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Chapter 301: The Fall of Many Experts, Shattered Heaven Strange Mark

The white clouds and white devil flames were the same color. Compared to the enormous body of the cloud snake, the devil flames burning silently inside were extremely small. The white clouds that transformed into mad snakes had malevolent expressions, and it had covered the space around Chu Mu with three layers.

Suddenly, an abnormally evil white pillar of light shot up into the heavens high above!!

The heavens were boundless, and even if it was an even more profound and powerful energy, it would not be able to pierce through the heavens. Yet, a strange thing occurred where the white colored pillar of light really did pierce the heavens. When it reached the highest height possible, the space seemed to shatter like a mirror...

Black fissures slowly spread out. The sky above the people's heads was blue, but the black fissures ripped open the canopy that was the heavens, destroying the firmament!

“What is that?!!”

“The heavens shattered!!”

“It's a peak other type technique!!”

Terrified voices filled the air. The dozen old generation experts from various great factions were all pale faced. The cracks and fissures above their heads were conspicuous and shocking!

No one knew what sort of frightening destructive force these cracks would cause, nor did anyone know what terrifying thing would occur after the so-called firmament was completely shattered by this other type technique. Indeed, under the innumerable deep cracks that resembled the scratches of a heavenly devil claw, the people had already unconsciously begun to feel their blood run cold.

The experts from various large factions had summoned their fastest soul pets. No one had any intentions of fighting under this heavenly splitting and profound fear any longer. They all urged their soul pets to flee towards Li City.

However, something occurred that made everyone more scared!

No matter how much effort put into fleeing towards Li City or another direction, there would always be a devil ghost crack above their heads that was splitting the heavenly curtain!!

“What on earth is happening... Why can't I get out!!” yelled Soul Pet Palace’s lord in shock.

“Who understands how to break this technique? Quickly tell us otherwise everyone will meet a calamity!!” yelled the Merchants Alliance elder with a pale face.

These devil ghost cracks didn't rip apart the entire firmament. Instead, it covered overtop of the soul pets and soul pet trainers like a devil ghost mark. No matter which direction they moved. The devil ghost mark that seemed to rip open the sky would always follow them!

It was like the sun in the sky that always hung over their heads. No matter how fast or which direction they moved, it would always be overtop them. Yet, the terror of the devil ghost mark resided in its bit by bit nearing towards these soul pets and soul pet trainers!!

“Old Kingdom Lord Li, stop his technique!!!” Senior Xue knew that Li Sheng wanted to fight to the bitter end, so he yelled towards him.

There had appeared multiple frightening black devil ghost claw marks on top of Li Sheng’s head, but he had already decided to obtain the Jade Spring, so he was still ordering his Cloud Snake Ape Monarch to attack Chu Mu!

“Huhu~~~~~”

Suddenly, a small and weak white devil flame spring up. Amidst the enormous circling cloud snakes, resentment flames seemed to create a bonfire that ostentatiously flickered in all four directions!

The enormous cloud snakes couldn't withstand a single blow, and as the resentment flames were released, they transformed into a pile of useless cloud air. Then, following the torrential resentment aura, they were blown into nothingness!

After the cloud snakes disappeared, the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch's body was completely exposed. Li Sheng was unable to give it an order in time as he abruptly opened his eyes wide and watched inconceivably as the world shocking devil's resentment aura.

Upon the disbursement of the clouds, Chu Mu silently stood in his original position. However, this time, his right hand was holding the end of the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch's long snake tail!!

His arm full of dragon strength began to move and the body of the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch which was ten meters large, seemed to be weightless as it was instantly hoisted up by the half devil Chu Mu!!

The Cloud Snake Ape Monarch became a small puny creature in front of the exceptionally angry Chu Mu and was tossed to the Cyan Hidden Dragon's location!

Was there any soul pet that was even more tyrannical on this battlefield than the Cyan Hidden Dragon?

When the Cyan Hidden Dragon discovered that the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch which had wounded it was flying towards it, it immediately let out an eminently excited dragon cry!

Without any resistance, the Cyan Hidden Dragon was finally able to ferment a true dragon species technique!!

Seeing his Cloud Snake Ape Monarch being tossed to the Cyan Hidden Dragon which had incomparable strength, Li Sheng's expression instantly changed!

At close combat, without the Red Galactic Demon Emperor restricting the Cyan Hidden Dragon's techniques, this Cyan Hidden Dragon would definitely be able to rip the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch into shreds within half a minute!

"Save it!" Li Sheng ordered his Red Galactic Demon Emperor in panic to fly to the Cyan Hidden Dragon!!

The Red Galactic Demon Emperor was still a distance away from the Cyan Hidden Dragon and by the time it got there, the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch was letting out howls of extreme pain. Its entire arm was being bitten by the Cyan Hidden Dragon and blood was flying everywhere, creating bloody rain that fell on Li City...

“Ao!!!! Ao!!!!!!!!!!”

The Cyan Hidden Dragon’s teeth were filled with blood. When it opened its mouth to roar, it was visibly possible to see the traces of blood stuck on its teeth.

The Cyan Hidden Dragon’s roar vented its most violent anger as it simultaneously told Chu mu to use his techniques to his heart’s content. It wouldn’t let any creature stop him at all!

The frightening devil ghost fissure had temporarily stopped because of the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch, but it once more pressed on.

Each time it neared, people’s hearts was draped by a dense shadow of death!

The silver face was raised upwards, and its two Other Pupils stared at the mass fissures in the air. Chu Mu slowly opened his mouth and spat out a white pillar that flew up once more, fiercely striking the vast sky!

The power of the light pillar continued and the sky’s fissures became even more deep and wide!!

Countless splitting devil claws began to stretch out towards the soul pets and their soul pet trainers. Just a little bit more and these people would be ripped apart like the sky!!

“Ah!!!!!!!!!!”

Suddenly, gruesome and miserable shriek broke the heaven’s deathly silence!!

Everyone turned around in astonishment and their faces went white with terror because one of the black devil claws had reached a soul pet trainer. That soul pet trainer’s arm had unfathomably been split apart from his body because the fissure had streaked past!!

No blood spilled nor did any bone break. The only reason why the soul pet trainer’s arm split off was because it was in the way of the black fissure!

The fissure happened to split off limbs, then what if this unstoppable fissure streaked past one's head or throat?

No one dared to continue thinking about this. All of their faces were extremely unsightly and they began to frantically order their soul pets to use various defensive techniques!

The other type was the hardest attribute to fathom. Unless one had truly studied other type resources thoroughly, it was impossible to know what type of attribute to use to defend against this horrifying force.

The dense aura of death that enveloped the various experts turned them into a group of ants that was struggling against death under a devil ghost's claw. As people continually let out sharp miserable cries, these soul pet trainers didn't spare any energy to summon different attribute soul pets and frantically had them use different attributed defences.

Different attributes and different colors. The sky turned multicolor and beautiful lights ceaselessly flashed; yet, they seemed disorderly and numerous.

Nonetheless, the sole black color - the black devil ghost claw mark - easily turned these assorted colors into nothingness...

These soul pet trainers could no longer care for their treasured soul pets with death's arrival. In order to survive, they madly summoned in hopes that one of their soul pet's defenses would be able to stop the devil ghost claw extending towards them.

However, the more soul pets they summoned, the more deaths there were. Since the ones marked by the devil ghost weren't just the soul pet trainers, their soul pets were also targeted by the devil claw!!

“Hou~~~~Hou~~~~~”

“Yi~~~~~Yi~~~~~”

The devil claw was bearing down and the miserable cries of weak soul pets were continuous!!

Li Sheng's Sunset Roc had been enclosed by the dark splitting claw, and even if it was any faster, it would still be hard to escape the impending death. When the other type devil claws came ripping at it, the Sunset Roc's flying body was cut into several pieces. Its single head couldn't even let out a miserable cry before being turned into dead object!

Immediately after, the Phantom Sable, Wood Tray Spirit and Sun Flame Demon Bird were all targeted by the devil mark and were unable to escape from this terrifying black claw mark.

The Sunset Flame Demon Bird's strength was the most powerful and this tenth phase pseudo emperor could perhaps escape, but the Phantom Sable and Wood Tray Spirit wouldn't be able to escape this calamity. They were thus ripped into pieces by the Sunset Roc!

Those dozens of soul pets that had maintained a certain distance with the battlefield also couldn't escape and perished!

On the top of every soul pet's head, the black claw mark was like black lightning that swiftly and violently swept overtop of their body. Then, as long as the fissure touched a hair on the body, that part of the body would disappear no matter how high its defense was!

The firmament was blue while a white cloud layer drifted in the sky. This caused the black fissures filling the sky to appear even more ghastly.

To the millions of people in Li City, their mighty firmament was presently being covered by countless devil claw marks and each mark seemed grab at their hearts!!

This was a terrifying and grim scene of shocking levels. The devil claw marks filled with a destruction and death aura had thoroughly ripped apart this patch of blue colored sky filled with clouds

People could see that countless soul pets they revered were being split into pieces by the devil claw and they could even see a few of the soul pet trainers who they saw as reputable and outstanding severed into different parts...

This was a catastrophe, the most terrifying catastrophe in Li City's history. Powerful soul pets had fallen, and powerful soul pet trainers had been suffused with fear!!

Chapter 302: Human and Devil, Devil and Human

Who would have expected the sky to shatter!

Who could also have expected those ninth and tenth phase commander rank and up soul pets wouldn't even be able to take one strike and would all perish under the abnormal shattering sky mark?!

The miserable cries never ended. The secondary soul pets of these experts didn't escape, and once they were marked by the devil mark, they died a miserable death underneath the terrifying claw traces. Amongst them were many tenth phase commanders, and if these commanders were placed in certain territories and cities, they would practically be on an undefeatable level...

This was a unbelievable scene. The dozen or so experts from various factions had all practically summoned four or more soul pets; yet, ostensibly more than half of their summoned soul pets had been obliterated!

Tens of dead bodies had been torn to shreds by the abnormal mark. This even included a few powerful tenth phase monarchs, and these soul pet,s which their soul pet trainers had been intensely proud of, had lost their lives under this technique as well!

Soul Pet Palace, Merchants Alliance, Elemental Sect, Li City's great families, Soul Palace, and a few lone sect experts turned extremely pale faced after the catastrophe's purge. A few of their limbs even disappeared, and they laid painfully on the bodies of their soul pets that survived as they fled from this terrifying sky in a daze.

These experts from the large factions had lost approximately two to three soul pets. The most miserable was Soul Alliance's people since Soul Alliance had dispatched a large portion of their experts.

Amongst them, Luo Ling had already been killed by Chu Mu, while none of the three soul pets Xiao Ren summoned had escaped afterwards. They had all died under this terrifying abnormal mark, and Xiao Ren himself had only preserved his life because of that soul armor's protection.

As for the other Soul Alliance members, all of their soul pets had been killed and two of the soul pet trainers were unable to escape from the nightmare, wretchedly dying under the abnormal mark.

It could be said that Soul Alliance's members had lost the most out of the group. All of their soul pet trainers at least had three souls injured. Their bodies were weak and they stood there without any energy. The middle aged Xiao Ren who was previously one of the five summits had suffered even more and couldn't even summon a soul pet right now.

If it wasn't because Xiao Ren had recalled his favorite but previously wounded Three Headed Feathered Beast back into his soul pet space, it definitely wouldn't have survived.

Senior Xue's situation was comparatively optimistic. As a spirit emperor, his soul was much stronger than the other experts and of his soul pets- only the Wood Tray Spirit perished while the others survived.

As for his strongest soul pet, the Sun Flame Demon Bird, it had also suffered from Chu Mu's focused killing and this tenth phase pseudo emperor was pretty much struggling on the brink of death for a way out now!

Hovering not far away from Senior Xue was Li City Kingdom Lord, Li Sheng, who had been blinded by profit.

Li Sheng's technique defense was extremely strong. Although he was the closest to the strongest part of the technique, the only thing on his body were slight black claw marks...

However, Li Sheng's eyes had become incomparably vacuous at this moment, and his face was incomparably pale. His entire person seemed to have instantaneously aged considerably.

A head of white hair messily danced in the air. Li Sheng's expression was frozen, and his vacuous eyes stared at the devil monarch which resentment aura was gradually dissipating.

The Red Galactic Demon Emperor had absolute speed, and it would be able to dodge the fatal technique when it arrived.

However, the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch didn't have that extreme demon speed, and its defense had been broken down by the Cyan Hidden Dragon. Further having completely lost its fighting strength, the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch simply was unable to bear the purge of the final abnormal mark.

Ultimately, the Cloud Snake Ape Monarch shattered into pieces under the black fissure!!

The crystal in its innards was additionally ruthlessly swallowed by the Cyan Hidden Dragon in one bite, becoming its meal after the large battle!

The inner crystal of a tenth phase pseudo emperor could be considered the largest energy bestowment to the Cyan Hidden Dragon, and the wounds on its body began to heal much quicker afterwards. Perhaps it wouldn't take much longer for the undying Hidden Dragon to return to its peak state!

“Hou hou hou hou!!!!!!”

The Cyan Hidden Dragon arrogantly soared in the air. Right now, it was ignoring the Red Galactic Demon Emperor which had a lot of difficulty actually dealing damage to it and its two pupils stared at old Kingdom Lord Li. It let out an intimidating roar as it evidently was telling Li Sheng that he had invited this trouble upon himself!

The mind of the perpetually scheming old Kingdom Lord Li had finally collapsed at this moment, and even his impatient and guileless self never would have expected he would invite such a terrifying catastrophe to Li City. He had even lost a tenth phase pseudo emperor soul pet!!

Back then, old Kingdom Lord Li had relied on these two soul pets to become the hegemon of this area, becoming an extremely prestigious Kingdom Lord. Now that the Cloud Snake Ape monarch had died, it was the equivalent of old Kingdom Lord Li losing a weapon of attack. His position would definitely drop a level because of this soul pet's death!

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The fissures in the firmament didn't last very long, yet over a million people in Li City had personally witnessed this shocking and absurd technique that completely surpassed the imagination of these soul pet trainers. Perhaps, to these soul pet trainers with average strength of seventh phase commanders, this heavenly destructing strength could be called that of a god- that of a nefarious devil god!

The more terrifying the devil god was, the more evil filled the sky and the more wild the devil god's incomparably zealous nightmare believer became. Nightmare Palace Xi Hong had already known of the half devil's fearfulness. When he saw the other faction's experts suffer the torment of death

under the devil claw mark, this fellow let out a wild laugh. A half devil - it was the Nightmare Palace's supreme half devil!

A torrential resentment anger covered the heavens and even the scorching sun lost color.

The half devil state Chu Mu was presently standing high up in the air. With eyes cold like a ruler, he looked down on the soul pets and soul pet trainer that suffered from his abnormal mark destruction and he looked down on the millions of stunned Li City civilians.

In the eyes of these millions of people, the half devil Chu Mu was an aloof ruler of everything. To Chu Mu, however, the pain in his heart and soul had essentially forced him into a land of eternal damnation!!

The half devil state had reached the pinnacle, meaning that Chu Mu's soul was suffering from the most intense high temperature burning. This also meant that Chu Mu's consciousness was being burned to nothingness.

As for the resentment anger that allowed his strength to suddenly increase, it was the most intense form of torture to his lonely heart. It was precisely this emotion that allowed his devil state body to gather even more energy; enough energy so that he could destroy everything!

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At the moment, Chu Mu's consciousness had barely recovered a little bit. When he saw the mass of dead and injured soul pets, Chu Mu felt fearful of his own strength.

These soul pets he had killed normally could not be killed by him even after gathering all his strength. Moreover, not even that long ago, he was grinding his teeth and using all his strength to fight with a ninth phase commander rank Gluttonous Insect Monster.

However, right now, of this mass death of soul pets, none of them were weaker than the lowly Gluttonous Insect Monster. Moreover, every expert present were several higher levels than him and at levels he was incapable of reaching at his age...

These people and soul pets had all been killed by the devil state him!

When Chu Mu had used techniques, his consciousness had been destroyed with fire. However, these scenes to the recovered conscious Chu Mu were absolutely stunning.

Moreover, just a few moments ago, he could feel that inside the depths of his heart, each time he killed, something sinister was growing wild..

His heart was scorching hot, however, what was really scorching hot was the nefarious devil flames. This nefarious devil flame bestowed upon him endless strength while also making Chu Mu feel that he was losing himself bit by bit!

Yet, this wasn't a portrayal of his heart. Chu Mu's scorching hot heart was to stand on the holy altar of humans as the strongest soul pet and search for the most wonderful and powerful soul pet legends....

Living on Prison Island allowed Chu Mu to understand the inevitableness of killing in order to become an expert. However, it was this evil seed that made him kill. There was no reason to kill, and the only reason to obtain higher strength was to kill.

Chu Mu didn't want to become numb from killing, but he could feel the devil in his heart eating away at his true soul and heart!

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"No matter if it's you who devours the Nightmare's soul, or the Nightmare swallows yours, your soul has already become a Nightmare soul. The so-called half devil doesn't refer to an equilibrium between a human and a devil; rather, it's the process in which one transforms into a devil. If you haven't grasped things properly, then the thing that ultimately gets devoured will be your soul. Then, you will become the same as those Nightmare Palace experts from the previous generation, and you will transform into a nefarious soul pet without consciousness and full of evil!" at this moment, Old Li's voice slowly drifted into his mind.

At the moment, Old Li had changed his usual nasty attitude, and was using a very serious tone to talk to Chu Mu.

Old Li's words touched Chu Mu's heart, because he knew that he had just completely transformed into a devil and been completely reduced to the vile creature that was the White Nightmare. He was unable to discern who he had to actually kill and which innocent soul pets and soul pet trainers had merely brought into the fight by other people...

Old Li's words were very profound. So profound that Chu Mu's mind instantly cooled off.

However, when Chu Mu began gradually recovering consciousness, a storm-like mental force struck his consciousness, and he felt the torture of his soul and his incomparably weak mind was about to collapse at any moment.

The resentment flames on his body quickly dimmed and his vision became more and more blurry...

Finally, Chu Mu who had been stripped of power no longer even had the energy to hover in the air and his body became extremely heavy. He dropped straight down from the firmament!

In this moment, the only piece of consciousness was telling Chu Mu: This time, you ostensibly are going to truly shatter your body and break your bones...

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“Hu hu hu hu~~~~~”

The Cyan Hidden Dragon beat its wings and timely appeared at the location Chu Mu was falling down.

“Ao ao ao ao!!!!!!”

The Cyan Hidden Dragon shook the heaven and earth with its angry roar. Its voice seemed to be warning the all humans of Li City:

“Don't try anything deluded towards the Hidden Dragon species anymore. The moment a the Hidden Dragon species' anger truly erupts, that will be the day of your human's apocalypse!!”

Chapter 303: Ice Cold, Deep Pond Removing Devil

The Cyan Hidden Dragon opened up its wings. At this point, no one dared to stop the leaving of this dominant dragon species. All the dispirited experts could only watch as the Cyan Hidden Dragon.

This battle continued from noon all the way until evening. The sunset brought a few rays of tragic red down upon Li City, lighting people's face up.

After the fight, the sunset was especially gorgeous. The entire Li City was also very quiet, silent in the presence of sun rays.

Mister Xue's time-marked face watched as the cyan silhouette flew away opposite from the sun. After a long moment, his eyes glanced at Li old city master, who seemed to have lost his soul, and slowly asked, "Li Sheng, this time you've truly lost more than you've gained....."

After speaking, Mister Xue's eyes looked down again at the almost completely ruined western street area and continued to say, "To finish this reconstruction, it'll take a lot more than a few years. The rest of these years, just reorder Li City, or else Li City's city master may switch next term."

Li City's city master meant the capital master of the entirety of Zhanli Kingdom. This title definitely wasn't self-titled by Li Sheng. It was a decision made by many people of virtue and prestige to appoint the most worthy person as capital master.

After this event, Li Sheng's strength fell greatly and also caused huge losses for Li City. If he can't make amending measures quickly, he'll definitely lose his status as Capital Master.

Soul Palace Yu Shang sat on his tenth phase Light Rhinoceros far away. In this fight, Soul Palace and Nightmare Palace almost didn't participate. Nightmare Palace didn't participate because of their master, who was zealous for this half devil, and no one wanted to oppose him.

Yu Shang from start to finish was simply very inactive. His eyes never left the devil monarch. His face was always etched with the deepest thinking, because this thinking caused him to lose all interest in this battle, meaning none of the Soul Palace's members were hurt either.

Soul Palace had always maintained their just and righteous reputation, so after the battle, people of Soul Palace quickly summoned their water type soul pets to heal the soul pet trainers and soul pets that were heavily wounded.....

“Yu palace master, your premonition truly is powerful. If we participated in the fight, our soul pets would definitely have been affected greatly.” Sub-palace master wiped off the cold sweat on his brows as he said this.

“Yes yes, Yu Palace Master truly is wise.” Li City’s soul palace members immediately added. All of them still had lingering fears of what would have happened if they joined.

Yu Shang’s eyes glanced far away at the Mu Mountain. At this time, the Cyan Hidden Dragon’s figure had already disappeared behind the far mountains. Only, Yu Shang’s solemn face never faded. This point, his inner heart was full of surprise and confusion. He was surprised about the half devil’s power, but confused about why the half devil constantly reminded him of young master Chu, who had gone missing.

Of course, Yu Shang had already learned that Yu He had been killed underground in the old site. He also knew that Chu Mu killed Yu He, so Yu Shang would clearly remember this. No matter if this half devil was young master Chu or not, Yu Shang would keep his promise.

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“What a pity, why didn’t it kill everyone from Soul Alliance along with Xiao Ren? It left him alive!” Hiding far away, Ye Wansheng let out a large yell.

Before, when Ye Wansheng had met Soul Alliance Xiao Ren, he had shouted in despair in his heart. He had just started thinking of how to get free of the fellow when such a huge event happened right after. Countless experts of Soul Palace died under the devil mark. Even the most powerful Xiao Ren could barely walk on his own. If not for the expert right beside Xiao Ren, Ye Wansheng had the urge to run up and kill this potential threat right there and then.

The Cyan Hidden Dragon had already flown far, yet Ye Qingzi still stared in its direction, dazed. No amount of words could explain the shock in her heart, because only she knew that the devil that caused countless Li City experts to die was Chu Mu.

This half devil stood at a peak that she felt was too far away from her, but just the night before, she was still talking to him.....

“Speaking of which, where did Chu Mu go? Wasn’t he the one that helped you push Duan Xinhe off? Why did the kid run away without a trace the moment the half devil appeared? Good thing the

half devil found you pretty enough to leave alive, or else I wouldn't have a precious little sister anymore.....Qingzi.....Qingzi, why are you still staring blankly, speak up.....”

Ye Qingzi's heart couldn't calm down. For some reason, when Chu Mu and the Cyan Hidden Dragon disappeared far in the distance, her heart suddenly became much emptier.....

“Hei, little fox, quickly go find your master, what are you staying here for?” Ye Wansheng saw that Ye Qingzi was ignoring him, and only thought Ye Qingzi was still reveling in the half devil's power.

“Wuwuwuwu~~~~~”

Royal flames slowly burned up on Mo Xie, covering up its silver body. Slowly, Mo Xie's body started shrinking, and her nine majestic and massive tails slowly became nine cute little tails.

“Wuwu~~~~~”

Mo Xie jumped lightly and landed on Ye Qingzi's shoulder. Sticking its little tongue out, it licked Ye Qingzi's face, as if thanking Ye Qingzi for what she did before.

Feeling the wetness on her cheek, Ye Qingzi finally reacted. But, before Ye Qingzi could look closely at little Mo Xie, Mo Xie had already waved its tails as it disappeared from Ye Qingzi, running quickly towards where Chu Mu disappeared.

Ye Qingzi blanked again. She wanted to chase Mo Xie, because chasing her meant finding Chu Mu.

However, her steps suddenly stopped. Thinking back to the cyan hidden dragon beside Chu Mu, Ye Qingzi realized that he must be quite far away already.....

“If we have a chance, we'll meet again.....” Finally, Ye Qingzi bit her pale lips but didn't chase.

Ye Qingzi knew Chu Mu's final destination was Tianxia City, which was the same place her brother and her had to go.....

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The night sky was full of stars, dazzlingly lighting up a range of refreshing mountains.

The wind blew past, giving a feeling of comfort, as if a cold, soft hand lightly caressed one's face, against one's skin.

Flowers swayed along with leaves. Beside a clear pool, a massive figure stood, completely out of place, piercing the dark night with an invisible yet intimidating aura.

The Cyan Hidden Dragon was half curled up as it secreted a cyan saliva from its mouth. This saliva was then licked onto its wounds, causing the bleeding wounds to heal quickly.

The Cyan Hidden Dragon lost a huge patch of scales. It almost had no piece of intact skin, having many poisoned and dark wounds. To rely solely on self regeneration was hard, so the Cyan Hidden Dragon could only rely on the most primitive way, licking, to heal his wounds.

Cyan Hidden Dragon's wounds weren't all left from the Li City battle. In the past few days, the Cyan Hidden Dragon hadn't fought any less. These wounds were mostly from these few days too.

Before the Cyan Hidden Dragon was an unmoving water pond. This pond wasn't large. It was only twenty meters in diameter. When the moon fell upon it, it looked like a mirror embed into the mountain, reflecting a beautiful glow.

The water pond was rather low down, so it was cold.

At the bottom of this pond was a human that has hollow eyes. He was like a corpse, without any signs of life.

This person at the bottom of the pond was naturally Chu Mu outside of half devil state.

Chu Mu has already been passed out for seven days.

Cyan Hidden Dragon brought Chu Mu on a day long flight, but as Chu Mu's soul's temperature was hard to heal, the Cyan Hidden Dragon couldn't continue to fly. Finally, it found a cold water pond near the edge of Zhanli Kingdom and threw Chu Mu in the water.

Though the pond is small, it was very deep. Inside it laid a Deep Pond Snake that reached ninth phase.

Yet, even if its territory was taken by someone, this Deep Pond Snake didn't dare to move at all, only able to lay at the deepest part of the pond. Even if the half dead person was right around its mouth, it didn't dare to bite, instead laying there well-behaved, even helping him expel the burn in his soul.

Six days and night, Chu Mu was always in the deepest part of this pond. The Cyan Hidden Dragon had ran everywhere in these days also to find ice soul items nearby to reduce Chu Mu's temperature.

With the Cyan Hidden Dragon's power, to gain normal soul items was nothing. Except, after a huge fight, it was also very tired, so its fighting strength is lowered and he gained more wounds.

Finally, in ten days, the Chu Mu deep inside opened his eyes.

Chu Mu opened his eyes to deep blue water. Inside this water was a half snake, half dragon head staring at it, not a meter away!

Chu Mu's was scared by this suddenly appearing organism. He opened his mouth instinctively and immediately a gulp of freezing water entered his throat.....

The Deep Pond Snake was originally just observing the human out of curiosity. It hadn't expected the human to suddenly open its eyes. This snake itself was scared, quickly swimming deeper into the pond. After curling up in the deepest rock cave of the pond, it then peeked out with its eyes.

“Huhuhu~~~~”

The Cyan Hidden Dragon's nose blew out hot air, clearly noticing Chu Mu waking up. It climbed to the side of the water pond and extended its tail into the water, pulling him out.

“Cyan Hidden Dragon?” Chu Mu quickly calmed down. When his body was pulled out of the water, he started watching this cyan mountain.

‘Shashashasha~~~~~’

Chu Mu could feel that his awakening caused the Cyan Hidden Dragon to be happy too. Its large dragon mouth opened up in a smile like expression.

“Young master, you’ve been out for ten days. These days, if not for this hidden dragon finding ice type soul items for you, you may never have woken up.” Old Li said.

“No wonder I feel cold all over, and Ning seems to be in an indescribable state.” Chu Mu said.

Chapter 304: Nightmare Palace God, Half Devil

Chu Mu’s continuous high temperature came from his soul, so his body was affected as well. When the ice type soul items entered Chu Mu’s body, Chu Mu’s body was slowly changed towards the ice type as well.

Because of the soul’s high temperature, Chu Mu’s long term use of ice type soul items caused his body to have a certain ice type resistance. Any ice type technique under the eighth rank could hardly cause any harm to Chu Mu.

Yet Chu Mu’s soul was connected with the Ice Air Fairy, who became the biggest benefactor after Chu Mu crazily used medicines. It actually reached seventh phase fifth stage and became Chu Mu’s highest stage soul pet.

“Shashashasha~~~~~” The Cyan Hidden Dragon let out a cyan bug like sound as it started to communicate with Chu Mu.

“You want the Jade Spring?” Chu Mu opened his mouth to ask.

Cyan Hidden Dragon fought from the dragon Region all the way through thousands of miles to the human world just to regain the rightful blood of the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon. Supposedly, this Jade Spring Sacred Blood is abnormally important to the Cyan Hidden Dragon. The reason the Cyan Hidden Dragon made Chu Mu swallow it was only to give Chu Mu the power of the Jade Spring's energy release temporarily.

Chu Mu had originally planned on giving this Jade Spring back to the Cyan Hidden Dragon anyways, since the Hidden Dragon species must regard this treasure very importantly.

But, at this moment, the Cyan Hidden Dragon shook its head and pointed its long claws at Chu Mu, and then at Chu Mu's ring.

"Young master, the Jade Spring Sacred Blood had been merged into your body already. If the Cyan Hidden Dragon wants to take it back, it would have to kill you, so I don't think it's planning to take it back, but it is trying to tell you something." Old Li said.

"My ring?" Chu Mu said, confused.

Suddenly, Chu Mu realized that he still had a dragon egg of Cyan Hidden Dragon. This dragon egg came straight from the body of the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon. If he raised it to tenth phase and strengthened it, it would definitely be able to reach the state this Cyan Hidden Dragon was currently at!

"Shashasha~~~~~"

"You mean that Hidden Dragon Egg? What about it?" Chu Mu still couldn't completely understand the Cyan Hidden Dragon's meaning.

"Shashashasha~~~~~" The Cyan Hidden Dragon let out another string.

"Old Li, translate for me, I still haven't understood what it's trying to say." Chu Mu said.

If the Cyan Hidden Dragon said some rather simple phrase, then Chu Mu, who had the language of demons and beasts, may be able to understand some of. Yet, the Cyan Hidden Dragon seemed to want to portray a very complicated idea, so Chu Mu had no clue what was being conveyed, only able to know the subject was the Hidden Dragon egg within his ring.

The Hidden Dragon Egg laid in Chu Mu's spatial ring for a very long time, but other than the soft membrane that it shed every month, the Hidden Dragon egg didn't show any changes. Chu Mu himself had no clue how long it would take before it would be born.

"I'm not a damn bug, how would I know what it's saying?" Old Li said indignantly. Old Li understood the language of humans as well as demons, but the complicated system of bugs and dragons was something he found as difficult as Chu Mu found it.

Seeing that Chu Mu couldn't understand it, the Cyan Hidden Dragon knew that there was a huge gap in communication between human and dragon. He no longer said any more, only simply conveying that Chu Mu had to protect the Hidden Dragon egg well until it grew up to become a soul pet more powerful than it was and inherit the Cyan Hidden Dragon species to become the next Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon.

The Cyan Hidden Dragon in front of him, as well as the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon that shattered an entire island were both targets that Chu Mu found immeasurably out of reach. Thinking that he had an infant soul pet that could reach such a level right in his spatial ring, Chu Mu's heart was overwhelmed with emotions.

"Shashashasha~~~~~" Cyan Hidden Dragon saw that Chu Mu understood the gist of things and nodded its massive head.

"You still have business and need to return to Dragon Region?" Chu Mu very quickly understood what the Cyan Hidden Dragon meant this time.

The Cyan Hidden Dragon nodded again and extended its wings. The Cyan meat wings almost covered up Chu Mu's entire vision.

"Shashashasha~~~~~" The Cyan Hidden Dragon gave off its parting words. After finishing, it flapped its wings and flying into the star-strewn skies, its body slowly disappeared into the starlights, leaving only a gust of cyan wind.

The violent gust of wind battered Chu Mu's face and messed up Chu Mu's hair. Chu Mu lifted his head up, and watched as the Cyan Hidden dragon left. His eyes slowly glimmered with a tint of veneration.

The Cyan Hidden Dragon slowly disappeared. Watching the powerful image leave, Chu Mu's heart was left with lots of emotions. Maybe, there weren't many people in the world that could stand on the head of a tenth phase emperor rank Cyan Hidden Dragon, yet he had luckily become one of them.

Chu Mu knew that it was only because of a moment of luck. If he wanted to truly make this step, he still had a very long way to go and needed lots of time before he could stand on the same height as the Cyan Hidden Dragon!

But, no matter how long this road was, no matter how high the skies were ahead of him, Chu Mu will continue to walk his path. He believed that there will be a day that he will stand between the horns of a Cyan Hidden Dragon to soar through the bluest of skies!!

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"Young master, you truly are the person that got the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon's egg. Presumably, the large incident in the Eternal Ocean is tightly connected to you too." Old Li's voice slowly floated over.

Before, Old Li had already guessed that, coming out of the Prison Island, Chu Mu may have had some association with the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon, yet, through the Cyan Hidden Dragon's trust in Chu Mu, Old Li confirmed this.

Chu Mu laughed bitterly. He knew he couldn't hide it from Old Li.

"No wonder you would ask about the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon the other day..... Speaking of which, this Hidden Dragon seemed to have inherited the blood of some Cyan Hidden Dragon ancestor. It is probably the most powerful Hidden Dragon currently. If you can make good relations with it, it will have great benefits for your future growth. In reality, many experts of the human realm have diplomatic relations with soul pet ancestors. Such soul pet trainers were all very powerful." Old Li said.

Chu Mu nodded and said, "Soul Alliance members are all looking for the Cyan Hidden Dragon egg. Before I am powerful enough, I still have to be very careful."

"The fact that young master can think this way is very rare already. You wouldn't know, but many young people who obtain soul pets with insane potentials will just start acting as if they're invincible. The result? They get brutally erased. Such examples are too plenty to mention.....

Speaking of which, young master, don't you feel something different about your body? The Jade Spring Sacred Blood must show itself in some way....." Old Li said with praise.

Chu Mu had already felt abnormalities when he woke up. It was as if his body quality had become better. Even without soul armor, he may be able to ignore some soul pet techniques.

"My body quality is more powerful, but I think the greatest benefactor is still my half-devil rank." Chu Mu said.

Chu Mu's half devil beast type was the one that was baptised, so when Chu Mu wasn't in half devil state, the effects of the Jade Spring Sacred Blood wouldn't be obvious. After all, no matter how one changed the quality of a human's body, it rarely could gain power. At most, its defense and resistances will increase by a great amount.

"That's for sure. Your half devil rank itself is already a high class monarch. If the effects completely finish, reaching the emperor rank isn't a problem. You may even reach middle class emperor rank....." Old Li said.

"Middle class emperor rank....." Chu Mu murmured.

Emperor rank was always a dream of Chu Mu's. He had also always hoped he could ride an emperor rank soul pet to traverse this wide world.

Emperor rank!

This was the idea of a peak in the soul pet realm. Even people like Li Sheng and Xiao Ren never had such a soul pet.

Those who owned an emperor rank soul pet meant that they had stepped into the top tiers of soul pet realm. Countless factions would fight just to have an expert with an emperor rank soul pet!

Even Chu Mu himself had never thought he would reach such a realm this quickly. What made him conflicted between laughter and tears was, it wasn't his soul pet that gained emperor rank, but it was himself, and he needed to become a half devil to reach that power.

Even more tragic was, even without Old Li's reminder, Chu Mu knew that, if his mother couldn't find the Worldly Immortal Ice, then he would never be able to use half devil ever again. Simultaneously, Chu Mu would have to spend the rest of his life using up large amounts of ice type soul items.

"Young master, you truly played with fire this time. One mishap and you may have become a white nightmare without any sentence....." Old Li said.

"I know. How much longer until do I have before I lose all my thoughts?" Chu Mu himself felt as if he didn't have much longer to live.

"About half a year. And haven't you felt that your devil is beginning to get restless?" Old Li said.

The devil that Old Li mentioned was naturally the White Nightmare. After this devil form, Chu Mu had caused great damage to his soul, but he also gave huge benefits to the White Nightmare. The White Nightmare was now seventh phase fourth stage, needing even more soul power than before!

"En, Old Li, tell me about my situation....." Chu Mu said.

"Nightmare Palace's Nightmares are evil soul pets. Evil soul pets are very powerful, but those who feed it must pay bigger prices than any other soul pet. Of course, not all Nightmares that devour their masters' souls become half devils. Half devils usually appear only on very powerful Nightmares and humans. The probability of appearance was very low. The most recent example is probably the Nightmare Palace Bai Yu around ten to twenty years ago.

"A half devil's appearance had many reasons. I'm unsure if it is lucky or unlucky that young master had met a White Nightmare that could become a half devil.

"Of course, not everything is absolute. To most, the White Nightmare is a true nightmare that is the terminator of all things. If young master could stand your ground, defeat this devil, and utilize it, then it is a luck, pushing you above all others."

"Most importantly, young master is very different from the previous Nightmare Palace ancestors that have been devoured by their powerful Nightmares....."

"Those half devil Nightmare Palace ancestors all died after the half devil. Their half devil state were absolutely coincidental and dangerous. Young master's greatest advantage is that young master is in

control of the devouring. You can pick when to enter half devil state and when to remove it. As long as young master can withstand the high temperatures of the soul, then it is as if you constantly have the strongest power of the Nightmare!”

Chapter 305: Battle of the Realm, Emperor Soul Pet

“Young master is able to endure the torment that normal people cannot and is able to tread down the path towards more strength with absolute conviction. These things that are misfortunes of unquestionable death to other people are the heaven’s greatest gift to you!”

Old Li’s words indicated deep acknowledgement of Chu Mu. Before Chu Mu had encountered Chu Mu, his cultivation path was full of holes because his soul pet’s defection made him incapable of becoming a soul pet trainer.

Under these circumstances, he would be kidnapped and thrown onto Nightmare island where he was tortured.

If Chu Mu had thrown his life away back on Nightmare Island, slacked off of his cultivation of soul remembrance or didn’t bravely make his way out of the jaws of predicaments and death, then Chu Mu would be just like those other Nightmare sacrifices. The only freedom he would receive would be in the river of death, and neither could he have become a soul pet trainer that controlled a monarch rank White Nightmare.

A soul pet trainer’s path of growth was definitely inseparable with the heaven’s wishes. This was because if one fortunately obtained a soul pet, it could change his or her life; however, the soul pet trainer had to be able to persist through the serious difficulties of the cultivation path.

People always complained that they didn’t encounter a good soul pet, and complained about other people being part of a large family that allowed them to effortlessly obtain a good soul pet or were envious of others that possessed a soul pet that could make them go crazy. However, how could these people understand that behind every powerful soul pet trainer was bitterness.

A soul pet trainer didn’t have absolute fortune, nor did they have absolute misfortune. The only thing a soul pet trainer did have was if he or she was hardworking, if he or she truly grasped every opportunity, then took one step at a time on the path of an expert!

“Ninety percent of my soul power...” Chu Mu bitterly laughed and shook his head. As the White Nightmare’s strength increased, Chu Mu found that he had to feed at least ninety percent of his soul power to it in order to have it behave.

After undergoing the half devil transformation, not only did the White Nightmare reach the seventh phase fourth stage, its fighting strength increased by a level and both Mo Xie and Chu Mu now found it hard to suppress this greedy devil.

“Young master, don’t fret. After being baptised by the Jade Spring, young master will be able to reach the third remembrance spirit master shortly. When that time arrives, you won’t be so pressed.” said Old Li.

Chu Mu nodded his head and bitterly laughed: “My current state is that of sitting on a gold mountain. I still have to slowly operate...”

“Young master, the half devil is definitely not a gold mountain, but rather an evil creature that may consign you to eternal damnation at any moment. If you discover that you have to rely on the half devil to fight and defeat enemies, then you really aren’t far from completely becoming a devil. When that time comes, young master, you won’t be young master anymore. Thus, what young master has to do isn’t to claw out that gold mountain or how to make your half devil state possess boundless strength, but rather to raise your own strength through harder work. This way, you won’t degenerate into a devil creature without a mind.” said Old Li extremely seriously.

“Yes, I know what to do.” said Chu Mu earnestly as he nodded his head.

He could no longer half devil transform, so in the future, Chu Mu had to rely on himself to take one step at a time down his path.

“Young master, with your current state, you should still be able to last until Tianxia City. I hope that my lady has already found the Worldly Immortal Ice. Otherwise, you’ll need a continuous supply of incomparably expensive ice attribute things to maintain a clear mind.” said Old Li.

“The route to Tianxia City is really very far. That being said, why are so many people pressed to compete in the Battle of the Realm?” Chu Mu knew that there was still a very far distance to Tianxia City and it happened to give Chu Mu enough time to cultivate his soul pets.

Chu Mu was very surprised that a Battle of the Realm was able to make all of the young generation members go crazy. There were countless numbers of competitions in the soul pet realm so why was the Battle of the Realm something numerous young generation experts flocked towards? It seemed that every person with strength made that their final target.

“The time a soul pet trainer spends training in the wild is endless and his experiences are harsh. But when they obtain a ranking at the Battle of the Realm, they feel that everything will be worth it. Young Master isn’t truly embroiled in the conflicts within a faction and probably doesn’t understand the implication of the Battle of the Realm too well. However, once young master’s strength reaches a certain level, specifically when your soul pets reach the tenth phase or more, you will understand the true meaning of the Battle of the Realm. When that time comes, even if your life will be in danger, you will still use all your strength to fight....” said Old Li.

“Tenth phase... it seems that I still have quite a ways to go... there are probably few soul pets of young generation soul pet trainers which have reached the tenth phase, right?” asked Chu Mu.

“Few, but there definitely are. Young master must realize this. In truth, I still feel like young master must come into contact with the large factions because only by doing so will you understand the vast nature of domain and understand that you’re inferior from the various fights with experts. In such a way will young master have the most direct target to struggle for and the desire to become stronger will be stimulated.” said Old Li.

“Tenth phase. Are there really young people who have reached this domain? How did they do so?” Chu Mu let out a shocked expression.

“There should be Soul Palace young masters of the same level as you who have tenth phase soul pets. There are normally two ways to increase the strength of soul pets. The first is to unceasingly have your soul pet fight and then increase the speed of your soul pet further through certain spirit items. Young master doesn’t need to be surprised by this; the soul pet world is full of vast and bizarre things and there are definitely crazy people who have raised their soul pet to the tenth phase in a short period of time. The other method is to increase the fighting strength rank of your soul pet. This method relies on the soul pet’s inherent effort and talent while also using spirit items to help.”

“Right now of all of young master’s soul pets, without considering attribute factors, the White Nightmare’s fighting strength rank is the strongest. It inherently is a middle class monarch and without any spirit item strengthening, its strength is at the middle class monarch rank. Right now, it should be indistinctly trending towards the fighting strength of a high class monarch.

“The second ranked fighting strength rank should be that small fox. It has low class monarch rightning strength, but of course, its low phase and stage are one of the factors inhibiting its strength.”

“The third ranked fighting strength rank should be the Ghost King. It innately is a low class monarch rank and its fighting strength is also of a low class monarch... it’s already very hard to increase the fighting strength of the Ghost King so young master should focus your efforts on its phase and stage.”

“The fourth ranked fighting strength rank is Zhan Ye. It innately is a middle classed commander and right now has a pseudo monarch’s fighting strength. Moreover, its powerful life force and Brave Stinging Heart technique make its fighting strength probably not inferior to a low class monarch. Yet, again, its phase and stage prevent it from exhibiting its true strength. Young master’s Zhan Ye truly is a marvel in the soul pet world, as there are few soul pets that can step over fighting strength ranks through techniques.”

“The fifth ranked fighting strength rank is the Ice Air Fairy. It innately is a high class warrior and its current fighting strength is between a pseudo monarch and low class monarch. Young master was extremely smart when you chose an ice type elemental world soul pet back then, as you really did lack an elemental soul pet with exceptionally high destructive power.”

“The Night Thunder Dream Beast and Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s ranks are all at the pseudo monarch rank. In specific battle circumstances, these two soul pets may exhibit effectiveness that is even more instantaneous and direct than young master’s strongest, the fox and the White Nightmare.”

“Ultimately, the fighting strength rank of all of young master’s soul pets is very balanced, and practically all of your soul pets have entered the monarch realm. This can be considered extremely rare amongst young generation soul pets; however, young master’s start was a bit too low, causing the phase and stage of your soul pets to fall behind many people of the same age.”

Old Li’s explanation was extremely precise and specialized. As for the problem of phase and stage that he mentioned at the end, this was the largest problem that had perplexed Chu Mu.

“The fighting strength rank of young master’s soul pets is very adequate, or saying it another way, if young master wants to strengthen them, the difficulty is extremely high, and the expenditures is something young master cannot presently bear. Once a soul pet’s fighting strength reaches that of a monarch, the difficulty of strengthening it will be more than ten times harder than the previous ranks. Therefore, I feel that young master should focus on phase and stage in the future. Raising

your soul pet's phase and stage will be the fastest method to raise your strength. As for fighting strength rank, you can leave it for later.”

In truth, Chu Mu had always been curious as to why the experts from the large factions had soul pets that were primarily at the monarch rank. In Chu Mu's opinion, these people had been a soul pet trainer for a long time and accumulated a large sum of wealth. If they were to only use it on one soul pet, it probably wouldn't be a problem for them to raise its fighting strength to the emperor rank.

However, aside from Li Sheng and Senior Xue who possessed pseudo emperor soul pets, the majority of the experts in Li City had soul pets that were clearly only at the monarch rank.

“It's harder to raise the fighting strength rank after the monarch rank, eh?” Chu Mu muttered to himself.

“It's pretty much impossible to rise from a pseudo monarch to a low class monarch without 50 million gold coins. Rising from a low class monarch to a middle class monarch can easily cost 100 million. From a middle class monarch to a high class monarch... huh, this step is still far away from young master right now...”

“As for the emperor rank, that's even further away. If going from the monarch to emperor rank was as easy as going from the servant to warrior to commander rank, then no one would care for the Battle of the Realm's principle child emperor rank pet.”

A child emperor rank creature!!

As long as its phase was raised to the tenth phase, then wouldn't its strength be on the same level as the Cyan Hidden Dragon?!!

This was an attraction of immense scale!!

If it was before, Chu Mu wouldn't have any true intentions towards the so-called emperor rank. However, after experiencing the Li City fight and hearing Old Li mention the difficulty of strengthening a soul pet after the monarch rank, Chu Mu genuinely understood what an emperor rank soul pet meant!!

Chapter 306: Startled and Frightened Xia Guanghan

In the Li City fight a Cyan Hidden Dragon had appeared. This was already capable of causing an uproar through the entire Zhanli Kingdom nonetheless the further appearance of a half devil was news like a storm. With Li City as the heart of the storm it swept in all directions spreading to kingdoms even further away.

It could essentially be said that within the short span of a month the news of the Cyan Hidden Dragon and the world shocking devil spread around the entire soul pet domain. People began to guess what kind of creature this worldly shocking devil that could cause such terrifying destruction was and whether it was actually a soul pet. If it was a soul pet then wouldn't it be a variant White Nightmare?

The disturbance caused was immense especially to the various factions that had suffered. Once the higher levels of these factions obtained the news they began to have qualified soul pet scholars analyze the half nightmare.

In reality a majority of old scholars were sure that the creature was most likely only a White Nightmare that had reached the pinnacle. As for why it had associated with the Cyan Hidden dragon they had no idea.

On the other hand there was another group of soul pet scholars who had another theory that the world shocking devil was a product of the Jade Spring holy blood.

The Jade Spring holy blood contained an enormous amount of energy and as long as the dragon mark was undone this energy would give the creature bestowed with it a temporary tremendous amount of energy. Therefore these scholars felt that when a creature normally used the Jade Spring holy blood strength they merely possessed that strength during that time and weren't really of the emperor rank.

Both theories spread for a period of time with the former being more prominent because it was propagated better by well spoken people. Moreover these people enjoyed fabricating stories of powerful soul pet thus adding a bit of excitement to their dull and monotonous life.

Mediocre soul pet trainers were of the majority and the world shocking devil's appearance became the hottest topic for them. Therefore in their eyes this kind of creature was definitely a hegemon of

some area that had entered a human city before unleashing a wanton massacre. Within this general assumption arose many self-fabricated vivid stories.

As for the latter theory this was the answer most of the higher ups of the various factions arrived at. The higher ups from Soul Pet Palace Nightmare Palace Soul Alliance Merchant Alliance Soul Alliance and the others after receiving feedback from Li City felt that the Jade Spring holy flood was the largest factor behind it.

Further this caused them to have no choice but to search for the half devil's original body. Nightmare Palace's half devil was a secret that only people of the higher levels knew so Nightmare Palace knew that there definitely was some soul pet trainer that possessed the White Nightmare and had directly had it use the Jade Spring holy blood thus leading to an explosion of enormous strength.

Alternatively the White Nightmare could have devoured its master and transformed into a half devil before using the Jade Spring to increase its strength.

Regardless of the actual answer Nightmare Palace could be 100 percent sure that back then the soul pet trainer that used the White Nightmare had obtained the Jade Spring holy blood!

Nightmare Palace could not let anyone who could be of benefit to them go. Especially since it was a shocking half devil which had only appeared over ten years ago. As such Nightmare Palace organized a group of experts to begin to thoroughly understand and find the soul pet trainer that controlled that White Nightmare. Of course there was a chance that this soul pet trainer had already completely degenerated into a White Nightmare...

Tianxia City Nightmare Palace's inner hall

With an ice cold face and sharp gaze Xia Guanghan was wearing a elegant silver robe as he sat up in a high position. His entire being seemed be extremely gloomy.

"Senior Xia you disappeared for a very long time. Why did you suddenly come back?" asked a man standing in the hall wearing white clothing. This man didn't seem very gloomy as his eyes flashed with self-confidence and calmness.

"Hmph if I were still to remain silent the business that I worked so laboriously on would have all been stolen from me." sneered Xia Guanghan.

"Then why did you call me this time? I remember the last time you looked for me was five years ago right? Back then Senior Xia was still in the process of meteoric rise." laughed the man.

"Zuo Xiao let's cut the bullshit. You should be very clear as to why I'm wounded. You should also have heard the most recent news from Zhanli Kingdom" said Xia Guanghan.

"I only heard of it. The soul pet world is very expansive and there are many White Nightmare soul pet trainers not under our jurisdiction. There's nothing strange about this." objected the man.

"If things really are as simple as you profess then I do find you quite lamentable. That half devil transformed person is called Chu Mu. You should know that fellow. He's the young expert who I slowly nurtured back from Nightmare Island. Right now his strength is slowly growing and I'm sure that will be a certain difficulty to killing him." said Xia Guanghan.

"There are countless young generation experts and I've never once believed I could kill anyone I wanted. Chu Mu eh? I remember that the old fellow in Blue Nightmare Palace spent a large sum of money to have me kill him. However that old fellow didn't know the relationship between me and you" said the man called Zuo Xiao.

"That old fellow must be taken down sooner or later." sneered Xia Guanghan.

"Let's talk about Chu Mu first. Honorable Senior Xia don't deliberately hide anything. Although we've lost touch for so many years in any case we're of the same bloodline and hiding things is of most despicable conduct." said Zuo Xiao.

"Have you heard of Nightmare Palace's half devil legend?" asked Xia Guanghan.

Zuo Xiao nodded his head but didn't say anything. He continued to wait for Xia Guanghan to keep going.

"The half devil is a ray of light and a shooting star full of strength. It only has an extremely short amount of time or in other words can only appear once. Afterwards that expert will die." specially explained Xia Guanghan.

"It's also this rarity that makes the half devil so uncommon. However a special case of the half devil occurred on that brat called Chu Mu."

"Oh? What special case? Could it be that he didn't die after transforming into a half devil?" said Zuo Xiao.

"Exactly that!" Xia Guanghan nodded his head and continued to speak His half devil is different from the traditional half devil. It manifested out of him devouring the White Nightmare's soul where he occupied the dominated the mind while the White Nightmare became a slave that bestowed its strength to him. If I've guessed correctly he can enter the half devil state at any time he wishes and can also remove the half devil state at any time!"

When Xia Guanghan got to the last sentence his tone became extremely excited.

To any Nightmare Palace member the half devil really was a godlike existence. It was an honour to be able to see and appreciate this nefarious strength even once.

However it would be over ten years since a half devil last appeared. The half devil required several factors combining together as well as the price of one's life before appearing this time it had appeared on a young man's body. What was even more shocking was that this young man could transform as he wished into a half devil and also possessed the most evil and most powerful half devil!!

Xia Guanghan's words caused Zuo Xiao to open his mouth in shock as his face was riddled with disbelief.

"Are you sure he can do this? If his White Nightmare reaches even higher phases and stages then wouldn't that mean that he can unceasingly use the half devil state to fight? Then that's simply the same as summoning a devil god to fight!" the appearingly calm Zuo Xiao was having great emotions billow in his heart.

"I was injured by his half devil transformation and back then I thought he could only be a half devil once. I also thought him not dying was a fluke. However this Li City matter made me realize that this brat truly possesses this terrifying ability." how could Xia Guanghan remain calm? When he heard of the news he had nearly fallen out of his chair.

"Doesn't he already have animosity with you? If you let him continue to grow for a few years you'll definitely die!" Zuo Xiao was worried for Xia Guanghan as he spoke.

"Of course I know!" Xia Guanghan's face was full of frigid air now because he felt a threat from Chu Mu!

Chu Mu being able to transform into a half devil was really the equivalent of summoning an extremely powerful devil god. The moment Chu Mu raised the strength of his White Nightmare Xia Guanghan's soul pets wouldn't be the half devil Chu Mu's opponent. Therefore after obtaining the news Xia Guanghan couldn't sit still.

"You made a chess piece but ultimately ended up being forced into an impasse by this chess piece. You truly are lamentable." said Zuo Xiao.

Zuo Xiao's words made Xia Guanghan seethe with anger. He knew that he should have decisively gotten rid of Chu Mu earlier that way why would he need to bother about him now?

"You can tell this to the higher ups in Nightmare Palace. If they know that this brat can unlimitedly become a half devil they will definitely adopt measures." said Zuo Xiao.

"Xia Guanghan shook his head and said No absolutely not. If I let those old geezers know of this that brat's value is much higher than mine and those geezers will do everything they can to support him. At the same time they'll firmly restrict me and have him walk to the highest god platform of Nightmare palace. When that time comes if he wants me to die it'll only take a sentence."

Xia Guanghan had already thought about this. Nightmare Palace was presently at a bottleneck state. The ambitious seniors had continuously been trying to expand but weren't able to do anything about the strength of the highest echelons of Nightmare Palace being limited.

Yet with the appearance of the abnormal Chu Mu Nightmare Palace's elders would definitely do all they could to control Chu Mu- then support him cultivating him into a true devil god of Nightmare Palace. When that time came Xia Guanghan would have to flee.

"Zuo Xiao this matter is very serious so no matter what you must help me!" Xia Guanghan couldn't calm the uneasiness in his heart and he earnestly spoke to Zuo Xiao.

"I can't help. That brat will be uncontrollable in a few years." Zuo Xiao shook his head.

"Don't worry the half devil state's side effects are extremely strong. His soul is definitely heavily injured right now. I dare say that he's in a normal state right now and won't dare transform into a half devil again. And the non half devil him is just livestock that can be arbitrarily killed" said Xia Guanghan.

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"Don't worry, the side effects of of half devil are very powerful. His soul is definitely heavily wounded. I can say with certainty that, even if he is in a normal state, he wouldn't dare to become half devil again. And without the half devil transformation, he is but a sheep- easily slain....." Xia Guanghan said.

"If it is like this, then why don't you send someone to get rid of him yourself?" Zuo Xiao said.

"I'm not adept at tracking, and this kid clearly will change his name and appearance. My influence is limited, so I still need a killer like you. And, isn't tracking others a talent of Underground Palace?" Xia Guanghan said.

"This isn't wrong. I will send someone to look for his situation. As for if I can help you get rid of this person, it'll depend on your sincerity." Zuo Xiao said.

Xia Guanghan's mouth quivered. Zuo Xiao's so called sincerity was naturally pointing to the reward that Xia Guanghan was willing to pay. To kill someone like Chu Mu, the reward must not be too low, especially when they didn't know where he was.

"Don't worry, I won't let you do things for nothing." Xia Guanghan said.

"Hehe, no other way, its the rules of Underground Palace. Even if we're brothers, there's nothing I can do. If there's nothing else, i'll be leaving to see another old friend of mine." Zuo Xiao said.

"En, go, as long as you help me finish this as soon as possible." Xia Guanghan nodded.

Zuo Xiao didn't say much more as he turned around to walk out of the palace.

Zuo Xiao's steps weren't quick. As he slowly disappeared from the inner palace, Xiao Guanghan's face became darker again.

Even Xia Guanghan himself hadn't thought that Chu Mu would improve this quickly. From this, in another year or two, even Xiao Guanghan wouldn't be able to fight him head on.

In reality, Xiao Guanghan wasn't the most worried about the issue of half devil. Chu Mu was a low remembrance soul master currently. Such high soul temperatures wasn't something he could stand. Unless there was some unique treasure to sustain him, he wouldn't be able to become a half devil again.

What worried him most was that soul pet that could continuously mutate. It was something that Xia Guanghan dreamed of even in his sleep. If that soul pet improved too quickly and mutated to an even more powerful soul pet, then even if he killed Chu Mu, getting the soul pet would be harder. After all, the more powerful the soul pet, the lower the probability of signing a contract with it.

"If underground palace can't deal with this, then I can only take a step back and share this with him." Xia Guanghan said.

Xia Guanghan hadn't truly walked into the top tier of Nightmare Palace. With his identity, he couldn't really find out the greater secrets behind the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon. Originally, Xia Guanghan thought he could take this entire cake alone, but from the speed of Chu Mu's development, he felt that he may have to give up some ground and communicate with that person in Soul Alliance, while he hid behind him to get smaller benefits.

Xia Guanghan was very unwilling. Plainly, it was a young man that he could deal with, and with his strength, he could definitely take down Chu Mu, yet things were getting more and more out of control.....

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Time passed by quickly. It has been near half a year since the events in Li City, and the immense ripples of influence started to die out.

Half a year was very long, especially after Chu Mu slowly got used to the world of humans. And since Chu Mu specially spent half a year to follow paths less taken to kill constantly, Chu Mu felt like the six months was forever.

In this half year, other than going to cities to buy soul crystals and soul cores that he needed, he almost never stayed in a city, nor did he buy any more soul items to help strengthen his soul pets' types.

Speaking of which, Chu Mu had noticed that, after reaching monarch rank, there was a huge difference between monarch and previous ranks. This distance made even Chu Mu astonished. Pseudo-monarchs and low class monarchs needed at least tens of millions of gold, sometimes even more. Most importantly, such soul item won't be as plenty as before, meaning he couldn't just buy it even if he had the money.

Soul pet trainer was a very wealthy business, but it could also cause one to go bankrupt in an instant. Chu Mu found that he could at most improve all his pseudo-monarch soul pets to low class monarchs. Any further would be nonsense. As for giving all his soul pets soul equipment, that was even more unfeasible. The price of a seventh rank soul equipment was frightening!!

After that, Chu Mu put in hard work to stages and phases. The rest of his gold was used on soul items that could raise soul pet stages quickly. In this half year of bitter training and exercise, Chu Mu had seen some increases in stages and phases.

The white nightmare's strength was already out of Chu Mu's control, so Chu Mu didn't put too much effort into the stages of the White Nightmare. Because the white nightmare was an evil soul pet, as long as one gave it enough soul power and let it participate occasionally, its strength would still be very powerful.

Of course, this half year, even with Chu Mu's pressure towards the White Nightmare, it still increased two stages, reaching seventh phase seventh stage.

The other soul pets became Chu Mu's main target.

Mo Xie had already morphed to seventh phase first stage. With the strength of soul items and constant battle, she was raised to seventh phase fifth stage.

Mo Xie and Chu Mu was connected mentally. As long as one wasn't sealed by soul, they could find each other no matter how far they were from each other. Chu Mu had been taken away by the Cyan

Hidden Dragon and was therefore separated from Mo Xie for nearly half a month, yet Mo Xie still found Chu Mu and accompanied him on their journey east.

Zhan Ye's stage was always very low. In this half year, Chu Mu was still very strict to the Zhan Ye. With a low phase soul pet like Zhan Ye, relying on its powerful life force and greater power, Chu Mu always made it fight against opponents of higher ranks.

Fighting soul pets more powerful than oneself was very good for raising the soul pet's strength. This was why the Zhan Ye was the fastest improving soul pet of Chu Mu. It was already sixth phase ninth stage. With some soul items and another challenge surpassing their limits, Zhan Ye could reach seventh phase first stage!

Not counting in type, based just off its special powers, Zhan Ye could definitely match a low class monarch like Mo Xie. If it could reach seventh phase first stage, Chu Mu would have another sharp weapon at his disposal.

Fifth phase ninth stage Ghost King's strength didn't increase very quickly. It only increased by four stages, reaching sixth phase third stage. Normally, when Chu Mu meets a seventh phase soul pet, Chu Mu would let Ghost King participate. The Ghost King's fighting strength was very high also able to fight above its rank.

Because of long term training outside, Chu Mu more or less met some normal demon homes. Every demon home meant that the Night Thunder Dream Beast got better. Also with the change to the Night Thunder Dream Beast's techniques, Ye started participating in more and more fights, slowly showing its advantage as a high mental controlling demon. Yet on stages, the Night Thunder Dream Beast raised from seventh phase fourth stage to seventh phase ninth stage, becoming the highest medium rank soul pet Chu Mu had.

The Ice Air Fairy was probably the most destructive soul pet of Chu Mu's. And because of ice type's freezing and slowing abilities, the Ice Air Fairy's appearance was very frequent. Especially when the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's roots controlled while Mo Xie ripped apart defenses, the Ice Air Fairy could enter long range mode. This was the perfect strategy for Chu Mu currently.

Chu Mu's second soul soul pets were very delicately selected. The three soul pets' types are very mainstream and difficult to break through. Adding on the fact that these three soul pets have stayed with Chu Mu the longest, their synergy naturally didn't need mentioning. It was the most unsolvable combo currently.

Fighting this often, with ice type soul items giving the Ice Air Fairy many benefits, the Ice Air Fairy was also at seventh phase seventh stage, seeing a large strength increase.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier didn't need much. In the wild, almost every fight couldn't be possible without this soul pet that could control the entire battle.

Other than Zhan Ye, the most robust fighter of Chu Mu's soul pets was the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and its Life Force Absorb. The Devil Tree Battle Soldier reached seventh phase sixth stage from seventh phase first stage, improving relatively fast as well.

In reality, as opposed to the soul pets with rather high species ranks, the low species rank soul pets will increase phase faster than higher species rank soul pets.

After all, the stages are somewhat connected to a soul pet's life. A high species rank meant a higher life span in general. Their growth was therefore hindered by their rate of maturing. Servant rank, warrior rank, and commander rank soul pets didn't live as long, so they grew relatively faster and would reach higher phases faster in general.

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Late night came. After Chu Mu fed his White Nightmare, he let his remembrance go into the soul pet space and sat down to start a meeting with everyone.

"Though it's difficult, we have to catch a young soul pet, or else everyone will truly go hungry."

"Wuwuwu~~~~~" The most gluttonous Mo Xie firmly didn't want to allow such things to happen, immediately letting out sounds of protest.

"Nienienie~~~~~" White Nightmare showed no pressure, since it didn't eat soul crystals or soul cores anyways.....

Once a soul pet's stage increased the price of soul crystals and cores flipped as well. Chu Mu had recently used up his money on a soul item that upgrades Night Thunder Dream Beast. This time entering the wild, he was very unlucky, rarely gaining anything worth money.

He had almost used up all his stored up soul cores. Buying a month's worth of money already needs three to four million gold. Buying three months of food would need ten million gold. This money truly made Chu Mu worried.

What was rather worth rejoicing was, after tracking for nearly half a month, Chu Mu found the tracks of a young soul pet. This young soul pet may be a monarch rank Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail!

Chu Mu really needed money. A pseudo monarch could sell at fifty to hundred million.

For the funds, Chu Mu also decided resolutely that he must capture this Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail!

This conference was to decide how to break through all the difficulties to take down this monarch rank soul pet.

Chapter 308: Burn One's Boat, Entering the Valley

Monarch rank young pets were different from servant rank and warrior rank soul pets. In deserted places, meeting such a soul pet was very improbable. Even if someone meets one, they would have to ponder whether they have the power to take it down. After all, normal commander rank young soul pets already have powerful guards near it. Even if they weren't the soul pet's parents, they could be other powerful soul pets of the parents' territory.

Servant rank soul pets were mostly nomadic. They were innumerable in numbers, said to build the huge basis of soul pet world population. Most servant rank soul pets would choose to live in some territory and listen to the command of higher rank soul pets.

Servant rank soul pets died easily, but their reproduction rates were way higher than the proportion of their battle strengths.

Yet for warrior rank soul pets, once their phases reached a certain degree, they would usually take over caves, valleys, lakes, cliffs, or little forests that suit their lifestyles and make them their little territories, living the rest of their lives happily without others invading.

Commander rank soul pet territories were very obvious. If a mature commander rank soul pet didn't have its own territory, it was a sign of extreme poverty, a path of no future.

Commander rank territories were usually made of many warrior rank territories, creating a forest, a mountain, a piece of water, a piece of plain, etc. When a commander rank young pet hasn't matured and become independent, they almost always move around within their previous generations' territory to avoid dying at a young age.

The monarch rank soul pet territory was even more obvious. One might find a commander rank soul pet that is roaming outside, but territoryless, protectionless young soul pets were almost nonexistent among monarch ranks.

Every monarch rank soul pet was heavily protected by their previous generation. Adding on the fact that monarch rank territories were very vast and well protected, the moment other soul pets and humans walked in, they would easily be attacked.

Every rank soul pet had a certain amount of hindrance. The higher the rank, the larger this hindrance. To become a certified hunter, you needed to have very good experience, or else you could die to soul pets of the territory before you even captured the young pet.

"There should be four narrow tunnels towards the inner lake of the mountain valley. These four narrow pathways all have a commander rank soul pet there. Respectively, an eighth phase high stage aggressive Sword Beetle, eighth phase middle stage poisonous West Armor Death Scorpion, eighth phase high stage defensive Cocoon Longhorn Beetle, and ninth phase low stage all round Star Phoenix Battle Insect."

Chu Mu could see the Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail laying in one of the mountain by the inner lake. Around the mountain were tunnels that passed to each mountain. These tunnels were like natural protection to the mountain range, guarding the inner lake well. Chu Mu had to bring his soul pets down one of the soul pet ridden paths and kill everything, and then get rid of the guards protecting the Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail, and then finally capturing the Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail

This territory was very large. Even if the previous generation of the Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail didn't live there, in such a heavily guarded territory, without a definite plan, it was very hard to find a breakthrough. Chu Mu himself had observed for many days before he found four ways that could most likely give entry to the inner lake.

Now, Chu Mu had to decide which path would have the highest success rate. This was a very long battle road, and the battles would last a long time. Chu Mu was most worried about his soul pets' stamina, and if they could keep up with the fight.

Chu Mu only had around fifty percent of his soul power. This fifty percent meant that if Chu Mu didn't use any of his soul techniques, he could only switch his soul pet five times.

Yet, the chances that he didn't use his soul techniques wasn't great, because during the battle process, there were many sudden situations. These situations and emergencies needed soul pet trainer soul techniques to control, or else his soul pets could be heavily wounded or even die, causing greater losses.

Thus, Chu Mu self-evaluated, and found that he would only be able to change three to four times. To enter the inner lake and defeat the Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail as well as two ninth phases lower stage commander ranks, Chu Mu had to think clearly how he was going to structure his soul pets.

"Nie nie~~~~~" The white nightmare first gave a suggestion, suggesting them to go the ninth phase Star Phoenix Battle Insect route.

Chu Mu decisively ignored the white nightmare's intentional mischief, and started to pick a route based off his soul pets advantages and types.

"Poison isn't easy to deal with. If one of us gets poisoned, it will be very troublesome. The defensive side will waste too much energy. Let's pick the Sword Beetle. Though the Sword Beetle and its subordinates may be attack-focused, as long as we pay attention, we can pass through successfully. Who will fight the Sword Beetle and the other battle insects?" Chu Mu rubbed his chin.

"Ao~~~~~" The Devil Tree Battle Soldier decisively raised its hand. In the narrow tunnel, other than the eighth phase high stage sword beetle, there were many bug type soul pets, over hundreds and thousands. He indeed needed a soul pet that could withstand all that.

"En, you have to go." Chu Mu nodded. In group battles, the advantage of wood type soul pets was too high. If they didn't have a wood type soul pet, they would probably use up all their fighting strength just to get the the end of the tunnel.

"Hou~~~~~" Zhan Ye quickly raised a claw to volunteer as well. It had great stamina, endurance, could take hits, and grew as it fought. In such group battles, it indeed could show its advantage. Chu Mu thought it had to fight as well.

The last decision made Chu Mu struggle, not knowing who to send in the moment.

“Mo Xie, you should go. The eighth phase high stage Sword Beetle will be left for you, and remember to retain some stamina.” Chu Mu said.

“Wuwuwu~~~~~” Mo Xie was very willing, an appearance of wanting to kill to satisfy herself.

After some more planning, Chu Mu had a basic plan. He wanted to let Devil Tree Battle Solder, Zhan Ye, and the Ghost King fight first and get to the end of the tunnel. Once they met the eighth phase high stage Sword Beetle, he would switch the Ghost King off for Mo Xie and let it defeat the eighth phase high stage Sword Beetle to enter the inner lake. Finally, he would summon his restrictive Night Thunder Dream Beast and powerful White Nightmare along with Mo Xie to deal with the two ninth phase Star Phoenix Battle Insects.

After the meeting, Chu Mu passed each soul pet some of the dwindling supply of soul cores. After hammering in the idea of the last stand, he told everyone to rest and he went to sleep too.

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The second morning, full sunlight glowed through the leaves and fell upon Chu Mu’s face. Chu Mu opened his eyes and breathed in a breath of fresh air. Using dew, he cleaned his face off cursorily.

“Someone there?”

Suddenly, Chu Mu and his keen senses noticed some movement. Through the branches, Chu Mu was surprised to find a group of people that was slowly creeping towards his position.

Chu Mu had just awoken and didn’t hide his own aura specially, so Chu Mu knew that they must have noticed him as well.

Chu Mu didn’t hide, only watching as the people neared, but he kept a vigilant heart.

“Hey, it’s rare that we can see someone else in such a primitive place. What is your name? We’re hunters from Guo City. I’m the leader Da Kun and these are Zhang Ying, Qin He, Wang Ji, and Yu Sui.....”

The leader was a man of about twenty five or six. He looked passable, with a smile that was easily approachable and amiable, probably the type that was good at communicating with others.

The others were near the age of the leader, probably all young generation members. Speaking of which, the fact that this team could get near the monarch rank soul pets' region meant their power spoke for itself.

Chu Mu himself was deep in an environment where experts lived, so people he met must be of strength. Chu Mu could tell that these people weren't nobodies.

"I'm Chu Chen. It looks like you are entering the mountain now?" Chu Mu asked.

"Indeed, you are too? But you're alone, so to avoid accidents, do you want to come with us? We'll split the reward and you'll get a sixth." The leader Da Kun said directly.

To let Chu Mu believe they were a team of honor, Da Kun specially flashed his Hunter Alliance inner member insignia.

Soul pet trainers who met each other outside could work together, but at these times, both sides had to consider whether the other was of evil intentions.

This was why reputation became very important in communications between experts. When strangers partnered, they often used recognition from powerful factions. For example, the hunter insignia in Da Kun's hands meant that he was an inner member of Hunter Alliance. If anything happened, Hunter Alliance would definitely assume responsibility and look into it further.....

If both sides had identities, such stranger partnerships would be much safer.

"Which path do you plan on taking?" Chu Mu didn't act mysterious and got to the point. These people definitely were going for the Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail. If partnering with them was beneficial, Chu Mu didn't need to undergo such danger by himself.

"The third route with the cocoon species. This path is the safest." Da Kun said.

"Then nevermind." Chu Mu shook his head and dispelled the thought of partnership.

“Alright, we won’t force it. Good luck.” Da Kun didn’t insist and smiled at Chu Mu.

Chu Mu didn’t continue to talk for much. He followed the forest straight to the path he wanted to take.

When Chu Mu left, the hunter alliance members naturally started talking in hushed tones.

The first to talk was the female Yu Sui. She watched the direction Chu Mu left in with wise and sharp eyes and said, “Is this Chu Chen person going to attack alone?”

“No way, I think he wants something on one of the roads. If we go the same path as he does, he would team with us. If not, he would decide to walk alone. He may know that with his abilities, he shouldn’t attempt at the things on the inner side of the mountains.” Zhang Ying said smiling.

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“What does captain think?” after Zhang Ying finished speaking, he asked for the captain, Da Kun’s, opinion.

“Since this young man was able to reach this point alone, he should be rather strong; however, he should be in the circumstances you just mentioned.” said Da Kun.

“Pay him no heed. We should discuss our soul pet formation for the next part. Since we chose the safest path, it should expend our soul pet’s physical strength the most. The five of us can coordinate between our 15 soul pets, and we’ll see if our 15 soul pets can suppress those big type iron skin soul pets.” said Yin He.

The other four nodded their heads, and they began discussing what soul pet formation they would use to deal with the plethora of high defensive and humongous soul pets.

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At the southernmost part of the valley was the shortest narrow path. The length of this narrow path was only about 2000 meters, and if a demon were to quickly run through at full speed, it could be crossed in less than a few minutes.

However, this two thousand meter narrow path was the most dangerous of them, because the big species soul pets that resided here all had hidden, powerful, blade-like arms for attacks. These sharp weapons could burst forth with a cold light, and if one was inattentive, one would be riddled with holes.

The hunting group of five people didn't choose this path precisely because the danger was too high, and it was very easy to be injured. Therefore, they would rather spend a bit more time and physical strength to deal with those larva species soul pets.

Chu Mu had reasons for deciding to travel by himself. The first was that the path they chose was 4-5 kilometers, and although the safety there was higher, it wasted a large amount of time.

Chu Mu knew that if he couldn't beat the five of them, he would have firmly chosen to team up with them so that he would be able to obtain at least 1/6th of the profits; moreover, the success rate would be higher.

But right now, Chu Mu felt that if he picked this path, as long as he moved faster, even if they had five people, he would still be able to reach the inner valley first and obtain that monarch rank soul pet.

Chu Mu had chased the Star Phoenix Butterfly Tail for nearly half a month. He didn't expect to be noticed by others and if they were able to obtain it, he would be bitter in his heart. Therefore, this time he had to fight over it with those five people.

Since there was someone trying to steal it from him, Chu Mu was pressed for time. Thus, he didn't linger on the outside, and he resolutely entered the bug valley fraught with danger and began to compete speed with those five people.

According to his original plan, Chu Mu's three un-recalled soul pets had rested their minds and were ready to fight at any moment.

As he passed through the weed and grass-filled land, the topography began to slowly sink. Following the mountain structure, a visibly narrow path quickly appeared in Chu Mu's eyes.

The narrow path was extremely narrow, and a few large soul pets would find it hard to pass through. Fortunately, all of Chu Mu's soul pets were not large, and they passed in between the walls on either side very easily. Chu Mu thus entered the narrow path heading into the valley's inner lake.

Both sides of the narrow passage were extremely precipitous, and the walls were stuck with something sticky that either was the liquid the bug type soul pets secreted, or it was inherently sticky. It was very hard for soul pets without claws to climb up.

The beginning of the pathway was around 5 meters wide, but as Chu Mu walked further, the narrow pathway gradually began to narrow.

“Hu hu hu hu hu~~~~~”

The wind from within the valley slapped against Chu Mu's face. The wind had become abnormally cold after passing through the mountain wall jags, and it made him feel as if his face was being brushed by ice cold blades.

The sunlight here was not ample, and the majority of bug type soul pets here enjoyed the darkness and not the light.

The further Chu Mu went in, the darker and narrower the passage got. Finally, it reached a point where even if there was sunlight, it only seeped in through the half cracks in the mountain wall while the places where sun visibly did not shine were pitch black.

“Chi chi chi chi~~~~~”

“Zhi shi zhi zhi~~~~~zhi zhi zhi zhi~~~~~”

Sounds of bug soul pets could be heard from in between rocks, under the muddy ground and from the plants and tree branches. While walking through this narrow passage, one could distinctly feel the movement of soul pets in the surroundings. From time to time a few bright eyes would sneakily stare at the intruding human through the darkness...

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Zhan Ye, and the Ghost King all had relatively high phase and stages. Their aura had a certain intimidation to them, so the weak bug type soul pets that numbered many

wouldn't dare to make rash moves. Without a leader to organize them, they could only hide to the side and silently observe.

“Pu Pu Pu Pu~~~~~”

Finally, ten Hidden Blades could not stand the silence, and slowly emerged around Chu Mu. Their flickering yellow eyes stared at Chu Mu and their four blade-like hands faintly rubbed against each other, creating an ear piercing metallic sound. It was possible to see the sharpness of their weapons through this action too.

“An eighth phase warrior rank Hidden Blade is leading a group of seventh phase Hidden Blades...” Chu Mu swept his eyes over these enemies and quickly discerned the strength of these fifteen Hidden Blades.

Hidden Blade: Demon kingdom - bug type - Hidden Blade species - middle class warrior rank

“Ghost King, I'll leave these to you.” said Chu Mu

The Ghost King primarily used a weapon, and with its monarch rank temperament, it treated these soul pets that were for the most part a higher rank than it with disdain.

After Chu Mu gave the order, the curved sword's ghost aura raised into the air and the Ghost King's two ghost eyes haughtily stared at the eighth phase Hidden Blade.

“Nuo!!!!!!” a stunning roar rang out!

The sixth phase third stage Ghost King brandished the curved sword and launched itself at the eighth phase warrior rank Hidden Blade.

These seventh phase Hidden Blades didn't even have seventh rank attacks. The Ghost King's target was very clear. As it moved, it completely ignored these seventh phase Hidden Blades and fiercely swung its arm at the eighth phase Hidden Blade.

The eighth phase Hidden Blade could feel the Ghost King's monarch rank aura, and before the fight even truly happened, it let out an expression of panic as it hastily dodged behind a rolling stone!

“Beng!!!!!!”

The monarch ghost sword’s might extended as it powerfully smashed the enormous rolling stone and knocked the eighth phase Hidden Blade flying.

“Clang clang clang~~~~~”

The seventh phase Hidden Blades simultaneously launched themselves at the Ghost King, but its late seventh stage attacks could afford these small bugs to strike its body. Abruptly, it stepped forward, and the curved sword in its hand powerfully struck the ground!!

“Long long long~~~~~”

The slightly damp ground was split apart, and from within the fissure flew out countless malevolent stone pythons. They swept away all of the seventh phase Hidden Blades and charged at the eighth phase Hidden Blade!

When the Ghost King launched an attack, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier moved as well. If the Ghost King had to deal with the eighth phase Hidden Blade, the two would be in a fight for a while, after all, an eighth phase warrior rank could barely fight to a draw with a sixth phase monarch rank.

The Wooden Finger Prison appeared out of the blue and the eighth phase Hidden Blade was rigidly locked within. At this moment, the Ghost King’s seventh rank rock type technique also arrived!

The eighth phase Hidden Blade wasn’t able to prepare itself for the seventh rank rock type technique, and as the enormous rock pythons attacked, the Hidden Blade’s awkward and thin body was riddled with wounds. It let out a painful cry and if it wasn’t because bug types had tenacious life forces, the seventh rank rock type technique probably could have directly taken its life.

The Ghost King swept its large sword, and after beheading a few obstructing seventh phase Hidden Blades, strode over to the eighth phase Hidden Blade and stabbed the sword into its head, ending the soul pet’s life.

The eighth phase Hidden Blade didn’t struggle for very long before completely losing any life left in it. The remaining Hidden Blades rapidly dispersed, not daring to obstruct the Ghost King at all.

Chu Mu knew that this was the weakest wave of soul pets that would try and stop his soul pets; as they continued forward, there probably would be even more creatures that appeared.

“Chi chi chi chi chi~~~~~”

“Chi chi chi chi chi~~~~~”

Indeed, not even two hundred meters later, nearly fifty seventh phase and above Hidden Blades astonishingly appeared in front of Chu Mu. There appeared to be four eighth phase Hidden Blades among them and it would be hard for just the Ghost King to deal with this large group of soul pets.

“Devil Tree, Demon Wood Roots!” as more and more Hidden Blades began to encircle them, Chu Mu decisively gave his soul pets a battle order.

The high rank demon wood roots were of extremely effective. Every ten roots would combine together and they could instakill one seventh phase Hidden Blade. The Devil Tree Battle Soldier had over eighty roots now so this this technique could instakill seven or eight Hidden Blades. Further adding on the fact that the Devil Tree Battle Soldier could simultaneously use techniques, one wave of attacks could kill at least ten Hidden Blades.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier was in charge of the majority of killing, while Zhan Ye only took on ten bugs. The Ghost King had just killed the third Hidden Blade when the battle had ended due to the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s mass killing abilities.

Over fifty carcasses lay scattered after having been pierced or strangled to death around the Devil Tree Battle Soldier..

The Hidden Blade corpses let out a strange stench, as if it was letting out a signal. Not long after the fight had ended, another large group of Hidden Blades rushed over!

The top of the precipitous mountain side was littered with numerous Hidden Blades squirming about. They numbered at least two hundred!

Chu Mnu knew that if they continued to stay here, they would be tied up by those things. He promptly jumped on Zhan Ye's back, and directly changed in even deeper while having the Devil Tree Battle Soldier cut off the back.

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The speed of the Hidden Blades were not very fast, and the three soul pets Chu Mu was leading barged through the pathway. They got 500 meters before they realized that surprisingly, those two hundred seventh phase Hidden Blades weren't chasing anymore.

These bug type soul pets seemed to pay attention to territories, and when they reached the end of their territory, they would come to an abrupt halt. Afterwards, they would line up row by row on the edge of the territory and watch the enemy head off in the distance before letting out angry roars. They would display ostentatious might by brandishing their four incomparably sharp blade arms.

Shaking off the two hundred Hidden Blades didn't mean that Chu Mu had entered a safe location. The reason why they didn't chase him wasn't because he was too fast, but rather because in this region resided a large group of even stronger Hidden Blades!

The two hundred seventh phase Hidden Blade weren't actually that threatening to Chu Mu, because there were very few among them with seventh rank attack levels. Of Chu Mu's soul pets, the Ghost King had the weakest defense at the mid seventh phase, so as long as their physical strength was enough, it wasn't a problem for his soul pets to kill 200 seventh phase Hidden Blades.

However, Chu Mu was extremely surprised that when he stepped onto the latter half of the narrow path, all of the warrior rank Hidden Blades were of the eighth phase and above!

The eighth phase Hidden Blades had fighting strength equivalent to the Crafty Rock Guards back when Chu Mu was on Colored Sky Mountain. That time, Chu Mu had faced 160 Crafty Rock Guards, while this time, Chu Mu was against nearly 200 eighth phase Hidden Blades. Thus, there were even more that he had to deal with than back then on Heavenly Crystal Peak.

"Devil Tree Battle Soldier, engage in a slaughter!" Chu Mu's expression turned serious as he spoke to the Devil Tree Battle Soldier.

“Ao!!!!!!!!!!” seeing more and more eighth phase Hidden Blades climb up towards it, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier let out a bloodcurdling roar, as if it was waiting for this moment for a long time.

“Chi chi chi chi~~~~Chi chi chi chi~~~~~”

“Chi chi chi chi~~~~Chi chi chi~~~~~”

Noises bussed in his ear as the cyan-grey colored carpaces of the Hidden Blades seemed to cover the entire narrow passage. Their movements weren't as slow as the Crafty Rock Guards. They actually moved extremely quick; with so many in the small and narrow area, it was extremely crowded and they resembled a trained group of creatures that grinded their sharp blades and charged at Chu Mu and his soul pets in groups!

“High rank demon roots!”

Every ten high rank demon wood roots would become a sharp wooden weapon that carried a Chan color as they pierced through the eighth phase Hidden Blades. The seventh phase sixth stage Devil Tree Battle Soldier could instakill two to three eighth phase early stage Hidden Bldrs everytime it used the Demon Wood Roots technique, and if it was an eighth phase high stage Hidden Blade, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier had to use a full strength close combat attack to instakill it.

Fortunately, it's techniques didn't require a chanting of an incantation so it's frequency of attacks was extremely high. It thus got rid of these Hidden Blades at an even faster speed than the Ice Air Fairy got rid of the Crafty Rock Guards back then.

The Ice Air Fairy had only faced fifty or so Crafty Rock Guards then, and Chu Mu had to further stand beside it to protect it from directly suffering the simultaneous attacks of fifty Crafty Rock Guards. By doing so, the Ice Air Fairy was freely able to use its massacring techniques.

Yet, in reality, wood type soul pets actually had the huge advantage when it came to group fights. A wood type soul pet's life force was double a normal soul pets, and its defense was higher than normal soul pets. Its attacks were more frequent and although its destructive power was inferior to the Ice Air Fairy, it injured and killed the enemy at a faster rate. Most importantly, when thrown into a large group of terrifying soul pets, Chu Mu didn't have to worry that it would be easily killed.

Indeed, Chu Mu had absolute confidence in the Devil Tree Battle Soldier. With the existence of the life force absorb technique, as long as the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's physical energy was enough when standing amidst the encirclement of those soul pets, they would eventually lose to it.

Zhan Ye's style of fighting was pretty much the same as before, and at the start of the fight it was certain he would be beaten. After all, the speed and attacks of tens of eighth phase Hidden Blades were not weak and could easily rip apart its defenses that hadn't reached the eighth rank yet. Specifically, the simultaneous use of techniques was definitely threatening to Zhan Ye.

Zhan Ye took parts in fights a lot and Chu Mu was rather relaxed when it came to Zhan Ye; or in other words, when he threw Zhan Ye into the middle of a group of soul pets, Chu Mu was extremely at ease. After all, Zhan Ye's largest counter were high ranking soul pets that could instakill his life force that was six times that of normal soul pets.

The Ghost King's fight visibly required Chu Mu's protection. The Ghost King was only at the sixth phase third stage and its defense was only at the mid seventh stage. If the Hidden Blades attacked it at the same time or an eighth phase high stage Hidden Blade attacked it, they would be able to severely wound the Ghost King. Thus, Chu Mu was presently standing next to the Ghost King and added on a high rank wood armor onto it, raising its defense by one level. Furthermore, he was also commanding its fight.

“Ao!!!!!!”

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier seemed to have reached a state of madness through its killing. It wildly roared amidst the clamor of Hidden Blade screams, and instantaneously shot out demon wood spikes from its body!!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's close combat destruction was eminently frightening and it precisely was this technique that was able to instantaneously kill a dozen Gluttonous Insect Monsters!

This time, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier displayed its tyrannical wood type group-killing techniques. Ten eighth phase early stage Hidden Blades miserably died dripping with blood under this terrifying attack!!

Life Force Absorb!!!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's wooden armor was riddled with wounds and even its head had sustained a visible blade wound. These weren't small wounds to most soul pets and would affect the way they fought to a certain extent.

However, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's tyrannical life force absorb caused the wounds to recover as the dozen or so Hidden Blades died. Its fighting strength instantaneously reached the peak again!

“Ao!!!!!! Ao!!!!!!”

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's body was already slightly emitting a red color, which precisely was the special effect of the Blood Amber that had been used to strengthen it, and seemed to make it more insane and bloodthirsty!

When the Devil Tree Battle Soldier let out its roar, Chu Mu distinctly felt a slight change in his soul- the feeling of his soul ascending!

“It's evolved!” the multiple evolutions already had made Chu Mu gradually accustomed to this feeling. Each time one of his soul pets evolved, he would get this ascending feeling.

Indeed, the cyan green color on the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's body gradually began casting off from inside its body. Its body unexpectedly began circulating a green-jade lustre and as this lustre surfaced, the blood red halo began to amplify, displaying the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's wood type courageousness!

“It's not as simple as an evolution...” Old Li was very learned and instantly recognized the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's change.

Old Li's point made Chu Mu abruptly discover that the high rank demon wood on the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's body was transforming!!

The high stage demon woods had accompanied the Devil Tree Battle Soldier for nearly half a year. Right now, these cyan color high stage demon woods carrying a slight tinge of red were slowly being shed from its outer skin and in its place grew a new type of fresh wood!

This new substance of wood appeared to be a cyan color and after inheriting the Blood Amber's effects, was dyed in a slight red color. It lacked the demonic and strange nature of the demon wood roots and instead carried more of a pure nature aura.

However, from Chu Mu's experience, what he saw wasn't that the change from demonic and strange to naturally pure made its attacks weaker, but rather the contrary. This pure form of nature

added more absolute wood attributes, making it tough, crafty and giving it a stronger penetration strength!

“Bloody natural wood crystallization! It’s finally learned it! It’s finally learned bloody natural wood crystallization!!!”

Witnessing the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s transformation, Chu Mu was excited. One must know that he had spent several tens of millions of gold just to allow the Devil Tree Battle Soldier to evolve like this. He had hoped that the Devil Tree Battle Soldier would someday understand the natural wood crystallization and become a true monarch rank soul pet.

This day had finally arrived. The Devil Tree Battle Soldier could be regarded as having painstakingly comprehended the natural wood crystallization and become a true monarch in one go!!

The strengthening done to it before had only made its fighting strength rank barely that of a pseudo monarch, but it could only be considered so really because of the Life Force Absorb ability. Without this technique, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s fighting strength rank would only be comparable to a peak commander.

Yet, now that the Devil Tree Battle Soldier had comprehended natural wood, not only did it strengthen its attacks, its defense was also amplified due to its wood type armor species technique!

“Ao!!!!!! Ao!!!!!!!!!!!!”

The halo of evolution made the Devil Tree Battle Soldier incomparably excited, and it couldn’t wait to use its new natural wood crystallization in battle!

Natural wood root spikes!

“PuPuPuPuPuPu~~~~~”

Over eighty roots shot out of the ground, and every ten of the natural roots combined together to form one mighty and even more tough wood spike. They unobstructedly pierced through these eighth phase early stage Hidden Blades!!

Group instakill!!

Eight of the Hidden Blades simply didn't even have dodging abilities and were all pierced by the Devil Tree Battle Soldier. Bodily fluids effused out of their enormous bloody holes and blended in with the bloody creek inside the narrow passage!

"The attacking characteristic of high rank demon wood was only situated on the edge of insta killing these eighth phase Hidden Blades. After rising to the natural wood realm, those eight phase early stage Hidden Blades become undoubtedly dead. The speed of killing has multiplied!" when Chu Mu saw the difference in the Root Spike before and after the transformation, he let out a sigh in surprise.

Rising from the pseudo monarch rank to a low class monarch rank was only supposed to be an exceptionally small class increase, but when facing these enemies, the difference between a pseudo monarch and a low class monarch had manifested oh so visibly!