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Chapter 41: Commotion in the Auction House

Chu Mu and Chu Ning chatted for a bit before Chu Ning took Chu Yishui off to train her new soul pet. Chu Mu himself simply left the house and went towards Gangluo City's largest trade fair.

Chu Mu easily found the signal that Ting Yu had left for him, and he found Ting Yu in the VIP room of the trading fair. Ting Yu was just sitting there, patiently waiting for the auction of the Demon Tree's Heart

"Young master, you've returned." Ting Yu saw Chu Mu walk up and she immediately smiled as she approached to welcome him.

"How have the things been managed?" Chu Mu inquired.

The night he massacred the Yang Clan territorial housing, Chu Mu also conveniently ransacked the entire area for valuables. Because many of the things were easily recognizable as the Yang Clan's, Chu Mu gave them to Ting Yu to convert it all into liquid assets secretly.

"I've sold them all. Young master's share is 2,000,000 gold coins, with the rest being split to the killers." Ting Yu said.

"En, good." Chu Mu nodded satisfactorily.

Robbing the Yang Clan once was enough to earn 2,000,000. Such deals were still pretty exciting to Chu Mu.

"Young master, you have 3,200,000 gold coins in total. The Heavenly Demon Tear you wanted has been concocted already, costing 100,000 coins. The sixth rank bug and beast duo type soul crystal was 250,000 here, costing 50,000 more than in nightmare city. Also, with your order, I bought Ink Gemstone worth 250,000 that can improve your armored soul pet's defense. After all these expenses, there's still 2,600,000 gold coins leftover. Currently, I'm auctioning for the Demon Tree's Heart. It seems that there aren't many rich and overbearing people in Gangluo City. The price is only 700,000 right now, and currently no one has called higher." Ting Yu said.

“En, take these two rings with you, sell all the soul pets within it. In the last space of the ring is a soul pet for you. Put it in your own soul capture ring and sign a contract with it once you are strong enough.” Chu Mu then gave two soul capture rings to Ting Yu.

“Can’t sign now? Can it be that young master is gifting me a commander rank soul pet?” Ting Yu’s eyes immediately lit up.

Chu Mu nodded and said, “This hunt, I targeted mostly commander rank soul pets. There are a few warrior ranks, but none were fitting for you.”

The auction continued on. Luxurious wood type strengthening soul item such as Demon Tree’s Heart didn’t seem to have much of a market in Gangluo City. What should be worth nearly one million gold was only worth 700,000 currently.

The Demon Tree Heart’s effects were very obvious. It was able to make a warrior rank soul pet’s plant type strong enough to compare with commander rank soul pets. Such an item was only encounterable by luck and not by demand. Too bad there weren’t that many people in Gangluo City willing to pay such a great sum for a mere warrior rank soul pet. With 1,000,000 gold coins, they would probably rather buy a commander rank wood type soul pet.

“Let’s do 750,000. Even if we have to remove our soul pet contract, it would take at least a year to recover. Let’s buy it still.” Yang Clan Head’s second son Yang Mantian slowly said.

Yang Mantian had one child named Yang Shang. Yang Shang’s strength was just shy of Yang Luobin. He had a warrior rank wood type soul pet. Since the nominations were coming in only two months, to let his son Yang Shang get a better score, Yang Mantian naturally had to painfully pay a big sum!

“800,000 gold!!!”

Yet, what made Yang Mantian’s face go dark was, at almost the moment he called for 750,000, the mysterious VIP seat called for 800,000, showing an attitude determined to win.

Yang Mantian wasn’t the treasurer of Yang Clan. Especially after the Yang Clan lost a valuable sixth level territory not long ago, his liquid assets had shrunk considerably. The clan head only gave Yang Mantian 500,000 gold to increase his son’s strength. For the purchase of the Demon Tree Heart this time, Yang Mantian would probably have to pay the other 500,000 gold.

“Father, this Demon Tree Heart is very important to me, and its real price is about 1,000,000 gold anyways. We should just skip 850,000, and call for 900,000. Otherwise, if we just keep raising the price like this, we’ll lose even more.” Yang Shang suggested.

Yang Mantian naturally understood such auctioning logic, so he nodded and acted lavishly by calling the high price of 900,000!

Originally, he thought that once 900,000 was called, this Demon Tree Heart would most likely be his. However, at almost the same instant that the auctioneer cried out 900,000, the price of 1,000,000 appeared, immediately subduing all the members of the large clans present!!

This auction was very grand, so many important members of the four big clans were all there. The Yang Clan had the Yang Clan Head’s secondary son, Yang Mantian, leading. The eldest son of the eldest son of the clan head, Yang Luobin, was also there.

The Zhou Clan’s clan head Zhou Ju was the one that came, bringing along Zhou Shen, the young thug-like master of Zhou Clan.

The Qin Clan sent Qing Menger’s father, Qing Chang, and Qing Menger, who wanted to join in on the fun. They also sent many wealthy members that wanted to purchase soul pets, soul items, and soul crystals for their younger generations.

The Chu Clan’s representative was the treasurer Chu Tianheng, along with his son Chu Xing and Chu He, who lost his father early in his life.

The Demon Tree Heart really did make everyone’s eyes red. Needless to say, however, with anything that costed over 500,000, the Chu Clan would need to think very very carefully, so it was impossible that they would pay such a huge price.

The Qin Clan’s younger generation didn’t have anyone well-versed with wood type soul pets, so they just symbolically raised the price.

The Zhou Clan didn’t want to compete with Yang Clan, so they simply backed off. As for the other rich powers, no one seemed interested.

What should've been a 700,000 coin upset ended up with a high price of 1,000,000, even after Yang Clan jumped prices to show their determination in getting it. Such a situation was definitely rare in Gangluo City. Instantly, everyone was trying to guess which wealthy person was this lavish and courageous!

1,000,000 gold coins wasn't something Yang Mantian could just procure from nowhere. Though he was very angry, Yang Mantian still didn't dare to raise the price any further. He was only able to watch resentfully as such an important soul item was taken by the mysterious rich man.

Today's biggest auction was this Demon Tree Heart, so all the clans stayed to see who would buy it. After it was bought, they naturally had no interest in staying. They all told their family henchmen to stay and buy the rest of the items at a reasonable price.

"The person in there, someone able to pay 1,000,000 gold without even blinking, isn't common in Gangluo City, so you must be a reputable person, is it possible to see you?" Yang Mantian's wasn't that generous. As he was leaving the auction house, he immediately very "politely" asked to see who it was.

In reality, all the other clans also wanted to know who this lavish man was. After all, 1,000,000 gold was definitely not a small sum.

Yang Mantian stood outside the door, and the other clans also halted their step, watching this position.

The door slowly opened, and a huge commotion started in the auction house as no one thought that the person who bought the Demon Tree Heart with 1,000,000 gold was a pretty girl that didn't even look 20!

Yang Mantian was slightly struck dumb, his eyes staring at this apathetic feeling woman, and he couldn't say anything for a long time.

"Any problem?" Ting Yu looked up and at Yang Mantian, her tone indifferent.

Though Ting Yu herself only had a third level title in Nightmare Palace, she had still met countless powerful characters within the palace. In a small place like Gangluo City, Ting Yu was indeed enough to deal with these people.

“This young lady, I am Yang Luobin and I just felt a rush of impulse to get to know a pretty lady like you, so.....” Yang Clan’s eldest grandson Yang Luobin reacted pretty quickly and he stepped up, putting on a gentlemanly appearance.

Yet, just as this self-believed charming person stepped up, the Devil Attendant behind Ting Yu stepped up between Ting Yu and Yang Luobin with a body full of cold air, saying with a frigid tone, “Dare to take one more step forward and you will die!”

Yang Luobin’s smile immediately went stiff. Feeling this Spirit Teacher’s killing intent, he couldn’t help but back off.

The Yang Clan’s people all stared dumbfoundedly at the two Devil Attendants behind Ting Yu!

Yang Mantian also knew how to recognize people. From the coldness given off by the two Devil Attendants he knew they definitely weren’t anyone ordinary. Even in the Yang Clan, they could be considered to be top tier experts. The fact that such people were like servants following behind this girl was enough to show this mysterious girl’s different identity!

“If you have no issues, just get out of the way, don’t block my path!” Ting Yu said coldly to the people of Yang Clan.

Yang Mantian also knew that, in Gangluo City, there sometimes were powerful figures that passed by, some which even the Yang Clan couldn’t afford to offend. Yang Mantian didn’t want to cause trouble, especially with someone so obviously holding a position that wasn’t simple.

Ting Yu naturally put on an arrogant look and walked past the ill-willed Yang Clan. The two Devil Attendants didn’t even need to disguise themselves. As killers, even under everyone’s watch, they were still their frigid and imposing selves, tightly following behind Ting Yu.

Ting Yu exited everyone’s view, as high-profile as ever, before people recovered from their disbelief. Everyone except for one person, who still stared at Ting Yu who had two experts guarding her.....

This person was of course Qing Menger. Qing Menger was also the only person to know that Chu Mu was a member of Nightmare Palace.

“Menger, what’s wrong?” Qing Chang looked at Qing Menger’s weird expression and questioned.

Qing Menger shook her head and said to her father, “Father, you go back first, I want to look around a bit longer.”

“Sure, don’t stay for too long.” Qing Chang didn’t think much and left with his subordinates, specially leaving a few henchmen to accompany Qing Menger.

“Little sister Menger, did you specially stay because there was something you wanted to tell me?” Yang Shang also didn’t leave immediately. Seeing Qing Menger stay, he immediately moved closer and said solicitously.

Qing Menger was the wooing target of many youth in Gangluo City. She was counted as Gangluo City’s little angel. There were four reasons why Qing Menger was so popular and well received within young people.

Number one- Qing Menger was naturally gorgeous. There almost wasn’t a single girl that could compete with her looks.

Number two- Qing Menger herself was the princess of Qing Clan and had a noble position. If anyone married her, they would gain the support of a big power like the Qin Clan.

Number three- Qing Menger was the Luo Region Sect’s famous female disciple. The Luo Region sect wasn’t something a little Gangluo City could compare to. Even the Old Yang Family’s reputation wasn’t as great as Luo Region Sect’s, so Qing Menger was the target of many people for social climbing.

Number four- Qing Menger’s character was something everyone knew; good temper, never delicate, and being around her felt like being immersed in spring wind. This was the reason she was called little angel by many clan teens.

The reason Qing Menger stayed in the trade fair was obviously not because of this narcissist in front of her. After rolling her eyes towards Yang Shang, Qing Menger walked towards the room where the mysterious girl exited.

Yang Shang was treated without interest, so naturally he didn’t follow, in case he made the little angel dislike him.

“Mister Chu, you’re in there, right?” Qing Menger specially sent away her subordinates before walking into the room.

Chu Mu was indeed in the room. Telling Ting Yu to deal with all trading matters was so he didn’t need to overly expose himself too early. But Chu Mu also knew that Qing Menger had definitely guessed his identity, so when he heard her call for him, he didn't hide, but instead walked straight out.

“What’s the issue?” Chu Mu looked at Qing Menger and said.

“I.....I just wanted to.....” When Qing Menger looked at Chu Mu, her face reddened a little, especially when she remembered how she called Chu Mu a scoundrel of Nightmare Palace right in front of him.

“I still need you to help keep me my identity as a member of Nightmare Palace a secret.” Chu Mu said plainly to Qing Menger. After speaking, he didn’t stay for any longer, and he walked straight towards the exit of the trading center.

Qing Menger used to be very good friends with Chu Mu. Once the news that Chu Mu was assassinated had spread, Qing Menger also cried for a long time.

Four years passed, and Qing Menger had already slowly forgotten this painful memory. However, she didn’t expect that Chu Mu would suddenly appear in front of her, and had changed so much in four years. Qing Menger still found all of this hard to believe.

Over the past few days, Qing Menger always couldn’t sleep well. Former events always floated into her mind, happy and pure.

Then, she thought of the few days in the forest gap, and she always felt a weirdness in her heart. Thinking about it over and over again, Qing Menger felt that what she said in the forest gap must have hurt Chu Mu, or else Chu Mu wouldn’t have refused to visit her a single time in the month after.

Realizing this, Qing Menger felt like she had to apologize to Chu Mu. It must have been very difficult for Chu Mu to escape death, and he was probably forced to join Nightmare Palace too.....

Today, after seeing Ting Yu, Qing Menger guessed that Chu Mu would probably be in here. The smart girl quickly guessed that Chu Mu didn't want to easily reveal his Nightmare Palace identity, so he made Ting Yu cope with the crowd.

Yet, when Qing Menger ran over to apologize, what she saw was an unbelievably apathetic face. This teen reeked of a detached attitude. When those black pupils stared at her, they didn't show any emotion. This disregard and aloofness made Qing Menger feel unprecedentedly wronged.

If Chu Cheng was just purely Chu Cheng, Qing Menger might not have felt this bad. But the teen in front of her was her best friend from four years ago, Chu Mu. Remembering that this friend of hers was now treating her like a stranger, Qing Menger couldn't control her emotions any longer, and tears quickly wet her face as she started sobbing quietly.....

Chu Mu's hearing was very good. Hearing Qing Menger's cat-like murmuring, he turned around and saw a beautiful girl standing elegantly, with a face stained with tears, looking pitiful.

"How are you crying again....." Chu Mu felt wordless. Didn't he say nothing at all? How was she unfathomably crying again.

Qing Menger felt Chu Mu spoke very strangely, not trying to comfort and instead being impatient, and started crying even harder.

"You're older now, yet you still cry, this is a public place, have you no shame?" Chu Mu walked up and wanted to wipe the tears off her face. Yet, he suddenly remembered that she had called him a scoundrel, so his movement froze and, after a while, he put his hand back down.

In reality, Chu Mu didn't mind Qing Menger's previous sentence. If not for the exact same situation now, Chu Mu totally wouldn't have remembered. Qing Menger was just overthinking things.

Being called shameless, Qing Menger's face immediately became red again, wanting to cry, yet was too shy to continue.....

"Despicable, how dare you bully my sister Menger, kid, you don't want to live anymore!!"

Suddenly, a rude voice intruded. Right after, a dark yellow clothed Yang Shang casted Wind Riding towards them, looking like he wanted to ferociously slam into Chu Mu.

Chu Mu stood without moving as Yang Shang rushed over. Suddenly, a star-like radiance appeared on Chu Mu. This radiance instantly morphed into a translucent soul armor right before Yang Shang came into contact with Chu Mu, creating a force that sent the angry Yang Shang flying!

Sixth level soul armor, valued at 5,000,000 gold. How could such a treasure be affected by a trash-like Yang Shang. After Yang Shang slammed into the soul armor, he flew back and straight into the auction house, falling right at the auctioneer's feet. This caused the sexy auctioneer to cry out in alarm and create a wave of panic among the people who stayed!

Qing Menger was dazed, astonishingly looking at Chu Mu's slowly fading Starlight Soul Armor.

"That.....that's soul armor!"

Soul clothing was definitely the most luxurious of all items. Especially those made for soul pet trainers. Even Qing Menger only saw monumentally important people in Luo Region Sect wear such items. Additionally, Qing Menger could tell that the soul armor on Chu Mu was definitely not just the normal quality third or fourth level stuff!!

"Bas.....bastard!!" Yang Shang's face was black with anger. Under everyone's shocked gazes, he suddenly stood up and started summoning his soul pet!

A blood red sign slowly projected onto the floor. A ghastly blood light rose from the symbol. Immediately after, a huge Blood Winged Trioptic Beast majestically appeared. Its dense air of blood crazily diffused through the entire auction house!

"Fifth phase fourth stage Blood Winged Trioptic Beast!!!"

"The Yang Clan really put down a lot of money, giving such a soul pet to their third generation!!!"

After the beast of blood appeared, it caused another uproar of alarmed sounds!

"Properly teach this guy a lesson!" Yang Shang didn't even see what Chu Mu used to push him off. This auction place still had many large clan members. Being hit in front of so many people, where would Yang Shang put his face, especially in front of his beloved Qing Menger!

The fifth phase fourth stage Blood Winged Trioptic Beast's appearance immediately subdued everyone. Everyone looked as the deadly soul pet fly over their heads, yet they didn't even dare to breathe too loudly.

"What's the matter?" Chu Tianheng who stayed in the auction area immediately furrowed his brows, watching the direction where the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast flew.

"It's.....it's young master Chu Mu!" A clan henchman immediately recognized Chu Mu and cried out.

"What!" Chu Tianheng's expression changed. However, watching the fifth phase fourth stage Blood Winged Trioptic Beast approach Chu Mu, there wasn't enough time for him to summon his own soul pet to rescue Chu Mu!

Watching the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast flying over full of killing intent, Chu Mu's expression was still stern, and he very calmly casted an incantation.....

If it were before, if someone attacked Chu Mu, Qing Menger would definitely be the first to stand up for him. Yet, maybe after the days in the forest gap, every time they met danger, Qing Menger didn't view it as danger anymore, because all she had to do was hide behind Mister Chu, and she wouldn't even have to summon a soul pet before the danger was resolved.

So, this time, Qing Menger still didn't summon a soul pet, completely habitually hiding behind Chu Mu.

"Mo Xie!"

Finishing the incantation, the fireless Mo Xie quickly appeared in front of Chu Mu. Her ridiculous and gorgeous six tails completely opened up, becoming a scary Six Tail Lock and firmly slamming into the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast!!

Mo Xie had already reached the sixth phase fourth stage, so the power of the Six Tailed Lock was even stronger. As the tails swept past, the massive Trioptic Beast flew back just like its owner, arcing through the auction house and landing in the centre, rolling over to Yang Shang!

The incomparably strong Blood Winged Trioptic Beast was blasted straight out of the sky. At this moment, the entire house went silent!!

“It’s the rare Six Tailed Demon Fox!!!”

“What stage and phase is this Demon Fox, why can’t I tell.....”

“I think its a fifth phase sixth stage Six Tailed Demon Fox!”

After the silence, discussion erupted everywhere!

Though Mo Xie extended her body, she still kept her Pitiful Appearance’s disguise. Though she was sixth phase fourth stage, she disguised herself as fifth phase sixth stage, not even casting her evil fire demon flames.

“Chu Mu!!”

“Young master Chu Mu.....”

Chu Clan immediately ran in front of Chu Mu, yet everyone stopped midway and looked astonishedly at Chu Mu’s Six Tailed Demon Fox!

“Chu Mu??”

“The Chu Clan’s fourth son’s son?”

“Chu Mu, wasn’t it the guy that had his first soul pet run away, causing him to be unable to summon his own soul pet even at the age of fifteen?”

“Didn’t he die four years ago?”

Hearing Chu Mu’s name, the crowd’s discussion were renewed with vigour!!

The matter of Chu Mu, almost everyone in Gangluo City knew. Seeing the Chu Clan calling this astonishing teen as Chu Mu, they were even more shocked!

Chapter 42: Let Blood Rain

“Everyone get the hell over here and kill this guy for me!!”

Yang Shang clearly hasn't realized who Chu Mu was, simply thinking that he was a collateral relative of Chu Clan. Seeing the Chu Clan's people congregating, he got even angrier, directly commanding his clan henchmen to help him take revenge.

The Yang Clan was this Gangluo City's owner, so the Yang Clan's henchmen were also absolutely unrestrained. Especially with their hurt young master, these guys immediately summoned their own soul pets, wanting to start a big fight right there in the auction house!

“Heng, trying to take advantage of Chu Clan's lack of people?” The forever calm and collected boss Chu Tianheng finally became angry, as he casted an incantation and summoned his own soul pet!

An ink colored symbol blossomed under Chu Tianheng's feet, exploding with a dark light. Following this, a dense aura spread from the dark light, covering the entire trading fair in a split second!!

Within the dark light, a tiger-like organism appeared, covered in distinctly angular armor. Its powerful body suddenly took a step forward, and that area of the auction house tangibly shook!!

“Seventh phase seventh stage fighting beast Mo Ye!!!”

The moment Chu Tianheng summoned his soul pet, the Mo Ye's aura subdued everyone!!

A seventh phase seventh stage commander rank soul pet's aura was scary. The Yang Clan's henchmen's soul pets didn't even dare move under the aura of the Mo Ye!

“People, please don't be rash. If there's an issue, let's sit down and talk it out, or just fight outside. Why fight in my auction house? If you break anything, you would have to reimburse us, and you would also make it hard for us to do business.....”

Just then, seemingly from nowhere, a middle aged man appeared in between the two parties and talked to Yang Clan and Chu Clan with a smile.

After Chu Tianheng saw this middle aged man, he regained his cool and quickly returned to his original unflustered self, retracting his Mo Ye that emitted a feeling of strength from its entire body.

“You should also retract your soul pets, in case you make my place smell horrible. After you retract them, just leave with your unreasonably trouble-making young master, Yang Shang.” Seeing that Chu Tianheng had already retracted his soul pet, the middle aged man turned again and asked the Yang Clan people.

The Yang Clan henchmen were obviously also afraid of the middle aged man, causing them to start to advise their young master Yang Shang.

Even worse, Yang Shang ground his teeth, looking like he couldn’t swallow his anger. Yet, due to this being the auction house, he knew that if he were too impudent, he would bring his clan lots of trouble, so he could only retract his soul pet as well.

“So it’s the trash that died four years ago, I didn’t think you were still feebly living, and can actually summon a soul pet now. Heng heng, even if you can summon soul pets now, you’re still trash. There will be a day where you will die a horrible death!” When Yang Shang walked by Chu Mu, he didn’t even bother to disguise his maliciousness, acting aggressively, even in front of all of the other Chu Clan members.

Chu Tianheng could bear many things, yet watching his younger generation getting insulted was something he couldn’t. Just as he was about to teach the impolite Yang Shang a lesson, however, Chu Mu stood up in front of him.

“Uncle, let it go.” Chu Mu said lightly.

“Young master, such events can’t be accommodated carelessly, or our Chu Clan members would only receive even more insults.” A clan henchman said slightly indignantly.

Chu Mu shook his head and retorted apathetically, “I didn’t say I was going to accommodate it.”

Chu Tianheng opened his mouth and wanted to say something, but after seeing Chu Mu’s unperturbed look despite the insults or praise, he felt that something was off.

Chu Mu didn't bicker about this event, and he clearly chose to back down. Yet, Chu Tianheng felt that Chu Mu, with his eyes void of emotions, didn't look like he was enduring it. Instead, it looked like he just completely didn't care to bicker with Yang Shang.

In reality, even Chu Tianheng misunderstood Chu Mu.

Chu Mu was now a person even more terrifying than a killer. Fellows like Yang Shang would definitely be dead, so what would it matter if they let him be arrogant for a while?

"So this is Chu Tiancheng's son Chu Mu, turns out he is a fine young man, that's good." The middle aged man eyed Chu Mu and slowly spoke.

Chu Mu looked up and reciprocated the gaze, but only nodded slightly, not even saying anything. When he did speak, he said to Chu Tianheng, "Uncle, I still have business, I'll leave first."

"Sure, I'll let my subordinates follow you." Chu Tianheng said.

"No need, it's more convenient to do things alone." Chu Mu said.

After finishing that, Chu Mu directly left the auction house.

When walking on the streets, Chu Mu very quickly realized that someone was following him. Turning around, he saw Qing Menger following with her head down behind him, looking like a child who knew she did something wrong.

"I still have things to do; I'll have a nice chat with you when I have time again." Chu Mu looked at the gorgeous Qing Menger and smiled lightly.

"Sorry, I know that you didn't want to reveal your strength too early....." Qing Menger said quietly.

"Don't worry. Some people in my clan also knew, so some traitors must have spread the information to Yang Clan already." Chu Mu said, not worried about it.

“Oh, then.....then will you attend the Recommendation this year? With your power, you will definitely beat everyone.” Qing Menger said.

Chu Mu, because he once lost one soul and two soul pet spaces, received all sorts of insults and ridicule. Qing Menger had always felt sorry for Chu Mu, because she knew that in terms of soul power talent and soul pet knowledge, no one was Chu Mu's parallel among his age group.

Now, Chu Mu's power could only be described as tyrannical. If Chu Mu decided to compete in the Recommendation, he would definitely sweep everyone away, making everyone look at him in a different light!

Qing Menger very much looked forward to Imagining the expressions of the Yang Clan and the Zhou Clan when they saw the once worthless Chu Mu defeat their so called number one expert. She also wanted to see the scene where Chu Mu defeated everyone who once laughed at him.

“I guess I'll attend.....I'm leaving.” Chu Mu waved his hand and didn't say anymore to Qing Menger, slowly walking into a deep alley.

Qing Menger still stood there. Looking at Chu Mu and his drastically changed personality, she suddenly really wanted to know how Chu Mu had lived over the past four years.....

His aloof back image slowly merged into the deep shadows in the alleyways. Just as Qing Menger turned and left, Qing Menger vaguely noticed two black shadows appear behind Chu Mu, following behind Chu Mu like emotionless attendants. They disappeared into the alley along with Chu Mu!

“This is.....” Qing Menger looked at the deep yet now empty gallery in astonishment as a strange feeling rose in her heart. She wanted to chase up and ask what was the matter, but she remembered that Chu Mu was now a member of the Nightmare Palace with mysterious conduct, so she thought it was better that she didn't ask too much.....

Night fell and darkness shrouded the entire Gangluo City. Not sure if it was the black clouds or the night fog traveling around the region, there was no starlight or sight of moon that night, making it seem particularly cold and dark.

On the south side of Gangluo City, on a spire like lone structure, a dark clothed nefarious figure sat on the ledge of the tower, his eyes shining with a different glint in the incomparably dark night.

Yet beside this silhouette, the silver white and smooth-furred Six Tailed Demon Fox sat silently beside Chu Mu, her white pupils displaying the same emotion as her owner.

“Nightmare Prince, the information you’ve asked for has been collected. The Yang Clan has a total of 70 bases and five sixth level and above territories. Each position has been assigned a foreman for constant monitoring!” An unpredictable voice suddenly floated through the night without any forewarning.

“Has the blocking of the news been done well?” Chu Mu didn’t turn around, lightly speaking to the air.

“Incomplete, but when we start acting, we can ensure that no news of it will be leaked.”

“Begin the operation after ten days. First, send people to closely monitor the Yang Clan’s recent fund allocation. If there are any discoveries, immediately report them!” Chu Mu said.

“Yes!!”

A shadow slowly rose into the air and disappeared into the thick black clouds.....

Sitting on the over one hundred meter tall ancient structure, Chu Mu’s eyes looked over the deep night of Gangluo City, and his mouth traced out a demonic and imposing smile.

“Let’s start a rain of blood to make this city more interesting!”

The third day

The auction house revealed a message.

It was this message that made the entire Gangluo City shake!!

Gangluo City’s auction house usually hosted one auction a month, auctioning off 20 or so items and soul pets, rarely exceeding 2,000,000 gold in net value. Anything past that was considered quite grand already.

The terrifying thing was, in ten days, there would be an auction worth over 10,000,000 gold coins!!!

With a net value of over 10,000,000 gold coins, it meant that, in this auction, every item was worth over 500,000 gold!!

500,000 gold was definitely not a small sum to any family. This meant that each item in the auction was worth it for every family to fight for. A 500,000 gold item would usually be the anchor of an auction, but for this particular one, every item was worth the value of an anchor item in a normal auction!

Of course, it definitely wasn't possible that every single item was worth 500,000 gold. Instead, it was because the auction house had a treasure that could make every clan in Gangluo City gasp--- a sixth level soul armor!!

Sixth level soul armor!!! An ultra treasure worth 5,000,000 gold alone!!

Chapter 43: Devil Tree Demon

Heavy hitting news. In the entire Gangluo City, it had been a long time since a treasure worth 5,000,000 gold had appeared- especially a sixth level soul armor!

Sixth level soul armor had a great meaning. As long as such armor was worn on a soul pet trainer, by adding on a little more defensive ability, the defensive ability would easily reach the seventh level. A seventh level defense could put an end to almost all the attacks from soul pets under the sixth phase commander rank. Even soul pets above the sixth phase commander rank needed to continuously attack to break this defence. Which soul pet trainer wouldn't desire such a supreme protective treasure?

Once such a shocking message spread, almost every family and wealthy merchant immediately went to the auction house to validate the claim. After validating the claim, they all got the same answer: this news was completely real!!

What shocked the powerful people of Gangluo City even more was, other than this incomparably rare sixth level soul armor, the auction house was also selling many young commander rank soul pets, and low quality ones were highly unlikely to appear. Each soul pet was worth over 500,000 gold coins!!

There were many times a high quality commander rank soul pet was the anchor of the show, bringing all the clans and wealthy merchants to fight over it. This time, however, there were plenty of such high quality commander rank soul pets!!

With such a sensationally big event, how could Gangluo City's important people not ask for the identity of the person that was supplying such expensive treasures.

The auction house naturally had to protect this information, and they refused to divulge any information. Of course, the auction house knew that someone who could offer these items wasn't anyone simple, so it was impossible for the managers of the auction house to put themselves in a predicament over a little bribery for the information!

A wave of competition washed through the entirety of Gangluo City. Including many people from factions of other cities, they had all come forth already- all for this astonishing auction house!

Such a luxurious auction, if one wanted to get some treasure, one naturally had to invest a huge sum of money. Especially for the 5,000,000 gold coin sixth level soul armor, if anyone wanted this treasure, every clan had to gather funds from all their industries in different cities, or else 5,000,000 gold wasn't a sum that one could easily get.

Of course, if it were just 5,000,000 gold, a rich family like the Yang Clan might have the capability to pay straight from their pocket. Yet, this auction also had many commander rank soul pets of high quality. If those fell into the other clans' hands, the Yang Clan would definitely feel some threat. The Yang Clan naturally didn't want to show any weakness, so they also had to gather funds from all the different business they owned!

"Young master, won't it be dangerous if you do this? If the Yang Clan isn't willing to buy this sixth level soul armor, wouldn't all our plans become fruitless?" Ting Yu was worried.

"Currently, the Yang Clan has always been the single biggest faction within Gangluo City, so they must have a fortune saved up to buy treasure. This sixth level soul armor, they definitely need it. Of course, this wasn't the main reason. In reality, out of the entire Gangluo City, only the Yang Clan has the power to buy this sixth level soul armor....." Chu Mu said.

The Chu Clan was currently in a recession. Anything past 500,000 gold was beyond their consideration. Chu Mu believed that in this auction, the Chu Clan would definitely gather some money because no matter what, they still had to strengthen their clan. However, it was impossible for them to buy the sixth level soul armor. They couldn't even raise the price, because everyone

knew that though Chu Clan could bring out such a sum, it would severely affect the operation of their clan.

Qin Clan

“What, don’t tell me we have to submissively just give away such treasure?” Qin Chang said, puzzled.

The Qin Clan’s clan head was Qin Chang. In the clan, the majority of things were done his way. Qin Chang knew that the Luo Region Sect was a very large power, and though Qin Menger received a lot of love from her elders, because of her lack of background, she would often get treated wrongly. Thus, this time, the Qin Clan’s clan head was prepared to steel his heart and compete for this sixth level soul armor so that Qin Menger could defend herself with it.

Qin Menger was Qin Clan’s biggest hope. As long as she got some sort of position within the Luo Region sect, Yang Clan and Zhou Clan wouldn’t dare to even think of touching the Qin Clan, so the entire clan viewed her with importance. If the clan head insisted on buying this sixth level soul armor for her, not many people would oppose it.

“Father, we can’t touch this thing. Just listen to me for once, don’t even consider the sixth level soul armor” Qin Menger bit her lips and said.

Not long ago, Chu Mu had already sent Qin Menger a message telling her to persuade her family not to contemplate buying the sixth level soul armor. Though Qin Menger didn’t know what Chu Mu wanted to do, from the looks of things, it definitely wasn’t something small. It was very likely related to the Nightmare Palace, so Qin Menger didn’t want her family to get pulled into the struggle.

Qin Chang looked at his worried daughter and slowly said, “Is it that you heard something from your fellow students in Luo Region Sect...?”

Qin Menger was just worrying over being unable to find an excuse, so she immediately nodded.

“If so, we should quietly tell Chu Clan, in case they fall into it as well.” Qin Chang said.

The Qin Clan and Chu Clan were good friends, so the Qin Clan would always help the Chu Clan from behind the scenes. After all, if the Chu Clan were completely eliminated from Gangluo City,

then Zhou and Yang Clans would slowly eat away at the Qin Clan. This principle of interdependence was something Qin Chang understood.

“En.” It’s not like Qin Menger could tell him that the Chu Clan knew already, so she just nodded again.

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“This sixth level soul armor is a rare opportunity, we must take it!” The Yang Clan’s clan head Yang Kuo said solemnly.

“But we just lost a sixth level territory.....” The Yang Clan’s many clan members thought that buying this sixth level soul armor was honestly too luxurious.

Yang Luobin stood beside the clan head Yang Kuo, yet he said nothing. The purchase of the sixth level soul armor was undoubtedly for him, the clan heir. As long as he got this sixth level soul armor, then he would stand undefeated in the Recommendation!

The Yang Clan clan head Yang Kuo had clearly decided in his heart already. Such a rare treasure already had a starting price of 3,000,000 gold. If the Yang Clan didn’t compete and another clan steeled their heart to buy it, the Yang Clan’s number one ranking would very likely be overthrown. If this thing appeared in any other city for sale, then Yang Kuo wouldn’t even consider it. But in Gangluo City, he definitely couldn’t let it fall into another clan’s hands!

“Assemble the money and prepare for this auction.” Yang Kuo took all the power, and didn’t give any other member a say in it.

After the Yang Clan meeting ended, Yang Shang’s face became gloomy. When everyone left, he muttered, “His heart hurt when he spent 1,000,000 gold for my Demon Tree heart, yet he is willing to spend 5,000,000 gold to buy a soul armor for that guy, truly hateful!!”

“Yang Shang, what are you muttering?” Yang Luobin looked at Yang Shang’s unnatural expression and asked.

Yang Shang naturally couldn’t expose his jealous side to Yang Luobin, so he immediately thought of something else, “I was angry about that Chu Clan trash.”

“You mean Chu Mu?” Yang Luobin had already known about Chu Mu not being dead, and also knew that Chu Mu seemed to be able to summon soul pets now.

Chu Mu lost a soul, so if he reached the spirit soldier rank and had two souls, it was natural for him to be able to summon a soul pet.

“En, that kid, taking advantage of me being unprepared, made me lose face at the auction. I can’t not take revenge for this!” Yang Shang said fiercely.

“I can bully him to death once, so I can bully him to death twice. Even if you don’t want to deal with him, I wouldn’t let him live long.” Yang Luobin laughed coldly.

“The Chu Clan is on guard already, wouldn’t it be hard to bully him to death?” Yang Shang opened his mouth and asked.

“Wouldn’t that be easy, just force him to sign up for the Recommendation. Which Chu Clan trash would dare to interfere and protect him in the Recommendation competition?” Yang Luobin started laughing.

“Wouldn’t that be difficult? Even if they got rid of that dunce, the Chu Clan wouldn’t easily let him compete.” Yang Shang said.

“Don’t worry, I have a way.” Yang Luobin said.

Chu Clan Courtyard

Chu Mu at the moment didn't care much about the auction, instead putting all his efforts into training his soul pet. After all, the reallocation of money took time. Once Yang Clan mustered enough money, it was Chu Mu’s massacre time!!

The effects of the Heavenly Demon Tear was quite obvious. Once Chu Mu gave it to his Night Thunder Dream Beast, it immediately rose a stage, and its following growing speed became noticeably faster as well.

Of course, just using the Heavenly Demon Tear was not enough for the Night Thunder Dream Beast to jump to the sixth phase. It still needed to fight. Without fighting, the Night Thunder Dream Beast's maturing rate would still be very slow.

"Demon Tree's Heart, I've heard this thing even had a chance to cause wood type soul pets to have a species mutation?" Chu Mu looked through books about the Demon Tree Heart.....

Species mutations were very rare, but in this massive world, there were still a few special soul items that could cause species with potentials and talents way past their own species to mutate. However, such special soul items were usually only discovered and couldn't be sought after. They often also only worked on one specific type of soul pet.

Chu Mu grafted the Demon Tree Heart into his Devil Tree Battle Soldier. Without any coincidences, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier wouldn't have any species mutation. After all, the chances were very very low, and Chu Mu couldn't always be lucky.

Though no species mutation happened, this Devil Tree Battle Soldier's wood type powers overcame a great change. Now, casting a seventh level wood type techniques wasn't an issue. Of course, a wood type soul pet's most important quality was still its life force and its defensive ability.

"It gave birth to Demon Wood Skin, which had a defense of the seventh rank intermediate stage, and Demon Wood Roots, which improved its attack significantly too....." Looking at the Demon Wood Skin of his Devil Tree Battle Soldier, a smile floated onto Chu Mu's face.

The Demon Tree Heart's strengthening caused his Devil Tree Battle Soldier to grow an even stronger weapon and defensive skin layer - Demon Wood!

Demon Wood was similar to Mo Xie's Demon Fire Evil Flames. It wasn't a species' special power, but as long as one had it, it could directly increase a soul pet's fighting strength!!

Playing on the principle of "strike while the iron's hot", once the Devil Tree Battle Soldier grew Demon Wood, Chu Mu quickly used his saved sixth level soul crystal and strengthened it.

The Demon Tree Heart was created naturally, and the soul crystal was from a wood type soul pet. These two energies didn't conflict, so the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, without any mishap, grew to sixth phase second stage!!

After 1,000,000 gold's worth of strengthening, the wood type of the Devil Tree Battle Soldier could contend against many high class commander ranks!

Additionally, with its powerful defense and life force, maybe, by only summoning his Devil Tree Battle Warrior, he could sweep through most opponents in the Recommendation!

Chapter 44: Mo Ye, A Technique that Drove Opponents Crazy

The next task was naturally to train the obstinately little Mo Ye, who Chu Mu had entrusted with lots of hope!

There also happened to be two things that could strengthen the Mo Ye. First was the Ink Gemstone that could strengthen the bug type defensive armor. A thing like the Ink Gemstone was a perfect fit for the Mo Ye, a soul pet that also owned an ink colored battle armor.

Now, Zhan Ye's ink armor was approximately at the fourth rank intermediate stage. Such defensive talent should count as normal, but Chu Mu believed that in the long term, after the Mo Ye's abnormal bug type talent was developed, his ink armor's defensive capability would definitely increase significantly.

The Ink Gemstone was used similarly to a soul crystal. All one had to do was make a soul pet swallow it, and then let a soul pet trainer use his remembrance to control the energy inside slowly into the soul pet's armor.

The Mo Ye's current phase wasn't high. Originally, it should've been very hard for it to absorb such a high energy Ink Gemstone. However, Chu Mu felt that the little Mo Ye couldn't be trained normally. If he did, the Mo Ye would definitely be a useless member in battle.

Only in the early stages, by utilizing the Mo Ye's six times life force and regeneration to undergo training methods that surpassed the soul pet's limits, could a better effect be reached.

The Ink Gemstone's effects were very outstanding, raising the little Mo Ye's defensive armor straight to the fourth rank complete stage. He believed that once he let the little Mo Ye absorb the sixth rank soul crystal, its defense would definitely go up to the fifth rank, even though he was only at the fourth phase.

A sixth rank soul crystal had an immense amount of energy. When Chu Mu lead the energy into Zhan Ye's body, Zhan Ye immediately showed a painful expression.

"If you can't withstand it let's call it off and take it step by step." Seeing the little Zhan Ye in pain and on the verge of shattering its armor, Chu Mu also felt that maybe he was too hurried.

"Houhou" Little Zhan Ye immediately let out a roar, as if very worried Chu Mu would stop. It actually directly closed its eyes, and the painful expression on its face disappeared!

Chu Mu could tell that the little Zhan Ye sorely hoped to become stronger. Chu Mu knew that it had great willpower, so he clenched his jaw and said, "Don't worry, after you withstand this, your body will no longer be weak and your power will raise by another level!"

"Houhou!!" Little Zhan Ye immediately roared again.

The immense beast type energy flowed in, and the little Zhan Ye's ink armor started shattering completely, as if he were inflating from within!!!

The little Mo Ye was only a bit past a meter big, but under the use of this sixth rank soul crystal, the little Mo Ye's body started tearing and growing!!

When beast type soul pets changed body shapes, their bones usually grew first, leaving the muscles and other body parts to slowly extend on their own.

Yet, this Mo Ye was completely different. It was like some item forcefully opened the Mo Ye's body from inside. Even its joint areas were completely torn apart, leaving only blood and vessels to connect them!!

Chu Mu felt that the gust of beast type energy may be too large and was just about to stop.

However he suddenly discovered that Mo Ye's torn joints were quickly growing muscle and cartilage!!

The ripped open body actually started to swiftly grow new limbs, cartilage, bones, blood, muscle, skin, and armor, all of them growing with visible speed!

Bug type Broken Limb Rebirth!!!

Chu Mu saw this and went dumb!!

Zhan Ye had actually learned the powerful bug type move, Broken Limb Rebirth!!

A bug type soul pet's greatest advantage was its resilient life force. If one didn't completely destroy its vital parts, it would quickly recover. Additionally, some strong bug type soul pets even had the annoying species ability: Broken Limb Rebirth!!

Broken Limb Rebirth was a pretty special move among bug types. Usually, if a soul pet was amputated somewhere, after a long period of recovery, it could still recover. But the bug type move Broken Limb Rebirth could spend its massive health pool in order to quickly regrow shattered or torn body parts!!

“Currently, it has six times the life force and recovery speed of a normal soul pet. If it sacrificed some lifeforce to use Broken Limb Rebirth, as long as its vital organs aren't completely shattered, little Zhan Ye will be almost invincible!” The astonishment on Chu Mu's face was indescribable!

Broken Limb Rebirth was impossible to use infinitely, because one had to use one's own life force as cost of using it.

Bug type soul pets all had 2 or more times other soul pets' life force. Normally, a bug type soul pet's life recovery speed was already many times that of a normal soul pet's, so it could use Broken Limb Rebirth a few times. Many soul pets could use it twice. Being able to use it three times was already incredible.

Yet, Zhan Ye had six times the normal soul pet's life force recovery, as well as six times the life force!

This meant that Mo Ye could use Broken Limb Rebirth six times!!

Many times, when a limb was crippled in a battle, it meant that the end of the battle was near. However, with six chances to rebirth, one could imagine that during fighting, when the opponent saw a soul pet continuously getting deeply wounded yet continuously grow out new limbs and

returning to full fighting strength, their expression would definitely be one of maddening frustration!!!

Even, saying something bluntly, if some area were to be damaged and it was hindering the soul pet from utilizing all its power, it could simply bite the part off and grow a new limb to recover its original strength, a move that could make countless opponents mental state fall apart!

Thinking of this, even Chu Mu wanted to lift up his head and laugh into the skies! Choosing this defiant little Mo Ye over the high quality Mo Ye at the time was definitely the right choice!

No matter how strong the high quality Mo Ye was, it could at most cause the obstinate little Mo Ye to use its Broken Limb Rebirth once. No matter how it was trained or strengthened, even if it also learned Broken Limb Rebirth, it wouldn't create an effect as abnormal as Zhan Ye!

Mo Ye: Beast World - beast type (bug type) - Horned Armored Beast species - Mo Ye subspecies - middle class commander rank fourth phase second stage

Ink Claw: fourth rank initial stage. At the fourth phase, with a fourth rank initial stage attacking claw, it was equivalent to a warrior rank attacking talent. Before using the soul crystal, Zhan Ye's claws were still at the third rank initial stage. The sixth rank soul crystal made it increase by a full rank.

Ink Armor: fifth rank initial stage. As a fourth phase second stage soul pet, having a defense that reached the fifth rank was the defensive talent of a normal commander rank soul pet.

Species abilities: Self Heal, Broken Limb Rebirth

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

Main abilities: Shattering Claw, Death Ray, Shadow Strike, Dark Steel

Advanced abilities: Fragmenting Stamp, Uninhibited Assault

Zhan Ye's complete transformation made Chu Mu even more confident. Even if he didn't strengthen the Mo Ye's beast type any further, there were probably many people who could only helplessly look to the heavens against an imbalanced soul pet like Mo Ye.....

“Young master, clan head wants you to go over, as if he had something important to discuss with you.” A servant girl’s voice suddenly came in from outside.

Chu Mu was just immersed in the joy of seeing Zhan Ye’s growth. Hearing this message, he smiled again and said, “I’ll come in a second.”

“Zhan Ye, you rest first. Once your phase and stage rises, there will soon be opportunities for you to show off your skill.” Chu Mu used his remembrance and told the Mo Ye.

Zhan Ye nodded, very calmly laying in the soul pet space, and closed its eyes, entering a deep sleep after its growth.

Following the servant girl to the clan head’s courtyard, Chu Mu immediately saw Chu Ming standing beside the pool, watching the little organisms swimming around in it.

“Grandfather.” Chu Mu walked up and interrupted the old man’s deep thinking.

Chu Ming smiled a shallow yet wrinkled smile, “You’ve come.”

Chu Mu nodded, able to see that Chu Ming had something to tell him.

“Originally, grandfather didn’t want you to participate in this Recommendation, because after all, it is very dangerous.....” As Chu Ming spoke, he drew out the last syllable, and waited a long time before speaking again.

“But who would’ve thought Chu Yi wasn’t content with peace, actually fighting with someone as the Recommendation approached. His soul was damaged, and he is unable to recover without a few months.”

Chu Mu stared blankly, showing signs of surprise.

In reality, Chu Mu was just about to send a Devil Attendant to fiercely “fix” the oppressing Chu Yi, making him unable to join the Recommendation. Then, unable to find anyone else within Chu Clan, Chu Ming would have to let him join the recommendation.

However, even he didn't think that before he could send anyone, Chu Yi had already hurt himself, saving Chu Mu from "disloyally" hurting his own brothers in the dark.

"Grandfather, I understand you. Don't worry, I will be fine." Chu Mu smiled.

Chu Ming originally only wanted to ask for Chu Mu's thoughts, and he was not prepared to actually invite Chu Mu to the Recommendation, but seeing Chu Mu's confident look, he thought that Chu Mu was indeed more mature now. Even if he couldn't defeat Yang Clan's experts, he shouldn't have issue with self protection.

Then this time I'll rely on you. From tomorrow onwards, train with Chu Xing and make preparations for the Recommendation in a month!" Chu Ming patted Chu Mu's shoulder and said seriously.

"I'm afraid I can't train this month. I still have things to do. I'll start training with big brother next month." Chu Mu said.

"You're still busy with something?" Chu Ming said questioningly.

"I was considering my soul pet's future type growth, so I need to find the most fitting battle style through large amounts of books." Chu Mu found a random excuse.

Chu Ming opened his mouth to offer Chu Mu some suggestions. After all, Chu Ming was very experienced in terms of knowledge of soul pet types. However, after some consideration, Chu Ming deduced that Chu Mu was probably like his father. Chu Mu would be like his father in the sense that he would want to chose the path and training of his soul pets himself, so any suggestions could even prove to be a hindrance. With this in mind, Chu Ming decided not to say anything.

"If so, then take your time and think calmly. If you encounter any hard issues please come and ask grandfather." Chu Ming said.

Chu Mu nodded, leaving the courtyard with an attractively evil smile on his face.

Over this next month, Chu Mu of course wasn't going to research about soul pet typing abilities; he was going to frenzily start his revenge against the Yang Clan!!

Chapter 45: Robbing and Killing Yang Mantian Father and Child (1)

The grand auction was held with a bang. It seemed that all the important figures in Gangluo City were all present, turning out for this extremely expensive sixth level soul armor.

The majority of the items at the auction this time had been supplied by a mysterious person. Seven commander rank soul pets and two exceptionally talented warrior rank soul pets had been provided! As for the other items that had been contested over in the past, this time they had become mere foils.

“Where’s Chu Mu? Has anyone seen Chu Mu?” In the VIP seats, the family head Chu Ming swept his eyes over the Chu Family group of people, but the only person he didn’t see was Chu Mu. He immediately asked the others.

“Grandfather, fourth brother and I already said that he is trying to make a breakthrough, so he needed to concentrate fully on training for a period of time. As a result, he can’t let others bother him, and he didn’t come forth.” Chu Ning said.

“What does father need Chu Mu for?” Chu Tianheng said questioningly.

“Chu Mu might still have a space for soul pets, let’s see if there are any soul pets for Chu Mu. We can work hard for it and also raise Chu Mu’s strength.” Chu Ming replied.

“Big brother, today’s soul pet prices are all past 500,000 gold.....” Vice clan head Chu Nan said intentionally or otherwise.

“This money we need to spend.” Chu Ming said, not giving Chu Nan an opportunity to say any more.

“Grandfather, he can only summon two soul pets. Even if he successfully signs a soul pact, he might not be able to summon it and let it join the fight.” Chu Family’s tyrannical missus Chu Ying was slightly dissatisfied as she spoke.

Chu Ying herself only had a 500,000 gold soul pet, and it was received after years of great effort. For Chu Mu to just receive one out of nowhere was inexcusable to her.

Chu Ming totally didn't pay attention to his granddaughter's lamenting, clearly having made up his mind already.

Chu Mu wasn't in the VIP seats of the Chu Family. Yet, neither was he in Ting Yu's room. Right now, he wasn't even in Gangluo City; he was on the road to Huiyan City, a city not far from Gangluo City.

The Yang Family had once shamelessly sent people to intercept the Chu Family's caravans, inflicting heavy economic losses on the Chu Family, so Chu Mu planned to take revenge for this particular offense.....

In reality, Chu Mu's conduct couldn't be counted as just revenge for this offense anymore. Just a few days ago, Chu Mu led a group of killers from Nightmare palace and killed off three bases of The Yang Family and their four big industries, totalling over three hundred people!

Nightmare Palace's forces in Luo Region weren't too dense, but blocking a message for a few days was still easy for them. The Yang Family hadn't found out that their main industries had all been destroyed, and were still preparing for the popular auction.

The one who designed such a grand auction was naturally Chu Mu. Chu Mu had already told the Nightmare Palace killers to take note of the Yang Family's asset movement, and they finally locked onto it today in the early morning. The Yang Family was going to send twenty experts from Huiyan City to escort 5,000,000 gold from all the east side industries towards Gangluo City.

5,000,000 gold was definitely not a small sum. The Yang Family clan head had even sent second brother Yang Mantian and his son to personally lead the experts in the escort mission!

But, the Yang Family would never have thought that Chu Mu had already found their route through Nightmare Palace's information network and had led twenty one Nightmare Palace killers to lay an ambush on the road towards Gangluo City!

"Father, the auction has started already, will we make it there on time?" Yang Shang rode his Rare Blood Beast alongside his father.

"Don't worry, the Yang Family is in a good relationship with the auction house president, so delaying our payment slightly won't matter too much." Yang Mantian said.

In reality, the escort mission this time to protect 5,000,000 gold from the east was something Yang Mantian didn't want to do at all. The entire Gangluo City and the cities nearby were all part of the Yang Family's territory, so which death-seeking fellow would dare to touch their property? This was why Yang Mantian had a bored look on his face since the beginning.

"Yang Shang, I heard Chu Tiancheng's son of the Chu Family hasn't died and even has a fifth phase Six Tailed Demon Fox. Is he going to the Recommendation?" Yang Mantian suddenly thought of something and asked Yang Shang.

"En, that kid really is lucky, actually not dying. But in the Recommendation, I will definitely be the first to cripple him!!" Yang Shang said.

"To do big things, one must learn to be ruthless. Don't let him have a chance of getting up again!" Yang Mantian educated his son.

Yang Shang immediately nodded.

Yang Mantian, somewhat satisfied, rose the corners of his mouth and turned his head back.

Yang Mantian glanced towards the front and suddenly, his brows furrowed.

It was because just as he was staring ahead, he suddenly noticed a dark clothed man silently standing on the top of a tree, eyeing him coldly.

"Who is it!!" Yang Mantian could feel the killing intent released by the masked man's eyes, so he instantly shouted!

After Yang Mantian shouted, the Yang Family experts immediately became on guard, their eyes sweeping the surroundings.

Yet, to their shock, there suddenly appeared twenty black shadows among the dark treetops on the sides of the road!!

They were like statues, levitating up high, their eyes coldly looking down upon them. Their scary killing intent even made the nearby temperature drop suddenly!!

“Summon your soul pets!!” Yang Mantian suddenly realized the strength of this mysterious group, so he didn’t dare to be the least bit negligent, immediately roaring to everyone!

The robed teen standing at the highest place looked gravely as the opponents’ soul pets quickly filling this somewhat narrow road, yet he frigidly spat out a few words, “Leave not a single one alive!”

After the order was given, twenty cyan and dark blue devil flames started burning in a ghostlike manner along the sides of the road.

Immediately, a massive wave of devil aura rolled through the road, frenzily battering the Yang Family experts’ soul pets!

The tidal devil aura made the entire road feel as if it were covered in freezing flames!

“People of Nightmare Palace!!”

After Yang Mantian saw twenty Nightmares appear in the flames, his face immediately paled!!

How could Yang Mantian not know of Nightmare Palace’s notoriousness? Yet, Yang Mantian couldn’t understand at all why killers from Nightmare Palace had their eyes on the Yang Family!!

How could Yang Shang’s experience compare to Yang Mantian? When the devil aura rolled over, that guy actually panicked and fell straight off his Rare Blood Beast, looking as pitiful as can be!

When the Nightmare Palace killed people, they never said any more than they needed too.

Once Chu Mu passed the command, the twenty Cyan and Blue Nightmares’ terrifying soul devil flames rolled in from the sides of the road!!

The devil flames of the Nightmares were scary. After this wave of attack, dozens of soul pets disintegrated amidst the intersection of cyan and blue. There were even a few soul pet trainers that couldn’t protect themselves in time, completely disappearing in the ruthless devil flames after letting out a single scream!

Nightmares were not even the Nightmare Palace killers' only soul pet!

Just after the Cyan Nightmares and Blue Nightmares first wave of attacks ended, the killers' close combat soul pets immediately let out frightening roars and started thudding forwards, bringing with them a wave of destructive killing intent as they charged straight into the formations of the Yang Family experts!!

“Longlonglong!!”

Instantly, all sorts of shrieking and beast roars emanated as splashes of blood painted the road!!

Yang Mantian's main soul pet was a seventh phase Blood Winged Trioptic Beast, but even the seventh phase Blood Winged Trioptic Beast could not deal with the attacks from twenty Nightmare Palace. After the second wave of attacks came, to save his son Yang Shang, Yang Mantian's seventh phase Trioptic Beast perished in the frightening devil flames!!

“Fool, get up!! Yang Mantian still managed to stay calm, but how could he care about the sum of money anymore. He grabbed his shivering son up, summoned his seventh phase Rare Blood Beast, completely ignored the lives of the other Yang Family experts, and charged forward!!

“Nightmare Prince, two ran away.” The leader of the killers, He Lang, stood beside Chu Mu, yet his eyes were coldly staring at the two people carelessly running, Yang Mantian and his son.

“You stay here and deal with the rest.” Chu Mu patted the eager little Mo Xie on her shoulder and ordered killer He Lang.

Mo Xie couldn't wait for the spilling of blood again. Hearing Chu Mu's command, she immediately morphed into a Six Tailed Demon Fox and carried Chu Mu to chase after Yang Mantian and his son!

Chu Mu had long since told the Nightmare Palace killers to seal off this road, so there wouldn't be people from any other faction joining them.

When Yang Mantian brought his son on the run, he discovered there wasn't anyone else on the road. He then realized that maybe there were other Nightmare Palace people, so he resolutely changed directions, and headed straight into the complicated black forest.

Speed wise, even many agility based high class commander rank couldn't compare to Chu Mu and Mo Xie. Chu Mu only rode Mo Xie and chased for a minute before he saw the figures of Yang Mantian and his son.

“Mo Xie, Fire Rain!!”

Mo Xie, who had Flame Step, directly started running through the treetops. Once she neared the father and son, she immediately let out a proud call!

A vast cloud of fire gathered in the skies above the forest!!

This fire cloud was like a burning flame in the sky. As Mo Xie's silver pupils flashed, hundreds of Evil Fire Demon Flames crazily fell from the skies, almost instantly lighting up this part of the forest!!

“Ao!!!”

When the flames started burning, Yang Mantian's Rare Blood Beast was immediately frightened. They were already running away in a difficult situation, so when the Rare Blood Beast was frightened and shocked, they both tumbled off it!!

“Beng!!! Beng!!”

Demon Fire Evil Flames fell from above, exploding near the father and son. Yang Mantian's reaction was fast, immediately chanting the incantation for Ice Armor, covering both himself and Yang Shang!

“Despicable!!!” Yang Mantian's fierce-looking face shook as he casted another incantation, planning to summon his water type soul pet to control the spread of fire. Suddenly, he saw a black figure slowly walk close from the flaming forest. The figure's eyes were apathetically staring at him, his cold killing intent from those pupils piercing straight into his soul, making the very depths of his soul shiver!!

The demonic Evil Flamed Six Tailed Demon Fox calmly followed beside this man, her unique eyes showing alarmingly vicious light!!

“We, the Yang Family have always been good with Nightmare Palace. Yang Luosen is even the Luo Region Nightmare Prince. This Nightmare Palace expert.....why.....why did you do this to Yang Family?” Yang Mantian took a few steps backwards and feigned calmness as he looked at this imposing teen.

“Yes yes yes, Luo Region Nightmare Prince is my step brother.....” Yang Shang quickly nodded, trying to use Yang Luosen’s name to save himself.

Chu Mu smiled cruelly and slowly ripped off the black halfmask on his face, revealing his appearance.....

Yang Mantian and Yang Shang both stared at the Nightmare Palace expert, but once they saw the demonic face under the lighting of the fire, their expressions froze!!

“Chu.....Chu.....Chu Mu!!!”

Yang Shang’s pupil’s dilated to the point of exploding, and the shock on his face was incredulous!!

Chapter 46: Robbing and Killing Yang Mantian Father and Child(2)

Yang Shang had seen Chu Mu before at the auction. However, though it was the same face, Yang Shang now felt as if it were two different people.

The current Chu Mu emanated killing intent from every part of his being. His eyes emitted the scariest ominous glint, as if he were a beast ready to explode with power at any time!!

Yang Mantian’s face completely sank. He never would’ve thought that the useless person who should’ve died four years ago would now display such a terrifyingly imposing manner. He secretly started controlling his Rare Blood Beast, ready to give Chu Mu a deadly blow.

Yang Mantian’s Rare Blood Beast was not just any soul pet. It already had Ghost Blood Energy. Once it released its Ghost Blood Energy, its fighting strength would increase greatly!!!

“Mo Xie!”

Chu Mu naturally knew that Yang Mantian's seventh phase Rare Blood Beast wasn't simple, and he immediately told Mo Xie to unleash all of her power!!

Red hot Demon Fire Evil Flames suddenly sprouted out from Mo Xie's paws, unleashing an even larger heat wave that, with a tremendous demonic aura, crazily spread to the burning forest, causing all the existing flames to waver!!

The sprouts of flame was encouraged by the gale, shifting and swaying!

The strong demonic aura and heat wave combined to instantly subdue the Yang Mantian father and son. Yang Mantian's Rare Blood Beast even stepped back. A seventh phase soul pet actually felt fear from a sixth phase soul pet!!

"Evil Flamed Six Tailed Demon Fox!!" Yang Shang stared, gaping at Chu Mu's completely released soul pet. He originally wanted to summon his sixth phase Rare Blood Beast, yet he didn't dare to anymore!!

Yang Mantian could naturally see the scariness of this Evil Flamed Six Tailed Demon Fox, so he didn't dare to hesitate, immediately summoning his other soul pet!!

"Aowu~~~~~" A sixth phase fifth stage Terror Wolf lifted a gale, and it slowly appeared in Yang Mantian's summoning symbol.

Yang Mantian's seventh phase Blood Winged Trioptic Beast had already fallen into ashes when it was protecting Yang Shang, so with his third soul damaged, he couldn't summon a third soul pet.

While Yang Mantian was summoning his soul pet, Chu Mu and Mo Xie were both charging up to attack!!

"Molten Fury!!"

Mo Xie's body looked like it was lit ablaze, her fur turning from silver to a scarlet red. Yet, within the blazing flames, those silver white pupils stayed unusually prominent!!

“Wuwuwu!!!!” Mo Xie rose her head and let out a high pitched call. Instantly, a terrifyingly hot ball of Demon Fire Evil Flame rose up, causing the temperature in the burning forest to raise even more!!

“Chong Mei - Molten Fury!”

When Mo Xie completely casted her Molten Fury, Chu Mu also finished his incantation!

His black pupils suddenly burst with an other-worldly radiance, and terrifying white devil soul flames started burning from Chu Mu’s body. As Chu Mu lifted both of his hands, the pale white flames formed the fire type ability Molten Fury and merged with Mo Xie’s Demon Fire Evil Flames!!!

A sharp red, a demonic white!

The two fires completely merged, having both the flesh-burning high temperatures, as well as the ghostly cool that froze one’s soul!!

Molten Fury was a sixth level fire type technique. Under the effects of Demon Fire Evil Flames, it was strong enough to be a seventh level fire attack.

Now, there was the added effect of the devil flames of a sixth phase fourth stage White Nightmare!!

The White Nightmare was at the monarch rank, so how strong would its flames be? Once merged with Mo Xie’s Demon Fire Evil Flames, the fire damage increased manyfold. The overlapping of both fires and both Molten Furies definitely reached the effects of an eighth level fire attack!!

“Huhuhu~~~~~”

The ice armor that Yang Mantian cast was useless, as it was easily melted by the double Molten Furies. Yang Mantian’s two main soul pets couldn’t even cast anything before being engulfed by the scary flames. Regardless of it was the sixth phase Terror Wolf or the seventh phase Rare Blood Beast, they both let out the most painful roar!!!

Yang Mantian’s face was also pale. The white soul devil flames caused even his soul to be in pain. Under this scary attack, his two soul pets also suffered major injuries!!!

“Bastard thing, why don’t you summon your soul pets, do you want to die!?!?” Yang Mantian looked over at Yang Shang, who was hiding behind him, and roared!!

Yang Shang’s fifth phase Blood Winged Trioptic Beast had long since died in the flames of the Nightmares. After Yang Mantian roared at him, he shook in fear, and it took him three tries before finally summoning his sixth phase Rare Blood Beast!

Yang Shang’s Rare Blood Beast could not compare to his father’s. Though it was at the sixth phase, it was only slightly stronger than the majority of warrior rank soul pets.

After summoning his Rare Blood Beast, Yang Shang again started chanting while flustered, summoning a seventh stage servant rank Bloodthirsty Beast.

These two soul pets were, in both rank and stage, not on the same level as Yang Mantian’s soul pets. These soul pets may have posed a threat to Chu Mu a year ago, but today, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier could easily handle them both by itself.

“Devil Tree Battle Soldier!”

Chu Mu’s Devil Tree Battle Soldier was not any normal warrior rank soul pet anymore. After gaining demon wood, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s attack was now more formidable, and it was able to cast seventh level wood type techniques!!

“Root Puncture!!”

With demon wood added, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s wood type abilities doubled in damage, causing even Root Puncture to double in amount!!

Fifty demon wood roots suddenly spiked from under the fiery ground, instantly piercing Yang Shang’s two soul pets, leaving countless bloody holes on their bodies!!!

After it’s control of wood type was strengthened, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier could also microcontrol its techniques, just like the Ice Air Fairy!

The scared pale faced Yang Shang didn't even notice that a demon wood root was aimed at his heart like a javelin!

“Ah!!!!!!!!!!!!” A miserable scream suddenly echoed through the forest!!!

The demon wood root violently stabbed in. The ice armor on Yang Shang had long since melted after the Molten Furies came, and he didn't have a chance to cast any defensive ability after. Thus, the root very straightforwardly pierced through his body!!!

If Yang Shang had overcome his fear, maybe he could've held out longer in front of the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, but this guy left too many weaknesses open. The adept killer Chu Mu would definitely not let go of such an opportunity to kill the soul pet trainer!

The roots penetrated his body, spraying blood onto Yang Mantian's face. Yang Mantian suddenly looked as if he had lost his soul, his entire face blankly watching the slowly collapsing Yang Shang!!

His eyes slowly became bloodshot.....

“I will dismember your corpse into a million pieces!!!”

Suddenly, Yang Mantian roared!!

Yang Mantian's pupils were fully red. At this point, Yang Mantian didn't have any regard for consequences. He ignored the burn wounds still inflicted upon his soul and started chanting an incantation!!

Violent Blood Pupil!!

When Yang Mantian cast Violent Blood Pupil, it looked like he himself was also adhered by this scary bloody killing intent, as his entire person became like a beast ready to erupt!!!

The Violent Blood Pupil cast a blood shadow upon the seventh rank Rare Blood Beast. As a blood beast, when Violent Blood Pupil was cast on it, its fighting strength rose by an even larger margin!!

Seeing Yang Mantian go completely crazy, Chu Mu only smiled calmly. The seventh phase Rare Blood Beast had already been burned to the point where it didn't have much fighting strength left. The Violent Blood Pupil cast on it was but its final struggle!

Chu Mu's soul power was limited, so once he had casted Molten Fury, it was hard for him to cast Violent Blood Pupil. Additionally, Chu Mu didn't feel the need to cast Violent Blood Pupil against Yang Mantian, so he just commanded Mo Xie to step over with her devil flames and kill the two soul pets who had been wounded by Molten Fury already!!

When the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's fighting strength increased, it became especially violent. After repeatedly puncturing Yang Shang's two soul pets, they fell into their own bloody pools and completely lost their ability to fight.

Very soon, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, capable of ranged attacks, started crazily casting roots out to bombard the fifth phase ninth stage low class commander rank that Yang Mantian switched too!!

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On the road, blood covered the ground. Different colored devil flames swayed in the forest wind. Corpse after corpse littered the floor.

"Cremate them!" The Nightmare Palace lead killer He Lang ordered, and five Blue Nightmares simultaneously cast their dark blue flames, disintegrating the twenty Yang Clan experts' corpses along with their dead soul pets!

"Boss, the person that ran away should be their leader. He was very strong. Leaving the Nightmare Prince to go alone, is that....."

"En, you go check them out." He Lang used to be Xia Guanghan's subordinate and was now Chu Mu's assistant. If something happened to Chu Mu him as an assistant, would also be at fault.

"Yes!!" The three Nightmare Palace killers immediately called their wing type soul pets in front of them and agilely jumped on.

But, just as the three killers were about to take off, they suddenly noticed a black figure walk out from the shadows of the forest beside.

The killers all let out questioning expressions, because these veteran killers completely didn't notice when this Eternal Ocean Nightmare Prince returned!

"Let's change paths and send these 5,000,000 gold coins worth of soul cores and crystals to Soul Pet Palace in Gangluo City, switch them all to gold coins, and send them to the auction house." Chu Mu said.

"Yes!!" The twenty one killers didn't ask any questions and saluted.

After speaking, Chu Mu jumped straight onto Mo Xie and followed the path straight for Gangluo City!!!

Seeing Chu Mu ride Mo Xie away, the group of killers felt deep veneration for him!

The power of the leader of Yang Clan's escort was something all of these killers researched clearly. The fact that this King of Prison Island could get rid of him in such a short time was enough to speak for both his power and scary killing methods!

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The Auction Hall

"700,000 gold coins! If there aren't any higher bids, then this third phase eighth stage Mo Ye with a defensive talent will belong to the Chu Family!!!"

A sexy and pretty auctioneer finalized the deal with the strike of a hammer!!

Seeing the hammer fall, many Chu Family members let out unsatisfied expressions. Perhaps it could be said that when Chu Ming raised the price to 700,000 gold coins and took possession of this Mo Ye from the second richest family in Gangluo City, these people had already creased their eyebrows.

Everyone knew the reason that Chu Ming was buying this Mo Ye. It was naturally to gift it to Chu Mu as his new soul pet. However, in reality, almost all of the first rate experts within the Chu Family only had soul pets worth around 500,000 gold coins.

Chu Mu was only a third generation child, and he hadn't done anything of large contribution for the family. Moreover, the Chu Family's economic state had previously taken a severe blow when they attempted to search for him. Yet, right now, he had for some reason received such a large gift. No one would have a good feeling in their hearts.

As for the second family head, Chu Nan, he had already begun thinking of a method to change Chu Ming's plan and give the Mo Ye to someone else. Giving it to Chu Mu was truly somewhat of a waste. After all, such a soul pet couldn't be of use at the recommendation.

"I've heard that these soul pets were all supplied by one person. Furthermore, looking at their breed, they seem to all be from the Broken Forest. I'm not sure which expert managed to unobstructedly transverse through the extremely complicated and dangerous Broken Forest." said Chu Tianheng.

"That's right. Didn't Chu Mu also stay in Broken Forest for a few days? Also, didn't he have that Qin Family girl with him..." Chu Tianlin immediately thought of Chu Mu who had easily brought him out of Broken Forest back then.

"Hmph, if he is such a god, then why doesn't he enter the Broken Forest and capture these soul pets? If he was like this expert who was able to capture fourth phase and under commander ranks, he would be able to strengthen our Chu Family..." Chu Yi very candidly expressed his dissatisfaction!

"I, however, think that young master Chu has this ability. Although he cannot capture as many soul pets as that expert, it wouldn't be much of a problem for him to bring back two commander rank soul pets." said the Chu Family Guard head, Chu Si.

"I also believe so. While in Luoye Mountain Range, I discovered that brother Chu was secretly entering broken forest late at night. Then on the second day, he would safely return..." Chu Yishui immediately nodded her head in support.

"Young children shouldn't talk nonsense. Stay to the side." The eldest young lady, Chu Ying, fiercely glared at Chu Yishui and pulled her to the side. She simply didn't believe Chu Yishui's words.

Chu Yishui suddenly felt wronged, and she didn't say anything further.

Capturing a soul pet was not an easy task. The hunter had to be exceptionally familiar with various wild environments. He had to understand under what circumstances he wouldn't be discovered by a soul pet with an acute sense of smell. He also had to understand how to use the surrounding forestry to hide himself;

Of course, formidable strength was a given. Without enough strength, experience would not help at all, because it wasn't just anyone who could steal away a young soul pet in the wilderness full of savage beasts from its mother and father's protection.

Subsequently, it required outstanding courage. Without courage, how could one enter the tiger's den to capture the tiger?!

The variety of soul pets in the wild were in tens of millions; there were plants, beasts, elements, undead...

Disguises, hiding, ambushes, aerial attacks, traps, poisons, baits, illusions... all kinds of dangers that could not be guarded against. With even the slightest inattentiveness, one was destined to end up lying dead in the wilderness or as a meal in a soul pet's stomach, with not even the skeleton surviving...

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"Next, we have the most valuable item tonight. I'm sure everyone knows already - A sixth level soul armor!"

"The usage of a sixth level soul armor doesn't need to be elaborated on by this young lady. Its starting auction price is 3 million gold coins. Each price raise cannot be lower than 50,000 gold coins. All customers may start bidding!"

The auctioneer's voice slowly spread and suddenly, every rich and powerful person in Gangluo City began to raise the price..

The rich and powerful didn't raise the price very much each time, and it increased only in increments of 50,000 gold coins.

“4 million!!”

The Yang Family head, Yang Kuo, aged voice immediately reverberated throughout the auction floor. This was the first time the price had been raised by 500,000 gold coins, and it instantly pushed the atmosphere to an even higher level.

The auction floor went silent for a moment as discussions sprung up everywhere.

From the Yang Family’s manner, they felt that they must obtain this sixth level soul armor!

“How can we make it convenient for that old geezer.” The corners of the Qin Family head Qin Chang’s mouth rose, and he immediately had someone raise the price to 4.1 million!!

“4.1 million! At 4.1 million, it can already be considered to be near the price of a sixth level soul armor. However, in even larger cities, sixth level soul armors are normally 5 million gold coins. If it can be purchased for 4.1 million, even if it was a resale, one would still earn a large profit.” the auctioneer added more oil to the fire and provoked the desire of people to raise the price of more.

“4.3 million!!” The Zhou Family head’s voice slowly rang out.

For the Recommendation this time, the value of a sixth rank piece of territory was worth about 5 million gold coins. Aside from a sixth rank territory, there were many subsidies that other rich merchants offered and large families used as a bet. The price of these different items reached 15 million.

If one was to purchase this sixth level soul armor and give it to a participating Recommendation member, the chance of obtaining first place was extremely large. Therefore, many heads with spare change had a very large intention of obtaining this sixth level soul armor.

Participants in the Recommendation were not limited to merely Gangluo City’s four large families. Instead it was a gathering of all the powers in the entire Gangluo City and its vicinity. According to the final ranking, the total value of rewards that could be earned had reached 20 million. As for the first place reward, it was astonishingly control over a sixth level territory worth 5 million gold coins!

Even if one could not earn first place, the second place reward was a high class commander rank - Chaotic Lightning Crown Fairy - that was worth 3 million gold coins. This was also an exceptional reward. As for the third place reward, it was a seventh level soul crystal of any attribute of one's choice, worth 1.5 million gold coins. These rewards were all equally coveted by numerous powers!

Despite the rewards being significant, the prestige earned after the Recommendation was still the most important!

The Recommendation happened every five years, and each time it was held, it would be extremely grand!

As for the auction this time, with a gathering of numerous important figures who squandered money like dirt, their only goal was the rankings at the Recommendation!!

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“4.6 million!!!”

As the price continued to rise, the voices would always be deep or aged. Unquestionably, they all belonged to citizens of Gangluo City who had a bit of qualifications. However, the voice that called this 4.6 million belonged to a young woman, and it caused a wave of shock to sweep through every important person in Gangluo City.

“It seems to be that woman from before who spent a large sum to purchase the Demon Tree's Heart. Grandfather, this woman's identity isn't simple.” Yang Gebin immediately whispered to the family head, Yang Kuo.

Yang Kuo harrumphed before raising the price again: “4.8 million!!”

A price of 4.8 million was in much accordance to the value of a sixth level soul armor. The city's lord Yang Kuo unwillingness to pass on his responsibilities to others allowed everyone to see that he was absolutely going to obtain this sixth level soul armor.

The auction floor promptly went silent, as no one dared to continue raising the price. One reason was because of the old city lord's abuse of authority. Many rich and powerful people who would dare to raise the price felt that there wasn't a need to dispute against the Yang Family. A second

reason was that although the price was a bit high and the rich people had the money to buy it, they still couldn't squander money so freely.

In the VIP room, Ting Yu saw that no one was raising the price and began to silently panic. This sixth level soul armor was bestowed to Chu Mu by Nightmare Palace's Jin Rou princess. If it was taken by the Yang Family and the princess were to ask, Chu Mu wouldn't have a good explanation.

"Just now those soul pets totaled a price of 3 million gold coins. Adding on the 1.6 million from earlier, there's 4.6 million in total..." Ting Yu currently didn't have that much gold on hand, and she didn't dare to negligently raise the price.

Biting her lips, Ting Yu also felt that even if it was taken by the Yang Family people, she couldn't make things easy for them. Thus, she promptly raised the price to "5 million!"

"5 million!!! This is the most standard price of a sixth level soul armor. Right now, if it is even slightly raised, then it will be obtained!!" The auctioneer's voice had clearly raised a few octaves. Perhaps this auctioneer didn't expect either that such a daring woman who raised the price to 5 million and fought for a treasure with the city lord would appear in Gangluo City.

Yang Kuo's face turned a bit more ugly. He had estimated that the price for the sixth level soul armor this time would be under 5 million. Yet, some unknown and aggressive silly little girl had appeared and made things difficult for him, the old city lord, in front of every large faction!

Yang Kuo obviously could not lose face at this moment. He could still afford to spend a few more millions of gold, and he extremely domineeringly threw out a "5.2 million gold coin" value!!

5.2 million gold coins. Everyone in the auction hall instantly went silent.

In a tenth rank city, a sixth level soul armor's price would normally hover between a price of 4 million to 6 million. After all, a sixth level soul armor wasn't a common item.

The auctioneer began to unbridledly add more fuel to the fire in hopes that there would be another person to raise the shocking price. However, 5.2 million gold coins had already subdued everyone.

"In the end, it's the old city master who is bounteous. He didn't even blink at these 5.2 million gold coins."

“That’s right. Although the old man’s overbearing attitude hasn’t deteriorated at all, that woman of mysterious identity shouldn’t raise the price again.”

Seeing that the auctioneer was beginning to senselessly procrastinate, a smile rose on Yang Kuo’s face. His gaze arrogantly swept over the mysterious woman in the VIP room.

At this moment, a Yang Family servant hastily ran in front of the old city lord and quietly whispered something into his ear!

Yang Kuo’s happy expression just had a bit of a satisfied smile on it because the sixth level soul armor belonged to none other than him. However, after hearing the servant’s words, his expression instantly changed and transformed into an extremely malevolent one!

“Scoundrel!! Why did you get news about this only now?!!”

Suddenly, Yang Kuo slapped the table and stood up. His rage condensed into a sweeping gale that effectively knocked everyone flying out of the room. That servant promptly fell from high above and tumbled down the stairs under shocked gazes!

This occurrence of events caused everyone to let out astonished expressions. They stared at the Yang Family servant in an exceptionally miserable state, and the auction came to an abrupt halt...

“Old city master, why is there need to be so angry. Whatever it is, you must wait for the auction to finish first before speaking.” the auction leader’s voice slowly rang out.

Yang Kuo’s face was twitching because he had just heard the news of everything being stolen from a few large industries in Gangluo City’s eastern end. However, this news had been delayed for a few days!!

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Aside from being angry, Yang Kuo also felt a bit of indescribable fear. Any faction that could suppress the news for a few days was definitely extremely terrifying!!!

The eastern strongholds had been noiselessly plundered; moreover, the 5 million gold coins happened to come from the eastern side. Instantly, the old city lord Yang Kuo thought of something!

“Immediately send people en route towards Huiyan City and see if the goods are still safe!!” Yang Kuo roared at Yang Mancan.

Yang Mancan was also aware of the severity of the situation, and he didn’t dare to stay any longer in this place. Promptly, he took his servants as fast as he could out of the auction hall.

The auction hall had a congregation of all of the Gangluo City’s large factions. The old city master suddenly lost his temper, followed by a large group of people leaving. This definitely indicated that something drastic had happened in the Yang Family.

“It’s been a long time since that old geezer has been that angry.” Chu Nan looked at the family head Chu Ming next to him.

Chu Ming also nodded his head and half jokingly said: “Perhaps his treasury has been plundered.”

“Old city lord, the auction has an auction’s rules. If there isn’t anything else that is important, then the sixth level soul armor will belong to your Yang Family for 5.2 million.” The auction hall head’s words had a certain measure about them. He disregarded the old city lord’s anger and used a calm tone of voice to speak.

“Wait...” the old city lord’s face instantly went dark.

The Yang Family had approximately 5 million gold coins in circulation and from there, they had already spent 2 million gold in order to purchase other treasures from before. Now, there only remained 3 million gold, and this 3 million still needed to pay for the Yang Family’s everyday expenses. It wasn’t that the Yang Family couldn’t pay the money; instead, if the 5 million gold brought over from the eastern industries disappeared, then their Yang Family would definitely enter into an economic recession. If such a large family were to enter a recession, there would definitely be various chain reactions, and the loss wouldn’t merely be 5 million gold coins...

“It’s reasonable to say that we cannot temporarily pause under these circumstances. However, the city lord is the city lord after all. If you give a justifiable reason, there won’t be any harm in waiting for a few moments.” said the auction hall head.

Yang Kuo's expression turned even uglier. The auction wasn't under the administration of Gangluo City's city lord. He couldn't do anything to this auction head, and if he wasn't able to give a reason now, he would really have to spend 5.2 million gold coins to purchase this sixth level soul armor.

"Hmph, I, Yang Kuo, oversee Gangluo City and there has never been some major event before. Yet, I didn't think that a few scoundrels would target my Yang Family and intercept my Yang Family's circulation of funds. We are currently sending people to investigate this matter!" Yang Kuo's cold voice resonated through the auction hall.

Yang Kuo's words caused an audible gasp to resound within the auction hall!!

Everyone understood Yang Kuo's words. In simpler terms, intercepting the Yang Family's circulation of funds, as harsh as it was, was money being stolen!

The Yang Family was the sole hegemon of Gangluo City and any faction had to give it a bit of respect. However, there truly was someone with the guts to target the Yang Family. Moreover, from the Yang Family head's loss of self-control just now, the amount stolen this time probably wasn't a small amount like 10,000 gold coins. After all, the intercepting of funds this time directly affected the Yang Family head's decision to pay 5.2 million to buy the sixth level soul armor. Those who had a bit of understanding of the Yang Family's capital could conjecture that the Yang Family's loss this time was probably above 5 million...

"It really was his treasury being plundered. Haha!!" Chu Ming's great laugh suddenly rang through the silent auction hall.

Every faction in Gangluo City knew that the only person who dared to mock Yang Kuo in front of everyone was the Chu Family head, Chu Ming, who was a bitter enemy of the Yang Family.

It had been ages since Chu Ming had laughed so heartily. Right now, Chu Ming really wanted to meet this heroic thief who had such extraordinary courage. This person had essentially helped to give the Chu Family, which had continuously suffered from the Yang Family's funding *** a release of resentment, while also dealing a heavy blow to the Yang Family.

The flesh on Yang Kuo's face was twitching, and he had never ever thought that he would encounter such a moment where he would lose his dignity in front of so many large factions.

"Yang Kuo, if you don't have the ability to buy it, then don't occupy the toilet. Thicken your face and give it up. With your abuse of authority as the city lord, committing such a regretful thing isn't

very significant. After all, everyone here is already used to it.” Chu Ming began laughing once more.

“Chu Ming, you ignorant geezer, are you courting death?!” Yang Kuo finally couldn’t control his face!

“Courting death? Coincidentally it’s been a long time since I’ve loosened these old bones of mine. Come, let’s exchange blows with a sixth rank territory as a bet. Do you dare?!” Chu Ming didn’t have the slightest fear!

The entire Chu Family was in decline. Regardless of financial, human, later generations or territorial resources, they were inferior to the Yang Family. However, when it purely came to the two family masters’ strengths, Chu Ming was stronger than Yang Kuo. In a one on one, Chu Ming fundamentally wouldn’t be afraid of Yang Kuo!

A little while ago, he had lost a sixth rank territory, causing Yang Kuo to feel extremely angry and be in a state where it would be hard to calm down. Right now, his industry had been plundered, and the information had been delayed for three days before he received it. He still had no idea where the 5 million was and ultimately, had exceptionally embarrassingly paused the auction in front of so many people. Furthermore, he had been insulted by a sworn enemy. He was so angry that the blood in his chest had risen to his throat. If he couldn’t control it, it would really come spurting out.

“A measly 5.2 million isn’t something that I, Yang Kuo, would worry about. Chu Ming, get rid of your villainous success expression. I, the city lord, am not going to bicker with you!” Yang Kuo truly did have the bearings to necessarily swallow the blood back down his throat. With extreme, extreme difficulty, he displayed the airs of an old city lord in front of all the large factions!

“The old city lord is the old city lord. Even in this situation, he’s still able to maintain his calm and composure.”

“The Yang Family, as expected, is rich and imposing!”

“The old city lord doesn’t need to be worried. Perhaps it’s only the mischief of a few small thieves!”

A wave of praise and flattery rose up. As he listened, the old city lord, Yang Kuo, felt his blood somewhat relax. If he were to still renege and purchase, his face as the city lord would still be there.

“Since this is the case, the sixth level soul armor will belong to the Yang Family for a price of 5.2 million!” The auction hall head took control of the situation for the auctioneer.

The 5.2 million was about to be decided, and would naturally suppress the restlessness in the auction hall. However, a lot of people could see that Yang Kuo was barely managing to control his face. If he were to truly have the ability to buy it now, he wouldn’t have to temporarily stop the auction. Instead, he would very composedly let the auction continue.

“Gangluo City’s auction hall has not abided by the rules and temporarily postponed the auction, violating auction taboo. Further, presently, because of a senseless farce, the soul armor has been sold. Did I say that I wasn’t going to raise the price?!”

Suddenly, a young woman’s voice rang through the auction hall. This voice was somewhat delicate and somewhat cold. Yet, it managed to stun everyone once more!!

The auction hall head was stunned, not believing that, after doing this business for so many years, a woman would criticize him like this!

“This young lady, I’m extremely sorry. The old city lord’s interruption made me confuse the rules. Since the young lady wishes to raise the price, please go ahead. The 5.2 million gold coins has become invalid.” the auction hall head immediately said as he pushed the blame on the old city lord.

The thing an auction hall paid the most attention to was reputation and rules. Thus, this auction hall head could not let the old city lord ruin his reputation.

“This woman is truly domineering. With a few words she managed to give the old geezer Yang Kuo a slap on the face in front of everyone!”

“This woman appeared in the auction hall a while ago. Her status is not simple.”

For a while, discussions pertaining to the mysterious woman flew about. Everyone was trying to guess which divine faction this woman was from!

“You want to use a mere 5.2 million to purchase this sixth level soul armor with a dual ice and fire attribute. Are you really belittling this treasure’s value? I will bid 6 million!” the woman’s voice slowly rang out!

6 million gold coins!!!!

Gangluo City’s auction hall’s most valuable auctions would only have the rare right of possession of sixth rank territories. Their prices were only about five million. This time, though, the price had directly jumped to 6 million gold coins, and could be counter as the highest price in the past tens of years in Gangluo City!!

Now, no matter if it was a rich businessman, large family or even the Yang Family’s old city master, no one had the authority to even speak a word.

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“6 million gold coins! This should be the highest price of this soul armor. I don’t believe anybody has the ability to raise the price again, right?!” the auctioneer’s words were evidently no longer as professional.

6 million gold coins to purchase a sixth level soul armor. Perhaps no faction in Gangluo City would have the guts to do this!

“6 million gold coins. This sixth level soul armor will belong to...” the auctioneer paused and suddenly found that he didn’t know that person’s name. However, he quickly recovered and said: “It will belong to this young lady!”

“Congratulations to this mysterious young lady for acquiring this sixth level soul armor. The auction will stop here...”

The auctioneer began his closing remarks. However, at this moment, everyone had begun to get up and leave. Among them, a majority were casting glances at the mysterious woman’s room!

The door of the room which the gazes were all fixated on was slowly opened, and the pretty face of a woman entered everyone’s eyes. The woman was wearing elegant clothes, and she gave people an ice cold feeling.

“It indeed is her... grandfather, it's that woman who spent 1 million gold coins to purchase the Demon Tree's Heart last time.” immediately whispered Yang Luobin to Yang Kuo.

Yang Kuo creased his eyebrows and stared at the young woman...

Everyone in Gangluo City was trying to guess this woman's identity. After all, being able to spend 6 million gold coins to purchase a sixth level soul armor meant that she was definitely not a normal person!

However, as everyone was feeling astonished by this strange woman, they abruptly saw this woman of exceptional status suddenly stop in her tracks after exiting the room and slightly bow her body. It was as if she was waiting for someone...

The auction suddenly went silent and people had their eyes wide open. They stared at the man who walked out from the room wearing an ice-cold mask!

Even in front of everyone's stares, the man's black pupils under the mask remained exceptionally indifferent. Without even looking at anyone present, he arrogantly walked out of the auction under everyone's shocked stares!

Moreover, the woman whose identity was being guessed by everyone closely followed behind him as if she were a maid!

“This... this... man”

“Recently, there's been a Prison Island King whose reputation has spread to places in every direction. I heard that this young peak expert is currently travelling near Luo Region's Gangluo City. Could it be that...”

Aside from that young peak expert who had been rumored to be in the nearby area, they found it very hard to think of another person who had this kind of temperament!

“Nightmare Palace's Prisoner Island King, Eternal Ocean Nightmare Prince!!”

A gasp sprung up everywhere!!

The Nightmare Palace's seventh rank title, Eternal Ocean Nightmare Prince. In each and every eighth rank city under Nightmare Palace's control, he would have the authority of a vice city lord! Yet, this wasn't even the most crucial point. Instead, it was that this Prison Island King, not long after entering Nightmare palace, had defeated the extremely reputable young peak expert Tian Ji!!

Chapter 49: Chu Family's Overbearing Eldest Young Lady

"Why do I feel like that the figure of this Eternal Ocean Nightmare Prince gives me a familiar feeling." slowly said Chu Ning.

Chu Ning's words made Chu Yishui and Chu Tianlin, who were relatively close to Chu Mu, feel the same way. However, they all felt that this was probably a misperception...

With the exception of Qin Menger, who already knew that the man wearing the imposing mask was Chu Mu, everyone was staring at this man. However, it brought Qin Menger a different feeling - cold, ruthless, cruel, and insufferably arrogant!

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Chu Mu knew that his route as the Eternal Ocean Nightmare Prince was known by a majority of people so when he wore a mask, he didn't worry about others seeing through his identity. Moreover, if it wasn't for wanting to shake up Gangluo City in the last recommendation, Chu Mu wouldn't have needed to cover up his identity.

The sixth level soul armor originally belonged to Chu Mu, so when he purchased it back, he only had to pay thirty percent of the expenses to the auction.

Right now, Chu Mu had used an enormous sum of nearly 10 million!

With 10 million gold coins, Chu Mu would be able to actually consider going to high ranked cities to purchase soul equipment that directly increased a soul pet's fighting strength!

After leaving the auction hall, Chu Mu immediately arranged the transactions from this auction, and he put the sixth level soul armor back onto his body!

"You guys can go rest for a month." Chu Mu naturally knew when to stop. After all, the Yang Family was still a family of power, and once he made them heighten their vigilance, it would be extremely hard to plunder their industries.

"Nightmare Prince, not long ago I saw people from other factions in Nightmare palace wandering about in the vicinity. Presumably, it is the Luo Region's Nightmare Prince whose status is relatively the same as yours is about to arrive," said He Lang.

Nightmare Palace naturally had different factions. Chu Mu and his subordinates were Nightmare Palace assassins under Xia Guanghan's control. On the other hand, the Luo Region Nightmare Prince followed in the steps of the egregious Blue Nightmare Palace Lord, and their people were spread out in the various cities in Luo Region...

"There's no need to clash with them. Just do your own things properly," said Chu Mu.

"Yes!!" He Lang nodded his head and brought the group of assassins away.

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The Yang Family's Residence

After hearing the news of the Yang Mantian son and father dying coupled with the 5 million gold coins being robbed, the old city lord, Yang Kuo, finally couldn't suppress his blood. It spurted out of his mouth and sprayed onto the ground!!

"Who is it?!! Who on earth is it?!! Who dared to mercilessly murder my son and grandson?!!" Yang Kuo's expression was malevolent to the extreme.

In this short period, countless industries of their Yang Family had been destroyed, and 5 million gold coins had been stolen on an unobstructed main street. What made the old city lord unable to tolerate it even more was that his second son, Yang Mantian, had suddenly died in the forest. Even Yang Shan had turned into a scorched black corpse!! A group of Yang Family people waited under Yang Kuo's indignant bloody roars, with no one daring to speak a word. With trembling fear, they knelt on the ground.

In the past ten years, the Yang Family had continued to grow smoothly and steadily in Gangluo City. Yet, no one expected to face this kind of bloody episode of catastrophe. Anybody could see that this time, the Yang Family was the target!!

"Go, and immediately send people for me and invite the tardy Luo Region Nightmare Prince who hasn't arrived yet. Have him use Nightmare Palace's powers and to find out who is doing this!!" indignantly roared Yang Kuo towards Yang Luobin.

Yang Luobin immediately nodded his head in response. Yang Luobin had a bit of blood relationship with the Luo Region Nightmare Prince. Originally, the Luo Region Nightmare Prince Yang Luosen should have already appeared in Gangluo City, but he seemed to have been delayed by something, and still hadn't arrived even now. If he were here, then this thing could have potentially been prevented. After all, the Nightmare Palace's powers encompassed a vast amount of area, and they could easily find out all kinds of information.

“Father... do you still remember Nightmare Palace’s Xia Guanghan?” Yang Mancan’s face sunk as he slowly spoke.

Hearing Xia Guanghan being mentioned, Yang Kuo’s eyebrows instantly creased.

Back then, the Yang Family had requested a Nightmare Palace assassin to come out and bypass Chu Tiancheng to assassinate Chu Mu. The assassin who came happened to be Nightmare Palace’s Xia Guanghan. At that time, the Yang Family believed that Xia Guanghan was only an assassin in Nightmare Palace whose strength was considered formidable. They didn’t believe that he was important. Thus, using their bit of relationship with Luo Region’s Nightmare Prince Yang Gesen, they skimmed out on Xia Guanghan’s reward. However, Xia Guanghan ended up being a fierce person who slaughtered the Yang Family’s experts before stealing the only complete soul technique in the Yang Family - Violent Blood Pupil”.

“If it really is him, then the only way we can resolve this issue is to invite Yang Luosen.” softly said Yang Mancan.

Yang Kuo didn’t say anything, but his face grew even more unsightly.

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Just like paper cannot wrap fire, the news of the Yang Family suffering their largest hit in the last ten years quickly spread around Gangluo City. Everyone began to guess which faction had such guts to do so. There were even people conjecturing that it was very likely a large faction with whom the Yang Family had inadvertently offended, since this faction was able to both unknowingly flounder the Yang Family’s industries and steal a large sum of money!

Very soon, there was some smart person who recalled the Demon Ant Emperor taking control of the Yang Family's territory in the past, and felt that it was very probable that it was this large faction's method of retaliation. Thus, for a while, the more the news of the Yang Family about to face a catastrophe proliferated, the more it grew...

However, a while later, no other tragedies happened to the Yang Family, and a few people felt that the matter of offending a large faction was unfounded. A few other people believed that this very cell could be the large faction brewing up an even crazier revenge.

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Regardless of how abuzz the news of the Yang Family got, it caused any member of the Yang Family feel anxious. The time of Recommendation was about to arrive, and Gangluo City and its affiliate cities had already begun to prepare for this grand occasion that occurred once every five years!

As the Recommendation slowly drew near, the number of people in Gangluo City grew increasingly many. Simultaneously, there were many vagabonds that began to join the various large factions of Gangluo City.

The Chu Family originally was in a state of decline, and there were few experts who were willing to pledge loyalty to them. However, because of news of the Yang Family angering a large faction had spread, the number of people who joined the Yang Family had decreased. This more or less helped the Chu Family recover a bit of their manpower. They no longer were declining, and instead were slowly recovering their power.

There was only a month left until the Recommendation. The family head Chu Ming, the second family head Chu Nan, and the second generation members were all busy with the enlistment of new members, the expansion of their influence, and the planning of their industries.

The third generation disciples were naturally assiduously training, doing their last preparations for the Recommendation that was just around the corner.

In the final month, Chu Mu finally began to train with the other Chu Family brothers.

The Recommendation was split into teams on the basis of power. However, the method of fighting wasn't one big team fight, but rather sequential team fights. Essentially, in every fight, each side would send forth one competitor to face off. Although one didn't have to pay much attention to who fought whom, the sequence of fighters was extremely crucial towards victory. Therefore, each team had to have a full understanding of each team member's strength before corresponding with the most optimum order of battle.

Since Chu Mu had already decided to make everyone stunned during the Recommendation, he naturally would not expose his entire strength during training. Instead, he put a large portion of his energy towards increasing Zhan Ye's strength.

In the Recommendation, there were many opponents who weren't on the same level as Chu Mu. If he didn't have to, Chu Mu simply wouldn't have Mo Xie appear. Rather, he planned on using the Recommendation to have Zhan Ye exhibit his skills!

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"Hmph, you don't want the Mo Ye grandfather gifted you and instead want to train this weak fourth phase fourth stage Mo Ye. Could it be that you want to rely on this Mo Ye with bones like firewood to fight?" Chu Ying let out an unsatisfied expression as her words were even harsher towards Chu Mu.

"Sister, Chu Mu has his own method of training soul pets. You don't need to question it." The eldest brother Chu Xing glanced at Chu Ying, who had the arrogance of a young lady, and slowly spoke.

Chu Ying, this eldest young lady, ignored her eldest brother Chu Xing's words and discovered that Chu Mu had completely disregarded her existence. In an even angrier mood she said: "Summon your Night Thunder Beast, and we'll fight!"

As Chu Ying spoke, she aggressively summoned her sixth phase eighth stage Red Bird.

The Red Bird was low class warrior rank. After reaching the sixth phase eighth stage, it should be able to deal with many fifth phase and above commander rank soul pets. As Chu Ying was able to casually summon this soul pet with such strength, it was no wonder that she had an incessantly arrogant attitude.

"Sister, don't make trouble!" the eldest brother Chu Xing instantly creased his eyebrows.

"Brother, why are you always biased towards this fellow like grandfather. He can only summon two soul pets. This means that, while fighting, he'll be at a large disadvantage. If he doesn't train those soul pets that can be regarded as having a bit of fighting ability, then won't he just be deadweight?!" Chu Ying's cutting words didn't leave Chu Mu any sentiments. Her overbearing eldest young lady attitude, even with her good looking appearance, truly made it very hard for Chu Mu to have a good impression of her.

Chu Mu lifted his eyelids and looked at the eldest young lady Chu Ying who used to always make things hard for him in the past. He continued to maintain his indifferent and cold bearing...

"You... big brother, look. That fellow simply doesn't even care about me. I must properly teach him a lesson!" Chu Ying was so angry it was unbearable. She immediately used soul remembrance to order her Red Bird to attack Chu Mu's extremely weak Mo Ye.

“Yi!!!!”

Suddenly, a sharp cry rang out. It was just as the Red Bird was swooping down that everyone became aware of a soul pet with the feathers on its body ignited in vigorous flames. It abnormally quickly rushed towards Chu Ying’s red bird and knocked it flying!

“A commander rank Flame Bird!!” The brothers in the Chu Family were promptly stunned as they stared at the sixth phase Flame Bird that had suddenly appeared.

Subsequently, a few eyes shifted to the side to the beautiful figure and gracefully moving woman’s body. Their eyes lit up a bit as they were clearly admiring this woman.

Qin Menger...” Chu Ying’s eyebrows instantly creased. She glared at the the Qin Family’s eldest young lady who had abruptly appeared with ashamed anger. This wasn’t the first time Qin Menger had come to the Chu Family. In the most recent period, one could always see her appear here; moreover, it seemed that every time she was here, she was here to look for Chu Mu.

Among Gangluo City’s young female soul pet trainers, Chu Ying’s strength ranked among the best and she rarely had a worthy match. However, compared to Qin Menger, she was lacking by several levels. Therefore, every time Qin Menger appeared, Chu Ying could only curb her threatening manner and wear an ostensibly envious and hateful expression...

Chapter 50: Cleansing the Chu Family’s Inner Dirt

“We’ll speak off to the side.” Chu Mu said to Qin Menger.

Qin Menger nodded her head and recalled her Flame Bird. She ignored the deliberate provocation of Chu Ying and followed Chu Mu.

“Chu Mu, if you don’t train, where will you run?!” Chu Ying was so angry her face was flushed red. Previously, when this eldest young lady had brought Chu Mu trouble, Chu Mu had kept a standoffish attitude. Presently though, Chu Mu acted as if his eldest cousin was nothing but air!

“Sister Menger has recently been coming over here very often. It’s like the past where she would always follow that kid....” Chu He glanced at Chu Mu and Qin Menger, who had walked to the side and slowly spoke.

Chu Xing nodded his head and said: “They’ve had a good relationship since they were small. Way back then at the beginning the two families planned on...”

When he spoke to this point, Chu Xing suddenly stopped. He became aware that there was no need to mention these matters, and the only thing he did was raise the corners of his mouth.

“Hmph, isn’t it just a matter of marriage? What’s so alarming about it? If I knew that my fiancée had lost a soul and had been missing for four years, I would have already broken all ties with him!” said Chu Ying.

“Younger sister, you can’t be so overbearing when dealing with people. Can’t you see sister Menger has always cared about Chu Mu? When news of Chu Mu losing a soul spread, she was still very good towards him. If Chu Mu is really able to marry such an excellent wife...” as Chu Xing spoke, he let out a bit of envy.

Qin Menger naturally had a beautiful character. She always gave others a feeling of refined, quiet elegance that many people enjoyed. This included Chu Xing, but he knew that Qin Menger had always enjoyed being next to Chu Mu and probably liked Chu Mu, so Chu Xing didn’t harbor any delusional thoughts.

“How is she good? Hmph, older brother only knows how to praise others!” in a fit, Chu Ying aggressively turned around and left. She recalled her Red Bird, not wanting to train anymore.

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Chu Mu and Qin Menger didn’t walk far. They stopped off to the side to talk, but Chu Mu’s hearing was exceptionally good, and he could hear the conversation between those few.

In reality, Chu Mu also knew that if there weren’t any mishaps, Qin Menger and himself would be married when he turned 20. However, Qin Menger was chosen by the Luo Region Sect and Chu Mu himself was forced down to Cyan Nightmare Island. Over these four years, the two of them had changed a bit, and many barriers had now formed in between them. Chu Mu wouldn’t regard the marriage his family arranged for him in the past as the same thing; moreover, this marriage should have already been undone in the past.

“Has there been any news?” asked Chu Mu as he looked at Qin Menger.

“Yes, I can probably be very sure. I truly didn’t expect the Chu Family’s continuous decline in these past few years has always been because of them...” whispered Qin Menger.

“In the past, I felt that it wasn’t right. As expected, it was them.” a sneer rose on Chu Mu’s face.

The decline of the family was not always because of human sabotage. Instead, it was vermin eating away at the inside of the family. Chu Mu was able to understand this simple concept. The Chu Family caravan’s route had been known by the Yang Family. Then, someone had tried to destroy the territory at its weakest point. Now, with the Recommendation imminent, Chu Yi had suffered a wound. These all seemed like careless incidents, but if one were to connect the word “traitor” to these incidents, then these incidents would no longer seem as innocent.

Previously, Chu Mu had obtained some information regarding the Chu Family from He Lang. Many things that should not have happened had occurred in a very mysterious manner. Furthermore, he could feel that the Yang Family and Zhou Family were well aware of these Chu Family incidents...

Chu Mu hadn't exhibited his full strength in the family yet precisely because he had surmised this to be a possibility. If he had let the Yang Family and Zhou Family know his strength earlier, then they definitely would have taken corresponding measures and use various crafty plots.

The Nightmare Palace could only obtain a limited understanding, so Chu Mu intentionally had Qin Menger use her Qin Family information resources to thoroughly investigate and understand this matter.

The Qin Family had been affluent for tens of years and through various trade dealings, they had very deep connections with the Chu Family. If they were to thoroughly investigate, then they definitely would be able to find a few fishy trends within Gangluo City's four great families.

As expected, Qin Menger brought back to Chu Mu a traitor; moreover, information on who the traitor was.

"What do you plan on doing?" Qin Menger quietly asked. If a traitor were to appear within the family, the difficulty of finding out who it was was one thing, while trying to remove him or her was even harder. In the event that the traitor still had a lot of authority, it could still involve the entire family's interests. There were many times when one could be 70-80 percent sure, but he or she had to feign that they didn't know.

"There are some things that, if they should be removed, they must be removed." indifferently said Chu Mu.

“If you are to dispose of them... no matter what they say, it’s still your....” Qin Menger stared at Chu Mu and suddenly felt that Chu Mu had truly changed a lot. If it was the Chu Mu from the past, he definitely could not have done this.

“After the Recommendation, I will leave this place. Thus, I must thoroughly clean the affairs here.” said Chu Mu. Qin Menger also felt that Chu Mu was a relatively trustworthy person. Moreover, she already knew his identity, so Chu Mu didn’t have to avoid his matters of dealing with the Chu Family.

“Leave this place?” Qin Menger’s clear pupils stared at Chu Mu.

“Yes.” Chu Mu nodded his head before walking towards the training field.

Qin Menger looked at Chu Mu. For some reason, she felt that the Chu Mu from four years ago, compared to the Chu Mu four years later, was a completely different person. From start to finish, he wore an ice-cold facade that made it hard for others to approach him. He was wise and farsighted, cold and detached, calm and collected, and was hardly emotionally moved... the only thing from Chu Mu that Qin Menger still felt was familiar were the emotions that his eyes revealed when he looked at soul pets...

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Late at night, next to the old family master Chu Ming’s room, Chu Mu stood in front of the window wearing white clothing. His gaze was fixated on the stretching mountain in the distance.

Next to Chu Mu was the family head Chu Ming. Chu Ming was wearing a nightgown and his pale white hair fluttered in the wind coming from outside the window.

“You have something you want to tell grandfather?” Chu Ming looked at the entirely different temperament of Chu Mu compared to four years ago and slowly spoke.

“Yes, I’m sure grandfather has already sensed it but hasn’t dared to make sure. Or perhaps you’ve always been hesitating.” Chu Mu didn’t equivocate.

Chu Mu had originally wanted to use Nightmare Palace assassins to resolve the inner dirt within the Chu Family. However, he ultimately renounced this option. Chu Mu felt that a family, if it needed to rely on the forceful intervention of external members to fix its problems, would never be able to take a turn for the better. Only by resolving the problems from the ground up, and changing things from a subjective point of view, would change happen.

“The Recommendation is about to arrive, and I planned on cleaning up this matter before the Recommendation. Alas...” Chu Ming sighed and looked outside the window; it was a while before he spoke.

“Your arrival has also made me firmly decide. Okay, I think it’s time that I renounce the family head position. If a person has grown old, he will always have too many apprehensions towards too many things.”

Chu Ming’s words made Chu Mu a bit surprised. He looked at the old man, and after a while, a trace of agony rose on his face. It seemed that not using Nightmare Palace’s assassins was the correct decision.

“Afterwards, your eldest uncle will be in charge of the family’s internal and external affairs. Your eldest uncle does things efficiently, and he will understand how to resolve the internal family affairs...” murmured Chu Ming. Clearly, he had already known in his heart, but even now, he was still a bit hesitant.

Seeing Chu Ming's gloomy appearance, Chu Mu knew that it really was hard for Chu Ming to come to this decision. After all, that person had made a lot of contributions for the family...

"Go back and rest. Give your grandfather some alone time." Chu Ming waved his hands, indicating for Chu Mu to go back.

Chu Mu nodded his head. Since Chu Ming had already come to a decision, Chu Mu had nothing to worry about. It would be more appropriate for Chu Ming, as the family head, to resolve this issue...

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Over the next month, Chu Mu continued to raise the Mo Ye and Night Thunder Dream Beast's strength. Although Chu Mu would show up on the Chu Family's training ground, he felt that practicing techniques and training strength wouldn't increase a soul pet's strength as fast as a real battle.

Therefore, in this month, Chu Mu had spent most of his time in the Broken Forest. Using the purest types of fights and an enormous sum of resources, he quickly increased the Zhan Ye's fighting strength.

In this month, the Chu Family was still busy with their networking, their economic situation, their prestige, and their strength. It seemed not to differ too much from the previous Recommendation a few years ago, but the internal members of the family could clearly feel that a slight change was occurring in the family.

This change wasn't extremely obvious, but a few people who had a relative understanding of the family system were able to perceive it.

The few principal industries of the Chu Family's business were gradually taken over by Chu Tianheng, and the Chu Family Guard completely fell into Chu Tianheng's hands as well. The Chu Family servants were assigned to Chu Tianheng's command, and Chu Tianjue's power was diminished in this short period of time.

As the Recommendation approached, the Chu Family people abruptly discovered that in one night, the factions under Chu Nan's banner suddenly withdrew from the important Chu Family industries. They were sent to a rather remote subsidiary city, and were only in charge of a small portion of the Chu Family's industry.

At this period in time, everyone could see that a great shuffling of cards was occurring in the Chu Family in a short amount of time. The ⅓ of the industry that was originally controlled by Chu Nan suddenly declined, and the economy of the Chu Family once again took a heavy fall...

The Chu Family was already walking at a low point, and the great shuffle this time ended up dealing a heavy blow to the Chu Family. Many people did not understand why the Chu Family was conducting an extremely unsensible reorganization of the family.

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“The fundamentals of the Chu Family's major problem have been resolved. There still remains a few leftover stains that will be cleaned out one speck at a time. However, creating such a large fuss while resolving the issue will also bring huge problems. If we don't manage to reimpose Chu Clan's imposing manner through fighting at this time's Recommendation, our family will be on the verge of the significant crisis of collapse!”

“Therefore, the entire family's fate is in the hands of you five. You absolutely cannot let the family down!!”

The new family head Chu Tianheng's voice deeply resonated in the ears of the five Chu Family children participating in the Recommendation!