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Chapter 461: A Wide Net In Waiting, Zhuo Xiao

After crossing the lofty mountain back, there was a vast expanse of mountain ridges. In between the mountain ridges was a visible deep blue water belt. This water belt snaked its way over from the mountain range far away. After passing through two different topographies, there were two swelling mountain forests in between which was a valley that flowed all the way to an unknown part of the mountain range.

Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou followed this expansive river valley, heading against the direction of the current.

Their final location was the Chen Lake Waterfall. The two of them had reached a mutual agreement to reach this final location and split the highest honor reward between them evenly.

Although Chu Mu very much wanted to monopolize it, the experts in the seventh realm were like clouds, and Chu Mu didn't think that he would be able to actually obtain the seventh realm's highest honor by himself.

Princess Jin Rou's strength was definitely still above his, and she had further already investigated the majority of people in the second grade who were a threat. Chu Mu was thus able to obtain rather accurate information from her.

Of course, this wasn't the main reason why Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou were moving together. Instead, it was because Princess Jin Rou had mentioned Xia Guanghan's plot. In Jia City, Chu Mu was sure that Princess Jin Rou and Xia Guanghan weren't conspiring together. Therefore, he felt that the truthfulness of what she had said about Xia Guanghan was rather high.

In the time leading up to now, Chu Mu had constantly been secretly worried about the matter regarding Xia Guanghan.

Since Xia Guanghan had already used a Nine Tailed Inferno Fox Heart as bait, then it meant that he could be certain he was in Tianxia City. Chu Mu had originally felt that as long as he didn't summon Mo Xie to fight, Xia Guanghan probably wouldn't be able to see through his identity.

However, Chu Mu had evidently underestimated Xia Guanghan's ability, because Xia Guanghan had targeted him in the fourth realm!

Princess Jin Rou expounded that Soul Palace Chu Chen had been too high profile recently, as well as adding on his animosity with Shen Yicheng didn't help. Thus, during the Battle of the Realm, they had already seen through Chu Mu's identity. At this point, Princess Jin Rou mentioned one person who happened to be Underground Palace's Zhuo Xiao.

The subordinates Zhuo Xiao possessed were essentially scattered all over the land, and it meant that Zhuo Xiao had invited Zhuo Xiao to deal with Chu Mu in the Battle of the Realm.

In the past, Zhuo Xiao had been suspicious about Chu Mu's identity. However, when Chu Mu killed Jiang Zhi in the fourth realm and exposed his strength, Zhuo Xiao was able, to a certain extent, be sure that Soul Palace Chu Chen was Chu Mu.

Both Zhuo Xiao and Xia Guanghan were very smart. They knew that Chu Mu was presently under the protection of Soul Palace's experts. Therefore, even if they had guessed Chu Mu's identity, they had yet to actually make a move.

As such, they put all their plans into the Battle of the Realm, meaning that Zhuo Xiao had already undetectedly laid a trap for Chu Mu in the Battle of the Realm. The moment Chu Mu appeared, he would be like a turtle in the jar.

When Princess Jin Rou revealed this, Chu Mu was inwardly shocked.

What made him shocked wasn't Zhuo Xiao's trap, but rather how Xia Guanghan and Zhuo Xiao had seen through his identity.

The soul pets Chu Mu had used in the previous few realms to fight were all mainstream soul pets that many people possessed. There was no way they could use just this to expose him.

"Young master, I think it could be the thing in Li City. Yu Jia and Shen Yicheng were colluding together, and it also came to light that Yu Jia could have had relation with Underground Palace people. If Underground Palace's Zhuo Xiao had been in Li City then, he would definitely have known about your appearance there. Xia Guanghan is among the very few people who know you can transform into a half-devil. Both Soul Palace Chu Chen and the half devil had appeared in Li City, so if you draw a small connection between these two, it will be easy to suspect you.

Furthermore, it is also possible to do a comparison with your recent performance in the past few realms.” said Old Li.

Chu Mu furrowed his brows. Until now, he had believed that he had hidden himself well. He never expected Xia Guanghan to have seen through him.

However, even if he had been seen through, Chu Mu felt there wasn't a need to overly fret.

There was no way Xia Guanghan could interfere with the Battle of the Realm, so the person who would deal with him could only be Zhuo Xiao.

Zhuo Xiao was an assassin, while Chu Mu was someone who had experienced numerous massacres. There were an innumerable amount of unknown factors in the Battle of the Realm, and who would ultimately emerge as the victor was hard to say.

Princess Jin Rou telling this to Chu Mu was doing a large favor to him. As an exchange, Chu Mu would naturally help her succeed in breaking through the seventh realm.

Princess Jin Rou's strength was unmeasurable, and Chu Mu would never and had never underestimated this woman.

However, the facts proved that she really wasn't a soul pet trainer very suited with the wilderness.

En route, Princess Jin Rou had already tread very carefully, yet still managed to make some wilderness common-sense mistakes.

“So it turns out there's a lot you don't understand. Then why do you pretend that you know everything?” Chu Mu sat on a rock as he rested. He turned around and looked at Princess Jin Rou whose leg had been scratched.

Just now, Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou had passed through a thorny forest. Chu Mu had originally thought that Princess Jin Rou would know that the dangerous thing about these areas wasn't the plant world soul pets, but the dangers hidden in the thorny environment.

Ultimately, this noble princess ended up wounded and the toxins entered into her blood. Despite Princess Jin Rou immediately taking detoxifying medicine, her leg was still poisoned until it reached an azure color.

“I can see from your face that you’re taking pleasure in my misfortune. At the beginning of this I told you that I wasn’t familiar with the bewildering world environment and needed someone to take me. I had thought that someone who’d expressed admiration towards me in the past would have generously helped me pass through this environment. However, it seems that I was being too naive.” said Princess Jin Rou.

Every person would change. Just like two years ago when they were in the Great Chu Family, Princess Jin Rou had personally heard Chu Mu express his admiration for her.

However, two years had passed and Princess Jin Rou sensed that this man had a different attitude now. Perhaps it had something to do with this man already having someone else in his heart.

Princess Jin Rou was actually pissed off right now. She felt that Chu Mu had no understanding of what a ‘gentlemanly demeanor’ was. Furthermore, he was extremely selfish and snobbish, and if it wasn’t because she had told him about Xia Guanghan, there was no way Chu Mu would have helped her.

Princess Jin Rou sensed that the vigilance Chu Mu had towards her wasn’t only because of Mo Xie, but instead was from a mistrust and defensive mechanism that accidentally leaked out.

Regarding the matters of Chu Mu’s defector soul pet, Princess Jin Rou had no idea about this. Thus, she naturally wouldn’t realize that it was due to her looks and temperament that constantly reminded Chu Mu, in a bad way, of the defector soul pet. This was especially the case since Chu Mu learned that even if he was face to face with his defector soul pet, he still wouldn’t even be able to recognize it.

“It could be because you’ve constantly been putting on your princess aura that I’ve subconsciously come to believe that you’re omnipotent. Though it shouldn’t just be purely because of my belief. I guess I still prefer the first time I saw you; that feeling I got of you not putting on a constructed facade is a better one.” Chu Mu didn’t enjoy hiding things when he spoke and rather bluntly expressed his opinion.

As he spoke, Chu Mu opened his spatial ring and gave a rather highly effective detoxifying medicine Ye Qingzi had concocted for him to Princess Jin Rou. He told her to use it.

“I’m very sorry, but I’ve passed those naive years already.” Princess Jin Rou calmly said.

Chu Mu was stunned, and he seemed to understand something, but didn’t say anything.

The rock Chu Mu was sitting on the edge of a geological fault, and in front of him was a basin filled with lush vegetation.

Many years of experience in the wilderness told Chu Mu that this basin was rather dangerous. It was far from being as tranquil as it looked.

“The basin in front is very dangerous. There are two choices: go around or go through. If we go around, I don’t know how many days we’ll have to spend doing so. With our current pace, it may be a bit hard to be able to pass through this entire bewildering world in fifteen days.” Chu Mu explained the scenario to Princess Jin Rou.

“Let’s go through. At least I’ll be able to show some value that you can exploit in fights.” Princess Jin Rou had a noble and arrogant mannerism and really didn’t bother hiding her anger that stemmed from Chu Mu’s words.

Princess Jin Rou remembered that it had been Chu Mu who had disrespected her in Jia City. That debt still hadn’t been cleared yet, and now Chu Mu was criticizing her for being too shrewd and her overthinking mannerism.

She could admit that she was growing more and more shrewd, but she didn’t like Chu Mu’s lack of respect, so she didn’t have a reason to stay calm. If she could find someone else who she could even slightly trust in this seventh realm, she would gladly not travel with this man.

“From the topography, it looks like this basin should have many unavoidable locations with competitors who have entered this bewildering world. Keep your guard up at all times. There are probably numerous vicious and merciless people in the second grade.” said Chu Mu.

Princess Jin Rou nodded her head. After controlling the injury on her leg, she slowly chanted an incantation, summoning an ice colored small fox.

This small ice fox was one of Princess Jin Rou’s main pets, the Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox.

This was an existence that was on the same level as the Nine Tailed Inferno Fox, and a perfect soul pet in the commander rank. Even in the monarch realm, the Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox's majesty was in no way inferior.

The Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox also possessed the Pitiful Appearance species technique. Once this ice fox that had the same cold haughtiness as the princess appeared, it proceeded to silently lie in Princess Jin Rou's soft embrace. Its two spirited pupils that emitted a cold light stared at Mo Xie who was on Chu Mu's shoulder.

The small Mo Xie merely yawned, and ignored this Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox's gaze. She continued to lie on Chu Mu's shoulder as she slept.

Chu Mu stood up from the rock and slowly began heading down along this inclined path full of plants.

Princess Jin Rou followed right behind. She also didn't summon any other soul pets as she continued down the inclined path like Chu Mu.

"Princess, you just spoke a lot with me. Are you also lowering that person's guard?"

Suddenly, Chu Mu's soul remembrance entered Princess Jin Rou's mind.

"Yes, so it turns out you also detected him." Princess Jin rou's two spirited and beautiful eyes flashed with a wise radiance!

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When Princess Jin Rou reached the basin, she quietly chanted an incantation, summoning a demon in front of her.

Princess Jin Rou's demon was a Dark Devil Buddhist.

Dark Devil Buddhist: Demon world - demon type (specter type) - Dark Devil species - commander rank. The Dark Devil Buddhist possessed a specter body that looked like it was cloaked. Its two hands were dark red claws that had three sharp claw-edges.

Its pair of legs didn't need to stand on the ground as it was always floating half a meter above it. Its two eyes carried a slightly azure light and its gaze was terrifyingly sharp.

After the Dark Devil Buddhist appeared, it disappeared like a specter in between two large trees. Next, Princess Jin Rou continued to talk to Chu Mu as if nothing had happened.

Chu Mu knew that he didn't need to do anything. He was shocked. The Dark Devil Buddhist Princess Jin Rou had summoned was a ninth phase fourth stage middle class monarch!

The Night Thunder Dream Beast had already reached the ninth phase first stage, but the difference in stages was equivalent to an entire level. In terms of rank, it was also lacking by a level. Even if it used its domain technique, it would not necessarily even be the Dark Devil Buddhist's opponent.

“Shua shua!!!!”

A dark red and imposing glint swept through the dense trees and, all of a sudden, all of the plants in a straight line were cut in half!

Immediately after, a pained cry rang out in the jungle. Obviously, the person following Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou in the dark had been attacked by the Dark Devil Buddhist.

Chu Mu's reaction was very fast. He instantly turned around and passed through the rows of fallen trees. He immediately saw that the Dark Devil Buddhist's dark red claw was pointing at a man whose arm was bleeding.

The man was half lying down on the ground. Beside it was a demon, but it had easily been suppressed by a mental technique of Princess Jin Rou's Dark Devil Buddhist. It could only fruitlessly struggle in place.

The man didn't dare to chant an incantation because if he were to summon another soul pet, the Dark Devil Buddhist's bloody claw would pierce his throat. Thus, in fear, he quickly approached Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou who was only slightly slower.

“I... I ... I didn’t... I didn’t have any evil intentions...” the man’s face was pale as he spoke.

Chu Mu got a bit closer and sized up this man. He found that aside from the wound the Dark Devil Buddhist had ripped open on his arm, his waist also showed signs of injury. It seemed this wound had been there for a while now.

“Who are you?” Chu Mu stood in front of him and coldly interrogated him.

“I... I am a Blue Kingdom person. My name is Liu Zhang and am a crossing world competitor.” said the man professedly called Liu Zhang as he held the wound on his arm.

At this moment, Princess Jin Rou slowly walked over. She stood beside the Dark Devil Buddhist and looked at Chu Mu with a bit of curiosity.

Liu Zhang’s two eyes that carried fear quickly fell onto Princess Jin Rou. Slowly, the expression on his face changed, now carrying a bit of shock and complication.

“Princess Jin Rou? Don’t tell me that you’re Princess Jin Rou?!” Liu Zhang’s expression was abnormally excited. He stared intensely at Princess Jin Rou, and a certain type of infatuation and appreciation could be seen on his face.

“Hmm? Have we met before?” Princess Jin Rou carefully examined this person who she seemed to not remember at all.

“Before you entered Tianxia City, I had encountered trouble at the edge of a bewildering world and it was your subordinate who saved me. I was going to thank your subordinate, but she had me remember the favor in your name. In the past, I had always admired you but then I received your grace. Therefore, I had been very much hoping to say my thanks to you, but never had the chance. I never expected to see you here. This is truly too good.” Liu Zhang gratefully said.

Princess Jin Rou seemed to remember that her subordinate had mentioned this to her. She didn’t have much to say as she said: “Deal with your wound first then tell me why you were following us.”

“Yes yes.” Liu Zhang immediately nodded his head and hastily wrapped his wound. From his adept skill, he seemed to be a soul pet trainer that frequently trained in the wilderness.

Chu Mu continued to maintain his vigilance. At the very least, this Liu Zhang's actions were very suspicious. This was because he had been continuously hiding his aura and his skills were very high. He was no mere casual. If it wasn't because Chu Mu's soul remembrance was higher than his, he would probably only discover his existence if he had launched a sneak attack on Chu Mu.

"I... I really don't have any ill intent. I noticed you two in the poison thorn belt up ahead. At that time, I didn't know you two so I followed behind you guys. The truth is that I wanted to travel with you two, but I didn't know what your strength was like." said Liu Zhang.

"What's with the wound on your waist?" asked Chu Mu.

"This is precisely what I just spoke about. I arrived here earlier than others, but the basin in front was extremely dangerous. I already entered once, but returned wounded. The most important thing is that I discovered a few people lying in ambush in the basin. Although my strength is far from many true second grade experts, my aura hiding abilities are extremely strong. When I entered the basin, I inadvertently discovered many corpses. I had originally thought it was the weaker competitors that had been attacked by the basin's savage creatures when I eventually discovered a shocking secret! The people lying in ambush in the basin are specially here to kill us competitors!" as Liu Zhang spoke, his eyes were full of fear, "The wound on my body was rendered by them. I managed to flee and not long after saw you two. I came to both warn you and also because I wanted to travel with you. If I were to head into this place alone, those killers will definitely appear."

Chu Mu glanced at Princess Jin Rou and they both sunk into deep thought.

The first thing Chu Mu considered wasn't the killers hiding in the basin, but whether Liu Zhang's words were believable or not.

The second thing Chu Mu considered was the problem of the killers in the basin. If the killers really existed, who could they be? Were they competitors seeking to obtain honor for themselves and decided to massacre other competitors in the basin? Or did they have another objective?

"Princess, what do you think?" Chu Mu used soul remembrance to ask.

"Liu Zhang's words should be true. My subordinate mentioned this person to me. He is a famous soul pet trainer from Blue Kingdom who frequently trains in the wilderness. My subordinate tried to make him serve me and specially went to investigate news about him. This person is an honest

person who has never entered any faction.” Princess Jin Rou knew the first thing to do was have Chu Mu acknowledge Liu Zhang.

“Then what do think about those killers?” asked Chu Mu.

Princes Jin Rou had a good understanding of the state of the various factions. Since there had appeared a group of killers in the Battle of the Realm who were intentionally killing competitors, there was definitely something hidden going on...

“Perhaps. The killers of the competition authorities are probably not only the killer we determined earlier, but also a few others. They reached this place earlier in order to obstruct all of the competitors and then let the person they are escorting to reach the seventh realm’s honor unobstructed.” said Princess Jin Rou.

Chu Mu furrowed his brows. Upon reaching the last few realms, the teams created by trusted faction aids would appear. However, using the method of killing competition authorities and other competitors to obtain the benefits was too cruel. It was unknown which faction’s hidden experts would be so daring.

“Remember I told you before that the first thing to do in the bewildering world wasn’t to breakthrough the realm, but instead to search for one’s own teammates or find people you trusted?” Princess Jin Rou used soul remembrance to softly speak to Chu Mu.

“We can’t go around, we can only kill our way through.” Chu Mu nodded his head.

The advantage of factions gradually manifested in the latter few realms. Chu Mu felt that he really was in need of a few allies. Fighting in solitude to the very end would only result in an extremely miserable ending.

“Let’s let Liu Zhang follow us. His strength isn’t weak and he is a wilderness expert too.” said Princess Jin Rou.

Chu Mu nodded his head and jumped onto the Night Thunder Dream Beast’s back.

After Liu Zhang obtained permission to enter the team, his face was instantly riddled with an excited smile. It was like a knight that had obtained supreme honor. He ignored the wound on his body and, in high spirit, rode on his demon as if he was a lackey for the princess.

“Princess, don’t worry. This subordinate’s strength isn’t much, but when we travel in this environment, it’ll definitely be me who discovers these killers first, instead of the killers ambushing us.” said Liu Zhang in earnest.

Princess Jin Rou merely slightly nodded her head and didn’t say anything.

“Oh, I was too impulsive when I saw Princess Jin Rou. I forgot to ask what the distinguished name of this honorable guard was?” Liu Zhang quickly noticed the man next to the princess.

Chu Mu glanced at Liu Zhang and very bluntly ignored his question.

Princess Jin Rou quietly explained to Liu Zhang; “He isn’t my subordinate. We’re working together purely for the reward.”

“Oh, a mercenary. Haha, it’s always an honor to serve Princess Jin Rou.” Liu Zhang very stupidly failed to comprehend the meaning of Princess Jin Rou’s words.

Princess Jin Rou let out a soft laugh. This elegant action showed off an infatuating beauty.

Liu Zhang laughed in embarrassment. He didn’t know what he had said incorrectly to make Princess Jin Rou laugh at him.

Princess Jin Rou threw a glance at Chu Mu and used soul remembrance to softly say to Chu Mu: “It seems that even if you’ve left the position of my guard and are now considered a Soul Palace Young Master, you still can’t rid yourself of the mannerisms of a princess’ guard...”

Chu Mu opened his mouth to say something, but after thinking, decided not to say it. He decided to let Princess Jin Rou act like a young woman and pleasantly ridicule him.

Chu Mu raised his head and stared at the dense plant basin and a savage smile rose on his face.

Since there were so many killers in the basin, then Chu Mu had no need to be merciful.

It was a massacre in the jungle, but it would be seen who ended up killing whom. To Chu Mu, who had been immersed in a full three years of massacres in a jungle, the jungle was his killing domain!

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In the dense forest, there was always a faint scent of blood.

This smell was very faint, to the point where Princess Jin Rou and Liu Zhang didn't notice. Only Chu Mu, who was like a beast that lived in Prison Island for multiple years, noticed it.

Chu Mu knew that under where Princess Jin Rou rested was a corpse that was specially treated. The smell of blood was so faint even Princess Jin Rou's demon couldn't smell it.

"Come to where I am." Chu Mu said to Princess Jin Rou. Letting a beautiful lady like her stand right above a corpse, Chu Mu couldn't help but give her some advice.

"What is wrong?" Princess Jin Rou walked over to Chu Mu and said questioningly.

"It isn't safe there." Chu Mu didn't explain much. His gaze went through the rows of branches and stared deeper into the forest.

"Princess, do not worry. I have already checked around when we came, there aren't any issues nearby." Liu Zhang immediately said.

Princess Jin Rou only nodded, but she subconsciously still chose to believe Chu Mu, deciding to stand beside him while resting.

"Eat the antidote." Chu Mu said.

"The wounds on my leg have healed." Princess Jin Rou said.

“There are many plant world soul pets that can emit poison that can’t be detected through remembrance. This poison is hard to defend against. In addition, people sometimes used corpse stink to spread poison. Check your calf. If the healing scab is purple, it means some poison continues to plague your body.” Chu Mu said to Princess Jin Rou.

Princess Jin Rou’s spirited eyes blinked, clearly not realizing the things Chu Mu talked about. She immediately walked to the side and rolled up her pant leg.

Indeed, when Princess Jin Rou extended her delicate white calf, she found the scab to be purple.

Princess Jin Rou looked slightly surprisingly at Chu Mu, not expecting Chu Mu to be this attentive to details.

“Tell Liu Zhang to look around on the east side. I’ll walk around nearby to see what the situation is like.”

Chu Mu continued to say to Princess Jin Rou.

Princess Jin Rou nodded. After consuming the antidote, she told the eager Liu Zhang to go forward and scout.

Liu Zhang was obedient to all of Princess Jin Rou’s commands. Very quickly, he rode his demon to scout ahead. Liu Zhang’s demon was pretty agile. In a few stealthy leaps, it disappeared in their field of view.

“You should remain careful yourself. Let your demon stay in combat mode and wake your little ice fox up.” Chu Mu advised Princess Jin Rou.

Princess Jin Rou furrowed her brows, not understanding why Chu Mu was this uptight. There shouldn’t be any danger nearby.

After saying all of that, Chu Mu nimbly leaped onto a branch and disappeared from Princess Jin Rou’s view.

Princess Jin Rou wasn’t stupid. She quickly hid her own aura and told Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox and Dark Devil Buddhist to stay vigilant.

After about five minutes, Princess Jin Rou's soul remembrance locked onto a person that was running towards her in escape. This person was the scouting Liu Zhang.

"Princess, let us leave quickly, they have set up ambush near us!" Liu Zhang said frantically to Princess Jin Rou.

Princess Jin Rou stared gravely at her surroundings and said coldly, "Your news arrived late."

Liu Zhang blanked before abruptly turning around just to notice many pairs of oily green eyes appearing in the shadows of the forest!

Very quickly, these green oily eyes appeared all around Princess Jin Rou and Liu Zhang, blocking off all four directions!

"How...how is this possible, how can they act this quickly!" Liu Zhang's face turned white as he quickly chanted an incantation.

In such a situation, they could only fight. Yet, Liu Zhang didn't know how many people the opponents had. Whether they could escape from the heavy ambush was a problem in itself.

Princess Jin Rou was more calm. Her detection ability was slightly stronger than Liu Zhang, so after she locked onto them all, Princess Jin Rou noticed that there were three killers and ten soul pets around her total. These soul pets' strengths were all ninth phase high stage commander rank, and were all of the same soul pet species.

If they all had the same soul pets, this was clearly a group of killers trained through devilish means similar to Nightmare Palace Nightmare Islands.

Soul pets all of commander rank and with high phase meant that these people all focussed heavily on the growth of stages. In training camp like places, this was a common approach. The improvement of ranks often needed a huge amount of cash. Phases and stages could be increased through time and battles. So, when training these members, the main leader's direct goal was to raise all their members' soul pets to tenth phase. This way, they could have synergy in offense and strength.

“You watch over one direction.” Princess Jin Rou said to Liu Zhang.

Right after, Princess Jin Rou decided to strike preemptively and sent a command directly to her Dark Devil Buddhist!

Dark Devil Buddhist’s hiding abilities were much stronger than these killers’ soul pets. A ninth phase high stage commander rank was akin to an eighth phase middle stage middle class monarch rank. As a ninth phase middle stage middle class monarch rank, the Dark Devil Buddhist was a full three ranks higher than these organisms!

“Shua!!!!!!”

The Dark Devil Buddhist’s attacks were clean and decisive. As one of the green eyed monsters neared, its heart was immediately pierced by the Dark Devil Buddhist!!

Instant kill!!

Princess Jin Rou’s Dark Devil Buddhist was a demon, but its offense wasn’t any weaker than some beast type soul pets. After one technique, it immediately killed a green eyed organism!

“Wuwuwuwu!!!!!!”

After the Dark Devil Buddhist, the Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox also attacked!!

A huge demon aura paired with piercing cold spread towards the surroundings, instantly freezing all plants in a fifty meter radius. The Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox darted forward, bizarrely dashing by a green eyed demon’s body!!

Bone chilling cold spread over. The green eyed beast didn’t even let out a single technique before two claw marks appeared on its body, spreading cold poison swiftly throughout its body and freezing its innards!

In the forest, the killer wearing green realized that his soul pet was completely frozen and quickly tried to retract his soul pet.

But, as this killer was chanting the incantation, his green eyed demon suddenly became an ice sculpture and countless ice shards blasted out of its body!

Princess Jin Rou's decisive killing immediately damaged two killers' souls, and her demeanor suppressed the other three killers and the eight soul pets.

The three killers immediately realized that they had run into a true second tier expert!

They almost had no hesitation, immediately giving his soul pets a command to retreat and quickly hiding back into the forest.....

The killers came quickly but left quickly too.

Liu Zhang was still in a daze there, eyes watching the two green eyed demons that Princess Jin Rou killed while his mind was thrown into shock.

All along, Liu Zhang felt that Princess Jin Rou was just a top tier member of third tier. The reason she entered second tier was mainly because of her powerful guards.

And, all the rumors of Princess Jin Rou was like this as well. No one mentioned Princess Jin Rou's true strength.

Yet, in the short battle then, Liu Zhang saw the harsh killing of the princess, easily scaring off three killers that Liu Zhang regarded as powerful opponents!

"Princess is also a hidden expert." Only after a while did Liu Zhang react. Princess Jin Rou was also an expert that was well hidden amongst the big factions!

"What else did you find up ahead?" Princess Jin Rou glanced at Liu Zhang and said.

"There... there's a group of killers camping ahead. I found a few killers, but there should be many more. They've set up a very dense forest formation, like a terrifying big net that awaited for other contestants to dive in!" Liu Zhang said slightly flustered.

“Then did you figure out how big this net is, as well as how many people they had?” Princess Jin Rou asked.

“Even if my hiding abilities were advanced, to figure out how much area they covered would be incredibly difficult. They have soul pets or soul pet trainers hidden in every possible hiding spot in the forest. Not even a fly could escape their eyes, so going deep would be very difficult. I could only walk around on the outside to figure out their trap, but to figure out how deep the trap goes without triggering it, no one in second tier could do that.....” Liu Zhang opened his mouth to say.

Princess Jin Rou went silent. The situation wasn’t looking too good for her. Only until Chu Mu came back with more information could she make plans for the next step.

Not long after, Chu Mu came back.

“You... where did you go? Why weren’t you here when we were ambushed?” Liu Zhang saw that Chu Mu finally returned and couldn’t help but grumble.

Chu Mu ignored Liu Zhang’s grumbling and slowly walked up to Princess Jin Rou.

Liu Zhang didn’t stop grumbling, but when he noticed that there was a burly Devil Tree Battle Soldier behind Chu Mu, the words got caught in his mouth as shock filled his face!

What shocked Liu Zhang wasn’t Chu Mu’s devil tree battle soldier, but instead it was the three corpses in its hands!!

These three bodies were the three green clothed killers from before!!

Princess Jin Rou was also surprised. She first looked at the corpses before watching Chu Mu, “You killed them?”

“En, I noticed that they were out of formation by themselves so I disposed of them along the way.” Chu Mu nodded.

Princess Jin Rou was powerful, possibly even above Chu Mu, but in the previous situation, she would at most have killed two soul pets. If these killers wanted to run, she couldn’t keep them, let alone kill them all!

Yet, Chu Mu did just that, and all with ease!!

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“You call that being alone.....” After hearing Chu Mu's words, Liu Zhang's mouth twitched.

Three killers outside of formation was called being alone. This was too hard to accept; after all, these killers were all decently powerful!

After Chu Mu glanced at the demon that Princess Jin Rou killed, he said, “About five thousand meters ahead, there's a huge group of killers, around twenty in numbers. I was very baffled, how is there such a huge concentration of killers from the same faction in seventh realm?”

Right after Chu Mu said that, Princess Jin Rou opened her eyes wide in surprise again and specially glanced at Liu Zhang.

Liu Zhang finished listening to Chu Mu, and his chin hit the floor!

Liu Zhang never would have expected this fellow to figure out the situation ahead in such a short amount of time. One had to know that the setup ahead was almost flawless, and that a single misstep would cause these killers to detect you!

Just now, to show that it was impossible to go deep into the killer base to understand the situation, he mentioned that no one in second tier could hide themselves that well. Yet, as those words were still floating around in the mountain, Chu Mu's sentence made Liu Zhang feel as if he just dug himself into a hole.

“This guard brother, did you truly fully figure out the situation ahead just now?” Liu Zhang came over and asked.

“En, there are approximately three leaders in the twenty of them, with decent strength.” Chu Mu said.

“He even figured out the leaders.” Liu Zhang was immediately speechless.

Ahead, it was completely filled with watch guards from the killers.

Between the killers, there were soul pets in fixed locations. Someone with experience could immediately tell that the distance between these killers was fixed. Though they were spread relatively sparsely, no one would pass through them in reality.

Liu Zhang himself was also a training expert. He knew the difficulty involved, so when he said that to the princess, he was sure that no one in second tier could do it.

Yet, who knew that the guard by Princess Jin Rou's side was this terrifying. This was hard for Liu Zhang to believe.

Princess Jin Rou fell into deep thought. Even with her status, she only had a few guards under her, and she hasn't met any of them in seventh realm.

Yet, this seventh realm passing realm had somehow gathered this many killers. If they were all participants, then how vast would the mastermind's powers be, allowing this many followers to pass through the first six realms.

"Any leads?" Seeing Princess Jin Rou lift her head, Chu Mu quickly asked.

"There's no one I can think of with this much power. Even Soul Alliance Si Tian wouldn't be able to pull this off. This is probably someone from outside of Battle of the Realm that got in." Princess Jin Rou analyzed.

Chu Mu's heart sank. The first thing Chu Mu thought of that could explain this rule breaking phenomenon was the defected girl.

Because, if the young girl had always wanted to win the Battle of the Realm's final honor, she has probably been planning for a long time, and was ready to use all methods to bring a person to win the final honor of second tier.

"They have many people, and we probably can't defeat them. I feel like we could try to get more people to group up. If they see that we have enough people, they may not dare to fight." Princess Jin Rou said.

“We don’t have that much time. With that method, we may truly be unable to get the final honor. And, I feel that if there were too many people, these killers may not mind starting a skirmish with us; their main goal is to obstruct everyone.” Chu Mu denied Princess Jin Rou’s idea.

Princess Jin Rou’s choice was safer, and she had the influence to gather people with her status.

But, Chu Mu felt that these killers were all subordinates of some expert. If they wasted too much time on these killers, the seventh realm honor would definitely be taken.

Chu Mu knew that his strength wasn’t enough. If he didn’t get the seventh realm honor, his Zhan Ye and Monarch Ghost King wouldn’t be able to improve. This would be very detrimental for him in the eighth realm, so Chu Mu had to get this huge sum of money from the reward.

“I’m not too interested in the final honor. As long as I can succeed, I am happy. Their strength is too large and hard to beat.....” Princess Jin Rou said tactfully.

“I must get the final honor.” Chu Mu said.

Princess Jin Rou dropped her head down slightly and stopped talking.

“Since this is the case, then let us split up here.” Chu Mu understood that Princess Jin Rou didn’t want to take the risk.

Princess Jin Rou paused, not expecting Chu Mu to be this blunt.

“Ok, then you be careful. Not only is this person’s influence high, his strength is definitely very strong. Try not to fight this person head on.” Princess Jin Rou looked at Chu Mu as a complicated emotion flashed through her eyes.

Princess Jin Rou nodded. His eyes were also on Princess Jin Rou. In reality, he had a question he always wanted to ask. After hesitating for a while, he resolved to ask it, “Why do you always wear a face veil?”

Princess Jin Rou wasn't surprised by the question. She smiled and explained, "It's just a tradition. Before certain things appear, we always keep the veil on. Only when it appears do we take it off."

Chu Mu nodded with some understanding and jumped right off the Night Thunder Dream Beast's back into the danger filled forest.

Princess Jin Rou looked at Chu Mu leave and felt less safe. However, she didn't feel regret for the splitting. They had different thoughts and naturally had different choices. Splitting up was the correct decision.

"Princess Jin Rou, so he isn't your guard?" Then who is he?" Seeing Chu Mu leave with the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and Night Thunder Dream beast, Liu Zhang asked with confusion.

Princess Jin Rou replied calmly, "You probably know this person, Soul Palace Chu Chen."

"Chu Chen!" Liu Zhang's face became covered in surprise. He completely didn't expect that man to be the recently famous Soul Alliance Chu Chen, the abnormality that continued to challenge across tiers and gain the highest honor!!

"No wonder he had those abilities..... It is rumored that he has hunted in places comparable to ninth level bewildering worlds!" At the same time as his surprise, Liu Zhang also suddenly realized why this man could easily pass through the traps placed by the killers!

Chu Mu had another reason he wanted to split ways with Princess Jin Rou, that being he wanted to figure out the person behind these killers.

Chu Mu felt that these killers appeared very abruptly, and could very likely be related to the things Yu Palace Master talked about. If this were true, then the defected girl's goal could be found from these people.

Also, Princess Jin Rou indeed wasn't adept at training in the wild. If she were together, Chu Mu would clearly be impacted while travelling through the forest. Since she just wanted to succeed, splitting up was the best option.

There were twenty killers total. Of course Chu Mu couldn't take them out one by one. He must figure out how he could capture of the killer leaders. Only then would he be able to gather some intel.

Chu Mu observed these killers' strengths in the dark. Every member has about three to four ninth phase high stage commander ranks. If they were to fight head on, Chu Mu would only be able to deal with about three of them.

If he were to assassinate them, if any were alone, Chu Mu had the confidence of killing them without anyone knowing.

However, the issue was that the three killer leaders were all in the center of the forest. Chu Mu fighting would definitely attract at least five fighters. This was too dangerous.

Finally, Chu Mu decided to hide in this killer's base and wait for a better opportunity before attacking. This way, he would have a higher chance of successfully capturing a leader.

When Chu Mu completely hid his aura, he could traverse even Holy Stem Sacred Region with ease. Though these killers had a tight formation, it couldn't stop a true forest's person from entering.

When night approached, Chu Mu had already neared the three commanders' base in the center of the basin. He himself was hidden like a beast, silently sitting on a tree and watching every movement in the base.

"Some people haven't come back. I think they've been removed by true second tier experts." A man's voice came out weakly from at tent.

"Heng, no. I told them that if they find someone overly powerful, they should just let them through!" Another man's voice was clearly sharper.

"Big leader, master is already leagues ahead of the other opponents. Speaking of which, this subordinate still doesn't understand what master needs. If it were just so master could get the highest honor, there is no need to put us into action on seventh realm, right?"

"Don't ask too much, just do as you're told....." The man called big leader didn't continue.

Hearing this information, Chu Mu creased his brows. If these men continued to talk, maybe he could truly find some important information.

“It looks like, to truly know their goal, I must start with this big leader.” Chu Mu said.

Continuing to wait will just waste time for him to pass the realm, but this master of theirs must be obstructing others to do something extremely important.

Immediately, Chu Mu decided secretly to take this risk!!

Chapter 465: Unknown Leader, Nearing the Trap

The leader of the killers was seated in a tent, eyes closed and silent.

This leader of the killers was also a young generation member and also a second grade member. He was a second grade spirit master.

Upon reaching the spirit master level, increasing strength became abnormally difficult. This leader of the killers was presently trying to break through the second remembrance to the third remembrance.

This group of killers was comprised of all elites. They had laid down killing traps in the jungle, and there were few who could pass through the jungle, let alone make their way to the center of this camp.

Therefore, this leader of the killers was seated without worry or stress. He was concentrated and had entered a state of silent cultivation.

Suddenly, the leader of the killers heard footsteps and he creased his brows. He subconsciously harrumphed: “Didn’t I tell you not to disturb me?!”

The leader of the killers opened his eyes to see who the person who disturbed him was. Immediately, his expression changed and he hastily stood up. He knelt in front of the man who entered and fearfully said: “My lord, this subordinate didn’t know it was you who had come. Please forgive me... please forgive me.”

“What’s the situation like?” the man indifferently swept his eyes over the leader of the killers and asked a question.

“Three have died. It’s probably due to the appearance of some hidden expert in the second grade. Old Nine’s situation hasn’t been reported yet, but he should have succeeded.” responded the leader of the killers.

“Before I came here, I already saw that those three people died in Chu Chen’s hands. Could it be that Chu Chen can be considered a hidden expert?” said the man.

“Chu Chen? This subordinate didn’t realize that I had sent people to kill him.” the leader of the killers slightly raised his head, but didn’t dare look at the man’s face.

“He was once Prison Island’s King and his ability to survive in the wilderness is much stronger than you group of trash. Perhaps he’s hiding nearby, and will come and take your worthless life at any moment!” the man’s eyes turned vicious.

“This subordinate was careless. This subordinate was careless.” the leader of the killers hastily said, “My lord, don’t worry. As long as he appears, I’ll definitely catch him. Senior Shen has already given this task to us!”

“Has Senior Hao given you any other instructions recently?” asked the man.

“Other instructions?” the leader of the killers thought carefully before responding, “No. We listen to your commands and are ordained to Senior Shen.”

“Did your master specially request for you to do anything?” the man continued to ask.

“This subordinate has never seen master before, but knows she’s in the seventh realm. My lord, why did you appear here? Isn’t your realm breakthrough mission...” the leader of the killer’s tone turned strange.

The moment his words came out, the man’s eyes underwent extreme change.

“Lue!!!!”

Suddenly, a sharp cold light swept past, and the edge of a blade streaked across the the leader of the killer's neck, tearing open his artery.

Immediately, blood began to spurt out, splashing over the tent!

The leader of the killers eyes opened wide. As he was asking that question, he had truthfully already raised his guard.

However, he had still reacted too slow.

As his life quickly slipped away, he stared at the man in front. In his vision that was gradually blurring, he found that this man's face and temperament was slowly changing, as he transformed into another person.

Chu Mu released his soul remembrance and controlled the stench of blood, preventing it from spreading.

He coldly stood next to the leader of the killer's corpse. In fact, the leader of the killer being in a concentrated state of silent cultivation had presented Chu Mu the opportunity to create a dream realm.

After entering the dream realm, the leader of the killer had unwaringly taken Chu Mu to be their master. Chu Mu had taken advantage of this, and attempted to play along.

Chu Mu knew that every killer had undergone strict training, and that their vigilance was extremely heightened. Consequently, Chu Mu had been very careful as he spoke.

At the same time, Chu Mu could see that this leader of the killers responded very carefully. He had pretty much given Chu Mu no information that he could use; that is, until his last sentence where he mentioned that his lord was in the seventh realm.

Chu Mu was certain this group of killers listened to direct orders from Shen Yicheng, which meant that Shen Yicheng was definitely in this seventh realm. Moreover, it was very likely him that had murdered the competition authorities, having these killers head to the finish first.

From the leader of the killer's words, aside from Shen Yicheng, there was another person who was referred to as a lord. This person was absolutely crucial, and very likely had direct relation to the defector young woman who was controlling everything behind the scenes.

Chu Mu could feel that he was already touching the influence of the defector young woman and was approaching, step by step, the plot she had laid down in the Battle of the Realm.

Chu Mu could not let the defector young woman do as she pleased. No matter what traps she had set up in the seventh realm, Chu Mu had to find them out.

"Young master, I feel that there's a rather suspicious person..." at this point, Old Li's voice rang out.

"Who?" asked Chu Mu.

"Liu Zhang." said Old Li.

"Why do you feel that he's suspicious? At least when we were travelling together, that fellow didn't reveal anything suspicious about himself." said Chu Mu.

Chu Mu rarely formed teams with others. Even if he did form a team, he would always have extremely high vigilance against them. Therefore, when Princess Jin Rou had mentioned she wanted to slowly accept other team members, Chu Mu had expressed his staunch opposition.

Chu Mu would have rathered face a large group of enemies before having to watch the every step of the so called "teammates" next to him!

"Just a feeling. Firstly, his aura hiding ability is extremely strong. Although he said that he often trained in the wild, it's actually very likely it's an ability from being a killer. Secondly, the expression he showed when he saw you dragging the corpses, it was as if his body had gone cold before he showed an expression of shock. Finally, just as you were leaving and I was lying on the Night Thunder Dream Beast's body, I carefully examined him and found that within his complicated expression was a slight trace of happiness." said Old Li.

"Do you think that he has another target? Or in other words, is he also a killer? I've seen these kinds of tricks many times before, but I feel that there really is no need for him do something like this." said Chu Mu.

“That’s not necessarily true. For example, and I’m only giving an example, what if he was there for Princess Jin Rou?” said Old Li.

“There for her? There’s no logic behind that. Also, Princess Jin Rou has heard of him before. One of her guards rescued him. Wait...No, that’s not right. What if they wanted to control Princess Jin Rou earlier, and had sent someone to lay this elaborate scheme even before.” Chu Mu quickly realized that something was wrong.

“It’s actually very easy to prove this. Liu Zhang definitely knows that you’ve already entered the killers’ camp and, in a little, if the formation of the killers changes, then that pretty much proves that he reported this to them.” said Old Li.

After Old LI finished speaking, Chu Mu’s face turned a bit dark.

The proof Old Li had mentioned was basically using his own life as proof! This was because once the killers’ formation had changed, it meant that they had all changed their target to him.

Thus, he was situated in a dangerous location!

“Old thing, why didn’t you say this earlier!” berated Chu Mu.

Chu Mu didn’t dare linger any longer here and promptly jumped out of the tent. He wanted to leave the extremely dangerous killers’ camp as fast as possible.

“I’m not a prediction god. It was when the leader of the killers mentioned Old Nine that I abruptly thought of this possibility.” said Old Li.

Chu Mu couldn’t be bothered to argue with Old Li and urged the Night Thunder Dream Beast to hastily rush into the dark and demonic forest.

“Sou sou sou!!!!”

“Sou sou sou sou!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Sounds of footsteps began to emerge in the forest around Chu Mu as black shadows began to crisscross in a disarray!

The hidden demons had extremely explosive strength, and they were dark figures that assaulted him from the air in the forest...

When Chu Mu fled the killers' camp, countless soul pets had suddenly emerged around him. These soul pets were all targeting him, evidently because they discovered him!

Chu Mu's heart sank. When he had entered the leader of the killers' tent, he hadn't disturbed any killer and he had cleaned up afterwards very cleanly. Even if these killers had spotted an intruder, it was impossible for them to change their formation that quickly. The only explanation was that the killers had already prepared to catch a turtle in a jar!!

Right now, this was indeed proof that Liu Zhang was the person referred to as Old Nine by the killers. This scheme was something Chu Mu was familiar with, but he never expected to be caught in it.

"If this was a trap set for me beforehand, then it means that Princess Jin Rou - who has no understanding of the jungle environment - is caught in their schemes." Chu Mu quickly realized the critical problem!

Princess Jin Rou was extremely strong, and it would be extremely hard for Liu Zhang to attack her. The problem was that Princess Jin Rou was too unaccustomed to the wilderness and even if she was careful, she would probably accidentally fall into the trap set by Liu Zhang and these killers!

"Shi Shi Shi!!!!!!!!!!!"

The coldly illuminated claws swept across Chu Mu's body. After Chu Mu's body passed by, most of the trees on either side of him collapsed. If he had been even slightly slower, him and the Night Thunder Dream Beast would have been decapitated at the waist!

Chu Mu's face turned grave. He had fallen into a trap and only by breaking free could he take care of the Princess Jin Rou's situation.

"Mo Xie!" Chu Mu couldn't afford to conserve his strength and summoned Mo Xie in front of him!

Moonlight spilled through the tree leaves, bathing the slightly brilliant Chu Mu in light as she transformed into a Royal Flame Nine Tailed Inferno Fox. She ripped apart a resplendent fire arc in the dark air with her royal flame claws, shredding the green eyed demon blocking Chu Mu's path in front into pieces!!

Chapter 466: Leader of the Killers, Shen Yicheng

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On a meadow in the basin jungle...

Princess Jin Rou sat on this meadow, and she stared at the small pond in front of her.

The small pond was actually a puddle of water in a depressed point of the ground and it had an area of only about 20 meters. The surface of the water was very calm and shimmered with the light from the twinkling stars in the sky...

For some reason, after Chu Mu had left, a feeling of mysterious unease had arisen in Princess Jin Rou's heart.

Princess Jin Rou actually did trust Chu Mu, because she knew that he could be selfless. If she was in a team with him, he would, to a certain extent, ensure her safety.

As for Liu Zhang, Princess Jin Rou didn't really have much trust for him. After all, she didn't understand this person very well, and had never met him in the past before.

"Liu Zhang, I seemed to have detected some sort of movement. Can you go to the southern side to take a look?" Princess Jin Rou stood up and spoke to Liu Zhang.

Liu Zhang surveyed the surroundings and said: "I just checked that area and specially placed a few small tree branch traps in between the trees. If someone walks through that place, I'll be able to detect him or her. Could Princes be overthinking it?"

Princess Jin Rou still felt uneasy, and pointed at the pond in front of her as she said: “I detected that there was movement there and my soul remembrance intuition is very strong...”

“Since that’s the case, then I’ll go take a look. But Princess Jin Rou needs to be careful; this basin jungle is a bewildering world and one careless mistake will result in you getting lost.” Liu Zhang nodded his head.

After speaking, Liu Zhang urged his demon in the direction Princess Jin Rou had pointed in to examine the situation.

Liu Zhang’s demon moved very fast, and in a few jumps had made its way into the southern jungle.

He didn’t go that far, only casually moving around this patch of area once.

It was impossible for there to be in danger in the southern side. Liu Zhang was 100% sure of this because this place was already within the region of their killers’ camp. Unless the person that had left, Soul Palace Chu Chen, had the ability to intrude the camp, it was impossible for others to do.

Moreover, Liu Zhang knew that right now that Soul Palace Chu Chen was under the control of his subordinates.

Liu Zhang’s subordinates weren’t in this area. He had a very clear understanding of his surroundings so when Princess Jin Rou had him check the southern side, he completely feigned it to remove the worry in Princess Jin Rou’s heart. Only by doing this could he bring this Nightmare Palace Princess into the trap.

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Not much later, Liu Zhang returned and walked to the pond from before. He said: “Princess, it’s me. There’s no danger there, you can come out.”

His voice reverberated around the jungle, but he was unable to see any trace of Princess Jin Rou.

“Princess Jin Rou?” Liu Zhang called out again, but there was still no response.

Quickly, Liu Zhang realized something was wrong. After doing a search, he couldn't find her...

"Crap, she fled!!" Liu Zhang soon guessed that Princess Jin Rou had sent him away on purpose. He cursed, and immediately let out a sharp whistle.

The sound pierced through the silent jungle and echoing all around it. It sounded like the cry of some nocturnal soul pet.

After the sound had rung through, black figures began to move throughout the jungle. It was possible to see leaves shake in all directions!!

"Sou sou~~~~~"

"Sou sou sou~~~~~"

Over ten shadows jumped out of the jungle. Verdant eyes coldly flickered, robust and powerful beast bodies ran through the jungle, plants went flying and numerous shadows layered on top of one another...

"Hmph, how can a wilderness newbie, no matter how smart, flee from my pursuit?" Liu Zhang quickly discovered a trace of ice on the western side. Clearly, this was left behind by Princess Jin Rou's Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox.

These careless traces left behind while fleeing was a mistake commonly made by wilderness newbies. Liu Zhang was very surprised that Princess Jin Rou could see through his facade, but what did it matter if Soul Palace Chu Chen wasn't in the team? That fellow's terrifying wilderness survival ability or mysterious ability to throw them off was no longer there.

Indeed, Princess Jin Rou could not escape by herself. A net had already been extended through the entire jungle and inadvertently coming into contact with it would result in being surrounded on all sides!

Liu Zhang jumped onto his demon and rapidly chased after Princess Jin Rou in the direction of the traces left by her Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox.

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Soon, Liu Zhang's figure disappeared from this green meadow. Then, faint ripples began to slowly appear on the surface of the water...

From the ripples, Princess Jin Rou's graceful figure emerged under the moonlight. Her pair of eyes, still resplendent at night, stared at the direction Liu Zhang had left in.

Princess Jin Rou was always wearing a veil, and it was impossible to see the expression on her face. However, from her eyes, it was possible to discern the uneasy expression in her heart.

In truth, Princess Jin Rou hadn't actually seen through Liu Zhang's plot. In fact, before this, she was actually trusting of this vagrant soul pet trainer who had been willing to serve her.

In order to determine if he was truly trustworthy, she had intentionally sent him away before feigning that she had fled.

If this Liu Zhang was worth trusting, then his first reaction would be to worry for her and search the area for her.

On the other hand, if Liu Zhang had other intentions, then his original intention after discovering her disappearance would probably be revealed!

It wasn't that Liu Zhang had been seen through; instead, he had given himself away. Princess Jin Rou had merely grasped whatever was in his heart...

"Now what should I do? Liu Zhang will quickly discover that the ice marks are false..." Princess Jin Rou knit her eyebrows and tried her best to maintain calm as she sunk into thought.

Killers were rushing towards her. Princess Jin Rou could be sure of this.

She wasn't familiar with the jungle environment, and no matter which direction she went, she would ultimately fall into their encirclement.

“Bing Ying, can you detect the aura of Chu Mu’s Mo Xie?” Princess Jin Rou knew that the only person who could take her out of this predicament was Chu Mu. Right now, she silently regretted parting ways with Chu Mu.

“Wu wu wu~~~~~” the Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox nodded its head.

Frost quickly covered the Ice Demon Fox’s tiny body. Countless pieces of ice crystals merged together, freezing the pitiful appearance fox into a menacing ice sculpture.

The ice crystals rapidly began to show signs of cracking and the an emperor species aura of the fox species gradually began to discharge. Once the ice crystals on this small ice fox’s body had fully fallen off, it had transformed into a Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox.

Princess Jin Rou jumped onto its back and had the Dark Devil Buddhist follow beside. She quickly advanced in Chu Mu’s direction, attempting to find Chu Mu before she was surrounded by the killers...

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Chu Mu’s present situation wasn’t very optimistic. Nearly 50 soul pets were chasing after him. The moment Chu Mu went in a wrong direction or showed any signs of slowing, he would be surrounded by the fifty demon beasts and demons and descend into an extremely dangerous and bitter fight.

Chu Mu had greatly underestimated the number of killers. They seemed to be endless. Each time Chu Mu was about to throw off the enemies, another two new killers would lock onto him and continue chasing.

Mo Xie was extremely brave and fierce. While fleeing, she had already killed nearly ten green eyed demon beasts! There were several times where they had nearly been completely surrounded and it had been Mo Xie that had mightily slaughtered her way out in a trail of blood.

“Wu wu wu~~~~~”

As a demon fox emperor species, Mo Xie ostensibly was also able to detect the Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox that was approaching Chu Mu, and let Chu Mu know.

“Mo Xie, let’s split up. You lead the princess to me and have her meet up with me as fast as possible. You must be fast.” said Chu Mu.

It was impossible for Chu Mu to deal with so many killers by himself. Right now, he had to meet up with Princess Jin Rou to deal with them, otherwise, him and Princess Jin Rou would be directly eliminated from the seventh realm and perhaps their lives would be in danger as well.

“Wu wu wu!!!”

Mo Xie didn’t hesitate at all. The royal flames on her body flared up, her nine long tails gorgeously gave a sweep and instantly, the surrounding jungle was burning with a scorching fire!

Amidst the torrential flames, Mo Xie’s body split into five that travelled extremely quickly in five different directions.

The surrounding green eyed demon beasts weren’t able to discern Mo Xie’s real body and could only launch attacks at all five of the figures attempting to break out of the encirclement.

“Wu~~~~~”

Of the five figures, only one was Mo Xie’s real body. The royal flames on the real body suddenly extinguished completely and as the attacks flew over, Mo Xie transformed into her pitiful state. Her tiny body passed through the incomparably concentrated interweaving of claws and she agilely ran into the jungle illuminated by the fire before quickly disappearing...

“The Nine Tailed Inferno Fox has escaped!” said the assistant leader of the killers.

On the tree top of the jungle amidst the burning flames, a man wearing green clothing looked down from high above. He coldly laughed and said: “Ignore that demon fox. All of you follow me to capture Chu Chen!!”

“Yes!”

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Chu Mu had slowly opened a gap between him and the group of killers. Now that Mo Xie wasn't next to him, he had to be especially careful. If he was surrounded even once, his life would be in danger.

The night Thunder Dream Beast was continuously speeding up and the Reach For The Midnight Moon effect allowed the Night Thunder Dream Beats to visibly surpass the speed of all of the killers' soul pets.

“Si la~~~~~”

Suddenly, on the left side of the Night Thunder Dream Beast, a savage demon sprang out and its claws easily ripped apart the Night Thunder Dream Beast's defense, leaving a fresh wound!

The fresh blood was particularly striking in the moonlight. The Night Thunder Dream Beast's body was visibly pushed off course and its steps descended into chaos before, with extreme difficulty, managed to recover its balance. It agilely used the Extreme Speed technique and suddenly sped up again!

Chu Mu's heart shook and his eyes swept across. He immediately saw a savage demon following closely behind with abnormal speed. On top of that demon was a man with a cruel gaze that intensely stared at Chu Mu!

“Shen Yicheng!” Chu Mu's heart shook. The only killer that could catch up to Chu Mu's speed was Shen Yicheng!

Previously, Chu Mu had learned that Shen Yicheng was in the bewildering world, but he never expected him to be in the killers' camp!!

“Chu Chen, you really are digging your own grave!!!” Shen Yicheng let out a sinister laugh.

Chapter 467: A Killer Level Higher than the Killers

Feeling Shen Yichen's icy killing intent, Chu Mu didn't turn around. He instead rode his Night Thunder Dream Beast quickly into the tangled and complicated forest.

Chu Mu knew that Shen Yichen's demon's speed wouldn't be any slower than Night Thunder Dream Beast's. However, in the wild, Chu Mu had to face countless opponents faster than himself. A person like Shen Yichen who was used to lavish lifestyles may not be able to stop Chu Mu!

Indeed, Shen Yichen was very quickly thrown behind by Chu Mu's strange running path, and his presence became weaker and weaker.

"You can't run. Everyone here is under me. No matter how strong your wilderness training is, you won't be able to escape!" Shen Yichen wasn't in a hurry, as if playing a game with a mouse.

In this entire basin, there were fifty killers total. These fifty killers have gone through ten years of training, and had the sharpest of chasing and assassinating abilities.

This entire basin forest was completely under the control of these killers, like a huge hunting net. As long as Shen Yichen commanded these killers to slowly close the net, no matter how powerful Chu Mu's wild training was, he would still get surrounded in the end. Even Princess Jin Rou wouldn't be able to escape!

In this dark forest, Chu Mu used his Night Thunder Dream Beast to hide in the shadows between trees.

Not long after Shen Yichen was attacked, Chu Mu escaped with his powerful running abilities, successfully breaking free from their pursuit.

But, Chu Mu very quickly realized the terrifying teamwork these killers had. Even though he was constantly struggling free from their surrounding attacks, in reality, these were just small nets. In this entire basin forest, killers were slowly nearing him from all direction. If he couldn't think of a perfect escape strategy, he would definitely be trapped in a very small space by this slowly shrinking kill trap.

Chu Mu's strength was at most enough to deal with four killers at once, and this is without Shen Yichen and characters like the killer leader. The difficulty of escape was incredibly high.

"Houhou!!!!"

In the shadows, the dark body of the Zhan Ye suddenly pounced downwards from the tree. A Heavenly Splitting Claw fell down towards the vitals of a green eyed demon!

The killer quickly noticed the unexpected appearance of this Mo Ye and commanded his other two demons to jump towards Mo Ye to restrict it.

“Si!!!!!!”

Suddenly, the sharp Heavenly Splitting Claw appeared strangely behind the killers back, heavily ripping through this killer’s soul armor and leaving a bloody gash on his chest!

At the same time, the Mo Ye that attacked the green eyed demon became a fake shadow that dissipated as the other two demons pounced for it!

Dream Reflection!!

This was Night Thunder Dream Beast’s most adeptly used skill. In this moonlit forest, its dream techniques could completely confuse illusion with reality!

The killer couldn’t possibly defend against this. After his chest was ripped open, he let out a pained howl.

Seeing its owner attacked, the ninth phase high stage green eyed demon quickly leaped over and cast Shattering Claw!

To inflict even deadlier wounds, Zhan Ye often didn’t even dodge or defend against attacks. Seeing the green eyed demon pounce towards it, Zhan Ye ignored it while a black beam of destruction gathered in its throat, shooting towards the killer who was still struggling on the ground!!

“Beng!!!!!!!!”

The destructive energy blew up. This killer was already heavily wounded, so the defensive spell that he barely casted was easily ripped through by Mo Ye’s destructive beam. This dark energy immediately invaded this killer’s chest and frenziedly corroded all this killer’s organs!

“Zhan Ye, let’s go!”

Chu Mu left after one attack, sending a command for retreat without any hesitation.

Zhan Ye didn't dodge the green eyed demon's Shattering Claw, so the ink armor on it quickly showed cracks.

Yet, with Zhan Ye's superior ability to take a beating, such an attack meant nothing to it. Its front limbs heavily stomped on the ground and sent the green eyed demon flying off. It then opened up its powerful body into a powerful dash, quickly disappearing into the forest with Chu Mu.....

“Sousou!!!!!”

Nearby killers quickly gathered over.

Yet, all they saw was Mo Ye's fading figure, and their companion's rotting body. When they were pursuing vigorously, however, they found that the enemy's aura completely disappeared and left them with nothing to chase.

After this killer died, the killer sub leader nearby quickly came over.

Staring icy-faced at his subordinate's corpse, this sub leader's expression became very grave.

“Sub leader, this Soul Palace Chu Chen's strength is deep beyond expectations!” The first killer to arrive commented quietly.

In this killer base, there were three leaders and six sub leaders. One of these big leaders was assassinated without any killer noticing!

Every one of these killers were from Underground Palace. They were all soul pet trainers who were disciplined and went through the strictest of trainings. Any of them could adeptly hide, chase, ambush, and assassinate in any environment. They all had the ability to go deep into enemy territory and assassinate the opponent's leader.

Yet, these killers would never have thought that, among the second tier members, there was one expert who could use his killing abilities this effectively!

Not only could this expert easily infiltrate their killer base and soundlessly kill one of their leaders, he could even turn around and kill some of the chasing killers as he was getting surrounded!

This caused all the killers to feel like they were just being toyed with in this man's control.

"Tell everyone to pay extra attention. The in and outs of breathing, the positioning, the intersection of light and shadow, the hiding of obstructions, the checking of blind spots, and the sense of direction should all be reinforced. The opponent is also a person with his hands full of death. To be able to escape from us multiple times, his use of geography and his own agility is definitely near perfection." Sub leader said.

The cold moon hung in the night. It was already the second half of night, yet the basin forest was still full of rustling shadows and ominous glints.

The entire black forest was especially quiet, but the occasional blood curdling screams caused one to shiver involuntarily!

"A group of trash, a group of idiots!!! How have you not caught him yet! You say you are the elites of elites in Underground Palace. How are you getting played by some low tier trash!" Shen Yichen stuck his finger at the leaders within the base and cursed!

Beforehand, Shen Yichen thought they needed at most half an hour to catch Chu Mu. Yet, a full two hours passed, and these people had still only trapped Chu Mu into a relatively smaller region, shrinking his room of movement.....

What angered Shen Yichen the most was, in the two hours, there were already nine killers killed by Chu Mu. If time was prolonged further, wouldn't all fifty of these killers be killed by this man?!

The two leaders' expressions were both ugly as well. At first, they already realized that this person was an extremely dangerous character. However, they would never have expected that this Soul Palace Chu Chen was this terrifyingly powerful. He was a killer with skills even above these professional killers!!

"Leader Shen, don't panic. Though subordinate doesn't want to discourage our side, this soul palace Chu Chen definitely isn't as simple as you say. His wilderness survivability, killing technique, and counter-chasing abilities are all top tier. They are comparable to our main leader." The leader said with a grave voice.

These killers had their own rank hierarchy. Normal killers were members, then there were killer team leaders, sub leaders, leaders, and main leaders.

“Isn’t your main leader Zhuo Xiao?!” Shen Yichen forced down the anger in his heart. “Yes. Putting strength aside, by my judgement, this Soul Palace Chu Chen’s wilderness training and killing abilities aren’t inferior to that of main leader’s. If he were given a wider geographical space, all of our people would be killed within three days.....” As an experienced killer, the leader’s estimation of the opponent’s strength definitely was accurate!

“You say he has the ability to kill everyone in three days!!” Shen Yichen immediately stared at him with shock!

The other leader shook his head and said, “I feel like two days is enough. Nine people have already died in two hours. Presumably even main leader didn’t expect such a terrifying presence to be within young generation. Boss Shen, it isn’t that we are neglecting him; you had estimated this person’s strength incorrectly, or this person had hidden his powers too well.” “What do you mean by saying all of this, do you want to retreat?” Shen Yichen said angrily.

The stronger Chu Mu was, the harder it was for Shen Yichen to keep his anger down.

“Since we were given the command, we would try our all even if we were to all die. Subordinate was just talking about a large environment. In that situation, we probably couldn’t stop his killing no matter how many people we had. But, we had set up an inescapable net long ago. This was a formation even main leader had trouble escaping. This Chu Chen definitely can’t escape. Just give us one more hour.” one leader said.

“In an hour, I want to see him on his knees in front of me. With that Nightmare Palace princess. You probably know her importance. If you can’t do that, just kill yourselves so you don’t bring unnecessary for master!” Shen Yichen said.

“Don’t worry, everything is under our control.” The blue clothed leader said.

Chapter 468: Appearance, Defector Woman

An hour’s time quickly passed. The two big leaders and Shen Yichen all quickly appeared where Chu Mu was trapped.

Chu Mu's moveable range had been reduced to a few hundred meters. The killers were getting closer one by one, sending Chu Mu into a bitter battle.

"Leader, Chu Chen is trying to kill his way through the east side!!" The sub leader immediately informed the leader of the situation inside the killer formation.

"How many people are on the east side?" Blue clothed leader asked.

"Nine people, enough to stop him!!" Sub leader said.

"Ok, let's act. Remember, we need him alive!!" Leader waved his hand.

Shen Yichen seemed to want to see Chu Mu captured alive, so he didn't stay at the back to control but rather directly rode his demon towards the east side.

Seeing Shen Yichen leave in that direction, the blue clothed leader didn't follow, but instead turned to speak to the other leader, "Third sub leader reported that Boss Pan came back."

"Boss Pan? Isn't he by master's side?"

"Maybe he noticed that the situation became complicated here." Blue clothed leader said.

"If Boss Pan came back, then everything will be easier!!"

On the east side, Chu Mu rode his Night Thunder Dream Beast constantly weaving through the dense forest.....

Around him, ghastly green glints constantly shook, occasionally letting out sharp claws that always barely passed by Chu Mu's body. Huge trees would fall down around Chu Mu as a result.

Chu Mu was truly sensing change in all directions. Not only did he have to find the best dodging path amongst all the frenzied attacks, he also needed to plan his next move in the shortest time possible, and even the moves after, or else the ten killers behind him and the nine ahead would trap him tightly in this narrow space.

“Hui~~~~~”

The Night Thunder Dream Beast let out a long call. Its handsome figure darted in and out of the forest where the trees were mere three meters apart. Night Thunder Dream Beast could run over a hundred meters in a second. However, in this hundred meters, it had to make near 10 micro adjustments. This dodging ability already surpassed some demons with strength surpassing Night Thunder Dream Beast.

“Chu Chen, let’s see where you want to run now!!” A slightly shrill laughter came from the treetops. This sound Chu Mu was incredibly familiar with now; it was the voice of Shen Yichen, who had been trying his best to kill Chu Mu.

Hearing Shen Yichen’s voice, Chu Mu only laughed coldly. He patted the Night Thunder Dream Beast’s dream horn and signalled for Night Thunder Dream Beast to slightly change its trajectory to leave Shen Yichen and quickly disappear from this group of killers’ sight.....

“Beng!!!!!!”

The destructive ray fell and yet another killer fell into Chu Mu’s trap. It was blasted into pieces by both Night Thunder Dream Beast and Zhan Ye’s destructive ray, causing his green eyed demon to get blasted away as well.

After killing this killer, Chu Mu didn’t hesitate at all as he quickly ran eastwards.

Yet, Chu Mu’s room for movement was getting smaller and smaller as fifteen killers had him completely surrounded.

If it were just fifteen killers, Chu Mu may have been able to skirmish for a while, but Chu Mu’s sharp perception felt an immense pressure assault him!

It was the aura of a powerful soul pet from the east side, which was also the only escape route for Chu Mu! If this path were blocked off, then Chu Mu would have nothing to hide!

That imposing aura swept over to him again. Chu Mu was sure that this soul pet had completely locked onto him and wasn’t far away anymore.

Chu Mu was silently surprised that this killer formation had such a powerful soul pet trainer still. As the fifteen killers quickly blocked off all his escape routes, Chu Mu's heart sank even lower.

“Beng~~~~~”

Suddenly, a huge noise came. The dense bushes in front of Chu Mu were split apart by two massive hands. Immediately, a head with a pair of blood red eyes came out from the bush, watching Chu Mu and his soul pets from above.

A heavy scent of blood battered him like a storm, causing Chu Mu to take a few steps back. Chu Mu looked up in shock at this soul pet seemingly bathed in blood.

It was a blood beast! A monarch rank blood beast!

This massive creature had a pair of bat wings behind it. Its wings spanned near ten meters when folded half up!

“Young master, this is a ninth phase high stage middle class monarch rank Bat Monarch Blood Beast!!” Old Li said with alarm.

On the bat monarch blood beast's skull was an arrogant man standing. This man looked down on Chu Mu with a similar gaze. This gaze seemed apathetic, but one could feel the belittlement from them!

“Sousousousou~~~~~”

After the soul pet trainer riding the Bat Monarch Blood Beast appeared, the green light around Chu Mu shuffled and countless scary eyes stared at Chu Mu...

Following, fifteen killers quickly appeared around Chu Mu. The killers' demons surrounded Chu Mu, sealing off any last chances of him escaping.

“Boss Pan.....” the killer sub leader glanced apprehensively at the Bat Monarch Blood Beast that sealed the east side off and said respectfully to the man on the skull of it.

The man called Boss Pan glanced emotionlessly at the group of killers before he slowly opened his mouth, “Do you killers all not have brains?”

“Boss Pan, we tried our best.” Sub leader quickly took the blame.

“Look under yourselves!” Boss Pan yelled out coldly.

The killers all looked confused, but when they looked down, all the killers started sweating profusely.

Putting their hearts to surround Chu Mu, and feeling as if Chu Mu couldn’t possibly escape anymore, they never would have thought that they were standing on a massive trap. If Boss Pan didn’t point it out, once this trap were activated, all of them and their soul pets would have fallen into this massive trap!

“It’s Chu Chen, correct? Retract your soul pets. This trap may work for these fools, but.....” Boss Pan gazed down at Chu Mu and said.

Chu Mu’s heart fell. This trap was made by Chu Mu replicating Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s Natural Wood Trap. Once activated it could definitely cause all these unprepared killers to lose their footing, where he could then escape in the chaos.

But, Chu Mu didn’t expect another surprisingly powerful second tier hidden expert to suddenly appear. This expert completely ruined all his plans, not allowing him to activate the trap anymore.

When Chu Mu realized he couldn’t deal with this many enemies, to ensure the safety of his soul pets, he had already retracted all his soul pets when the Bat Monarch Blood Beast appeared, putting on a look of surrender.

Very quickly, the two sub commanders jumped in front of Chu Mu and cast an incantation to lock up Chu Mu’s soul remembrance before bringing him up to Boss Pan.

“Boss Pan, how do we deal with him?” The sub leader asked.

“Throw him up here, master wants to see him.” Boss Pan smirked and said to sub leader.

The sub leader lifted the completely sealed Chu Mu and pressed him onto the Bat Monarch Blood Beast’s back. Boss Pan glanced at Chu Mu and said, “Killed fifteen killers, you truly aren’t bad. It’s a shame you’re against us, so no matter how good you are, you would still die.”

Chu Mu sat on the back of the Bat Monarch Blood Beast. Behind him was a sub leader that could take his life at any time. However, his eyes didn’t betray any panic as he simply stared at Boss Pan equally calmly and asked, “Is your master a woman?”

Boss Pan paused from this unexpected answer, but quickly recovered and said calmly, “You’ll know once you see. Though I don’t know why master wants to see you, I can imagine how terrible your downfall will be.”

Chu Mu took a deep breath. From Boss Pan’s expression, Chu Mu could see that their master was indeed a woman, and this woman was very likely the defector woman!

“Knock him out.” Boss Pan said to the sub leader.

The sub leader cast mental spikes, frenzily stimulating Chu Mu’s mind. With his remembrance locked, Chu Mu couldn’t defend against these attacks, so his consciousness quickly became blurred.....

In reality, Chu Mu didn’t completely lose his consciousness. He was in a half awake state. The moment he entered life danger, Chu Mu would release the devil flames within him without hesitation!

Once a soul pet trainer retracted his soul pets and locked his remembrance up, he was as good as useless. But, both Boss Pan and the sub leader didn’t realize that Chu Mu could still use the power of devil flames without his soul remembrance.....

In a half awake state, Chu Mu had no sense of time. He only felt that Bat Monarch Blood Beast probably flew a great distance, at least leaving the forest basin.

Suddenly, icy cold water was poured onto Chu Mu’s face.

Chu mu immediately opened his eyes, causing his entire person to be awake.

In front of Chu Mu's eyes was a flat topped mountain. At the peak were low hanging clouds, feeling almost within reach.

On the mountain were four people. Two of them were the killer sub leader and the powerful young man named Pan.

The other two were a man and woman. The man was half a step behind, and it was obvious that this man and the young man named Pan were both the subordinates of the veiled woman.

The appearance of the veiled woman made Chu Mu's heart shake. There was a split second that Chu Mu thought it was Princess Jin Rou, causing his heart to speed up.

Yet, upon closer look he realized it wasn't the same person!

At least, their body shapes were different. Princess Jin Rou's body was curvacious and alluring, full of an imaginative charm.

This woman's body could be described as art. No matter the curves or the body ratio, they all portrayed a breath-taking perfection, almost feeling untouchable.

Yet, no matter how gasping this woman's body was, Chu Mu wasn't attracted. He instead felt his body muscles slightly shaking and his heart beating extremely fast!

Chu Mu's emotions were flipping out of his chest. He knew who this was. Even without any soul connection, Chu Mu was sure!!

Chu Mu took a deep breath, and with a near shaky tone, he said, "Stop hiding, I know it is you!!"

Chapter 469: Escape, Hostage Exchange (1)

All this happened too suddenly. Chu Mu never expected to encounter the defector young lady in the seventh realm, nor did he expect her to be a competitor in the Battle of the Realm.

It had been an entire 12 years since he had seen the defector young lady. The resentment in his heart had already manifested into a chilling killing intent. His gaze was like a sword that coldly pierced into the defector young lady's pupils.

The defector young lady's face was covered by a veil. Her eyes weren't as full of life as Chu Mu had seen in his dream. Instead, they gave a vacuous feeling, devoid of any emotions. It was like a body without any soul.

When she looked at Chu Mu, it was like she was looking somewhere else. This feeling made Chu Mu extremely uncomfortable; it was as if he was being ignored.

"You guys can leave." the defector young lady waved her hand, indicating that the three people beside her should retreat.

The three others didn't dare question it, and respectfully retreated to the other side of the flat mountain peak.

The violent gale whistled high up, blowing the defector young lady's long hair into a disheveled state. She stepped forward, taking one step at a time towards Chu Mu...

Chu Mu looked at her. For some reason, as the defector young lady neared, Chu Mu was unable to sense her aura at all. It was an extremely strange feeling, as he had never encountered this feeling from any life form before.

The defector young lady slowly walked past Chu Mu. With her back to Chu Mu, she faced the distant meandering mountain range, looking on as the violent wind ceaselessly blew in her face. She didn't say a word.

"Young master, she's extremely strange. Be prepared at any moment to have the White Nightmare fight." Old Li used soul remembrance to warn Chu Mu.

Old Li knew that Chu Mu had intentionally let himself be captured, but his intuition told him that this defector young lady wasn't just a little bit strange; yet, he wasn't able to discern why she was strange. Instead, this made Old Li worried.

Chu Mu forcibly suppressed the emotions his heart. As Old Li felt the strangeness, Chu Mu himself realized that the veiled woman in front of him was only similar to the defector young woman in external appearance. Her gaze, temperament and perception was different.

“Withdraw from the Battle of the Realm.” finally, the defector young woman opened her mouth.

Her voice was very empty and soulless. It sounded like the unstable whisper of a wind. If one didn’t listen carefully, he or she wouldn’t be able to tell she was talking...

“You aren’t her.” Chu Mu creased his brows.

“Don’t obstruct me. If you obstruct me, I’ll kill even you.” the defector young woman continued to speak.

“...Hmph, only a puppet. You had me all excited for no reason.” Chu Mu disappointedly said.

There was no soul connection. The veiled woman in front was only had the external appearance and part of the aura of the defector young woman. However, she definitely wasn’t the defector young woman.

If Chu Mu hadn’t entered the Sacred Holy Region, perhaps he would have confused this intuition; however, when he had entered the dream realm, Chu Mu obtained an even deeper level of understanding towards the defector young woman.

The defector young woman was a person undeniably full of life, and looked like a perfect fairy. She had a special soul, her eyes were so beautiful they would intoxicate others and her expression was capable of impacting a person’s heart.

Her body radiated with a holy aura, and even someone who possessed the deepest hatred towards her and had heightened his vigilance would still be unable to resist her charm. Her charm wasn’t a pretty and flirtatious kind. Instead, it was the most pure form of female charm. However, the veiled woman in front of him was merely a shell of the defector young lady. Aside from her delicate body, she possessed not one bit of the defector young woman’s temperament; she didn’t even have a soul...

“Whether I’m her or not isn’t important. I only want to tell you not to obstruct me. This time is just a warning.” emptily said the veiled woman,

Listening to the veiled woman's words, Chu Mu suddenly really wanted to laugh.

A warning. A puppet of his own soul pet wanted to warn him? This truly was absurd in the soul pet world and Chu Mu suddenly felt the absurdity of it all!

"Where is she?" sneered Chu Mu.

"Bring Princess Jin Rou in front of me, and I'll let you safely back out of the Battle of the Realm. If you're determined to continue, then don't blame me for killing you as well." the veiled woman in front of him didn't respond to his question, instead indifferently telling him something else.

Chu Mu took a few deep breaths in an attempt to pacify the emotions in his heart.

"Before this, I didn't wish anything more than to immediately undo our soul pact. However, right now, even if it comes to after the Battle of the Realm, I would refuse to undo the soul pact." said Chu Mu in an arrogant voice.

"That's up to you. In any case, your weak soul isn't able to influence my actions at all, let alone control her." said the veiled young woman.

The corners of Chu Mu's mouth faintly twitched as he said: "Is that the case? My weak soul is unable to control her or influence her at all?"

"There are many cases when purely possessing ego and a feeling of responsibility will not do. You must have strength, which you simply don't have. Just like in this seventh realm. Your ability was limited to merely killing a few weak killers. Even right now, all I have to do is think of it and I can have you immediately killed. There's only one path of survival for you right now. So throw away your ridiculous dignity and happily accept this path. Otherwise, there will only be the path of death for you. If I don't kill you, you'll die if you continue. I'm actually saving you right now." the veiled woman's tone became colder.

The veiled woman's words carried a cold prick that pierced Chu Mu's body. The defector young woman's temperament made it very hard for others to link her to an extremely vile and evil soul. However, she was really just a woman whose external appearance was the complete opposite of her heart. This could be seen from the words of this female puppet.

She put herself high up on a pedestal, and saw others as lowly filthy things that could be trampled on as she pleased. She didn't even remember the pitiful state she had pretended to be in when she had begged to sign a soul pact with him. It was her that was an even more lowly and filthy creature!

"Young Master, I can't listen anymore either. If we don't capture this woman, peel off her falsely beautiful exterior and throw her into the soul devil flames to burn hundreds of thousands of times, it'll be hard to resolve the hatred in your heart!!" Old Li's angry voice transmitted to him!

Old Li was usual cowardly and afraid. However, today, he truly couldn't bear this puppet of Chu Mu's soul pet using such a tone to talk to Chu Mu!

He silently grit his teeth: don't irritate young master, or even if he underwent the devil transformation, he would let his young master become a half devil. Young master would then use his claws to rip this puppet of the defector young woman into pieces!

"Did I say something wrong? She wanted to save you out of the goodness of her heart." The veiled face finally turned around and looked at him face to face.

However, she was shocked because the expression on Chu Mu's face wasn't the forced suppression of anger that she had imagined; instead, it was a pure ice-cold smile.

This smile rendered an uncomfortable feeling all over the veiled woman's body. It was as if he was standing on an even higher place looking down on her.

"What are you smiling for?" Asked the veiled woman.

The veiled woman was emotionless when she spoke and her face was also expressionless. However, it was possible to feel the contempt she had towards Chu Mu.

In the veiled woman's opinion, this person put his own position too high. He believed that just because he had signed a soul pact with her that he was her master. What was ridiculous was that his weak soul pact simply had no power to terminate itself. Moreover, she had never seen this soul pact as a slave-master relation!

"I'm smiling at you - a ball of flesh. You have no idea what lowly and despicable is. Lowly and despicable isn't determined by species rank or strength. I'll tell that woman that today, her high and

mighty good heartedness is just another form of humiliation; that's the way I see it. Adding on the things from the past, I, Chu Mu, will return it ten-fold to her!!" sneered Chu Mu.

"Don't speak of these naive and unrealistic things to me. I can control your life and death. If you don't realize this, I'll just show you..." said the veiled woman.

"I'm very sorry, you can't control it." calmly said Chu Mu

After speaking with the veiled woman, the anger in Chu Mu's heart calmed.

Being enraged with anger and shouting at this woman was of no meaning. Only by destroying her glorified and arrogant ideals and fiercely trampling over her dignity could one make her understand how stupid her words today were!

"You're in my hands right now. Just one order of mine..." the veiled woman was about to teach Chu Mu a lesson to prevent this man from obstructing her.

However, at this moment, the assistant leader of the killers knelt in front of the veiled woman, lowered his head and said: "My Lady...."

"What's the matter?" Said the veiled woman.

"We've discovered Princess Jin Rou." The assistant leader didn't dare raise his head as he spoke.

"Bring her here." coldly said the veiled woman.

"This... she... she is at the bottom of the mountain..." the assistant leader's tone became extremely strange.

The veiled woman could tell that there was another meaning hidden in the assistant leader of the killer's words. She coldly harrumphed: "Don't waste my time!"

"This...this... we didn't capture Princess Jin Rou. Senior Shen, he fell into Princess Jin Rou's hands, and she requests that we release Chu Chen." said the assistant leader in fear.

The veiled woman's vacuous eyes finally changed, slightly. She glanced at the smiling face of Chu Mu...

The corners of Chu Mu's mouth were raised. It seemed like Princess Jin Rou was a very good teammate.

When Chu Mu had Mo Xie search for Princess Jin Rou before, he originally wanted her to meet up with him. However, he considered that the two of them were in the midst of a bitter fight.

Therefore, when Shen Yicheng has arrogantly let out a soul remembrance voice, mocking that Chu Mu could not escape, Chu Mu had hanged his plan and intentionally evaded Shen Yicheng while drawing the attention of all the killers. Then, he had Mo Xie and Princess Jin Rou meet up to capture Shen Yicheng!

There was a brief moment a little while ago where Chu Mu believed that the veiled woman was Princess Jin Rou. At that moment, Chu Mu's heart had intensely beated because if the veiled woman was Princess Jin Rou, then him and Mo Xie would have fallen into the enemy's hands. Fortunately, they weren't the same person. He had over thought things.

Chapter 470: Escape, Hostage Exchange (2)

The flat mountain peak had a diameter of nearly 100 meters, and was covered with several fragmented rocks. There were also a few strange cracks and folds.

The mountain peak was very high up and was perpetually carrying a bitter gale. These fragmented rocks were easily blown around on the mountain peak and would sometimes roll down the incomparably precipitous mountain.

At this moment, on one side of the mountain, the elegant and bewitching Princess Jin Rou stood on this lofty mountain peak. Aside from her astonishing beauty, she also carried a bit of killing aura.

Beside Princess Jin Rou were two demon fox emperor species. They were the predestined enemies: the Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox, and the Royal Flame Nine Tailed Inferno Fox. The two foxes had imposing auras and their ice colored pupils and silver colored pupils were staring at the enemy.

Standing across from Princess Jin Rou was another woman who could also be said to have a perfect body. She coldly and apathetically stared at Princess Jin Rou, but people were not able to detect her emotions.

The two women's faces were covered by veils, but they were all exceptionally alone. Standing on this lofty mountain peak, they created a distinct scene.

"The person in your hands is insignificant to me. He's only a chess piece. I don't want to exchange. If you exchange yourself for him, then I'll consider it." the veiled woman opened her mouth first.

After Shen Yicheng, who was being closely watched by the two demon foxes, heard these words, his face instantaneously paled. He wanted to beg the veiled woman, but when the veiled woman fiercely glared at him, he didn't dare say a word.

"I don't believe either that the person in your hands is important to me. I only need someone to ensure my safety as I pass the seventh realm." said Princess Jin Rou, not to be outdone.

After Princess Jin Rou finished speaking, Chu Mu's mouth twitched. Her words really were not pleasant to him...

Certainly, Chu Mu knew that this was a negotiation tactic, and it wasn't that she truly didn't care about his life or death.

"Princess, this Shen Yicheng is definitely of use to them. If they take a tough attitude, but you maintain a "kill someone if they refuse to release someone" attitude, the winner will ultimately be us." Chu Mu used soul remembrance to speak to Princess Jin Rou.

Hearing Chu Mu's soul remembrance voice, Princess Jin Rou was shocked. She opened her mouth in shock and also used soul remembrance to speak to Chu Mu: "Wasn't your soul remembrance sealed by them?"

"My body is different from most people. Normal seals cannot restrict me." responded Chu Mu.

In truth, when Chu Mu had been captured, he knew that his soul remembrance would be sealed. Thus, he replicated Mo Xie's species technique and after the assistant leader sealed his soul remembrance, broke the seal. Then, he sealed himself and caused the enemy to believe he was incapable of attacking right now. Yet, the reality was that he could use any soul technique right now.

Nonetheless, he was incapable of determining the veiled woman's strength and didn't dare rashly attack.

Princess Jin Rou didn't actually expect Chu Mu to have prepared so many layers of preparation, and promptly continued to unyieldingly negotiate with the veiled woman.

"... hmph, let him go." the veiled woman didn't have any thoughts of killing Chu Mu, but now that Chu Mu had at least proved that she could not control his life or death, she felt a bit uncomfortable.

Chu Mu didn't immediately leave. Instead, he looked at the veiled woman and said: "Puppet, I don't care what motive you have in the Battle of the Realm, but as long as I am here, you will ultimately fail!"

"I'm not a puppet. If you provoke me, even if she doesn't want to kill you, I'll still exterminate you. Don't fail to appreciate her kindness!" coldly said the veiled woman.

Chu Mu wasn't afraid of this female puppet either. He was sure that her strength had not reached an extremely terrifying level. Otherwise, there was no need for her to have so many people follow alongside her to help her breakthrough the realm.

Chu Mu strode forward towards Princess Jin Rou.

"Wu wu wu~~~~~"

Mo Xie saw that Chu Mu was walking over and let out a shout. A smile rose on Chu Mu's face as he walked in front of her. He rubbed Mo Xie's fur and said: "You did well."

After speaking, Chu Mu jumped onto Mo Xie's back. He swept a glance over Shen Yicheng who had walked halfway and a cold smile rose on his face.

The veiled princess stared at Chu Mu who had walked next to Princess Jin Rou. She saw that Shen Yicheng was being slowly escorted over; however, she used soul remembrance to say to the two people beside her: "Once Shen Yicheng is safe, immediately attack. I don't care if Chu Chen runs. We must capture the Nightmare Palace Princess."

“This subordinate understands.” the young man surnamed Pan immediately nodded his head. He had already prepared to enormous Bat Monarch Blood Beast to attack at any moment.

The other young man was chanting an incantation at the corner of his man. The moment the Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox retreated, he would immediately summon his main pet!

“Let’s leave this place quickly.” said Princess Jin Rou to Chu Mu in a whisper.

There were four opponents and their strengths were unclear. Princess Jin Rou knew that they couldn’t stay here for long.

“The two people beside the woman are extremely strong. Even if we manage to flee, there will be huge trouble. Help me stall a few seconds.” Chu Mu used soul remembrance to speak to Princess Jin Rou.

Princess Jin Rou asked with curiosity: “What are you doing?”

“Do as I say. They’re coming for you, and I don’t wish for you to fall into their hands.” said Chu Mu earnestly.

Princess Jin Rou was stunned and was somewhat unclear as to why Chu Mu suddenly was so determined with his words.

But she didn’t think any further and did as Chu Mu said. As the Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox retreated, she quickly chanted an incantation, summoning a defense type soul pet.

The Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox’s retreat was like a signal of war and quickly, the two parties on either side of the mountain peak immediately chanted incantations!

Chu Mu’s incantation was extremely fast and in reality, had been prepared earlier. When Princess Jin Rou began chanting her incantation, Chu Mu was already finished!

A soul flame that was different than the white demonic devil flame began burning form inside Chu Mu’s body. It quickly engulfed Chu Mu’s entire body, transforming him into a flaming devil. An other and dark type dense cold aura swept out in all directions, instantly encompassing the entire flat mountain peak!!

The veiled woman, the young expert surnamed Pan, the azure clothed expert, the assistant leader of the killers and Shen Yicheng all summoned at a slightly slower speed than Chu Mu, who had already prepared his summon. When they chanted their incantations, they immediately felt the invasive penetration of an icy cold aura enter their souls!!

“White Nightmare!” loudly recited Chu Mu. His body burning with devil flames took a step back and a strange devil flame silhouette rapidly transformed into a reflection of Chu Mu. It evilly and imposingly stood in front of Chu Mu. Its eyes that were completely different than any other living creature stared at the opposing five people and its mouth cracked into a demonically charming smile!

The white demonic devil flames were no longer present. Although the newly burning devil flames were also white, the white color was filled with the most serenely cold feeling. It was like the pale white of a cold moon or the icy white of a frozen pond. It carried an extremely demonically different outlandish silver!

“This is the fourth rank devil flame strength crystallization - nine underworld devil flames!” Old Li’s voice transmitted out in astonishment.

The coldness was like the nine underworlds. One touch, even the slightest touch, and a weak soul would instantaneously be frozen into ashes by this bone chilling nine underworld devil flames!!

The appearance of the nine underworld devil flames meant that the White Nightmare had officially stepped into the high class monarch ranking!!

“A ninth phase second stage high class monarch White Nightmare!!” seeing Chu Mu summon a White Nightmare possessing nine underworld devil flames, Princess Jin Rou’s beautiful eyes were full of shock. The incantation in her mouth was nearly interrupted by the powerful aura released by the White Nightmare.

The expression of Senior Pan, whose face was full of contempt for Chu Mu, became somewhat unsightly. The strength of his Bat Monarch Blood Beast only reached the level of a ninth phase high stage middle class monarch.

A high class monarch was two entire levels above a middle class monarch in strength. Thus, while the Bat Monarch Blood Beast was higher than the White Nightmare by two levels in terms of phase

and stage, this was made up by the two levels between a middle class and high class monarch. Thus, they were evenly matched when it came to phase and stage and rank.

However, this Senior Pan knew that the White Nightmare, which had multiple attributes and possessed soul flames and other type abilities, had innate fighting strength that was a level higher than other soul pets. When they actually clashed, his strongest soul pet, the Bat Monarch Blood Beast, wasn't necessarily the nine underworld devil flame White Nightmare's opponent!

“Nie!!!! Nie!!!!!!!”

After the White Nightmare appeared, it ostentatiously released its nine underworld devil flames. The young man surnamed Pan's Bat Monarch Blood Beast's bloody aura was completely suppressed by the White Nightmare and it didn't dare attempt to take a step forward.

“How... how is this possible...” staring at the imposing aura of the ninth phase high class monarch, Shen Yicheng was completely dumbstruck. He never would have expected a Soul Palace member to possess such a strong, to the point where one's soul would tremble, White Nightmare!

This was a true high class monarch!!! Even the reward for the ultimate honor of the second grade was a child high class monarch soul pet. Yet, Chu Mu already possessed a high class monarch rank White Nightmare!!

“Nie!!!!!”

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The White Nightmare's cries were shocking, and caused those that hadn't summoned a soul pet yet to not dare make any rash movements.

As the White Nightmare let out its cry, it simultaneously gave Chu Mu a message. This message was simply too important to Chu Mu, and caused his heart to surge with a wave of zeal!

Thirteen Inferno Hells!!

After the ninth phase second stage high class monarch White Nightmare had awoken from its slumber, it unexpectedly comprehended the eighth rank fire type technique - Thirteen Inferno Hells!

Ostensibly without a need for Chu Mu's orders, the White Nightmare's aura surged as it had already prepared its incantation!

"Mo Xie!!!!" Chu Mu gave an order!!

"Wu wu wu wu!!!!!!!!!!" Mo Xie, who had been with Chu Mu for so many years, naturally understood her master's intention!

"Wu wu wu wu wu!!!!!!!!!!" Mo Xie also let out a cry and prepared, identically to the White Nightmare, the eighth rank fire type technique - Thirteen Inferno Hells!!!!