know who the Saintess was, so let's be kind please."

The person was named Nie, and he lifted an eyebrow and didn't continue, only saying lightly, "Tang Zhuo is likely the person to win this time. Of the hundred people here, who dares say they can even match him?"

After saying that, he continued with envy, "This Eternal Blessing is also likely his."

"Oh?" This time, Chu Mu's brow lifted.