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### Chapter 421: First Realm, Fighting Beast

Nightmare Palace's Young Princess had always had a consistently good reputation, and her veiled face only added mystery and expectation to herself. No matter which faction's young expert it was, including the Soul Palace Young Masters, they all wished that they could see her legendary beauty.

Without a doubt, Princess Jin Rou was the focal point of all the males in the hall. Regardless of where she went, it was possible to see numerous devoted and enamoured guardians.

Princess Jin Rou had already noticed Chu Mu. At the beginning, she didn't know it was Chu Mu, but after remembering that in Wogu City, Chu Mu had taken the fake name of Chu Chen, and carefully checking, she confirmed that this changed face person was Chu Mu.

Since Chu Mu didn't come up and greet her, Princess Jin Rou naturally wouldn't run over there for so reason. Thus, after looking at him a few times and remembering his appearance, she continued to courteously cope with these restless young men.

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"Chu Mu, it's Shen Yicheng." Ye Qingzi lightly pushed Chu Mu's arm as she spoke to him in a soft voice.

Shen Yicheng's appearance caused Ye Qingzi to involuntarily quiver. She was clearly a bit afraid of this man still, especially encountering him at this location.

"You can hold onto me." Chu Mu told her.

Ye Qingzi blinked her eyes and soon after understood his meaning. She, somewhat embarrassedly, stretched out her slender arm and grabbed onto Chu Mu's arm.

Shen Yicheng walked over to Chu Mu, alone. His expression was normal. Perhaps to him, he and Chu Mu were already at irreconcilable positions, but at such an occasion, he would never allow others to feel that he was akin to someone who had lost his cool and was seeking a to carry out a vendetta by intentionally running over to the person who had harmed him to needlessly start an argument.

“If you can’t reach the eighth realm, I’ll be very sad.” Shen Yicheng glanced at Ye Qingzi before speaking to Chu Mu.

“Your soul has been restored?” Chu Mu looked at Shen Yicheng with interest and spoke to him in a provocative tone.

“You don’t need to worry about that.” calmly said Shen Yicheng. After speaking, Shen Yicheng’s gaze fell on Ye Qingzi again. With a mocking tone, he said: “Qingzi, are you relying on a faction or relying on a man? If it’s the latter, at least pick a man who is truly worth relying on.”

“You don’t need to worry about that.” Ye Qingzi aptly used the words Shen Yicheng had just spoken to reply.

A trace of anger flashed across Shen Yicheng’s eyes. After coldly sneering, he turned around and walked somewhere else.

An anger had already been ignited in Shen Yicheng’s heart. He had originally been amongst the strongest in the second grade and at such an occasion he sought after by numerous young generation members in attempts to get to know and curry favors with him; he would also be looked at by countless beautiful women throwing hints at him.

However, after that matter had occurred, his reputation had plummeted. This could be clearly felt from the attitude the people around him were giving him.

Shen Yicheng was a person who could swallow his anger and would absolutely not lose his mind over this completely different treatment he was receiving. However, the feeling of being looked down upon by the people who used to curry favors with him was truly extremely aggravating. Thus, Shen Yicheng silently swore that in the Battle of the Realm, he would definitely make every person present today, who was deliberately mocking and looking down on him, regret this.

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Chu Mu merely symbolically walked around the hall a few times before leaving with Ye Qingzi.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi didn't like these sorts of occasions, because neither of them had participated in these social activities before while growing up. Instead, all their passion was focused on their own matters. To them, to be able to achieve success through different means and make friends with everyone was very hard. They were only willing to interact with people who they already knew.

"Let's walk in the forest?" Chu Mu turned his head and asked a question to Ye Qingzi.

After Shen Yicheng left, Ye Qingzi had continued walking forward purely out of her subconscious mind. When Chu Mu asked her this question, she suddenly realized that she was out of it and stealthily relaxed her hands.

Ye Qingzi nodded her head and followed beside Chu Mu.

They stepped on the soft leaves as they wandered around the slightly dusky forest. The two of them, neither of which enjoyed talking much, walked forward in silence.

Neither of them felt the silence was awkward either. They were both used to this feeling as if the two of them had been lovers for a long time already. Each was accustomed to the other.

"Why did you struggle so hard to escape only to return here just to vie for the second grade's honor?" after awhile, Chu Mu broke the silence by asking Ye Qingzi a question as he looked her in the eye.

Ye Qingzi's eyes were very beautiful and Chu Mu enjoyed gazing into them. They emanated intelligence, tranquility and always contained a lustre of wisdom that could see the intrinsic character of something.

"The reward of the second grade's ultimate honor is a spirit item. This spirit item can instantly raise the the fighting strength rank of any soul pet regardless of its attribute. In truth, however, a trace of my teacher's surviving thoughts was integrated inside this spirit item. It happens to be my teacher's dying words as well as..." at this point, Ye Qingzi paused and didn't continue speaking. Chu Mu looked at Ye Qingzi and from her expression, he could feel that the reason why she didn't continue wasn't because she didn't trust him, but because it was her own secret not to be divulged....

"Chu Mu, my brother and I will help you obtain the second grade's honor. All of the other items will belong to you; we only want that item. Is that alright?" Ye Qingzi lowered her head and spoke in an very soft voice to Chu MU.

“You have continuously helped me control my soul temperature. My life is essentially in the palm of your hands and yours to command. How can I not agree to your request?” Chu Mu cracked a smirked and freely laughed.

“Shameless.” Ye Qingzi looked at Chu Mu who was smirking. A slight blush rose on her cheeks and her beautiful eyes revealed a charming expression.

Ye Qingzi inadvertently displayed a beautiful and flirtatious expression, causing his heart to beat a bit faster. He felt like there was a voice in his body telling him to use his arm and wrap it around this beautiful women who made one’s heart beat faster. It then told him to lean in closer to her face, before pressing his lips against her ice cold yet burning hot lips.

This voice carried a unique charm causing him to lose control of his own body. Yet, at the same time, there was another voice that unceasingly told him that if he did this, she would perhaps not reciprocate or feel it wasn’t right, or even tell him that he was rushing things...

Chu Mu was clear about what sort of person he wanted, and didn’t enjoy forcing the issue on anything.

Chu Mu glanced once more over at Ye Qingzi, and found that her head was tilted slightly down. She was clearly brooding over something.

“Let’s obtain the spirit item for her first before speaking of this matter.” Chu Mu intelligently retracted his half raised arm, and continued to wander with Ye Qingzi in this small forest.

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Ye Qingzi really was brooding over something, but she had also noticed Chu Mu’s half raised arm.

Ye Qingzi possessed the temperament to keep people far away from her and could resist all external things. She would thus deter all men who liked her and were vain for her.

However, in truth, when it came to truly knowing a man, Chu Mu was really the person who was the closest to her. Therefore, when she sensed Chu Mu’s action, she became extremely nervous...

Ye Qingzi didn't deny that she liked Chu Mu, but in her view of emotions, liking someone was far from enough. It was just as Shen Yicheng had said before: she couldn't love a man in such a short period of time because with her temperament, it would inevitably be the case that she use time to test the person who she truly wanted.

Chu Mu's ultimate action to wisely retract his hand was a sign of respect to Ye Qingzi because she didn't like it when impulse and liking someone were the underlying emotions. Yet, she also clearly knew that if she could stay in a long term relationship with someone, she hoped it would be Chu Mu...

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The start of the Battle of the Realm submerged the entire Tianxia City in a impassioned atmosphere.

Every competitor was exceptionally looking forward to the announcement of the competition's first realm. They resembled competitive runners ready to start the race. The moment the competition authorities gave the command, they would shoot forth like arrows and fly towards the finish line.

Every competitor had been entered into a numbering system by the internal competition authorities before being mixed up. Then, they would enter different break through realm rounds. This process was overseen by virtuous members of various large factions so there was no chance of cheating occurring. After all, the relationships between the large factions wasn't that harmonious.

Ting Lan had told Chu Mu beforehand that he had been entered into the ranks of the Realm Defenders. This meant that Chu Mu would be the defender of the realm for one of the realms of the rounds.

Of course, according to his strength estimated by the large factions, they naturally would not put Chu Mu, this second grade expert, in the first realm. In any case, there were many people who were striving for the third grade honor, so putting a second grade expert as the first realm guardian was not giving others any chance to compete for the honor.

Chu Mu, Ye Qingzi and Ye Wansheng went together to Tianxia City's hall. From their respective competition authority, they obtained their individual first realm round.

Their break through realm tasks were different from each other's, but not too different. Ye Qingzi's was to defeat any three opponents, while Ye Wansheng's was challenging an expert.

As for Chu Mu's, he had been assigned to Soul Pet Palace, and was required to defeat all of the soul pets released in Soul Pet Palace's Beast Fighting Arena.

Soul Pet Palace had raised many mature soul pets. Many of these soul pets had been captured by hunters and raised by Soul Pet Palace before being used to train soul pet trainers.

Beast Fighting was actually a relatively prevalent competition of skill and method of issuing a challenge in the soul pet world. Chu Mu preferred actually fighting beasts in the wild and had never participated in Soul Pet Palace's Beast Fighting Grand Competition.

The rewards in Beast Fighting Grand Competition were extremely high; they were not inferior to seasonal competitions or annual competitions. Moreover, due to their comparatively authentic nature, the number of spectators were extremely many. Soul Pet Palace's Beast Fighting was a competition of skill and was a place where an expert should truly stand.

"Soul Palace - Chu Chen. Once you've finished preparing, enter the Beast Fighting Arena. You can select a difficulty." said the competition authority.

Chu Mu nodded his head. He had heard about this previously from Ting Lan.

While breaking through a realm, the referee would appraise a rank of difficulty according to the participant's capacity. He or she would be assigned to the servant rank, warrior rank, commander rank, monarch rank or emperor rank. Once the appraisal ranks were composed, they would form the Tianxia Ranking and would be published in the most conspicuous place in Tianxia Hall. Those who ranked the best, would receive rewards.

Chapter 422: Commander Rank Difficulty, Completely Evolved Creature

"Soul Palace's Chu Chen, first realm, Beast Fighting!" the assistant referee loudly read out Chu Mu's name.

On this Beast Fighting Arena, when one swept his gaze across it, there were approximately ten thousand people. These ten thousand people clearly enjoyed the style of beast fighting and they

normally only watched the skill type beast fighting competitions. As spectators, they would always predict the ability of the competitor, bet on the competition and carry their individual beliefs.

The Battle of the Realm's beast fighting round was an even more prestigious competition. Thus, today, there were probably going to appear countless young experts who they would never have otherwise had gotten the chance to even see in person before. The spectators would possibly also be greeted with an unprecedented bloody and wild fight.

Beast fighting: it required blood and violence!

Powerful creatures with high difficulty versus scheming soul pet trainers. When the two clashed, the sparks that flew would impassion the men who were infatuated with beast fighting.

The Battle of the Realm's beast fighting round was even more important to watch. This was especially the case since in the first round, a Soul Palace young expert whose reputation had just recently burgeoned had unexpectedly appeared - Chu Chen.

Due to Chu Mu's conflict with Shen Yicheng, he became a stunning person in Tianxia City. Of the young experts, there probably were few that didn't know of Soul Palace's Chu Chen who had defeated Shen Yicheng.

Chu Mu, until now, had always been a controversial person amongst the young generation of experts. Chu Mu was an expert that had burgeoned without any warning, and the question of his background had become the area in which everyone was curious about.

Chu Mu's strength was also a large subject of controversy, because it had accurately been verified that Chu Mu so-called defeating Shen Yicheng hadn't actually been in a one on one. Instead, he had relied on numerous people, and had defeated him when his plan had failed.

No matter the rumors of Chu Mu's strength, when they heard the referee read his name, those engrossed in the beast fighting style of battle were exceptionally excited. Looking at it from the perspective of all of the Battle of the Realm competitors, Soul Palace's Chu Chen was precisely a young generation expert and would definitely incite excitement everywhere.

"In any case, Shen Yicheng has held fame in Tianxia City for so long. If it wasn't because Chu Chen had more people, he wouldn't have defeated him." very quickly, people began to discuss this matter.

“Regarding Chu Chen and Shen Yicheng, everyone has already debate this matter for so long. What’s the point in debating it further? All we need to do is sit here and watch. Isn’t he about to display his strength?”

In the Battle of the Realm, there were ostensibly a large group of people who wanted to see Chu Mu and Shen Yicheng clash once with each other.

“Select your difficulty: servant rank, warrior rank, commander rank and monarch rank.” the main referee glanced at Chu Mu and spoke to him.

“Commander rank.” Chu Mu replied practically without hesitation.

“Commander rank difficulty. You are about to face commander rank full form soul pets. The number is indefinite, and if you feel like you cannot continue, you can indicate this to us and our people will try our best to save you.”

The so-called grades would most clearly manifest in the difficulty of the selections.

First grade experts would immediately select the highest difficulty rank, monarch rank, in the first realm.

As a second grade expert, Chu Mu could pick the difficulty of his round. Thus, he naturally selected the second grade difficulty - commander rank.

It was impossible to pick the emperor rank and this option would only appear in the last stages.

The first grade’s ultimate honor was in the tenth realm, but each realm had its own corresponding honor and reward. The person would also climb the Tianxia Ranking and would be known by everyone. Therefore, a true expert would have complete understanding of their own position before vying for the objects they wanted.

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“Commander rank. Look, Chu Chen selected the second grade’s commander rank difficulty. Dong Qing, we guessed correctly. His present strength has really reached the second grade level.” on the Fighting Beast Arena, Young Lady Sha pulled on Dong Qing’s sleeve and spoke in a slightly excited voice.

A smile rose on Dong Qing’s face, as he thought of circumstances when he met this man for the first time. At that time, this young man was merely riding on a seventh phase Night Thunder Dream Beast as he entered Li City.

A year and a half had passed since then, yet this fellow had stepped into the Battle of the Realm’s second grade at such an age. Dong Qing couldn’t help but feel proud for Chu Mu; at the very least, he had fought against him once before!

“Chu Mu has already placed himself in the second grade!”

“I knew that he would pick the commander rank difficulty. Since he wants to challenge the second grade, then he really will have a chance to encounter Shen Yicheng. When that time comes, it will definitely be even more exciting.”

The selection of difficulty told everything. A large majority of the ten thousand people present felt that Chu Mu was merely a third grade expert and couldn’t step over his grade and challenge the next grade. However, Chu Mu’s selection now caused this group of people to obediently shut their mouths.

“Dong Qing, do you think he can obtain the Beast Fighting Round’s honor?” Young Lady Sha tugged on Dong Qing as she asked a question in a pout.

“Apparently if one wishes to be in the top ten of the Beast Fighting Round’s commander rank honor, he or she must kill at least 10 tenth phase commander soul pets. Moreover, this must be done in the shortest period of time. If you feel Chu Chen can do this, then the honor will belong to him.” said Dong Qing.

All of the first realms occurred in the city. Dong Qing and Young Lady Sha also had beast fighting as their first round; however, they weren’t the first to go up.

Aside from Chu Mu, Dong Qing and Young Lady Sha, there was also a large group of competitors who had the Beast Fighting Round as their first realm. The competition authorities would rank the

competitors in the Beast Fighting Round according to level of completion. When the first realm was finished, this would be published on the Tianxia Ranking.

When that time came, if Chu Mu's name appeared on the Tianxia Ranking's Beast Fighting Realm list, then he would obtain the first realm's honor.

The number of names were limited while the number of Beast Fighters were innumerable. Chu Mu knew that if he wanted to stand above the rest, it was no easy task.

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One would stand at the center of this grand and expansive Beast Fighting Arena, stepping on yellow sand. Above his head would lie the blue canopy of the heavens while around him would arise the passion from the dense mass of over ten thousand people.

At that moment, everyone's eyes would be focused on you.

This was a feeling Chu Mu had never encountered before.

In Gangluo City and Jia Region, Chu Mu had fought others while being spectated by countless people. However, compared to the ten thousand people in who loved the style of beast fighting and watching experts under the heavens fight against these beasts, the Gangluo City and Jia Region spectators were practically non-existent. After all, the competitors in those places were too small.

Right now, on this Beast Fighting Arena, the spectators perhaps even included a few experts whose names had already resonated far and wide. There were also countless experts whom he wanted to surpass as well...

The battle was about to begin, but Chu Mu was pondering many things. He thought of the humiliation in the tiny Gangluo City of being unable to summon a soul pet. He thought of the bitter hardships of Nightmare Island and the Nightmare Competition. He thought of his will to survive in the desperate straits of Prisoner Island's one survivor out of three thousand people. He thought of the pride and tears his strength brought his family when he returned after so many years...

From the moment he determined his resolution, despite losing a soul, that he still wanted to stand at the apex of soul pet trainers, no matter the pain and desperation, the difficulty and misery or how bumpy and long the path ahead of him was, Chu Mu continued to trudge forwards. From the tiny

Gangluo City until he reached the capital of the cradle of experts, he finally stood on a battlefield which he wouldn't have ever dreamed of standing on. The emotions that manifested were only those which could be profoundly understood by Chu Mu himself.

It was now that Chu Mu finally understood both why experts received the adoration and respect from others as well as the true meaning of honor!

There was no one who disliked the feeling of standing in front of tens of thousands of experts to become the center of attention. This had nothing to do with vanity; instead, it was more so the desire to have those who he knew vindicate the value of his existence regardless if these people were his friends, enemies, family or lovers.

Chu Mu closed his eyes and took in a deep breath. This was a place full of the style of experts.

In his ears, there were innumerable fans, wild for fights, hollering and shouting. Yet, their clamor only served to raise his spirits!

“First round, commander rank beast fighting, begin!”

The main referee formed his soul remembrance into a voice and loudly announced the commencement of the first round!

The voice was like a signal that caused the arena filled with ten thousand people to roar!

In the roaring crowd were young girls and boys who worshipped Chu Mu, young men and women who eager to challenge Chu Mu, young women who had heard of Chu Mu's achievements and adored these sorts of experts, experts who had a competitive heart and ego towards all other experts and wished to fight Chu Mu, as well as those who viewed Chu Mu as an enemy...

All of these people were focused on Chu Mu. No matter what kind of intent they harbored, on this first realm's first round commander rank beast fighting stage, the limelight only belonged to one person - Chu Mu. Chu Mu could use his strength to convince everyone present and step onto the first realm's honor throne!

“Hou hou hou!!!!!! Hou!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

“Mou!!!! Mou!!!!!!! Mou!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

The shouts of wild beasts suddenly rang through the spacious beast fighting stage. While everyone was shouting and cheering, nobody noticed that the assistant referee had already thrown a soul capture ring onto the battlefield.

The soul capture ring was extremely small and the interior only held one savage beast.

However, when the soul capture ring was thrown onto the battlefield, people could feel a wild creature was in the midst of releasing its palpitating malevolent aura that crashed against the secure space of the soul capture ring. It seemed that as long as it was given a bit more time, it would be able to break through the soul capture ring and completely free itself from its confines!!

Tenth phase commander!!! This was the aura of a tenth phase commander!!!

The difficulty level of the commander rank meant that one needed to challenge a commander rank soul pet that was fully evolved and had reached the tenth phase - the most complete state!

This type of creature would be a lord of a region in certain bewildering worlds, yet it had now become a sacrificial victim for a beast fighting competitor to vindicate his or her own strength!

## Chapter 423: Clash, Ghost King vs Protruding Bone Beast

The time wasn't long. The moment Chu Mu had stepped into Tianxia City and entered the eighth rank bewildering world back then, he had immediately faced a ninth phase middle stage commander rank soul pet.

Back then, Chu Mu had pretty much expended all his strength before finally being able to kill the ninth phase middle stage Terror Wolf. Now he was about to enter the first realm and would have to face a tenth phase commander. In other words, back then, he hadn't even been at the edge of the second grade's first realm.

If he had continued developing according to his previous method, the current him would merely be a nameless nobody. Even if he obtained a bit of honor in the third grade, this would have been far from enough to him.

Therefore, Chu Mu felt that his decision to fight those stronger than him was correct. Without experiencing danger and without challenging those difficult creatures, how else would he be able to spur his greatest potential or raise his strength in this short period of time?

Chanting an incantation, Chu Mu put away all of his emotions. When he was about to truly fight, he would put his whole attention into the fight even though a tenth phase commander wasn't an invincible existence.

Chu Mu heard roars, but there was only one ring on the ground. Chu Mu knew that the other soul pet could be locked underneath the battlefield because the noises were coming from underground.

"Hou hou hou hou!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Finally, the assistant referee's incantation finished and a beast light suddenly appeared from the soul capture ring. The dazzling radiance blossomed on the battlefield. Chu Mu was 200 meters away from it, but it felt like the savage beast's aura was like an inch away!

The beast type aura began to sweep everything away. Inside the beast light, it was possible to see a nearly five meter large robust beast body. Its body full of explosive muscle and if one were to stand in front of it, one would feel like he were unable to breathe. This was because this type of muscular body could easily crush one's body.

Yet, the creature's muscular body wasn't what intimidated people; instead, it was the protruding bones in the soul pet's joints. These protruding bones were like domineering swords and if they all chopped down, flesh and blood would fly!!

"Tenth phase Protruding Bone Beast!!" "It's a high class commander soul pet!!! Moreover, from the length of the protruding bones, it's been strengthened!!"

Protruding Bone Beast!! Its fully evolved state made this creature look terrifyingly intimidating. When everyone saw it clearly, they couldn't help but suck in a breath of air!

This was the first realm of the beast fighting round, yet a tenth phase high class commander rank had appeared. This difficulty wasn't anything normal; if it was any normal second grade expert, it would be a fierce battle!!

The difficulty of each realm in the Battle of the Realm was extremely high. The further one went, the difficulty would continue to increase. After the fifth realm, the realm breakthrough rounds were practically uncompletable to normal people. Therefore, even in the first realm, Chu Mu would never look down on it.

The Protruding Bone Beast was an absolute strength type soul pet. Chu Mu had previously encountered one in Yuan Forest that was only at the seventh phase.

Facing such a creature, Chu Mu would naturally not be careless. After chanting, he summoned the Ghost King.

A tenth phase high class Protruding Bone Beast's fighting strength wasn't inferior to a ninth phase middle class commander. Thus, it was equivalent to Shen Yicheng's ninth phase Violent Blood Pool Beast.

Facing a soul pet with such a powerful attack, Chu Mu had to have the Ghost King's strong defense control the situation.

The Ghost King had already reached the eighth phase seventh stage. After Chu Mu summoned it, he immediately had it use Monarch Ghost Transformation.

Its defense and strength had each respectively increased by 50%. Chu Mu didn't plan on having it assume the role of a meat shield; he also needed its absolute strength to break the Protruding Bone Beast's defense.

“Nong!!!!!!”

The Ghost King's curved sword was firmly gripped in its hands. There were 200 meters between the two of them. After the Monarch Ghost Transformation, the Ghost King's defense increased to the pseudo ninth rank and its strength to the full eighth rank.

In such a state, the Ghost King would at least be able to use its dark sturdy rock's powerful defensive ability to contend a few rounds against the Protruding Bone Beast even if it was unable to make a stand against it.

Letting the Ghost King fight solo against the Protruding Bone Beast meant that there was no way the fight would end soon.

After summoning the Ghost King, Chu Mu quickly chanted another incantation and summoned the Ice Air Fairy that had reached the eighth phase ninth stage middle class monarch level.

“Hou hou hou hou!!!!!!”

The Protruding Bone Beast's two eyes of fury locked onto the Ghost King stepping towards it. The protruding bones on its body gradually began to thicken and sharpen!

Finally, the Protruding Bone Beast launched its attack. This soul pet which body was full of protruding bones ran while its body was full of explosive force. The sandy earth was trampled on and it was even possible to feel the faint trembling from this wide and sturdy Beast Fighting Arena!

“If its body is met by flesh, bones will disintegrate. The second grade realm breakthrough is truly abnormal.” said the rueful spectators.

There were many cases when a tenth phase commander rank soul pet could only be dealt with a thirty year old soul pet trainer. Thus, when a young generation encountered one in the first test, how could this soul pet trainer not be scared?

The Ghost King's speed had fallen by 80% and influenced the Ghost King's movements greatly. However, the Ghost King wasn't a clumsy type of rock attribute creature. Even though its speed had fallen by 80%, it was still able to run nearly 30 meters every second!!

This fight would shake the hearts of those watching at any given moment. Cheers and cries rang out once more. The exciting atmosphere exuded by the beast fighters caused the arena to be even more explosive.

In terms of strength, the Ghost King was not inferior to the Protruding Bone Beast which was two levels higher than it. When their beast type abilities clashed, the Ghost King's four meter high armored body was knocked back over fifty meters.

However, even after being knocked back, it was still able to maintain its balance. While sliding back, it abruptly stuck its curved sword into the earth, keeping its body to the ground!

“Mo Dang Sword!” Chu Mu gave an order!

Once the Ghost King stabilized its body, it suddenly lifted its sword from the ground. As the Protruding Bone Beast was charging over, the Ghost King's curved sword began to violently

vibrate. This caused the ground to tremble and the sword fiercely swept towards the Protruding Bone Beast!!

The sword vibration knocked everything apart and the blade swept through everything. Even if this attack was directed at a small mountain, it was enough to instantly shatter it!

The Protruding Bone Beast was thirty meters away from the Ghost King and in front of the Ghost King's sword move, this wild beast abruptly wrapped its two arms around its chest; the protruding bones in its joints were extended!!

Sharp white bones... the Protruding Bone Beast's protruding bones on its joints formed a bone sword shield in front of it. Relying on this defense, the Protruding Bone Beast was able to completely disregard the Ghost King's attack and it proceeded to savagely charge towards the edge of the Mo Dang Sword's attack.

The Mo Dang Sword merely managed to leave a light wound on the Protruding Bone Beast's bone shield while the Protruding Bone Beast's powerful surge allowed it to appear in front of the Ghost King!!

Its two arms lifted high in the air and its bone shield rapidly transformed into countless Protruding Bone Swords that swept up a powerful strength. This powerful strength smashed towards the Ghost King and when it made contact, the people on the stage were able to notice spatial contortion. This was the embodiment of strength reaching the limit!!

A ninth rank attack that had definitely reached the early ninth rank!

Such an attack, if the opponent's defense hadn't reached the ninth rank, would signal either death or injury once it landed. In this moment, everyone's hearts were tightened because they could see there was still ultimately two levels between the Ghost King and the Protruding Bone Beast.

If there were three levels of difference, there was a chance of instadeath. However, these two levels of difference weren't easy to overcome either.

“Beng!!!!!!!!!!”



The Protruding Bone Beast's attack exploded on the Ghost King's body. However, the violent creature didn't rely on its sharp protruding bones to rip apart the enemy's bodies; instead, it relied on its sturdy protruding bones to smash its enemies!!

“Nong!!!!!!”

The Ghost King let out a roar. Its dark crystal rock wrapped body was knocked flying by the Protruding Bone Beast's bombardment. It landed nearly ten meters away from Chu Mu.

“Nong~~~~~” the Ghost King struggled on the ground for a moment before quickly standing up again. The dark crystal rock armor on its body was still shiny and there didn't seem to be any signs of it being injured from a severe attack.

“This Ghost King seems to not have been injured?”

“It's not seems; it truly wasn't injured. Don't you see that there's not even the slightest scar on its armor?!” “But that's a ninth rank attack. The Ghost King's defense, even if it was stronger, must have been cracked. How is it unharmed?!”

“It should be the absolute defense from the Ghost King's species technique, Monarch Ghost Transformation. But that's not right either. Even the Monarch Ghost Transformation only allows it to reach a pseudo ninth rank. With two levels of difference, a full strength attack must at least injure it.”

Quickly, shocked and confused shouts began to ring out through the battlefield. No one could understand how an eighth phase seventh stage Ghost King could resist the full force attack of a ninth phase middle class monarch - the Protruding Bone Beast!

On the battlefield, Chu Mu swept his gaze over the Ghost King's body and a smile rose on his face.

400 million of equipment. The value of it was most directly manifesting at this moment!!!

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An eighth rank soul armor increased the defense of the Ghost King's Monarch Ghost Transformation effect to the pseudo ninth rank level. A 400 million value eighth rank soul armor

increased the Ghost King's defense to the middle eighth rank.

The Ghost King's defense was innately above the Protruding Bone Beast's. Further adding on the 400 million eighth rank defensive armor, unless the Protruding Bone Beast used its longest technique that required it to accumulate strength, it had no way of defeating the absolute defense of the Ghost King!

The Protruding Bone Beast's eyes angrily stared at the completely uninjured Ghost King. It's overlord dignity was ostensibly provoked and it let out a thunderous roar at the Ghost King; it wanted to crush the Ghost King's body to pieces!

Chu Mu believed that the Protruding Bone Beast had a technique that could injure the Ghost King, but Chu Mu wouldn't give it the chance to use it!

"Ning! Star Falling Frost!" Finally, the Ice Air Fairy finished the chant of its longest incantation.

Star Falling Frost was the strongest ice type damage ability the Ice Air Fairy had comprehended not too long ago. The incantation of this technique required 2 seconds.

From the time Chu Mu summoned the Ice Air Fairy until the Ghost King collided with the Protruding Bone Beat, two seconds had passed. The Ice Air Fairy was already ready with the technique, and was waiting for Chu Mu's order before releasing it!

"Ling~~~~~"

The rank towering ice carried a deep blue color. The deep blue was like a radiating star in the night sky and entranced people in a beautiful feeling.

Only, under these beautiful frozen stars was hidden an extremely piercing cold killing intent!

The twinkling frozen stars descended; at first, the Protruding Bone Beast ignored this seemingly unremarkable technique. However, when it sensed its pace was growing slower to the point of abnormal rigidity, this fierce beast abruptly realized that a thick layer of starry frost had been frozen onto its skeleton!

Star Falling Frost was an eighth rank ice type technique, and it didn't merely freeze the enemy's body. It would outlandishly float into the enemy's skeleton and freeze its innards as well before freezing from inside out until the enemy transformed into an ice statue. One strike would shatter the statue!

The Ice Air Fairy was a middle class monarch, and its techniques had reached the ninth rank. In the Ancient Wasteland's Terror Wolf land, it had frequently instakilled a ninth phase Terror Wolf. The Protruding Bone Beast was a tenth phase commander, but if it was careless, its entire skeleton would be frozen and its demise would be identical to the ninth phase Terror Wolves'.

“Hou hou hou hou!!!!!!!!!!!!”

The Protruding Bone Beast had sensed danger so it opened its enormous mouth, lifted its head and let out a roar at the shimmering frozen stars ceaselessly descended. The roar managed to disperse the starry lights!

The ninth rank ice type technique wasn't easy to defend against. The Protruding Bone Beast adopted resistant measures, but starry frost was still attached to its skeleton and severely inhibited it.

“Nong!!!!!!!!!!!!”

At this moment, the Ghost King finally completed congregating its energy. It took a step forward and its front leg caused an enormous fissure to spread from its front leg.

The monarch curved blade descended. The combination of rock and ghost type energies interweaved, opening an enormous gulch in the ground which rumbled towards the Protruding Bone Beast.

The Protruding Bone Beast had been frozen and its speed was several times lower. This attack was hard to dodge and it was only able to extend its bones to create a protruding interweaving bone shield...

“Xiao!!!!!!!!!!!!” the energy swept past and the Protruding Bone Beast's bone shield immediately surfaced with deep scars. There were even several bones that had been smashed by the center of the energy!

The Ghost King's attack wasn't powerful. This attack barely even scratched the effect of the Ice Air Fairy's ninth rank ice type technique; the majority of the Protruding Bone Beast's injuries were due to the Ice Air Fairy's ice type technique.

Chu Mu would create a win through the Ice Air Fairy.

The Ice Air Fairy's strength was inferior to the Protruding Bone Beast's by one level. However, the Ghost King was able to stop the Protruding Bone Beast in its tracks, allowing the Ice Air Fairy - with its destructive ice type techniques - to deal a fatal attack to the Protruding Bone Beast!

"Relying on the coordination of two soul pets to easily control a stronger tenth phase Protruding Bone Beast. His soul pet control abilities are truly outstanding." Soul Palace Lord's main referee gave an evaluation.

The other assistant referees collectively nodded their heads. A soul pet trainer that could defeat strong while being weak required innate essence, wisdom, a strong mental game, experience and strength. Chu Mu's controlling abilities had obtained the approval of all the referees. At least, at the very beginning, Chu Mu should have been able to obtain a fairly good evaluation.

Chu Mu's controlling abilities could only be described as astonishing by the spectators. Until now, everyone had believed that Chu Mu would summon his third or even fourth pet not long after the fight began to get rid of the tenth phase Protruding Bone Beast as fast as possible. However, he had easily pinned down the Protruding Bone Beast in only a dual control state. There were no traces of mistakes or hurriedness. From the start of the fight until now, it had been methodical and calm. From his point of view, this savage, violent and fierce Protruding Bone Beast had transformed completely into a slowly exhausted, docile creature.

"Mou!!!!!!!!!"

"Mou!!!!!!!!!"

The moment the roars descended, the tenth phase Protruding Bone Beast transformed into an enormous ice sculpture. Under the Ghost King's sword, it became no more than shattered pieces.

Everyone had seen that Chu Mu was able to defeat the Protruding Bone Beast using control. Therefore, when the fight ended, the people inside the arena didn't immediately erupt into a wave of cheers and shouts. This was because everyone was waiting for the main referee to announce it. Only

after waiting for the main referee to announce it to everyone did they know whether this competitor had the qualifications to be considered a true second grade expert.

“Chu Chen, upon killing the Protruding Bone Beast, you’ve successfully broken through the realm. According to your outstanding performance, we bestow upon you the chance to participate in vying for the first realm’s honor. You can choose to challenge the first realm’s honor. If you say yes, we will give you half a day to prepare before you enter the even more difficult beast fighting round.” the main referee stood up and loudly spoke to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu swept his eyes over the tens of thousands of people in the arena. At this moment, he could feel the hopeful gazes of countless people. They were ostensibly hoping that he could cause this first realm’s first beast fighting match to boil with even more excitement!

“I accept the first realm’s honor challenge!” Chu Mu used soul remembrance to announce his decision!

The moment Chu Mu’s voice reverberated around the arena, the entire Beast Fighting Arena erupted!

An honor challenge! This was the most exciting fight that appeared once every one hundred matches. No one expected this young man embroiled in controversy to present a blood boiling honor fight opportunity!

Presumably in this half a day, several tens of thousands more of people would fill the Beast Fighting Arena. Indeed, if they didn’t guess correctly, he would be the first competitor to open the doors to the honor challenge!

As expected, after an afternoon of realm breakthroughs, Chu Mu really did become the first competitor to challenge the first realm’s honor.

The highest honor of the first realm’s second grade was 300 million. According to a grade’s strength ranking, other competitors would also be rewarded with corresponding rewards.

For example, if Chu Mu obtained first place in the first realm’s first grade, he would obtain 400 million and the highest honor in the first realm.

If Chu Mu obtained second place in the second grade, his reward would become 250 million; third place would net him 200 million.

After third place, the gold reward would decrease according to rank. Only the top fifty people in the honor challenge would be rewarded with gold. The lowest amount was 50 million.

In other words, from fourth place to 50th place, the honor reward would decrease by 5 million each ranking.

Since the number of competitors was always numerous, and the difficulty wasn't extremely high, the competition authorities wouldn't include any rewards for successfully breaking through the realm. Further, only competitors with abnormally outstanding performances in the first three realms had the qualifications to enter the honor challenge round.

The honor challenge round was comprised of 100 people. To the tens of thousands of second grade competitors, it really was possessing the qualifications of 1 among 100.

Therefore, with an honor challenge round appearing among the mix of good and bad in the first few realms in the beast fighting round's first match was serious news

The competition authorities only gave Chu Mu half a day to prepare. Chu Mu's number was near the front, making him the first honor challenger from the beast fighting round. As long as Chu Mu could enter the top fifty from the 100 challengers, then Chu Mu would at least be able to earn 50 million. The higher his ranking was, the more gold there was, with a maximum of 300 million!

Half a day passed very quickly and when evening fell, the Beast Fighting Arena Chu Mu had been at was completely different. It had transformed into one of Soul Pet Palace's most luxurious Beast Fighting Arenas.

This Beast Fighting Arena could not merely be described as large and luxurious. Standing at the center of the Beast Fighting Arena and lifting his head made him feel as if he was standing in the wilderness. He was unable to see the figures of tens of thousands of people surrounding him.

However, when he swept his gaze at the surroundings, he could see the people cheering. The scene of a vast crowd shouting and cheering, with their voices like thunder rolling in from the horizon, was exceptionally inspiring.

Their excited faces; their passion; their worshipping gazes. It was capable of making the soul pet trainer, at the center of this attention, feel his existence was something to be proud and arrogant about!

Standing at the center, Chu Mu could see many familiar figures sitting in very conspicuous locations. Among them was Princess Jin Rou who used to sway his heart, Palace Lord Yu who had always looked after him, Zhan Hong who looked down on him, Shen Yicheng who had extremely deep hatred for him, Lu Shanli - sitting next to Princess Jin Rou - with cold eyes...

“There is a total of fifty minutes of beast fighting. Regardless if you kill the previous soul pet or not, every ten minutes, another fighting beast will be released. There will be a total of four releases. We will conduct our evaluation based off of the number of fighting beasts you slay. Finally, we will decide if your name appears on the Tianxia Ranking!” the main referee read out the merciless rules of the honor challenge!

#### Chapter 425: Beast Fighting Challenge Progressively Increasing in Difficulty

When the referee announced the round challenge, several tens of thousands of people in the Beast Fighting Arena roared once more.

The beast slaughtering method of beast fighting was the most bloody and exciting method, since if the beast wasn't killed within a certain period of time, the second would be released, and the number of beasts on the field would increase!

Just imagine, if the number of beasts continuously increased, the blood that spilled from the slaughter would dye everything in a gorgeous red hue. A limited amount of time would also arouse the excitement of everyone. When the soul pet trainer, blood soaked from battle, was the last one standing on the Soul Pet Arena, all of the focus and honor could cause the soul of a soul pet trainer who was truly fanatical for fighting rise without limit!!

It didn't matter what the occasion was, Chu Mu would always maintain his calm and coolness. However, this was a completely new challenge, and when he felt the craze and passion from the surroundings for beast fighting that engulfed him, his blood couldn't help but boil. He looked ahead, and waited for the competition authorities to release the beasts. Then he would make the ground run red with blood!

“Mou!!!! Cui!!!!!!”

The roar from an enormous ox ran out from underground, causing the ground underneath Chu Mu's feet to slightly tremble. The trembling spread to his body, and if one's resolve wasn't firm enough, he or she would be overcome with fear.

Chu Mu remembered the sound of this soul pet. When he had fought in the morning, this wild beast was already restless. It presumably was a soul pet prepared for second grade competitors who were trying to break through the realm.

This soul pet now appeared in front of Chu Mu on the beast fighting stage and he knew that its strength wasn't inferior to the Protruding Bone Beast!

“Bi!!! Tao!!!!!!!!!!!!”

“Bi!!!!!!! Long Long Jing!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Suddenly, an astonishing dirt wave surged through the Beast Fighting Arena. The yellow layer of rock flew into the air and covered the Beast Fighting Arena with a rumbling sound.

Behind Chu Mu, two dirt waves that were over fifty meters high surged towards Chu Mu from behind. These two waves would be able to easily cover Chu Mu's tiny body in this tide of dreck.

As for the enormous dirt wave that reached a hundred meters in height that was surging towards Chu Mu from the front, it was higher than the dome of the ultra Beast Fighting Arena that held several hundreds of thousands of people. It was like a hazy yellow net - absolutely shocking!

In the middle of the dirt waves, several enormous soul pet figures that resembled wild oxen suddenly appeared!

When the rocks and dirt that were thrown high into the air came crashing down, they smashed into their rock-hard skin, creating a sonorous noise.

They had large battle axe-like horns, scarlet vicious pupils, upright bodies that resembled enormous apes, pieces of rocky flesh that covered their long arms and gold rock chains that extended from their arms and wrapped around their fierce fists. One could imagine the outcome of being smashed by these fists.



Tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts!!!!

In front of these ruthless ten feet high soul pets, Chu Mu was rather small.

One could feel the stench and malevolent aura that was capable of terrifying the hearts of people and removing their will to fight as these soul pets bore down on him or her.

This first release wasn't as easy as the initial realm breakthrough, because on the other three sides of Chu Mu, there were respectively two more ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts!

There were a total of six ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts that were baring their fangs at Chu Mu as they charged him. Their saliva from insatiable hunger unceasingly drooled onto the ground, corroding it.

One tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts and six ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts. This was the equivalent of fighting two tenth phase commander rank soul pets!

The appearance of these seven wild beasts rendered a brief spell of silence that swept through the arena of several tens of thousands of people. However, when everyone realized that this young soul pet trainer was about to fight with these seven terrifying wild beasts and these honored brave warriors would spill the blood of these ugly creatures on throughout the Beast Fighting Arena, the several tens of thousands of people once more roared in excitement!

There was nothing more that got one's blood racing than a breathtaking fight full of challenges!

"Ghost King!!" chanting an incantation, Chu Mu summoned a soul pet that was about to fight and slaughter.

Darkness, rock and ghost. The Ghost King's wanton and uninhibited true monarch aura released in all directions when it appeared. The six ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts unconsciously couldn't help but retreat a few steps!!

The Shackled Devil Ox Beasts were beast type soul pets with a secondary rock type attribute. Compared to the Ghost King's true rock type dominance, it was essentially the difference between crushed rock and treasured rock!

“Devil Tree Battle Soldier!” Chu Mu’s summoning didn’t stop. With so many opponents, Chu Mu couldn’t win this fight in only a single control scenario.

The high rank blood natural wood quickly wove together in front of Chu Mu to form a wooden armor. Immediately after, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s body gradually appeared. The Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s roots imperceptibly buried underground at a rapid pace allowing it to instantly control a hundred meter radius of land!

“Ning!” after finishing the Devil Tree Battle Soldier summoning, Chu Mu continued to chant an incantation, summoning the Ice Air Fairy with powerful destructive ability in front of him.

Triple control, but Chu Mu didn’t plan on summoning the Binding Wind Spirit.

Chu Mu had to conserve a bit of strength. If he were to expose all of his strength in the first realm, then in the later realms, when breaking through, he would be suppressed by others. Thus, in this fight, no matter how difficult it was, Chu Mu wouldn’t be able to have his ninth phase soul pets participate.

“Ghost King, pin down the tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beast. Ning, Devil Tree, get rid of all of the ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts as fast as possible!” Chu Mu gave his orders.

“La!!!!!!” the Ghost King brandished its curved sword and using its rock type controlling ability, it promptly raised up a layer of rock that rapidly surged forward.

The Ghost King arrogantly stood in the wave of rock that engulfed him and rapidly charged towards the tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beast. Its curved sword attached with dark crystal rock hacked towards the ground!!

“Long long Long!!!!!!”

A wave of trembling occurred underneath the feet of the tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beast , causing the ground to be continuously pressed down.

In the next moment, a number of rocks abruptly rose up from the cracks in the surface of the ground!!

Each rock mountain reached a height of nearly thirty meters, making the scene resemble a rock forest, and locking the enormous Shackled Devil Ox Beast in place!

These rock mountains were like a prison formed by the ground and no matter which way the Shackled Devil Ox Beast turned its body, it would knock into these rocks

However, the Shackled Devil Ox Beast didn't panic at all due to the rock forest inhibiting its movements. Instead, its pair of scarlet red eyes suddenly focused onto the Ghost King!

Finally, this wild beast moved!

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast's body of rock-like flesh seemed like it was about to explode as its enormous fist fiercely pounded the ground!!!

“Hong long long!!!!!!”

A loud sound rang out and a powerful energy wave rippled out fifty meters in all directions. Not only was the entire rock forest smashed to pieces, but the fifty meter area of ground caved in on itself!!

In the face of the energy wave, the Ghost King immediately jumped fifty meters high, dodging the Shackled Devil Ox Beast's attack.

In a direct confrontation, the Ghost King was aware that it wasn't the opponent of the immensely strong Shackled Devil Ox Beast. When it reached the top of its jump, it swept its curved sword down!

A bamboo mountain shot out from the ground and instantly reached a height of fifty meters and happened to cushion right underneath the Ghost King's feet as it descended.

The Ghost King stood at the peak of this fifty meter bamboo, allowing it to essentially stand at in the same line of the sight as the several tens of thousands of people at this height. These people could clearly see the Ghost King's arrogant disposition as it rested at the top of the bamboo mountain peak as well as its condescending attitude to lower life forms that came from its innate hegemonic attitude!

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast needed to look up in order to see the Ghost King. To this tenth phase savage beast, anything that made it look up was an enemy that angered it!

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast took heavy steps forward. With each step, cracks appeared that extended towards the lofty bamboo mountain and destroyed its roots!

“Beng~~~~~”

The bamboo mountain was incomparably fragile and was easily toppled in one move.

The Ghost King situated at the top allowed the bamboo to fall. Its body larger than two meters stayed in a half squat at the top of the bamboo peak.

Suddenly, just as the bamboo mountain fell, the Ghost King made its move!

Falling Meteor!

The Ghost King’s body and curved sword transformed into a dark brown meteor that lit up like a blazing star in the air. It was both gorgeous and full of boundless grandeur as it smashed towards the Shackled Devil Ox Beast’s head!

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast was unwilling to clash with the Ghost King. After all, even if pure rock type attacks were unable to damage its body, the impact was capable of paralyzing its muscles and bones for a while.

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast’s speed wasn’t considered slow so it chose to dodge this technique of the Ghost King.

“Natural Wood Trap!!!”

Suddenly, Chu Mu’s voice rang out!

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast was about to dodge when the ground underneath its feet rapidly caved in, transforming into an empty hole.

Inside the empty hole, several azure python-like roots appeared. These roots were continuously created while also firmly binding the Shackled Devil Ox Beast's pair of hooves, dragging it into the trap!

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast wasn't prepared at all. It was planning on using brute force to break these roots when the Ghost King's Falling Meteor that had swept up an enormous rock type energy smashed into its defenseless head!!

“Gua!!!!!!!!!!”

The Shackled Devil Ox Beast was heavily smashed underneath the surface of the ground by this force. The Falling Meteor disintegrated the surrounding ground. The enormous pit that was created was astonishing and stunned everyone present!!

The loud rumbling sound continued for a very long time; however, before the sound had completely dissipated when thunderous cheers exploded from the several tens of thousands of people at the Beast Fighting Arena!!

Chu Mu's incomparably perfect coordination that had surpassed everyone's expectations was absolutely the highlight of the fight!

No one had expected the Devil Tree Battle Soldier that was in the middle of pinning down the other six ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts was also able to secretly lay a trap underneath the tenth phase commander's feet outside of its detection. Then, with great timing, opened the trap just as the Ghost King launched its attack!

With a few techniques that would normally find it hard to break its defense, they managed to wound the tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beast. Soul pet control and technique control were both acquired through much experience, and simply wasn't something a twenty year old young man would be expected to have.

Chapter 426: Peak Commander, Tenth Phase Flame Bird

“It's extremely rare for a third grade competitor to appear on this battlefield. Soul Palace indeed has hidden numerous experts. With such soul pet controlling ability, obtaining the first realm's honor probably isn't an issue.” Nightmare Palace's Lu Shanli looked at Chu Mu and faintly felt that this fellow gave off a familiar feeling.

Lu Shanli had been waiting the entire time as he spectated the first realm's first honor challenge for Soul Palace's Chu Chen to summon the Night Thunder Dream Beast. This was because as long as he summoned the Night Thunder Dream Beast, Lu Shanli could ascertain that this fellow was the person who had disrupted him in the Ancient Wasteland.

Princess Jin Rou silently sat in her seat. She already knew that the man on the battlefield below was Prison Island's King, Chu Mu, who had served as her personal bodyguard.

Truthfully, Princess Jin Rou was astonished by Chu Mu, because she never expected him to be able to walk onto this battlefield today relying on his own strength. Moreover, he had become the first person to challenge for the honor in Tianxia City.

Princess Jin Rou remembered back then, when this man's life was the control of Xia Guanghan's hands. As a slave and a lowly existence, his strength had been exceptionally weak.

Yet, now, he stood in the midst of experts and received the attention of countless experts on this supreme Beast Fighting Arena. He showed that he was a third grade competitor yet had the shocking strength to challenge for second grade honor. After this fight, no matter what ranking he obtained on the Tianxia Ranking, this grade challenge would be able to spread his name far and wide!

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"There's only one minute left. The tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beast hasn't died. Moreover, there are still two ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts. If he doesn't kill them in time, leader will enter an even more difficult situation." said Soul Palace's Blue World expert, Zhao Cheng.

Having entrapped Shen Yicheng with Chu Mu, Zhao Cheng held considerable admiration for Chu Mu's effort. Although Chu Mu was a few years younger than him and his soul pet strength was slightly inferior to his own, Zhao Cheng continued to address Chu Mu as 'leader'. It could be said that he was paying respect to this young man's surpassing grade challenge.

"He definitely won't be able to persist past the third wave!" Zhan Hong who had previously clashed with Chu Mu gave a cold laugh. He had never harbored good will towards Chu Mu.

Shang Heng sat in his seat and swept his gaze over Zhan Hong. A smile rose on his face as he said: "Isn't your first realm also beast fighting? Let's look at the rankings between the two of you and we'll know who's weak and who's strong."

"Comparing to him? He's merely a third grade member attempting to show off. It was already very difficult for him to enter the second grade's honor challenge. Could it be that you haven't seen that he doesn't even have a ninth phase middle class monarch? With such a soul pet formation, if it wasn't because his controlling ability is outstanding, it would simply be impossible for him to enter the first 100 ranks of our second grade. It won't even be a problem for me to enter the top 50, so do you think my ranking will be lower than his?" Zhan Hong immediately laughed.

The Nightmare Palace young generation seats and Soul Palace young generation seats were extremely close. Moreover, Zhan Hong didn't bother hiding his contempt for Chu Mu.

The noises were quickly caught by Princess Jin Rou and Lu Shanli's ears. Lu Shanli faintly smiled and spoke to the veiled Princess Jin Rou: "This Zhan Hong seems to be the underling of Soul Palace's eighth young master?"

"Yes, he is Fang Ze's underling." Princess Jin Rou nodded her head.

"I have yet to see Fang Ze appear. Although this Chu Chen's strength can barely allow him to enter the rankings of the second grade's top 100, this is ultimately just the first honor challenge. There's no reason to think of oneself so highly that one even lacks the interest to watch, right?" Lu Shanli swept his gaze over and couldn't find the bronze skinned imposing man.

"I haven't heard news of him for a while. Perhaps he's focusing on cultivation or perhaps intentionally concealing his identity. However, when in the later rounds, he'll definitely appear." said Princess Jin Rou.

In the opinion of Princess Jin Rou and Lu Shanli, Soul Palace's true second grade expert was definitely not this young man who was on the battlefield right now surpassing grades in his challenge. Instead, it was the eighth young master who appeared and disappeared mysteriously - Fang Ze!

"This Chu Chen who is surpassing grades to challenge like you has impressive strength. In a few years, he will definitely be a figure in Soul Palace. However, compared to Sister Jin Rou, he's still a bit lacking... I still have a few small matters and won't watch anymore. If Princess Jin Rou discovers that he possesses a Night Thunder Dream Beast, let me know." Lu Shanli slowly stood up. It seemed like he wasn't planning on continuing his spectating.

Princess Jin Rou's eyes flashed with a curious expression. As she watched Lu Lishan turn around and leave, she asked: "Why should I take note if he has a Night Thunder Dream Beast or not?"

"A small celebration. For the moment, I can't be sure it's him. That's it." Lu Shanli faintly laughed and after speaking, he left the Beast Fighting Arena.

Princess Jin Rou didn't understand the meaning of 'a small celebration'. She merely watched Lu Shanli's figure as he left and spoke to herself: "Lu Shanli isn't as simple as he seems. This small festival was able to make him brood so easily... Chu Mu, you can only pray that in the future realm breakthroughs you don't encounter Lu Shanli."

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In the last one minute, Chu Mu relied on the Ice Air Fairy's ice type destructive force, and the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's control to finally kill the tenth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beast.

However, by the time the main referee gave the reminder that they were summoning the second wave of soul pets, there were still two ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts left on the battlefield.

The atmosphere of the entire arena turned rather tense. If Chu Mu didn't defeat the remaining two ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts, this meant that in the second release, Chu Mu wouldn't only have to face even harder fighting beasts, he would also have to deal with the interference of the two ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts. Thus, the situation of the fight would be even more challenging!

Suddenly, a pillar of magnificent flames shot up into the sky of the center of the Beast Fighting Arena!!

The flames shot up above the hundred meter Beast Fighting Arena dome one time. Suddenly, a deep red flame erupted and a beautiful color illuminated the excited faces of the several tens of thousands of people!

Tenth phase Flame Bird!!!

This second summoning released a tenth phase Flame Bird!



The Flame Bird's species rank was a low class commander.

However, from the majesty of the Flame Bird's torrential flames, it was possible to see that it had been strengthened by spirit items and its fighting strength rank had reached that of a peak commander!!

Tenth phase full evolution with fighting strength that reached the peak commander rank. Adding on its aerial abilities and powerful control over fire, even if no other soul pets appeared, merely this Flame Bird alone wouldn't be inferior to the seven Shackled Devil Ox Beasts in the first release!

“Yi!!!!!!”

The sharp cry seemed to sweep up the scorching flames. The Flame Bird flew nearly 100 meters high, making everyone raise their heads up just to look at this enormous bird of fire. If it wasn't because the Beast Fighting Arena had spent an enormous sum just to erect a fighting barrier in front of all the spectators, how could these several tens of thousands of people watching the savage bird calmly sit there and spectate. One had to know that if the torrential heat waves hit their bodies, it would easily burn them to a crisp!

“Tenth phase peak commander. The difficulty has greatly increased. I remember that in the past years' beast fighting honor challenge rounds, one only needed to last for approximately 25 minutes to be able to obtain the honor reward of being in the top 50. Of Chu Chen's soul pets, the Ghost King's defense is so abnormal that it can contest with a tenth phase commander, while the other soul pets will be heavily wounded with one careless error. Ten minutes have passed now, and getting rid of this Flame Bird is already something difficult. Do you feel that he'll be able to last until the 25 minute mark?” Zhan Hong said in contempt.

Using his own strength as a judge, he could at most last for 25 minutes. Therefore, in his opinion, Chu Chen could at most last until the 20 minute mark.

Chu Mu was presently at the 10 minute mark. At this point, the battlefield became two ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts and one peak commander rank Flame Bird. The peak commander rank Flame Bird's strength was equivalent to a ninth phase third stage middle class monarch. Its strength was higher by nearly two levels than Chu Mu's Ice Air Fairy, three levels than the Ghost King and nearly three than the Devil Tree Battle Soldier.

With such a difference in strength, the chances of being able to defeat them in 10 minutes was rather low. Moreover, if Chu Mu was even the slightest bit careless, his life could potentially be in danger!

“Yi!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

The flame wave surged forth, illuminating Chu Mu’s face in a red radiance. He raised his head, and all he could see was a ball of scorching fire that resembled a burning sun that hung high above as it released a dazzling brilliance.

The Flame Bird’s enormous figure of fire shrouded Chu Mu and the blood red flames danced about chaotically.

The Flame Bird also controlled high ranking blood flames, but the color of the blood flames were even more bright than Mo Xie’s and they also carried a slight blue color. To a certain degree, the flames were nearing the fourth ranking flame crystallization - hidden flames.

If this Flame Bird controlled hidden flames, then its fighting strength rank would greatly increase and would reach a level that Chu Mu could not defeat.

Having to face this fire and wing type combination soul pet, Chu Mu faintly creased his brows. He didn’t have any wing type soul pets himself, and wing type soul pets were innately adept at prolonging the fight. Unless he summoned the Binding Wind Spirit, it was impossible to defeat this Flame Bird in the next ten minutes.

If he didn’t summon the Binding Wind Spirit, when the twenty minute mark came, not only would he have to face the Flame Bird, but also the released third soul pet wave. If that point came, then the difficulty of the fight would reach a dangerous level.

“Defeat those two ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts in the next two minutes.” Chu Mu knew he couldn’t ponder any longer and immediately gave his soul pets an order.

The two ninth phase Shackled Devil Ox Beasts were now an inconvenience to Chu Mu right now. He couldn’t allow these two creatures to delay him for too long, otherwise he wouldn’t be able to focus on dealing with the peak commander rank Flame Bird.

Of the Ghost King, Devil Tree Battle Soldier and the Ice Air Fairy, the Ice Air Fairy's destructive force was the most powerful and the Ghost King's was next. The Devil Tree battle Soldier's group destructive ability could not be used, so it was only of limited effectiveness. Chu Mu was thus considering whether to switch in the Night Thunder Dream Beast to fight while getting rid of the two Shackled Devil Ox Beasts.

#### Chapter 427: Third Beast Fighting Wave, Terror Wolf Pack

Two minutes passed very quickly. Chu Mu had the Ice Air Fairy begin inhibiting the Flame Bird, while the Ghost King and Devil Tree Battle Soldier coordinated to kill the remaining two ninth phase Shackled Signal Ox Beasts!

The Ice Air Fairy's attribute countered the fire type Flame Bird. Therefore, even if the Flame Bird was nearly two levels higher than the Ice Air Fairy, the supplementation of the attribute caused the gap to significantly decrease. In these two minutes, the Ice Air Fairy didn't suffer any serious attacks.

However, of Chu Mu's three soul pets, only the Ice Air Fairy's ice type technique and the Ghost King's rock type techniques were able to cause damage. The Devil Tree Battle Soldier barely was of much effect in this fight.

Relying on its nimble flying ability, the Flame Bird opened its pair of flaming wings, and didn't stop circling above Chu Mu. The raging flames had already manifested into a flaming sea that burned the incomparably vast battlefield with a scorching heat.

The Ice Air Fairy was floating in the air, and continuously released ice type techniques at the Flame Bird.

The Ghost King stood on the ground. Its rock type attacks also were limited in the air and it was very hard for it to really deal any damage to the Flame Bird.

As for the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, it could only stand next to Chu Mu and symbolically use a few wood spike techniques that weren't of much limiting effect.

In this manner, five minutes passed very quickly. Regardless if it was the Ghost King or the Ice Air Fairy, neither could actually deal damage to the Flame Bird. Instead, Chu Mu was faced by torrential blood flames, causing the blood of his soul pets to evaporate.

The Ice Air Fairy had a certain amount of defense against fire type attacks and the blood flames were incapable of affecting it for the time being.

However, the Ghost King and Devil Tree Battle Soldiers' life forces were continuously dropping due to the scorching flames. The Ghost King's fell by around 80% while the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's fell by 60% with its bloody natural wood armor showing clear burn marks.

"If he doesn't summon his fourth pet or switch pets, he won't even be able to last 20 minutes." seeing Chu Mu's hands bound in this second beast fighting wave, Zhan Hong cracked a smile.

Presently, many people were paying attention to whether Chu Mu would summon his fourth pet.

The Ghost King was a low class monarch and only a spirit master rank could control it. Therefore, everyone was certain that Chu Mu possessed the ability to summon a fourth pet.

However, Chu Mu had yet to summon a fourth pet in this fight. Thus, everyone felt confused, and were silently guessing why this competitor who was challenging a grade above his own would preserve his strength now.

"There's only three minutes before the third wave appears. When that time comes, leader's three soul pets will not be able to resist. That being said, why doesn't he summon that Zhan Ye which life force is extremely powerful." Zhao Cheng was also beginning to worry for Chu Mu.

Sitting one rank higher than Zhao Cheng, Ting Lan's beautiful eyes were also closely watching Chu Mu. She was very scared for his situation right now, because the moment the third wave appeared, even if Chu Mu summoned the Binding Wind Spirit, it would still be extremely difficult to deal with it.

"Why doesn't he still summon the Binding Wind Spirit? Even if he's conserving strength, he should still substitute the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and Ghost King." with only two minutes left, Ting Lan began to silently fret.

The present state of the battlefield was very clear. The Flame Bird was suffering from the Ice Air Fairy and Ghost King's attacks. Its life force had dropped by 70% at most and there was still a long period of time required before it could be killed.

However, the third wave was about to be released and when that time came, the situation would be even more chaotic. Chu Mu, as it currently stood, would not be able to last twenty five minutes.

It wasn't only Ting Lan. The tens of thousands of people present were all anxious for Chu Mu. This third grade member truly had no sense of anxiety. Even now, so late, he was still having the Ice Air Fairy fight the Flame Bird. The other two soul pets were hiding far away as if they were scared of the Flame Bird's techniques affect them. Wasn't this equivalent to stalling for time?

The most important element of the beast fighting competition was time. If time wasn't grasped well, one would quickly be eliminated!

"Chu Mu is conserving his strength, right? It seems like when the third wave appears, he'll choose to give up." said Ye Wansheng.

"There are probably two choices. If the third wave appears and the Ghost King and Devil Tree Battle Soldier can't last, then he will choose to give up. If they're able to withstand it, he'll choose to persist." said Ye Qingzi.

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Finally, the 20th minute passed. The Flame Bird burning all over in high rank blood flames was circling in the air, angrily contending with the Ice Air Fairy.

The Ice Air Fairy had distinct wounds on its body. Rather than Chu Mu having the Ice Air Fairy whittle down the Flame Bird's life force, it was more apt to describe it as the Flame Bird slowly killing the Ice Air Fairy which countered its attribute.

"Ning, push through!" Chu Mu heard the roars of the third wave of beasts. His heart sunk and he spoke to the Ice Air Fairy.

Chu Mu intentionally had the Ice Air Fairy fly even higher, in hopes that it would be able to hold down the Flame Bird on its own.

The third beast wave was about to appear. If the Ice Air Fairy wasn't able to keep the Flame Bird's full attention on itself, then Chu Mu would ultimately lose, narrowly missing out on honor.

Fortunately, due to the recent strengthening of countless spirit items, the Ice Air Fairy's explosive strength was extremely powerful. With its eighth phase ninth phase strength, it was able to firmly lock down the tenth phase Flame Bird; it didn't allow the flames to extend to the battlefield below.

“Long long long long!!!!!!”

“Long long long long!!!!!!”

Suddenly, the air of the magnificent Beast Fighting Arena began to shake!

The earth violently trembled, the enormous constructs swayed and the seats began to vibrate. The soul pet trainers who had never entered the Beast Fighting Arena before were so scared their faces turned pale!!

The ground inside the Beast Fighting Arena was extremely vast. Chu Mu swept his eyes across and could see that a huge amount of dust had been swept up on all ends of the arena. It was as if a sandstorm was blowing in from the distance!

Dust flew everywhere, covering everyone's line of sight. People could only detect a huge pack of creatures wildly charging around this turbid Beast Fighting Arena. This charging force made it seem as if the Beast Fighting Arena was about to collapse!!!

“Ao wu!!!!!! Ao wu!!!!!!”

“Ao wu!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Imposing howls filled with fearsome penetrativeness were able to pierce through hearts, causing them to violently beat!

The arena was filled with the smell of wild beasts. Even though it was an arena filled with tens of thousands of people, it was still terrifying!

“Terror Wolf pack! It's Ancient Wasteland's Terror Wolf pack!!!”

When all the dust had finally subsided, there were many people in shock!!

Terror Wolves. With a savage and bloodthirsty name, they were high class commander rank soul pets!

Sweeping his eyes across, the entire battlefield was now filled with these terror inducing creatures. There were over a hundred of them!!

The hundreds of thousands of people present couldn't help but suck in a breath of air after they saw this pack of creatures with ferocious teeth and sharp claws.

Such a large number. Further, after sweeping their eyes across, they couldn't see a Terror Wolf lower than the eighth phase high stage!

This was merely the first realm's honor challenge yet the difficulty could simply be described as merciless.

More importantly, there was still an extremely strong Flame Bird above Chu Mu. The moment the Ice Air Fairy suffered a serious wound, the entire beast fighting stage would become scarier. If he didn't surrender in time, it would most certainly be near death situation!

"This is actually too scary. How could the Battle of the Realms competition authorities think of such an impossible challenge for competitors? Further, this is still the third beast fighting wave!!' Chu Xing and Chu Ning were already so shocked they couldn't stop their jaws from dropping.

The two of them would naturally only be able to deal with one ninth phase Terror Wolf with their strength. However, as far as they looked, there were twenty ninth phase Terror Wolves on this battlefield. Of them, ten of them had strength that wasn't inferior to the ninth phase Protruding Bone Beast!

If Chu Mu was able to kill the ninth phase Protruding Bone Beast in a minute, Chu Mu would only need ten minutes to kill ten ninth phase middle stage Terror Wolves, let alone the eighty eighth phase high stage Terror Wolves and ten ninth phase low stage Terror Wolves!

"That being said, why did I feel like when this brat saw the large pack of Terror Wolves, he let out a sigh of relief. He always has an expression that he shouldn't have... did I see it incorrectly?" Chu Ning rubbed his eyes as he spoke.

“You probably didn’t see it incorrectly. I also felt that.” Ye Wansheng sat next to the two of them. He really did feel that Chu Mu had showed a strange expression.

“He is probably planning on continuing to fight. The appearance of the Terror Wolf pack has made his Devil Tree Battle Soldier and Ghost King effective to a certain extent.” said Ye Qingzi, softly.

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Ye Qingzi’s analysis, as well as the analysis before, wasn’t wrong. Chu Mu really did have two choices, and with the appearance of the Terror Wolf Pack’, he chose to continue fighting.

Only forty percent of the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s life force remain after being burned by the Flame Bird. However, it was a group fight. Why would the Devil Tree Battle Soldier care how many enemies there were. As long as its attacks could break the defense of these soul pets, it still had physical strength and there was no powerful creature that could instantly heavily wound it, it would be able to continuously fight in a group fight!!

Chu Mu’s present goal was very clear cut. He needed to stall for time!

The longer time was extended, the higher his ranking would be, and the more ample his reward would be!

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Soul pet packs were extremely terrifying; regardless if it was a soul pet or soul pet trainer, one slight slip and one would end up without even a corpse. Many people were predicting that Chu Mu would be unable to last until 25 minutes because one wave of attacks from the Terror Wolf pack would spell the deaths of Chu Mu and all his soul pets.

However, Chu Mu didn’t believe this was the case. As long as nothing happened to the Ice Air Fairy, he would be able to last 30 minutes, even if that meant he had to annihilate this enormous amount of Terror Wolves.

Chapter 428: Experienced with Group Battles

“Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Poison Sprouts!”



Seeing the Terror Wolves charge, Chu Mu gave the Devil Tree Battle Soldier an order.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's roots covered 100 meters of area. Its roots weren't fully buried in the ground; instead, they stayed on the surface, as tiny watergrass-like azure colored natural wooden sprouts appeared.

These azure colored natural wooden sprouts seemed to be somehow interconnected as the poison attribute emerged amongst them. The poison spilled all over the ground, and the 100 meter area covered by the Devil Tree Battle Soldier was filled with poison.

The poison sprouts were like mysterious weeds, and the irascible Terror Wolves simply ignored them. Quickly, they stepped into the poison sprout area set by Chu Mu.

Poison was extremely effective at attaching itself so when the Terror Wolves flew in, the poison rapidly entered their four limbs and began spreading around their bodies.

The poison wasn't painful or itchy, but the longer they stayed in the poison sprout area, the faster their life forces would drop!

The Terror Wolves ignored these unremarkable poison sprouts, and the quickest ninth phase Terror Wolf made its way in front of the Devil Tree Battle Soldier. Its bloodthirsty wolf claws ripped through the air, causing sparks to fly, when a buzzing noise suddenly rang out!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier was retreating, and if it took several direct attacks from the ninth phase Terror Wolves, it would definitely be killed. Thus, the Ghost King's defense was needed now to defend the Devil Tree Battle Soldier.

Chu Mu didn't give it an order, but the Ghost King naturally knew to stand in front of the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and use its body to block the Terror Wolf attacks!

"Si la!!!!!!!!!" Of ten Terror Wolves, nine of them landed attacks on the Ghost King's body which defense had reached the ninth phase middle stage. These Terror Wolves very intelligently attacked the same location on the Ghost King, causing their first wave of attacks to successfully wound the Ghost King.

Chu Mu realized that this number of Terror Wolves were able to break through the Ghost King's defense and, without hesitation, had the Ghost King use its strongest species technique!

“Nong!!!!!!!!!!”

Monarch Ghost Transformation!

In the previous fight, the Ghost King didn't use this technique in order to use it in this crucial moment now.

To increase its defense, Chu Mu decisively chose to double its increase!

The Ghost King's defense instantly increased by two grades. When the dozen low phase Terror Wolves launched their fierce attacks, a light scratch merely appeared on the Ghost King's body.

“Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Woodfinger Prison!”

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier hid behind the Ghost King's rock type protective technique, and used its two palms to heavily smash the ground!!

Ten wood fingers rapidly locked onto one ninth phase low stage Terror Wolves, stretching until they firmly reined it into the ground!

“Root Pierce!”

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier launched a second simultaneous technique. As the ninth phase Terror Wolf was restricted, its roots fiercely pierced out of the ground and stabbed into its body!

"Life Force Absorb!!"

The veins in the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's roots began to absorb. Despite being at the eighth phase ninth stage, its life force was much higher than the ninth phase low stage Terror Wolf. One second of absorbing and the Terror Wolf lost over ten percent of its life force.

If the entirety of this ninth phase Terror Wolf's life force was absorbed, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's life force would fully recover.

However, these Terror Wolves didn't fight alone. After the Devil Tree Battle Soldier absorbed ten percent, the Woodfinger Prisons were rapidly shredded apart by the Terror Wolf's comrades. The ninth phase low stage Terror Wolf was successfully able to escape from the terrifying absorbing and it angrily roared at the Devil Tree Battle Soldier.

"Attack those eighth phase high stage Terror Wolves."

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's single-target attacks were rather weak; however, in group battles, it was extremely strong. If it was difficult for even a ninth phase low stage Terror Wolf to attack the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, then ninety eighth phase Terror Wolves would essentially become nutrients for the Devil Tree Battle Soldier!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's strength was higher than the eighth phase high stage Terror Wolves by an entire three levels. A group attack technique would be capable of knocking down a group of them and three straight attacks could kill a group. Each Terror Wolf it killed would become life force it absorbed, so even if it suffered from the fierce attacks of the ninth phase Terror Wolves, it would still be able to persevere.

With the Ghost King's defensive technique and life force as a cost, the Ghost King killed numerous eighth phase Terror Wolves, and the Devil Tree's life force quickly recovered to seventy percent.

When the twenty third minute came, under the Ghost King's defense, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier finally recovered to its full life force. At this moment, the poison laid down was already in effect.

The Poison Sprout technique corroded life force and as time lapsed, would ceaselessly devour a creature's life force. In these three minutes, practically all the Terror Wolves had been poisoned, causing their life forces to drop.

Originally, pretty much no one believed that Chu Mu would be able to last past 22 minutes, because one wave of attacks would spell the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's death. Further, while the Ghost King's defense was high, it could not face over a hundred Terror Wolves on its own. Even if their attacks rarely broke the Ghost King's defense, continuous attacks would eventually be able to rip it to pieces.

However, when the 23rd minute came, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier was still standing tall behind the Ghost King's rock mountain defense. The more it fought, the braver it was!

The Ghost King suffered from a series of attacks, and its body had clearly suffered injuries. However, its defense would enable it to unquestionably last for another period of time.

"I nearly forgot that leader's Devil Tree Battle Soldier has an abnormal life force absorption technique. Moreover, the absorption rate is several times faster than blood absorption. When he fought Shen Yicheng's Devil Vine, it was nearly killed by this invincible Devil Tree Battle Soldier. Each time the Devil Tree Battle Soldier was injured, it would absorb the life force of the weaker soul pets attacking it and quickly recover its life force." Zhao Cheng tapped his head and came to a sudden flash of understanding.

"The Ghost King has absolute defense. Even in front of a tenth phase commander, it will be able to last for a very long time.

This wave of Terror Wolves has fierce attacks, but they need a period of time before they would be able to kill this Ghost King with abnormal defense. If things don't go awry, Chu Chen should be able to last until 25 minutes. That being said, I finally understand why Palace Lord Yu had him be our leader." slowly said Shang Heng.

"Why?" Zhao Cheng was growing more and more curious to this leader of his.

"You can also see it. One Ice Air Fairy has been able to continuously restrict the Flame Bird. Even with an attribute counter, the strength discrepancy is one grade, and under a normal soul pet trainer's control, would be defeated in under five minutes. Yet, Chu Chen is able to stall it for over ten minutes, while also making sure its attention is solely focused on the Ice Air Fairy, thus precluding it from affecting the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and Ghost King's fight. You also know that the fighting beasts won't attack one another. Being able to pin it down like this can only mean that his control over the Ice Air Fairy and the battle itself is at a very proficient level. This ability can only be cultivated through constantly fighting and constantly challenging stronger beings." said Shang Heng.

Zhao Cheng himself was a second grade expert from Soul Palace, and he naturally understood this very well. However, after Shang Heng emphasized it, he was still shocked in his heart. Indeed, if he were to use an eighth phase ninth stage soul pet to fight a tenth phase flame bird, he knew that he would be unable to completely pin it down, nor pin it down for so long.

“Look at the Terror Wolf pack again. Chu Chen is walking around between the two soul pets, but haven’t you discovered that the Terror Wolves aren’t attacking him?” said Shang Heng.

Shang Heng’s words shocked Zhao Cheng, Ting Lan, Zhan Hong and Soul Palace’s other young experts around him.

Everyone was completely focused on the soul pet fight, and had unconsciously forgotten about the existence of the soul pet trainer, Chu Mu!

The scary thing about beast fighting wasn’t merely that one had to face wild and savage creatures. Instead, situations where the soul pet trainer was killed would easily appear. Practically every beast fighter required much beast fighting experience, otherwise he or she would be easily ripped to pieces by the fighting beasts.

However, when spectating this beast fighting honor challenge, people had unconsciously forgotten Chu Mu. Practically no one had considered if this young soul pet trainer would be attacked by the Terror Wolves.

“What... what happened with this? Why didn’t I notice this before?” beside him, Ting Lan opened her small mouth and spoke with an expression of astonishment.

Ting Lan remembered that back when Chu Mu had been in Housha Region and fought against the Wild Desert Scorpion legion, Chu Mu seemed to be inexistent in the battle. If Shang Heng hadn’t pointed it out, she wouldn’t have realized this.

“This is the mannerism of someone who has spent a long time training in the wild. He’s able to completely hide his aura, and resembles a life form without any aura in this large group of savage creatures. The Terror Wolves can’t sense any danger from him, so they naturally will be attracted by the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and Ghost King. Thus, it’s very unlikely he is attacked. Even if he’s locked down by Terror Wolves, he always knows how to cleverly dodge them. This ability is basically something every soul pet trainer that trains in the wild yearns for. Chu Chen being able to do this means that he’s spent a long time training in the wild. It further exemplifies that he’s frequently faced soul pet pack attacks like those of these Terror Wolves...” analyzed Shang Heng.

If Shang Heng didn’t say anything, everyone would have only noticed something strange on the battlefield, but after his analysis, everyone’s faces showed expressions of shock.

When normal people encountered Terror Wolf pack attacks like this, they would be engulfed with fear for a long period of time. Moreover, this twenty year old young man unexpectedly often faced group species attacks like this!!

This meant that the third wave that could be called an abnormal honor challenge round by others, was something this young man was extremely familiar with!!

## Chapter 429: The Final Fighting Beast Howl

Chu Mu was like a specter on the battlefield. He roamed in between the incomparably savage Terror Wolves and his own soul pets. He ostensibly received very few Terror Wolf attacks. He moved very naturally, like water and clouds throughout the battle. Despite the battle being nerve wracking, dangerous and terrifying, he showed no trace of panic!

In the view of these soul pet trainers, the incomparably savage Terror Wolves could break down the defenses in their hearts, and cause their feet to lose rhythm and go soft.

However, throughout the fight, Chu Mu maintained his calm. This wasn't because Chu Mu had some special ability and powerful heart. Instead, Chu Mu had spent a long period of time in these nerve wracking, dangerous and powerful fights. Thus, he had already virtually created a type of fighting temperament.

This fighting temperament wasn't an innate gift, but was formed by growing accustomed to slaughter after long fight, treating one's life or death as a small matter and throwing all aspects of one's life and body into the fight!

“Nong!!!!!!!”

At the 25th minute, on the battlefield, the four meter tall Monarch Ghost Transformation Ghost King gave a heavy chop with its sword!

On the place the sword fell, the rocky earth split apart, spreading a fifty meter fissure that knocked a dozen eighth phase Terror Wolves flying.

At the center of the force, a ninth phase middle stage Terror Wolf wasn't able to dodge in time, and was maimed by the energy that burst forth from the dark sturdy rock and the imposing curved

sword. This ninth phase middle stage Terror Wolf burst into pieces of flesh as its four meter long body was split apart. It wasn't even able to let out a miserable cry before it died.

Countless cracks had appeared on the Ghost King's body. The continuous attacks from the numerous Terror Wolves were able to rip apart the Ghost King's defense to a certain degree. The Ghost king's life force had fallen to sixty percent, and once it fell below fifty percent, its fighting strength would also drop alongside it!

In the air, the contest between the Flame Bird's blood red and the Ice Air Fairy's icy blue was nearing its conclusion. Several burn marks had appeared on the Ice Air Fairy's body and as it sustained injuries, its fighting strength would drastically decrease. It was very hard to truly pin down the Flame Bird that was as imposing as torrential flames.

The Ice Air Fairy's performance today was something Chu Mu was extremely satisfied with. He knew that if he had it continue fighting, the Ice Air Fairy's life would probably be in danger. He promptly chanted an incantation and recalled the Ice Air Fairy back to the soul pet space.

"He's finally going to switch soul pets." upon discovering Chu Mu was recalling his Ice Air Fairy, the spectators let out a sigh of relief, while also subconsciously admiring this young soul pet trainer's controlling ability as well as the Ice Air Fairy's will to fight.

"Will he summon an even stronger soul pet to fight, or will he choose to continue delaying for time." there were already many people guessing which choice Chu Mu would make.

Chu Mu hadn't used a single soul technique, meaning that he wanted to save his soul power to switch soul pets.

The more chaotic the situation, the higher the danger was. Chu Mu knew that once the Flame Bird entered the fight, the Ghost King and Devil Tree Battle Soldier wouldn't be able to hold on for a second.

Promptly, Chu Mu chanted an incantation!

A thick aura of darkness was released on Chu Mu's body. The spectators who were overlooking the battlefield could distinctly feel a layer of shadow enveloping an area encompassing ten meters around Chu Mu!

It was naturally the Night Thunder Dream Beast that had such a thick dark energy. Once Chu Mu finished the incantation, a white tailed sleek body emerged flowingly from the shadow. Immediately after, the Night Thunder Dream Beast's god-like horse body ran in the shadows and appeared with elegance and grace in front of Chu Mu.

Chu Mu jumped onto the Night Thunder Dream Beast and stared with cold eyes at the Flame Bird in the sky. He said: "Kill it within five minutes!"

"Hui~~~~~" the Night Thunder Dream Beast was filled with fighting spirit. Its dream hooves took light steps as it stepped into the air and went after the tenth phase Flame Bird!

The flames on the Flame Bird's body weren't as vigorous as before. It had clearly suffered large injuries in its fight with the Ice Air Fairy due to its attribute being countered.

The Night Thunder Dream Beast was an eighth phase ninth stage low class monarch, and was approximately two levels lower than the tenth phase Flame Bird in strength.

The dark attribute caused the Night Thunder Dream Beast to be situated in a disadvantaged state. Fortunately, quite a bit of the Flame Bird's physical strength and life force had been depleted by the Ice Air Fairy. As long as the Night Thunder Dream Beast could make up for the two level difference, relying on Chu Mu's acute soul remembrance and the Night Thunder Dream Beast's restricting abilities, it was absolutely possible to kill this wounded Flame Bird.

"Night Control!" Chu Mu didn't hesitate and immediately had the Night Thunder Dream Beast use its eighth rank darkness realm technique!

The light on the Night Thunder Dream Beast's dream horns began to fluctuate, and black ripples began to proliferate from its dream horns. They formed a curtain of night control that enveloped the area the Night Thunder Dream Beast was moving in!

The Night Control realm would follow the Night Thunder Dream beat as it moved and overlap with the darkness. Only light type techniques which completely countered the darkness could undo this state.

The Flame Bird was a fire type, and although its fire type attacks would deal 50 percent more damage to the dark type, it was incapable of breaking the strange dark type technique.



“So it had the Night Control realm technique. This Night Thunder Dream Beast isn’t simple either. The moment the realm is used, the Night Thunder Dream Beast’s strength essentially reaches the ninth phase and the strength gap is closed by a level. We’ll have to see whether Chu Chen’s commandeering will allow him to defeat the Flame Bird while being at a level disadvantage.” said Shang Heng as he rubbed his chin.

“Zhan Hong, didn’t you say that leader wouldn’t be able to last more than 25 minutes? It’s already been more than 25 minutes and from the looks of it, it probably won’t be an issue for the Ghost King and Devil Tree Battle Soldier to last another 5 minutes.” Zhao Cheng intentionally provoked Zhan Hong, who had complaints about Chu Mu.

Zhan Hong’s face looked unsightly. How would he know that Chu Mu’s Ghost King and Devil Tree battle Soldier had such abnormal abilities? 。

The Ghost King had mid ninth phase defense, and moreover had the species technique Monarch Ghost Transformation. Such a soul pet was essentially a meat shield, and even a ninth phase middle stage monarch would be hard pressed to kill it.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier also had a vexatious abnormality. As long as it wasn’t attacked by creatures with overly powerful attacks, it wouldn’t die in a group fight. Thus, these low level Terror Wolves weren’t as dangerous to it as the Flame Bird!

If it were five, ninth phase Terror Wolves surrounding the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, then its life would potentially be in danger. Fortunately, the Ghost King acted as a very qualified guardian, and didn’t allow the Devil Tree Battle Soldier at any point during this chaotic and danger maligned battle to enter a state of danger. Instead, the coordination between the two soul pets reduced the number of Terror Wolves and truly stunned everyone.

“He still hasn’t summoned a fourth pet.” Shang Heng who rarely argued with others, at an untimely moment, added another point into the discussion.

Zhan Hong’s face became even unsightlier and he coldly sneered: “The fourth wave is about to appear. If he continues to use these soul pets to fight, then he will be dead for sure!”

“Haha, you’ve finally changed your view. The other person truly has strength eh.” laughed Zhao Cheng.

Zhan Hong coldly harrumphed. Although he didn't say it, Zhan Hong couldn't help but admit that Chu Mu really had strength.

"The Flame Bird has been restricted. This Chu Mu seems to be able to determine the strength of soul pets that are stronger than him. I can understand that the Ice Air Fairy counters and restricts the Flame Bird, but he's still able to play with the Flame Bird in the palm of his hands with the inferior attributed Night Thunder Dream beast. Could it be that he has always fights those of a higher rank?" Ting Lan questioned.

Ting Lan was able to pinpoint Chu Mu's unique point. In this beast fighting honor challenge, Chu Mu's fighting control ability completely manifested.

This was a soul pet control and fighting control that would make several second grade experts feel inferior.

Chu Mu was a fifth remembrance spirit master, and his powerful soul remembrance was able to see through all of the Flame Bird's movements. Adding in the Night Thunder Dream Beast's agile dodging abilities and darkness camouflage ability, the Flame Bird's fire was never able to hit the Night Thunder Dream Beast...

"Dream Underworld!"

The Night Thunder Dream Beast outlandishly appeared form within the darkness. Its two profoundly dark dream pupils flashed with a demonic brilliance. The dazzling and magnificent dream realm light continuously flashed in the Flame Bird's eyes and confused its mind.

The multiple demonic night dream attacks rendered the Flame Bird finally incapable of withstanding the mental attacks from the flashing of the Night Thunder Dream Beast's mind and it sunk into a terrifying dark nightmare!

Once the Flame Bird was restricted by the Dream Underworld, Chu Mu didn't hesitate and rapidly chanted an ice type technique incantation!

Chong Mei - Star Falling Frost!

Chu Mu's body, having been enchanted by ice type spirit items, caused the might of ice type techniques to multiply. Although Chong Mei could only exhibit the might of about 50 percent of an

eighth rank technique, as long as the technique reached the ninth rank, it would be able to deliver a fatal blow to the Flame Bird!

This time, Chu Mu didn't leave any more soul power left over to swap another soul pet in. The eighth rank Star Falling Frost began to condense countless stary pieces of frost on Chu Mu's fingertips.

At the same time, the falling snow-like star frost descended and began to merge into, in an outlandish fashion, the Flame Bird's body as it was in the air...

The fire that burned on the Flame Bird's body began to rapidly dim as Chu Mu's technique caused countless star frost frozen toxins to appear in the Flame Bird's body that was wounded by ice. It froze its bones, blood and innards!!

Finally, the flames on the Flame Bird's body were completely extinguished and several icy scars surfaced on its body!

"Night, Destruction Ray!"

The Night Thunder Dream Beast raised its mouth and a dark destructive light appeared in its mouth. It accurately blasted towards the Flame Bird!!

"Beng!!!!!!!"

An enormous boom rang out. The Flame Bird's intestines had been frozen and after being struck by the Destruction Ray's energy, the Flame Bird blew up into pieces. Icy frost and fire stars began to fall out of the sky. It was both gorgeous yet tragic!

As the pieces of the Flame Bird's body fell like snow, the entire arena roared like thunder. Waves of shouts and cheers rang out, each one louder than the previous one.

In this 30 minute battle, the audience had witnessed a young man with the controlling ability of an expert soul pet trainer. The entire battle brought them much shock and astonishment!

At the very beginning of the fight, the audience had felt fear for Chu Mu, being at such a largely disadvantaged fight. Now, however, they saw Chu Mu as a true beast fighting hero with the qualities of experts! How could they not clap for this young but outstanding soul pet trainer?!!

The thunderous noise rang on. Chu Mu swept his eyes over the crowd, and saw the faces of several tens of thousands of people become slightly shocked.

Nonetheless, very soon, Chu Mu came back to his senses, because he knew that the most difficult challenge was just beginning!

Right now, he could already hear a wave of heavy roars that would make one's heart palpitate!!

This noise pierced through the furor of cheers from tens of thousands of people and penetrated through Chu Mu's ears into his heart. It couldn't help but cause Chu Mu's heart to violently jump!

This was the final beast fighting wave roar!!!

No matter how calm and collected Chu Mu was in the previous fight, he could predict that creature in the last beast fighting round would be an absolute danger!!!!

#### Chapter 430: The Fourth Wave, Invincible Fighting Beasts

Chu Mu sat on the Night Thunder Dream Beast as it stood motionless in the air. He looked down at the remaining half of the Terror Wolves in the Beast Fighting Arena. In these ten minutes, Chu Mu had mainly stalled.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier was powerful in group fights, but the lowest phase and stage of these Terror Wolves was merely the eighth phase high stage. Moreover, when their life forces dropped below 30 percent, they would use Bloodthirsty Berserk Transformation which would amplify their strength level and make it even harder to kill them.

Five ninth phase high/mid phase terror wolves, four ninth phase low stage Terror Wolves and forty eighth phase high stage Terror Wolves. These Terror Wolves had their life forces lowered by the Devil Tree Battle Soldier's poison to below 20 percent. Moreover, all of them carried wounds. If the Ghost King was able to persevere, then Chu Mu was confident that he would be able to get rid of all the Terror Wolves within five minutes.

Only, Chu Mu no longer had five minutes. The final round of beast fighting was finally beginning!!

This time, the ground didn't shake; nor was there any thundering roar. Inside the Beast Fighting Arena, there were only the fifty Terror Wolves wantonly attacking the Ghost King and Devil Tree Battle Soldier!

“Sou sou sou sou!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Suddenly, Chu Mu heard a charging noise.

Chu Mu hadn't detected the location at which the last soul pet wave appeared. He only felt the chaotic gale of a rapid charge as a soul pet imposingly ran at him.

Finally, Chu Mu's soul remembrance locked onto it!

By the time Chu Mu detected this creature, it had already charged half way across the Beast Fighting Arena from the edge. Such speed already surpassed all of Chu Mu's soul pets!

A black chaotic wind swept up from the incomparably vast edge of the arena to the center. Chu Mu swept his gaze over the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and the Ghost King in shock, and immediately had the Devil Tree Battle Soldier dig its roots underground!

Chu Mu only managed to give this one order in time. Instantly after, the creature appeared in the center of the battlefield and locked onto the Ghost King!!

A sharp ninth rank claw fiercely swept across the Ghost King's dark crystal rock. Suddenly, a beast type energy exploded on its body and knocked the Ghost King flying far away as it couldn't mount a defense in time.

“Beng~~~~~” the Ghost King fell heavily onto the ground, causing multiple fissures to appear. A large part of its armor, which even ninth phase monarch found hard to break had been cracked. It was practically possible to see the elemental innards inside its body!!

Seriously wounding the Ghost King in one strike!!!

A ghostly fire burned the Ghost King's body, and its body began to shrink back to its original size!

The ghost transformation effect disappeared. One strike from that powerful creature caused the Ghost King, which didn't have much life force remaining, to completely lose the strength to fight!

"What on earth is that creature? How can it destroy even the Ghost King's defense?!" just the moment before, the entire arena had been cheering for Chu Mu's killing of the Flame Bird. Then in the next moment, these cheers became astonished cries!

There were even people who hadn't seen that it was time for the fourth wave of beast fighting to occur! Moreover, how could it deal such a shocking blow to the Ghost King?!

"Ao wu!!!!!!!!!!" suddenly, a wolf's howl shook the heaven and the earth!

A dense stench swept through the Beast Fighting Arena like an eighth rank wind type technique. It caused the defensive barriers to visibly sway as if they would shatter at any moment!

Right then, people finally discovered that in the place where the Ghost King used to stand, a six meter long Terror Wolf, its body the color of pitch black metal, towered above the entire battlefield!!

A fully evolved tenth phase Terror Wolf was no more than five meters long; however, this Terror Wolf had reached a build of six meters!!

Its thick beast type aura completely overshadowed those of the nearly fifty Terror Wolves nearby. All of their grandeur had been completely suppressed and it seemed as if the Terror Wolf was the only one in existence. It was violent, ruthless and insufferably arrogant!!

This was a powerful soul pet that was different from the high class commander Shackled Devil Ox Beast and the peak commander Flame Bird. Its majesty was several levels higher than these two tenth phase commanders!!!

Its fighting strength rank had been raised to the pseudo monarch level and had completed its evolution, reaching the level of a fully formed tenth phase creature. This was a tenth phase pseudo monarch!!!

A tenth phase pseudo monarch creature!!

When everyone finally saw the creature clearly, the entire battlefield was swept by a wave of silence. There were no longer any cheers.

A tenth phase pseudo monarch. Any one of its normal attacks reached the ninth rank. It was a slaughterer. The majority of the young experts in the battle of the realm had soul pets at the eighth or seventh phase with fighting strength ranks around the pseudo monarch rank.

Therefore, a fully evolved pseudo monarch was essentially equivalent to a death god to the young generation!

This was no longer beast fighting. This was having a young soul pet trainer lose his or her life in the Beast Fighting Arena!

“Many middle aged soul pet trainers can’t even deal with this creature. How can you put this creature in a young generation beast fight?!!”

“Forfeit, quickly forfeit. If you don’t, then you soul pets will be killed!” those alarmed for Chu Mu began to shout.

Not only were the spectators scared, but even those people who knew Chu Mu were conscious about this. This fourth wave was a creature of extreme danger that couldn’t be defeated. Chu Mu’s fight would end here!

“Princess Jin Rou’s prediction was truly accurate. As expected, the fight is going to end at the thirtieth minute. How did you know that the last beast fighting wave would be a tenth phase pseudo monarch?” asked the white clothed guard Lu Donghe who stood next to Princess Jin Rou.

The white clothed guard, Lu Donghe, was precisely the person at Wogu Region who had single handedly defeated all of the Great Chu Family’s young experts.

Back at the stone hall, this white clothed guard had clashed with Chu Xian, and had been intimidated by Chu Mu’s residual half devil power.

The white clothed guard clearly didn't recognize Chu Mu's identity. Only, a Soul Palace person, especially one who slightly obstructed Princess Jin Rou's future advancement, was someone who the white clothed guard Lu Donghe didn't have any good will towards. His job was to eradicate all enemies who opposed Princess Jin Rou!

On the battlefield, Chu Mu's expression turned a bit serious. The Ghost King could no longer continue fighting. If it were to take on another one of the tenth phase pseudo monarch Terror Wolf's attacks, its life would be in danger.

Chu Mu didn't hesitate and instantly had the Night Thunder Dream Beast fly towards where the Ghost King had fallen, and as quickly as possible recalled it into the soul pet space.

"Soul Palace Chu Chen, the tenth phase Terror Wolf is extremely strong. Even if you choose to forfeit midway, it may be impossible to stop the beast fight and your life will be in danger. Therefore, the smartest thing to do is to forfeit the beast fight right now." the assistant referee's voice rang out, advising Chu Mu to forfeit the fight.

It was a common occurrence for a soul pet or a soul pet trainer to die in the Battle of the Realm. The situation right now was extremely clear cut. Regardless if it was Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast or Devil Tree Battle Soldier, it was impossible to face over forty Terror Wolves and a tenth phase pseudo monarch rank Terror Wolf!

Since even the assistant referee had spoken, soul pet trainers that still had a bit of reason in them would probably choose to immediately forfeit the fight.

Many people expected this outcome, and thought that the first round of the honor challenge would end here. Many people regretfully stood up from their seats and began to leave the arena.

Nobody expected the terror of this wave and continuing to fight was equivalent to sending one's soul pets to their deaths at the teeth of the Terror Wolves.

A third grade member being able to last 30 minutes at the second grade beast fighting honor challenge was already an honor that made people gasp with admiration. He would at least be able to obtain an honor reward from the second grade and his name would appear on the Tianxia Ranking!

Several tens of kingdoms, several hundreds of regions and several tens of thousands of cities. Every single young expert was gathered in Tianxia City. In such a conglomeration of many, as long as one's name appeared on the Tianxia Ranking, even if one as at the bottom, it was a supreme honor!!



Chu Mu was completing a surpassing grade challenge, yet had managed to make his way into the Tianxia Ranking. This was enough to make Tianxia City people sigh in admiration, as there probably weren't many people in the entire Battle of the Realm who could do what he had done.

"Floating in the air is to no avail. The tenth phase pseudo monarch Terror Wolf has extremely powerful jumping abilities. Moreover, it should be able to rely on its beast type strength to temporarily step in the air. The Night Thunder Dream Beast is much weaker than the Terror Wolf and will be easily instakilled. He's still hesitating even now. Does he really think he can stall more minutes?" Zhan Hong saw that Chu Mu was still staying in the air and spoke somewhat discontentedly.

"People are already leaving, what is leader hesitating for. Does he want to continue fighting?" Zhao Cheng stared at Chu Mu.

"I also feel that he should forfeit, Zhao Cheng. Do you remember that undying Warbeast Mo Ye that unceasingly grew stronger that back then was able to fight Shen Yicheng's Violent Blood Pool beast headone?" Shang Heng slowly said.

After speaking, Ting Lan who was sitting next to him faintly raised her brows. She had never heard before that Chu Mu had this soul pet.

Upon hearing this, Zhao Cheng immediately showed a shocked expression. It was a while before he opened his mouth and said: "Leader... is he.... Is he going to summon that Mo Ye to continue fighting??" the moment Zhao Ye's voice died away, Chu Mu who was riding the Night Thunder Dream Beast opened his eyes and slowly chanted an incantation!!

Zhao Cheng stared at Chu Mu. When he found that Chu Mu really was summoning a soul pet, his entire being was stunned, "He... leader... he really is going to continue fighting. My god he's crazy!"

Crazy!! Indeed, when everyone saw that Chu Mu was chanting an incantation, they all felt he was crazy!!

The strength of nearly fifty Terror Wolves was equivalent to a tenth phase high class commander. Further adding on the pseudo monarch tenth phase Terror Wolf, not even the strongest people in the second grade would be able to guarantee they emerged unscathed. Yet, this third grade member wanted to continue fighting. Could it be that this man was willing to sacrifice his life for honor?!!!

