

## Soul Pets Bk2 171

### Chapter 171: Zhanli Kingdom, Elemental Sect

Near the guards' relay station there gathered many soul pet trainers. There were wing types, beast types, and elemental world soul pets protecting it. Heavenly Devil Insects didn't dare to come near it.

This city's relay station had a high fort. Inside was a little city, where everyone who walked was a relatively powerful soul pet trainer. They had the power to fight Heavenly Devil Insects, as well as the power to walk in a city where encounters with Heavenly Devil Insects could happen at any time.

Below the relay station was a rather wide place to take in those without homes to go to. Those who took refuge there were mostly weak or normal citizens.

Inside the relay station was medicine, as well as soul teachers, specially meant to heal injured people and soul pets. The poisoned young man needed rest and healing, so Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi brought him to the relay station to let him rest.

Affected by Ye Wansheng's unknown missing incident, Ye Qingzi's emotions fell. That soul pet wasn't Ye Wansheng's main soul pet, but it could have been. Without any special circumstance, Ye Wansheng would not have thrown it down. A possible explanation was that Ye Wansheng met some danger and had to part with the soul pet he summoned.

The young man needed about three or four more days to recover, so Ye Qingzi stayed in the station to take care of him, while Chu Mu left to the nearby cities to collect Heavenly Devil Insect blood.

He still needed 200 Heavenly Devil Insect bloods. Once he finished collecting, his Zhan Ye's fighting power would increase greatly, so Chu Mu naturally had motivation.

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In a normal fight, Chu Mu would mainly summon the Ice Air Fairy, Devil Tree Battle Soldier, and Zhan Ye. Only when he faced a stronger foe would he then summon Night, Mo Xie, and the White Nightmare.

Chu Mu rested for a night at the relay station, and on the second and third day, he started sweeping through Heavenly Devil Insects.....

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“Leader Zhang Qian, the Heavenly Devil Insects in Tianjing city area have been mostly cleared. There’s quite a few citizens stuck there too.” The relay station master looked at Zhang Qian and his guard team, and immediately called them over.

Zhang Qian’s guard team had destroyed a very head-hurting Heavenly Devil Insect lair just a few days ago and saved thousands of citizens. Getting praised by the city area commander, their fame had also spread through the stations nearby.

“No problem. My brothers have already rested well. Tomorrow morning, I will bring my team over and ensure that not a single Heavenly Devil Insect is left.” Zhang Qian felt the relay station master attaching importance to him, so he quickly patted his chest and promised.

“Boss Luo, the Heavenly Devil Insects in Tianjing city area have already been cleared.” At this time, the assistant beside the relay station master reminded him.

“Cleared? Which team cleared it? I don’t remember sending anyone.” Boss Luo let out an astonished yet confused expression.

“From what I heard from my subordinates it was cleared out by a hunter. He has stayed there for two days and nights already, and he seemed to be collecting Heavenly Devil Insect blood.” The servant said.

“Collect blood?” Zhang Qian let out a questioning expression. Heavenly Devil Insect blood wasn’t very valuable unless it was for special purposes. Zhang Qian remembered that Chu Mu seemed to have been collecting Heavenly Devil Insect blood.

Just as they were speaking, the assistant suddenly looked at the great steel door of the relay station and pointed at a handsome young man riding a Night Thunder Dream Beast and smiled with delight, “It should be him, when I passed Tianjing last time, I saw him run in alone.”

Zhang Qian immediately looked over and saw Chu Mu run down the path from the door. He smiled and shouted at Chu Mu, “Brother Chu Mu.”

Chu Mu turned around and, seeing that it was Zhang Qian, he told his Night Thunder Dream Beast to walk in that direction.

“Leader Zhang.” Chu Mu lightly greeted.

“Haha, just now I heard about the events in Tianjing. Hearing this aide-de-camp say, there was a hunter who collected Heavenly Devil Insect that almost cleared out the entirety of Tianjing city area’s Heavenly Devil Insects. The first person I thought of was you. Indeed.....Brother Chu Mu, you sure are able. Two days and nights continuously, not many soul pet trainers could fight for this long.” Zhang Qian said while laughing.

“My soul pets just happened to need refining.....” Chu Mu replied.

“Chu Mu? Leader Zhang Qian, is this the recently famous Prison Island King - Chu Mu?” The relay station master Boss Luo looked Chu Mu up and down, and he looked again specifically at the smart Night Thunder Dream Beast that Chu Mu rode.

“Precisely. This Chu Mu is a spirit master and has monarch rank soul pets. If we didn’t have him in the destroying of the Insect Lair, the chances of success would definitely be very low for us.” Zhang Qian immediately introduced the highest commander within this city area - Luo Qing - to Chu Mu.

Hearing that Chu Mu had already reached spirit master, Luo Qing’s assistant and a new follower of Zhang Qian both had their eyes lit up. As people from the younger generation too, they revealed expressions of reverence and admiration for top tier experts.

“Chu Mu’s power is outstanding, and he has even greater courage. We have already decided to clear out another Heavenly Devil Insect Lair, what do you think, Brother Chu Mu?” Zhang Qian asked.

“En, there’s still a lair on the west side. If you join, the extermination mission will be a lot easier.” Luo Qing also seemed to be satisfied with Chu Mu, who had reached spirit master at such an early age.

Chu Mu shook his head, “No, a friend of mine seems to have gotten into trouble so I need to find him quickly, or else he may be in life danger.”

“Friend? Is it the one you said that was stuck in a cellar? What, was he not in the cellar?” Zhang Qian asked.

“He wasn’t, it was one of his lost soul pets.” Chu Mu said.

“Speaking of which, I remember that before the Hibernating Desolation came, there was a very powerful young man that started a fight with two people of unknown identity. I think it ended with the young man being worse than the two and surrendered himself.” Luo Qing said.

“What soul pets did that young man have?” Chu Mu immediately asked.

“A ice type soul pet that I don’t know the name of, and a black furred soul pet that seemed to have run off on its own. There was another that I don’t really remember.” Luo Qing said.

Hearing Luo Qing describe it as such, Chu Mu was almost sure that the person that started the fight was Ye Wansheng. Ye Wansheng was careless by nature, and he would often start bantering with people. However, he wasn’t stupid. If he couldn’t fight the person, he would hide far away. This time, he actually got captured by two people of unknown identity, so it mustn’t have been a normal dispute.

“Was he okay?” Chu Mu inquired.

“Yes, he retracted his soul pets and let the other two take him away. The battle didn’t last long. At the time, I was just on a pavilion not too far away. When I told someone to go restore order, it had already ended and they had disappeared.” Luo Qing said.

“Seems like he really met some trouble. Boss Luo, thanks. Leader Zhang, I still have business, so I will leave first.” Chu Mu jumped onto his Night Thunder Dream Beast and decided to tell Ye Qingzi to see if she could find any more clues.

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Entering the underground refuge, Chu Mu walked into the candlelit room and saw Ye Qingzi staring blankly while sitting on a stone chair. From her expression, one could tell she was very worried about Ye Wansheng’s wellbeing.

“Qingzi, I just got news that your brother fought with two people in this city area. The two people were unknown in identity, but were very powerful, and had captured him alive.” Chu Mu said.

Ye Qingzi opened her mouth and closed it. She slowly stood up and finally spoke, “We don’t have foes in the Western Kingdom, unless.....”

Ye Qingzi also knew Ye Wansheng well, so she naturally didn’t think that he had gotten into an argument with someone normal, and that he had gotten into large trouble. She started wondering confusingly at who took Ye Wansheng.

“How is he, has he woken?” Chu Mu looked at the young man in a coma and asked.

Now, they could only find some clues from the young man, yet the young man was still in a state of coma.

“His complexion is slowly recovering, so it shouldn’t be long before he awakes.” Ye Qingzi said.

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Chu Mu sat aside and started meditating to restore his soul power. After about three hours, Chu Mu heard Ye Qingzi’s voice.

“You woke? Don’t worry, this is the relay station refuge center, its very safe.” Ye Qingzi said softly to calm the slightly panicked young man.

The young man’s black eyes surveilled the surroundings and finally fell on Ye Qingzi’s face and asked with a weak tone, “This sister, how did I end up here?”

“We cleared out the lair there.....” Ye Qingzi patiently explained to the young man.

When the young man asked about his parents, Ye Qingzi also softly broke to him the situation of his parents.

The young man went silent for a very long time. One could see the emotions building within him, but his dim eyes never let a single tear out, only seeming like he lost his soul.

Ye Qingzi calmed him for a bit and, seeing the young man could still talk, she finally started asking about the War Court Black Beast.

“It was hurt and hid in my courtyard. Then, the Hibernating Desolation appeared so I let it stay with me in the underground cellar.....It expended all its mental power to let us live a bit longer but it itself.....”

Reaching here, the young man’s emotions clearly rippled again. He seemed to be struggling to restrain and adjust his emotions.....

“With its last breath, it used its soul remembrance to tell me to go to Great Chu Family and find another woman with a War Court Black Beast and tell her about a symbol of an eight colored maple leaf.....”

“Eight colored maple leaf?” Hearing this, Ye Qingzi’s brows furrowed and her beautiful face become more solemn.

The eight colored maple leaf wasn’t something that Chu Mu had heard of. It may be because he hadn’t truly left Western Kingdom yet, and was clueless about many other powers, so he started asking Ye Qingzi about it.

“It’s people from the Elemental Sect. When we walked through Zhanli Kingdom, we had some conflict with them.....” Ye Qingzi said.

## Chapter 172: Forty Million Gold Coin Equipped Soul Pet

### Elemental Sect!

Chu Mu wasn’t oblivious to the Elemental Sect. From Chu Tiancheng, he knew that the Elemental Sect was a power only inferior to the special and massive factions like Soul Palace, Soul Pet Palace, and Nightmare Palace. The Elemental Sect disciples covered every big world, and one could often see the Elemental Capitals created within ninth and tenth level cities.

These so called Elemental Capitals were cities created within cities. They were where many Elemental Sect disciples gathered. They all had independent business chains, as well as individual institutions, often not under the control of the city's master.

Elemental Sect members were all soul pet trainers who harnessed powerful elemental world soul pets. Different from most soul pet trainers, their main soul pets weren't beast world soul pets, but instead were the elemental soul pets that could manipulate elements with utmost finesse. Some even more extreme elemental soul pet trainers had nothing but elemental world organisms.

Soul pet trainers often picked different types and worlds of soul pets based on their own need and ideas.

Take Chu Mu as an example. He wanted an all-rounded development, not having a special liking or dedication to any single world or type.

Some soul pet trainers were different. They would have some very unique perception of some world or type and, when they were lacking in knowledge of other soul pets, they would sometimes completely forsake the training of other soul pets and sign contracts only with the type of soul pet they excelled at training and controlling.

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After asking around, Chu Mu got a general understanding. When Ye Qingzi and Ye Wansheng explored Zhanli Kingdom, they came into conflict with some Elemental Sect experts on the famous Colored Sky Mountain. Since the opponent's faction was massive, Ye Wansheng and Ye Qingzi originally should've went east towards Tianxia City, but they had to specially take a massive detour into Western Kingdom, go from western region through Wogu Region to try to circumvent that city in Zhanli Kingdom.

The reason the two brothers and sisters had come into conflict was because of the duo dark and fire type soul pet that Ye Qingzi summoned before - Dark Fire Heavenly Devil.

The Dark Fire Heavenly Devil was high class commander rank. Chu Mu hadn't seen this type of soul pet before, because it was a rather rare and powerful dark fire duo type soul pet, with a higher potential than even Ye Qingzi's Ice Fire Demon Fairy.

The Dark Fire Heavenly Devil was what Ye Qingzi and Ye Wansheng stole from a few young experts of the Elemental Sect. However, those fellows seemed to have used some unknown tracking method and had secretly chased Ye Wansheng's soul pet.

In the beginning, Ye Qingzi and Ye Wansheng thought they had already lost the Elemental Sect people, but they didn't realize that they had already chased them all the way to Wogu Region!

"Their real goal is to get the Dark Fire Heavenly Devil back?" Chu Mu asked.

"En, but I've already signed a soul pact with the Dark Fire Heavenly Devil." Ye Qingzi wore a worried frown.

"You know the name of the person who came into conflict with you?" Chu Mu asked.

"I know it, its a young man called Yu He. He should have a pretty high in status in the Elemental Sect. I've heard he's a top tier young expert in Zhanli Kingdom, and one could even hear news about him in the Western Kingdom occasionally." Ye Qingzi said.

"Write a letter to him to tell him that, within two months, we will definitely send the Dark Fire Heavenly Devil over and use a large amount of gold to ask for Ye Wansheng, but they have to guarantee he undergoes no harm." Chu Mu said.

"En." Ye Qingzi nodded and knew that they must adopt a stalling strategy.

The two elemental sect people should had left straight east from Wogu Region. If the two people were both more powerful than Ye Wansheng, then they shouldn't have been affected by the Hibernating Desolation going from north to south, and they could go straight to Zhanli Kingdom in the east.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi stayed in Chu Mountain for seven days, and in Wogu Region for another three, meaning the two people from Elemental Sect had already travelled for ten days. If they had to chase, it was too late. Ye Qingzi could only silently pray that Ye Wansheng would be okay.

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After getting hints, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi no longer stayed in Wogu Region for long. After settling the kid down, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi both rode their dream beasts east the morning of the next day.

“You’ve collected all 1000 servings of blood?” Riding her dream beast, Ye Qingzi asked Chu Mu.

“En.” Chu Mu nodded. The last two days, Chu Mu had been constantly killing Heavenly Devil Insects. Even Chu Mu could no longer remember the amount that he killed, and he had even unintentionally gotten a seventh level soul crystal and two sixth level soul crystals.

“When we rest tonight, I can help you concoct the Brave Stinging Heart for you. This way, your Mo Ye’s fighting strength will increase greatly.” Ye Qingzi said.

“No hurry, you should rest for a day first. Your face is a little pale.” Chu Mu could see that Ye Qingzi hadn’t rested well these past few days, and he naturally didn’t wish to over work her just because of a Brave Stinging Heart.

Going east, they passed through many cities that were all affected by the Hibernating Desolation, showing signs of defeat and waste.

About the third night after Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi left Wogu Region, Ye Qingzi and Chu Mu took shelter outside, and Ye Qingzi helped Chu Mu concoct the Brave Stinging Heart that Chu Mu needed.

Before, Chu Mu also specially went to the only city that wasn’t very affected, and he spent 500,000 gold to buy the highest quality sixth level bug and beast duo type soul crystal to train his Mo Ye. After he got the Brave Stinging Heart, Chu Mu decided to first strengthen his Zhan Ye with a sixth level soul crystal, before merging the Brave Stinging Heart into Zhan Ye’s heart!

Using a sixth level soul crystal at the fifth phase seventh stage felt forced, since a sixth level soul crystal was usually more fit for a sixth phase soul pet’s body quality.

However, from what Chu Mu saw, Zhan Ye’s body withstanding capabilities were strong enough and should be able to completely absorb all the sixth level soul crystal’s energy.

Indeed, after the sixth level soul crystal’s energy was injected into Zhan Ye’s body, its ink colored armor distinctly fell, and its body grew longer, reaching almost three meters!

It directly morphed!

The last few days of continuous fighting had almost dug up all of Zhan Ye's potential, and now, with the injection of the sixth level soul crystal's energy, Zhan Ye absorbed it all without a single sliver wasted. Its beast type powers again elevated, and its body no longer seemed fragile, looking decently mighty and wild!

Fifth phase seventh stage to sixth phase first stage!

Zhan Ye could be said to have completely struggled free of its original type deficit, revealing a valiant commander aura!

Taking advantage of this elevation, Chu Mu decisively used his remembrance to guide Zhan Ye's heart and soul to merge with the Brave Stinging Heart.

The Hibernating Heart was something only a powerful bug type soul pet would have. Such a soul item must have gone through countless washing and refining from the same species blood to make a bug type soul pet stronger!

Once Zhan Ye's heart had merged with the Brave Stinging Heart, Zhan Ye's phase and stage didn't increase by much, and its armor and claws didn't change much, but its aura had clearly become much stronger than a normal bug type commander!

Fighting Beast Mo Ye: Beast world - Beast type(Bug type) - Armored Beast species - commander rank

Species techniques: Self Heal, Broken Limb Rebirth, Brave Stinging Heart

Basic techniques: Barbaric Strength, Ripping Claw, Ink Armor Spike

Main techniques: Shattering Claw, Death Ray, Shadow Strike, Dark Steal

Advanced techniques: Fragmenting Stamp, Uninhibited Assault, Heavenly Splitting Claw

Its ink armor defense reached the sixth level complete stage, while its ink claws reached the sixth level late stage.

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After Zhan Ye reached the sixth phase, Chu Mu also decisively took the sixth phase full form offensive soul equipment from Mo Xie and put it onto Zhan Ye.

The sixth phase full form offensive soul equipment could directly increase Zhan Ye's ink claw attack to the seventh phase initial stage.

If even Zhan Ye's normal attacks could reach above the seventh phase, and it could cast Heavenly Splitting Claws with Uninhibited Assault, then it should be able to barely reach seventh phase peak power!

In Chu Mu's lavish bet with Chu Yue, he earned the fellow's sixth phase soul armor, which was currently on Mo Xie.

Mo Xie's defense was at the sixth rank intermediate stage. If the sixth level soul armor was on her, it could only barely raise Mo Xie's defense to the seventh phase late stage. Yet, Mo Xie's dodging abilities were very powerful, and it also had the nine tail defense that could block eighth rank destructive powers. The sixth level soul armor wasn't that useful on her body.

Chu Mu also decisively took the sixth phase soul armor and equipped it on Zhan Ye, raising its defense from the sixth phase complete stage to the seventh phase intermediate stage.

Morph, type strengthening, and Brave Stinging Heart- the three combined had raised Zhan Ye's attack and defense to the sixth phase late stage. This was already at the high or top tier commander rank talent. With the effects of the soul armor, its attack and defense at sixth phase could all reach seventh phase. Zhan Ye finally seemed to be surpassing the commander rank.

Of course, to reach this level, the amount of money Chu Mu spent was quite a sum. From Old Li's estimates, the Brave Stinging Heart was worth at least 2 million gold.

Not considering the Brave Stinging Heart, the sixth level full form offensive soul equipment was, by itself, 1 million. The sixth level soul armor was 500,000. With the soul crystals, soul cores, and other soul items, this still sixth phase Zhan Ye had already spent 2 million gold coins of Chu Mu's.

That could buy you a triple type top tier commander. With the Brave Stinging Heart, he could more or less buy a monarch rank.....

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As if to please Chu Mu's wishes, right after Chu Mu completed Zhan Ye's elevating, a pack of hungry Four Winged Heavenly Devil Insects flew over from not far away.

Under the starlight, these Heavenly Devil Insects' black bodies and meat wings were particularly malevolent, letting out screeches that were even more frustrating.....

"Let my Zhan Ye fight them. You continue to rest." Chu Mu saw that Ye Qingzi was ready to summon a soul pet but immediately stopped her, and commanded Zhan Ye to dash towards the Heavenly Devil Insects flying towards them from the short hill.

"There are at least forty Four Winged Heavenly Devil Insects, all around sixth and seventh phase. This is a lot harder than last time." Ye Qingzi didn't like Chu Mu torturing his Zhan Ye, so she directly started casting an incantation to add Water Screen Battle Armor onto Zhan Ye.

Zhan Ye's defense had already reached seventh phase intermediate stage. After adding the Water Screen Battle Armor, its defense reached seventh phase complete stage. This meant that, when facing double the amount of Heavenly Devil Insects this time, Zhan Ye could very likely defeat them all without even using many Broken Limb Rebirths.

## Chapter 173: Brave Stinging Heart, Sixth Phase Sixth Stage

"Heavenly Splitting Claw!"

Two sharp arcs, like two scythes, ripped straight through the body of the sixth phase Heavenly Devil Insect flying at the front. This sixth phase Heavenly Devil Insect's defense was only at the sixth rank, so a seventh rank attack was something that the thin bug armor couldn't block. Its body was immediately ripped into pieces!

"Houhou!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

After facing a group of four winged Heavenly Devil Insects, Zhan Ye's battle intent was even higher. When it killed its way in, it immediately got rid of three, Four Winged Heavenly Devil Insects!

“Fragmenting Stamp!”

The pouncing Zhan Ye's four hooves violently stomped into the ground and immediately, shattered earth flew up from Zhan Ye's feet, rendering two more low-flying Heavenly Devil Insects into powder!

Fragmenting Stamp was a fifth level technique. Before, when Zhan Ye's body was still weak, it couldn't display the powers of it well, so Chu Mu very rarely let Zhan Ye use it.

Now, Zhan Ye was near three meters tall, and it had a strength surpassing the commander rank. If it heavily stamped the ground now, its power could definitely reach seventh rank, and it was an area of effect technique too.

No matter if it was the insect ray, flying assault, poison, or blades, Zhan Ye was no longer in as difficult of a situation as it was before, due to its increase in speed and defense. Every time its body was hurt, the hurt area would automatically heal and, at the same time, a special energy would stem from these previously wounded areas and slowly seep into Zhan Ye's blood, becoming something like the Violent Blood Pupil that stimulated Zhan Ye's potential.

Dark Steal!

Zhan Ye's speed suddenly quickened. Its black body slid past the short hill, and it quickly disappeared from the ten Heavenly Devil Insects' surrounded assault.

After experiencing the 1 vs 20 last time, Zhan Ye had more fighting experience now. No longer meekly getting hit, it constantly shifted its position to find the perfect opportunity to give the lethal blow to Heavenly Devil Insects that were too close!

“Sixth phase second stage now.”

Not long after fighting, Zhan Ye's wounds constantly added up. At the same time, it also constantly increased Zhan Ye's fighting strength. In such a short time, Zhan Ye had become sixth phase second stage through its Brave Stinging Heart!

Ye Qingzi originally wanted to lay against a tree and meditate, but seeing Zhan Ye's strength slowly increasing through battle, she slowly became absorbed.

“Shuashuashuashua!!!!!!!!!!”

A few hundred arm blades fell from the skies, glinting malevolently!

This time Zhan Ye had no place to hide, so Zhan Ye simply curled up and used its palms to protect its vital points!

The hundred arm blades weren't concentrated, but instead fell over an area. A dozen fell right past Zhan Ye's body. Though Zhan Ye's defense was at the seventh rank complete stage, after these hits fell, some wounds that hadn't healed fully were again heavily ripped apart!

Facing the attack, the short hill had been ripped into pieces. The ground was full of dips and marks from the sharp knives. As the battle continued, it slowly became a massive crater.

At this point, Zhan Ye laid within the crater of mud and gravel. After taking this wave of hits, Zhan Ye's armor had completely been ruined, and one could even see some white tiger bone poking out.

“Broken Limb Rebirth!”

Under heavy injuries, it could still self heal, but this status would definitely affect Zhan Ye's fighting strength, so Chu Mu decisively told Zhan Ye to cast Rebirth!

Within the mud and rocks, Zhan Ye's wounds emitted a healing liquid. This healing liquid stuck to Zhan Ye's outer skin, and it quickly congealed into a bright, gleaming, black , and angular new ink armor!

“Sixth phase third stage now!”

Brave Stinging Heart again caused those wounds to stimulate its body potential, causing Zhan Ye to reach sixth phase third stage!

“Houhou!!!!!!”

After casting Broken Limb Rebirth, it had a wild fighting intent. Heavenly Splitting Claw flew out and directly ripped apart three low flying sixth phase Four Winged Heavenly Devil Insects!

Sixth phase third stage, Zhan Ye's fighting strength had now seen significant increases. He jumped out of the Heavenly Devil Insects' attempts to surround it and kill singled out the Heavenly Devil Insects!

There were still around forty Heavenly Devil Insects left. Their cacophonous sound wave techniques had already created a restriction for sound. If there was an elemental soul pet within, it wouldn't be able to cast incantations.

As a mix of beast type and bug type, Zhan Ye was only slightly affected mentally by the cacophonous sound wave techniques. As it didn't need to cast incantations, it wasn't largely affected.

Once the Heavenly Devil Insects gathered all their techniques into one area, its destructive power would be immense. When Chu Mu discovered that the thirty Heavenly Devil Insects were gathering insect light in the air, he immediately told Zhan Ye to cast Dark Steal to increase its speed and leave the area!

“Honghonghong~~~~”

Insect light fell and the blood red energy blew up within the region!

An eighth level terrifying energy swept through. Even standing far away, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi felt the wash of the violent winds!

Zhan Ye didn't get far with Dark Steal, and it was still affected by the energy. Zhan Ye was immediately thrown over hundreds of meters away by the might of the concentrated insect light!

The combination of the insect light of forty Heavenly Devil Insects was incredible. Though it had already run out of the center region, Zhan Ye's new ink armor still showed clear signs of corrosion and shattering.

“Wengwengwengweng!!!!!!!”

Zhan Ye very obviously had angered this group of Heavenly Devil Insects. After attacking, the Heavenly Devil Insects immediately flapped their meaty wings and leapt towards Zhan Ye!

‘Houhouhou!!!!!!!’

Zhan Ye’s fighting strength was indeed the strongest. Taking this powerful attack, it could still stand up immediately and roar angrily at the Heavenly Devil Insects!

Sixth phase fourth stage!

As Zhan Ye cried out angrily, its body again changed slightly, and it suddenly became the sixth phase fourth stage!

Self Heal was slowly regenerating Zhan Ye’s wounds. Though it still had five Broken Limb Rebirths, Zhan Ye wouldn’t use it lightly. Facing these wounds that would be counted as heavy, they were like normal wounds to Zhan Ye, as he stood fearlessly against the forty Heavenly Devil Insects!

At the sixth phase fourth stage, Zhan Ye’s power, speed, and defense all increased. Even its Death Ray had become clearly stronger!

With its Death Ray coming out, and its claws swiping past, another Heavenly Devil Insect was killed!

Shattering Claw!!

Another singled out Four Winged Heavenly Devil Insect was instantly killed!

Fragmenting Stamp!

Taking countless blades, Zhan Ye cast Fragmenting Stamp while attacking, and it heavily broke three Four Winged Heavenly Devil Insects’ armors and bones!



Broken Limb Rebirth!

The wounds on its body had already started seriously affected Zhan Ye's fighting strength. When Zhan Ye was in the process of taking down a Heavenly Devil Insect, its body secreted more insect liquid!

Ink Armor Spike heavily pierced into this Heavenly Devil Insect's body, drilling a hole in it. And just as Zhan Ye killed this Heavenly Devil Insect, it had completed its rebirth!

New body, new armor, new claws, and a fighting intent that will never weaken!

The amount of Heavenly Devil Insects was slowly decreasing, but Zhan Ye's strength was constantly increasing. When there were only thirty Heavenly Devil Insects left, a clear change happened in the battle situation. Zhan Ye no longer had to pay the cost of getting heavily injured to kill Heavenly Devil Insects.

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Broken Limb Rebirth!

When the amount of Heavenly Devil Insects dwindled to the last dozen, Zhan Ye cast its third Broken Limb Rebirth, and this Rebirth raised its power to the sixth phase fifth stage!

At sixth phase fifth stage, the last dozen of Heavenly Devil Insects slowly couldn't pose much threat to Zhan Ye. Though the wounds from insect light, arm blades, and wing spikes constantly came, its wounds were automatically healing too, and as they healed, Zhan Ye's power would increase again!

"Houhouhou!!!!!"

Ruthless and cruel, Zhan Ye had revealed its most unyielding and wild side in this battle. Its steely tail, ink claws, armor spikes, and teeth had all become battling weapons as it eliminated over forty Heavenly Devil Insects!

When the amount of Heavenly Devil Insects fell to five, Zhan Ye's strength increased again, reaching the sixth phase sixth stage!

The sixth phase sixth stage caused the last five Heavenly Devil Insects to be trembling with fear, not daring to continue to fight Zhan Ye anymore!

Heavenly Splitting Claw!

Two claws ripped past. The two blades intersected and cut across two Heavenly Devil Insects' backs. These last two Heavenly Devil Insects wanted to run, but were still killed by Zhan Ye in the end. Blood sprayed into the air as they fell onto the ground.

“Houhouhouhouhouhou!!!!!!!!!!”

Standing proudly on the battlefield of fifty Heavenly Devil Insects' corpses, Zhan Ye lifted its head and let out a long cry, vibrating through the entire dark night!!

A sixth phase sixth stage Zhan Ye, with Broken Limb Rebirth and Brave Stinging Heart combined, could already equal Mo Xie's strength when she was still an Evil Flamed Six Tailed Demon Fox!

More importantly, Zhan Ye was really only at the sixth phase first stage, and it had only used Broken Limb Rebirth three times. If its own phase and stage increased and the fighting continued until Zhan Ye had casted six Broken Limb Rebirths, Zhan Ye's strength would reach a terrifying level!!

With Chu Mu beside, Ye Qingzi looked at the Mo Ye that had increased in strength drastically in such a short time, and she was also shocked. With her unique experience, she was sure that this Zhan Ye of Chu Mu's was definitely a soul pet where more potential could be excavated. Such a soul pet could definitely exceed its own rank and become a cross-rank existence like the Royal Flame Nine Tail Inferno Fox!

“Royal Flame Nine Tail Inferno Fox, monarch rank White Nightmare, Rebirth Mo Ye.....” Ye Qingzi had no words to describe Chu Mu's three abnormal soul pets!

This meant that this man in front of her could very likely reach the peak of the soul pet trainer realm!

In other words, with some more time to raise his soul pet phases up, he would truly walk into the top tier rankings of the young generation!

#### Chapter 174: Swaying Mysterious Heaven Boundary Monument (1)

The strength increase of Brave Stinging Heart naturally wasn't long lasting. Not long after the fight ended, Zhan ye's strength returned to its original sixth phase first stage. Brave Stinging Heart only provided Zhan Ye with a temporary state effect that was similar to Violent Blood Pupil.

After recalling Zhan Ye back to the soul pet space, it would be approximately six days before Zhan Ye's six Broken Limb Rebirths would be able to use be used again six more times.

Using half of his soul power to feed the White Nightmare, Chu Mu rested under the tree and entered a silent cultivation state.

It was already late autumn, and without a tent in the wild, the cold would be fairly evident. While the soul techniques of soul pet trainers could maintain one's body heat, very few soul pet trainers would waste their soul power for a bit of heat. After all, maintaining one's soul power in the wild was extremely important.

When sleeping, especially in the autumn, Chu Mu would habitually hug Mo Xie and silently cultivate. Mo Xie possessed the fire attribute, and the heat emitted from her body allowed Chu Mu to feel warm.

Ye Qingzi didn't continue silently cultivating though. In truth, because she had been worried about Ye Wansheng's problem, she hadn't slept well for the past few days. As she was cultivating, she unknowingly fell asleep. Perhaps it was due to feeling a bit cold, but unconsciously, she began shifting about whilst in her dreams and moved towards Mo Xie's body to lie on top of.

Mo Xie was lying in Chu Mu's embrace, who was concentrating on his silent cultivation. He suddenly felt a soft body with an aromatic fragrance rest against him. When he opened his eyes, he was immediately a bit infatuated.

As her disheveled jet-black fine hair spread apart, Chu Mu was able to see Ye Qingzi's enchanting face. Her eyes were closed, and her long eyelashes and delicate nose brought about an adorable yet mature aura that made one want to touch it. The most important thing, though, was her colorful lips that exhaled a fragrant aroma; they made one want to move closer, and slowly place one's lips on top, tasting her flavor...

“Calm, calm...”

The beautiful face was closer than ten centimeters away. Chu Mu’s gaze carelessly wanted to keep looking further down, but he had himself maintain his cool.

On one hand, taking advantage of someone being asleep to kiss them was an immoral action; on the other hand, Chu Mu felt that with Ye Qingzi’s vigilance, if he were to kiss her, she would instantly awaken and when that time came, it wouldn’t be too easy to explain...

In truth, Ye Qingzi sleeping in a daze like this brought Chu Mu’s heart a wave of relief. Ye Qingzi was relatively knowledgeable, and she probably rarely gave others a chance to disrespect her. Yet, her sleeping so easily like this probably meant that she trusted Chu Mu, and she felt that he wouldn’t do anything unduly as well as ensure her safety.

“Mo Xie, give her a bit of warmth.” Chu Mu helplessly shook his head and suppressed his desires.

Towards Chu Xian, Chu Mu was able to use his indistinct kiss to express the feelings he had originally had towards her; however, that was it. Chu Mu indeed felt that he had some sort of feelings for Ye Qingzi, but before the time was right, Chu Mu didn’t want to do anything excessive and screw things up...

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Ye Qingzi, in reality, was much more attractive to Chu Mu. She had a distinct temperament, and features that rendered others stunned, as well as a graceful and curvy figure that caused wild beast blood inside someone to surge - especially those two incredible legs. Chu Mu himself had let his imagination wander many times.

Under such enticement, Chu Mu sat there simmering away with a bitter smile the whole night. He wanted to enter a silent cultivation state, but his mind would easily begin wandering. Ultimately, he endured until it was near daylight, when he slowly fell asleep with slightly hard-pressed emotions.

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It was early morning when a ray of sunshine illuminated Ye Qingzi’s beautiful face. The heat on her cheeks caused her to gradually awaken from her deep sleep.

The moment she opened her eyes, the first thing Ye Qingzi saw was a handsome face. This face was very close to her, so much so that in the first hazy instant, she felt that the sides of their faces were stuck together.

Ye Qingzi naturally knew that this person was Chu Mu and her heart began beating quicker. She discovered that she seemed to have been half-resting on his body as she slept. Slightly flustered, she straightened her body and put a small distance between her and Chu Mu.

When Ye Qingzi found out that she seemed to have unknowingly moved her body to Chu Mu's location, her cheeks instantly revealed a rather embarrassed pink color...

“Wu wu wu~~~~~”

Mo Xie had already awakened and her two adorable eyes stared at the embarrassed Ye Qingzi. Mo Xie let out a murmur as if she was slightly curious towards Ye Qingzi's actions.

Seeing that Chu Mu hadn't awakened, Ye Qingzi let out a faint sigh of relief. Gently, she stroked Mo Xie's furry body before saying: “I'll grab some water. Do you want to drink some water?”

“Wu~~~”

Mo Xie immediately nodded her head.

A beautiful smile emerged on Ye Qingzi. She walked down the small slope in a mess from last night's fight, and walked directly towards the tiny stream...

Beside the stream, she fixed her appearance before taking the water and walking back to Chu Mu's location.

“You've awake?” Ye Qingzi saw that Chu Mu had awakened, and her beautiful eyes flashed a faint but difficult to see embarrassment. However, she quickly returned to her original calmness and gave the water to Mo Xie to drink.

Chu Mu nodded his head and used water to clean his mouth and cheeks before pointing and verdant plains ahead and saying to Ye Qingzi: “If we follow this plain eastwards, we’ll be able to reach that city.”

“Right, this field leads directly to the Western Kingdom - Langhe Region - Langhe City. That place has an influential Elemental Capital. My brother should have been brought there by them.” said Ye Qingzi.

“Then we shouldn’t stop at any city in Western Kingdom on the way and directly head towards Langhe City.” said Chu Mu.

“Yes, I have the same intention.” said Ye Qingzi.

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There were several regions when heading east from Wogu City. These regions were relatively small, and Ye Qingzi and Chu Mu, regardless of day or night, didn’t stop riding on the Night Thunder Dream Beast. They spent half a month before reaching the edge of Western Kingdom.

The border of the Western Kingdom was a boundless barren land. At the center of this barren land happened to be that ancient rumored Heaven Boundary Monument.

Chu Mu had previously heard about Heaven Boundary Monument’s story. When Chu Mu was riding the Night Thunder Dream Beast and saw the Heaven Boundary Monument from far away, he felt as if it was a long and enormous sword that was protruding out of the vast horizon. It pointed straight up into the expansive sky, and its majestic grandeur brought Chu Mu an intense visual shock.

As they grew closer, the Heaven Boundary Monument gave Chu Mu the feeling of an indomitable spirit, and a minute feeling involuntarily arose...

“We’ve travelled non-stop for the past few days. Let’s rest one night here, eh.” Chu Mu saw that Ye Qingzi was already showing a slightly beaten expression as he spoke.

Ye Qingzi nodded her head, and she recalled her Purple Robe Beast, having it return to the soul pet space as she sat under the Heaven Boundary Monument to rest.

“I’ll go look for some water...” said Chu Mu.

“Ok, be careful.”

It was a barren land surrounding the Heaven Boundary Monument. It would be hard to find a water source in this desolate land, so Chu Mu had no choice but to quickly travel to an even further place before seeing a small oasis. He collected a full container of water from this oasis before returning...

## Chapter 175: Swaying Mysterious Heaven Boundary Monument (2)

With the sun setting in the west, the shadow of the Heaven Boundary Monument happened to fall on the location that Chu Mu was walking at. This long shadow was like a long black and straight river that broke up this expansive desolate land.

“Hu hu hu hu~~~~~”

A violent gust of dust swirled up, and it slowly moved over from far away. Chu Mu had already realized this, and used soul remembrance to form a aura field around his body, shielding him from the sandstorm’s onslaught. However, he was surprised because, when this sandstorm fell upon the Heaven Boundary Monument, like it had hit a wall, it suddenly and strangely dissipated.

The yellow sand filled the air surrounding the Heaven Boundary Monument and, looking at it from far away, the sand against the wind happened to draw out an intangible and unique outline. Several flowing lines of the drawing made Chu Mu indistinctly feel he was looking at an emblem surrounding the Heaven Boundary Monument. Its shape was similar to an ancient beast one would find in a dilapidated book.

Witnessing this scene, Chu Mu was extremely shocked. This feeling was like a flash of divine light, and the creature was outlined by the incorporeal emblem outline. While it may have been from Chu Mu’s subjective imagination, it gave Chu Mu the feeling as if it was real.

Chu Mu strode forward a few steps, but when he stepped out of the Heaven Boundary Monument, no matter how the wind and sand blew, he was unable to see the incorporeal emblem at all. Yet,

when he walked back into the shadow, the violent wind and yellow sand came together, and the mysterious outline appeared again...

The sunset gradually descended in the horizon, and the captivating red radiance released its last gaudy blood color.

At some unknown time, the clouds in the sky had become thicker, slowly covering the area into a dark clouded shadowy one that was quietly expanding.

The violent wind would pick up at times and fall at others. The yellow sand engulfed the entire air, producing a whistle throughout the land...

In the monument's shadow, Chu Mu still continued to search for that special emblem outline. However, the radiance from the sunset sprinkled over the entire sandy earth.

These rays of brilliance spread parallel over each corner of the earth, except for the shadow of the Heaven Boundary Monument Chu Mu was standing in.

The alluring yet tender sunlight that was about to descend below the horizon, a boundless earth and sky, an enormous Heaven Boundary Monument standing tall between the sky and earth, a biting cold and whistling gale, the yellow sand that swept up all the way to the horizons and made the rays of light scatter, and a surging layer of clouds that was like a tide. Yet, these common phenomena and scenes happened to form a unique drawing that had nothing to do with aesthetics or majesty. Nonetheless, they gave one an exotic, mysterious and ancient feeling...

When there was light everywhere, the concentrated shadows would be the area that attracted the most attention. Indeed, Chu Mu was standing there right now, in the most concentrated shadow area of this exotic, mysterious, and ancient drawing.

Chu Mu was still looking for that strangely magnificent emblem. He was totally oblivious to his surroundings, and only felt that his field of view was a bit strange.

In fact, the only thing in Chu Mu's field of view was the Heaven Boundary Monument's shadow. Only, his mind was so focused on the emblem that he didn't pay attention to the current but strange phenomenon. In other words, something had already completely attracted his attention...

“Ao!!!!!!”



Suddenly, an earth shaking roar rang out in Chu Mu's ear!!

This roar rang through Chu Mu's ear and, as if it had pierced through his eardrum, violently battered his mental world, causing him to feel a head-splitting headache!

Chu Mu was shocked. He hastily used soul remembrance to protect his mental world, however, the strange phenomenon occurred again, and that strangely majestic emblem outline gradually became clear!

This feeling was like an invisible creature standing there silently, then pouring the tangible object of water on this creature's body to draw the outline of this invisible creature with the flowing water!

The emblem grew more and more clear before finally transforming into a translucent shadow that seemed to have a soul; unexpectedly coming alive in Chu Mu's eyes!!

The emblem creature was moving. It was hurrying somewhere and moved in a direction that Chu Mu was unable to determine. Its moving speed was extremely quick, and Chu Mu happened to feel that he was in a dream state following it at all times.

Chu Mu didn't know what creature this was, but only knew that its running like this made one feel as if it had broken its shackles, and was like a wild horse sprinting into the expansive earth. It was free like the blowing wind and had the aura of the earth...

“Weng weng weng weng~~~~~”

Suddenly, Chu Mu felt his entire field of view shake. That sprinting emblem creature revealed an alarmed expression. It was no longer free and unfettered like before, and it began to unceasingly sidestep.

Dodge, add speed, jump. It was like a fight. Each movement was executed at the most proficient level. Chu Mu had never seen a soul pet so nimble that it could completely link each one of its movements.

Mo Xie's body displacement method had already reached an exquisite realm, but compared to this mysterious creature in front of him, she was still inferior by many levels. Chu Mu could be sure that

with this soul pet's perfect movements, even if he summoned all his soul pets to attack it, they would be unable to even touch a hair of its body.

This was refinement. Dodging and moving in fights refinement!

The speed of this emblem ancient pet grew increasingly fast. Chu Mu felt that he shouldn't have been able to see it clearly, but he was able to do so from a panoramic view.

“Weng weng weng weng~~~~~”

The swaying sound rang out again, but Chu Mu was completely unaware at the moment. Instead, he was fully immersed in this soul pet's strange fighting skills...

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“Weng weng weng weng~~~~~”

Resting against the Heaven Boundary Monument, Ye Qingzi had planned on closing her eyes and resting a while. Yet, this enormous Heaven Boundary Monument had suddenly let out a noise, and moreover, it began to sway a bit!

Ye Qingzi was shocked, and she abruptly felt a powerful aura forcibly suppress her mental world!

This aura was extremely powerful and, when it enveloped her body, it was like the black horizon suddenly falling. Not only her, but also the entire earth would be crushed to pieces!

“Hui~~~”

The Purple Robe Dream Beast let out an extremely weak shout. Its body began to tremble, and its black eyes were tightly shut as it rested against Ye Qingzi.

Ye Qingzi's soul remembrance had been locked. Indeed, at this moment, the sunset was falling, and the earth was a field of darkness; when Ye Qingzi looked as far as she could, she unexpectedly felt darkness invade!

"Don't be afraid, don't be afraid." Ye Qingzi stroked the dream beast's head as she pacified it with her soft voice.

Ye Qingzi knew of the Heaven Monument's legend, and her expression was still collected. What made her worried was Chu Mu whose location was unknown because, as she looked eastwards, she was simply unable to see his figure...

"Chu Mu~~~"

Ye Qingzi gave a loud yell towards the direction Chu Mu had left. Without soul remembrance, she could only use her voice.

However, no matter how loudly she yelled, her voice would always be subtly and ineffably swallowed by some force and fundamentally could not spread forth.

Ye Qingzi's heart sank, and she worriedly looked at the dusky world...

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Finally, the final trace of twilight was recalled, and Ye Qingzi's field of view gradually cleared...

The powerful wind gradually dispersed and the dust settled. The horizon pressing downwards slowly ascended, and the black layer of clouds transformed into gassy mist that disappeared somewhere unknown. The sky became especially clear, littered with stars and a full moon.

The mysterious aura disappeared along with the black horizon. The Purple Robe Dream Beast carefully opened its eyes like a child hiding from danger, and looked around everywhere.

"It's fine now, it's fine now..." Ye Qingzi stroked her dream beast and softly spoke.

“Hui!!!!” the frightful scene had disappeared, so the Purple Robe Dream Beast returned to its original state as it let out a whinny noise.

After its disappearance like smoke, Ye Qingzi immediately began to look for Chu Mu. Yet, she was extremely surprised because Chu Mu wasn’t even 100 meters away from her. He was silently standing there, his head slightly tilted up, as he, in a spellbound trance, stared at the Heaven Boundary Monument.

Sand filled the air around Chu Mu and, when it dissipated, it left Chu Mu wrapped up in a layer of dust. However, Chu Mu’s entire being was like a statue that had been sealed in a dust world for countless years- unmoving.

“Chu Mu~~~~~”

Ye Qingzi didn’t know what had happened to Chu Mu. Seeing that he was practically completely covered in dust, she panicked and hastily ran to him...

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The sky-shaking roar in his mental world gradually disappeared, replaced by a girl’s anxious shouts. Chu Mu’s conscious slowly returned to normal as he went to see who was calling him...

Nothing could be seen!

Chu Mu astonishingly discovered he couldn’t see anything. He ineffably felt that there was some strange thing covering his view.

“Don’t move!” Chu Mu subconsciously used his hands to wipe off the object covering his eyes, but suddenly heard Ye Qingzi’s voice.

Chu Mu was stiffly moving there and didn’t know why Ye Qingzi suddenly didn’t want him to move.

Purifying Water slowly curled around Chu Mu’s surroundings. Three aesthetic and blue ribbons of water that were like a woman’s slender jade hands softly stroked Chu Mu’s body...

Gradually, these blue ribbons of water became muddy. Clearly, it was in the process of absorbing the special dust on Chu Mu's body.

When the third Purifying Water wiped off the dust on Chu Mu's face, his eyesight returned to normal.

"What?" Chu Mu looked at the worried Ye Qingzi as he asked bewilderedly.

"Did you feel anything strange about your body?" Ye Qingzi supported Chu Mu as they sat down on an adjacent rock as she asked a question.

"I don't." Chu Mu shook his head.

"Then just now when you were just standing there, did you see something?" Ye Qingzi couldn't make clear of the situation either.

"I'm pretty sure I saw something, but I can't think of it right now." Chu Mu shook his head. An outline of a soul pet appeared in his brain; however, this soul pet slowly grew indistinct in his mind. The more he tried to recollect, the more he forgot...

Ye Qingzi's lips were slightly apart as if she was a bit shocked. Her beautiful eyes stared at Chu Mu for a while before she slowly said: "Have you heard of Heaven Boundary Monument's legend?"

"A little bit. There are also many versions..." Chu Mu turned back and looked at the Heaven Boundary Monument that wouldn't move in wind or rain. He felt that it was rather peculiar, but couldn't say what was wrong...

"If you saw something, then that thing should have died a long time ago." Ye Qingzi softly said.

"A departed spirit?" asked Chu Mu.

"I'm not too sure either. Departed spirit type soul pets are relatively rare. Nonetheless, I feel that it should reappear in the form similar to an ancient drawing like a mirage..." said Ye Qingzi.

“The probability of your description is comparatively high. Since you have some understanding towards the Heaven Boundary Monument, has the same situation that happened to me ever occurred to someone else?” asked Chu Mu.

“Yes. Inside documents of the Heaven Boundary Monument, there have been vague records of this phenomenon. They’re called “Sobbing Monuments”. One of my elders has also personally experienced it.” said Ye Qingzi.

“Sobbing monuments?” for some unknown reason, when he heard this term, Chu Mu felt his soul faintly tremble.

Chapter 176: Monument Tears

Monument Tears!

Chu Mu didn’t feel any sense of Monument Tears in this Heaven Boundary Monument or the strange scenes before, but when these two words echoed through his soul, Chu Mu suddenly felt a sadness pour in that caused his entire body to turn cold and shiver!

Though he didn’t see anything sad or grievous, this strange feeling grew stronger and stronger, causing Chu Mu’s eye corner to slowly moisten.....

“This shouldn’t be caused by sand, right?” Ye Qingzi extended a finger and wiped it down Chu Mu’s face, wiping the strange tear off of Chu Mu and carefully placing it into a glass container the size of a pinky.....

Chu Mu blanked, completely unable to understand why he suddenly felt sad, or why his eyes suddenly let out a single tear. These were completely not under his control.

“What is happening?” Chu Mu was even more confused, as he turned around to look at the Heaven Boundary Monument standing in the darkness.

The Heaven Boundary Monument had strange characters and ancient symbols written on it that Chu Mu couldn’t understand. Looking up, Chu Mu suddenly saw a totem that he seemed to know.

This totem was about ten meters up on the Heaven Boundary Monument. It was deeply engraved in the totem, with a shape very much like the soul pet Chu Mu saw before.

“There are many tales about the Heaven Boundary Monument. I only know of the Monument Tear. The meaning of the Monument Tear is that when some ancient soul pets die, their powerful willpower will still stay and, at some point, like that previous scene, its willpower will be magnified and imposed onto people with sensitive mental worlds in a dream-like fashion, allowing one to see fragments of memories of the soul pet.”

As Ye Qingzi said, she handed the finger sized little bottle to Chu Mu and continued to say, “Legend says that the Heaven Boundary Monument suppressed countless soul pets’ willpowers. These ancient soul pets will choose those with the most similar willpower and pass on their memories. To say it is an inheritance is stretching it, since it only lets you know of its existence. After all, anyone who sees it will slowly forget.....”

Chu Mu felt he saw more than just the soul pet casting its glamorous moving battle technique, much much more, but now he could only remember its running scene, and even that was getting fuzzier and fuzzier. It was indeed like a dream. When he just wakes, the memories are strong, but slowly, they dim and finally disappear.

“Then why did I shed a tear?” Chu Mu asked.

“It wasn’t your tear, it was “its” tear. It just did it through your body, or used some sort of emotion to affect you to cry for it.” Ye Qingzi said.

Chu Mu didn’t understand and retracted his gaze. “It seems like I still can’t understand that level.”

“You don’t need to think too much. In reality, no one knows the true secret of the Heaven Boundary Monument. Even scholars who’ve researched for over a hundred years have only scratched the surface. Oh, and keep this Monument Tear well.” Ye Qingzi said.

“This Monument Tear? Isn’t this my tear?” Chu Mu looked at the little bottle Ye Qingzi gave him and asked questioningly.

“This is a Monument Tear, shed in the form of your tear. It is one of the most precious soul items in the world. Getting one is very difficult.” Ye Qingzi said seriously.

“I’m getting more and more confused.” Chu Mu still didn’t understand. How did his tear suddenly become the most precious soul item in the world?

“If you don’t understand, forget it. Anyways, this tear is very valuable- it is able to give you limitless and fantastic powers.” Ye Qingzi said.

“.....” Chu Mu stared dumbly at Ye Qingzi, a look of not being able to understand how it has limitless power.

“You can understand it this way. It is the crystallization of the willpower of the ancient soul pet you saw. It’s like the power that it has bestowed upon you. Of course, if you drink it now, it is useless. Only when you understand the true meaning of this tear will it be able to give you power. What this power is, I don’t know. Soul power, soul pet, soul technique..... anything is possible.” Ye Qingzi said.

Chu Mu nodded with some vague understanding, and he carefully stowed the mysterious Monument Tear away before smiling. “Qingzi, you sure know a lot. Why does it feel like you’re more from the Western Kingdom than I am?”

“From very early on, I came in contact with similar obscure knowledge because of my ancestors. Later on, I was interested myself, so I started looking around for some findable but unknown secrets. I’ve seen a lot about Heaven Boundary Monuments, so I’ve always wanted to experience the Monument Tear..... But, other than relying on luck, such thing needed destiny. The one who got the Monument Tear is you.” Ye Qingzi let out some sadness.

“I don’t know the use of it anyways, so you can have the Monument Tear and slowly study it.” Chu Mu said.

Chu Mu had a very good mentality. This thing was obtained so unfathomably, and if Ye Qingzi hadn’t collected his tear, that tear may have just rolled into the sand. Chu Mu could see in Ye Qingzi’s eyes the look of longing for the Monument Tear. In reality, if Ye Qingzi hadn’t told him any of this and instead hid it secretly, Chu Mu would be unknowing too.....

Ye Qingzi shook her head and barely smiled, “The person who saw the memory fragment is you. Only you will know the real meaning of the tear. If I take it, it’ll be just your tear and nothing more.”

“Oh, then.....actually my tears are pretty rare too, you can collect it.” Chu Mu said.

Ye Qingzi rolled her eyes, not expecting Chu Mu to be this brazen. What did Ye Qingzi need his tear for? Was it true that men never cry? But what did his lack of crying have to do with her?.....



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Though Ye Qingzi wanted to stay at the Heaven Boundary Monument for longer to see if she could find some secret about it through details, Ye Wansheng was in mortal danger. The two stayed a night and left the second morning to enter Zhanli Kingdom that neighbored the Western Kingdom.

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Zhanli Kingdom wasn't directly east of the Heaven Boundary, but was instead southeast of the Western Kingdom.

Nightmare Palace and Soul Pet Palace both were spread over all the big Kingdoms. The White Nightmare City in Western Kingdom wasn't the largest main city either, because there was an even bigger White Nightmare City in Zhanli Kingdom.

On the west side of most big Kingdoms, one could see the tendrils of Nightmare Palace. It was everywhere, but denser on the west side of each Kingdom.

Not counting Nightmare Palace, Soul Pet Palace and the other big powers, relatively famous powers of the Western Kingdom include the Great Chu Family, who had just underwent the disaster of the Hibernating Desolation, and Luo Region Sect.

The Luo Region Sect's influence was greater than the Great Chu Family, and the kingdom master of the entire Western Kingdom was also the Luo Region Sect sect master.

Though Chu Mu was still in Luo Region, he rarely communicated with people from Luo Region Sect, only knowing that Qing Meng'er was part of it.

Yet, Zhanli Kingdom hadn't completely been taken by Nightmare Palace. In many cities, one could find shadows of the great factions Nightmare Palace, Soul Pet Palace, Soul Palace, and the Elemental Sect.....

The main city of the Elemental Sect also wasn't in Zhanli Kingdom. The Elemental Capital that Ye Qingzi mentioned before should be similar to the White Nightmare City that Nightmare Palace had in Western Kingdom.

But, in Langhe Region Langhe City at the edge of Western Kingdom and Zhanli Kingdom was an Elemental Sect. Ye Qingzi thought that if the two people who took away Ye Wansheng needed to get to Li Region's Elemental Capital, they would definitely linger in Langhe City's Elemental City. Therefore, they decided to go to Langhe City first to see if they could find any clues.

After passing the Heaven Boundary Monument, on the west side of Langhe Region, if they went southeast for another day, they could reach the region city of Langhe Region.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi both didn't stay for long. After running for a day, they finally reached Langhe City.

Langhe City's Elemental Capital was one of the only Elemental Capitals within Western Kingdom. However, many people counted the Heaven Boundary Monument as the boundary, so they didn't count Langhe City, which had land extending to the east, as part of the Western Kingdom.....

Langhe City's Elemental Capital's magnitude wasn't that large. It was similar in size to a Soul Pet Palace within a bustling city area, made up of a few sumptuous mansions and imposing buildings.

"Let's go ask around: Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi both decided to enter the Elemental Sect as elemental soul pet trainers.

Yet, what made Chu Mu furrow his brows was that this Elemental Capital was different from Soul Pet Palace, and it only let members of the Elemental Sect in.

"If you can't show identity, please leave. The Elemental Sect does not welcome unnamed people." The Elemental Sect disciple guarding the door said coldly.

The Elemental Sect's lobby looked grand and open towards the bustling streets, but the eight arrogant soul pets made it feel completely repelling, different from the Soul Pet Palace.

The Soul Pet Palace was everywhere in the world, and any Soul Pet Palace was open to all soul pet trainers, even those who have just begun.

Yet this Elemental Sect, only a sub-super power, constructed Elemental Capitals that looked overbearing and set its entrance extremely high to set off its superiority.....

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Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi were blocked out of the door, but both wanted to enter, seeing whether they could find any hints about Ye Wansheng through people in the Elemental Sect.

Yet, not far away from Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi, a noble horsecart slowly slid past and two pompous young men walked out surrounded by henchmen.

“You see that beauty in front of the Elemental Capital?” The two men seemed to be entering the Elemental Sect and one saw the anxious looking Ye Qingzi.

“En? Great body, pretty face, could be of best quality. She’s worth playing with.” The other young man showed signs of a playboy.

“They seem to be unable to get in?” The young man slightly smiled and said while pondering subtleties.

“Hehe, isn’t this giving me the perfect chance? Though the guy is obstructing, from my experience, they don’t have much background.

“Hua Cheng, you sure have fallen behind. Even if they do have some background, what could they do.....”

The two young men looked at each other and burst into laughter while walking towards the Elemental Capital.

## Chapter 177: Tianxia Road

“You two are very anxious, do you have urgent matters in the Elemental Capital? The young man named Hua Cheng walked up and asked.

Chu Mu looked over the two people and said lightly, “We’re looking around for traces of two of our friends. I feel like they’ve passed by here.”

“What are the names of your two friends? Maybe we can help you ask around.” The other young man said.

Chu Mu looked over at Ye Qingzi. Ye Qingzi naturally didn't know the two people's names, so she thought for a bit and said, “Because of their special identity, they only told us an alias. This alias is definitely not the one they have in Elemental Sect, so all we know is that they’re from Li City’s Elemental Capital.”

“Oh? From Li City?” Hua Cheng lifted an eyebrow, and he looked slightly surprised.

Li Region Li City was a rather large Elemental Capital of Elemental Sect. Those who could enter there were either powerful or had some background. It wasn't something comparable to the little Elemental Capital in Langhe City.

“Since they’re from Li City, it should be very easy to find. However, Elemental Sect things are usually very complicated. Understanding won't be easy. How about this. You two seem to have travelled far to get here. How about I let my family servant bring you to a nearby building and rest for a bit. We'll get the important things on our hands done and ask around for you. What do you think?” The young man asked politely.

Ye Qingzi glanced at Chu Mu, as if asking Chu Mu for his opinion.

“Sure, then thank you two.” Chu Mu nodded.

“Hehe, anyone from afar is my guest. Us two like to make friends from foreign places. From talking, we can learn a lot, so you two don't need to be too polite.” Hua Cheng laughed and said, also letting out a gentle and amiable look, as if he was a young master eager to help people.

Ye Qingzi wanted to say something, but she momentarily couldn't think of any other plan, so she could only follow their meaning.

Very soon, two family servants walked beside Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi and respectfully brought the two people to a building not far away.....

“You believe them?” As they were walking, Ye Qingzi immediately used her remembrance to ask Chu Mu.

“I believe in people who love to make friends, but these aren’t them.” Chu Mu said.

“En, they came off as slightly fake.” Ye Qingzi also wasn’t a pure girl that had just started venturing about. There were many things that she herself could see through and make the most precise analysis of.

Furthermore, Ye Qingzi had been with her brother to many places, and had seen all sorts of people. Though those two acted well and hid it well, Ye Qingzi could still feel a fake feeling.

“This is our young master’s business. I’m not sure if you two have eaten yet. If not, you can ask for anything you’d like.” This family servant bowed down politely and allowed Chu Mu and Qingzi to order all sorts of food.

The building was in a bustling part of the city. It was about ten meters tall, and all made of wood. It was also pretty elegant in the environment.

“You two don’t have to worry. Young master Hua Cheng and young master Lu Tao are both people of positions in the Elemental Capital. Learning of such thing is easy for them. If you two aren’t from too far away, you must have heard of the names of Hua Cheng and Lu Tao from Langhe Region.” The old family servant very timely started praising the two young masters.

“Both young masters were top tier young experts of Lang He Region, with strong abilities to control elemental soul pets. If you two have the time, you can also see the two young masters in battle.....” This old servant said very professionally.

Ye Qingzi also knew what tricks the two young masters were playing. If they were trying to trick some inexperienced young girl, this friendliness and praise from others would make one surprised and curious. If they indeed have some power and influence too, they would unintentionally walk into the trap set by those two experienced playboys.

Unfortunately, Ye Qingzi didn’t take this. What young master Hua Cheng, Lu Tao? What top tier expert of Langhe City? The one sitting right next to her was a top tier young expert in the entirety of

the Western Kingdom. These regionally famous young men were a group that were unworthy of even a mention.

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Within the Elemental Capital, Hua Cheng and Lu Tao both started commenting on Ye Qingzi, the mixture of beauty and manners.

“High quality, definitely high quality. Once closer, she’s even more perfect. That face, that body, that mannerism. This woman was better than any of those officer young ladies, daughters of rich merchants, disciples of famous teachers. We have to take her down.” Hua Cheng’s eyes were already gleaming.

“Don’t worry, she won’t be able to run. Let’s first ask around about what they asked for.” Lu Tao said.

These two young masters had all played with countless women. Their gazes were very experienced. From a few face to face talks and a few looks, they could give precise judgement on different girls. However, Ye Qingzi was the sort they couldn’t say for certain, yet still provoked their desire to conquer. From what they saw, such women were the real treasures.

“We have to plan on what happens next, or else once we tell them, if they leave, it’ll all be over.” Hua Cheng said.

“It’s a trivial matter, hehe.” Lu Tao laughed.

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Chu Mu was tired of the old servant saying a bunch of useless things with ulterior motives. He stood up and walked to the side to watch the bustling street.

Ye Qingzi also didn’t want to hear the old servant blabber, so she walked beside Chu Mu slowly, also not speaking, thinking of Ye Wansheng.

“Don’t worry. Since he surrendered so readily, it means that he has confidence and that he can protect himself, but he simply didn’t want his soul pets to be hurt. I think with his ability to

converse, he can sway them.” ChU Mu saw that Ye Qingzi was so worried and said lightly to comfort her.

“En, thank you.” Ye Qingzi let out a tight smile.

Chu Mu felt that this thank you from Ye Qingzi was slightly strange.....

“I held up your progress.” Ye Qingzi explained.

“That doesn't matter. After all, I do have to walk east anyways to learn along the way. As long as I reach Tianxia City in the end, I'm fine.” Chu Mu said.

“You are also going to Tianxia City?” Ye Qingzi let out an astonished look.

“En, my soul is slightly strange. I need to get a cure there.” Chu Mu said.

“Sorry, I almost forgot about the problem with your soul. Now let me see if there's anyone in Langhe City that has material to concoct the Ice Soul Grass.” Ye Qingzi apologized.

Ye Qingzi also knew that even if Chu Mu was going towards Tianxia City, he should've kept east, and not detour to Langhe City as well as Li City.

And, this time, the Ye brother and sister clearly had offended a big power like the Elemental Sect. Such matters could easily involve Chu Mu, so Ye Qingzi was very grateful in her heart towards Chu Mu.

“Don't worry, not much will happen in this period. Let's first solve the problem of your brother.” Chu Mu said.

“But, won't your soul feel unbearable?” When Ye Qingzi used her soul remembrance to probe Chu Mu's soul, the soul's temperature was completely similar to constantly feeling the burn of fire poison. If it were a normal person, they would've become ashes long ago.

“I've withstood it before, so I don't feel much now.” Chu Mu said.

Ye Qingzi opened her little mouth and wanted to say something, but she didn't know what to say.

A man already used to the burning of soul fire- Ye Qingzi indeed didn't know how to comment on it.....

Chu Mu didn't want Ye Qingzi to get overworried, so he continued to talk with Ye Qingzi, "What will you do in Tianxia City?"

"Young generation experts all gather there to participate in the Battle of the Realms. My brother and I's idea was to walk around nearby before the Battle of the Realms to train. I believe you want to join too?" Ye Qingzi said.

"I still don't know the meaning of the Battle of the Realms, so joining or not doesn't matter much to me. Let's wait until we get to Tianxia City and see." Chu Mu said.

"The meaning of the Battle of the Realms is highly important. Soon you will understand. Chu Mu, I feel like with your strength, you can truly amaze the world at Tianxia City." Ye Qingzi looked at Chu Mu and said to him.

Chu Mu laughed and shook his head.

Chu Mu had self knowledge. If not for the half devil state, meeting people like Princess Jin Rou and the Nightmare Prince Adjudicator Lu Shanli, he would still have no chance of winning, and the Nightmare Palace didn't only have two experts.

Furthermore, there was still the experts within Nightmare Palace. Other than Nightmare Palace, there was Soul Palace, Soul Pet Palace, Elemental Sect, etc. There were also factions of region masters like the Luo Region Sect. The world is vast, and experts were like clouds. Chu Mu didn't believe that, just because he couldn't find a match in the Western Kingdom, he could defeat everyone in the world.

"Chu Mu, hadn't you already reached Spirit Master? Why can you only summon three soul pets?" Ye Qingzi still couldn't help her curiosity and asked.

This phenomenon Ye Qingzi had already discovered. She had also heard of many different tales about Chu Mu. Some said Chu Mu lost a soul, some said Chu Mu was too strong and didn't need to summon more, and some said Chu Mu was still hiding an even stronger soul pet.....



Once one's fame rose, all sorts of news will arise. These would slowly cover up the original truth, so Ye Qingzi, even now, couldn't understand why Chu Mu couldn't simultaneously summon four soul pets.

"Lost a soul." Chu Mu replied lightly.

In reality, what Chu Mu felt really put himself apart from other experts was this lost soul. Having one less soul meant one less power. If it was possible, when he arrived at Tianxia City, Chu Mu wanted to ask Liu Binglan if she could find his lost soul pet. Constantly occupying one soul would bring quite the burden to Chu Mu.

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"You two, because the young master helped you ask about your friend, he accidentally came into a little conflict with people in Elemental Sect. There may be some trouble. You two should go to the Elemental Sect plaza. Oh, you two don't worry. Young master Lu Tao and Hua Cheng are both people of identities. It must be someone who's jealous of their fame and is intentionally nitpicking, hehe....." The old servant bowed down and opened his mouth to tell Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi both laughed coldly, and immediately guessed the two young masters' game. But, letting them into Elemental Sect was also good, so it didn't waste their time.

Chapter 178: Elemental Wall Design

Under the old servant's guidance, the two of them entered the Elemental Capital and passed through several glorious gold and jade great halls...

"Our family's young master really enjoys helping others. However, he's often misunderstood by others because of such kindness..." the old servant talked non-stop, giving a brilliant performance of a supporting character.

"The small conflict this time should be because of... you two... you two?" the old henchman turned around, but discovered the people behind him were elemental soul pet trainers wearing gorgeous clothing. The two people he was talking about had already unknowingly disappeared in one of Elemental Capital's halls...

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi didn't have the effort to play these boring games with those two arrogant young masters. After entering Elemental Capital and seeing the connections with various factions from other places that Elemental Capital had, the two of them naturally went to inquire themselves.

Elemental Sect's influence was vast. In various regions it was possible to see their elemental capitals. Moreover, the Elemental Sect members that wandered all over the place would make a report to an elemental capital after reaching a city. Thus, through the communication with sect members, they would leave a message or retrieve some mission, rewards or a few exchanged items for Elemental Sect disciples...

Just like when Chu Mu was in Nightmare Palace, the items he obtained could be exchanged for directly through Nightmare Palace's vast land of influence.

If one's luck was good within the exchanged of one's own circle, it could be extremely beneficial to him or her. Although a majority of the exchanges would be slightly more expensive than on the market, it was convenient and reliable. On one hand, it would build one's popularity and prestige while on the other hand it would be considered as contribution towards the faction based on the number of transactions. This would slowly accumulate to obtain an even higher level of recognition which in turn could help raise one's position.

A majority of soul pet trainers enjoyed to roam different places and if they represented a certain faction in an unfamiliar city, they had a need for simple and reliable transactions.

Therefore, normally, as long as they found the member in charge of "the roaming population", they would be able to find their whereabouts.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi entered the elemental capital and after passing through the first few halls and seeing the elemental great halls a majority of wandering members were congregated in, they promptly ignored the old servant. They walked towards these supervisors and asked whether Elemental Sect members from Li City had come.

"Yes, there really were two seniors from Li City not too long ago. They seemed to be escorting a prisoner, but from their manner of speaking, they didn't seem to be returning to Li City." said the approximately thirty year old dark and thin networker.

"Oh, how long ago did they leave? Did they say where they were going?" inquired Ye Qingzi.

The networker absent-mindedly raised his head. When he discovered that it was a gorgeous woman, his eyes instantly lit up and his words seemed to slip out...

“This... if young lady can display the certain identity proof, I will only then dare to tell their whereabouts to young lady.” said the dark thin networker.

Ye Qingzi creased her eyebrows. If those two were to have changed their route, then her original plan of sending a letter through Elemental Sect to Li City would be useless.

Chu Mu had previously mentioned writing a letter first to save Ye Wansheng to stall things out. Sending a letter using the ordinary method was extremely slow and it wasn't guaranteed that Yu He who was leaving Li City's elemental capital would receive it. Only through Elemental Sect's channel could they send it there in time. It seemed that their plans were a step behind the changes and those two escorting Ye Wansheng were unexpectedly not going to Zhanchi Kingdom - Li Region - Li City. Thus, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi had no choice but to continue pursuing.

“Keep this...” Ye Qingzi retrieved a bag of gold from her spatial ring. Not batting an eyelid, she handed it to the dark skinny networker.

“Young master, this is unacceptable. Our supervisor is very strict, I think we should just leave it...” the dark skinny man flusteredly handed back the money. However, when he discovered the bag of money had a lot of weight, he let out a slight expression of hesitance before adding on:

“It was said that not too long ago young master Lu Tao and young master Hua Cheng asked this. The two of them know where those two seniors went. I have my own responsibilities and cannot reveal it so casually. If the two of you want to know where the two of them went...”

Ye Qingzi turned and looked at Chu Mu who helplessly shook his head. Originally he wanted to ignore those two fellows, but now it appeared he had to find them...

“Since that's the case, thank you.” Ye Qingzi didn't bat an eyelid as she put the bag of money back into her spatial ring.

That dark skinny networker was still planning on extending his hand to grab it, but ended up grabbing air. He pulled back extremely embarrassed, then stared at Ye Qingzi's graceful back as she left. He let out a rather infatuated lustful expression; it was unknown if he was fantasizing about the money he didn't obtain or the beautiful person leaving...

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There were various Elemental Kingdom soul pets spread out in Elemental Sect's great hall. These soul pets weren't the most common types of fairy species. Instead, they were all extremely rare Elemental Kingdom creatures. These Elemental Kingdom world creatures had special abilities. On the wall's design were different colors of diagram marks and energy patterns that respectively indicated a unique elemental crystal...

Chu Mu's gaze quickly swept through and very soon, he saw a few ice element crystals on the mountain design. These ice element crystals weren't something Chu Mu understood very well.

"Might is one to two times stronger than normal ice crystals..." a slightly aged voice slowly arrived.

Chu Mu had only briefly stopped in front of this wall design to wait for that old servant to find him and Ye Qingzi. He hadn't noticed an old man standing to the side.

"Senior, what are those colors circulating a diamond-like lustre?" Chu Mu pointed at an ice type crystal that gave one a pure and noble feeling as he asked a question.

Those are glazed ice and can be regarded as one of the highest forms of ice crystals. Most of the ice type soul pets controlled by soul pet trainers are still at the normal ice crystal level. Soul pets that can use black crystal ice crystals can barely be considered average. Those that can reach the towering ice degree can be called experts. Of course, to the young generation, having a soul pet with black crystal ice crystals should be considered an expert. As for soul pet trainers controlling a towering ice soul pet, haha..." laughed the old man. He didn't continue speaking.

Towering Ice! An ice crystallization that was an even higher level than black crystal ice crystal. Chu Mu's Ice Air Fairy had amalgamated a black crystal soul pearl before being able to use black crystals. As for reaching the towering ice level, it probably needed to undergo a period of tempering.

The ice type crystallization Princess Jin Rou's Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox controlled happened to be towering ice. However, since the Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox was a demon type soul pet, the towering ice strength it used wasn't the same concept as the towering ice an Elemental Kingdom soul pet used.

The Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox possessed three attributes - demon, beast and ice. Even if it possessed extremely high ice type talent, its foundational ice type controlling would be inferior to Elemental Kingdom soul pets. The might of ice type techniques it used would also be much less compared to an elemental soul pet.

For instance, the might of the Ice Seal technique used by the Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox was predicated on its ice type control, technique rank as well as the addition of towering ice crystal ice types.

Ice Seal was a sixth rank technique and the Cursed Demon Fox's ice type technique would allow the Ice Seal technique to display the might of a seventh rank. Further adding on towering ice's effects, the Ice Seal it used would be pushed to the peak of the seventh rank, near the eighth rank.

However, if an Elemental Kingdom soul pet with identical phase/stage and talent used the sixth rank Ice Seal...

First, the phase/stage of the soul pet, under species superiority, would allow the Ice Seal technique to reach a might of the seventh rank. Further adding on the soul pet's basic ice control, the technique would reach the eighth rank. Finally with the addition of the towering ice crystallization effect, its might would double.

Different species had different advantages. Organisms of identical species further had different talents. Those with identical talents also had different techniques and attribute preferences. Even those with identical strengths had different crystals...

Every soul pet was unique even if the species category was in among the fewest- the Elemental Kingdom soul pets.

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"I remember many years ago there was a young person who possessed an ultra-talented soul pet that could control glazed ice and walked by this place. That arrogant manner was something people liked... presumably he's already reached the summit. The pitiful old me is still stuck in this tiny place..." the old man let out a sigh and shook his head. He seemed to be talking to himself.

Chu Mu was shocked. The towering ice realm was already the peak of the young generation of soul pet trainers. Presumably it was something only people like Nightmare Palace's young princes could

reach. Yet, there was still someone who in their youth possessed an ice type soul pet that could control glazed ice!

“You’re talking about Glacier Emperor - Qingshan?” asked Ye Qingzi.

“Him? He still falls very short from the person I’m talking about.” laughed the old man. He didn’t say anything else, put his hands behind his back, and walked to another wall design.

Ye Qingzi let out a puzzled expression. Glacier Emperor - Qingshan was a famous expert who controlled ice type soul pets. It was said that in his youth, he possessed a glazed ice soul pet. Yet, such a famous expert fell very short of the expert the old man had spoken about. Then, what realm did that person exactly reach?

Chu Mu was extremely curious and he wanted to know who that mysterious young man was...

“You guys are here. You made me search hard. Quickly follow me.” the old servant finally found Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi. He immediately walked over in a worried appearance.

“Oh, we were quickly looking at elemental hall’s wall design. We weren’t being careful and lost you.” said Chu Mu, covering it up well.

“Quickly go to Elemental Plaza. Perhaps the two young masters have already finished fighting against those fellows seeking trouble. You two are lucky to be able to witness the two young master’s fight...” instantly laughed the old servant.

“Then let’s go. We really do want to see how experts fight.” the corners of Chu Mu’s mouth rose.

There was nothing wrong about foolish conceit; it was only because they hadn’t left this confined region. However, when a conceited fool attempted to show off his skill in front of a true expert and play around with senseless tricks, then he shouldn’t blame that particular expert’s mood for being foul.

The Elemental Plaza contained enormous statues of several rare soul pets and many experts of the Elemental Sect that had once caused a sensation in the entire Elemental Kingdom.

The plazas of other areas were different. The Elemental plaza was clearly more extravagant, and there were various distinct ores and rocks spread out on the ground, drawing different colored designs.

At the very center of the plaza was a middle-sized battlefield. Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi, under the old servant's lead, walked to the protective railing at the very center.

When they entered, Chu Mu saw that there were six elemental soul pets fighting on the battlefield.

The six elemental soul pets were common elemental soul pets and they were all chanting incantations, engaging in a fight of techniques.

"They've arrived. We need to be a bit more serious. Let them see our soul pet's strength." Hua Cheng immediately broke into a smile and spoke to the adjacent Lu Tao.

Lu tao nodded his head. The Elemental Sect members they had invited gave an expression, and immediately stopped their senseless acting, entering a true battle situation.

"Look, that's young master Lu Tao's eighth phase Thunder Fairy. This Thunder Fairy's talent was very high when captured. After undergoing strengthening, it became even stronger than many Thunder Fairies with the highest talent... oh, young master Lu Tao's Ice Air Fairy is actually his strongest. It has reached the sixth phase eighth stage, and it was obtained from Thunder Mountain Peak. After undergoing meticulous training, its fighting strength is extremely strong, and many people have suffered defeat under this soul pet of young master." said the old servant.

Ye Qingzi coolly and elegantly looked at these people putting on an act. She used her soul remembrance to say to Chu Mu: "Is there a way to find out from them?"

"Yes." Chu Mu couldn't be bothered to listen to the old servant's nonsense, and he slowly walked to the three fellows putting on a show.

“Friend, it’s best not to get too close. It won’t be good if you get close. Oh, I’ve already forgotten your name. What is it?” Hua Cheng walked over and put on an amicable appearance.

“Chu Mu.” Chu Mu glanced at Hua Cheng and replied.

“Oh, Chu Mu.” Hua Cheng faintly laughed and nodded, but it was merely a subconscious habit. Only, when he responded, he felt something was wrong and the smile on his face stiffened a bit.

“Chu Mu? You’re really sure you’re called Chu Mu?” Hua Cheng looked at the man in front of him and his expression grew even more strange.

“Yes.” nodded Chu Mu.

“Prison Island King - Chu Mu?” Hua Cheng proceeded to ask.

Chu Mu continued to nod.

“...” Hua Cheng’s chin had already dipped, and his eyes were clearly opened very large. For a moment, he didn’t know what to say.

Prison Island King - Chu Mu/ This was something they naturally had heard of before. Chu Mu had already become a peak expert of Western Kingdom, and even if it was the very remote Langhe Region, they would occasionally hear a few stories of him.

“Oh, this, this, it turns out that you are the renowned Chu Mu... you... please wait a moment.” Hua Cheng’s expression turned extremely strange, and he quickly walked back the the battlefield and stopped the senseless battle performance.

Lu tao was showing off his few elemental soul pets in order to attract Ye Qingzi’s attention. Hua Cheng suddenly having him stopped made him feel very confused.

“What’s the matter?” asked Lu Tao confusedly.

“That fellow is Chu Mu.” Hua Cheng was rather nervous as he spoke in an extremely soft voice.



“Chu Mu, what Chu Mu?” asked Lu Tao.

“What other Chu Mu could it be. It’s the Prison Island King.” said Hua Cheng.

“A real or fake one?” Lu Tao was stunned, and he intentionally glanced at Chu Mu. He found that this man was coldly standing there like ice, and indistinctly felt a bit of cold air.

Hua Cheng immediately creased his eyebrows. He never would have imagined that he would have bumped into Western Kingdom’s extremely famous Prison Island King - Chu Mu while using his normal methods to pick up a beautiful girl.

“What do we do? We’ve hit a wall.” Hua Cheng was clearly growing impatient. He originally thought that Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi were two ordinary soul pet trainers hoping to gain experience. He looked down on them primarily because they couldn’t enter the Elemental Sect. After all, anyone with a bit of general knowledge would know Elemental Sect’s rules...

“What are you afraid of? This is the Elemental Kingdom. Even if he is Chu Mu, he wouldn’t dare to mess around.” Lu Tao evidently was a bit more courageous.

In truth, Lu Tao was considered a peak expert in Langhe Region and really had a bit of strength. Thus, even though he had bumped into Prison Island King, Chu Mu, he felt there was nothing to be afraid of.

Lu Tao walked in front of Chu Mu and carried a fake smile as he said to him: “I truly didn’t think that you were Chu Mu whose reputation has recently shot up. Could it be the reason why you specially came to our Elemental Sect is to fight an expert from our Langhe Region?”

“No, I already mentioned the reason to you before.” indifferently replied Chu Mu.

“Oh, looking for someone... a trivial matter. I’ve already helped you ask around as well. Those two people are heading for the Colored Sky Mountain.” said Lu Tao.

“Colored Sky Mountain?” Chu Mu was a bit surprised that Lu Tao would tell him so bluntly.

Colored Sky Mountain was an extremely famous elemental mountain in Zhanli Kingdom. This mountain was located approximately in Zhanli Kingdom’s eastern side and was situated on Li

Region's border. In Chu Mu's original plan, he had intended to head towards Colored Sky Mountain to train.

Colored Sky Mountain had a plethora of elemental soul pets from monarch rank to servant rank. It was a paradise and holy land for many elemental soul pets. Chu Mu currently still had a soul pet spot, so he planned on taming an elemental soul pet that wasn't a fire or ice type to become the first soul pet of his spirit master level. Moreover, this Colored Sky Mountain happened to provide Chu Mu a place to obtain other elemental soul pets.

"Colored Sky Mountain. Ok. Thank you." Chu Mu nodded his head at Lu Tao then turned around immediately.

"Wait." Lu Tao called out to stop Chu Mu.

"What's the matter?"

"Since you've come to our Langhe City, then how can you not fight a round?" asked Lu Tao.

"You aren't my opponent." indifferently said Chu Mu.

A soul pet trainer needed fights the most, especially younger generation soul pets. There were many young soul pet trainers who, to gain experience, would use cities primarily to decide their routes. When they arrived in various cities, they would challenge a few experts whom already had fame. Moreover, normally, when experts from other regions arrived at a place and in an over-glorifying manner exposed their identity, the experts from this region would believe they had come to challenge them.

"I know I'm not your opponent. We'll only compare elemental soul pets." said Lu Tao.

Hearing Lu Tao's words, Ye Qingzi who had slowly walked down immediately creased her eyebrows. Since Lu Tao was an Elemental Sect person, it meant he had many elemental soul pets. Moreover, these elemental soul pets had probably all undergone various training methods of Elemental Sect. They would be much stronger than the training of soul pet trainers with no qualifications. If they were to merely compare elemental soul pets, then Chu Mu, who only had one elemental soul pet, would be at an extreme disadvantage.

"Sure." yet Chu Mu nodded his head.

Lu Tao had a seventh phase eighth stage Ice Air Fairy. This Ice Air Fairy's strength wasn't weak, and Chu Mu happened to want to train his Ice Air Fairy.

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“Alas, your friend has to be careful. Young master's Ice Air Fairy has already grasped Minute Control and Technique Overlay. Its fighting strength is young master's number one. Your friend's Ice Air Fairy has only reached the sixth phase seventh stage. One mistake and it will be instantly killed.” the old servant was still jabbering about next to Ye Qingzi.

The old servant's primary goal was to also have Ye Qingzi manifest interest in Lu Tao. Only, this old man seemed to be a bit deaf and didn't hear Chu Mu's name. He thought that Chu Mu was some ignorant fellow who had excitedly ran over to fight against Lu Tao.

Ye Qingzi stood there like an ice cold statue. Although she let the old servant continue talking rubbish, she didn't hear a word of it.

On the battlefield, Chu Mu's Ice Air Fairy had already been summoned in front of him. Aside from the Ice Air Fairy's one versus three fight in the Great Chu Family, it hadn't fought anymore. When Chu Mu summoned it, it was let out a continuous slew of excited shouts, and it wore the attitude as if it was going to give this brain-dead fellow a bit of a lesson.

“Ning, are you ready?” Chu Mu stared at Lu Tao's Ice Air Fairy and spoke to his slightly overly excited Ning.

“Ling~~~~~”

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“Begin!”

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“Ice Spike.” Lu Tao seized the decisive opportunity and immediately had his Ice Air Fairy use an ice type technique.

Practically, the moment the incantation had finished, a plethora of frost instantly appeared under Chu Mu and Ning’s feet. Suddenly, five ice spikes shockingly flew over, unexpectedly reaching a height of twenty meters!

Chu Mu was planning on having Ning use Ice Sword Array, but the incantation of Ice Sword Array was evidently longer than Ice Spike. Thus, Chu Mu had no choice but to have Ning stop the technique and dodge the five piercing ice spikes.

“At the beginning of the fight, using an overly-strong technique isn’t very wise because the incantation can be easily be interrupted by a quickly chanted technique.” the old servant put on the appearance of someone who understood things very well, and he spoke to the adjacent Ye Qingzi.

Ye Qingzi truly had the mental state of a fairy. Despite this old man’s peskiness next to her, she didn’t even crease her eyebrows. It was as if this old servant didn’t exist in her world.

The old servant had spoken correctly. Without the perfect opportunity, it wasn’t very wise to use a powerful technique. Especially under a single control situation, without the protection of another soul pet, the incantation would be very easily interrupted unless the soul pet had a relatively strong elemental will.

“Ice Wall.”

“Ling~~~~~”

Five black ice walls rapidly condensed in front of Ning and rose high above the ground!

“Beng!! Beng!! Beng!!!!”

Lu Tao’s Ice Air Fairy’s over a hundred ice blades all fell on this ice wall. These ice blades were merely constructed of normal ice crystals, and even if their might reached the seventh rank, they only managed to shatter four walls before completely turning into ice dregs.

“Ning, mysterious crystal Ice Sword.”

“Ling!!!!”

There was still the obstruction of one ice wall, so his Ice Air Fairy didn't have to worry as it used mysterious crystal Ice Sword!

An azure white colored mysterious crystal. When the Ice Air Fairy chanted an incantation and condensed the mysterious crystal on its head into ice cold ice swords, Lu Tao and Hua Cheng instantly lengthened their faces. They completely did not expect Chu Mu's sixth phase seventh stage Ice Air Fairy to possess mysterious crystal crystallization.

As for the old servant jabbering away on the side, his words suddenly came to a choked stop. His old eyes were wide open as he stared at the mysterious crystal ice crystals used by Chu Mu's Ice Air Fairy, and his old face let out an expression of somewhat disbelief.

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In the younger generation, it wasn't an absolute rarity to own a soul pet with Mysterious Crystal Ice Crystal, but having a sixth phase seventh stage Ice Air Fairy with Mysterious Crystal was definitely very rarely seen!

Lu Tao's Ice Air Fairy was already at the seventh phase eighth stage, but his Ice Air Fairy didn't control Mysterious Crystal. Following Lu Tao's estimate, a top tier talent Ice Air Fairy needed at least the eighth phase to learn an advanced ice type like Mysterious Crystal.

He furrowed his brow. If Chu Mu's Ice Air Fairy had Black Ice, then Lu Tao's Ice Air Fairy's advantage in stage and phase would be drastically reduced. Ice Sword Formation!

Mysterious

Crystal solidified, and it slowly became an eight meter long Mysterious Crystal sword that hovered upside down above the Ice Air Fairy!

“Ling~~~~~”

Ning let out a long chant and immediately, twenty swords, under the control of Ning, came hurtling down, bringing a blanket of cold air! “Broken Ice Domain.” said Lu Tao

As an incantation was chanted, the ground quickly froze over with a thick layer of ice crystals. With a sharp call from the ice air fairy, this recently conjured ice suddenly shattered and strangely floated around the body of the Ice Air Fairy.

Like hovering dust, the shattered ice silently floated around the Ice Air Fairy of Lu Tao. It was like miniature living things moving and combining with the will of the Ice Air Fairy.

Broken Ice Domain, a sixth rank ice type technique that created countless micro crystals that surrounded the body and, through mental manipulation, could be made into countless ice type techniques like ice swords, ice walls, ice shields, ice spikes, freeze, .....

“Ling~~~~~”

Twenty ice swords fell from the skies, and they imposingly slammed into where Lu Tao’s Ice Air Fairy was standing. Lu Tao’s Ice Air Fairy started controlling the microcrystals near it and constantly combined it into ice shields that blocked the ice swords.....”

“Honghonghong~~~~~”

The Mysterious Crystal Ice Swords blew up on the ice shields, causing countless mysterious ice shards to go flying.

“Heng, so what if you have mysterious ice? It’ll all belong to me!” Lu Tao laughed coldly, and he gave a command to his Ice Air Fairy.

Lu Tao’s Ice Air Fairy’s pupils suddenly became pale, as the power of the Broken Ice Domain rose up again. It actually directly controlled the shattered mysterious crystal ice crystals!

Elemental Control!

Lu Tao's Ice Air Fairy couldn't create an advanced ice type crystal like the Mysterious Crystal Ice Crystal, but through the power of the Broken Ice Domain and its own elemental controlling powers, it could manipulate the shattered Mysterious Ice and make it into its own power!

"I'll give you a taste of a Mysterious Crystal Ice Sword Formation!" Lu Tao laughed proudly. From what he saw, Chu Mu's control of other soul pets was stronger than his, but when purely comparing elemental soul pets, Chu Mu definitely wouldn't be his match.

"Control Mysterious Crystal!" Lu Tao told his soul pet.

The Mysterious Crystal that covered the grounds was controlled and slowly floated into the air, slowly forming an ice frost that again became twenty Mysterious Crystal Ice Swords!

The Elemental Sect's control over elemental soul pets indeed had its unique places. It could actually take others' powers for itself. This indeed taught Chu Mu a new battling method.

"Overlay!" Lu Tao again commanded his soul pet!

After taking another's Mysterious Crystal and making it its own and finishing the overlay of the technique, Lu Tao changed the situation from passively defending to actively attacking. Forty ice swords flew through the air and scarily slammed into the Ice Air Fairy's position.

"Beng!! Beng!! Beng!!! Beng!!!!!!!"

Ice swords fell down around the Ice Air Fairy, causing the ground to blow up and cause visible shaking within the entire battlefield.

Forty Mysterious Crystal ice swords with powers even higher than the Ice Air Fairy's original attack. It already neared the eighth rank in power!

Lu Tao could guess that Chu Mu's Ice Air Fairy's defense was at around seventh rank late stage. To a warrior rank Ice Air Fairy, reaching the seventh rank at the sixth phase seventh stage was already rare.

“High defense doesn’t matter if its battle tactics are this stiff.” Lu Tao already smiled. As a young generation expert of the Elemental Sect, if his ability to control elemental soul pets was worse than someone else, he felt like he would lose all of his face.

The ground near Ning had already shattered, but Ning hadn’t completed any defensive measures. The nearly eighth rank technique would definitely wound Ning.

“Ning, Freeze!” Chu Mu smiled coldly and gave out a command.

Within the frenzied Ice Swords, Ning’s body slowly dissipated and, at the reflection of an ice mirror, Ning’s translucent body slowly reappeared!

“What!” Seeing the Ice Air Fairy suddenly appear at another place, Lu Tao immediately opened his eyes wide. He completely didn’t expect Chu Mu to have placed a trap when creating the ice walls previously!

The spell quickly finished, and a piercing coldness crazily spread! As the frost spread, it froze Lu Tao’s Ice Air Fairy. Not fast enough to put up any defenses, the Ice Air Fairy’s body was immediately covered in thick Mysterious Crystal Ice Crystal!

“You’ve lost.” Chu Mu said lightly.

Just as he said that, the Ice Air Fairy’s second ice type technique suddenly appeared. Immediately, five Mysterious Crystal Ice spikes suddenly appeared near Lu Tao’s Ice Air Fairy. These ice spikes didn’t directly pierce the Ice Air fairy’s body, but instead surrounded the Ice Air Fairy and entrapped it!

“How is that possible……” Defeat came so quickly that Lu Tao didn’t have any time to react. He was only able to dumbly watch his soul pet that was stuck in between five twenty meter long Mysterious Crystal Ice Spikes.

If these five ice spikes were completely aimed towards his Ice Air Fairy, his Ice Air Fairy would definitely be heavily injured. Such an entrapping method meant the opponent had already gone easy on him.

…… “You still think your young master is powerful?” Ye Qingzi turned her head slightly and looked apathetically at the surprised old servant.



Putting Chu Mu aside, even Ye Qingzi's Ice Fire Demon Fairy and Dark Fire Heavenly Devil could easily destroy Lu Tao's soul pet. These two young masters had clearly stayed in a small place for too long. They had no idea just how distant they were from true experts. Against true experts, even if they were comprehensive in their development of their soul pets, their abilities to control were still superior and weren't contestable by any random character.

Thinking back to the loads of talk he had said which had now backfired, the old servant's face became awkward. "I didn't think that the two had concealed yourselves so well, hehe, hehe."

..... "Again! I don't believe that I can't beat you in the realm of elemental soul pet control." Lu Tao was already visibly angry. As a top tier expert within Langhe Region and a member of the Elemental Sect, he didn't believe that he would lose against Chu Mu in a match of elementals.

"You aren't my match. Come challenge me once you reach the level of a true, top tier expert." Chu Mu wouldn't waste time with a fellow he didn't put in his eyes. He apathetically retracted his soul pet and walked away from the battlefield.

There was a concrete difference between high tier experts and top tier experts. With Chu Mu's fame in Western Kingdom, he was able to completely overlook teens who were regional bests, because they had no qualifications to fight him now.

Lu Tao's face was already very ugly. He wanted to argue, but he remembered that Chu Mu was also a Nightmare Palace Nightmare Prince, and he didn't dare to do anything. After all, his seventh phase eighth stage Ice Air Fairy did lose to Chu Mu's sixth phase seventh stage Ice Air Fairy.

Hua Cheng was much weaker than Lu Tao. If even Lu Tao wasn't match for Chu Mu's elemental soul pet, then he wouldn't stand a chance, so this guy decisively gave up the thought of challenging Chu Mu.

"Heng, there are countless Elemental Sect experts. One day, you will fail horribly." Lu Tao said coldly.

"Oh." Chu Mu replied lightly and completely ignored Lu Tao, slowly walking to Ye Qingzi.

"Let's leave." Chu Mu said.

Ye Qingzi nodded and no longer cared about the two fellows who thought themselves smart. They walked out of the Elemental Plaza.

Lu Tao and Hua Cheng both knew that Chu Mu wasn't some simple character, so their eyes both lingered on Ye Qingzi's back image. What one couldn't receive always made one desire it even more. At this point, Lu Tao and Hua Cheng had this mentality. Being playboys, after finally finding a rarity of a woman, they could only watch as she left. Beside her was the famous Prison Island King Chu Mu, which made them have to dispel any thoughts that they originally had.

..... Just as Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi walked out of the elemental plaza, an elder approached them. This elder was also the old man who talked with them under the painting before.

"Young one, your control of your Ice Air Fairy is indeed great, it is rare indeed." The old man smiled a wrinkled smile.

Chu Mu only smiled slightly and didn't say much. Thinking back to the teen with Glazed Ice that the old man mentioned before, something felt like it was burning in Chu Mu's heart.

Glazed Ice was something that Old Li had told him about before, a path that his Ice Air Fairy could develop towards. But, to let his Ice Air Fairy control Glazed Ice was definitely not something simple. The path for this soul pet was still very long.

"You don't seem like Elemental Sect People." The elder opened his mouth to ask.

"En, I came to look for someone. Can I trouble elder to confirm the whereabouts of my two friends?" Ye Qingzi opened her mouth.

"Hehe, you're looking for the two from Li City, right? I talked with them before. They indeed planned on going towards the Colored Sky Mountain. I heard there were some bizarre phenomenons there recently. It may be that some soul pet worth cities had just been born. Young people like you really should go take a look. Miracles are everyone's fantasies, but not everyone gets miracles. Real miracles need to be earned." The elder smiled.

"Then thank you elder, may I ask your name." Chu Mu asked.

"Me? Everyone calls me Old Qing, hehe....." The old man smiled slightly and said.

