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### Chapter 451: Nightmare Realm Defender, Not Letting One Person Pass (4)

The entire stadium went silent. Long after the stunning wind type technique dissipated, the thousands of people were still petrified, staring straight forward.

Only after the competition guards brought the heavily injured He Qing down with his soul pets for emergency aid did people finally recover from their shock.

In such a situation, not many people could remain calm. The second realm challenger was announced multiple times, yet no one responded because even the participant himself didn't want to face such a terrifying Realm Defender.

"One more time, and if there isn't a response, you will be disqualified." Lady Shan wasn't lenient at all as she said that coldly to everyone.

Yet, the second realm challenger still didn't answer. Clearly, the person lost the courage to even try!

Not only the second realm challenger gave up, the following realm challengers all forfeited!

To them, such realms were hundreds of times harder than the previous rounds. Any soul pet trainer with some self-awareness would refuse to go up!

"Soul palace Chu Chen is already this powerful. Maybe he can get the final honor of second tier. Letting us face an expert that could potentially take second tier final honor, how are you expecting us to get through!" Unwilling voices and astounded voices quickly mixed together again.

"Yes, yes, the other realms definitely aren't as hard. This isn't fair at all, and this soul palace Chu Chen is truly terrifyingly strong!" Agreeing voices chimed in.

"Heng heng, laughable. Those who gain highest honor in the first three realms are worthless to true experts. If you were in the last Battle of the Realm, you would know that the people who gain top honor in the first three realms usually disappear by the fifth or sixth realm. It is already a tradition by now. Because, experts of each faction would never expose their true power early in the Battle of the Realm!" A man in the crowd with his hands folded laughed coldly and started walking towards the city gate.

The man seemed to know his match sequence already. As he got to the foot of the gate, Lady Shan had just called his name out.

“First tier, Elemental Sect Wei Xing!” Lady Shan’s eyes locked with the man and continued, “Your lowest difficulty is first realm defender’s four control, second realm defender’s three control, or third realm defender’s two control.”

“Let’s keep this difficulty, and save some power for the fifth realm. Of course, it would be best if the third tier kid doesn’t waste too much of my energy. Otherwise, I’ll have to eliminate him as early as the fourth realm.” Wei Xing said and continued walking.

Everyone heard Lady Shan’s announcement, and affirmed that this man was elemental sect’s soul pet trainer, a first tier member!

Third tier normal experts could no longer withstand a single move of Soul Palace Chu Chen. Now, probably only a first tier member could stop this teen’s momentum!

Wei Xing didn’t enjoy walking over slowly. After all, from the city wall to Mirror Sword Mountain was still a long distance. He chanted an incantation and summoned a ceramic like organism glistening specially and jumped onto it to run towards Mirror Sword Mountain.

“Seems like the only hope is for a few more first tier and second tier top tier experts to appear. Only then may we get the chance to be let through.” A few people were still hopeful.

“Still not possible. From past examples, the first gate would usually let first and second tier people through, yet Chu Mu seems to want the highest honor, so I feel like he would let first tier people through, but firmly stop all second and third tier people. If we don’t have hidden experts in our crowd, all of us may lose other than first tier members.” When Chu Mu’s soul pet wiped out He Qing’s four soul pets with one technique, they were already dreading the inevitable. Now that they heard the analysis, these second and third tier people were all hopeless, simply standing there as a glimmering soul pet quickly ran towards the Departed World Gates.

When this soul pet arrived, first tier Wei Xing lifted his head and gazed at the young man standing hundreds of meters in the air on the stalactite. A sneer appeared on his face.

“Soul Palace Chu Chen, I know you once entered the first tier honors list, and that you are undefeated in third tier, a popular pick even in second tier.”

“Yet, don’t feel like that is enough. I have seen so many experts with ambition like you. They also challenged across tiers, were also outstanding, but all ended up under the feet of experts.” Wei Xin gazed at Chu Mu and said with his remembrance. “What are you saying all of this for?” Chu Mu looked down from high above, able to discern the man’s face as well as know he is a part of first tier.

Third tier and first tier were usually five years apart. These five years could cause some soul pet trainers to own many tenth phase soul pets. So, under this age gap, strength was destined to have a great gap. This was why the Battle of the Realms made tiers and difficulty challenges so separate.

“Just a helpful warning from a person who has been to past Battle of the Realms. Alright, summon your four soul pets, I don’t want to waste too much time here.” Wei Xing said.

After speaking, Wei Xing also started an incantation to summon his own soul pets.

Two soul pact symbols slowly appeared by Wei Xing. One could clearly feel a special elemental soul power moving to create an aura that surrounded Wei Xing. It caused the disheveled ground under him to slightly sink.

Two soul pets were quickly summoned in front of Wei Xing, both elemental soul pets. Once completing his summons, Wei Xing very skillfully backed off and started setting up his battle formation.

Facing a first tier member, Chu Mu could summon whatever. However, Chu Mu didn’t immediately summon his own soul pet, instead sending a command to Binding Wind Spirit through his soul remembrance.

In the overcast turbid winds, the binding wind spirit, as nimble as a demon type, lightly floated out and approached Wei Xing’s three soul pets secretly.

Wind Walk!

Hiding itself in the wind was a species ability of Binding Wind Spirit. The original Wind Walk only worked when Binding Wind Spirit was at a wind node, used for the binding wind spirit to find temporary refuge.

Yet, by ninth phase, Binding Wind Spirit had an even higher control of wind, able to hide itself in wind. Without casting any techniques, it was akin to a demon's Ambush technique!

"Prepared to let me through? You don't see like a stubborn person I guess. As long as you understand the cruelty of Battle of the Realm as well as the large difference between first and third tier." Wei Xing found that Chu Mu didn't summon any soul pets, so he smiled.

To a first tier member like Wei Xing, being let through by Soul Palace Chu Chen, who all second and third tiers fear, is something worth bragging about. At least this teen who has been epicized is scared of him.

"Huhuhuhuhu!!!!!!!!!!!"

A sharp turbid wind suddenly sounded by Wei Xing, causing his smile to instantly stiffen!

"Bastard, if you don't know your place, don't call me out for being impolite!" Wei Xing immediately cursed and commanded his soul pets to cast techniques.

Wei Xing wasn't a normal contestant. His soul remembrance quickly locked onto the Binding Wind Spirit that had somehow smuggled itself into his soul pet formation. He immediately told the soul pet he was riding to lock onto Binding Wind Spirit, and not let it chant!

"Qin~~~~~"

The Departed World Gates' everpresent Fiend Winds became binding wind spirit's perfect hiding spot. When all three elemental soul pets attacked the Binding Wind Spirit, it quickly hid back into a previously found hidden wind node.

"Honglong!!!!!!!"

Three techniques exploded where Binding Wind Spirit was. A huge shockwave caused the space in the area to shake!

“You think you’ve hidden well? Laughable. I have controlled soul pets for a full six years more. How laughable are your tricks!” Wei Xing mocked.

Chu Mu was unresponsive to the mocking. He simply continued to give Binding Wind Spirit commands, letting it use the hidden wind node to cast a technique!

Binding Wind Spirit could make a ninth level wind type technique in a second. In the hidden wind spot, it could hide for two seconds. This time was enough for the Binding Wind Spirit to channel an incantation!!

“Huhuhuhu!!!!!!”

As the energy from the three elemental soul pets dissipated, streams of black turbid wind suddenly started appearing in the fifty meter radius around Binding Wind Spirit!!

These winds spun really fast, quickly making an upside down funnel, causing the fifty meters to be obliterated!!

“An.....another ninth level technique!!”

The people watching from afar were again gaping!

Inside the wind, Wei Xing’s face completely shifted. He had no idea why his opponent’s wind type soul pet could finish a ninth level technique under the combined attacks from his three soul pets. Did it not need to chant an incantation?! It was impossible for that to happen, because only tenth phase monarchs could do that!

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Huhuhuhuhuhu!!!!!!!!!!

The black funnel turned upside down, and sunk deeply into the ground like a top. At the top of it, the fifty meter wide wind cross section slammed down, swirling the three soul pets into the ground!!

A massive fifty meter wide hole appeared because of this turbid wind, leaving Wei Xing's three soul pets wounded at the bottom of it.

Compared to He Qing, Wei Xing's soul pets defenses were clearly stronger. Binding Wind Spirit's ninth rank technique didn't truly heavily wound Wei Xing's three elemental soul pets, only leaving wounds on them.

Even then, the first tier soul pet trainer Wei Xing's face still grew darker. Being able to create a ninth rank technique this easily, the opponent's wind type soul pet was very powerful.

Yet, what caused the most unease for Wei Xing was the opponent's wind type soul pet technique already wounded his soul pets, yet Wei Xing still hadn't figured out what the wind type soul pet even was!

“Huhuhuhu~~~~~”

The turbid wind with a mysterious silver glint again appeared. Just as the three soul pets had adjusted their status, another powerful gust of wind energy appeared!!

“Above, attack it!”

Finally, Wei Xing noticed the Binding Wind Spirit as it was chanting an incantation. His soul remembrance immediately locked onto it and he commanded his soul pets to attack!

The red flames split into two as they flew upwards like two mysterious ribbons, or like two snakes chasing after each other, as they floated towards Binding Wind Spirit.

This was the seventh level fire type technique that would constantly follow opponents - Evil Flame Stamp. Evil Flame Stamp's fire was continuous, meaning it could constantly cause burning and interruption to soul pets.

After the Evil Flame Stamp, the Mysterious Crystal Ice Air Fairy cast eighth rank technique Star Falling Frost. The starlight pattered down in cold frost. If any organism were there, the cold would infiltrate and freeze its bones and organs!

Anther cast a dirt type technique. Many huge rocks quickly sprouted from the ground and slammed together where Binding Wind Spirit was, using the collision to create energy and splintered rocks!

“Qin, Wind Path!” Chu Mu said to Binding Wind Spirit. “Qin” was binding wind spirit’s name, a name Chu Mu came up with based of its sounds.

Wind path was Binding Wind Spirit’s wind type evasion technique. The Binding Wind Spirit was tiny and could freely harness the power of wind, causing it to fly around in the sky unpredictably.

After casting wind route, one could find a few intricate arcs in the sky. These arcs were the marks left by the binding wind spirit’s movement as it easily evaded the three soul pet’s attacks!

“Its speed is incredible!” Wei Xing’s eyes widened as he was secretly shocked. What organism was that in the turbid wind. Why did it have a speed and evasion comparable to demon type as an elemental type?

The binding wind spirit could dodge and continue to cast its incantation anyways, one of the biggest advantages as a high ranking wind type species.

After dodging, the binding wind spirit’s wind type technique again finished. This time, the binding wind spirit’s wind power created the powerful and destructive ninth rank Hurricane!

Binding Wind Spirit’s incantation was very swift. Wei Xing’s three soul pets used one second to cast multiple eighth rank techniques, but binding wind spirit still completed its ninth rank technique amidst all the dodging!

“Wuwuwuwu!!!!”

Wind picked up as a powerful swirl built up from bottom up, covering the hundred meters nearby, shrouding all the space nearby in a black and terrifying torrent of turbid wind!

A black drake brought up lava as it slowly swirled up from the ground straight into the skies. In the blazing sun, it was particularly obvious. Those on the city wall felt as if a massive monster was slowly approaching them!

The powerful ninth rank Hurricane again shocked the entire crowd!

In third tier, ninth rank techniques definitely were game changers. In fact, the vast majority of third tier members couldn't create techniques of that power.

Yet now, in this battle, there were three wind type techniques casted, all of ninth rank power. In fact, the second and third technique happened in quick succession, giving people a feeling that the person could cast ninth rank techniques with ease.

This phenomenon would usually happen only in middle aged generation battles, yet it was happening between young generation!

The violent ninth rank wind technique lasted thousands of kilometers. Even those near the city wall could feel the sharp wind power.

After this ninth rank hurricane flew past, Wei Xing's three soul pets were wounded and tired, laying down in different places. One was completely passed out, while other two were struggling but couldn't get up.

“Huhuhuhuhu!!!!!!”

After the ninth rank Hurricane finished, these terrifying attacks didn't end. The muddy turbid wind again rose up!!

“A.....Another ninth rank wind type technique!!”

The terrifying wind type techniques followed one after another. No one would've thought that Soul Palace Chu Chen's wind type attacks would be this terrifying!

After the fourth ninth rank wind type technique, Wei Xing couldn't even do anything if he summoned another soul pet. Wind type techniques had a very wide range of attack. Even if Wei Xing summoned another soul pet, the fourth soul pet would still be hit.

The black wind energy shrouded the ground above Departed World Gates, clouding people's vision.



Very quickly, a sky covering wind wall came from afar. This tsunami-like view shocked one's mind, causing the first tier member in the battle field to gawk stupidly.

The rumbling noise roared in Wei Xing's ears. While he was smug before, this first tier member finally realized just how terrifying this third tier realm defender was. He wasn't someone a normal first tier expert could stop!

Finally, the swarm of black wind attacked Wei Xing and all of his soul pets. All Wei Xing could do was gather all his soul pets as quickly as possible.

“Ahhhhh!!!!!!”

Very soon, Wei Xing's scream arose!!!

Not able to throw up any protection, Wei Xing was engulfed by Chu Mu's technique. His soul armor was ripped to shreds by the wind, and he was roughly thrown into the skies, becoming tiny and insignificant as grass.

After seeing the black tide come in from afar, he couldn't speak anymore. Just now, they all still felt that Soul Palace Chu Chen might let a first tier member through. And from Wei Xing's attitude and tone, they thought that there were still a lot of experts in Battle of the Realm, of which included Wei Xing.

Yet, this battle wasn't as intense as anyone thought. It wasn't even an even match; it was a performance for soul palace Chu Chen's wind type soul pet!

“Another one defeated, this time the first tier Wei Xing.....”

The opponent was a first tier member. Though he wasn't a seed participant, he was still part of the strongest tier in Battle of the Realms. Yet, after three techniques, the battle was over, only lasting two extra techniques than the third tier He Qing!

“I never even heard that Chu Chen had a wind type soul pet. This wind type soul pet's wind techniques all easily reached ninth rank. Is this... can this be Chu Chen's main soul pet!”

The silent crowd slowly was taken over by exclamations.

Only now did people start to realize that, this abnormally overpowered Soul Palace Chu Chen didn't even summon his main soul pet yet. He reached the highest honor across tiers while hiding strength!! On the city wall, Ye Wansheng saw this and was also shocked.

Ye Wansheng has known Chu Mu for a while. He knew that Chu Mu's most powerful soul pet was definitely his Nine Tail Fox. He originally thought that if Chu Mu didn't want to let anyone through, he would let Mo Xie attack. Yet, he didn't expect that Chu Mu had such a powerful wind type soul pet too. From the techniques, he could tell that the wind type soul pet was ninth phase middle class monarch rank!

"Has some power, but, Wei Xing is nothing in first tier." Lady Shan stood at the building's hollow fences. Her expression shifted slightly, but she remarked in a very steady voice.

After speaking, she waved her hand to signal the tournament members to pull Wei Xing back and heal him.

Ye Wansheng looked over at this cold and arrogant woman in black purple and smiled. Walking over, he said, "Hey aloof woman, how about let's make a bet."

Lady Shan looked at Ye Wansheng and said coldly, "No interest."

"Since you said that you didn't let anyone through last time, then I bet that Chu Chen won't let anyone through either. Since we're bored, let's bet. We won't bet high, how about 200 million."

Lady Shan looked at Ye Wansheng and replied after a while, "200 million is very attractive for you, but it's a small amount for me. Don't play these tricks with me, I know what you people are thinking."

Ye Wansheng dazed and changed to laughter, "First time I've seen such a narcissistic woman. Then let me bet that Chu Chen doesn't even have to summon his fourth soul pet to surpass your honor. How about that?"

Lady Shan furrowed her brow. She didn't truly believe Ye Wansheng would say something like that. She specially looked at the figure far away again, secretly questioning why his friend was so confident in his ability. Was it that soul palace Chu Chen still hiding strength?

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Even a first grade expert was defeated. Then, how would normal second and third grade members even have the guts to attempt a realm breakthrough?

Moreover, most importantly, this realm guard had only relied on one soul pet in the past two fights to defeat all of the opponents' soul pets. He had only used one technique in the first fight, while using three in the second fight. If the opponent summoned even more soul pets, would there even be a meaning to fighting?

Young Lady Na, atop the city tower, read out a long list of realm breakthrough competitors, but most of them immediately forfeited. This led to a long period of time when no one dared challenge the realm breakthrough.

When the Battle of the Realm reached the fourth realm, a large group of people would be eliminated. This was the convention in every Battle of the Realm, and it wasn't rare to see large masses of forfeits.

However, in an entire period of half an hour, over a hundred names were read, but no one was willing to take on the challenge. This was definitely a first; especially since this was still the first test of the realm breakthrough.

Of course, everyone knew that Soul Palace Chu Chen was the realm breakthrough's first test was actually more terrifying than the realm defenders in the two tests after him. It was predicted that after passing the first test, the next two would be very easy.

"Whatever! Even if I know I'll lose, I'd rather fight. If I don't fight with him, how will I know the difference between our strengths?!"

Finally, a second grade member drummed up the courage to fight. This was a nameless vagrant soul pet trainer who had a bit of reputation in various kingdoms and large cities. When he grit his teeth and walked towards the gates of hell, the realm breakthrough participants without any courage felt deep veneration for him.

This vagrant soul pet trainer deserved praise for his courage, but as he had said himself, if he didn't face him head on, how would he know how inferior his strength was? When he actually fought Chu Mu, the gap was even larger than he had imagined. It was like a chasm that was exceedingly hard to cross; the opponent was situated in a realm that he was incapable of even guessing!

“Two techniques... it’s too cruel...” Ye Wansheng stood high above and sighing at the brave man, shook his head.

Three fights, yet not a single person had been able to withstand more than three techniques from Chu Mu’s mysterious wind type soul pet. This was truly hard to accept. In other words, Chu Mu overseeing the fourth realm was forcing countless hopeful soul pet trainers to genuinely recognize the height that the Battle of the Realm abnormal experts stood at!

This brave man was, within expectations, brought back by guards.

Ostensibly affected by the vagrant soul pet trainer’s morale boost, the young men and women who had come from thousands of miles away realized that retreating like this was a disgrace. Thus, a few successive soul pet trainers who knew they wouldn’t be able to successfully complete the realm breakthrough began to attempt the realm breakthrough.

The majority of those that were third grade members were incapable of withstanding two of the Binding Wind Spirit’s techniques, while of the second grade members, it was very rare to see anyone capable of holding on for longer than five minutes. As for first grade members, there were not that many; however, even if there was a first grade member, the number of names had reached five hundred but no one had been able to actually fight against Chu Mu’s Binding Wind spirit for ten minutes.

“An entire afternoon, and no one has made him summon a second pet yet.” the people who stayed to spectate the realm breakthrough were numb with shock. The only thing they saw were competitors who dared challenge the realm being carried back in injury...

“Could it be that Soul Palace Chu Chen really doesn’t have an opponent in the third grade?” with such a cruel reality on display in front of them, this demonic realm defending had lasted an entire afternoon, but no one had been let past. This battle success was unprecedented in the Battle of the Realm’s realm guard rounds!

The sun was setting and the twilight glow began to illuminate the distant sky, causing the shadows from the Departed World Gates were elongated. Chu Mu stood several hundred meters above on the stalactite rocks and was in a middle of waiting. He was calmly waiting for a new challenger to appear on this piece of land.

An entire afternoon had passed, but not one person had been able to truly contend against him; however, Chu Mu wasn't satisfied about this.

There were still several tens of thousands of competitors who were participating in the fourth realm. And among them was a mix of fish and dragons. The number of true experts were extremely few in this enormous group of soul pet trainers, but there being few didn't mean there were none. Therefore, Chu Mu could be sure that in his realm defence, according to probability, there would be experts who emerged. Only these experts would be able to truly make Chu Mu fight to his heart's content!

As night gradually descended, of the near 500 competitors from all grades, none had been let past by the first test realm defender, Chu Mu.

"Really! Please just leave one or two for us. An entire afternoon and all we've been doing is watching." said the second test's realm defender, Wang Ke, who was full of boredom.

The third test's realm defender was Soul Palace's Zhang Tingsan. He had been resting against the city wall for an afternoon and if he had been given a blanket, he could have just laid there and fallen asleep.

Of course, dozing off was another matter. When they saw Soul Palace Chu Chen sweep through the three grades with tyrannical strength, the two of them looked up to him with a bit of respect. They also really wanted to know whether Chu Mu would actually be able to stop everyone from passing.

"Realm breakthrough competitor, second grade, Luo Region Sect, Jiang Zhi!" Young Lady Na slowly read out the name.

Finally, a name with shocking effect had appeared!

When she read out the name, the corner of Young Lady Na's lips slightly rose. Luo Region Sect's Jiang Zhi was absolutely an influential figure among the second grade and was an iconic member of Luo Region Sect's second grade. After eliminating nearly 500 competitors, there finally appeared an expert that could compete. Young Lady Na really wanted to see if Soul Palace Chu Chen would still be able to calmly defeat him.

"It's Luo Region Sect's strongest second grade, Jian Zhi!!!"

“It’s Luo Region’s strongest young generation member who has no opponent in the western kingdoms!! He was the person who obtained the highest honor in the third realm!”

After Jiang Zhi’s name was read out, the crowd instantly erupted!

The reputation of Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi had been established much earlier than Chu Mu’s. It could be said that he was an old-school young expert that had established himself in Tianxia City for a long period of time already. He was further called Luo Region Sect’s chief second grade member by many people. This was an extreme expert that actually had hope of breaking through to the eighth realm and ninth realm.

Moreover, it was rumored that in order to allow Jiang Zhi to obtain a ranking, Luo Region Sect had chosen many team members headed by Jiang Zhi to escort him through realm breakthroughs.

Jiangzhi was located far away from the crowd on a roof. When Young Lady Na read his name, his two slightly azure eyes slowly shimmered with a lustre as a sneer slowly surfaced on his face.

True experts would never mingle with normal competitors. In the opinion of the thousands of people, Chu Mu’s strength was unreachable; but to Jiang Zhi, this true peak second grade expert, he was merely a competitor that bullied unqualified experts. This was because if even one person like him had appeared in the previous 500, if Chu Mu hadn’t let them pass, then he would have suffered an extremely miserable loss!

“Senior Brother Jiang Zhi, it’s finally your turn. You must put a real good stop to this Chu Chen’s display of power.” Luo Region Sect’s Du Chang immediately let out a pleased laugh on the main street.

From everyone’s reaction, it could be seen that Jiang Zhi belonged to the class of experts that was normally untouchable by normal people. Such a young would always stand at the chief position of a large faction. Those people that didn’t even have the courage to attempt the realm breakthrough could only watch him from far away and admire his outstanding strength.

Right now, a person that was a revered as an expert had finally appeared!

Jiang Zhi was ostensibly already accustomed to being revered and focused on by thousands of people. He very carefreely chanted an incantation and summoned his wind type soul pet. Nimble jumping on his soul pet’s back, he raised a gust of wind and whizzed towards the Departed World Gates!

“This demonic realm defender will finally be ended!”

“Jiang Zhi can probably be considered as one of the strongest second grade young generation. Even if Chu Chen is in this category as well, he will definitely let him go.”

In everyone’s opinion, the strength Soul Palace Chu Chen had displayed made it so that probably only the people among the strongest in the second grade could actually suppress him. In the subsequent fight, there would no longer be as large of a gap as before and it would be a true fight between the second grade’s strongest!

Chu Mu apathetically stared at Luo Region Sect’s Jiang Zhi who flew on his wing type soul pet towards him.

Although Jiang Zhi was Shen Yicheng’s pawn, he really was strong. He was Luo Region Sect’s fully deserving strongest second grade expert. This young man would definitely have a ninth phase middle class monarch and it would be impossible for Chu Mu to obtain victory so easily as he had done before.

The wing type soul pet flapped its two pairs of yellow feathered wings, flying to a height equivalent of where Chu Mu was located. Jiang Zhi stood on his wing type soul pet and looked eye level at Chu Mu.

“I’ve been looking forward to meet you for a long time, Soul Palace Chu Chen. Perhaps if it wasn’t because I didn’t want to wade into Shen Yicheng’s problem, we would have already fought before.” Jiang Zhi stared calmly at Chu Mu and spoke in a flat tone. He continued, “At the beginning, I had believed like the others that you were no more than a third grade brat who enjoyed sticking out. But right now it seems that you’re still hiding some strength. Nonetheless, that’s fine as well. Otherwise, breaking through the realms would lack any satisfaction.”

Hearing Jiang Zhi’s words, Chu Mu felt a bit surprised that Jiang Zhi seemed not to be one of Shen Yicheng’s companions.

From the information Chu Mu had received, Jiang Zhi was no more than Shen Yicheng’s subordinate, and shouldn’t have entered the range of people capable of threatening him. But right now, Chu Mu indistinctly felt that Jiang Zhi was ostensibly nowhere near as simple as he had thought. From his eyes and majesty, Chu Mu felt a little oppressed!

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“... this Jiang Zhi's strength is about mine. It could be a bit hard to deal with him, but that's no big deal. Pretending to be so terrifying is truly laughable.” Soul Palace's Zhan Hong said with disdain.

Soul Palace Zhan Hong had completed his realm breakthrough round, and was en route to the southern city when he heard that Chu Mu hadn't let any person from any grade pass him the entire afternoon. Thus, he specially came to watch.

It wasn't only Soul Palace's Zhan Hong. The people that had already ended their realm breakthrough mission during the day had heard the continuous circulation of the news and had all come to the southern city. They wanted to see this Soul Palace Chu Chen, whose name had recently gained widespread fame, and see if he would be able to break the record of not letting a single person pass the whole day.

There was another man standing next to Zhan Hong. This man was the same young man who had appeared in the healing hall. He was dressed casually and his temperament seemed normal. He stood together with Zhan Hong and it was the extremely famous Zhan Hong who received everyone's attention.

Yet, in reality, Zhan Hong stood extremely respectfully beside this man!

This was because among the entirety of Soul Palace's second grade, it was practically impossible to find someone who could last more than five minutes against this man. This included Shang Heng, Zhao Feng, and himself!!

He was Soul Palace's eighth young master - Fang Ze. He was extremely secluded, and he was a young man who was so strong that even using the word abnormal perhaps wouldn't even be doing him justice!!

“Zhan Hong, don't look down on this Luo Region Sect Jiang Zhi.” the eighth young master, Fang Ze, slowly said.

“Young Master? What do you mean by this? Isn't he merely one of Shen Yicheng's dogs?” said Zhan Hong.



Chu Mu had fought back then against Shen Yicheng while Zhan Hong had stayed by himself. On that day, Zhan Hong had fought against Jiang Zhi although he was the strongest second grade young generation member of Luo Region Sect, Zhan Hong hadn't thought much of him. This was because all of the soul pets Jiang Zhi had summoned weren't anything remarkable.

"Only an idiot like Shen Yicheng would believe that Luo Region Sect's Jiang Zhi would allow himself to be manipulated. I can be certain that back when you fought against him on Eastern Street, he didn't summon any of his main pets." said Fang Ze.

"Everything he summoned was pretty much an eighth phase ninth stage middle class monarch. They probably were his main pets." said Zhan Hong.

Fang Ze laughed as he shook his head.

"If what you said is true, this Jiang Zhi has hidden himself too well!" said Zhan Hong, somewhat surprised.

Zhan Hong was about to further inquire when a series of sighs rang out from the crowd!!

Zhan Hong was stunned, and hastily used his soul remembrance to look into the distance at the battlefield.

When Zhan Hong saw the situation clearly, his face was even more shocked!

Right now, there was a ninth phase Blood Winged Trioptic Beasts that had appeared on the battlefield. From the brightly colored bloody mist that had pervaded the region, he could see that this was a Blood Winged Trioptic Beast that had reached the middle class monarch rank!

"A second phase ninth stage middle class monarch!!!"

"He's deserved of being among the second grade's strongest. A soul pet of such strength can reach a ninth rank attack with just a casual attack!!"

"I said that Soul Palace Chu Chen cannot be considered a tyrant in the second grade. The second grade definitely has seen stronger people. Jiang Zhi has just summoned a ninth phase middle class monarch and even if Chu Chen's wing type soul pet has equivalent strength, it has fought for an

entire afternoon. It definitely doesn't have any strength left. What other soul pet does Chu Mu have to fight against him? Don't tell me it's that Warbeast Mo Ye that can continuously rebirth?"

"What can he do even if he summons the Warbeast Mo Ye? He will only be able to stall for time, but will ultimately lose."

Seeing the appearance of Jiang Zhi's ninth phase Blood Winged Trioptic Beast, the incomparably gloomy crowd finally lightened up. This was probably because people really wanted to know how Chu Chen compared against the strongest of the second grade. To them, this was already considered a fight at the pinnacle!

In the crowd, Du Chang whose appearance looked slightly wretched, broke out into a strange smile.

When Du Chang bragged in front of others how strong his Senior Brother Jiang Zhi was, he always enjoyed bringing in the influential Shen Yicheng; this was because he wanted to use Shen Yicheng to express his senior brother's strength and status.

However, in truth, there were an extremely small number of people in Luo Region Sect who knew that this chief disciple wasn't that simple!

"This is only the tip of the iceberg. These idiots simply have no idea what realm the Tianxia City experts have reached. A ninth phase monarch? That's nothing!" Du Chang laughed at this group of ignorant competitors.

The fight was on the verge of breaking out and the bloody mist from Jiang Zhi's Blood Winged Trioptic Beast had enveloped an enormous area. Chu Mu couldn't even clearly see the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast's figure! The Blood Winged Trioptic Beast rapidly flapped its wings. This bloody mist seemed to be this creature's domain and in it, its flying speed was extremely fast while the tired Binding Wind Spirit was slower by half a beat.

The Binding Wind Spirit had fought an entire afternoon, and although an opponent with genuine strength hadn't appeared, it had continuously used techniques. This caused the Binding Wind Spirit to be extremely exhausted.

"Qin~~~~~"

The Binding Wind Spirit had an extremely stubborn character, and in front of the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast's overbearing aura, its fighting spirit soared. It was going to fight against the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast in the air!

The bright red bloody aura against the black chaotic wind were like two savage creatures in themselves. They violently clashed on the great earth, causing space to ceaselessly shake as the two energies collided. An ear piercing drone that resembled a ghost's bell was formed in between the Mirroring Sword Mountains and spread into the distance.

"So it's one of Soul Palace's Seven Diagram Saint Beasts - the Binding Wind Spirit. Being so young yet possessing a ninth phase third stage Binding Wind Spirit. You were truly underestimated by everyone." while fighting, Jiang Zhi finally caught a clear glimpse of Chu Mu's wind type soul pet.

The Binding Wind Spirit was one of Soul Palace's Seven Diagram Saint Beasts precisely because of its incomparably strong wind type fighting ability and speed and dodging ability that rivalled a demon. This soul pet was even extremely rare among first grade experts. Jiang Zhi had been previously trying to guess what soul pet Chu Chen's Binding Wind Spirit was. Now that he finally saw it clearly, he was both surprised and also anticipatory.

The Binding Wind Spirit was full of fighting willpower, as well as its extreme stubbornness as it fought against the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast that was full of fighting strength. Yet, it didn't fall into a disadvantaged state at all. It relied on its powerful wind type controlling ability to form a full wind type defense and prevent the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast from being able to truly near it.

Of course, the Binding Wind Spirit's strength was limited, and Chu Mu knew that continuing to consume strength like this would quickly put the Binding Wind Spirit at a disadvantage. Thus, he began to chant an incantation.

An azure soul pact pattern began to swirl around Chu Mu's body. Long roots began to slowly appear in between Chu Mu's two hands and gradually extend into the ground where they dug right into the soil.

The natural wood wrapped together, rapidly forming a natural wood armor. The Devil Tree Battle Soldier's body slowly appeared in its somewhat holey natural wood armor. Its roots all buried into the ground and quickly gained control over the ground in a hundred meter range.

“It seems to be Chu Chen’s Devil Tree Battle Soldier. It has a powerful blood absorb technique. In a group fight, it seems to be invincible!’ far away, people with comparatively stronger soul remembrances were able to barely see Chu Mu’s soul pet.

Chu Mu’s Devil Tree Battle Soldier made everyone present open their eyes wide. Still fresh in their memories, Chu Mu had summoned this soul pet again to fight. People also guessed that this realm defender was going to fight Jiang Zhi to the end!

“A ninth phase middle class monarch! How did this Devil Tree Battle Soldier raise its strength so fast?!!” when Jiang Zhi saw the Devil Tree Battle Soldier appeared, a shocked expression immediately rose onto his face!

Jiang Zhi had been there at the Beast Fighting Arena and had seen the group fighting ability of Chu Mu’s Devil Tree Battle Soldier. Now, not even a few days had passed, but his Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s strength had risen by two levels. Such speed of increase was too fast!

“Ao!!!!!!!”

This was the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s first fight after it had evolved to the ninth phase. It unfurled its wood type body and locked onto the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast with its bloody amber and fierce eyes. After an angry roar, its two arms ferociously swung at the air!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s powerful arms could extend without limit. They unexpectedly reached a terrifying length of several hundred meters. It was like two thick chains swinging at the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast!

The Blood Winged Trioptic Beast’s reaction was rather fast. Its body dropped down before sliding in a different direction allowing it to dodge the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s arm chains.

“Flourish!”

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s branch piercing ability wasn’t that simple. As it swept past the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast’s body, its arms immediately sprouted with countless tiny flexible but strong miniature branches. They rapidly bound up the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast’s body.

The Blood Winged Trioptic Beast’s wings were like knives as they madly chopped about. However, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s miniature branches unceasingly grew and the Blood Winged Trioptic

Beast was incapable of reaching its roots. Soon, the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast was completely bound up!

“Falling Hammer!”

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s long arms abruptly swung down and relying on their brute force, smashed the ground!

“Chu Chen’s Devil Tree Battle Soldier seemed to have greatly increased in strength. Otherwise, how would it suppress the ninth phase Blood Winged Trioptic Beast so easily!”

“It has definitely reached the ninth phase!”

Very soon, the spectators far away also discovered Chu Mu’s Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s change.

Standing on the city wall, Ye Wansheng saw that Chu Mu’s Devil Tree Battle Soldier had already become a ninth phase first stage middle class monarch and was silently shocked. Chu Mu had indeed taken a risk out of desperation to raise his strength. Even the Devil Tree Battle Soldier had reached this level. This meant that Chu Mu currently had the strength to strive for the second grade’s ultimate honor!

On the battlefield, Jiang Zhi’s brows were tightly knit. He saw that the situation was unfavorable, and hastily chanted an incantation!

A blood red bright flame quickly formed around Jiang Zhi. The flame quickly formed into a mighty fairy’s body burning with intense flames that lit up the surrounding ground in flames!

Jiang Zhi had summoned a Blood Flame Fairy. This Blood Flame Fairy didn’t even chant after being summoned and quickly formed two balls of scorching flames. These flames began to burn the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s long growing branches!

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Blood Flames could cause pretty severe damage to Devil Tree Battle Soldier. Chu Mu didn’t want Devil Tree Battle Soldier to get burnt, so he told it to quickly retract its arms.

After Devil Tree Battle Soldier retracted its arm, the Blood Winged Trioptic Beast lost its balance and fell heavily to the ground, lifting up a puff of dust.

However, Blood Winged Trioptic Beast's body was extremely strong. It stood up again shakily, seemingly mostly unbothered!

"Truly, I didn't expect this, you have two ninth phase middle class monarchs!" Jiang Zhi didn't mind the wounds on Blood Winged Trioptic Beast, but he let out an unperturbed smile.

Beside Jiang Zhi, the sunset red Blood Flame Fairy stood there proudly, its dominant Blood Flames dancing in the wind.

The Blood Flame Fairy that Jiang Zhi summoned was also ninth phase first stage, and from its aura, it seemed to be a soul pet between low class monarch and middle class monarch!

Devil Tree Battle Soldier's strength was much stronger than this Blood Flame Fairy, but under a type counter, if he didn't grasp the fighting situation well, Devil Tree Battle Soldier may still fall into disadvantage.

"I don't want to waste time. Summon all your soul pets and fight!" Jiang Zhi smiled, and he quickly read an incantation out, directly starting a dual summon!

Two summoning symbols quickly appeared beside Jiang Zhi as two soul pets with completely different auras slowly appeared from them!

On Jiang Zhi's left side, an eight armed eight winged Devil Insect floated out, its black and grotesque body giving off a menacing appearance.

The Devil Insect's familiar stench came pouring out. Chu Mu knew what it was halfway through summoning. It was the Heavenly Devil Insect, commonly seen back when he was in Wo Gu Region!

This Heavenly Devil Insect had eight arms and wings, meaning it was a Heavenly Devil Insect monarch!

“Ninth phase first stage - Middle Class Monarch Rank - Eight Winged Heavenly Devil Insect.” Chu Mu furrowed his brows.

Initially, beside the huge stone palace at Great Chu Family, Chu Mu faced a ninth phase Heavenly Devil Insect Monarch. The eight winged heavenly devil insect was at the low class monarch rank.

At the time, ninth phase monarchs were extremely strong presences to Chu Mu. Even after becoming half devil, he wasn't a match. However, Chu Mu had to face a heavenly devil insect even more powerful than the one he had difficulty defeating before. Immediately, some passion for battle started raging in his heart!

On the other side of Jiang Zhi, the soul pet he summoned was clearly weaker, but Chu Mu wouldn't lower his guard. Because, Jiang Zhi summoned a demon type, and demons naturally knew how to hide their strength. Chu Mu's soul remembrance could see through this demon's disguise, but Chu Mu couldn't be sure if the demon had other hiding techniques that he couldn't see through.

Seeing Jiang Zhi's four soul pets, Chu Mu's face slowly became more solemn.

Jiang Zhi didn't realize that Chu Mu had such strength, but Chu Mu also didn't think that Jiang Zhi would have two ninth phase middle class monarchs.

By Chu Mu's previous estimates, a young man with a ninth phase middle class monarch rank was a top tier expert in second tier already. Yet, with two ninth phase middle class monarchs, Chu Mu was one of the top in all of battle of the realm second tier.

In reality, most people in Battle of the Realm split their enemies this way. Beforehand, Chu Mu didn't include Jiang Zhi in this list. Even though Chu Mu knew that most people's "strongest ranking" was only surface level strength, he still had to re-evaluate this Luo Region expert!

Since Jiang Zhi already summoned four soul pets, Chu Mu couldn't continue with two. He quickly cast an incantation and summoned Night in front of himself.

The night had fallen and Night could travel freely. When Chu Mu finished his incantation, Night had already silently appeared in front of Chu Mu. Its black body almost merged into the darkness, with only the white feather trailing in the wind signalling the existence of the Night Thunder Dream Beast.

“Hui~~~~~” The moment Night appeared, it let out a weak call.

Night was an eighth phase ninth stage low class monarch. It was a rank lower than even Jiang Zhi’s Blood Flame Fairy, and were two full ranks lower than the two ninth phase middle class monarch ranks. Plus, the fact that there were four opponents, Night Thunder Dream Beast didn’t have much confidence. In fact, Night Thunder Dream Beast didn’t even know why Chu Mu summoned it in this situation.

Chu Mu rubbed Night Thunder Dream Beast’s dream horn and said to it, “Don’t lack confidence in yourself; I believe that all you are missing is a thrilling fight, and this battle is the perfect time for you to evolve!”

“Hui!!!!”

Feeling Chu Mu’s encouragement, Night Thunder Dream Beast’s fighting intent quickly rose, its dream pupils starting to gleam with the deepest colors, emanating an aura of darkness around it!

“Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Binding Wind Spirit, switch battlegrounds.” Chu Mu rode Night Thunder Dream Beast and said to his other two soul pets.

Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s arms quickly wrapped around a few stalactites between the two mountains and slingshotted itself towards the steep mountains.

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s roots could easily pierce through even rock, and the steep rock faces lent it footholds to constantly push and pull to change its position.

The Binding Wind Spirit’s body was originally very nimble. When it flew through the the high and low stalactites, it even flew around them a few times to show off its advanced flying skills.

So, Binding Wind Spirit quickly got away from the spacious battle ground and lightly flew near Chu Mu, following Night Thunder Dream Beast along to the massive stone bridge between the two mountains.

“Does he want to use geography to fill in the gap in fighting? He truly belittles me!” Jiang Zhi smiled and immediately jumped onto his Eight Winged Heavenly Devil Insect, leading his soul pets in pursuit.



Jiang Zhi's soul pets, other than Blood Flame Fairy, were all very quick, but Jiang Zhi told Blood Winged Trioptic Beast to carry Blood Flame Fairy, so this issue was easily resolved.

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"Chu Mu is in trouble now. Thank goodness I didn't bet with that woman, or else he would lose two 200 million." Standing on the city wall, Ye Wansheng broke a small sweat for Chu Mu.

Ye Wansheng knew Chu Mu lost a soul, and was only able to control three soul pets. Now that Chu Mu's soul pet formation didn't beat Jiang Zhi by much, and with Jiang Zhi having decent control over his soul pets, the situation was too hard to win in.

"This Jiang Zhi has hidden this deep, it truly wasn't expected." Zhan Hong let out an exclamation.

The eighth young master Fang Ze's gaze fell on the slowly disappearing Chu Mu and Jiang Zhi, and also started guessing why the recently risen soul palace young man decided to change battlefields.

"It seems like we can't see their battle anymore." Zhan Hong looked through the dark night, only able to see occasional glows of energy behind Mirror Sword Mountain, completely unable to see Chu Mu and Jiang Zhi's battle.

Like the others, the descent of night and the change in battle caused the spectating crowd to quickly devolve into a mess of guessing, guessing who would come out of the mountain, the Nightmare realm defender soul palace Chu Chen or the hidden strength Luo Region Sect Jiang Zhi?

Chu Mu and Jiang Zhi slowly attracted more and more people. Those who completed their realm tasks all came over to watch and await a result.

In the crowd, Shen Yichen and his gang were also on the city wall, looking on.

"Jiang Zhi indeed hid well." Shen Yichen laughed coldly. Before Battle of the Realm, he indeed didn't think he would have two ninth phase middle class monarch ranks.

“Hide however he wants, he is still just junk.” The Underground Palace mysterious young man Zuo Xiao said without care.

“Though he is trash, his strength could defeat Chu Chen easily. I originally wanted to end him myself.” Shen Yichen said.

“As realm defender, being defeated by Jiang Zhi only means he can’t receive the highest reward. Young master shen still has opportunity in the future.” the short and skinny man beside Shen Yichen said with some meaning of flattery.

Shen Yichen didn’t mind this man, instead glancing at the eighth young master Fang Ze that stood not far away, spectating.

The eighth young master Fang Ze actually appeared here and there. Shen Yichen had secretly contested against him a few times, and though Shen Yichen didn’t want to admit it, in reality this eighth young master was someone Shen yichen was very wary of both in tactic and strength.

The eighth young master Fang Ze didn’t mind Shen Yichen, instead rubbing his chin in thought.

After a long while, eighth young master Fang Ze seemed to have an answer as he muttered to himself, “Chu Chen switched battlefields, probably not to simply change the geography. Is he trying to summon a stronger soul pet and simply wants to use this to hide from the public’s eye?”

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In reality, eighth young master Fang Ze’s guess was very accurate!

Chu Mu changed the battleground to summon Mo Xie to battle!

Jiang Zhi and Shen yichen had some relationship. This time that he met Jiang Zhi, it was almost impossible for Chu Mu to win against Jiang Zhi with three soul pets, so he had to let Mo Xie fight!

And since Mo Xie appeared, it meant that Chu Mu didn’t plan to let Jiang Zhi leave alive!!!!

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“Managing Night!!”

Once they were at a height where others couldn't see them at the dark peak, Chu Mu immediately told Night Thunder Dream Beast to cast its realm technique and raise its own strength by a rank.

Jiang Zhi's demon's strength wasn't weak either, quickly locking onto Chu Mu's Night Thunder Dream Beast and attacking mentally!

Chu Mu jumped off of the Night Thunder Dream Beast. Standing high up on the thousand meter high stalactite bridge, he made Night Thunder Dream Beast intentionally get the demon's attention.

Binding Wind Spirit's stamina was almost gone. Chu Mu quickly retracted Binding Wind Spirit back into the soul pet space and started summoning Mo Xie under the protection of managing night!

Two types of fire interlaced. First, Mo Xie's dominating nine fox tails appeared. Soon after, its royal flame nine tail inferno fox stepped on burning blood flame and demon fire evil flames as it stepped out. Its middle class monarch rank aura instantly suppressed Jiang Zhi's Blood Flame Fairy!

Mo Xie herself was already ninth phase middle class monarch. With the effects of double royal flames, Mo Xie's strength could go up another rank. It was equivalent to ninth phase middle class commander rank. With the moonlight, Mo Xie was another rank higher, reaching the heights of high class commander rank!

It could be said that without type counter, Mo Xie's strength definitely was a full rank or two stronger than the blood winged trioptic beast and the eight winged heavenly devil insect!!

“Wuwuwuwu!!!!!!!”

Silver moonlight passed through the mirror mountain, shining onto Mo Xie's body. Nine tail Fox's demonic aura immediately was released.

Feeling this aura, Jiang Zhi was utterly shocked while riding his eight winged heavenly devil insect, an expression of shock overtaking his previously calm and belittling face!!

Ninth phase low stage middle class monarch rank was already a limit of second tier members. Jiang Zhi would never have imagined that Chu Mu had a soul pet two full ranks higher! This surprise caused Jiang Zhi to completely forget his next steps!

Chu Mu told Mo Xie to display her skill completely exactly to shock Jiang Zhi's four soul pets.

With an incantation, after finishing Mo Xie's summon, Chu Mu didn't conserve his soul power and immediately started a new soul technique!!

Chu Mu wasn't very adept at chanting this incantation, but he still finished before Jiang Zhi could make any reactions.

His pupils suddenly were overtaken by a mysterious and demonic glint. After this glint passed, Chu Mu's black pupils became incredibly iniquitous. A single glance could cause shackles to raise on your whole body!

The demonic glint got brighter and brighter in Chu Mu's eyes, but he could also clearly feel the glint in the pupil slowly shifting. This was different than any other organism's eyes. It was as if everything sent to the brain by these eyes were incredibly slow!

"Sharp Eye!" Chu Mu just finished his Other Pupil transformation and immediately cast his eighth rank Other type territorial technique!

At this moment, Chu Mu's Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Night Thunder Dream Beast, and Mo Xie all gained the slow spinning present in Chu Mu's pupils!

Under the Other Type territorial technique, in one minute, all of Chu Mu's soul pets had the same Other Pupil effect as Chu Mu's half devil state. Under these pupils, his soul pets could see through everything. This wasn't just an increase in dodging and reaction speeds; they could find flaws easier and start vicious assaults!

After Chu Mu's Sharp Eye, the three soul pets' eyes all shone with a glint that made Jiang Zhi shiver!!

This glint caused Jiang Zhi to feel as if everything he knew was being seen through. No matter how trained he was at controlling his soul pets, he felt unbelievably laughable and immature in the eighth rank Other type territory.

“Kill!” Chu Mu spit out a word!

Chu Mu didn't expect to kill all of Jiang Zhi's soul pets within a minute. Chu Mu's target was the demon fighting Night Thunder Dream Beast currently!

Jiang Zhi's demon was eighth phase ninth stage middle class monarch rank. Chu Mu, as a fifth remembrance soul master, with the effects of Other Pupil, caused all of the demon's speed and disguise to be useless!

“Wuwuwu~~~~~” Mo Xie let out a long call. The flames under her paws started burning as Mo Xie left a burning string of prints in the stalactites!

At this moment, Mo Xie was running straight towards Jiang Zhi's demon type!

“Hui!!!” Night Thunder Dream Beast easily dodged Jiang Zhi's demon attack. Under the effects of Other Pupil, the dream pupils seemed to be even more imposing. The Dream Underworld was successfully implanted into the demon's mind!

The demon was quickly controlled. Jiang Zhi was dumbstruck and pale by the sudden attack. He quickly commanded his other soul pets to save his demon while he started his own incantation!

The Royal Flame Nine Tail Inferno Fox was a whole three ranks higher than his demon. If his demon couldn't dodge well, it would definitely be killed instantly!!

“Wuwuwu~~~~~”

Mo Xie sped up in midair. Under the effects of Sharp Eye, Mo Xie could tell the movement of the eight winged heavenly devil insect and the blood winged trioptic beast!

The stepping Mo Xie ran an unpredictable path under the foggy moonlight, directly passing through the eight winged heavenly devil insect's blockade. The blood winged trioptic beast even cast a powerful beast type technique, yet Mo Xie's body became five phantoms and passed through.....

Mo Xie's speed under moonlight was even faster than same rank demons. Under Sharp Eye, these two ninth phase middle class monarch ranks could not stop her!

“Dark Mark!!”

Finally, Jiang Zhi finished his soul technique in cold sweat. It was the dark type seal technique!

The dark claw mark very unexpectedly appeared in front of Mo Xie's five phantoms. This special dark technique seemed to be able to find Mo Xie's real body, actually capturing Mo Xie's body very accurately and was about to imprint her into the rocks.

Seeing Jiang Zhi cast that technique, Chu Mu's eyes shone with glint as he smiled!

“Mo Xie, Seal Break!!”

Moonlight Fox's species technique, seal break!

If Jiang Zhi casted some other soul technique, he may have a chance at stopping Mo Xie, and his demon would have a sliver of chance.

Yet, Jiang Zhi cast a sealing technique. With Jiang Zhi's soul remembrance, how could he possibly seal Mo Xie at her current power!

“Pa~~~~~”

The dark seal only slightly impeded Mo Xie's running. Following, her speed increased again, causing the four non-sealed images to actually fall half a beat behind!

“Five Night Inferno Fox Diagram!!”

Chu Mu didn't hesitate at all. When Mo Xie neared the demon, he immediately commanded her to cast her strongest single target technique!

Mo Xie's true form first extended nine tails, locking Jiang Zhi's demon tightly!

Soon after, the other four hollow shadows quickly extended flaming long tails, completely restricting Jiang Zhi's demon!

“Wuwuwuwu!!!!!!!!!!”

Mo Xie let out a proud call, as the forty five royal flame nine tails snapped taut!!

The snapping of the forty five fox tails weren't real, but the demon's body being ripped apart was! The crackling sound made Jiang Zhi feel as if his own bones were snapped!

There was a three rank difference, and the demon completely took the attack. the demon's defence and life force was naturally weak, so after the Five Night Inferno Fox, not only were the demon's bones broken, even its innards were completely shattered by the terrifying strength!!

Instant kill!!!

Mo Xie's technique instantly killed Jiang Zhi's demon!!

Jiang Zhi's face was still full of shock as a powerful mental attack surged into his soul!!

His face instantly paled, and his breathing became ragged, eyes ready to pop out!

To a soul pet trainer at his level, any soul getting damaged was critical, because he could be heavily affected even when casting soul techniques or changing soul pets!

“Devil Tree Battle Soldier!”

When Chu Mu wanted to kill, he didn't give his opponents any chance to breathe!

Devil Tree Battle Soldier constantly used its roots to climb. In reality, however, while it was climbing it already planted its roots all throughout the mountain and stalactites, creating a huge root net. Once it was released, it wrapped all of Jiang Zhi and his soul pets!

If this root net were released before, it was nothing to Jiang Zhi. However, it was lethal now, because Chu Mu's Other Pupil hadn't even finished. Chu Mu will launch a lethal attack towards the soul damaged Jiang Zhi!!

Jiang Zhi's face was already incredibly panicked, and his eyes were slowly engulfed by fear!

He would never have thought that Chu Mu's hidden strength was even scarier than his!

Jiang Zhi chasing so brashly destined his near certain death.....

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The moon hung high, falling between the two peaks.

Under the foggy night, these two mountains and the stalactite spanning the gap indeed created a huge bony Departed World Gate. From afar, the majestic and upstanding nature was vision-shaking!

On the south wall, almost ten thousand people were there. They stood and watched the battlefield from afar. Since the beginning, discussion almost never ended because everyone wanted to know just who would win!

Suddenly, in the far night, a deathly silence overcame the mountains. This mountain gave people the strange feeling that the battle had ended.

A string of flames slowly lit up, its bright flames lighting up a small jagged part of the Gates.

At the same time, barely visible under the flames was a slowly nearing figure walking forward step by step towards the south city wall, apathetic, cold, and evil.

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“... what, the fight has ended?” Young Lady Shan was stunned. She immediately used her soul remembrance on the figure in the distance and quickly, an expression of shock arose on her face!

Young Lady Shan had the highest soul remembrance of everyone present and she could see the furthest.

On that dark patch of land, the shadow of a man, elongated by the moonlight, could be seen. At the same time, a slightly red patch of blood could be discerned from his body.

As that man got closer, the experts on the city wall all let out shocked gazes as they stared at the slow steps of the person slowly approaching the city wall.

“Realm breakthrough success, or...” Ye Wansheng right now couldn’t make clear of the situation as he always felt that Chu Mu carried a rather terrifying killing aura. Even from this far away, he could still clearly feel it.

The person slowly walking back from the battlefield was Chu Mu. He ignored the fresh blood dripping from his body because the blood was his own.

Although Chu Mu’s pace was slow, his movement speed was very fast.

Not long after, Chu Mu was fully in view of everyone on the city wall and due to the lights on the wall, he could see the tens of thousands of eyes staring at him. He was able to read both shock and astonishment from their gazes!

“It’s... it’s Chu Chen who came back!!”

“Has the fight ended? But Jiang Zhi hasn’t appeared?”

“Jiang Zhi lost? Or did he let him pass and return from the battlefield first?”

A large number of questions flared up, and although were not able to determine the victor of the battlefield for the time being, for some reason, people were more believing that Chu Mu ended the fight.

This was because Chu Mu was exuding a terrifying aura as he walked towards them. This in no way resembled someone who lost.

“What about Jiang Zhi?” Young Lady Shan saw that Chu Mu was slowly approaching and asked her question.

“On the stalactite rocks on Mirror Sword Mountain. Have someone carry him back.” Chu Mu raised his head at the arrogant woman and indifferently spoke.

“You defeated Jiang Zhi?” Young Lady Shan waved her hand, and had someone bring the wounded Jiang Zhi back.

“Chu Mu nodded his head and said, “My realm defending ends here, right?”

“You didn’t let anyone pass throughout the entire day. Your strength is indeed high, but I hope you’re able to enter the last few realms.” said Young Lady Shan.

At the beginning, Young Lady Shan believed that Chu Mu was an overly scatterbrained young man who had been so high key in the first few realms by challenged a grade higher. Undoubtedly, this was exposing his strength to everyone while, to the true experts of the second grade, this sort of feat was nothing.

However, after an entire day of realm breakthroughs, Young Lady Shan’s view of Chu Mu had evidently changed. At the very least, he hadn’t let a person past and this display of strength was already equal to what she had done six years ago. An expert like her, if she partook in a second Battle of the Realm, could definitely sweep through the first grade.

Chu Mu jumped onto the city wall and didn’t say anything. He was just waiting for Young Lady Shan to announce the result of the battle.

Not long after, the competition authority defence guards hurriedly flew back on their wing type soul pets.

“You brought Jiang Zhi back? Hm? He’s unconscious?” Young Lady Shan discovered Jiang Zhi on the city defender soul pet’s back.

The few city defenders all had strange expressions.

The city guards had indeed brought back Jiang Zhi, but they had brought back his corpse!!

Young Lady Shan quickly realized something was wrong, and it wasn't until one of the city defenders whispered something that Young Lady Shan abruptly realized something. She opened her mouth in shock and said: "He's dead? Jiang Zhi is dead?"

"Yes Young Lady Shan. Jiang Zhi is dead." the city guard said in a low voice. After speaking, he intentionally swept his gaze over Chu Mu and a shiver unconsciously rose up!

Young Lady Shan's face was full of shock and her two eyes were closely fixated on Chu Mu. In a curious and shocked voice, she asked: "You... you killed Jiang Zhi?"

"Yes, an accident." Chu Mu answered in a calm voice.

Chu Mu and Young Lady Shan didn't speak via soul remembrance, so every soul pet trainer present was able to hear them.

Chu Mu's "accident" was described so frivolously, but it was like a storm that terrifyingly swept through the southern city. It caused the tens of thousands of people to instantly go quiet!

On the other end of the city wall, Shen Yicheng's expression was completely stiff. Jiang Zhi's death had been witnessed by him, but he had never expected this to be the outcome!

Jiang Zhi's strength had been hidden very deeply, and he previously did not expose the fact that he had two ninth phase middle class monarchs.

Such a shrewd person would definitely be extremely careful when fighting. Moreover, he would understand how to protect himself. Normally, even people with strength clearly higher than him wouldn't be able to kill him.

Yet, after a fight that could not be seen, this representative member of Luo Region Sect had transformed into an ice cold corpse that was lifted back. This scene was unbelievable to the tens of thousands of people present and Shen Yicheng himself felt like he couldn't accept it!!

“Jiang Zhi was another who hid his strength and arrogantly believed he had been very shrewd. Yet, he never expected that this Soul Palace fellow would be such a terrifying creature.” Zhuo Xiao rubbed his temples and looked like he had a headache due to the appearance of another formidable opponent.

Soul Palace’s Zhan Hong discovered that Jiang Zhi had been rendered into a corpse and was frozen in place.

When Jiang Zhi had summoned two ninth phase middle class monarchs, he reckoned that he wasn’t his opponent. Yet this second grade expert that had hidden his strength like this was killed so mysteriously. What on earth had happened at the Departed World Gates!

“Was it really a slip of hand, or was it to kill and silence?” Eighth young master Fang Zenever seemed to have stop guessing about Chu Mu’s moves. However, no matter how Fang Ze guessed, Chu Mu’s power displayed was already far beyond the eighth young master’s estimates.

Death was something that happened occasionally in Battle of the Realm. The tournament didn’t strictly forbid killing the opponent.

If it were an accident and a few normal people died, no one would notice in this grand tournament with countless people.

However, the person who died this time was Luo Region Sect second tier’s lead disciple!

Even without any intentional marketing, the entire Tianxia City would shake with this news the next day!

And the reality was just that. Right after Chu Mu’s realm defending stage ended, Jiang Zhi’s death became the headlines for Battle of the Realm’s news, spreading to every young man in Tianxia City again and again.

Jiang Zhi hiding his strength, Chu Chen’s nightmare like defending, and Chu Chen being the only one to come back from the fight, this news was huge not only because an expert like Jiang Zhi died, but also because of Soul Palace Chu Chen’s almost unbelievable strength!

Starting at the first realm, Chu Mu's position was always on the rise, becoming a hot topic.

In the general public's eyes, his strength was already at the peak of young generation, but those hidden experts who saved their strength only regarded him as a clown.

However, after this fourth realm, not only were people shocked by Chu Chen's new explosion of strength, even those big faction real experts had to reassess this young man!

In the following realms, experts from all factions could collide.

And many times, only a very limited amount of people were allowed to get through. Without luck, there were too many seed members that may get eliminated in the next three realms. In this situation, experts must re-evaluate anyone that could be a potential threat to them.

And, as a person with the strength to kill Jiang Zhi, who had two ninth phase middle class monarch ranks, Chu Chen was another mysteriously powerful second tier member. This abnormally powerful young man that crossed tiers to challenge was finally posing a threat to the true experts of second tier!!

Battle of the realm was still proceeding like wildfire. In the fifth realm, soul palace Chu Chen again did something shocking; on the highest honors list, his name was still there.

In the fifth realm, a member of the strongest part of elemental sect had lost against Chu Mu. It was rumored that Chu Mu was only using three soul pets, but utilizing the advantage of geography as well as strange fighting tactics, the elemental sect member was eliminated at the early realm of fifth realm!

Chu Mu's fame rose once again because of this realm, becoming a truly dangerous member of the hidden experts!

In sixth realm, Chu Mu met Ye Wansheng and Shang Heng, forming a team that ran into Nightmare Palace experts Lu Donghe and Soul Alliance expert Huang Ji. They also had their own team, but they were ultimately no match for the trio, getting eliminated early.

By the sixth realm, faction experts were slowly being revealed. In this realm, though Chu Mu, Ye Wansheng, and Shang Heng made a team, their experience wasn't easy. Expert after expert appeared, causing them to all be exhausted, very barely making the reward for highest honor.

“At the end of sixth realm, there was an even higher chance to meet experts. A huge group of people will be eliminated in seventh realm. Chu Chen, you have shown a lot of your strength now, but remember you still have to stay low or else there’s a lot of trouble.” After finishing the sixth realm, Shang Heng very helpfully reminded Chu Mu. In reality, Chu Mu had already experienced how deep the waters were in each faction. One had to know that the people he met were still just helpers for true hidden experts like Lu Donghe. Once the real experts appear in seventh realm, another cruel struggle will happen!!!!

## Chapter 457: (1)

After the first and second realms had finished, Chu Mu had finished strengthening the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and was left with 100 million. Immediately after, he obtained 150 million in the third realm.

Perfectly defending the realm in the fourth realm, he earned 400 million and earned a total of 850 million in the fifth and sixth realms.

Adding it all together, Chu Mu had earned a total of 1.5 billion!

In a few days, it would be the seventh phase challenge, and he knew that the enemies he encountered there would be even stronger. It would be extremely hard for him to actually compete against these experts while only triple controlling. While breaking through the past few realms, Chu Mu had intentionally not strengthened his soul pets at all. He instead relied on his previous formation to reach this point. He planned on spending the 1.5 billion all in one go on a soul pet which rarely was strengthened with spirit items, thereby rapidly raising its strength.

This decision had been reached as Chu Mu was gradually suppressed by the Battle of the Realm experts that continuously appeared. Especially when he faced Jiang Zhi in the fourth realm, and the lackeys in the sixth realm. Chu Mu realized that even if he had three ninth phase middle stage monarch soul pets, it would be very hard to establish himself in the next realm breakthrough!

As such, in the fourth realm, Chu Mu began to hoard his money. Now, he had accumulated a total of 1.5 billion. This sum, even to a middle-elder generation person or an elder generation person was an enormous sum of money. And right now Chu Mu was about to spend all 1.5 billion strengthening the one soul pet that had the strongest potential of all his soul pets!

Mo Xie, the Ice Air Fairy, and the Devil Tree Battle Soldier had all been strengthened by spirit items, so even if Chu Mu were to spend all 1.5 billion on them, he would probably only succeed in barely raising their levels.

In the fourth realm fight, the Night Thunder Dream Beast had successfully evolved to the ninth phase. Relying on its darkness realm technique, the Night Thunder Dream Beast's strength could reach the level of a ninth phase middle class monarch. However, there were only two ways to raise its strength again. One was to find a demon home while the other was to fight. Spirit items had a rather weak effect on it.

The Binding Wind Spirit was one of Chu Mu's options. In the sixth realm, it had risen to the ninth phase fourth stage and its fighting strength rank was that of a middle class monarch, nearing a high class monarch. If Chu Mu were to spend the entire 1.5 billion on it, it would potentially be able to reach the high class monarch rank.

The difference between the middle class monarch and high class monarch was two levels. If the Binding Wind Spirit could really reach the high class monarch level, Chu Mu's strength would definitely surge.

Therefore, the Binding Wind Spirit was one of the soul pets Chu Mu considered substantially increasing the strength of.

Zhan Ye had pretty much never departed from spirit items when raising its phase and stage so Chu Mu felt that if he spent the 1.5 billion on it, Zhan Ye would only be able to raise its strength by two levels at most. As opposed to the Binding Wind Spirit's two level strength increase, Zhan Ye would only be going from the eighth phase ninth stage low class monarch to a ninth phase low stage middle class monarch. It was evidently too much to blow on him, since Zhan Ye's fighting rank was nearly that of a middle class monarch. If Zhan Ye was given a little bit more time, he would probably be able to catch up to Chu Mu's other soul pets.

The Ghost King was temporarily not considered by Chu Mu, since its focus was defense and strength, and it could be considered in an invincible state on certain battlefields. However, when it came to explosive fighting power, it was much weaker than Mo Xie, the Binding Wind Spirit, Zhan Ye and the White Nightmare. Using 1.5 billion to strengthen the Ghost King would lessen the assurance Chu Mu had towards his fights since the Ghost King wasn't suitable for all types of fights.

"After thinking for a while, I think that only the Binding Wind Spirit is suitable. Old Li, do you have any suggestions?" Chu Mu had been considering this for a long period of time.

“The Binding Wind Spirit is your new soul pet, and you are still a bit unfamiliar with controlling it. You can strengthen the Binding Wind Spirit, but that’s still not the best option...” said Old Li.

Chu Mu was also hesitating because he wasn’t too familiar with the coordination between himself and the Binding Wind Spirit.

Old Li was actually more in favor of strengthening Zhan Ye. Until now, Chu Mu had yet to display Zhan Ye’s true strength. If Zhan Ye was strengthened to the ninth phase low stage middle class monarch level, with its late stage strength burst, it would definitely be able to sweep through its opponents.

However, strengthening Zhan Ye also had a very large downside: Zhan Ye’s strength needed to wait until a late stage of the fight before it finally emerged.

There were many times when a fight required absolute strength. There was a high chance that Chu Mu was about to face quadruple control enemies with soul pets that all reached the ninth phase middle class monarch level. In a three versus four scenario, if the other two soul pets had already been suppressed and defeated, even if Zhan Ye had his late stage strength surge, he would probably be overwhelmed.

“Nie~~~~ Nie~~~~~” just as Chu Mu and Old Li were stuck in this difficult spot, the White Nightmare inside Chu Mu suddenly let out a devilish cry as if it was trying to tell Chu Mu something.

The moment the White Nightmare shouted, Chu Mu’s other soul pets began to shout in protest. They wanted this White Nightmare that was always scheming for power to behave and stop acting up.

However, the White Nightmare’s shout caused Chu Mu’s eyes to light up. He asked Old Li: “Soul Palace and Nightmare Palace have always been at odds with each other. However, if one of Soul Palace’s members accidentally obtained a Nightmare species, it probably wouldn’t amount to disgraceful behavior, right?”

“This... it depends on the situation. You’ve been frequently identifying yourself as a Soul Palace member as of late. You probably know of a few of Soul Palace’s rules. Soul Palace has clearly expounded that its members cannot join Nightmare Palace, Soul Pet Palace and Soul Alliance. However, they have never said its members cannot possess a Nightmare.



The best thing for you to do is not to summon the White Nightmare because a few stubborn geezers will definitely cause trouble for you. But, if you obtain the second grade's ultimate honor, a few old timers of Soul Palace, like the old soul teacher, should protect you. Soul Palace also has a group of rather rational elders. They feel that there is no innate difference between soul pets. Where the difference lies is in the person..." said Old Li.

"In brief, if I summon the White Nightmare to fight, there will definitely be people in Soul Palace who are opposed to me. However, if I obtain the ultimate honor, there's a chance that they will open one eye but close the other, right?" asked Chu Mu.

"Young master, you had better ask this question to Old soul teacher De." said Old Li.

Among all of Chu Mu's soul pets, the White Nightmare had the highest species rank. Moreover, the White Nightmare had practically only relied on Chu Mu's soul power to evolve; it was rarely strengthened by spirit items.

If 1.5 billion worth of spirit items were all used on the White Nightmare, its strength would rise by the largest amount.

Furthermore, looking at it from a fighting aspect, the White Nightmare was Chu Mu's main pet, and it really had a domineering aura that placed it above other creatures. If it was able to raise its strength, with its outlandish method of fighting and the damage of its terrifying soul devil flames, it would definitely be as fierce as Mo Xie.

Additionally, although the White Nightmare normally fought for its own desire, it was ultimately raised one phase and one stage at a time by Chu Mu. Its spirit connection with him was equivalently close, and he could control it much more smoothly than the Binding Wind Spirit.

"I'll go and ask." since he had thought of it, Chu Mu went straight to ask Old Soul Master De.

At the beginning Chu Mu had believed that Old Soul Teacher De was an elder in Soul Palace with extremely high reputation. It wasn't until he became a main referee for the Battle of the Heavens competition authority that Chu Mu finally came to the understanding that this old fellow was a Soul Palace elder that was a higher level than the Palace Lord!

Old Soul Teacher De actually was very protective of Chu Mu. After Chu Mu had killed Luo Region Sect's Jiang Zhi in the fourth realm, he had suffered from the anger and denouncement a few of Luo Region Sect's elders.

During that time, Old Soul Teacher De had coldly harrumped: "People who are not as skilled shouldn't make a disgrace of themselves. If Jiang Zhi was able to rely on himself to kill one of my Soul Palace's younger generation, I would have no problems using my reputation to protect him." Those elder generation experts who were looking for trouble had sinister expressions and seemed to want to interrogate Chu Mu. However, after hearing Old Soul Teacher De's words, these so-called experts didn't dare utter a sound of protest. It was then that Chu Mu truly realized that this old urchin that helped heal him twice was actually a Soul Palace elder of extremely high status!

"Brat Chu Che, even if I'm old now and very free, you can't keep bringing me trouble..." Old Soul Teacher De saw that Chu Mu had specially come to see him and ostensibly thought that Chu Mu had killed some bigwig of some faction in the sixth realm and had come to seek protection from him.

"Eh... it's not trouble this time." Chu Mu awkwardly shook his head. It seemed that he hadn't been in Soul Palace for too long yet but had already brought Old Soul Teacher De much trouble.

Chu Mu didn't beat around the bush and promptly told him that he had a White Nightmare as his main pet.

Old Soul Teacher De was researching medicine as Chu Mu spoke. The moment Chu Mu finished speaking, Old Soul Teacher De's hands shook and the medicine bottle in his hands exploded with a "Beng"...

"How do you have a White Nightmare?!" Old Soul Teacher De turned his face and stared astonishedly at Chu Mu.

Chu Mu had Old Li give an explanation. Old Li gave a long speech and gave a rough account of how Chu Mu was captured by Nightmare Palace people to Old Soul Teacher De. Of course, he neglected to mention the important parts. Chu Mu would require the backing of Soul Palace's influence in the future, but mentioning the half-devil Mo Xie as well as the Cyan Hidden Dragon wasn't too suitable right now...

"This brat, this brat. Binglan since childhood was pure and kindhearted, and was uncorrupted by the mundane world. Then she ran into someone like your father who's already a headache. Now, we

have you, a restless brat who isn't reasonable at all..." after hearing the story, Old soul Teacher De let out a sigh.

"..." Chu Mu was a bit ashamed. He never expected that Old De was going to insult himself and his father...

"Nonetheless, it's rather interesting. Using Nightmare Palace's soul pet to crush their young calves." Old Li's demeanor changed very quickly. His white eyebrows were slightly knit together, and he looked very much like an old urchin.

"..." seeing Old Soul Teacher De's demeanor change like his was flipping a page, Chu Mu was rendered speechless once more.

Old Soul Teacher De glanced at Chu Mu who had a strange expression and promptly let out a laugh, "I just never expected you, this brat, to still be hiding a main pet. This White Nightmare's fighting strength is ultimately above the Binding Wind Spirit's. Properly use its absoluteness to make their chins drop. Summon it as much as you want, it's no big deal. Even if I can't protect you, there's still an old geezer who will protect you. Nobody will dare do anything to you."

#### Chapter 458: High Class Monarch, White Nightmare (2)

Chu Mu really never expected Old Soul Teacher De to speak so bluntly. In the previous fights, no matter how hard, Chu Mu did not summon the White Nightmare to fight. In truth, although the White Nightmare was only an eighth phase ninth stage middle class monarch, it had an extremely strong attribute talent, and would have no issues fighting a ninth phase low stage middle class monarch.

If Soul Palace didn't prohibit the White Nightmare, then Chu Mu would be able to use the 1.5 billion to make the White Nightmare's strength suddenly soar. In the subsequent realm breakthroughs Chu Mu would have even more reliance on it.

"Then many thanks to Old Soul Teacher De. Who is that elder who you spoke of?" asked Chu Mu in curiosity. From Old Soul Teacher De's words, he seemed to indicate that there was someone in the dark supporting him.

"This old fellow noticed you the first time you arrived at Soul Palace. He normally disappears and appears mysteriously, and very few people in Soul Palace have seen him before... my taking care of

you is due to his low-profile urging.” Old Soul Teacher De’s words didn’t reveal who this elder was, but it was clear that that he wouldn’t tell him.

Chu Mu promptly asked Old Li, but Old Li said he didn’t know, and that perhaps it was a person in the Soul Palace’s Palace Courtyard...

In Soul Palace’s Palace Courtyard were the most authoritative figures in Soul Palace - people who surpassed the tenth rank in title. The identities of those in the Palace Courtyard were not public. There were a few brave and famous young generation members who would mock these Palace Courtyard elders as “living corpses”.

This was mocking the fact that these old fellows normally didn’t appear at any event ,as if they were lying in a coffin. Most importantly, the majority of people in Soul Palace didn’t even know their real identities. Just like before, Chu Mu would have never thought that Old Soul Teacher De who constantly neglected his normal duties and was always playing with various medicines was a Soul Palace elder.

There were a large number of old people in Soul Palace like Old Soul Teacher De. A few of the Palace Lords from the Seven Great Palaces, holy guards from the Holy Region Palace, big-time administrators in the Outer, Middle and Inner Palaces, countless old scholars in the two Great Sacred Libraries painstakingly researching and old fellows teasing children and leisurely sipping tea in the courtyard pavilions had never actually come in contact with the Palace Courtyard. No one knew if there was a great elder in charge. Chu Mu also had no clue who the virtuous senior who had people take care of him was. Since the Soul Palace elders didn’t care if Chu Mu had a White Nightmare, then Chu Mu didn’t have anything to be afraid of, and promptly began to search for the most suitable spirit items to strengthen the White Nightmare.

It was very rare to find 1.5 billion worth spirit items on the normal exchange, so Chu Mu received an introduction from Old Soul Teacher De, and purchased an expensive Nightmare Soul from a Merchant Alliance elder.

In the past, Chu Mu had bought enough Giant species souls to strengthen the Ghost King. This was a soul teacher’s unique spirit item refining method or a departed spirit soul technique. Chu Mu didn’t understand the details of how to possess it, but these methods which refined a soul from a powerful soul pet’s body to strengthen a soul pet were extremely high-end and mysterious strengthening processes. It also was the most immediate way of raising its species strength.

Chu Mu chose a time, and spent 1.5 billion on Nightmare Soul to strengthen the eighth phase ninth stage White Nightmare.

Because the strengthening method was too intense, Chu Mu had Ye Qingzi give him a soul power medicine to ensure he wouldn't run out of soul power during the enormous energy strengthening process.

“Nie~~~~~”

The White Nightmare was covered in white flames as it stood in front of Chu Mu. It had always looked similar to Chu Mu and standing with it made Chu Mu feel as if a demonifying mirror had been placed between them.

“If you're ready we can start the strengthening.” Chu Mu said to the White Nightmare.

“Nie~~~~~” the White Nightmare, which was a reflection of Chu Mu burning in demonic flames, nodded its head and its two demonic pupils flickered with a complicated emotion.

“What's the matter?” Chu Mu noticed the White Nightmare's strange attitude and asked about it.

“Nie~~ Nie~~” the White Nightmare spoke softly in a strange language.

”After Chu Mu finished listening, a smile rose on his face and he said: “Of course I'm strengthening you. Do you think that the Nightmare Soul in my hand are fake?”

The truth was that the White Nightmare had nominated itself to be strengthened in order to cause a little chaos.

The White Nightmare was very smart and it knew how dangerous it was to Chu Mu. The moment its strength reached a certain point, it would instinctually devour its master's soul power. Therefore, it also knew that it would normally never have a share of spirit item strengthening.

Thus, the White Nightmare had never expected that after its random shouts at Chu Mu, Chu Mu would actually go and purchase spirit items to strengthen it. Moreover, it was an entire 1.5 billion worth of spirit items to strengthen it - something the other soul pets had never received before!

In the Binding Wind Holy Region, the White Nightmare had threatened Chu Mu's soul, but Chu Mu didn't blame it at all after the matter. The White Nightmare had been very guilty, and in the subsequent training in the wild, it had particularly put in more effort, especially in the Sacred Holy Region.

Right now, Chu Mu was giving the White Nightmare extremely valuable spirit items causing the White Nightmare to feel for the first time that Chu Mu perhaps was really regarding him the same as his other soul pets. If it wasn't because devil flames were what formed its body, this evil White Nightmare definitely would have bursting with tears. Chu Mu, knowing from experience, could understand the White Nightmare's state of mind. A gentle smile rose on his face as he said: "In the past I didn't strengthen you because your species rank was too high. Those spirit items weren't very useful to you. In the seventh realm, eighth realm and ninth realm, there will be very many powerful enemies who appear in front of us. I'll need to rely on you to fight."

"Nie~~~" the devil flames on the White Nightmare's body suddenly sprang up, and as if its soul had been baptised, it acted full of fighting spirit. Fortunately, Chu Mu had already grown accustomed to the White Nightmare's soul burning and standing in front of the White Nightmare, he allowed its soul devil flames to wantonly fly about.

Seeing the White Nightmare quickly return to its normal state, Chu Mu could distinctly feel the soul connection between himself and the White Nightmare grow even closer. A gratified smile showed on his face.

The turning point of Chu Mu's life was Mo Xie's appearance. However, if it wasn't for the White Nightmare's existence, Chu Mu's soul remembrance wouldn't have reached such a high level. Him being able to reach Tianxia City while also having the qualifications to enter the seventh realm was closely linked to the White Nightmare.

Moreover, the truth was that so many years had passed that Chu Mu was already accustomed to the White Nightmare's threat and pursuit. The White Nightmare's soul devour was an instinct. Chu Mu knew of its danger, terror, and evil, but it had accompanied Chu Mu as he grew one step at a time until now. It had always fought for Chu Mu and was by all means and purposes, Chu Mu's first soul pet.

Chu Mu didn't care if his soul pets were weak, nor did he care if their species rank was low. As long as they followed him, always accompanied him and always fought for him, no matter how evil they were, they were ultimately his soul pets and Chu Mu would make them grow stronger!

"Ok, let's begin." Chu Mu said to the White Nightmare.

The White Nightmare earnestly nodded its head. Listening to Chu Mu's orders, it began to slowly assimilate these special Nightmare Soul into its body. Then, it had them approach its own soul one inch at a time!

The Nightmare Soul's soul energy was enormous and when Chu Mu used his soul remembrance to induce them into the White Nightmare, his own soul power was rapidly depleted. He could even distinctly feel the mental resistance from the Nightmare Soul.

"Nie~~~~~" the White Nightmare was the nightmare of souls, and it could sense the stubbornness of the Nightmare. It immediately let out a devilish cry, intimidating it!

The White Nightmare's intimidation was extremely effective, and with the combination of Chu Mu's soul, it managed to gradually suppress the Nightmare Soul's vicious attitude. Then, the soul was slowly transformed into energy that became the White Nightmare's energy.

This was unprecedented cooperation from the White Nightmare. It had the innate ability to devour the those from its own species, and when the powerful Nightmare Soul neared it, the White Nightmare no longer needed the inducement from Chu Mu's soul remembrance and began to devour the 1.5 billion in value Nightmare Soul!!

"Hu hu hu hu~~~~~" the devil flames on the White Nightmare's body began to burn even more vigorously. It seemed like it was going to completely fill up Chu Mu's room.

Soon, all of the items in Chu Mu's room had been burned to a crisp by the White Nightmare. Fortunately, the White Nightmare was still able to limit the recklessness of its devil flames and didn't burn down the entirety of his room.

This soul devour carried an intense soul pain which transmitted into Chu Mu's consciousness, and caused his soul power to continue rapidly depleting.

Chu Mu didn't know how long this went on for. He only knew that when his soul power was practically exhausted did the White Nightmare's soul devour gradually come to a stop.

"Nie~~~~~" the White Nightmare weakly let out a cry. The devil flames on its body had unexpectedly completely disappeared, and its body seemed to be cast out of mercury making it look incomparably devilish!

The devil flames on its body were like skin that had always existed and now it was the first time Chu Mu saw its flames completely extinguish.

“Young master, the White Nightmare’s devil flames have disappeared. Its very likely that a new devil flame is about to be born! Just now, when the White Nightmare’s emotions changed, this abnormally gifted Nightmare showed signs of evolving. Now its just finished absorbing the soul!” excitedly cried Old Li.

A smile that reflected the elation in his heart appeared on Chu Mu’s pale face.

Quickly, Chu Mu noticed the White Nightmare’s exhaustion, and proceeded to hastily recall it into the soul pet space.

When the White Nightmare returned to the soul pet space, it instantly went into a deep sleep. There were no other special signs that appeared on its body. In the past when the Ghost King had been strengthened by spirit items, it had also entered into a deep sleep, just like the White Nightmare was doing now.

It wouldn’t be long before its body would burn with a completely new high rank devil flame!!

An even higher rank devil flame would mean that the White Nightmare’s species rank had risen!!

The White Nightmare was an innate middle class monarch and another increase would raise it to a high class monarch!!!

The moment the White Nightmare woke up, Chu Mu would possess a White Nightmare that shed its mortal body in exchange for a new one: a true high class monarch!!!

## Chapter 459: Seventh Realm, Cruel Realm Passing

After the first six realms ended, the seventh realm came a few days late. This was to give all participants who made seventh realm time to rest.

Because of the start of seventh realm, the cruelest and most merciless realm was about to start!!



Chu Mu's seventh realm was Realm Passing! Realm passing meant that he had to pass through a highly dangerous bewildering world in a certain spot!

The Passing Realm stage had almost no restrictions to the player. Even if a player doesn't enter the bewildering world and does a wide walk-around to reach the other side, it wouldn't be against the rules.

However, the competition has a clear time restriction. If the competitor can't reach the other side in time, they will be eliminated. And, the competition usually selected bewildering worlds that couldn't be circumvented.

There were countless high ranking bewildering worlds in the realm of Tianxia City. When Chu Mu walked to Tianxia City from the west side, he would also often go straight through bewildering worlds.

Having passing realm as the seventh realm was within Chu Mu's expectations because Passing realm was a massive environment. It was like a huge contest where all participants could act freely. Often, it was highly likely for everyone to meet and have an intense battle at the appointed location at the end.

In difficulty selection, Chu Mu naturally selected second tier commander rank. Once they were at seventh realm, third tier, second tier, and first tier were very clearly split. Occasions where Chu Mu reached first tier honors list were impossible to happen again. This was because now, the true experts of Tianxia City were all appearing. The honor list would soon be just a compilation of members who made it past seventh realm alone!

The seventh realm was entering the preparation stage.

Before entering the bewildering world, no player knew which world it would be. They would be brought in by members of three different factions.

From previous years' news, the competition staff would usually just throw players to the edges of bewildering worlds and tell them where they needed to be in a few days. After that, it was up to the participants to do their thing.

When the day came, the three competition members appeared in the appointed location.

They didn't have much to say. They simply summoned their wing type soul pets and covered up Chu Mu's eyes to bring them towards the Realm Passing location.

Since it was the seventh realm Passing Realm, the bewildering world they had to cross definitely wasn't a simple one. This could be seen simply by the distance.

With the three competition staff members taking turns, it took a full five days of flying before they reached the starting point.

In these five days, Chu Mu's eyes were constantly covered, so even if Chu Mu had gone to the bewildering world before, he wouldn't know where he was beforehand.

All of the participants of this realm were the same as Chu Mu. They may have passed the same bewildering world, but each player was dispatched from Tianxia Realm along different routes to different points on the outer ring.

To ensure the fairness of the competition, the true Realm Passing would start on the seventh day, which was when all the participants were at their location.

Under the watch of the three competition members, Chu Mu waited for two full days. When the sun on the seventh day rose, the three members finally told Chu Mu the final destination.

"The final location is Lake Chen east side, with a time limit of fifteen days. On the sixteenth day, the main judge, secondary judge, as well as other competition staff will arrive. If you are there then, you will be counted as passed."

The competition staff said to Chu Mu.

"Then, how is the ranking decided?" Chu Mu asked.

Since the judges only arrived on the sixteenth day, how would they decide rankings? After all, no competition staff would be able to judge who arrived first.

"We aren't sure of that. Our responsibilities end here." The other two competition staff said.

They very simply handed off the task and started an incantation to summon their wing type soul pets and returned towards Tianxia City.

Chu Mu watched as the three left. He didn't rush to go forward, but instead started thinking about the question he asked further.

"Fifteen days is quite tight for a Passing Realm, but there are probably a lot of experts of training in the wild in seventh realm. There would be plenty of people that reach Lake Chen's waterfall. Since the competition judges will only appear on the sixth day, there is a hidden rule underneath the task." Old Li's voice slowly came.

Chu Mu wasn't stupid. With these rules, it meant that the competition staff definitely wasn't planning on using speed as a determinant of rank.

And the rule Old Li was alluding to was, "On the sixteenth day, if you are the only one there, you naturally are first place!"

Once he understood this, Chu Mu couldn't help but sigh at the competition's design of this contest. For true honor, every realm was underlined with a cruel survival of the fittest rule!

Chu Mu started looking around himself. Before entering bewildering world, Chu Mu's first mission was to understand the surroundings.

Chu Mu was currently standing on a forest of rampantly growing grass. The grass was already the height of many large trees, each blade of grass standing tall. Standing amongst these stalks, one felt like a shrunken person.

At least the competition staff told Chu Mu the direction of east before they left. Chu Mu summoned his Night Thunder Dream Beast and told Night to go in that direction.

The nearby grass's flexibility was very high. When the Night Thunder Dream Beast started running, these tall stalks immediately split off to the side, but they weren't being damaged by Night Thunder Dream Beast's lightning fast speed.

After the high grass field, the vision ahead suddenly opened up. Looking across, there was a curved piece of land. This land was full of low weeds, covered in green and occasionally rippled in the wind like water, sending waves down the entire length.

Inside this piece of land, occasionally Chu Mu could see high grass zones similar to the one Chu Mu was in, as if tiny forests sprouting on flat ground.

Chu Mu only had one direction- westwards. When Chu Mu looked that direction, he vaguely noticed that on the west side was a winding mountain range. This mountain range extended from north to south, blocking Chu Mu's incoming path.

The back of the mountain range was already beyond what Chu Mu could see. Chu Mu knew that it wasn't possible to see both grassland like regions with both lakes and waterfalls, so they could only be beyond this mountain range.

"Old Li, what bewildering world is this?" Chu Mu asked.

"I really don't think I've seen this place." Old Li signalled that he hadn't heard of this place either.

Since he had no information, Chu Mu could only walk forward. Presumably, the mountain range was a bewildering world and had its own special regions. As long as he reached the east end of these regions, he wouldn't be far from Lake Chen. Once he found Lake Chen, he would find the waterfall!

The faraway mountain range seemed to be right under their eyes, yet Chu Mu rode his fast Night Thunder Dream Beast for a very long time without arriving.

This visual illusion often happened in the wild. Chu Mu wasn't hurried, and simply ran at a normal pace forward, sometimes glancing around him to see if there were any other participants running towards the mountains like he was.

Nearing midnight, the mountain range finally appeared completely in front of Chu Mu.

From afar, the mountain range just seemed to be a few distinct lines on the horizon. However, when he was really standing under this huge mountain, he felt the grandeur of a mountain that spanned an entire region!!

The mountain range wasn't as calm as Chu Mu thought. Chu Mu made Night Thunder Dream Beast climb multiple steep cliffs before barely finding a path into the mountains. "Hui~~~~" Just as Chu Mu planned to go through the path, Night Thunder Dream Beast let out a call to remind Chu Mu.

Night Thunder Dream Beast was already ninth phase, so its detection abilities were much stronger. Under normal circumstances, Chu Mu couldn't constantly release his soul remembrance. At this moment, Night Thunder Dream Beast's detection came into use.

"There's a scent of blood?" Chu Mu rubbed Night Thunder Dream Beast's horn and said.

Night Thunder Dream Beast nodded and lightly stepped forward, jumping in the shadows of the mountain and glided downwards, finally landing on a hanging canopy.

Once Night Thunder Dream Beast was silent, its body would naturally merge into the darkness and also hide Chu Mu.

"No signs of battle, they're probably already dead, let's go down." Chu Mu said.

Night Thunder Dream Beast appeared in the shadows and lightly stepped on the branches as it glided downwards.....

Under was a clearly narrow passageway in the mountain, barely able to hold larger soul pets. When Chu Mu approached, he specially used his soul remembrance to sweep the surroundings to ensure there was no danger before jumping down into the rubble ridden passage.

A scent of blood came from the rubble, with three corpses barely visible in the cracks.

These three corpses' blood had already dried, clearly not recently deceased.

"Young master, look to see if they have any identity seals." Old Li said.

Chu Mu nodded and flipped the corpses over.

Indeed, all three of them had identity seals, but after seeing these seals, Chu Mu's expression immediately changed!!

"They.....they're the competition staff!"

Seeing the three bloodied stamps, Chu Mu sucked in a breath and realized something. He went and examined the blood color quickly.

"They've been dead for two days." Touching the tea colored blood, he quickly came to a conclusion that gave him chills: Someone killed the competition staff that delivered them over two days ago!!

#### Chapter 460: New Companion, Princess Jin Rou

When Chu Mu reached the bewildering world, it was the fifth day. Since every participant started in a different place, but all participants had to start at the same time, Chu Mu waited for two days under the watch of the three competition staff.

Chu Mu had killed countless people, so he was quite sensitive about blood, able to judge person's death time accurately. With the calculations, he realized that these three competition staff had died around the time he arrived at the tall grass region.

"To leave two days early, this person killed the competition staff.....how scary of a person." Chu Mu took a deep breath.

Chu Mu's own killing heart was rather heavy, but he had never even thought of killing the competition staff in the two days. Someone who would do that was not only wicked, but also unbelievably schemeing and wouldn't flinch at any cost!

Since the corpses were on his way, it meant that this terrifying murderer was very close to Chu Mu. Chu Mu had to be very careful in the following road.

As for whether the murderer had any other intentions was something Chu Mu didn't know.

Chu Mu collected the stamps of the three competition staff. Since the tournament would know exactly who was responsible for the death of the three staff if they don't return, then the murderer definitely doesn't mind the consequences.

“Speaking of which, if this person killed the staff members, he wouldn’t know where the final point was. How would he continue to pass the realm?” Chu Mu quickly thought of another issue and started murmuring to himself.

“He is a merciless person. If he meets any other contestant on the way, he would know from them.” Another sound suddenly floated down!

Chu Mu blanked. It was a woman’s voice. Though it was pleasant to the ears, it instantly became strange, considering that it appeared right above him.

Chu Mu immediately lifted his head, and saw a woman standing on the pine tree that he was at. This woman wore a set of black clothes that tightly wrapped her graceful and lithe body.

Her white hands were the greatest contrast against the darkness, while the white skin near her neck caused one’s imagination to run wild!

A black veil covered half of her face, leaving only her eyes open. These eyes were quick, alluring and, when calm, it would occasionally shine with a beauty that could elicit gasps.

This lady was very far from Chu Mu, and her voice came from her remembrance. Chu Mu knew that at this distance, she couldn’t attack him. Furthermore, if she truly wanted to ambush him, he wouldn’t have used her voice to signify her presence.

Yet, Chu Mu’s face was full of surprise, because this woman was somewhat familiar to Chu Mu. Yet, every time he saw her, it seemed like she was always high up. Though she had a quality of refined elegance, she still seemed aloof and hard to get close to.

Nightmare Palace princess, Princess Jin Rou

Chu Mu’s initial impression of Princess Jin Rou was very perfect, and he had had feelings for her kindheartedness.

However, Chu Mu wasn’t the kind that liked to dream. He knew that the distance between himself and this woman was massive. Also, with later contact, Chu Mu slowly realized that the perfect Princess Jin Rou only appeared when she put down her status, schemes, and struggles for riches.

So, even after Chu Mu had the identity of Soul Palace Young Master and a position equal to hers, Chu Mu still stayed far away.

Later on, after Chu Mu slowly found that his feelings for Ye Qingzi were clearly stronger, and that such a girl was most fitting for himself, Chu Mu wiped all fantasies of Princess Jin Rou away.

Yet, Chu Mu would never have thought that, in seventh realm, this Princess Jin Rou would appear here. It seems like she was a contestant that was heading towards the same direction.

Princess Jin Rou's age was even lower than Chu Mu's, so she was also an expert that surpassed tiers. Yet, Princess Jin Rou's name almost never appeared on the Tianxia Ranking, and no one in Tianxia City discussed Princess Jin Rou's strength. Her fame was way smaller than Chu Mu, who was constantly earning the highest honor.

Yet, of the hidden experts of the Battle of the Realms, Princess Jin Rou was definitely one of them!

"Are you very confused as to my appearance?" Princess Jin Rou seemed to despise the corpses, so she only stood far away on the branch and communicated with Chu Mu via soul remembrance.

"En, not bad." Chu Mu answered. He didn't specially near the princess, who was displaying another alluring side of herself, instead choosing to keep their distance.

"Last realm, you disposed of my guard..." Jin Rou's voice floated down.

"What do you want?" Chu Mu didn't want to beat around the bush with Jin Rou, asking directly.

"What could I dare to want?" Princess Jin Rou was clearly pointing at the pressure Liu Binglan was putting on her.

Liu Binglan's position was very high, and Nightmare Palace was incredibly cautious of her. As a young generation member, though Princess Jin Rou had a high status, she was still about the same status as Chu Mu, so she indeed couldn't do much to him.



Chu Mu didn't like being talked to from above, so he rode Night Thunder Dream Beast along the steep cliff and slowly jumped in front of Princess Jin Rou.

He specially examined the black dressed princess before he opened his mouth to speak, "The murderer of these three competition staff is probably very strong and may have ulterior motives, you be careful."

"Do you not plan on travelling with me? After all, you are my personal guard." Princess Jin Rou said.

"If only one person can reach the end, then we would be enemies. Do you think that's necessary?" Chu Mu said.

Hearing Chu Mu's words, Princess Jin Rou blanked before laughing. The laughter was clear and beautiful, lightly echoing through the mountain.

Chu Mu had to admit that this Princess Jin Rou was alluring from head to toes. Regardless of body, facial appearance, or voice, the creator seemed to give all the world's delicate beauty to her. When she laughed, even the hardest of hearts would feel attached to the invisible elegance within the sound.

Chu Mu was once hurt by a seemingly perfect woman, so he had a mental scar for women with perfect appearance and demeanor, and became more focused on inner beauty. Princess Jin Rou originally attracted Chu Mu because of her kind heartedness in her youth.....

Yet now, Chu Mu could no longer feel this kind heartedness, and actually vaguely detected disingenuity.

He imperceptibly had a strong vigilance of this woman that was so suffocatingly beautiful

"This bewildering world is very large, and there are many destinations. Though our starting points were near, our destinations may not be." After laughing, Princess Jin Rou explained. Seeing that Chu Mu was still a little confused, she specially added a line, "Passing Realm almost has no rules. The first thing every participant does definitely isn't head towards the destined location, but to find team members....."

"Don't you have your own team members?"

Princess Jin Rou had prepared for the Battle of the Realm for years already. Presumably, this seventh realm, her guards should already be waiting for her in a destined location.

“There were five people total. Lu Donghe was defeated by you in sixth realm. Another person bumped into a Soul Alliance expert in fifth realm and were also eliminated. Two more people are in different realms entirely. Only one person is in this bewildering world, but it would probably be very difficult for her to find me...” Princess Jin Rou outlined her own situation briefly.

“You want to travel with me?” Chu Mu understood the meaning behind Princess Jin Rou’s words.

“En. The murderer that could kill competition staff should still be in this region. I probably won’t be able to handle him alone. You, as a prison island king, have very powerful wilderness training. Following you would be safer for me, and we could keep watch over each other too.” Princess Jin Rou said.

“Either you trust me, or I’m not a threat to you, or maybe you already have your own plan.” Chu Mu said bluntly.

“You’re overthinking me.” Princess Jin Rou said in a different tone, her bright eyes watching Chu Mu.

Chu Mu couldn’t not overcomplicate things with her, because she was a lethal threat to Chu Mu.

And, after Holy Stem Sacred Region, Chu Mu realized an important issue. This was that the deserted girl was most likely in Tianxia City. Though he had a strong soul connection with her, her powerful mental abilities could easily cut it off, causing him not to be able to sense her even if they were face to face.

Chu Mu’s impression of the defected girl’s perfect appearance was rather vague, yet Princess Jin Rou’s perfectness was the most fitting with the defected young girl. This was why Chu Mu still had some vigilance towards Princess Jin Rou.

If he had this vigilance, he definitely couldn’t have any feelings for her. Chu Mu didn’t want to stay together with her, because she was a dangerous character to Chu Mu.

“I think you should stay careful yourself. We aren’t on the position.” Chu Mu politely refused to stay company.

After speaking, Chu Mu lightly patted Night Thunder Dream Beast’s dream horn to signify Night Thunder Dream Beast to leave here.

Princess Jin Rou still stood silently on the branches. Her calmness seemed like a fairy in the mountains. Her eyes watched Chu Mu’s back as he left. Only when he was a distance away did she again use her remembrance to speak to Chu Mu, “Xia Guanghan has already set down a trap for you. No matter how hard you hide your strength, you may still fall prey to it.”

Chu Mu stopped Night Thunder Dream Beast and stood silently amongst the shadows. He turned around to look at Princess Jin Rou, his eyes displaying a slightly different emotion this time.