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Chapter 231: Ancient Azure Devil Tree

Chu Mu lifted his head and looked at the giant devil tree. Huge waves of emotions were set off in his heart. He didn't think that the Ancient Azure Devil Tree was actually that massive.

Its head had already poked out of the forest canopies. Its large hands pushed by the woods like he was pushing aside wheat stalks. Every step of its two branch consisted legs made a huge vibration in this flower forest.

"Spread apart!" Chu Mu sent a command to his soul pets.

Mo Xie naturally realized the power of this Ancient Azure Devil Tree. Nine spurts of royal flames started burning on her body, shrouding her and quickly turning around her paws. Following that, Mo Xie's body started growing within the royal flames, and nine gorgeous tails fanned open amongst the chaotic flames!

"Ding dang~~~~~ Ding dang~~~~~"

When Mo Xie became a royal flame Nine Tail Inferno Fox, the Bell Noise Concubine let out a light whimper, clearly frightened by Mo Xie's powerful aura and heat.

One of Mo Xie's tails was permanently curled around the flower demon Bell Noise Concubine, not giving it a chance to escape. With the wave of Mo Xie's long tail, this Bell Noise Concubine was also shaken around and around.....

"Ao~~~~~"

The two eyes of the Ancient Azure Devil Tree quickly locked onto Mo Xie, and it commanded its two giant arms to smash downwards, full of power and vigor!

"Mo Xie, Nine Tail Confuse!"

With tails like clouds unfolding, a silver flicker danced in the middle and Mo Xie's body moved near thirty meters to the side. The Ancient Azure Devil Tree's two arms smashed into the position Mo Xie was in before, creating a huge crater, but missing Mo Xie.

“ Mo Xie, you distract him.” Chu Mu said to Mo Xie.

“Wuwu~~” Mo Xie nodded. Just like last time, when she forcefully took the Ghost King and ran away, this time Mo Xie rolled the Bell Noise Concubine and started running away.

“Ao~~~~~”

The Ancient Azure Devil Tree was very angry. Its large arms violently broke off the twenty meter tall tree in its way and stepped forward in terrifying strides, casting techniques continuously towards Mo Xie.

“Devil Tree, Root Pierce!”

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier was only three meters tall, and it looked like a humanoid warrior wearing wooden armor. From its appearance, it seemed to be clearly worse than the Ancient Azure Devil Tree.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's arm quickly extended and, when the Ancient Azure Devil Tree was facing away, it successfully pierced its roots into the baky back of the tree.

“Life Force Absorb!” Chu Mu again commanded Devil Tree Battle Soldier.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier was full on life force right now. Using Life Force Absorb right now was akin to using soul cores. If it absorbed from a powerful soul pet, it would be like using soul crystals, potentially evolving it immediately.....

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's roots started squirming. However, when the Devil Tree Battle Soldier actually started absorbing, it realized that it wasn't absorbing the life of the Ancient Azure Devil Tree, but instead just some scraps on the outside of its skin.....

“Young master, your Devil Tree Battle Soldier can’t even penetrate its defense, so how could it Absorb Life? This Ancient Azure Devil Tree has already grasped initial stage Natural Wood and has reached eighth rank in defense. It completely ignores your Devil Tree’s attacks.” Old Li said.

When the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s Life Force Absorb failed, Chu Mu realized this, so he decisively told Zhan Ye to look for an opportunity to use Dark Corrosion to break through this Ancient Azure Devil Tree’s defense.

“The Ancient Azure Devil Tree is a top tier commander rank soul pet. Even without being strengthened, its combatting strength is much higher than other commander ranks. Adding on to that, its a wood type soul pet. Your two soul pets will only be able to scratch it.....” Old Li said again.

Chu Mu ignored Old Li’s words and jumped onto Zhan Ye’s back himself, chasing the Ancient Azure Devil Tree with large steps.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier was also smart. Knowing that its speed was very slow and that it probably wouldn’t be able to catch up to the Ancient Azure Devil Tree, and knowing that the Ancient Azure Devil Tree was ignoring its attacks, it simply used its Piercing Roots to wrap around the Ancient Azure Devil Tree, letting the massive being drag it along!

The Ancient Azure Devil Tree ignored Chu Mu’s two soul pets, which gave Zhan Ye the chance to get in.

Zhan Ye’s running speed wasn’t too slow. After casting Shadow Assault, it got to the feet of the Ancient Azure Devil Tree.

“Devil tree!” Chu Mu turned around and the Devil Tree Battle Soldier quickly understood Chu Mu’s meaning. One of its arms let loose, and it grabbed onto the Ancient Azure Devil Tree’s thigh.

Zhan Ye jumped onto the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s arm and, with a push on the long arm, it leapt to the Devil Tree’s other higher up arm.

“Ink Armor Spike!”

Chu Mu leaped up as well, following the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and slid onto the Devil Tree's body. After leaving Zhan Ye's back, the ink armor spikes on Zhan Ye's back all protruded outwards, piercing violently towards the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's back!

Ink Armor Spikes ignored defense, and it was the most effective weapon of Zhan Ye's close combat. The near one meter long ink armor spikes pierced deeply in, and the Ancient Azure Devil Tree let out a long howl!

"Life Force Absorb!" Seeing the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's back all corroded, Chu Mu decisively told the Devil Tree Battle Soldier to pierce its roots towards the corroded region!

"Pupu!!!!!" Two piercing roots went into the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's body and the roots started wriggling, causing the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's life to start to diminish.....

"Ao!!!!!!!!!!!"

After the Ancient Azure Devil Tree was hurt, it again let out an angry roar!

After this roar, the bark on the Ancient Azure Devil Tree suddenly opened with many airholes. Out of these air holes came countless whip like vines!

These vines grew crazily and quickly wrapped Zhan Ye, who hurt him, up. Zhan Ye couldn't dodge in time and, half way into the air, it was inescapably locked in the thin vines!

The thin whip vines started tightening, heavily constricting Zhan Ye's body, causing Zhan Ye's armor itself to become deformed!

If it were any other sixth phase commander, such a powerful constriction would definitely have killed it already.

Thankfully, Zhan Ye's life force was six times that of a normal soul pet. Six times life force meant a seventh phase middle staged commander rank's life force.

"Rapid Freeze!"

With an incantation, Chu Mu swiftly finished this soul technique that he hadn't completed in a long time.

Ice frost air gathered in Chu Mu's palms. With Chu Mu's wave, this frost floated towards the thin vines that bind Zhan Ye. The ice first slowly froze the vines.

Chu Mu didn't need to completely freeze all these vines, only needing the ice effect to remove some of the terrifying toughness and make it brittle.

"Houhou!!!!!!!"

With an infuriated roar, Zhan Ye's ink armor spike again extended. These spikes hit the brittle vines and immediately shattered them. As Zhan Ye's body extended open, the rest of the vines all broke.

The process where Zhan Ye was caught and escaped was about three to four seconds. In the meantime, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier had already absorbed a decent amount of life force.

However, the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's life force wasn't just a little big, either. Three to four seconds of absorbing didn't even seem to take ten percent of its life. Its attention was still fixated on Mo Xie.....

"Mo Xie, Nine Tail Flame!" Chu Mu also realized that for Devil Tree Battle Soldier and Zhan Ye to kill this high life force and defensive soul pet wasn't easy, so he told Mo Xie to join the battle.

"Wuwuwu~~~~~"

The tail that Mo Xie held the Bell Noise Concubine in suddenly shot upwards, throwing the Bell Noise Concubine high up. Her nine tails started getting consumed in raging fires as she was running. When the flames reached their peak, she heavily swept towards the Ancient Azure Devil Tree!

"Huhuhu~~~~~"

Demon Fire Evil Flames and Blood Flames pounced forwards in two layers, all hitting the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's body. The Ancient Azure Devil Tree that feared fire immediately let out a painful howl and started windmilling its arms, trying to put the fire out with pure force!

“Devil Tree, Wood Finger Prison!”

Devil Tree Battle Soldier slapped its palms on the ground, and its ten fingers extended into the ground. After a moment, ten chain-like fingers appeared near the Ancient Azure Devil Tree. Quickly darting thirty meters into the air, they fell down from above the Ancient Azure Devil Tree!

The wood fingers weren’t actually part of the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s body, and it was able to withstand more fire than its other body parts. Very quickly, these chain-like wooden fingers became fire chains, covering up the nearly twenty meter tall Ancient Azure Devil Tree.

“Chong Mei - Heavenly Flame Rite!”

As white demonic devil fire started burning on his body, Chu Mu lifted two balls of flames up with his hands as he chanted an incantation.....

“Pa~~~Pa~~~~~”

The Wood Finger Prison was violently broken by the enraged Ancient Azure Devil Tree, but at this moment, Chu Mu had finished his incantation!

“Wuwuwu~~~~~”

The Heavenly Flame Rite Mo Xie was casting also finished. Above the Ancient Azure Devil Tree’s head, a white, red, and crimson colored light beam silently fell!

“Beng!!!!!!”

When it fell, the Ancient Azure Devil Tree’s body and the ground all started shattering severely!

“Huhuhu!!!!!!!!!!”

The flame dragon rolled around, and the three different flames all stacked up, making it even more powerful. Even the massive body of the Ancient Azure Devil Tree couldn’t withstand such dancing

of flames. After its body was caught with flames, it started shaking even worse, falling to the ground heavily.

Fire itself was very harmful for wood type soul pets, not to mention the terrifying power of Mo Xie and Chu Mu's combined Heavenly Flame Rite!

After Ancient Azure Devil Tree was fallen, it was clearly heavily wounded. In the fire, it painfully propped itself up, roaring loud enough to shake the entire flower forest.....

Mo Xie's silver eyes watched the Ancient Azure Devil Tree apathetically as it burned within the flames, yet one of its tails was as if it had a mind of its own, extending to grab the Bell Noise Concubine back into her tails.

The Bell Noise Concubine was only at the third phase, so it was like an adult facing a third year old for Mo Xie. The Bell Noise Concubine couldn't possibly leave Mo Xie's control.....

"Young master, the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's fruits are within it. The soul crystal and others are also all in its body. Try not to kill it with fire, or else most of it will be destroyed. The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's Life Force Absorb can suck advanced soul pets' energy. This eighth phase Ancient Azure Devil Tree's life is very helpful for it. If absorbs it, it may even grow again." Old Li reminded Chu Mu.

Chapter 232: Eighth rank wood type soul crystal

Chu Mu nodded, decisively retracting his Zhan Ye back into his soul pet space and summoning his Ice Air Fairy before him. While the Ancient Azure Devil Tree was greatly weakened, it casted a series of ice type attacks.

The Ice Air Fairy's current fighting strength wouldn't be much weaker than Mo Xie's now. Its towering ice crystal could very effectively freeze the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's body!

"Ice Chain Formation!"

"Mo Xie, Nine Tail Chain!"

With an incantation, the Ice Air Fairy's ice chains heavily locked onto the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's body.

Mo Xie's eight tails became durable fox tail chains that extended to trap the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's arm, causing its arms to be unable to move.

“Devil Tree, Piercing Root!”

With a throw of the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's arm, the piercing roots dug deep into the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's body!

Life Force Absorb!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldiers roots crazily wriggled, and they started to absorb the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's life. The Ancient Azure Devil Tree struggled greatly, yet it couldn't fight free of Chu Mu's Mo Xie and Ning's control, only able to let out angry roars.

Wood type energy was already very pure and was often saved in the body for many years. Yet this huge amount of wood type life force was like a river as it entered the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's body. During this process, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's body had already undergone big changes!

Ten seconds of uninterrupted absorbing!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's absorbing lasted ten seconds. Once the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's roots were retracted, the Ancient Azure Devil Tree also fell like a wooden mountain, becoming withered and rotten with no sign of life in it left.....

The Ancient Azure Devil Tree's rank was by itself already higher than the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's. After its life essence was all absorbed by the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, the Devil Tree clearly gained lots of benefits.

“It grew again?” Chu Mu's eyes watched as Devil Tree's body slowly changed and said with surprise.

In the past few weeks, the Devil Tree had continued to grow, and every growth meant its type was strengthened!

“Same species soul pet had life forces that merged well already, and the energy was extremely pure. Your Devil Tree Battle Soldier was, at most, high tier commander rank in strengthening, so after absorbing such a massive amount of top tier commander rank life force, how could it not grow?” Old Li said.

Sixth phase ninth stage. Half a month back, the Devil Tree had risen two stages, reaching the sixth phase eighth stage. Now, it reached the sixth phase ninth stage. When they return to the city and buy some soul items, they would have no problem breaching the seventh phase!

Its fighting strength could definitely be strengthened to the same level as the Ice Air Fairy. In fact, with life force absorb, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier could be undefeated.

“Ao~~~~Ao~~~~~”

After reaching sixth phase ninth stage, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier let out excited roars.

To the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, growth of a stage was already not to big of a deal. The most important was that, through the pure life force of the Ancient Azure Devil Tree, its wood type had progressed from high tier commander to top tier commander level.

Though it was a high class warrior rank soul pet, its fighting strength right now was definitely higher than any high class commander rank!

“One more strengthening. Once it reaches seventh phase, fighting Yu He’s Hundred Tree Female Demon definitely won’t be an issue.” Chu Mu smiled.

He wondered how strange Yu He’s expression would be when he notices a wounded Devil Tree Battle Soldier recovering to its full status in the middle of the fight.

“Wuwuwu~~~~~”

Seeing the Devil Tree reach sixth phase ninth stage, Mo Xie started to murmur. If they were ranked by stage and phase, Mo Xie was the third from the bottom now.

Chu Mu rubbed little Mo Xie's head and laughed, "Your talent is too strong, so eating anything is useless. You can only grow through battle....."

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier used to be normal commander rank. From normal commander rank to beyond commander rank was a very large space for strengthening.

The strengthening of type would simultaneously bring growth in stage, so the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's stages naturally increased quickly.

As for Mo Xie, her original type was already at the monarch rank. Any soul item under a few dozens of millions was akin to normal food for Mo Xie.

Those above ten million could barely increase Mo Xie's type by a little, but that was still only a little, not having a great effect.

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Mo Xie's three big type talents were all monarch ranked. When Chu Mu strengthened her, he had to take into consideration the three type talent ratios. This made the amount of soul items he could use very limited.

Even if there was an advanced, three type soul item, Chu Mu's old naive self would've imagined it to be over ten million gold. Now that he got in touch with higher level soul items, he knew that if he wanted to raise Mo Xie's three monarch rank talents another level, the soul item would very likely be in the hundreds of millions of gold!

Similarly, the White Nightmare was the same. It wasn't that Chu Mu didn't strengthen the White Nightmare or Mo Xie to increase their stage quickly, it was just that their talent was too high. Things worth over ten thousand gold could only improve their type slightly and maybe raise their stage by one. Those that cost over hundreds of thousands, on the other hand, wasn't something that Chu Mu could afford.....

The situation with the Ghost King was slightly better. The Ghost King's stage was lower. Though ten thousand gold soul items couldn't strengthen its rock or ghost type by much, it could still raise its stage by a couple, and if the stages go up, so will its power.

In reality, Mo Xie had saved a huge amount of money for Chu Mu. If Mo Xie was always a moonlight fox, the amount of money needed to raise the servant rank moonlight fox to monarch rank was also calculated in the hundreds of millions of gold.

Stages can be increased by battling.

Talent needed soul items to change.

Yet mutating was the most special way to increase talent.

Mo Xie's greatest advantage was in her ability to mutate. When she mutated to a more advanced soul pet, other than appearance, species, and techniques, the most important change was talent, and it was a huge increase too.

Of all of Chu Mu's soul pets, the least strengthened was Mo Xie, because her mutating bloodline could self strengthen.....

While mutating increased all abilities by a great amount, Mo Xie's stage won't change, which created an issue - Mo Xie can't grow through soul items.

This way, Mo Xie's growth speed was completely dependent on fighting, and so falling behind other soul pets was normal. After all, her talent was too high.

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“Ding~~~ Ding~~~~~”

The Bell Noise Concubine's voice was like a wind chime. Seeing Chu Mu walk over, it was already very frantic and scared.

To combat soul pets with no fighting intent, capturing them was very easy. Chu Mu cast the soul capture incantation and used his spirit master remembrance to forcefully make it submit.

The first time, the Bell Noise Concubine blocked it off with its strong willpower, yet when Chu Mu chanted another incantation, its mental strength finally couldn't stop Chu Mu's powerful remembrance, and it was captured into Chu Mu's soul capture ring.

After putting some soul cores into the soul capture ring, Chu Mu put his attention onto the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's corpse.

The outer skin of it was already torched black. After Mo Xie ripped it open with her claws, it fell into pieces. Finding treasure within corpses was something Mo Xie was very familiar with.

“Wuwuwu~~~Wuwu~~~”

Just as the Pitiful Appearance Mo Xie dove into the Ancient Azure Devil Tree's body, she let out excited calls and walked out waving her nine little tails around, holding a clear green thing in her mouth.

“Young master, young master, soul crystal!! Soul crystal!!” Old Li's eyes were sharp and immediately identified the object. His short body immediately jumped forward and ran towards Mo Xie as his eyes flickered gold, wanting to take the crystal.

One of Mo Xie's silver tails seemed to have been ready. Just as Old Li was about to take it, Mo Xie did a beautiful sweep with her tail and swept him away.

Chu Mu was also pleasantly surprised, catching the soul crystal, still covered in black wooden shrap, that Mo Xie had.

“Eighth rank wood type soul crystal!” Chu Mu opened his mouth to smile. Just now, he was worrying over how to earn enough money for his Devil Tree Battle Soldier. He hadn't thought that lady lucky would favor him this quickly, giving such a big gift to him!

The eighth rank wood type soul crystal, and coming from a top tier commander like Ancient Azure Devil Tree too. Such a soul crystal was definitely in the 20 millions. Being able to capture a Bell Noise Concubine worth 5 million was already something worth being happy for. With this 20 million gold, it repaid Chu Mu for his efforts darting around in the forest for over half a month.

Chu Mu put the soul crystal back into his spatial ring and continued to look for valuable things in the Ancient Azure Devil Tree. Very quickly, Mo Xie pulled out another item, one that looked like a

heart. This heart had a heavy case outside of it. The fire before didn't harm it much, and it still had some of the sap from inside the Ancient Azure Devil Tree.

"Eighth phase Ancient Azure Devil Tree fruit.....such an item isn't cheap either." Old Li said in a small sound.

No matter how valuable it was though, this fruit was for Ye Wansheng's cure. After all, Ancient Azure Devil Trees were very rare. Even some Kingdom Cities couldn't find the fruit.

"The brother and sister shouldn't have arrived at Li City so quickly yet. There's still another month, so let's train in this area of Yuan Forest." Chu Mu petted little Mo Xie and said.

"Young master, if you have to train, walk north a bit more and you'll reach a more primitive part of the forest. There are soul pets everywhere there. Fight for a month and your soul pets should increase in stage considerably. Once you reach Li City, you can firmly kick the crafty kid's ass." Old Li held a massive map that covered his head as he said.

Resting in place for a bit, Chu Mu retracted his Ice Air Fairy and summoned the Zhan Ye that needed more training, before taking big strides towards the denser forests.....

Chapter 233: Whereabout of the Split Off Dragon Egg

Li Region, Li City, Elemental Sect

Yu He's face was red as he stood in the courtyard, his chest heaved as he clearly was forcibly suppressing his emotions.

"Pai~~~~"

Sweeping his arm, Yu He abruptly knocked the tea cups off the adjacent table all off. Immediately, the expensive teaware and water fell onto the ground, shattering.

"To destroy a bridge after crossing a river. Hmph, don't believe that I don't know what you're thinking!" Yu He's eyes turned malicious.

Presently, Yu He was the only one in the courtyard. He didn't dare expose such emotions before.

"If something happens to me this time, you bastards won't be able to hide away from me!" Yu He grit his teeth.

As Yu He vented his anger, a young man wearing a long striped robe slowly walked into the courtyard.

The young man swept his eyes over the broken teacups and a smile rose on his face: "What's the need to be so angry, eh? You should have realized what kind of people they were when you dealt with them."

"Hmph, if it wasn't for the benefit they promised me..." Yu He sat back down on the stone chair. He faintly suppressed the anger in his heart and glanced at the young man, saying: "Your Soul Alliance people rarely ever go outside to Zhanli Kingdom. Yet, why do I feel you guys have frequently come here in the past few years?"

"Haha, why are you asking a question you already know the answer to?" the young man said as he sat next to Yu He.

Yu He's emotions quickly calmed and he asked in an interested tone: "Has that soul pet that shook the entire soul pet world truly fled already?"

"If it fled, then it fled. In truth, it's not something inconceivable. That Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon is something our lord can't even control..." laughed the young man.

"No one can control it. You guys further didn't rely on it to do things for you for a long period of time. In my opinion, perhaps you no longer had anything that could limit it. You guys further didn't have the face to say you couldn't control that soul pet so you let it flee before arbitrarily telling people to chase it, putting on a show..." said Yu He.

The young man ignored Yu He's cutting remarks and fiddled with the beautiful ring on his hand.

"Lu Ying, the two of us are very familiar with each other. What is it you can't say? Is that Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon's split off egg truly in Eternal Ocean? If it's really there, why aren't so many people able to find it?" asked Yu He.

“We’ve already found the traces of the Innards of a God. It was on an island called Prison Island which is administered by Nightmare Palace. The Hidden Dragon egg should have been split off nearby...” said the young man named Lu Ying.

“Prison Island? I seem to have heard it before. Then again, why did it take so long for you guys to discover the traces of the Innards of a God? It took you about a year, eh?” asked Yu He.

“Do you think that Eternal Ocean is some benevolent place? The area that the Nightmare Palace administers in Eternal Ocean isn’t even ten percent of the entire ocean. Could it be you’ve never heard of Eternal Ocean’s legend?” Lu Ying’s tone turned rather serious.

“Eternal Ocean’s legend? I’ve heard a bit about it. There seems to have inhabited an extremely powerful mysterious soul pet in Eternal Ocean. That soul pet’s true identity has never been seen by anyone to this day. I only know that practically no one in the entire soul pet world dares provoke it...” Yu He’s eyes turned as he quickly linked the Eternal Ocean legend with the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s matters.

“You mean that the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s split off egg could have fallen into that mysterious soul pet’s hands?” Yu He gave this inference.

Lu Ying nodded his head, but then shook his head. He seemed to be hesitating whether or not to speak about certain information.

Yu He realized that Lu Ying had some important news and decisively took off his ring before slowly pushing it to Lu Ying: “We’ve been brothers for so long, what harm is there in telling me? I’m also very curious. There isn’t much in this ring, but it shouldn’t be a problem to strengthen your soul pets...”

Lu Ying laughed and calmly took the ring. Using soul remembrance, he said to Yu He: “Due to that soul pet in Eternal Ocean and Nightmare Palace’s obstruction, we spent a long time in Eternal Ocean before finally finding the remnants of the Innards of a God.

After listening to the analysis of seniors, there are three possibilities of that split off Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s egg.

The first is that it was seized by that soul pet in Eternal Ocean.

The second is that it could have been hidden in some place by the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon and we still haven't found it.

The third reason is..." when he got here, Lu Ying intentionally hesitated a while.

Yu He clearly wanted to know and he stared fixedly at Lu Ying.

The split off Hidden Dragon Egg of the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon was something that countless soul pet trainers yearned for even in their dreams. The reason why Soul Alliance was able to ascertain their position in the soul pet world was precisely predicated on obtaining this special dragon egg and firmly controlling a few extremely rare and strong soul pets in their hands.

It was said that the insect egg of the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon was a monarch rank Cyan Hidden Dragon. Its fighting strength was practically unparalleled amongst the monarch rank and was even more terrifying than Nightmare Palace's White Nightmare. Very long ago, there was a young soul pet trainer who had obtained an insect egg that the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon had accidentally left in the wild. Using this Cyan Hidden Dragon, this soul pet trainer instantly became one of the best young generation experts in the soul pet world. Even after leaving the scope of the young generation, his name spread far and wide in the entire soul pet realm.

One soul pet could change a soul pet trainer's life. Yu He could be regarded to have a bit of status in Elemental Sect; however, in the incomparably vast soul pet realm, such strength was nothing to be arrogant about. If he could obtain the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon's splitt off Hidden Dragon Egg, then his status would definitely leap up. He would even have enough confidence in the Battle of the Realms where experts congregated.

"What is this third possibility? Quickly speak..." Yu Jia had clearly grown anxious.

Seeing Yu He's impatience, Lu Ying laughed and whispered: "The Innards of a God were on Nightmare Palace's Prison Island. At that time, there were three thousand prisoners on Prison Island. All three thousand of these prisoners died save one. This person happens to be Nightmare Palace's Prison Island King..."

"I understand!!" Yu He was a smart person and Lu Ying's words immediately allowed him to guess of a possibility. The shock on his face was extreme!

“Haha...”

“Do you know who that person is?” probed Yu He.

A Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s split off dragon egg!!!

Such immense attraction, and Yu He was already silently gritting his teeth. Even if there was only a one in three possibility, he absolutely had to find this Prison Island King. The Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s split off egg could be in his hands.

“It’s very unfortunate. If we had known about it half a year ago, we could have immediately captured him as this Prison Island King was shaking up the Western Kingdom then. However, half a year later, news of this Prison Island King are no more. No one knows where he is.” said Lu Ying.

Yu He’s eyes turned as he asked in an extremely small voice: “How many people know of this?”

“Not many. My father, Senior Tian Ting, one person in Nightmare Palace, myself and you. I also spent enormous energy to learn it from my father. You should be clear of how significant this is. I only told you because I thought of us two growing up together. Just say you learned of it out of curiosity and it’ll be fine. You absolutely cannot tell anyone else anything...” said Lu Ying.

“Of course. You don’t even trust me with this?” laughed Yu He.

“That said, I had better leave. My father doesn’t want me to stay here at your place too long.” said Yu He.

“I’ll send you off. Oh, I almost forgot to ask you. What brings your Soul Alliance people here to my Li City?” asked Yu He with a laugh.

“It has to do with the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s matters. You’ll know in the future. Haha, I think that you shouldn’t overthink it. Deal with your situation first; I heard you have big trouble.” after speaking, Lu Ying turned and left.

“Has to do with the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s matters?” Yu He revealed a confused expression as he began to guess...

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The end of Yuan Forest was like an enormous palm print. It stretched through two regions, and extended into the most western side of Li Region.

The most western side of the Li region was a rather sparse forest and this forest had many soul pets that roamed about. However, it was practically impossible to find warrior rank and above soul pets here.

The sun shone brightly and a cool wind brushed by; the figures of trees painted a mottley picture...

Under a tree, an old soul pet trainer was slowly walking around with three thirteen or fourteen year old youngsters.

“Soul pets have spirit and when you capture them, you have to attempt to connect with them. If you discover that you can understand the frame of mind of a soul pet, a large part of your soul pact will have been success. Today is the first time you face true soul pets. It’s best if you don’t rashly bother with fifth phase and above soul pets. With your weak soul power, you won’t be able to capture them.” the senior soul pet trainer had the three youngsters follow closely behind him.

The three youngsters listened very closely to the senior soul pet trainer’s words and closely followed behind. They curiously and nervously surveyed their surroundings. Although they were somewhat afraid, it wasn’t enough to conceal the excitement of being on the verge of obtaining their first soul pet.

“Hou Hou~~~~~”

Suddenly, a chilly wind carrying a scent of blood flew into them head on. The three youngsters couldn’t help but shiver.

The senior soul pet trainer’s face faintly changed. He didn’t think that a fourth phase Bloodsucking Beast would appear here!

Bloodsucking Beasts were notorious soul pets. They were incomparably savage and this senior soul pet trainer was only the lowest level soul pet trainer. There was a chance he couldn't deal with it.

"Retreat, retreat..." the senior soul pet trainer hastily chanted an incantation and had the youngsters who were trembling in fear retreat.

His expression grave, the senior closely watched at the Bloodsucking Beast. His heart kept jumping with a 'pudong pudong' sound as he racked his brains to search for a way to deal with it.

However, just as he planned on letting the children flee first while he dealt with the fourth phase Bloodsucking Beast, the Bloodsucking Beast let out a panicked shout and fled in another direction.

The Bloodsucking Beast fled? 年长魂宠师愣了愣，目光望去，这才诧异的发现一个邪异的男子缓缓的从林子深处走来，他没有召唤任何魂宠，但是那股神秘又妖异的气息，却令人不寒而栗……

The senior soul pet trainer was shocked. He searched with his gaze and astonishedly discovered an abnormally demonic man slowly walk out of the depths of the forest. He hadn't summoned any soul pet, but mysterious yet abnormally demonic aura caused one to tremble in fear...

Chapter 234: The Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon's Level

"Teacher..." the few youngsters were trembling all over in fear. Their clear black eyes stared at the man man covered in shadows and their hearts beat rapidly.

This was the first time they had sensed such a terrifying aura from a person. It was even much stronger than the fourth phase Bloodsucking Beast!

The senior soul pet trainer stood up. His entire being was like a statue, and even though he wanted to speak, he didn't know what to say. An incorporeal pressure shrouded this area...

"You guys should go back, there are many Bloodsucking Beasts in the vicinity." the man walked up face to face with the senior soul pet trainer and spoke in a calm voice.

Hearing Chu Mu talk, the senior soul pet trainer let out a faint sigh. However, when he heard the details of his words, he hastily swept his eyes over the surroundings.

Indeed!

Pairs of red eyes would disappear and appear in the thicket. With each interval the wind blew towards him, he could smell the terrifying blood stench!

“Follow me; don’t stay too far away from me.” said the powerful aura man.

The senior soul pet trainer was shocked. Then, he finally understood and immediately turned around and gave orders to the three youngsters. He had them closely follow behind this man.

“Hu hu hu hu~~~~”

Waves of blood-smelling wind blew over and the surrounding eyes seemed to be growing more. Furthermore, even a few high phase/stage Bloodsucking Beasts directly jumped out of the thicket and followed behind the few of them at a certain distance. They could launch an attack at any moment.

The senior soul pet trainer apprehensively watched the surroundings. Right now, he understood why this man would emit such a terrifying aura. He was using his own majesty to subdue those restless Bloodsucking Beasts.

Using his aura, he was able to instill fear into the normally savage Bloodsucking Beasts. The senior soul pet trainer was shocked, and wanted to know exactly what level soul pet trainer this young man was.

The three youngsters found that these Bloodsucking Beasts didn’t dare get close and gradually relaxed. They looked inquisitively at this stern older brother...

“Ok, it’s safe here. If you want to capture a soul pet, you can do so nearby here. Just now you were close to Yuan Forest.” said the young man.

“I... I’m extremely thankful... this was my mistake and I nearly brought the kids with me...” the senior soul pet trainer’s face was full of emotions and he continuously gave his thanks.

“That’s the direction to the town, right?” asked the young man as he pointed ahead.

“Yes, if you follow these birch trees straight along, you’ll be able to see it.” said the senior soul pet trainer.

The young man nodded his head. He didn’t say anything more, and he walked in the direction the birch trees extended along.

The few children saw that this stern older brother had left and after he left their field of view, they immediately encircled the senior soul pet trainer, asking him excitedly: “Isn’t that older brother really awesome? Otherwise why wouldn’t those Bloodsucking Beasts dare not approach...”

“Yes, extremely strong. Without summoning a soul pet and purely relying on aura to subdue a group of soul pets; the strongest soul pet trainers in our town can’t even do it.” the senior soul pet trainer let out a sigh.

He knew that there were many powerful soul pet trainers in this world, but such a young person possessing powerful strength was definitely unheard of by him.

The eyes of the few youngsters immediately lit up, and they looked in the direction the man had left with gazes of adoration.

To them, these young soul pet trainers who hadn’t actually controlled a soul pet before, being able to see such a powerful person in the wild and the factor of unknown strength coupled with their desires made it become a wonderful thought. It would leave a memory that was hard to erase in their young hearts and minds.

Perhaps on their future paths, they would use this expert as a goal to strive for.

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The person who had passed by and helped these people alleviate a crisis naturally was Chu Mu. He had already trained in the Yuan Forest for a month. His wild-beast aura hadn’t fully faded so when he walked out, he gave these weak fellows a huge pressure.

Chu Mu's hearing was very good, and even though he was very far away from them, he could still hear them talk. He unconsciously recalled his past self.

Seven or eight years ago he was exactly like them. He yearned for soul pets like them and adored experts like them.

In truth, the past Chu Mu had never believed he would have walked to the height he had now. At the very beginning, his only goal had been to strive for his family, hoping to become the strongest in his family.

Yet, right now, his strength had already surpassed Chu Ming, who was the Chu Family's strongest. He was walking further and further away from his family that had migrated elsewhere.

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Immersing himself in the sunlight, Chu Mu raised his head and looked through the dense cluster of leaves on the birch trees. He stared at the small town and suddenly had a reminiscing and perplexed feeling.

Those young people that had inadvertently walked into Chu Mu had made him their goal. Chu Mu identically had also made those experts he had met a target to surpass.

A long time ago, Chu Mu had made his father his target, even if he could only summon one soul pet. After his cruel life in Nightmare Palace, he had completely shifted the powerful resentment in his heart onto Xia Guanghan.

Back then, Chu Mu had sworn that within ten years, he would definitely surpass Xia Guanghan.

However, looking at things right now, surpassing Xia Guanghan wouldn't take too long. Chu Mu had already shortened the time to one or two years; at best, when he reached City Under the Heavens, he would be able to fight against Xia Guanghan!

Xia Guanghan had already been seriously wounded by Chu Mu. Within these two years, it would definitely be very hard for his strength to increase, while it would be the most optimal time for Chu Mu to quickly grow.

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“Old Li, the Eternal Ocean has a mysterious powerful creature. Have you heard of it?” upon recalling things of the past, Chu Mu naturally thought of that powerful mysterious creature.

“Oh, you’re speaking of it. That fellow stays secluded all the time, and it lives like a deity in Eternal Ocean. The peak experts of Nightmare Palace once tried to fight against it, but were all forced back.” said Old Li.

“What soul pet is it? What rank?” asked Chu Mu.

“What rank? That’s not too easy to answer. Perhaps it’s a soul pet that’s surpassed the tenth phase or perhaps it’s a soul pet that’s surpassed our demarcated categories...” said Old Li.

Chu Mu glanced at Old Li and his eyes were rather strange.

With Chu Mu’s understanding of Old Li, when it came to soul pets, Old Li would jabber on non-stop about facts and his own fabrications. He would say everything about a soul pet, yet when it came to Eternal Ocean’s mysterious soul pet, he merely spoke a few sentences. This really wasn’t according to his nature.

Old Li seemed to have felt Chu Mu’s gaze and his leopard-cat face became slightly unnatural. He hastily said: “I only know this much. Could it be that you think this soul pet is something that anyone will know about?”

“Fine, then speak about the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon? What do you understand about this soul pet?” asked Chu Mu.

In the past, Chu Mu didn’t trust Old Li’s character. Towards the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s matters, Chu Mu felt that he couldn’t casually mention it to others. It wasn’t until now when he reminisced when he asked out of curiosity.

“That Cyan Hidden Dragon eh? There are a lot of stories I can talk about; the earliest dates to twenty years ago when Soul Alliance’s head entered a place called ‘Dragon Region’. He took advantage of the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon transforming into a god and stole an extremely important object from it and returned to Soul Alliance.” said Old Li.

“Something? What something?” asked Chu Mu, confused.

“I don’t know either. Regardless, it was extremely important to the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon. It could have been its main dragon egg, its dragon heart, its son, its daughter, anything...” said Old Li.

Chu Mu didn’t say anything. He looked down and began to ponder.

“After the Soul Alliance seized this object, they forcibly made the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon yield. From then on, that young Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon became the Soul Alliance’s trump card. For one, they would steal the dragon egg the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon would split off every time it transformed into a god. Additionally, whenever they encountered a powerful enemy they couldn’t defeat, they would have this Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon make a move...” said Old Li.

“Nobody signed a soul pact with it?” asked Chu Mu.

“Impossible. The Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon’s rank isn’t something humans can sign a soul pact with. Its dragon species puts its status above humans, and further gives it the acclaimed title of the god of soul pets. Even with that extremely important object that controlled the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon, the Soul Alliance people still accordingly treated it like a god.” said Old Li.

“How strong is the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon?” asked Chu Mu.

Back when he first saw the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon and that mysterious soul pet’s fight, the only thing Chu Mu could see in that level of fighting was destruction; he was simply incapable of understanding their true strength.

“The Soul Palace has Seven Diagram Saint Beasts. These Seven Diagram Saint Beasts when all combined can subdue the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon. Of course, a few of them will certainly die. The Nightmare Palace has a Nightmare Ancestor. This Nightmare Ancestor’s strength is perhaps slightly stronger than the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon, but if it were to fight the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon, the one which would die would definitely be the Nightmare Ancestor.” said Old Li.

“Why?”

“This is a bit complicated and I can’t explain it clearly. In brief, that Nightmare Ancestor hasn’t appeared for a long time.”said Old Li.

“The Elemental Sect doesn’t have any soul pet that can contend with the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon, but the Soul Pet Palace has one. However, it’s very mysterious and the Soul Pet Palace has always been the most low-key. Who knows whether they’re hiding some great creature. Ten years ago, a bit of information was leaked, but I don’t know if that rumor is true... strange, why did young master suddenly ask this?” Old Li’s words suddenly came to a halt.

“No reason; I just want to understand.” Chu Mu shook his head and didn’t speak the truth.

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The things Old Li said before was presumably the strongest soul pets of those great factions. Only, Chu Mu knew that he wouldn’t be able to truly understand the power of them, so he only shook his head and rubbed Mo Xie’s smooth fur lightly.

“Wuwu~~~” Mo Xie laid very satisfied in Chu Mu’s arms, not caring about any of what Old Li said before, comfortably shutting her eyes, waving her nine little tails lightly.....

Thinking back to the verbal communication between the Empyrean Hidden Cyan Dragon and Mo Xie before it left, Chu Mu sighed with sorrow. He didn’t know if Mo Xie was the “very important thing” that the Empyrean Hidden Cyan Dragon was talking about. If she was.....

“How’s the relationship between Soul Palace and Soul Alliance?” Chu Mu asked.

“Normal, they aren’t allies but they don’t fight either. I suggest young master to get closer to Soul Palace. The old fellows in Soul Palace are all stubborn and sly, but they’re also all very protective of their people.....” Old Li said.

Chu Mu nodded and didn’t say much. With the relationship of Liu Binglan, if Chu Mu were to get close to any power, he would try to get close to Soul Palace. However, Chu Mu felt that when his power wasn’t strong enough, he shouldn’t get deep into any power. Even Soul Palace could have ruthless and conscience-lacking people.....

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Entering a small city, Chu Mu found a place to stay. He comfortably took a hot water shower and washed away all the blood smell and viciousness that he had built up in the month of killing.

In the past month, Chu Mu had almost finished all the soul cores that he had prepared. Chu Mu didn't want to stay in this small city for long, deciding to head six to seven miles towards Li City first thing in the morning tomorrow.

The Night Thunder Dream Beast was at the seventh phase third stage. Its stamina and speed had already increased a lot, or else they would need at least a month to travel from the edges of the Li Region to Li City.

Mo Xie had mostly napped in the soul pet space for the past month, but she also increased a stage, reaching the sixth phase ninth stage. The Demon Fire Evil Flames were still at the advanced stage, while the blood flames were still at the initial stage.

The Ice Air Fairy hadn't stayed still either, going from the seventh phase first stage to the seventh phase second stage.

After a month of battling, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, though still at the sixth phase ninth stage, was nearing seventh phase.

Zhan Ye was a main improvement target, and it had also reached the sixth phase third stage, evolving its claws from the seventh phase initial stage to seventh phase middle stage. With a sixth rank full form offensive soul claw, its claw strength was barely equal to Mo Xie's.

不过，莫邪的技能要比战也的强上不少，攻击力上战也还是楚暮魂宠中最强的。

However, Mo Xie's techniques were much stronger than Zhan Ye, despite Zhan Ye's attack being the highest of Chu Mu's soul pets.

The White Nightmare had stayed at seventh phase for a long time. Only after the night when Chu Mu entered the little city and fed half of his soul power to the White Nightmare did it finally grow a stage and reach the seventh phase second stage.

The White Nightmare's growing process was very strange. If Chu Mu didn't give it enough soul power, it would act in a fit and not grow.....

The Ghost King had gone through a month of battling and went from the fifth phase eighth stage to fifth phase ninth stage. If they reached Li City and bought a sixth level soul crystal, Chu Mu would be able to grow Ghost King to sixth phase.

The sixth level soul crystal's price would only be a few hundred thousand. However, Chu Mu couldn't possibly buy any normal sixth level soul crystal. Normal sixth level soul crystals would be like food for the Ghost King.

With the Ghost King's current types, only condensed soul crystals would have obvious effects. What is known as condensed soul crystals is refining same level soul crystals for their essence and making it into a sixth level energy crystal with a very large energy pool. The price is determined by the amount of sixth level soul crystals used in the refining process.

The condensed sixth level soul crystal and Chu Mu wanted to feed Ghost King was at least sixth phase, so it was at least a few million, or maybe even more.....

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In six or seven days of running, Chu Mu slowly neared the center of Li Region: Li City.

Li City's grandeur was way past what Chu Mu imagined. Chu Mu had seen three tenth level cities, the first of which was White Nightmare Palace.

At that time, when he was riding the Ice Winged Tiger and looked down upon it, the majestic and dignified manner caused a tide to go off in Chu Mu's heart.

The second tenth level city was Jia City. In reality, Jia City wasn't really a tenth level city, because it seemed wretched even in comparison to the ninth level Colored Sky City.

The third tenth level city was the Great Chu Family's Wo Gu City. Wo Gu City was full of an ancient strictness, a city full of history.

Yet the Li City in front of him was even vaster than the White Nightmare City of the Western Kingdom. When Chu Mu rode his Night Thunder Dream Beast near, he felt as if he was a speck of dust.

The flourishing city, endless streams of people... entering such a city would make one completely confused, losing one's sense of direction and maybe even lose sight on one's faith and goals.

"The western Kingdom's Kingdom Capital was controlled by the Luo Region Sect, so its manner was much weaker than Li City's. Li City was Zhan Li Kingdom's Kingdom Capital, so it wasn't on the same level as the Region Capitals in Western Kingdom and other ninth level cities. In reality, Kingdom Capitals should be eleventh level cities." Old Li's voice floated out.

Chu Mu nodded. This was the first time he's entered a Kingdom City, so he was also full of emotions.

Almost in every city's main road, if one were to walk down the main path, one would find the soul pet palace, auction house, elemental sect, and the soul palace, etc. that soul pet trainers often lingered around.

Chu Mu this time also followed the main path. The main road was very broad, and Chu Mu could often see soul pet trainers that rode their soul pets along the streets, some of which demon types that were very good at dodging. Their speeds were even faster than Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast at full speed, yet they could rely on their exquisite dodging skills to flow through the crowds despite similarly speeding soul pet trainers. Moving clouds and flowing water, this city painted an intense scene.

Before, Chu Mu also saw running soul pet trainers in the cities before, but those city experts clearly weren't as crazy as this city's experts. Seeing those soul pets run through the streets, Chu Mu was afraid if they would accidentally slam into the weaker soul pets around.

"Young master, look under you, you've entered the free zone." Old Li said.

"Free zone?" Chu Mu looked down questioningly before noticing that there was a color difference on the wide main path.

"A free zone means a zone where one can summon soul pets and run at will. Think, most cities are anti-fly zones. If a soul pet trainer had to leave city and walk normally because of pedestrians, they might need a few hours before they could get from inner city to outer in such a big Kingdom

Capital. This free zone is sort of a highway, where soul pet trainers don't have to restrict their riding."

Chu Mu nodded. Speaking of which, this was the first time Chu Mu had heard of such. Kingdom Capitals truly are different.

"Wei, is the Dream Beast meant to be used like a mule to walk?" A female voice suddenly came.

The voice was soft and tender, yet had a provocative yet witty tone. Chu Mu turned around and saw a woman dressed in crimson long robes that looked at Chu Mu with recklessness and arrogance.

The long robe covered the woman's body, but one could see she was the slender yet firm kind. With a tapered face, white skin, red lips, shining eyes, and hair to her shoulders, she looked clean cut and relaxed.

This woman gave Chu Mu a feeling of unruliness and finickiness that usually comes with a noble. Another quality was the wildness that emanated from her personality.

What are you looking at, if you can win me, I'll let you see whatever you want!" The woman truly was wild. Hands on her hips, she pushed her chest forward and glared angrily.....

"What win you?" Chu Mu didn't understand the woman.

"Of course in riding!" The woman stared at Chu Mu, who was being slow.

"Haha, compare riding skills, Miss Sha, how can you compare your riding skills with a man? Who's riding who? Hahaha!" At this time, an unrestrained sound came through.

"Hahahaha, with Miss Sha's attitude, definitely she's riding, hahahaha....."

After saying this, the soul pet trainers nearby that seem like the disciples of higher ups all followed along and started laughing.

This was when Chu Mu realized there were a group of young masters that seemed to be making fun of the woman under broad daylight.

The woman named Miss Sha realized what the group of lewd men were saying and turned red, giving a glare to the good-for-nothing guys.

Seeing Miss Sha angry, the young masters all quickly held their laughter in, but their openly wanton glances revealed their lascivious desires.

“Compare speed, from here to center road!” Miss Sha said to Chu Mu.

“No interest.” Chu Mu shook his head, not really wanting to have anything to do with this group of people.

“.....” Miss Sha glared, seething.

“Young master, don’t underestimate such competition. Though its the free zone, many soul pet trainers run here. Competing here not only compares speed, but also the soul pet’s reaction and dodging skills.” Old Li said.

“Haha, get turned down. Miss Sha, this friend seems to be the calm sort. Your appearances don’t even enter his eyes.....” Very quickly, the lewd guys before started making fun again.

The young man mocking Miss Sha was very handsome, looking positive and cheerful, marred by a sense of lascivious.

“500,000 bet, if you win, this money is yours.” Miss Sha directly took a hefty gold bag out of her spatial ring.

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“What if I lose?” Chu Mu glanced at the soul pet under Miss Sha.

The soul pet Miss Sha rode was a Light Rhinoceros. Full of flowing silver hair, it wasn’t tainted by a single speck. Noble and holy, it created a perfect contrast with Chu Mu’s evil and handsome Night Thunder Dream Beast.

“If you lose, you lose. Don’t want anything from you, I just want to compete against your Night Thunder Dream Beast.” Miss Sha said.

This Miss Sha should be an expert of the young generation. Her Light Rhinoceros was a strengthened seventh phase commander. For people able to have such a soul pet, 500,000 was just a small number.

“Forget about the 500,000, just help me find someone.” Chu Mu just remembered, in such a large city, even if he had made a meeting with Ye Qingzi, he still didn’t know how to find the two. Seeing as these young masters and lady should be well known within Li City, he could ask them to help out.

“No problem, there isn’t anyone in Li City I can’t find.” Miss Sha let out a confident smile.

“Commence trading, commence trading! I’ll be banker, put your bets in now!” Seeing that there will be something to watch, he started yelling like a marketplace trader.

With the young man’s shout, this group of idle young masters all started pulling out money and started the bet.

Chu Mu glanced at the money on the bets. Doing some basic calculations, he found that on this bet was three million gold, of which one was on Chu Mu while the other two million was on Miss Sha.

2:1 bet, even so, Miss Sha stared evilly at the guys that bet on Chu Mu. Those young masters all laughed without shame, while they secretly gave Chu Mu a glare to tell him he must win.

“Alright alright, can’t take your money back now. Let’s go into the air. Once you see me set a fire, you can start. Let me say the rules quickly: Whoever gets to the center street first wins. You can’t use any attacking method, neither can you switch soul pets. You can’t use any soul technique or let your soul pet take any supplementary medicine. Adding on another rule, you can’t hurt any person or soul pet.” That young man said.

Both Chu Mu and Miss Sha nodded, not adding any more.

Just as Chu Mu thought, these young men all held a high status within the city. In such a Kingdom Capital, they didn’t even need to get the sky guards’ permissions to summon their wing type soul pets and fly into the air.

Very quickly, those that put bets down either rode their own wing type soul pets or huddled with those who had wing type soul pets and went into the air. They looked down from above at this straight, yet bustling road.

Chu Mu and Miss Sha all rode their soul pets to the same line. Miss Sha's eyes weren't on the wing type soul pet of the man in the sky, but was instead looking up and down of Chu Mu as she asked with interest, "What's your name?"

"Chu Chen." Chu Mu replied concisely.

"Oh." Miss Sha nodded.

Hundred meters in the sky, a ball of fire suddenly burned. The red glow fell down and lit up the road.

Miss Sha's eyes didn't even watch the skies, but she already knew the flame was lit. Her lithe body tilted forward slightly and immediately, the Light Rhinoceros under her shined with a golden glow, as its silver body became a stream of light, instantly dashing nearly a hundred meters away!

Miss Sha's reactions were so sensitive, that she must have often competed against passing soul pet trainers.

Chu Mu's reactions were half a second slower. When he started running at full speed, Miss Sha was already a hundred meters ahead.

"Young master, this road is very long, so you must handle the usage of techniques well." Old Li reminded Chu Mu.

Chu Mu naturally understood this. He rode his Night Thunder Dream Beast forward towards the Light Rhinoceros.

"Huhuhu~~~~~"

The wind whistled nearby his ear as the Night Thunder Dream Beast ran, slowly creating a black whirl around him.....

“Sousou!!!!”

Two sounds flew past Chu Mu’s side. The Night Thunder Dream Beast easily overtook two seventh phase Horn Armor Beasts. The turbulent air flow caused by Chu Mu led to both of the people cursing out loud angrily.

Yet, the two could only look at Chu Mu’s back image and curse at empty air. It was their fault that their soul pet just wasn’t as fast as others.

A hundred meters ahead, the Light Rhinoceros’s running route had a lightning-like bend, dodging a wave of soul pets running against the flow.

When dodging, its speed naturally would decrease and the soul pet must regain speed, so dodging abilities was very important in this match.

After an exquisite dodge, Miss Sha specially turned around to check on Chu Mu, yet she discovered that Chu Mu and Night Thunder Dream Beast also made a very graceful dodge. Not only did they not slow down, but they even got a few dozen meters closer, making the distance between them sub-100 meters.

“He indeed has a some tricks up his sleeves. But, there aren’t too many people here yet. Wait until we’re there, then you’ll see!” Miss Sha smiled.

The nearby structures and slowly walking people were swiftly thrown behind. Those with confidence in their riding skills often ran this quickly through the free zone. Some were easily overtaken by Chu Mu, yet some more powerful ones also easily overtook Chu Mu’s Night Thunder Dream Beast, and it wasn’t a rare event either, so one could see that Li City also had a huge amount of experts.

As the amount of soul pets in traffic increased, Chu Mu’s distance from Miss Sha slowly grew.....

“I’m already two hundred meters behind?” Chu Mu’s eyes wandered into the crowd, suddenly noticing that Miss Sha had already disappeared from his sights.

Chu Mu decisively let Night Thunder Dream Beast cast a technique to chase a little back and started observing Miss Sha.

Very quickly, Chu Mu noticed that Miss Sha's Light Rhinoceros seemed to know the routes of all other soul pets, able to dodge without lowering its speed at all. In fact, every movement was to follow an optimal path, ensuring nothing affects the Light Rhinoceros's speed.

Just by one's eyes, it was very hard to predict the chaotic and pattern-less routes of the soul pets and people on the streets. Chu Mu was slightly confused. How could Miss Sha react so quickly? After all, all of his Night Thunder Dream Beast's dodges felt hurried.

"Is it that she's using her soul remembrance?" Chu Mu immediately thought of the possibility.

Using soul remembrance to detect the movement of soul pets within a few hundred meters, one could dodge preemptively and even find the quickest movement route in the crowd. Not only will one dodge the other running soul pets, but one could also reduce the speed lost due to dodging.

Chu Mu smiled. Though the rules said he couldn't use soul techniques, a soul pet trainer could use one's own soul remembrance to find a route for his soul pet.

No wonder Old Li said this match wasn't only a test of speed. Presumably, in many big cities, such competition was already a tournament that puts agility-based soul pets to test.

"Night, Extreme Speed!" Chu Mu used his soul remembrance to communicate with Night Thunder Dream Beast and tell it the most optimal dodging path.

Night Thunder Dream Beast cast Extreme Speed and its speed suddenly increased, tracing out an exquisite dodging path inside the ceaseless soul pets, perfectly dodging the six massive flying horned beasts that flew towards him.

"Yo, an expert, learning the essence of city chases this quickly."

In the sky, the young man who hosted the bet watched the long road. He could see that the Night Thunder Dream Beast was no longer dodging at the last second or slowing down for soul pets that suddenly barge out. It could already find an optimal path through the countless soul pets.

Because they were in the sky, they could see the situation very clearly. When those who bet on Chu Mu saw that Chu Mu caught up in understanding and started navigating through the obstacle heavy paths more and more fluidly, they all smiled broadly.....

“When facing multiple foes, using one’s soul remembrance to lock onto enemies and using one’s judgement to predict the opponent’s next move to take the initiative is amazing. Though one could be slower than the opponent, as long as one’s battle awareness is superior, one can still defeat the opponent.

Chu Mu before indeed didn’t think of this issue. After this city chase, Chu Mu had learned a new battle tactic.

Because of long periods of staying in battle, Chu Mu’s awareness was very keen. Adding the fact that he had a soul master remembrance, after learning this dodging method, his range of perception was naturally more powerful.

Slowly, Chu Mu was about to catch up to Miss Sha.

Riding the Light Rhinoceros, Miss Sha saw that Chu Mu was already right beside her. Her face turned red and immediately, disregarding the massive large-sized beast soul pet gathering ahead, she told her Light Rhinoceros to cast its speed technique!

Light Ray Shadow!

The Light Rhinoceros’s four hooves suddenly shone with gold as its speed more than doubled. When it was previously head to head with Chu Mu, it instantly darted a few hundred meters forwards and passed very closely through the beast gathering.

Miss Sha’s movements immediately caused the group of young masters in the air to exhale and gasp, secretly surprised at the girl’s courage. At those speeds, if she didn’t dodge in time and hit one of those large legged beasts, she would definitely fall and hurt herself badly.

Chu Mu naturally couldn’t fall behind. Just as he was about to speed up and pass through the beast gathering as well, the beast team seemed to have realized that some people meant trouble. They actually switched their formation to prevent any later soul pet trainers from passing through.

This formation change would last quite a few seconds. Once they finished changing their formation, the Light Rhinoceros would definitely have disappeared a few hundred meters into the distance. It would be even harder for Chu Mu to catch back up.

Glancing at the noisy markets outside of the free zone, Chu Mu made a decision and rode his Night Thunder Dream Beast right out of the free zone.

“Night, the patch of shadow on the left!” Chu Mu commanded.

The Night Thunder Dream Beast leaped forwards. Its flowing body passed straight through the sun and flew past dozens of people’s heads on the busy streets!

“Heavens, what is that kid doing!!” Seeing this, the crowd in the skies exclaimed.

Chapter 237: Li City’s Savage Creature

The left side of the street was a row of many shops. As the sunset continued on its way down, a visible shadow appeared on the left side of the street.

What Chu Mu needed was a shadow!

“Wa!!!!”

“Courting Death!!!!”

An angry roar rang out, and the people on the street saw the Extreme Speed Night Thunder Dream Beast flit over their heads; out of fear, they had a cold sweat.

Chu Mu ignored the curses behind him, and had it lightly touch down in a place without people. Its strong body leapt back into the air and it flew overtop a woman’s head, knocking off her tall hat...

They were already close, and that area could allow the Night Thunder Dream Beast to use its shadow speed to its heart’s content!

“Quickly dodge, quickly dodge!!”

The people walking in the shadow area saw a soul pet flying directly at them. They all let out panicked expressions and hastily dodged to one side.

However, when that soul pet melded into the shadow area, its body didn't touch the ground. Instead, it lightly stepped on the shadows, promptly stepping on the air of the shadow area.

“That brat is too awesome!”

“Great, that's great; he's caught up to young lady Sha!”

When the group of young masters in the air who bet on Chu Mu saw this scene, they all opened their eyes wide and began to loudly yell.

“Dadada~~~dadadada~~~~~”

The Night Thunder Dream Beast ran directly over the people's heads, causing a wave of panic to arise while simultaneously giving way to the envy of several people. Especially those young soul pet trainers. It was very rare for them to see such a flashy dark type Dream Beast. Its grace and agility while running was fluid and easy; it was like something gorgeous that was pleasing to the eye....

“Why can't I see the figure of that person?” Young lady Sha turned around, but didn't see Chu Mu. A smile rose on her face and she silently thought that the fellow called Chu Chen had definitely been blocked by that wild beast group.

Only, before she could be delighted with her victory, young lady Sha astonishingly discovered that diagonally from her in the shadows of a street was an elegant and evil demonic pet that stepped in the air past her, flitting by with a whistle!

“How is that possible?!” young lady Sha opened her two beautiful eyes wide. She saw Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast unceasingly increase its speed in the shadow area, ultimately increasing to a speed that was double that of her Light Unicorn's!”

The center of the street was already in front of him, but Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast was still raising its speed; it proceeded to increase the lead to three hundred meters!

A black body and white tail. The streams of air on the Night Thunder Dream Beast's quick moving body manifested into a violent wind as it swept through this bustling street towards the center of the street!

Its body landed on the plaza of the street in an exceptionally free and easy manner. The Night Thunder Dream Beast's eyes were arrogant as it stared at the Light Unicorn behind it.

"You lost." Chu Mu smoothed his hair that was blown into a mess. He gazed at young lady Sha whose face was somewhat unsightly.

"Hmph, you're a cheater." young lady Sha seemed to be unconvinced as she glared at Chu Mu.

Upon speaking here, the young masters who were riding on wing type soul pets landed on the plaza. Those who had bet on the young lady were hanging their heads down in dejection while those who had won by betting on Chu Mu wore a large smile on their faces because they had won a small sum of money.

"Dong Qing, you be the judge. Just now when he ran through the free region, did he cheat?" said the young lady Sha somewhat angrily.

"Dong Qing? Dong Qing? Get out here!" yelled young lady Sha a few times. Yet, when she found that the young man called Dong Qing was counting money there, she stomped her feet in anger.

"Oh, you're calling me? Eh, cheat? He didn't. Young lady Sha, there was never a rule that one had to be in the free area." said the young man called Dong Qing as he laughed.

"But... but it was stepping on the air. That's the same as flying!" young lady Sha pointed at Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast while speaking.

"Stepping on the air is allowed. Who made it so that your Light Unicorn couldn't step on the air? Young lady Sha, you're trying to twist the words to make logic. Your Light Unicorn inherently is of the light attribute, and just now it was the afternoon; with sunlight, your Light Unicorn takes advantage of others. Someone else managed with great difficulty to wait until shadows appeared.

How is stepping in the air considered breaking the rules?” mischievously smiled Dong Qing as he spoke.

“You... hmph, I won’t play with you hoodlums anymore; this young lady is going back.” young lady Sha’s face was gloomy as she jumped onto her Light Unicorn and left by herself.

Dong Qing had a face of helplessness as he watched the bossy young lady Sha leave. After he saw her leave, he wore a smile as he said to Chu Mu: “Haha, friend, you just helped me win a large amount. You want to find someone, right? I’ll help you find the friend. There shouldn’t be anyone who I can’t find in Li City, eh?”

Chu Mu nodded his head. He ignored young lady Sha who had left in a fit of anger and roughly described Ye Qingzi and Ye Wansheng once.

In the past, Chu Mu had convened with Ye Qingzi and Ye Wansheng near Soul Palace. Thus, he only had Dong Qing help him search for that pair of brother and sister in the residences of the nearby Soul Palace.

“Your Night Thunder Dream Beast is truly a god horse. Especially when it reached the shadows from the crowds. Those with high skills have great courage... friend, I see that it’s evening already. How about we eat dinner together. You helped me win quite a bit; I’ll treat, I’ll treat.” Dong Qing was outspokenly magnanimous.

Chu Mu knew that there probably still was a bit of time before he found the Ye Family brother and sister. Since Dong Qing was a Li City person and Chu Mu happened to need to ask a few things, he didn’t decline. He went with Dong Qing and a group of young masters that looked like hoodlums towards the fine liquor and fine cuisine avenue.

“I forgot to introduce myself. I’m called Dong Qing and am the vice captain of Li City’s Aerial Guard. These are all my friends. I won’t go into details about where we’re from since we’re all scoundrels from the Li City. We often like playing this. That said, you should have come from somewhere else, right?” said Dong Qing.

“Mhm, I’m Chu Chen and am a vagabond that gains experience everywhere.” Chu Mu considered himself to be a vagabond soul pet trainer.

Dong Qing’s introduction just now truly was rather modest. Chu Mu could see that this group of people weren’t that bad; at least those wing type soul pets that they summoned before didn’t have

weak fighting strength. Especially the young man called Dong Qing; he had just been riding on a Horizon Feather Bird.

The Horizon Feather Bird was a commander rank wing type soul pet and its fighting strength was among the best of wing types. Chu Mu saw that this Horizon Feather Bird had already reached the seventh phase and was strengthened so that it wasn't weaker than a peak commander...

"Haha, a visitor from far away. Take a seat." said Dong Qing.

The other young masters were all casual and each one found a seat to sit in. They seemed to be familiar with the shop owners and female servants as they casually called out to them. Furthermore, when those cute female servants brought the tasty food, these fellows flirted with them so much that their faces were flushed red.

"Amongst the younger generation, there aren't many who can beat young lady Sha. Brother Chu Chen certainly is a character." praised Dong Qing.

"That's right. Young lady Sha is a powerful female horse that not everyone can ride. It was rare that you were able to subdue her. Hahaha!" the young fellows who were all as bad as Dong Qing began to laugh loudly.

"Dong Qing, aren't you still supposed to be on patrol tonight? Why are you still drinking such strong alcohol?" said a young master whose hands were full of rings as he laughed.

"Oh, I almost forgot. Crap, those old fellows truly are something. In the most recent days, they've intensified the patrols. It's already been a few nights since I've spent one with my woman..." Dong Qing had just poured the wine, but helplessly shook his head.

"It's alright. I've already been helping you feeding your woman. Hahaha." laughed another young man.

"Scram." Dong Qing kicked out and knocked down the other fellow. That young master fell into a very unsightly state, but was still continuously laughing.

"Then again, most recently Li Cheng's security has become a bit stricter. It seems that many important people have come. What happened?"

“Yu Jia, that brat, got into big trouble. It’s said that he’s to be tried by Soul Palace.” said Dong Qing.

“That’s enough. Who doesn’t know about this. Shouldn’t us brothers be properly celebrating this event? One Yu Jia shouldn’t be enough to cause such commotion in our Li City.”

When he heard about Yu Jia, Chu Mu grew interested. He didn’t like to speak and had only been eating while listening to the talking between these young master brothers.

“How would I know? My father didn’t say anything. I only know that there’s something in the city; also, I advise you guys not to go out in the middle of the night for a stroll in this next period of time...” Dong Qing casually bit into a piece of lamb meat.

After speaking, Dong Qing intentionally glanced at Chu Mu. No one else discussed the matter he had just mentioned and he opened his out, asking: “Why did Brother Chu Chen come to Li City?”

“I’m pretty much passing by, but will stay here for a bit of time. I’ll be visiting the market or the Soul Pet Palace for a stroll.” responded Chu Mu.

In truth, Chu Mu was somewhat curious as to what Dong Qing had just mentioned. Only, Dong Qing’s words were obscure and didn’t provide any clear information.

While speaking, a middle-aged man that looked like a henchman walked in and said to Dong Qing: “Young master, the people have been found.”

Dong Qing nodded his head.

“They’re in a spirit medicine shop on Western Street in the heart of the city... also, the aerial guards there had me bring you a message: There seems to have been something slightly abnormal to have appeared near the Western Street in the heart of the city. They need to you to head there.” said the henchman.

“What happened?”

The henchman hesitated a while before saying: “A few soul pet trainers and soul pets were violently killed. According to residents, there seems to frequently have been some strange thing moving about in the middle of the night these past few days. When we asked them, they said that when it reached late at night, they would tightly shut their doors and weren’t able to see what it was...”

Dong Qing creased his eyebrows and said: “Eating dinner doesn’t even put your mind at rest. Whatever, you guys continue to eat. This young master is on duty.”

After speaking, Dong Qing stood up.

“Go go, tie the tent down.” these young masters all waved their hands.

“How about I go with you since my friends are there too...” said Chu Mu.

Chu Mu also wanted to go towards Western Street in the center of the city. Thus, he left the table and headed there with Dong Qing.

Chapter 238: Li City’s Savage Creature (2)

It was night in Li City.

A faint yellow street lamp shone, making the city seem like it was draped in a layer of elegant and noble muslin, accentuating the magnificence and various natures of the entire body...

The center of the city’s western street belonged to the residential district of the heart of the city. Although it was only one street, it was extremely long, and the residences lined on either side like a forest.

When night fell, this street area seemed rather cold and dreary; it was as if one had walked into a town surrounded by mountains. Even when flying in the air, one could even feel a faint trace of the night fog.

“When an abnormal situation occurs, there is bound to be a demon. Sigh, don’t let me catch you...” Dong Qing sneered and urged the Horizon Feather Bird slowly downwards.

Chu Mu and Dong Qing rode together on the Horizon Feather Bird; although the Night Thunder Dream beast could step in the air at night, it wasn't able to freely glide through the air like wing type soul pets.

"Captain has arrived..."

"Captain!"

"Captain!"

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In the alley, a few soul pet trainers riding on mounts formed a circle and encircled this residential alley, preventing anyone else from approaching.

Chu Mu and Dong Qing directly jumped off the back of the Horizon Feather Bird's back and steadily landed in front of the five city guards.

Dong Qing strode to the location that was dyed in blood. He stared at these corpses that had been bitten into a gruesome state. His expression turned rather serious.

Chu Mu swept his gaze over these corpses and his eyes faintly changed.

Laying in front of Chu Mu were two human corpses and three soul pet corpses. Since the soul pet corpses had been bitten so that not even a few bones remained, it was very hard to determine what soul pets they were merely based on these remnants.

The two humans had simply been killed, though. One of them had their stomach split open and the half of the other's head had been cut. There was no other indication of blood on other parts of their bodies and the killer clearly wasn't interested in human flesh.

"Captain, this is the sixth such instance. We've blocked off the news, but it's hard to control the mouths of the surrounding residents. There have already been a few rumors spreading in certain areas, causing others to feel alarmed." said a young guard.

“Do you guys think it was done by a human, or was it some wild soul pet with strange arts that snuck into the city perpetrating crimes?” asked Dong Qing.

All four sides of the city had very high walls, and there wasn't a very high chance that a wild beast could sneak into the city; however, there were a few exceptions.

For instance, some intelligent stealth-type soul pet could have snuck past the city's guards into the city; it would then ordinarily live in places with few people and come out at night to attack soul pet trainers and soul pets.

Another possibility was a soul pet raised by a family or faction that fled due to carelessness. This probability was slightly higher, and the soul pet that escaped, since it couldn't exit the city, hid in some place. At night, it would attack humans and eat soul pets...

“Their spatial rings are still there. If it was committed by a human, normally the person would take the spatial ring. There's another possibility that this person simply looked down on the riches of these soul pet trainers and had a goal of using their soul pets to raise their own soul pet.” analyzed a guard.

“Are there other clues?”

“No, the killer is very cunning.”

“Then tonight everyone shall stay up late and patrol. We must resolve this issue as soon as possible.”

“Yes!”

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“Brother Chu Chen, it seems that it isn't too safe in this neighborhood. If your two friends have no ability to defend themselves, I suggest that they shouldn't stay here long. Damn, you've come from far away to Li City, yet I've let you see a bad aspect of Li City. This truly is...” Dong Qing could still be regarded to treat Chu Mu politely.

“The strength of my two friends are not inferior to mine. Defending themselves isn’t a problem. I’ll be here in the near future and if I find any clues, I’ll notify you.” said Chu Mu.

“That would be the best. If you have any trails, directly find a city guard and just have them notify me. I’ll immediately come over.” said Dong Qing.

Chu Mu nodded his head and didn’t stay here any longer. He began walking in the direction Dong Qing pointed at, and headed towards the spirit medicine shop that the Ye Family brother and sister were at.

The medicine shop Ye Qingzi had rented wasn’t in the most bustling location, causing Chu Mu to wonder why she intentionally picked this area. After all, this place was considered a residential district, and the business wouldn’t be very good...

The murder case wasn’t too far from the spirit medicine shop that Ye Qingzi had rented. Chu Mu didn’t waste his soul power by summoning the Night Thunder Dream Beast and instead walked along this rather cold and cheerless street.

Chu Mu took a shortcut instead of Western Street’s main street. Perhaps because the most recent news of the terrifying incidents had already spread, but these relatively diagonal alleys and small streets all had shut their doors tightly. There simply was no one to be seen.

“Sou sou~~~~~”

Two abnormal sounds of the wind rapidly flitted behind Chu Mu across this alley. Chu Mu’s perception ability’s were exceptionally sharp and practically the moment the wind rose, he turned his head.

A black colored figure flew past and Chu Mu released his soul remembrance. He locked onto the two rapidly moving black figures.

Just as Chu Mu’s soul remembrance completely found the two creature’s movements, they suddenly jumped out of his soul remembrance detection range, fleeing into the distance.

Chu Mu’s heart sank. These two creatures had evidently wanted to approach him just now, but after they felt his soul remembrance lock on, they immediately jumped out of his detection range. This

wasn't a coincidence, and could only mean that these two creatures had extremely strong perception abilities as they were able to detect the locking on of others.

Realizing that these were two creatures with bad intentions, Chu Mu slowly chanted an incantation and summoned the night time pet, the Night Thunder Dream Beast, in front of him.

“Hui~~~~”

The Night Thunder Dream Beast's nighttime detection abilities were even stronger than Chu Mu's. Its demon detection was released and its two black eyes penetrated the darkness, locking onto a hidden alley next to Chu Mu.

“Hui~~~~”

The Night Thunder Dream Beast didn't wait for Chu Mu to give an order and instantly let out a long neigh. A black colored death ray began fermenting in its mouth before it promptly spat it towards the long alley!

The black energy flew straight down the alley and abruptly exploded in the air halfway down!!

“Hong~~~~”

The death ray exploded and instantly, on the house walls on either side appeared signs of demolition. A powerful stream of air swept out of the alley!

Chu Mu hadn't sensed the abnormality of the alley just now, and when the energy had erupted just now, he suddenly discovered a creature knocked flying in the covert of the shadows.

“Night attack creatures. They can hide their aura and become invisible at night. Young master must be careful.” said Old Li.

Chu Mu's heart tensed; he never expected to encounter such a terrifying creature in the city!

Night invisibility was one of the most strange abilities of soul pets. Most soul pets that possessed this ability were exceptionally frightening as they could silently kill any defenseless person or soul pet.

“Si si~~~”

A muffled shout rang out of the alley from that invisible creature. It seemed to have realized it had been found and after it crawled up, it stuck to the alley’s wall. As if it melded into the wall, it directly disappeared from Chu Mu’s field of vision.

No long after, a soft sound came from the alley. When Chu Mu looked in, he discovered that the residents near the alley had detected the abnormality. While trembling with fear, they began making reckless movements.

“Why... why are you making so much noise... you’re not even resting at night... could it be... could it be...” just at this moment, a middle aged man staggered out of the end of the alley.

This middle aged man’s face was completely drunken red and he was further clutching onto a sack of wine. He hurled curses while pouring the wine down his throat.

With every step, he would stagger three times. This drunkard was already fully drunk and ultimately rested against the wall, immediately falling into a sleep.

“Quickly leave this place!” shouted Chu Mu as he reminded this drunkard without any perception of danger.

However, the moment Chu Mu’s voice faded, the figure of a claw gradually appeared inside the alley’s wall. With exceptional languor, it swiped across the drunkard’s head.

“Shua!!!!”

Pieces of brain and blood flew out and nauseatingly stuck onto the wall!

The drunkard had his head cut off while still stuck in drunken stupor. His body twitched a few times before completely losing life force.

Chu Mu's heart sank. Just now, the speed of the claw had clearly been very slow. However, Chu Mu wasn't able to see where that soul pet was at all. If he hadn't focused his soul remembrance on that place, he wouldn't have even been able to see how that drunkard died.

"Old Li, what kind of thing is that." Chu Mu's face turned rather serious. For some reason, Chu Mu felt that the small alley that was accessible from all sides had many strange auras. There were also many eyes that would make one tremble staring at him.

"I don't know either. I suggest that young master quickly leave this place. Those things could be gathered in this area." said Old Li.

Chu Mu nodded his head and jumped onto the Night Thunder Dream Beast's back. He had it promptly use Extreme Speed and rushed towards another small street.

The direction in which they headed towards Ye Qingzi's spirit medicine shop had an extremely dense aura. Chu Mu realized that they could not pass through there, and he could only pick another route. Although he was pretty much running in the opposite direction, it was best to first break free of those savage creatures...

"Hui~~~~"

The Night Thunder Dream Beast suddenly increased its speed and ran in a direction where it thought there was no danger.

Turning around a bend, what emerged in front of Chu Mu's eyes really was a spacious night street. The pale white moonlight spilled onto the limestone path, making it seem peaceful and empty...

Only, that black figure that would move from time to time added a rather terrifying and sinister feeling to this district!

"Si si~~~~~"

Sounds that resembled vipers hissing came from both sides. As Chu Mu passed through this small path, he suddenly discovered the moving black figures were growing increasingly many on the surrounding houses, walls and shops. These things were like shadows that followed behind the

Night Thunder Dream Beast. Their sharp and terrifying claws twinkled with a cold light under the shining moonlight!

“We’re being watched!”

Chu Mu’s heart sank. He never would have thought that he would become the target of Li City’s savage creatures!

Chapter 239: Night City Scare

The center city’s west city had already continuously had people move out of there and temporarily live in different places. After all, after the serial killing incident, each one cruel and dangerous, the citizens without fighting strength naturally didn’t dare to live there.

In the recent days, the Li City’s aerial guards had also increased surveillance on the middle city west street. These soul pet trainers that fly in the air to maintain order could occasionally see some strange shadows dash from one alley to another, disappearing like a black cat.

Yet, they had no idea what they were, and were only able to assume that they were little animals that were lost that people owned.

It hadn’t even entered deep night when the western street had already become very cold and empty. There were about three teams encircling the skies of the western street. They didn’t fly too high. After all, if they flew high, they wouldn’t be able to detect any abnormalities.

“Leader, there’s a soul pet trainer riding a black soul pet running like crazy, something’s strange there!” A aerial guard that just surveilled that region came over and said.

“Gutong Alley? Isn’t that where Chu Chen had to pass through? Can it be.....” Dong Qing suddenly realized something and said, “Quick, follow me to go check it out!”

Dong Qing’s Horizon Feather Bird’s flying speed was fastest. When it flapped its wings, it flew fifty meters forwards and towards the Gu Tong Alley area.

The Horizon Feather Bird flew at about 100 meters altitude. At this height, he could see the criss crossing little pathways through west street. Though he couldn’t see anything appearing in this residential area, he could still feel some abnormality.

After about five minutes, the Dong Qing that rode his Horizon Feather Bird finally neared the Gu Tong area.

Dong Qing didn't see Chu Mu, but found quite a few corpses in the dark alleyways. It was the residents who lived near the area!

"Check for survivors!" Dong Qing's face revealed anger and roared towards the air guards behind him.

The air guards saw the corpses of the citizens who died on the streets and they all grew somber, quickly landing from the skies to see if there was anyone alive.

Dong Qing continued to fly and passed through the complicated Gu Tong Alley area. When he reached the more off-centered City Center Forest Area, he went all cold in the realization that he found thirty more dead bodies there!

In a night, thirty bodies, and all defenseless civilians. As the vice captain of the aerial guards, Dong Qing was already unbelievably angry.

Casting an incantation, Dong Qing opened up a soul pact symbol and summoned another wing type soul pet.

"Go, tell the situation here to brother!" Dong Qing said to his soul pet.

"Yi~~~~~" That soul pet let out a long call and flapped its wings to fly towards the busy center city main street.

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"In front!" Flying past a cluster of short street lamps, Dong Qing finally found Chu Mu.

Yet, what scared Dong Qing was, in the messy little alleyways, there were ten things that looked like black cat demons that chased Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast!

Looking down from the skies, the Night Thunder Dream Beast dashed speedily through the residential area, sometimes passing through straight alleyways, sometimes changing its route lightning fast, sometimes jumping up and running past walls and roofs.....

And in this constant changing of movement, the dozen of black cat like creatures constantly attacked the Night Thunder Dream Beast from all directions.

“So fast!!” Watching the Night Thunder Dream Beast move in the night light nimbly, Dong Qing couldn’t help but let out a sigh.

At this time, the Night Thunder Dream Beast was twice the speed of when it was competing against Miss Sha. If before, the Night Thunder Dream Beast had such speeds, Miss Sha could’ve been thrown over thousands of meters behind!

“This Chu Chen still hid some strength. His Night Thunder Dream Beast has clearly reached advanced Exquisite Dodging too!” Dong Qing said quietly.

Dong Qing knew it wasn’t time to be surprised. He rode his Horizon Feather Bird downwards and stuck near the roofs as he neared Chu Mu and his Night Thunder Dream Beast.

“Chu Chen brother, quickly leap on air upwards!” Dong Qing realized the ten evil creatures were very hard to deal with, so he quickly yelled towards Chu Mu.

“Wind Dragon Bind!” Chu Mu casted an incantation!

A Wind Dragon Bind curled around Chu Mu and his Night Thunder Dream Beast. Three evil beasts that leaped forward to attack was thrown away by Chu Mu’s soul technique. Taking this opportunity, Chu Mu quickly let Night Thunder Dream Beast jump into the air.

Night Thunder Dream Beast’s Night Dance couldn’t last for long. Chu Mu had already used it before, yet these things were like shadows, always chasing, unyielding. When Night Thunder Dream Beast’s Night Dance disappeared, they started their crazed attacks.

Chu Mu had been chased from Gu Tong street all the way to here. With the Night Thunder Dream Beast’s speed, it shouldn’t have been an issue to shake off these wild soul pets. Especially with Chasing Wind Pursuing Moon, it could reach three times max speed.

Yet, what caused Chu Mu to be confused was that these things had some unknown technique that allowed them to, after being thrown off, appear again from somewhere, never falling behind!

It was fortunate that Chu Mu had recently learned to combine soul technique with dodging. If not for the night Thunder Dream Beast having advanced level dodging now, they would've been dragged into a bloody mess already.

“Hui~~~~~”

The Night Thunder Dream Beast let out a long hiss as its forward limbs retracted slightly and its back limbs pushed forward forcefully. It leaped right into the night sky, flying thirty meters upwards as the wind dragon bind protected them.

Dong Qing's aerial control was also significant. When the Night Thunder Dream Beast reached its peak, the Horizon Feather Bird just happened to fly under Ye, letting Night Thunder Dream Beast land sturdily on its body.

“Sisi!!! Sisisisi!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Seven or eight black cat-like creatures used the rooftop as a jumping pad and dashed into the skies with claws extended. From all directions they assaulted the Horizon Feather Bird that had flown low!

“Light Screen!” The incantation was instantly finished. As Dong Qing lifted both hands high up, a light screen obstacle shrouded the Horizon Feather Bird.

When the claws of the evil beings all attacked the screen, a few strong ones still pierced through and ripped into Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast and Dong Qing's Horizon Feather bird, sending crimson blood everywhere!

“Lift up!”

The wounds only caused the Horizon Feather Bird to wobble slightly, unable to affect its flight. With a flap of both wings, it created a gust of wind that sent it quickly into the air!

As the Horizon Feather Bird lifted off, the evil creatures on the ground all let out angry hisses.

Chu Mu eyed the congregation of the things from above. When he saw that they strangely disappeared into the dark alleyways as they dispersed, his face grew solemn.

“Are you wounded?” Dong Qing said seriously, a complete change from the hedonistic manner before.

“My dream beast is hurt. These things’ claws are poisonous. Your Horizon Feather Bird should also be infected. Fly towards my friend, she’s a soul teacher that can heal.” Chu Mu said.

Dong Qing just looked at his soul pet’s wound, and indeed found the wound to be colored an unusual green.

“Is the poison deadly?” Dong Qing asked.

“No clue as of now, let’s cure it first.” Chu Mu said.

Dong Qing watched uneasily at the empty city area shrouded with a layer of gloom, seemingly fazed by the cruel soul pet from before. Yet, when he remembered that he probably couldn’t finish his surveillance without curing his Horizon Feather Bird, he couldn’t do anything else but fly towards the soul medicine store on west street.

Chu Mu ran the other way, so flying back took around ten minutes. Luckily, there were no longer strange things appearing near the medicine store.

Dong Qing rode his Horizon Feather Bird and landed right in the courtyard of the store. Just as it landed, a pair of dark eyes appeared in a corner of the courtyard, watching Dong Qing and his Horizon Feather Bird coldly.

Dong Qing realized the danger and was just about to chant an incantation when Chu Mu stopped him, “It’s my friend’s soul pet.....”

In the shadows of the courtyard, the War Court Black Beast covered in black fur slowly walked out from the shadows, looking arrogant and apathetic.

Ye Qingzi's War Court Black Beast recognized Chu Mu. It stepped around the Horizon Feather Bird in a circle before slowly returning back to its previous spot, merging back into the shadows.

Dong Qing specially glanced at the well hidden War Court Black Beast and was secretly surprised. This friend of Chu Chen's was truly special, having such a formidable soul pet.

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The door of the room opened lightly as Ye Qingzi stood silently at the doorway in a silk robe.

Ye Qingzi should've been sleeping before. Her hair was pulled up, falling down to her full chest. Her delicate face had remnants of drowsiness.....

Ye Qingzi wasn't the lazy type of girl, so she made some adjustments and woke up. Her beautiful eyes shot through the darkness to stare at Chu Mu and Dong Qin.

"You're here....." Ye Qingzi smiled lightly.

From the moment Ye Qingzi walked out, Dong Qing's eyes were deadly locked onto the beauty, and he couldn't help but reveal infatuation in his eyes.

"Our soul pets are poisoned. Qingzi, can you heal them?" Chu Mu told Ye Qingzi using remembrance of his "Chu Chen" identity and quickly went over what happened before.

Ye Qingzi seemed to have already concocted the antidote beforehand. When she walked into the hall, it only took her a minute to take out two green colored flasks of antidote.

"Rub it onto your soul pets' wounds, the poison will quickly fade." Ye Qingzi said.

Chu Mu took the bottle over and rubbed it onto Ye's wounded portions.

Dong Qing also quickly rubbed the medicine in, yet his eyes glanced at Ye Qingzi multiple times in the process.....

“I felt it yesterday, but I didn’t expect this many to jump out today.” Ye Qingzi lead Chu Mu and Dong Qin into the hall to sit.

“Do you know what they are?” Dong Qin immediately asked.

“I understand them somewhat, but I’m not too sure either.” Ye Qingzi said delicately.

Chapter 240: Strange Demon Claw

Ye Qingzi stood up and slowly walked to the medicinal room. After a short moment, she picked out a large and transparent medicinal jar.

Inside the medicinal jar was some liquid. Within it, there was a beast claw. The beast claw’s outer skin was a strange color, and it was full of keratin, kind of looking like scales.....

“This is the claw of a savage creature that I hurt a few days ago. This organism is very special; no matter if it dies or loses body parts, as long as any part of its body leaves the main body, it would quickly become a black powder. The real reason we can’t find evidence on what type of soul pet it is because of this. Only under the submergence of liquid can we really keep its corpse.....” Ye Qingzi said.

With Ye Qingzi’s words, Dong Qing finally understood. That was the reason why they clearly found traces of soul pet trainers in battle, yet they couldn’t find even a scrap of evidence. It was no wonder his aerial guards couldn’t find any clues. These strange soul pets had self destruct abilities built into every one of their body parts.

“There’s a lot of citizens nearby, but they very rarely attack them. From this, we can see that the thing doesn’t purely want to eat meat, or that they don’t like human meat. From my guesses, these savage creatures want to absorb energy.....” Ye Qingzi put the medicine jar on the table beside and slowly twisted open the cap.

She pulled a soul core out of the spatial ring and crushed the soul core using soul remembrance, injecting the energy into the bottle.....

The soul core was like fluorescent powder, slowly dissolving in the medicine bottle, causing the liquid to let out some light.....

Chu Mu and Dong Qing both looked at the bottle with confusion, not knowing why Ye Qingzi injected the energy within the soul core into the bottle.

“Gegegege~~~~~”

Suddenly, the liquid in the jar started churning, and the presumed dead demon claw started to move. It started frantically ramming the jar sides, wanting to escape.

With a few swipes, it quickly absorbed all the soul core’s energy, which caused the claws to vibrate faster and faster, already leaving some clear-cut marks within the inner surface!

The soul core’s glow was already weak. The claw had seemed to have morphed into a crazy creature. Realizing that it could escape from above, it suddenly sank to the bottom and curled its claws, like a spider ready to leap!

“Pa~~~~~”

Just as the claw was about to jump out of the jar, Ye Qingzi unhurriedly and accurately slammed the cap on, slapping the claw back into the bottle.

“This.....” Chu Mu and Dong Qing’s face was full of surprise. Having fought in soul pet world for this long, this was the first time he had seen such strange creature. Even a claw that had left its owner could move individually!

“They’re like zombies. They need energy to activate their bodies, and the more energy they have the stronger they are. This is also why they rarely attack civilians. Normal civilians wouldn’t give them much energy.....”

Dong Qing already opened his mouth. He would never have thought that the issue he and his team had lost brain cells over for several days had found an answer at this beauty’s lips.....

“But, today, they attacked civilians and killed about thirty people.” Dong Qing said.

Chu Mu nodded. When he was running through the city, he found quite a few corpses, and as long as anyone walked around in dark places, the savage creatures would attack without hesitation.

“Have the corpses been bitten or gnawed on?” Ye Qingzi said.

“Don’t think so, should be pure killing.” Chu Mu said.

“These days, other than making medicine, I’ve spent the rest of my time understanding these creatures. My guess and judgement shouldn’t be mistaken. These civilians don’t have energy within their body, so attacking them can’t make them full or increase their strength. If tonight many people died, then it is against common sense. Unless, there’s another organism within this area.” Ye Qingzi lowered her head to think.

“By Miss’s words, this event isn’t that simple. Seems like I have to report to the city governance and get more people.” Dong Qing said strictly.

“These things are very dangerous. Let your subordinates all be more careful. Its best if you get a soul teacher over, so even if they’re poisoned, someone could provide a cure.” Ye Qingzi could tell that Dong Qing was the aerial guard around and gave a word of precaution.

“En, thank you for your assistance, miss!” Dong Qing cupped his fists.

“Brother Chu Mu, I must go back to surveillance. If you live here, you be careful too. Oh, also, I put out a reward before. Since your friend is so knowledgeable of this organism and is also top tier within the young generation, if time allows, help us resolve this issue. I’ll give the reward to you.” Dong Qing said.

“En, I will consider that.” Chu Mu nodded.

Ye Qingzi gifted Dong Qing some low effect antidotal medicine and, after Dong Qing thanked her once more, he didn’t stay any longer. He rode his Horizon Feather Bird back into the air and continued the patrol for that night.

After Dong Qing left, there was only Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi in the hall left. Chu Mu was still thinking of the previous incident. Ye Qingzi just sat aside, eyes watching Chu Mu.....

“What’s wrong?” Feeling Ye Qingzi’s gaze, Chu Mu lifted an eyebrow.

Ye Qingzi laughed lightly, her beautiful face like a blossoming lotus, “I’m just weirded out that you actually know how to deal with other people.”

“.....” Chu Mu laughed bitterly and explained, “It’s not that I’m self-enclosed. It’s just that, before, everyone I faced was a prisoner. My first instinct was to view them as an enemy. Now that I’ve lived normally for this long, how would I still be like that? And hearing you say that, why does it feel like you know me so well?”

A pink blush appeared on Ye Qingzi’s face and she quickly changed the topic, “Have you found the Ancient Azure Devil Tree’s fruit?”

“En, I found it. Have you collected the rest?” Chu Mu asked.

“I am still missing one thing. I planned on buying it at Li City, but there wasn’t any the past few days, so I plan on checking again tomorrow.” Ye Qingzi said.

“Perfect, I also have things I want to get rid of. Let’s travel to the exchange market tomorrow.” Chu Mu said.

A strengthening soul item for Devil Tree Battle Soldier and Ghost King were all must-buys, or else Chu Mu would have a tough chance in his battle against Yu He.

“En.” Ye Qingzi nodded.

“How is your brother doing?” Chu Mu asked.

“A lot better. I’ll bring you to your room. You’ve just entered Li City today, didn’t you?” Ye Qingzi said.

Ye Qingzi brought Chu Mu to his room and talked simply with Chu Mu for a little while before returning to her own room.

For safety, Chu Mu specially summoned Mo Xie and told her to sleep at the bedside. This way, if there was any special situation, they could immediately respond.

Mo Xie laid down on the soft bed and curled her nine little tails around her delicate body. With a yawn, she drowsily dozed off.

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The second day, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi went to the center plaza location.

The center plaza was very broad, able to hold over ten thousand people.

Smooth white granite floor, highly standing pillar carvings, formidable statues, dignified honor Heaven Platform.....

Around the stadium were the large factions' palaces. Kingdom Capital was after all the Kingdom Capital, so all of the palaces of the factions were majestic and stretched hundreds of meters of golden land. If one stood in the center of the plaza and looked around, one would feel like they entered the most lavish inner quarters of an emperor.

Chu Mu first needed to deal with everything he had gotten. Only then would he have enough money to buy the expensive soul items.

Ye Qingzi first entered the exchange market and looked through the dazzling lists to find the soul item and medicinal ingredient she needed.

Chu Mu still had around 3 million gold left, but after going to Soul Pat Palace, he found that the soul cores he had weren't enough anymore. He bought a month's worth of food and used up the last 3 million, causing Chu Mu to become penniless yet again.

"Bell Noise Concubine, 5 million gold, maybe the eighth rank soul crystal could reach 20 million gold....."

Chu Mu estimated it himself. The Bell Noise Concubine and eighth rank soul crystal could net him around 25 million gold. Afterwards, the soul items, soul crystals, soul cores, and captured soul pets within Yuan Forest could get him around 10 million.

“Hopefully I can sell them all for 35 million.” Chu Mu estimated and handed it to a highly respected seller of Soul Pet Palace to sell the items.

A Seller was a rather special job in Soul Pet Palace. They were responsible for selling the valuables of wandering soul pet trainers and taking commission from the sales.

These Sellers often had reputations. Those with good status and high reputation often always tried their hardest to sell a good price for things that soul pet trainers handed them. Since, the higher the price, the more money they would gain as well.

For people like Chu Mu, who weren’t good at selling things, hiring a Seller was rather convenient, and could also guarantee his items to reach their peak prices.

After hiring a seller, Chu Mu headed towards the exchange center. Very quickly, he found Ye Qingzi, who was looking through medicinal ingredients in the main hall.

“What did you sell?” Ye Qingzi asked curiously.

“A low phase Bell Noise Concubine and an eighth rank soul crystal, among other scattered items.” Chu Mu replied.

“Eighth rank soul crystal, you sure are lucky.....wait, did you say Bell Noise Concubine?” Ye Qingzi asked questioningly.

“En, what’s up?” Chu Mu asked, not understanding.

Ye Qingzi feigned anger cutely, “Don’t you know what type of soul pet trainer I am? Give me a price and I’ll buy it from you.....”

Chu Mu slapped himself in the forehead. He had just remembered that a soul pet like Bell Noise Concubine would be very suitable for Ye Qingzi. Ye Qingzi was going the supporting route, and was also a soul teacher, so she needed such an intelligent plant world soul pet.....

“I’ll go grab it back now, hopefully it hadn’t been sold already.....” Chu Mu laughed embarrassingly.

“Then go quickly. Oh, right, I found a soul item that suits your Devil Tree Battle Soldier very well. It’s a Natural Wood Blood Crystal, costing about 30 million. If you have enough.....” Ye Qingzi said.