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Chapter 381: Another Chance at Capturing a Child Binding Wind Spirit

Chu Mu didn't want others to wait for him, and the noise the Ice Air Fairy made meant that he had finished the soul pet strengthening.

Jia Jing opened the door while Ting Lan and another woman with a neutral form of dress walked in.

A warm smile hung on Ting Lan's face and with concern, she said to Chu Mu: "Young Master Chu should rest for a few more days. Rushing into cultivation like this makes it easy for you to harm your body." Chu Mu nodded his head. He thought of the Binding Wind Spirit matters and promptly asked: "What happened to those two Binding Wind Spirits?"

The short haired woman to the side glanced at Chu Mu and silently muttered: "How does this fellow not understand the situation. Ting Lan is in the middle of warmly greeting you, yet the first thing you do is change the topic to soul pets..."

"The child Binding Wing Spirit was taken away by the holy guards. When the Binding Wind Holy Region opens again, they will let it go, so..." quietly said Ting Lan.

It ended up like this. Chu Mu began to bitterly laugh.

Chu Mu had previously wondered whether Soul Palace, with its such stringent regulations, would only allow the capture of the soul pet inside the determined soul capture ring. As for the child Binding Wind Fairy brought back by the Night Thunder Dream Beast, they had to let it go...

"There was no discussion?" asked Chu Mu. Indeed, he had experienced a situation of life and death to obtain that soul pet, so how could it just be released just by saying it.

"Ting Lan shook her head and explained: "The rules must be complied with..."

"Ai, I thought you were a charming handsome brother. It turns out you're this boring. You guys can chat then." the neutrally dressed woman to the side was full of boredom and after speaking, before she had even said hello, walked out of the door.

When this woman left, she didn't forget to bring out Chu Mu's servant girl, Jia Jing, out with her in a very tactful move.

"Sai Ren doesn't really conform to etiquette. She really didn't have any ill intentions. Please don't mind it Young Master Chu." Ting Lan apologetically laughed.

Chu Mu naturally wouldn't care about that woman. What he cared about was the child Binding Wind Spirit that was about to be released. There would be an extremely low chance of signing a soul pact with the eighth phase high stage Binding Wind Spirit in the soul capture ring. On the other hand, the child Binding Wind Spirit worth a few 100 millions was going to be released; this made Chu Mu's heart ache!

Ting Lan saw Chu Mu's dispirited appearance and for a moment, didn't know what to say to Chu Mu.

After a moment of silence, Ting Lan lightly pursed her vermillion lips and hesitated a bit before saying: "Thank you very much Young Master Chu for this time. If it wasn't because Young Master Chu had risked your life to save me, Ting Lan wouldn't have been able to return alive. Further, despite injury, Young Master Chu didn't forget to help Ting Lan collect the Binding Wind Fairy into the soul pet space; although there was a slight mishap, Ting Lan is still very grateful. Ting Lan originally wanted to gift the Child Binding Wind Spirit if it hadn't been released to Young Master Chu as a small form of thanks. Unfortunately, Soul Palace's regulations cannot be changed and it must be released... however, no matter what, Young Master Chu's life saving favor will be engraved into my memory. In a few days, Ting Lan will deliver a small gift and I hope Young Master Chu will accept it. After all, Young Master Chu suffered an injury with me, and if Young Master Chu doesn't accept it, Ting Lan's heart will be unstable."

Ting Lan's words seemed to have been prepared for a long while and after she finished speaking, Chu Mu didn't know how to respond because this beautiful and gentle woman seemed to be slightly mistaken about something of his...

"Then Ting Lan won't disturb Young Master Chu's rest." Ting Lan felt that Chu Mu was a bit tired and knew that it wasn't convenient for her to stay here too long. She slowly stood up, bowed, then left Chu Mu's room and closed the door behind her.

After she left, Chu Mu shook his head in slight embarrassment and he muttered to himself: "If companions weren't allowed to appropriate soul pets for themselves, I wouldn't have taken that risk to capture the Binding Wind Spirit."

Chu Mu and Li Hen had both entered Binding Wind Holy Region with accompanier statuses. Only Ting Lan had the opportunity to capture a soul pet, and no matter whose hands the ring ended up in, the soul pet inside the ring would belong to Ting Lan.

Chu Mu hadn't been aware of this issue, but Ting Lan thought that when Chu Mu had entered the Binding Wind Holy Region he had been clear about this matter.

Therefore, when the old spirit teacher had said that Chu Mu had not only saved her, but also taken a risk to capture the two Binding Wind Spirits, Ting Lan's first reaction was: this man selflessly helped her.

They were both bruised with injuries, but after Ting Lan heard that he didn't forget to help her by capturing the Binding Wind Spirit, she had been moved by Chu Mu's actions. As such, she tried to visit many times to give her thanks to him in person...

If Ting Lan had known that Chu Mu hadn't been thinking of her originally, it was unknown what impression she would have of him...

Not long after Ting Lan left, Chu Mu planned on heading towards Hunting Association to hand over his other reward, but just after he stepped out the door, he saw a man filled with majesty and grandeur walk over. It happened to be the seventh palace's Palace Lord Yu!

"Young Master Chu truly is someone who doesn't know peace." when Palace Lord Yu saw Chu Mu exit, a simple smile rose on his serious face as he spoke.

Palace Lord Yu had seen Chu Mu being pursued to the death by Duan Xinhe, Chu Mu returning heavily injured from the Ancient Wasteland, and now Chu Mu being heavily injured again upon returning from Binding Wind Holy Region...

Palace Lord Yu didn't know how to describe this young man who was hard to understand using conventional means. Fortunately, her ladyship, Liu Binglan, wasn't in Soul Palace, because if Chu Mu was going to frequently return heavily injured, as a mother, wouldn't Liu Binglan be heartbroken with worry...

Chu Mu understood the meaning in Palace Lord Yu's words and cracked a smile. He had already become insensitive to walking on the edge of death, so heavy injuries could be considered a common occurrence to him.

“Young Master Chu is also someone who cares for others as upon realizing that Young Lady Ting Lan had taken a risk to obtain that Binding Wind Spirit, you took back two Binding Wind Spirits with you...” Palace Lord Yu didn’t ask about Chu Mu’s injuries and merely laughed as he spoke.

Chu Mu blushed with shame. Why was everyone crowning him with a hat of honor and glory? Saving Ting Lan was only because he had confidence that he decided to take action...

“Capturing the Binding Wind Spirit was honestly because I wanted it. My soul pet formation lacks a wind type soul pet and after I saw the Binding Wind Spirit’s fighting strength, I felt it was rather suitable. At that time, I didn’t realize companions couldn’t capture soul pets.” in front of Palace Lord Yu, Chu Mu didn’t hide anything as he spoke.

Palace Lord was stunned upon hearing this, then he began to openly laugh. Palace Lord Yu wasn’t only laughing because of the misunderstanding, but also because Chu Mu had unexpectedly spoken to frankly. He suddenly felt that this Young Master Chu was top quality person. If it was someone else, he would have continued allowing this misunderstanding of his ‘heroic’ that was capable of gaining Ting Lan’s affection.

“No matter what, Young Master Chu still saved Ting Lan’s life. Ting Lan is a woman in our Soul Palace that can be considered near the princess level. In the future, this will be of definite help to you. Anyways, there’s actually no reason for Young Master Chu to feel unfortunate that the child Binding Wind Spirit was released. As long as Ting Lan is willing to let go of this Binding Wind Spirit, Young Master Chu will also be able to obtain it.” said Palace Lord Yu.

“Soul Palace’s rules must be strictly adhered to. There will be no exceptions to the rules. The child Binding Wind Spirit is going to be released so what can I do about it?” said Chu Mu.

“In truth, our Soul Palace isn’t that old-fashioned. Such situations have occurred in the past and Holy Guards know that child pets are painstakingly obtained by soul pet trainers. Therefore, releasing the soul pet like that makes Soul Palace seem excessively cold-hearted. As such, normally when these situations arise, the Holy Guard association will release the child Binding Wind Spirit in the place it was originally captured. Young Master Chu presently has a seventh rank status and has one opportunity to enter the Binding Wind Holy Region and capture it. If Chu Mu enters that place and finds the original location, the chances of recapturing the child Binding Wind Spirit are extremely high.” said Palace Lord Yu.

Chu Mu's eyes lit up. It turned out Soul Palace still had this kind of rule. If not for Palace Lord Yu saying so, Chu Mu wouldn't have thought of it. No matter how he put it now, it turned out he actually had hope of obtaining that child Binding Wind Spirit.

"Thank you for Palace Lord Yu informing me." Chu Mu cupped his hands as he spoke.

"No need, if I didn't tell you of this, those old fellows would secretly tell their members. Nonetheless, me coming here is also to negotiate another matter with Young Master Chu." Palace Lord Yu finally got to his main point.

"Oh?" Chu Mu raised his brows. Palace Lord Yu was an influential person in Soul Palace so there shouldn't have been something he could have been able to negotiate with.

"Young Master Chu understands the particulars of my son, Yu Tiao. Yu Jia was nothing more than a chess piece and in fact, behind him was someone else pulling the strings..." promptly, Palace Lord Yu gave Chu Mu a rough account of some young generation members deliberately using some forceful methods to stir up havoc.

In between the various factions, Chu Mu didn't pay very much to the disputes and didn't have an interest in getting involved in these. However, Palace Lord Yu mentioning this made him very wary of this as it happened to be the person behind laying the fox species spirit item trap...

Shen Yicheng was a Merchant Alliance young expert and the fox species spirit item trap appearing indicated that this young man was colluding with Xia Guanghan.

Xia Guanghan was a great hidden danger to Chu Mu. Taking advantage of Xia Guanghan continuing to not spill Mo Xie's secret, nonetheless, Chu Mu had to get rid of him first, as he couldn't wait like this for death.

"I haven't known Young Master Chu for long, but I can see that Young Master Chu has certain methods, has courage and is a person who can maintain calm. After deliberation, I feel that only Young Master Chu is qualified. In reality, I feel that this matter is ultimately important. The moment this matter develops, it could potentially affect the entirety of Soul Palace. We must put an end to it early. It's very hard for me to interfere with the matters of the young generation so I hope that Young Master Chu can help me." said Palace Lord Yu.

"Who is Shen Yicheng?" asked Chu Mu.

“Merchant Alliance’s second grade expert. He seems honest, but in reality is sinister and treacherous; he has colluded with the exuberant schemers of the various factions. Right now there’s no need for Young Master Chu to directly face him. Only, it’s the time to start restraining him.

Doesn’t Young Master Chu want to raise his title rank fast? You understand the rigidity of the system, so you know that I cannot baselessly increase your title. If Young Master Chu helps me this time, I can mention your name to the elders to ensure you gain contribution towards Soul Palace. In this way, reaching the eighth rank title will be easier.” said Palace Lord Yu.

With Palace Lord Yu as a backing, Chu Mu could be extremely reassured as he probed the truth of Xia Guanghan. Therefore, Chu Mu planned on accepting the matter while Palace Lord Yu could also raise his rank, so this made Chu Mu tempted.

He had to reach the ninth rank title in order to enter the Sacred Holy Region and that title was something Chu Mu was striving towards. These two things were perfect, so Chu Mu didn’t have any reason to decline.

Chapter 382: Marketplace, Encountering Old Friends

“Shen Yicheng has been using his network of connections to search for a concealed expert backer for the last period of time. My subordinates have intercepted a bit of information, and in about five days, he will take action. This concealed expert backer is rather special. Although I temporarily do not know what Shen Yicheng’s goal is, there’s no need to let him succeed.” said Palace Lord Yu.

“Is there anything special about this person?” asked Chu Mu.

“Yes. He is a rather key person and in truth, I hope Young Master Chu would be able to provide a bit of protection at the appropriate time, because if this person can be used for our Soul Palace, it will be an extremely great matter. Moreover, even if this person doesn’t willingly enter our Soul Palace, we at least must prevent him from entering the enemy’s faction, otherwise it will bring us great trouble.” said Palace Lord Yu.

“A single person unexpectedly having such influence. Could it be that he some extremely strong soul pet on hand?” asked Chu Mu, shocked.

Palace Lord Yu shook his head: “As the situation progresses, I’ll slowly explain it to Young Master Chu. After all, Young Master Chu presently doesn’t understand the various undercurrents between the factions.”

“Ok, when the situation comes, get someone to inform me. I’ll be inside the city in the upcoming days.” said Chu Mu. Disputes were something Chu Mu wasn’t willing to understand too deeply.

“I’ll send a young generation expert to aid Young Master Chu. Furthermore, when Young Master Chu takes action, there will be an expert following you in the dark. At crucial moments they will take action.” said Palace Lord Yu.

Chu Mu nodded his head. Palace Lord Yu’s actions were reasonable, and at least would guarantee his safety. Even if Xia Guanghan came over to kill, he wouldn’t have to worry, and he could put his all into the fight.

“In the future if there’s something that comes up, the person helping young master will tell you for me. Young Master Chu can prepare for the child Binding Wind Spirit matter first. When you enter the Binding Wind Palace, that expert protecting young master in the dark will accompany you there.” said Palace Lord Yu.

“Thank you Palace Lord Yu.” Chu Mu cupped his hands and lead Palace Lord Yu out.

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Binding Wind Holy Region would require a period of time before it opened again so Chu Mu could use this opportunity to raise his soul pets’ phases and stages. This way, the next time he entered Binding Wind Holy Region, he would have even greater assurance.

After negotiating with Palace Lord Yu, Chu Mu went to Hunting Association to complete the Ancient Wind Fairy mission.

Upon entering Hunting Association, Chu Mu went and sought the young lady, Xiao Qin. When Xiao Qin saw Chu Mu come, a smile broke out on her face and she looked very excited.

“Young master has already finished the mission?” Xiao Qin saw Chu Mu hand his soul capture ring over to her, an astonished expression appeared on her face.

Xiao Qin had believed that since Chu Mu hadn't appeared for so long, the difficulty of the mission was too high, and he could have already given up. She didn't believe that he had actually finished the eighth rank mission.

Chu Mu wasn't interested in seeing his employer, and had Xiao Qin complete the transaction. He then quickly obtained a spatial ring with 100 million in it.

"I heard that Young Master Chu defeated Luo Peng in a dual control situation. Young Master Chu is truly formidable as Luo Peng isn't even your opponent." Xiao Qin had a face of adoration as she spoke to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu spoke a few simple sentences with Xiao Qin before getting rid of the soul cores, soul crystals, crystal rocks and other materials he obtained in the past three months.

These objects weren't worth much on their own, but Chu Mu's spatial ring contained a long of them, so getting rid of them netted a whole 50 million.

He had previously spent 35 million buying the Fairy Ice Flower and upon leaving Hunting Association, he bought 50 millions worth of eighth and seventh level medicine from the stores en route. Chu Mu presently had 210 million left over of capital.

After his soul pets were strengthened, they would pretty much all reach the eighth phase. When that time came, Chu Mu would have to buy eighth level soul cores, so 10 million would have to be allocated to buying food. The remaining capital was 200 million.

Right now, only Zhan Ye, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and the Ghost King had yet to reach the eighth phase. The price of spirit items needed to help them evolve was about 50 million each, so he would have to spend 150 million.

Chu Mu planned on using the remaining 50 million to buy a seventh level soul armor for Zhan Ye, raising its defense.

The longer Zhan Ye's fights were, the stronger he was. A full form offensive soul armor was something Chu Mu had thought of, but according to his estimates, its price was probably extremely high...

Of course, if he had enough capital, he would buy an eighth level soul armor. Zhan Ye's fighting strength would reach the middle class monarch rank. Thus, once Zhan Ye's unceasing Brave Stinging Heart increased its strength, Zhan Ye's strength would be rather astonishing.

An eighth level soul armor seemed to cost 400 or 500 million, while a soul claw cost about 700 or 800 million. This was a price that would make one's blood run cold!

Soul equipment was uncommon on Soul Palace's transaction list. Chu Mu ultimately could only go to Merchant Alliance's exchange to look for one.

Merchant Alliance's exchange connected the business exchanges of several high ranking cities. They had the most complete and largest amount of goods in the world and their exchange was a pure gold exchange.

A majority of soul pet trainers had their own factions they belonged to, but when they wanted to try and make money, they would primarily go to an exchange. The exchange system here was much better than other authoritative factions and these other factions would also normally appraise the items in their reserves according to the goods on this exchange before slightly inflating them.

"Tianxia City's exchange money is indeed astonishing. In those other cities, the moment a sixth level or above soul equipment appears, it needs to enter the auction environment. Yet, here, you can directly mark a price of 50 million. There seems to be an endless supply." Chu Mu looked at the upper quality items on the list in the exchange hall and couldn't help but let out a rueful sigh.

Chu Mu, back in Gangluo City, an eighth rank city, a sixth level soul armor was capable of making the various large families fight until they bled. Yet, in Tianxia City, a seventh level soul armor was incapable of making it into the auction environment and was sold according to direct standards.

Moreover, an eighth level soul equipment would also be sold on the exchange. This made Chu Mu feel that as long as one had enough money in Tianxia City, there would be nothing he couldn't buy that he wanted to.

Chu Mu didn't think any longer, and he promptly spent 50 million to purchase the seventh level soul equipment.

Chu Mu didn't plan on buying any items on the exchange as the price was rather similar to buying from Soul Palace and Chu Mu had to complete the eighth rank condition of spending 400 million.

After taking the soul equipment, Chu Mu didn't linger too long in the exchange hall and planned on returning to Soul Palace.

The moment he walked to the exit of the hall, a rather familiar woman suddenly entered his field of view and Chu Mu came to a brief halt, examining her.

"Meng Er, those two people from before looked very ordinary, how did you recognize them?" asked the young man beside the woman.

"They are in the same city as me. Afterwards, I heard their family moved elsewhere. I feel a bit astonished to meet them in Tianxia City." said the woman named Meng Er.

Chu Mu's eyes fell on the woman called Meng Er, and his face revealed a shocked expression. This happened to be Gangluo City Qin Family's Qin Meng Er!

Chu Mu remembered that she belonged to Luo Region Sect whose location was close to Elemental Sect. Could it be that Qin Meng Er had come to participate in this Battle of the Realm?

"It's that eighth rank city in our Luo Region? I did say that they didn't look like any expert. They merely come from a small family..." laughed the young man.

The young man's words made Qin Meng Er knit her brows. She herself had come from Gangluo City, as well as from a small family. These words were equivalent to mocking her so how would she feel comfortable listening to this.

The young man quickly realized he had misspoken and hastily laughed in apology as he explained: "I'm not talking about you. You're presently our Luo Region Sect's third grade expert and are different from before..."

Chu Mu's present identity was extremely sensitive and he had planned on saying hi to her in private. However, when he heard her talk with the young man, Chu Mu quickly wondered if it was his two brothers that were in Tianxia City!

"Where did you meet the two people you just mentioned?" Chu Mu quickly walked up and asked.

Qin Meng Er sized up Chu Mu and her facial expression was a bit strange. After a while, she said: "They were in the plaza. If you walk out, you should be able to see them."

“哦，谢谢。”楚暮点了点头，也没有多说什么，直接走出了大厅。“Oh, thank you.” Chu Mu nodded his head and didn't say anything further as he walked out of the hall.

After Chu Mu left, Qin Meng Er stared at Chu Mu's departing figure. For some reason, she felt that this man looked a bit familiar and seemed extremely alike to a person...

Qin Meng Er not recognizing Chu Mu wasn't strange. Chu Mu had asked Old Li for a long period of time now to specially change his facial features in a form of gradual change.

This facial feature change was one of Old Li's expert complexion illusion techniques. When familiar people saw Chu Mu's facial features, they wouldn't notice that his face was undergoing minute changes as it gradually changed. For instance, Palace Lord Yu and the Ye Family siblings would still be able to recognize Chu Mu when they saw him.

However, those that hadn't seen Chu Mu for a long time would feel like Chu Mu was very unfamiliar.

Chu Mu had done so in order to prevent Xia Guanghan from discovering him. This way, he would be able to hide in the dark and slowly probe out Xia Guanghan information. When the time was right, he would get rid of this danger.

Furthermore, Princess Jin Rou was an uncertain factor to Chu Mu. Presumably Princess Jin Rou had probably already reached Tianxia City. She knew his double identity. It was unclear if she had continued to guard his secret because she wanted to maintain the friendly relationship, or if Liu Binglan's pressure had forced her from making any rash moves. Chu Mu couldn't be clear of this at the moment.

Nonetheless, no matter which one it was, being careful was never a bad thing and presently, Chu Mu had to be careful and cautious.

Chapter 383: Chu Family Brothers, Reunite in a Foreign Land

Chu Mu walked out of the transaction hall and walked into the plaza.

Many people walked around within the plaza. With a simple glance, Chu Mu estimated over a hundred people, so he immediately started searching for Chu Ning and Chu Xing using his soul remembrance.

Initially, Chu Ning and Chu Xing had gone to Sin Source Mountain Range under Chu Mu's lead, and had gotten several million gold from it. With Chu Ning and Chu Xing's previous level, these couple million was definitely enough to greatly increase their strength.

Soul pet trainers often simply needed to bridge a gap. Once they bridged a certain threshold, a snowball effect would appear and they would become stronger and stronger.

Chu Mu believed that Chu Xing and Chu Ning both weren't mediocre. They just never found a good opportunity to become powerful. After that incident, their strengths definitely increased; coming to Tianxia City was the proof!

Seeing his clan brothers become more powerful, Chu Mu naturally felt very happy. After all, he couldn't constantly chaperone his family. Only by letting the younger generation surpass the limitations of their family and region can the entire family continue to prosper and grow to become larger.

Chu Mu was currently a fifth remembrance soul master. His soul remembrance searching capabilities were near five hundred meters wide. As long as Chu Ning and Chu Xing were within five hundred meters of him, Chu Mu would definitely find them.

Indeed, Chu Mu found two familiar silhouettes within the crowd!

Compared to Chu Mu, Chu Ning and Chu Xing's appearances were basically the same. However, when Chu Mu locked his soul remembrance on them, he could clearly feel that the two people's characteristics were much different from the first time they met!

Chu Mu felt joyous, and quickened his steps towards where Chu Ning and Chu Xing stood.

In the plaza, Chu Clan's third generation big brother Chu Xing suddenly stopped walking and his expression became strange, his eyes starting to sweep the nearby people.

“Big brother, what is wrong?” Chu ning saw that Chu Xing suddenly stopped, so he asked.

“It feels like someone is watching us.....” Chu Xing said.

Chu Xing’s level was never low. After that great change of soul pets, Chu Xing and Chu ning started training in the dangerous wilderness too, constantly challenging themselves.

Not too long ago, Chu Xing also finally broke through the great barrier and reached soul master level.

Though Chu Xing was considered pretty old in the younger generation, stepping into soul master meant he already surpassed his father to become the most powerful member of the entire clan.

Because of this, Chu Xing finally dared to come to Tianxia City.

Chu Xing knew that, compared to Tianxia City, even if he hit soul master, he wouldn’t be much. However, he now has a heart to become an expert so he felt that, even if he wasn’t as good as the others, he could only grow stronger quickly by stepping into the pool of experts here!

Chu Ning was currently an eighth remembrance soul teacher. Compared to before, his strength truly has skyrocketed. This time Chu Xing came to Tianxia City, he decisively followed!

“How about now?” Chu Ning asked. Chu Ning, at soul teacher level, couldn’t possibly notice the spying of others.

“And, I feel this person coming closer and closer.” Chu Xing furrowed his brows.

“Is he powerful?” Chu Ning asked worriedly.

“Very powerful. No matter how I hide, it’s in vain. I feel that if he were trying to hide intentionally, I wouldn’t even be able to feel his spying.” Chu Xing said very heavily.

Chu Ning’s expression became graver. They had just arrived so they knew their place. They never caused any trouble, so how did they somehow get an unpredictably powerful expert on their backs?

“He’s here.” Chu Xing stared tightly at the crowd and said while staring attentively, holding his breath.

Chu Ning also started staring at the moving crowd, wanting to notice the expert as fast as possible.

Suddenly, a young man stood in front of the two.

This young man stood tall and fair, with his deep black pupils glistening with a mystery and wisdom that didn’t match his age.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning were both dazed, because they would never have thought that the unpredictably strong expert that locked onto them would be a young man even younger than they were!

Tianxia City had countless experts, but they couldn’t all be this abnormal. An early twenties young man unbelievably reached middle rank soul master. Though Chu Xing and Chu Ning had mentally prepared themselves to lose some self confidence, this blow to their esteem was truly deadly!

“Big brother, third brother!” Chu Mu opened his mouth to reveal a very natural smile.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning were still in shock. Hearing this extremely abnormal team call them those titles, they both looked at each other in confusion.

“Big brother, third brother, I’m your fourth brother Chu Mu.” Chu Mu knew the two could no longer recognize him by look, so he projected his remembrance into their mental worlds.

If Chu Mu didn’t mention it, they wouldn’t be as shaken. With this mention, Chu Xing and Chu ning opened their eyes wide and stared in disbelief at this fellow that called himself fourth brother.

“You.....you’re Chu Mu?” Chu Xing and Chu Ning stared at Chu Mu for a long time, unable to believe it.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning both thought that the person that locked onto them with remembrance must be some higher up expert in Tianxia City. With that impression in mind, seeing Chu mu caused the confusion and shock to be even more severe.

Chu Mu saw that the two brothers didn't believe him, so he made Old Li change his appearance back to his original face.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning both stared as Chu Mu's face slowly changed. These changes were very subtle, such as facial angles, nose type, mouth corners, but all these tiny changes later, they saw a familiar face and the surprise in their faces slowly became outright joy.

"Fourth brother!! It is really you!!" Chu Ning was the first to react and very unrestrainedly gave Chu Mu a bear hug.

Nothing was more exciting than meeting family in a foreign place. The three brothers all were extremely moved and started talking about their experiences once they left each other.

"For us, once we split from you, we went back to the clan. Both big brother and I thought that if we stayed in the tiny place, it would still end with the family slowly decaying. Therefore, big brother and I decided to put down all our clan matters and started to train outside. These two years, we've been to quite a few places and finally experienced the world. Finally, hearing Battle of the Realms starting soon, we hurried here from thousands of miles away..... " Once they met Chu Ning again, they told everything to Chu mu.

Chu Xing nodded and patted Chu Mu's shoulder, "I originally thought I could somewhat close the gap between me and you, but....."

Speaking of this, Chu Xing shook his head helplessly. Chu Mu was already middle remembrance soul master, his soul pets must be ridiculously powerful too. Don't even speak about closing the gap, because the gap was getting larger and larger!

Though they said this, and though their confidence was slightly hurt, Chu Xing and Chu Ning were both unbelievably proud that Chu Mu could reach that level!

"I recently understood more about the Battle of the Realms. Seeing your strength, fourth brother should be able to squeeze into third tier, right?" Chu Ning asked.

Once in Tianxia City, Chu Xing and Chu Ning had heard the most of experts within the three tiers. And, they were even humiliated by a third tier expert the moment they arrived, but had to take it silently despite their burning anger.

Third tier peak young experts seemed already too far away for the two. They couldn't even get to know one, let alone surpass them, yet in front of them was a third tier young expert, and this man was their brother too. How could they not be excited!

Chu Ning, don't ask too much. Let's first find a place to sit and drink a little. Those can come later." Chu Xing pushed Chu Ning aside half way through his sentence.

"That's good, we haven't done that in a long time." Chu Mu nodded, bringing the two towards the south side of the plaza.

Chu Mu was the type to eat anything that made him full, so the specifics weren't important. What was important was who he was with.

Chu Xing and Chu Mu were both with the same attitude and decided to pick anywhere they could drink at.

However, when Chu Mu and the other two walked past a very exquisite restaurant, Chu Ning and Chu Xing both showed awkward expressions.

Chu Mu was observant and took a look at this restaurant before asking confused, "What's up?"

"Just now, we wanted to go taste the delicacies of Tianxia City, but the two guards outside told us that this place was only open to high titled people of certain factions and didn't let us in." Chu Xing said.

"That was nothing. However, we saw Qing Meng'er and some guy from Luo Region Sect together come down here. We didn't think we would see Qing Meng'er sister here so we were especially happy. However, the guy beside Qing Meng'er truly was a bastard. He acted like we were nothing and grabbed Meng'er away." Chu Ning said indignantly.

"I saw her just now too, she indeed has an unsightly dog around her." Chu Mu smiled coldly.

"Fourth brother, didn't Meng'er always have something for you? You leaving without a notice, wasn't that a bit..... A bit..... You see how she's with a dog-like thing now, isn't that a clear waste of a beauty?" Chu Ning said.

“Yeah, fourth brother, I can tell that sister Meng’er doesn’t have anything to do with the guy. She probably can’t say anything because of Luo Region Sect. Since you’re a well off guy now, you should intercede.” Chu Xing said.

“That’s things of the past.”

Chu Mu shook his head. He always thought of Qing Meng’er as a little sister and didn’t have special feeling. However, he also knew that Qing Meng’er indeed had something for him at the time, but he obviously couldn’t say anything against his own heart, or else he would be cheating her feelings.

“Let’s go up.” Chu Mu didn’t want to think of this issue and simply said to Chu Ning and Chu Xing.

“They don’t allow us factionless people to enter.....” Just as Chu Ning was about to finish, he quickly realized that Chu Mu was no longer who he was before!

Inside the Auction Hall

“What’s wrong, Meng’er?” The Luo Region Sect young man said.

“I think I left something at the restaurant.” Qing Meng’er said as she looked around frantically.

“Don’t worry, let’s head back. The restaurant knows it was my place. Not only will they not dare to touch it, they will safeguard it for us and wait to give it back the next time I go.” Luo region sect young man laughed and said.

Chapter 384: Chu Clan Exile, Chu Tianqi

Inside the restaurant

After sitting down, Chu Xing and Chu Ning explained the situation in more detail to Chu Mu.

The family's development was relatively stable and wasn't hindered much. Everyone in the family was also doing well.

Knowing that the family was steadily growing, Chu Mu was slightly relieved. When Chu Mu was training outside, he was still the most worried about the clan situation. After all, the clan's power was limited. If an outer expert interfered, it was easily collapsed.

At the time, choosing as the clan master to migrate further away was a wise plan by Chu Ming. This way, the clan's strength could slowly grow, and they would no longer have any clan wide upheavals.....

"I've always been away, so I can't easily care for clan situations. Big brother, third brother, the family will have to rely on you guys." Chu Mu said.

It wasn't that Chu Mu was leaving the clan on its own without care, but that Chu Mu had his own hidden worries. Once they affect the clan, it would cause lethal damage to the clan, so Chu Xing and Chu Ning would have to shoulder the responsibility.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning naturally understood and nodded, "Oh, and when we left, grandfather told us something: he told us to find him and bring him back."

"Who?" Chu Mu asked.

"Do you still remember that when we were little we always asked why we've never seen third uncle?" Chu Ning said.

"En, what, didn't he leave in the early years?" Chu Mu nodded.

Chu Mu's father Chu Tianmang was Chu Ming's fourth son, and above him was a third son, named Chu Tianqi. Almost no one of the third generation has seen him and, when elders were asked, they all said he lost his life unfortunately when training in the wilderness.

Chu Mu had never minded this event, so Chu Mu was secretly wondering why Chu Xing and Chu Ning had suddenly brought this up.

“Third uncle Chu Tianqi actually left the clan very early on to train. Based off grandfather, when fourth uncle Chu Tiancheng hadn’t truly gotten powerful, third uncle Chu Tianqi was already becoming well known in the world. Third uncle Chu Tianqi and grandfather’s personalities clashed, and because of an event that angered grandfather, they had a dispute and wasn’t willing to come back to the clan for years. Many years later, when third uncle Chu Tianqi returned to the clan, he was already very powerful.....” Chu Xing said darkly.

“This happened?” Chu Mu actually didn’t know his clan’s third uncle never died.

“En, after third uncle came back, he was even more arrogant. This point, third uncle was already more powerful than grandfather, so grandfather had no means to deal with him anymore. Not long after, your father returned from outside as well. Since he was very dissatisfied with third uncle Chu Tianqi’s attitude, they had an conflict. Since your father was a little more powerful than third uncle, third uncle was defeated by fourth uncle and left directly. Thereon after, there has been no news of him.....” Chu Xing continued.

Chu Mu has not stayed in Chu Clan for too short of a time, but he had never heard of that. Chu Tianmang was crowned as the top five of that generation. If third uncle Chu Tianqi could feasibly challenge his father, then his strength must have been great as well.

“Third uncle Chu Tianqi had always made grandfather angry. Later, grandfather was scared others would make him sad when mentioning third uncle, so he always said third uncle died, and didn’t let the other uncles talk about third uncle either. When it got to us, the story was already one of him passing away.

“This many years has passed and grandfather has always been very worried for third uncle and now wants to know his situation.....”

Chu Xing, getting here, also let out a small sigh and looked at Chu Mu before continuing, “Before, grandfather could still hide these emotions, but he’s now slowly growing old. Many times, when he sits alone, he is thinking of third uncle too. Others actually really wish third uncle could go back to the clan. After all, they’re father and son.”

Hearing Chu Xing say this, Chu Mu felt his heart hurt a little. No wonder Chu Ming always seemed to have something on his mind whenever Chu Mu went to see him. It turned out it was because of his mysterious third uncle Chu Tianqi.

Chu Mu knew that his father Chu Tianmang was ultimately still adopted. Though Chu Ming treated him as a true son, blood relations just weren’t the same. Hearing Chu Xing say this, he knew that

third uncle Chu Tianqi was definitely most favored by Chu Ming, and the one he had the highest hopes for, so to have it end this way was.....

Feelings is a thing that could be hidden for ten years, twenty years, but it couldn't be hidden for an entire life. As Chu Ming slowly aged, if he walked to the end of his life without fixing this regret, he would die with regret.

“Grandfather previously didn't want to migrate even when the clan was falling, also partially because he wanted to wait for third uncle to come back. Now that the family migrated away, grandfather was most worried about that. When we left, grandfather specially instructed us so.....”

“Grandfather said this to us, “If one day we can see third uncle, just tell him where grandfather's tomb is, so when he isn't busy anymore, he could at least come over and stamp on it a couple of times.” Chu Xing's voice became very downcast.

“Then do you have any of his information?” Chu Mu asked.

In the midst of so many people, finding one person was too hard. Unless Chu Tianqi was already already a very famous soul pet trainer, finding him would be tough.

“My father had always helped grandfather find news of third uncle. Unclear sources have said third uncle is in Tianxia City likely under an alias. If he has an alias, finding him will be very tough.

“You are now slowly on your way towards the realm of experts. Uncle said that third uncle is probably a powerful expert within soul pet realm. Us two are limited in power, so we can't reach true experts. This we will have to rely on you. If you can send the message to third uncle, Grandfather would no longer have any regrets.” Chu Ning said.

Chu Mu nodded. Such thing Chu Mu couldn't possibly avoid. After all, Chu Ming had always treated Chu Mu very well, so how could he let him stay with this regret?

“Excuse me, is it the Chu Xing and Chu Ning brothers?” At this time, a female voice slowly came in from outside.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning looked at each other. The three were in a foreign environment, so they didn't bother to intentionally hide their conversation. It wasn't too uncommon for someone outside the paper screens to hear them.

“I think it’s Meng’er sister?” Chu Ning discerned Qing Meng’er’s voice.

Chu Xing nodded and gestured for the servant girl to push open the screens.

Pushing aside the screens, they revealed indeed Qing Meng’er standing there prettily, her big eyes watching the Chu family trio of brothers.

“Can.....can I come in?” Qing Meng’er said quietly.

“Oh, of course.” Chu Xing nodded.

Qing Meng’er carefully walked in and lowered her head. After a while did she say apologetically, “I’m truly sorry for what happened. I embarrassed two brothers. That was my senior male apprentice, so I can’t disobey him.....”

“Not a big deal, we’ve gotten used to it.” Chu Ning said nonchalantly.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning was no longer the type to be impatient, so how would they truly care about such matters. They could guess that Qing Meng’er had her own problems too.

Seeing Chu Xing and Chu Ning not care, Qing Meng’er smiled. She really was worried that her two big brothers would think of her as a gold-digger.

“This is?” Qing Meng’er quickly took note of Chu Mu, who sat between Chu Xing and Chu Ning.

“Oh, this is our third uncle’s son Chu Chen. You probably haven’t seen him. Actually, we already haven’t seen him in nearly ten years. We didn’t think we would meet him here, haha.” Chu Xing very astutely rattled off Chu Mu’s identity.

“Yeah, yeah” Chu Ning immediately nodded, playing along with Chu Xing.

Chu Mu smiled and nodded. When Qing Meng’er came in, Chu Mu used his remembrance to tell the two brothers to do so.

“Meng’er? Meng’er? At this point, the young Luo Region Sect man’s voice came in.

Qing Meng’er showed an expression of disgust and helplessness and said apologetically again, “Three brothers please leave a contact method with me. Once I have the opportunity, I’ll look for you again. I still need to go with my elder disciple to see an elder of Luo Region Sect.”

“Turns out you’re here……” Very quickly, Qing Meng’er’s elder disciple walked in. Seeing Qing Meng’er talking with the two people from before, he showed a brief moment of confusion, wondering how they got into the restaurant.

“It’s you, you guys are my sister disciple’s hometown friends, right.” Qing Meng’er’s elder disciple said indifferently as he greeted.

Though Qing Meng’er’s elder disciple didn’t intentionally bad mouth them, the belittlement and disdain in his eyes were evident. This world never lacked people who didn’t know how to respect others, or people who didn’t know how to hide their emotions. This elder disciple of Qing Meng’er clearly was both, having a look of disgust naturally.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning both wanted to spit on his face, but clearly they couldn’t show it, only able to laugh fakely.

Chu Mu naturally could tell that Chu Xing and Chu Ning didn’t like this person much, so he started laughing coldly in his mind.

“You guys are going to soul palace? Perfect, we need to go too, let’s go together.” Chu Mu stood up and told Qing Meng’er.

“Ah? We need to go to soul palace?” Chu Ning asked questioningly.

Chu Mu immediately gave him a look and Chu Ning reacted quickly, changing to, “Of course, we need to go to soul palace. Drinking almost made me forget. This friend of yours wouldn’t mind us going together, right?”

“Why would we mind? We can enter freely into Soul Palace , so bringing you in won’t be a large problem.”

Qing Menger's elder disciple laughed and said.

Chu Ning and Chu Xing both stood up and didn't say much. They both knew that Chu Mu was a third tier top tier expert. Characters from Luo Region Sect definitely don't fall into consideration for Chu Mu. Beforehand, both of them were sick of biding their time. This time, they want to see how Chu Mu teaches the person the meaning of respect and let them get their satisfaction.

Chapter 385: Luo Region Sect, Merchant Alliance, Soul Alliance

Upon stepping into the very center of the city, it was forbidden to ride soul pets unless one's status was extremely special. Therefore, when the five of them left the restaurant, they walked to Soul Palace.

En route, Qin Meng Er's senior martial brother clearly did not treat Chu Mu and the others as experts, as he unceasingly flaunted his status while also expressing how powerful the Luo Region Sect experts were.

"This fellow called Du Chang is mentally handicapped. How I see it, his strength is nothing special. Perhaps even I can deal with him!" Chu Ning used soul remembrance to communicate with Chu Mu and Chu Xing. Both of them deeply agreed, as it was very evident that Qin Meng Er's martial brother perpetually had an arrogant manner that looked down on others. In truth, this fellow didn't hide anything, divulging everything. He was someone with no subtlety and as he spoke, the Chu Family brothers felt it was rather comical.

"Sister Meng Er, how can your Luo Region Sect people be so..." Chu Ning used soul remembrance to say something to Meng Er.

"They... they aren't all like this. It's only this martial brother of mine that's a bit snobbish. He enjoys bragging and we're just used to him. In truth, our Luo Region Sect has many people that are enjoyable to be around. My other martial brother isn't like this." when Qin Meng Er responded, she communicated with the three Chu Family brothers.

Du Chang's talking didn't stop the entire way to Soul Palace and held himself to be at the center of things. He carried an attitude of wanting Chu Mu and the two others who came from small places to revere him. Only, unfortunately, the three Chu Family brothers were sneering at him while also feeling that this fellow was rather lamentable.

Soul Palace was on the southern side of the plaza, and it wasn't long before the five of them arrived.

Outside Soul Palace were a total of 81 palace guards who were all wearing armor. They stood there unmoving like statues outside Soul Palace under the plaza's pillars.

In between the enormous and lofty silver pillars was a silver pathway and staircase that created a dignified and solemn atmosphere in front of Soul Palace.

“Soul Palace is indeed imposing. The composition of the front hall gives people a stunned feeling.” Chu Ning let out a sigh.

Chu Xing and Chu Ning had seen the Soul Palaces in several cities on their way here. However, compared to those Soul Palaces, it was Tianxia City’s Soul Palace that could be called truly majestic and divine.

“I have an identity medallion. You guys can follow me.” Qin Meng Er’s martial brother, Du Chang, laughed and took out the medallion in his hands as he walked towards the palace guards wearing silver armor.

“This is an ally medallion. Only you can enter.” quickly, a palace guard’s ice cold voice rang out.

Du Chang completely did not expect something like this to occur. In their Luo Region Sect, as long as one had an ally medallion, one would be able to bring others into their Luo Region Sect. Yet, Soul Palace had a different set of rules.

Du Chang’s face was dark presently because he not only couldn’t bring the Chu Family brothers into Soul Palace, even Qin Meng Er had to wait on the outside.

Looking at his awkward expression, Chu Ning couldn’t help but laugh.

Just imagine! He had just been very egotistical and talked non-stop about himself on the way, praising himself to the heavens; yet, once he reached Soul Palace’s entrance, he got caught in an embarrassing situation...

Witnessing Du Chang making a fool of himself, Chu Mu was also between laughter and tears. He hadn’t even taught him a lesson when he had been so stupid as to teach himself a lesson.

“Follow me in.” Chu Mu took out his identity medallion and flashed it at the palace guards.

Chu Mu knew that Chu Xing and Chu Ning were living elsewhere, and he wasn't very reassured so his main purpose coming back this time was to arrange for them to stay in Soul palace. As for teaching Du Chang a lesson, it was merely something in passing.

“Ok, go ahead and enter.” that guard quickly let them pass.

The other four people's gazes quickly fell on Chu Mu. Du Chang whose expression was one of anger was the first to ask: “You're a Soul Palace member?”

Chu Mu nodded his head, but didn't say anything as he brought the other four into Soul Palace's front palace.

“What title rank are you? I remember that a fourth rank can enter the eating hall; so you should be a fourth rank title palace soldier, right?” Du Chang proceeded to ask.

Chu Mu felt that Qin Meng Er having such a martial brother was truly too lamentable. In front of these senseless disdainful questions, Chu Mu couldn't even be bothered to respond as he continued to walk to the front palace.

Chu Mu ignoring him instantly made Du Chang feel uncomfortable in his heart. He sneered and said: “You know, I only just took out the wrong medallion.”

“What second grade experts does Luo Region Sect have?” asked Chu Mu.

Whether Du Chang was even able to enter the third grade was something Chu Mu was suspicious of. He felt that Chu Xing and Chu Ning would be able to dispatch of such a character so speaking with him was simply a waste of time.

“We have many. My senior martial brother, Jiang Zhi, is a second grade expert. He's an expert that has hope of obtaining the honor...” said Du Chang.

“You know Shen Yicheng, right. My senior martial brother, Jiang Zhi, has very good relations with Shen Yicheng. It's to the point that they even call each other brothers. You just think of what sort of

person Shen Yicheng is and you should be able to guess what sort of person my senior martial brother, Jiang Zhi, is.” Du Chang continued to speak.

“Oh, Shen Yicheng.” Chu Mu raised his brows. He didn’t think that Shen Yicheng’s network was so large that it even encompassed Luo Region Sect.

“Surprised, eh. Honestly speaking, I even saw Shen Yicheng these past few days send people over to look for my martial brother. It seems that he wants my senior brother to help with something.” Du Chang continued to speak.

“Help with what?” Chu Mu was instantly interested because of what Palace Lord Yu had said before. Shen Yicheng was most recently plotting something and was moreover just about to take action. If Shen Yicheng intentionally wanted Luo Region Sect’s second grade expert to take action, then it very well had something to do with what Palace Lord Yu had mentioned.

“This... I can’t say anything about this. How can I randomly tell someone like you what these true experts want to do.” said Du Chang with a rare bit of intelligence.

“Shen Yicheng is a young expert who I admire. I also really want to enter his circle. Since you know about it, then why don’t you speak about their situation. I can help you find whatever senior you want to find; all you have to do is sit in the hall and rest. I’m more familiar with Soul Palace.” Chu Mu rapidly changed his attitude and began putting on an act.

Du Chang saw Chu Mu instantly change his attitude, and assumed it was because he had told him about his senior martial brother and Shen Yicheng. Thinking that this ignorant brat had finally realized his identity status and he wore a proud smile as he said: “This... in truth, them being experts at such a high level means that they won’t easily speak about their matters to others. However, my relationship with my senior martial brother, Jiang Zhi is extremely good. After senior martial brother, Jiang Zhi, finished speaking with Shen Yicheng’s people, he grumbled: “I hate having to deal with Soul Alliance people the most.””

“Soul Alliance?” Chu Mnu rubbed his chin. It seemed that this matter had to do with Soul Alliance.

If this matter implicated this many factions, then it wasn’t something normal. Chu Mu began to silently guess who on earth would be so important as to make Shen Yicheng gather so much manpower.

“I knew you would be surprised. That’s why I said that you shouldn’t think amazing just because you’re a Soul Palace person. My senior brother, Jiang Zhi, doesn’t even put Soul Alliance people in his eyes sometimes. Especially that Feng Kun person. I’m sure this time that Jiang Zhi definitely knew he would have to work with Feng Kun, so that’s why he was so upset. Do you know who Feng Kun is?” Du Chang continued to use that tone of voice as he spoke.

Chu Mu shook his head as he really did not know who Feng Kun was.

“How do you not even know who he is? Feng Kun is Soul Alliance’s second grade expert and is a very famous person in Tianxia City. In truth, from what I can see, his strength is similar to my martial brother’s; the only difference is that my martial brother doesn’t come to Tianxia City as often.” said Du Chang.

Chu Mu nodded his head. He never expected his casual teaching of a lesson ended up allowing him to understand more about Shen Yicheng’s intentions. This truly was something amusing. That being said, it was lucky that Qin Meng Er’s martial brother was so stupid even medicine couldn’t save him. Otherwise, it would have been very hard to glean anything.

“Young master, young master, you returned.” inside Soul Palace’s hall, Jia Qing was waiting. When she saw Chu Mu, she quickly ran over in an excited mood.

“Hmm, what’s the matter.” asked Chu Mu. Jia Qing unexpectedly was waiting here, meaning that someone had come looking for him.

“The helper Palace Lord Yu arranged is waiting for you.” said Jia Qing.

“Palace Lord Yu. You’re talking about Palace Lord Yu of the Seven Great Palace Lords?” interrupted Du Chang as his eyes grew wide.

Chu Mu ignored Du Chang’s nonsense words. His eyes fell on Chu Xing and Chu Ning, and he said: “Big brother, third brother, I still have a matter to attend to. I’ll talk longer with you guys next time.”

“No worries. If you have something then go do it. We’ll just take a walk around Soul Palace... we can walk around Soul Palace, right?” this was the first time Chu Ning had entered Soul Palace which moreover happened to be Tianxia City’s Soul Palace. He had wanted to see this place for a while now.

Chu Xing didn't say anything, but curiosity and yearning towards Soul Palace could be seen in his eyes. To many soul pet trainers, being able to enter Soul Palace was a supreme honor. Chu Ning and Chu Xing had never entered a true large faction before so getting a chance to finally do so made it hard for them to not be excited.

"No problem. Jia Jing, take my two brothers around Soul Palace and then arrange a courtyard for them to rest." said Chu Mu.

"Ok. Would the two young masters please follow me." said Jia Jing respectfully.

"Wait, didn't you say you would find my senior for me?" Du Chang interrupted once more at a very untimely moment.

Chu Mu presently didn't even have the heart to teach this fellow a lesson so he promptly said to Jia Qing: "He's a Luo Region Sect person. He came here to pay a visit to a certain senior. Take him along with you."

After speaking, Chu Mu didn't stay any longer. What Du Chang had leaked just now was something Chu Mu felt he had to discuss with Palace Lord Yu to see if he could find any trails from it.

"Oh, young master, I nearly forgot. Young Lady Ting Lan came to find you again. She said that you must find her immediately once you returned. Oh, she's in the middle palace's Holy Library." Jia Qing hastily said to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu nodded his head. He said goodbye to Chu Xing, Chu Ning, Qin Meng Er before walking towards the middle palace.

"Young Lady Ting Lan... could it be Soul Palace's beautiful second grade peak expert, Ting Lan?" at this moment, Chu Ning asked a question somewhat astonished.

"That's right." Jia Qing blinked her eyes as she spoke.

After Du Chang heard this, he was stunned. After a while, he finally said: "Isn't he a fourth rank spirit soldier? How does he have relations with her?"

“Who told you young master was a fourth rank spirit soldier? Hmph!” Jia Qing glared at Du Chang as she angrily spoke to him.

Chapter 386: New Eighth Rank Soul Technique (1)

When Chu Mu arrived at his residence, he immediately saw a young man waiting there, playing with a round crystal in his palm. He clearly was waiting for someone.

“You’re Chu Chen?” when the young man saw Chu Mu walk over, a friendly smile rose on his face.

“Yes.” Chu Mu nodded his head.

“I’m Palace Lord Yu’s disciple, Shang Heng. I’m also a palace executor. He wants me to help you handle the matter.” said the young man called Shang Heng.

“Where is Palace Lord Yu right now?” asked Chu Mu.

“He has something else to do right now. I understand a bit about Shen Yicheng. What do you want to find Palace Lord Yu for?” asked Shen Yicheng.

“I found something out from a Luo Region Sect member. I want to discuss it with him.” said Chu Mu.

“You can tell me. The old man has already given me a rough explanation.” said Shang Heng.

Chu Mu nodded his head, and promptly gave an account of the information he obtained from Du Chang to Shang Heng. He wanted to see if Shang Heng could see what Shen Yicheng’s goal was.

“Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi should just be a hired thug and we can probably ignore him. You can see this from Shen Yicheng sending people to talk to him instead of going himself. Moreover, Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi is merely an average person. Nonetheless, Soul Alliance’s Feng Kun is a fellow that’s rather difficult to deal with and his strength is comparatively strong. Furthermore, if Shen Yicheng is having Soul Alliance people undertake a task for him, it should be for a particular reason.” Shang Heng quickly gave his analysis.

“Did you find that hidden expert’s descendents yet?” asked Chu Mu.

”Shang Heng shook his head and said: “The other party has been very cautious; I don’t know if Shen Yicheng has found them either.”

“Then we can use Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi to find them. At least when he makes a move, we can follow him in secret.” said Chu Mu.

“Yes, I was thinking just that, because I feel that Shen Yicheng cannot make a move himself. That fellow has always enjoyed hiding in the dark,” Shang Heng seemed to understand Shen Yicheng very well and he tossed the stone in his hand as he pondered awhile before continuing, “Since it’s like this, we should have someone get close to Jiang Zhi and further understand what he’s doing today. However, there doesn’t seem to be a Luo Sect Person we can trust.”

“Du Chang who I just mentioned came to pay a visit to one of his Luo Sect Region seniors. If we find him, we can use him to find Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi.” Chu Mu had already thought of this, so he intentionally had Jia Jing bring Du Chang and Qin Meng Er to find the person they were looking for.

“Haha, so you already planned it all. Shen Yicheng would have never thought we would find a breakthrough in this matter because of a Luo Region Sect idiot.” laughed Shang Heng.

After Chu Mu and Shang Heng finished discussing, Shang Heng went to find other young experts. In order to deal with Shen Yicheng, the two of them were not enough. Moreover, before this, they still had to figure out how many young experts Shen Yicheng was mobilizing.

After Shang Heng left, Chu Mu remembered that Jia Jing had just mentioned that Young Lady Ting Lan was in the middle palace’s Holy Library.

Chu Mu wanted to catch a Binding Wind Spirit for himself had felt that he had to make this matter clear to Young Lady Ting Lan to prevent there being some misunderstanding in the future.

“Young master, Holy Library is a place where Soul Palace puts their soul techniques. Once young master reaches the seventh rank title, you have a chance to pick a soul technique for free. This will prevent you from having to only rely on your body in a dangerous situation.” Old Li’s voice rang out.

Old Li's words made Chu Mu remember that he did have such a privilege. The price of soul techniques was unreasonably high and Chu Mu was more willing to spend money on his soul pets than to add soul techniques for himself. Right now was an opportunity to obtain one for free, so it naturally was a good thing.

"Old Li, do you have any good suggestions?" asked Chu Mu.

No matter what level a soul pet trainer reached, his or her soul power would always be very limited because the soul power cost of summoning soul pets would increase as the soul pet's strength rose. This resulted in an extreme scarcity of soul power for soul pet trainers.

Soul techniques would also consume an abnormal amount of soul power and according to Chu Mu's estimates, at his current spirit master level, using one ninth rank soul technique would basically make it extremely difficult to substitute in a soul pet while the number of times an eighth rank technique could only be used was also very limited. Unless it was a crucial moment, he wouldn't rashly use it.

Using soul techniques was relatively rare, but being in possession of more soul pets meant that there would be occasion when they would be extremely useful.

Chu Mu didn't understand soul techniques very well and he felt that he had better have someone proficient like Old Li give a recommendation.

"Young Master, why don't you go first. After you look at the soul techniques, I'll give you an explanation and then you can pick yourself." said Old Li.

Chu Mu nodded his head and walked towards Soul Palace middle palace's Holy Library.

Middle palace's Holy Library was the icon of Soul Palace's middle palace. This library constructed out of pure silver gave others a glorious feeling of preserving history. Standing under the silver holy radiance, an incorporeal feeling of holy culture would wash over one like an ocean wave causing one to easily lose himself amidst this ancient and historical sea of books shrine...

The security around middle palace's Holy Library was extremely rigid, and wasn't any inferior to that around Binding Wind Holy Palace's Holy Region. When Chu Mu entered, he went through multiple identity checks before the holy guards actually let him in.

Stepping up the stairs and into the palace doors, a silver radiance washed over him. Chu Mu had always harbored an intense interest in places which contained vast amounts of soul pet information. Right now he was half part of Soul Palace, and Chu Mu felt that he should come here when he had the chance and increase his abundance of knowledge. This way, he would truly reach an invincible position.

“The first palace pavilion contains books and can be read by anyone. The second palace pavilion’s books can only be read by one whose status has reached a certain rank...” said Old Li.

“Why does this classification still exist?” asked Chu Mu, confused.

“This is very natural. The world is boundless and without end. There exist numerous soul pets which are impossible to explain and those that are unknown to mankind. Even in this piece of land that we already know of, there exist several mysterious which haven’t been solved yet. For instance, in young master’s experience, where did Prisoner Island’s god come from? What about the origins of the bewildering world, Folding Skies, and the strongest creature there. What about the Heaven Boundary Monument’s existence, the southern end of Western Kingdom’s forbidden region, or the enormous bone drawing underneath the second grade’s ultimate honor... these mysteries, in truth, actually have documents which pertain to them, but an authoritative answer hasn’t been found yet for any of them. In order to prevent certain people from creating chaos with them, these books pertaining to the mysteries have all been classified.” explained Old Li.

“What level do I have to reach in order to look at them.” Old Li had only given a quick explanation, but it made Chu Mu feel a fervor in his heart.

When he was really young, Chu Mu had enjoyed lying on his dad’s leg and listening to stories about the continent’s unsolved mysteries. In the past, he had always believed that these stories were made up by Chu Tianmang in order to amuse him, but looking at it now, they could very well have been from Chu Tianmang’s own experience. Then, he turned them into children stories for Chu Mu to hear. If these were all true, then Chu Mu really wanted to learn everything about these mysterious places. He wanted to know whether even more mysterious soul pets lived in these mysterious places!

“Young master cannot look see them at your current level. You must be at the tenth rank before you have the qualifications to.” quickly, Old Li splashed him with a bucket of cold water and brought him back to reality.

In reality, Old Li had laid out those that had reached the peak strength while Chu Mu could only wander a bewildering world...

“What was the enormous bone drawing under the second grade ultimate honor that you just mentioned?” asked Chu Mu.

“I already said that it was an unsolved mystery. If you were to ask me about the Heaven Boundary Monument, I wouldn’t be able to answer you either.” said Old Li testily.

“What about Prison Island’s god.” Chu Mu specially mentioned.

Chu Mu remembered back when he had mentioned Prisoner Island, Old Li had unexpectedly changed the subject and seemed to be very uneasy.

“I don’t know, I don’t know. Young master shouldn’t waste time on this matter. Quickly go and find that woman, and then choose a soul technique book.” said Old Li, impatiently.

Chu Mu knew that forcibly question this old fellow wouldn’t result in any answer so he promptly began asking the palace disciples inside Holy Library Ting Lan was.

Upon walking next to the window, Chu Mu quickly found Ting Lan half-resting against the library couch. Her hands held a soul pet book, and she was meticulously studying it.

Due to her being in a half-resting state, Ting Lan had dressed up in a rather fascinating manner. Her figure drew out the outline of a stunning and dainty woman underneath her beautiful and elegant clothes. Thus, one could feel numerous gazes not focused on their own books...

“Ting Lan.” Chu Mu walked in front of Ting Lan and called out to her.

Ting Lan noticed Chu Mu and seemed to feel that engaging in a conversation like this was somewhat inappropriate. She put down her book and stood up. A warm smile rose on her face as she said: “Young Master Chu.”

“Ok. After I left your place today, a senior told me that the young soul pet was actually going to be released in the place it was captured, so there is still a big chance of capturing that soul pet...” said Ting Lan.

“Palace Lord Yu already told me.” said Chu Mu.

Ting Lan extended her hand and handed over a soul capture ring to Chu Mu. In a soft voice she said: “This is the soul capture ring that contains the eighth phase high stage Binding Wind Spirit. Ting Lan, for the moment being, doesn’t have the chance to enter Binding Wind Holy Palace. I believe that Young Master Chu has a chance to enter the Binding Wind Palace. After you enter that place, could I trouble you to help me release the high stage eighth phase Binding Wind Spirit? Moreover, if you happen to find the young Binding Wind Spirit, Young Master Chu can sign a soul pact with it. I’m sure that Young Master Chu really needs a soul pet like this.”

"In truth back when I captured the Binding Wind Spirit, I wanted it for myself. Only, I didn’t understand Soul Palace’s rules.” Chu Mu truthfully told Ting Lan of his original intentions.

Ting Lan was stunned and for a while didn’t know how to respond...

Chapter 387: Eighth Rank New Soul Technique (2)

“So that’s what it is. You truly are honest.....” Finally, Ting Lan understood, but she only smiled. This smile was charming, unintentionally revealing the alluring nature of a grown woman, actually appearing to be specially charming.

“Honest?” This was the first time someone had called him that. He simply didn’t like such meaningless misunderstandings, and Chu Mu felt that, after that event, Ting Lan’s attitude made Chu Mu feel very uncomfortable.

“Indeed pretty honest. I’m eighth level title, so I’ll have a lot of opportunities to enter Bindin Wind Sacred Region in the future. I told you before that I would give you a small gift, and I planned for it to be an eighth level soul technique. Now we can go and pick one.” Ting Lan said.

“Eighth level soul technique, that would be amazing.” Chu Mu’s eyes brightened.

Seventh level title Chu Mu could only pick seventh level soul techniques. In reality, seventh level soul techniques were already somewhat underleveled for Chu Mu’s current strength. If he could get an eighth level soul technique, his strength would have a greater increase.

Ting Lan saw Chu Mu’s response and started laughing again, “You truly don’t try to be polite.”

Ting Lan originally thought Chu Mu would attempt to push the gift around for a bit. After all, she had just given the Binding Wind Spirit to him, yet he hadn't even said anything. Now, she was offering an eighth level soul technique, and he acted like it ought to be like that.

Chu Mu smiled widely. Eighth level soul technique, that was worth tens of millions, so why would he push it around? It would be best if she gave him some soul equipment as well, since that would solve most of his lingering problems.

As an eighth level female palace guard, every year she had the chance to select one eighth level soul technique. As they spoke, Ting Lan brought Chu Mu towards the book palace where all the precious soul techniques were kept.

There were many other palace guards protecting this soul technique palace. After passing through layers upon layers of protection and proving their identities, Chu Mu finally stepped into the soul technique palace, where neat rows of soul techniques lined the halls.

One of soul palace's most coveted resources was their soul technique books. Soul Palace had the most comprehensive collection of soul techniques out of all factions, and the benefit of a soul technique once a year was also something only soul palace had.

"What type of soul technique?" Ting Lan asked.

Soul pet trainers' soul techniques were also split by type. Usually, one didn't mean beast type or elemental type, but rather types such as offensive, defensive, effective, supportive, etc.....

Chu Mu needed soul techniques in two main directions right now. One was an absolute defensive technique that, when fallen into great danger, could be used to create a key difference. Another direction is an eighth level fire type attack.

Chu Mu could stack fire type techniques together. This was probably the most powerful combination technique between Chu Mu, Mo Xie, and White Nightmare. It was incredibly powerful and could often instantly kill soul pets with strengths much higher than themselves.

Now, however, Mo Xie didn't learn any eighth level fire type techniques, and White Nightmare also knew none. If he learned it right now, the overlaying would be meaningless.

“Your dream beast has potential, but I feel that its demon type isn’t pure enough. I suggest you learn something that could increase your demon’s restricting capabilities.” Ting Lan said.

“Oh? Is there such a technique?” Chu Mu asked.

“Eighth level soul technique --- Managing Night. Bring down nightfall to temporarily increase the fighting strength of dark type soul pets. Your Night Thunder Dream Beast will gain about 20% fighting strength under the effects of Managing Night, and its Dreamland will have a greater chance of succeeding as well.” Ting Lan said.

“My soul pet already knows that technique.” Chu Mu replied.

Ting Lan paused momentarily before realizing that Chu Mu hadn’t even let his Dream beast show its full powers.

“Young master, her words allowed me to think of a good suggestion for soul technique.” Old Li’s sound came.

“En?” Chu Mu waited for Old Li to elaborate.

“Realm techniques. Soul Master, you lost a soul, so against true experts you have a dire disadvantage on the battlefield. However, young master you also have places where you have an advantage, and that is in your soul remembrance level. From what I believe, there is almost no one who reached fifth remembrance soul master in second tier. If you have a realm technique, then you can cause the situation to fall in your favor. This way, competing in second tier would be easier for you.” Old Li said.

Chu Mu’s own level indeed was very high. If he couldn’t utilize this advantage, it would be a shame.

“Good thinking, let’s go check out realm techniques.” Chu Mu said.

Realm techniques were quite a rarity in soul techniques. Obtaining them were incredibly hard. In the beginning, Chu mu thought that, no matter how large soul palace was, they probably only have a couple realm techniques.

What Chu Mu was surprised to see was, in eighth level realm techniques, Soul Palace had gathered realm techniques from every single type possible!

“What type do your soul pets share the most in common? Just pick that one.” Ting Lan pointed at the different colored soul techniques and said.

Dark type realm technique was Night Thunder Dream Beast’s Managing Night. If Chu Mu learned it again, there wouldn’t be much meaning. As for other types, Chu Mu’s soul pets rarely overlapped. In the moment, Chu Mu didn’t know what to pick.

“What is this silver one?” Chu Mu glanced over, and saw a soul technique book with a dark silver glow to it and asked.

Ting Lan clearly walked around here often. With just a glance, she offered an explanation, “That’s the Other type realm technique. Other type had always been a strange type for our scholars. Its realm is also the strangest. This other type soul technique is only about 80% complete. Though the book contains the description of where the full soul technique was hidden, it was written in an ancient language, one decipherable only by well researched scholars.”

“Only 80%? Doesn’t that mean it can only be used to 30% of its potential? What is this called?” Chu Mu said with disappointment.

“Sharp Eye. It’s a very strange technique. Its exact effects are mysterious to even me, so I don’t recommend you learn this soul technique. Only one in a hundred soul pet trainers can even master other type soul techniques.” Ting Lan said.

Just after Ting Lan spoke, Old Li’s voice came, “Young master, you can learn this Sharp Eye, and it actually suits you well.”

“You know the use of this Other type technique?” Chu Mu asked.

“En, this other type technique is almost useless to most soul pet trainers, because they can’t utilize its effect well. However, its different for you. You have the half devil techniques. Half devil’s Other Pupil synergizes with this technique perfectly!”

Half Devil’s Other Pupil Chu Mu remembered. It was the thing that increased his reaction speeds, causing everything in his vision to slow down greatly.

It basically equalled to increasing his own dodging abilities, because he could easily react and take measures before the opponent even finished their actions.

“This Sharp Eye’s effect is to sync such mental technique into the eyes of your soul pets, causing their judgement of opponents’ moves and reaction speeds to increase as well. If I’m not mistaken, with young master’s soul remembrance, your soul pets will all see a huge increase in dodging capabilities. Your nimbleness and reaction speeds on the entire battlefield will be greater than your opponents. This way, your overall coordination and arrangement of the battle will be more powerful than the opponent. As long as the Sharp Eye’s effect was still there, one could stand undefeated.

After Old Li explained, Chu Mu thought it interesting. If Chu Mu didn’t have the Other Pupil technique, then this Sharp Eye truly would be a completely useless technique. Now, however, it seemed to have been made just for him - nothing was more important than controlling the entire battleground’s flow.

“This Sharp Eye technique lasts only a minute. However, a minute is key to battles where the victor isn’t clear. Once utilized well, it could definitely change the tides of the battle. This realm technique is worth learning.” Old Li said.

One minute. If he were in disadvantage, then in the time of Sharp Eyes, his soul pets would have a very low chance of being hit, allowing them to adjust properly within the minute and alleviate the disadvantage.

If he were in an advantage, this one minute could cause his soul pets’ attacks to become especially powerful, because their sharp eyes could see through all opponents’ movements and crush them!

An eighth level offensive technique of course could create large amounts of destruction, and a defensive technique of course could save a soul pet in a time of danger, but none of that compared to controlling the shifts in the entire battlefield. What a fight needed was an overall victory; under the effects of this realm technique, he would be able to shift the tides of battles and claim that!

Though it was an eighth level Other type technique, this technique was even more precious to Chu Mu than ninth level techniques! There was no reason not to learn it!

“I want this one.” Chu Mu smiled and pointed at the dark silver soul technique book.

“Did you not hear any of what I just said?” Ting Lan blinked and looked at Chu Mu again.

“I heard it all.” Chu mu nodded.

“Then why are you picking it still? This eighth level Other Type technique has an extremely low rating, and is indeed useless.” Ting Lan sid.

“Good and bad mean nothing to me. Only suitability is most important. It’s the same for soul pets.” Chu Mu said.

Ting Lan blanked as her beautiful eyes stared at the confident Chu Mu.

“No good or bad, only suitability matters, the same for soul pets?” Ting Lan mumbled as she echoed Chu Mu’s words.

Chu Mu nodded.

Chapter 388: Leap through By Buildup, Eighth Phase Fifth Stage

Taking the eighth phase soul technique Sharp Eyes, Chu Mu specially went to seventh level soul technique region to choose a seventh level defensive soul technique.

Of all the types, rock type’s defense was the strongest. Chu Mu picked Dark Crystal Rock Armor as his seventh level soul technique.

Dark Crystal Rock Armor in reality Ghost King knew. It was Ghost King’s species technique, but Ghost King’s species technique couldn’t be put on anyone else. If Chu Mu used Chong Mei to copy it, its strength would be greatly reduced.

Chu Mu was now a fifth remembrance soul master. Purely casting a seventh level defensive soul technique, he could to some degree block any attack under ninth rank attacks.

“Then when do you decide to enter Binding Wind Sacred Region again. My elders told me that the region will open again in about ten days, because others will want to enter as well, so you better go in not long after it closes, or else others will take it away.” Ting Lan said.

“Then let’s speak ten days later. I want to strengthen my soul pets first.” Chu Mu said.

“Sai Ren told me that you are preparing to deal with Shen Yi Chen?” Ting Lan asked. This event Sai Ren participated in, so Ting Lan would know.

“En, what do you know about this person?” Chu Mu also asked.

“I’ve had some contact with him, he’s very hard to see through. Shen Yichen’s strength was very hard to see through. Shen Yichen’s strength is probably even stronger than mine. If you want to deal with him, then try to avoid direct conflicts.....But, speaking of which, his network is massive as well. He is very adept at tricks and schemes. All in all, he’s hard to deal with, so you have to be aware.” Ting Lan said.

Chu Mu nodded and after he brought away two soul technique books, Ting Lan walked out of the Book Palace.

The matter with Luo Region Sect’s elder and following Luo Region Sect Jiang Zhi will be left to Shang Heng. All Chu Mu has to do is lay in the dark and, at a crucial moment, destroy Shen Yichen’s plans.

Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi and Soul Alliance Feng Kun are all second tier experts. Chu Mu’s current strength can be put into second tier experts, but compared to true experts, Chu Mu was still some distance away. Chu Mu decided to strengthen all his soul pets to eighth phase these two days.

After splitting with Ting Lan, Chu Mu directly headed towards the Soul Palace Hall and started to look through the myriads of soul items for items that he really needed.

“Eighth level soul crystal effects should be about enough. These soul crystals worth 2 million are slightly weak. You should buy around 5 million gold worth of soul crystals.” Old Li suggested Chu Mu.

Single type, Devil Tree Battle Soldier was wood type. Its beast type was completely ignored by Chu Mu, so they could definitely buy wood type eighth level soul crystals to raise their devil tree battle soldiers’ phase.

Eighth level soul crystal were split into many ranks based off soul pet phase and species. The lowest quality ones were usually 1.5 million, while the higher ones could reach many millions, up to the tens of millions.

Soul crystals were always high in supply, so Chu Mu quickly found an eighth level wood type soul crystal and spent a whopping 5 million gold on it.

Ghost King's main type was rock type, while its sub type is ghost type. Ghost King's Monarch Ghost Change technique and many attack techniques all benefit greatly from ghost type, so Chu Mu didn't want to wipe the Ghost King's ghost type during training, but instead wanted to train these two types on a main and secondary basis.

Duo type eighth rank soul crystals are much more expensive, especially with the perfect combination of rock type and ghost type. Chu Mu looked through the list, and he wanted to look for high quality rock and ghost type duo type soul crystals, but they were at least 10 million.

These soul crystals' effects weren't just to improve their soul pet's stages, but it could also strengthen their soul pet's types, raising their fighting strength.

Finally, Chu Mu chose a soul item called the Soul of the Giants. This soul item is rather special. In its description, this soul item is from a rock type giant that became half ghost type after death, which was then taken by a powerful soul teacher to be made into a giant species soul pet that could make soul pets more powerful.

It was also Chu Mu's first time seeing such soul item, but Old Li said that soul items were actually very expensive. The one Chu Mu spent 4 million to buy was definitely the weakest unfinished product.

Though it was such low quality, it was enough to raise Ghost King to eighth phase.

Following is Zhan Ye's soul item. Zhan Ye's soul item was very hard to buy.

Zhan Ye had three types, none of which could be abandoned. If he got a soul item that strengthened all of them, it would probably cost 15 million. If bought, maybe with another soul item, Zhan Ye's strength would reach middle class monarch rank!

Of course, Chu Mu also knew that soul item strengthening couldn't happen that often. According to Chu Mu's estimate, Zhan Ye would have to raise at least a couple more stages first, or else a huge influx of soul items could bring negative effects.

To not ruin Zhan Ye's type, Chu Mu finally bought a soul item from Horned Beast Species.

Horned Beast Species were always a mainstream beast type species. To buy the matching soul item wasn't too difficult. At the end, Chu Mu selected a fifty million gold Horned Armored Beast Heart to help Zhan Ye reach eighth phase soul item.

After all the soul items were bought, Chu Mu didn't waste any time. He went straight to his own room and closed his door to strengthen his tree soul pets.

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The first one Chu Mu strengthened was the devil tree battle soldier.

The devil tree battle soldier was reached seventh phase ninth stage even earlier than Ghost King and Zhan Ye. In the desert, Devil Tree Battle Soldier was even the main fighting power. He should have reached eighth phase long ago.

But, soul pets always reach a bottleneck at some phase. Such situation can hardly be solved through simple combat.

Eighth rank wood type crystal in his hand, Chu Mu closed his eyes and started to use his remembrance to draw the wood type energy into devil tree battle soldier's soul.

In the soul pet space, devil tree battle soldier slowly opened its eyes. Its normally slightly muddled pupils gradually were overtaken with a violent bloody red!

Chu Mu wasn't hurried at all, little by little letting the Devil Tree Battle Soldier absorb the purest soul crystal energy of the devil tree species, causing its body to pass the seventh phase barrier and into the eighth phase.

Initially, with the energy injection, devil tree battle soldier revealed some violent aura, which was the effect of blood amber. However, with Chu Mu's gentle training, Devil Tree battle Soldier slowly calmed down.....

In fact, when the Devil Tree Battle Soldier morphed, Devil Tree Battle Soldier stood calmly in the green light.....

Chu Mu knew that the devil tree battle soldier was morphing, but it didn't mean it was over. Devil Tree Battle Soldier reached seventh phase ninth stage even before ice air fairy. The energy inside it had probably been building at seventh phase for a long time. Once he passes it, Devil Tree Battle Soldier would have continuous growth!

Indeed, the green glow didn't fade just because the devil tree battle soldier finished its morph. Just opposite, the green glows pulsed outwards in halos around the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's body slowly changed under these halos.

Devil Tree Battle Soldier's Natural Wood energy crystal didn't change, but when the devil tree battle soldier's body no longer emanated green glows, the devil tree battle soldier's body became even smoother. The gaps between wood and wood seemed to be connected by the strongest metal soldering, full of a special power.

"Eighth phase fifth stage, indeed it was suppressed because of its bottleneck!" Chu Mu smiled.

Devil Tree Battle Soldier was the main force in the desert, and was the soul pet that gained the most fighting training. In normal circumstances, such over rank and out-numbered battles should have pushed devil tree battle soldier to eighth phase long ago.

Looking at it now, devil tree battle soldier was most likely suffering from battle fatigue from the constant battle. Though its power was there, its body didn't keep up.

Now with the soul items to heal and rebalance it, the devil tree battle soldier's strength immediately increased, jumping from seventh phase ninth stage to eighth phase fifth stage. Even though its crystal didn't see any big change, the morphing caused its strength to at least double!

"Middle rank blood natural wood crystal, eighth rank intermediate stage defense, plus the effects of natural wood armor, it reached eighth phase late stage defense, equivalent to Ghost King's level." Chu Mu was very satisfied with Devil Tree Battle Soldier's type.

Powerful defense, powerful life force, powerful restraining abilities, powerful area of effect abilities, Devil Tree Battle Soldier could definitely be able to stand alone!

“Ao~~~~~ao~~~~~”

After its strength reached eighth phase fifth stage, Devil Tree Battle Soldier himself let out an excited roar.

The passing of the barrier was like a rebirth for devil tree battle soldier. Chu Mu knew Devil Tree Battle Soldier was still excited, so he let it roar a few more times in his soul pet space, before he calmed it down into slumber to steady the newfound energy.

“Ghost King, it’s your turn.” Chu Mu said to Ghost King.

“Nong~~~~~”

Ghost King’s strength was slowly catching up now. Especially in the Ancient Wasteland, Ghost King was the soul pet that gained the second most training.

Ghost King reached seventh phase ninth stage for not long, but Ghost King was different from all of Chu Mu’s other soul pets. Since its species rank was monarch, a naturally powerful soul pet like that was unlikely to stay at seventh phase for too long. Upgrading it to eighth phase shouldn’t take too long through soul item strengthening.

The training focused on Ghost King’s soul. Chu Mu specially meditated for a while longer to adjust his own soul power before Ghost King’s strengthening.

Ghost King’s normal defense was already eighth phase late stage. After Ghost Monarch Transformation, it could reach the eighth phase complete stage.

Chu Mu really wanted to know if, after this morph, Ghost King’s Ghost King Transformation could reach ninth stage defense.

If it could reach ninth rank, Chu Mu wouldn't have to be as hard-pressed against ninth rank techniques in the future.

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Chu Mu, under Old Li's guidance, merged the broken fighting spirited souls of the giant species with the Ghost King's soul.

When the two souls touched each other, the Ghost King's soul began to visibly conflict with the giant species' soul. It was like the two were competing against and fighting each other.

Chu Mu knew that the level of this soul was comparable to the Ghost King. There would thus be a certain amount of difficulty for the Ghost King to use the strength of its own soul to tame the giant species' broken soul. Promptly, Chu Mu forcibly intervened with his soul and suppressed the stubborn and unique soul.

Chu Mu's soul was much stronger than both the Ghost King and the giant species'. Once he intervened, the giant species' broken soul gradually turned from an unbending and untamable being to a soldier that listened to the Ghost King's orders, as it slowly merged into the Ghost King's soul.

However, after the soul merged, the Ghost King's body entered an extremely long period of stillness. During this time, the Ghost King's soul didn't change at all, as if the merging soul hadn't had any effect.

"Old Li, what happened?" after waiting a long while, Chu Mu didn't find that the Ghost King had entered an evolution so he wore a scrutinizing expression.

"The Ghost King is still absorbing the broken soul's power. It probably needs a rather long time to do so. Let it sleep for now and once it wakes up, it should have entered the eighth phase." said Old Li.

Chu Mu nodded his head and asked whether the Ghost King felt there was something different with its soul before letting it enter a deep sleep.

Old Li indicated that the Ghost King could enter a deep sleep for a period of time so during this time he wouldn't be able to summon it; this was because the longer the Ghost King slept for, the more its strength would rise.

After the Ghost King went to sleep, Chu Mu retrieved the Barbed Armor's Heart and prepared to strengthen Zhan Ye.

Zhan Ye had been at the bottleneck of the seventh phase ninth stage for a period longer than the Ghost King. According to Chu Mu's estimates, once he used the Barbed Armor's Heart, Zhan Ye would probably be able to advance to stages.

Chu Mu was very proficient at inner crystallization spirit item injection while Zhan Ye was a soul pet that was very receptive to new energies being injected.

Quickly, the Barbed Armor Heart's energy slowly diffused in Zhan Ye's body. There were no abnormalities that appeared on its body and there wasn't even the usual pain from transforming its body. It thus was able to evolve in phase and stage extremely smoothly.

The original ink color armor was shead and the new ink armor was visibly sharper and seemed even more metallic as it gave off a cold lustre.

Carefully examining Zhan Ye's new ink armor, Chu Mu quickly discovered that a few strange colored and deep magic armor markings were slowly appearing on Zhan Ye's ink armor. These magic armor markings were rather clear and only when the cold lustre flickered would one be able to discover their existence.

Chu Mu remembered that amongst the Seven Diagram Saint Pets, the Lin Yin Beast also had similar markings on its armor. Back when Ting Lan's Lin Yin Beast fought the Binding Wind Spirit, Chu Mu discovered that the markings on the Lin Yin Beast would occasionally circulate a special lustre and each time it flickered, its strength seemed to increase a lot.

"Young master, this is the Ancestor Return Imprint of the barbed armor beast species." explained Old Li.

"What is the Ancestor Return Imprint?" asked Chu Mu.

"It refers to soul pets with an ability similar to a species ability that their ancestors had. This species ability is normally possessed by middle class monarch soul pets like the Lin Yin Beast. Your Zhan Ye being able to comprehend it means that Zhan Ye's fighting strength is slowly nearing the middle class monarch." said Old Li.

Chu Mu's face revealed an excited expression as this meant that Zhan Ye's fighting strength rank had increased a bit!

"From the distinctiveness of this magic armor marking, you can determine the increased effect. From what I can see, this magic armor marking can increase Zhan Ye's fighting strength by 20 percent and its defensive strength by thirty percent. It presently has evolved to the eighth phase second stage. Without soul armor or the magic armor marking, its fighting strength should be at the middle eighth stage. With the sixth level soul claw and magic armor marking's effect, its fighting strength increases to the late eighth stage.

Zhan Ye's defensive strength is at the early eighth stage, and with the seventh rank soul armor and magic armor marking's effect, it should increase to the late eighth stage." said Old Li.

Zhan Ye was at the eighth phase second stage, and under Brave Stinging Heart's effect, its stage could unceasingly increase. Being able to reach a high stage in the eighth phase in the course of one fight was of no problem. When it reached that point of the fight, Zhan Ye's fighting strength wouldn't be inferior to Mo Xie and the White Nightmare!

"The average strength of second grade experts' soul pets should be an eighth phase monarch. Young Master rising to the second grade shouldn't be a problem at all, but, there's still a small gap before obtaining the ultimate honor. In this final year, you must not stop working hard. You'll have more of a chance if a few of your soul pets reach the ninth phase. But, this isn't very likely as stepping into the ninth phase from the eighth phase is a great difficulty and the majority of second grade experts' soul pets have monarch rank fighting strength that stay at the eighth phase ninth stage." said Old Li.

"Ting Lan seems to have two ninth phase monarch rank soul pets." said Chu Mu.

There was still half a year, and Chu Mu felt that he should get a better understanding of the second grade's circumstances. This way, he would be able to have a clearer orientation.

"She belongs to the category of powerful people that have the chance at obtaining the second grade's ultimate honor. There are about five of these people in Soul Palace and the factions with these sorts of experts are probably Soul Alliance, Nightmare Palace, Soul Pet Palace, as well as the others like Merchant Alliance, Elemental Sect, Hunting Association, Spirit Church, Luo Region Sect and the other large kingdom sects with at most two people with ninth phase monarch soul pets in the second grade. Therefore, if young master is able to reach this level, you will be able to be among those that compete for the ultimate honor. If you haven't reached this level, it would be better to pick another reward." said Old Li.

If the peak experts in the second grade possess ninth phase monarchs, he had to at least have one soul pet with strength that had risen to the ninth phase. Chu Mu felt that the biggest possibility of this happening was probably Mo Xie or the Night Thunder Dream Beast. He also felt that he should place more emphasis on them and strive to raise one of them to the ninth phase in the half a year he had!

After consecutively strengthening three soul pets, much of Chu Mu's soul power had been consumed. Feeling a trace of tiredness, Chu Mu closed his eyes and entered a silent cultivation state.

In the following two to three days, Chu Mu made a special trip to Soul Palace's sole training ground. He did this in order to let his soul pets exercise and let them practicing their new techniques.

During these two days, Chu Mu also entered a learning soul technique state.

Learning a seventh rank soul technique wasn't hard, and with his current soul remembrance, Chu Mu needed a few days to learn it.

The eighth rank soul technique, Sharp Eye, required a relatively long amount of time to learn. Other type soul techniques were also one of the hardest soul techniques to learn and was also related to the soul pet trainer's talent. Many soul pet trainers would even find learning a fourth rank other type technique even after reaching the spirit master level.

Chu Mu was unique in that he presently possessed an other type soul pet, and it would be much easier to control another type technique. According to his estimates, he would definitely be able to learn this soul technique within a month.

"They're about to take action!" Shang Heng appeared in the training field Chu Mu was at and spoke to him.

There were another two people next to Shang Heng who Chu Mu had never seen before; but he could see that they were probably peak young experts in Soul Palace.

"Hmm, when?" asked Chu Mu. He recalled his soul pets, as he knew that they were about to pit themselves against Shen Yicheng.

“Tonight. The news of Jiang Zhi will quickly come.” said Shang Heng.

Chu Mu nodded his head and he swept his gaze of the two people before saying: “Please introduce them.”

Shang Heng pointed at the skinny man on the left and introduced him: “This is our Soul Palace’s youngest eighth rank soul official, Zhan Hong and is our Soul Palace’s second grade expert. He is one of the members of the eighth young master’s team.”

The young man called Zhan Hong indifferently nodded his head at Chu Mu, but didn’t say anything.

From this young man’s eyes, Chu Mu could feel that this young master didn’t think too highly of him.

Chu Mu only had a seventh rank title, and his age was evidently smaller than Zhan Hong’s. He had obviously been categorized into the third grade so Zhan Hong was silently baffled at why a third grade person would be commanding him.

“This is Blue Kingdom’s strongest second grade expert, Zhao Cheng. He is also a seventh rank title person at our Soul Palace.” Shang Heng pointed at young man wearing a short sleeve grey jacket as he spoke.

Zhao Cheng good naturedly laughed, his face revealing a row of pure white teeth on his slightly tanned face. He looked very easy-going and honest without any aura of an expert. On this point, he was completely the opposite from Zhan Hong.

Chu Mu didn’t know what sort of place Blue Kingdom was, but being able to rise above the rest in a vast kingdom meant that his strength was definitely out of the ordinary.

“Did you determine how many people the opposing party has?” asked Chu Mu.

“They should only have four people: Shen Yicheng, Jiang Zhi, Feng Kun, and another whom I don’t know.”

“I have no issues dealing with one, but don’t you guys feel that it will be easier if we have more people?” coldly said Zhang Hong.

“The mission this time isn’t to kill the four of them; rather, it’s to disrupt their plan. More people will inconvenience our movements, and it will be easily taken advantage of by the other factions. Four people is perfect.” said Chu Mu.

Shang Heng nodded his head. He hadn’t convened too many people also for this reason. The moment they started fighting, in a conflict between this number of young experts, there was no problem about the existence of an advantage.

“Then let’s meet at Bright Moon Bridge when the sun sets. We’ll discuss what our course of action is when we meet. Let’s disperse first.” said Chu Mu.

Zhan Hong and Zhao Cheng nodded their heads before immediately leaving the training field!

Chapter 390: Night Operation (2)

At dusk, Chu Mu walked, once more, past the Supreme Thrones that would fill one’s heart with shock.

The setting sun was illuminated with a golden yellow color. As it slowly fell into the horizon, the thrones underneath the heaven were illuminated with even more might and holiness. It was as if one was looking at a supreme country constructed out of gold. Even stepping on that earth would render one capable of feeling some mysterious force.

In front of the setting sun, Chu Mu stood there by himself in silent admiration.

“Old Li, if my father did not experience what happened to him, could he have ascended this treasured throne?” asked Chu Mu.

This... I’ll put it like this. Back then, Chu Tianmang, one of the five summits, was supposedly slightly stronger than m’Lady. In truth, he wasn’t stronger than m’lady, only it happened to be that his abilities to control the fight were much stronger than m’lady. Therefore, m’lady was normally not his opponent. If Chu Tianmang were to continue developing along this trajectory, I felt that he could have had a chance of ascending this throne; at least the steps would have a statue of him.” said Old Li.

“Then there was still a slight difference between him and a true supreme?” asked Chu Mu.

“Yes and no. The specifics are a bit complicated.” said Old Li.

Chu Mu had made becoming strong his goal due to his father. However, he knew that even without Chu Tianmang, he would still have still become a soul pet trainer with the highest honor. He would use the strongest soul pets in the world, receive the reverence of countless people and challenge an innumerable number of powerful creatures.

Chu Mu didn’t want to walk in Chu Tianmang’s footsteps as he progressed. He wanted to become someone stronger than him. If Chu Tianmang was unable to reach the level of the Supreme Thrones, then the thrones under the heaven would become his ultimate goal that he strived towards!

The sun set and the curtain of night descended upon Tianxia City.

Four figures riding their respective demonic soul pets quickly flew through the streets. The four people, with Chu Mu at the front, had begun chasing straight after Jiang Zhi in the direction he went after convening at Bright Moon Bridge.

Jiang Zhi’s movement speed wasn’t very fast, and the four riders were clearly stronger than him. They weren’t in a hurry as they caught up to Jiang Zhi.

“This direction seems to have a slightly average city district.” Shang Heng surveyed the surrounding buildings that gradually turned normal as he spoke.

“The person they’re looking for should be here. Thinking so much has no meaning. Let’s just get rid of them.” said Zhan Hong. This youngest eighth rank soul official had an attitude full of arrogance.

Chu Mu didn’t say anything; instead, he merely chased after Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi. From what he felt, Jiang Zhi should be reconvening with his companions now.

Slowly, the four pursuers left the luxurious city center district and entered the residential district of common buildings.

“Shang Heng, are there any precise descriptions of that hidden expert’s descendents?” asked Chu Mu.

“That hidden expert is an extremely famous soul teacher in our soul pet world. It can be said that this person belongs to the level of people that have reached the peak of the soul teacher realm. This soul teacher has never been tasteful of entering a certain faction. At the very beginning, due to his strength and abilities, all the factions tried to win him over; even Soul Alliance didn’t dare rashly offend this expert. Later, this expert seemed to suffer a serious injury in the outside world and his strength was greatly diminished. The spirit items he refined were still coveted by all the factions so at this moment this reclusive expert will essentially be slaughtered by any faction or be roped in by one of the large factions...” said Shang Heng.

“In truth, the higher levels of all the large factions know that because this soul teacher uses an extremely special spirit item refinement process, it was learned from a distant nation. This soul teacher also became the possessor of our soul pet world’s unrivalled spirit item. In order to obtain this spirit item, the large factions have actually already engaged in a relatively large fight...”

Chu Mu thought as he silently wondered what spirit item would be so valuable that all the factions would engage in such a large operation.

“No one knows where this soul teacher resides at the moment, and only know that there is someone who inherited the spirit item refinement method. Therefore, he is especially important. I only know this much as this matter has been kept very confidential. None of the factions dare to easily divulge anything.” Shang Heng continued to speak.

Chu Mu nodded his head and asked Old Li: “Old Li, do you know of this matter?”

Old Li had lived for so many years so there was no rational reason why he wouldn’t know of this large fight by the large factions.

“If it’s a soul teacher, moreover one that possesses an unrivalled spirit item, I’m sure this person is the illustrious Undying Immortal, Ying Rong.” said Old Li.

“Undying Immortal?” this was the first time Chu Mu had heard a title like this. He felt it was a bit strange, but it seemed like he was an exceptional person.

“Mhm, Undying Immortal is his title. As long as a soul pet’s soul hasn’t been shattered by an attack, Undying Immortal Ying Rong should be able to rescue it. Moreover, within a month, the soul pet

will recover to its peak state. Ying Rong has always maintained a low profile and the only faction he has entered has been Spirit Church. Moreover, his position in Spirit Church wasn't very high. Those that actually know of his existence and know of his abilities are only people within a certain circle. Later, due to him controlling a spirit item refinement method, he was sold out by people with evil intentions, causing the large factions to learn of him while also desperately trying to rope him in." said Old Li.

"What spirit item is it, and why is it capable of causing such a commotion in these factions." inquired Chu Mu.

"I don't know about this. Undying Immortal, Ying Long, is a matter that has been kept very confidential. There are few people that know of this, and I'm even curious as to why Palace Lord Yu is suddenly paying attention to this matter." said Old Li.

Chu Mu sunk into deep thought. For some reason, he felt that he had suddenly thought of something from what Old Li and Shang Heng had mentioned.

"This place is Eastern Street. Why would he run here? Could it be that the hidden expert's descendents live here?" Zhan Hong's gaze swept over this common street and he revealed a slightly suspicious expression.

Compared to the Realm Thrones and the city plaza in the center district of the city, the city center's eastern street was much more plain. Normally, true experts wouldn't come here since there were no resources that attracted them. The only thing here were normal residents that lived in Tianxia City.

"It's already been some time." said Zhao Cheng softly.

"Indeed. This Jiang Zhi has been running for quite some time." said Shang Heng.

"Since you're the leader, what do you think?" Zhan Hong threw a glance at Chu Mu and spoke to him in a cold voice.

"Let's go to Western Street." suddenly, Chu Mu urged the Night Thunder Dream Beast to turn in the air and headed in the direct opposite direction.

The three others were confused, not understanding why Chu Mu would suddenly give up chasing Jiang Zhi and go towards Western Street.

“Chu Chen, what’s the matter? Why did you suddenly change direction?” Shang Heng was the first one to react as he hastily urged his Ice Winged Tiger to catch up to Chu Mu.

“I think that we may have been discovered by Shen Yicheng. This Jiang Zhi could be a sacrificial chess piece and is merely leading us in a circle in the city.” said Chu Mu.

“Why do you feel this is the case? I had the people who investigated this matter and who followed Jiang Zhi to be extremely careful. There shouldn’t be any way for Shen Yicheng to detect us.” said Shang Heng.

“Intuition tells me that the people they’re looking for should be at Western Street. We were presently headed in the completely opposite direction.” said Chu Mu.

“Intuition? When you execute missions, you use intuition like a woman does? If your intuition is wrong, then wouldn’t we just be letting Jiang Zhi get away?!” Zhan Hong’s tone instantly changed. Chu Mu turned his head and his two black eyes apathetically stared at Zhan Hong. Using an icy tone he said: “This is my decision and if you don’t listen to it, you can leave the group right now. If you want to listen, then shut up.” Chu Mu hadn’t liked Zhan Hong’s attitude for a while. He had previously thought they would only cooperate once so he couldn’t be bothered to argue with this fellow. Yet, he didn’t expect this fellow to use a woman to mock him. He clearly didn’t want to listen to his orders.

If there was someone in the group that wanted to usurp his authority, Chu Mu would rather expel this person as a unified group with the same thinking was always stronger than a group that argued and had internal strife.

Chu Mu’s words stunned Zhan Hong. For a few seconds, he didn’t say anything. His two eyes angrily and haughtily stared at Chu Mu and it seemed like he was going to erupt.

“Who do you think you are? Every single person here is stronger than you. What authority do you have to criticize and give orders?!” said Zhan Hong.

Shang Heng realized that the situation was amiss and he hastily stopped Zhan Hong’s anger. He proceeded to say: “How about this. Zhan Hong can continue to follow Jiang Zhi. I’ll send others to assist you. The three of us will go and look at Western Street. It’ll be more sure this way.”

“... Hmph!” Zhan Hong abruptly slapped the soul pet soul pet he was riding on and changed directions. He didn’t argue any more with Chu Mu as he began pursuing in the direction Jiang Zhi was running in.

Shang Heng sighed and stared at the departing Jiang Zhi. After a while he said to Chu Mu: “Although I can see that he is dissatisfied with you, there was no need to expel him.”

“I gave him a choice.” said Chu Mu.

“You still haven’t said why you want to go to Western Street.” said Shang Heng.

“I can’t explain it. It’s just correct to go there.” Chu Mu was truthfully relying on intuition.

This was because intuition told Chu Mu that this matter could very well be related to someone who he was familiar with. This person had inadvertently used a unique and unrivalled spirit item to treat him back then!!