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Chapter 491: Lake Chen, Competitor Skirmish! (2)

It was too late when Princess Jin Rou understood their plans. The two both summoned soul pets and it was clear that these two people weren't targeting each other, but instead focussed their fighting directly towards all the people around them, intentionally breaking up the originally peaceful situation!

Most of the competitors present were there for themselves, and so once they were attacked, they definitely won't think someone was simply creating chaos. When the soul pet techniques hit them, they summoned their soul pets immediately.

Immediately, a dozen soul pets filled the lake side of Lake Chen, starting a fight because of the influence of other soul techniques. Princess Jin Rou immediately exited this chaotic battleground the moment the fight broke out.

Yet, the person who started the conflict clearly had plans.

At the start of the fight, those beside Princess Jin Rou were all admirers that wanted to get near her. Some other people that didn't want to get into the battle stood to the side immediately as well, watching from afar.

Yet, of these people that watched from afar, there were still people that harbored sinister desires. They silently extended their bloody hands towards the participants by them!!

“Ah!!!!!!”

A chilling scream echoed through Lake Chen. Soon after, a mist of blood sprayed out from the spectating crowd.

A bloody corpse fell down for no reason. All the others drew in a breath and, to ensure they weren't killed too, they quickly cast their incantation and summoned their own soul pets.

Many soul pet trainers didn't have the same control over their soul pets as Chu Mu did, able to communicate on a spiritual level. In fact, many soul pet trainers had very savage soul pets. Once

they were stimulated by blood or attacked by others, they were easily angered. These soul pets' strengths were often beyond their soul pet trainers' controls.

“Aowu!!!!!!!!!!”

Under the stimulation of blood, a Terrorblood Wolf was agitated and immediately lock its eyes onto a Raging Flame Fairy not far away!

The Raging Flame Fairy originally simply summoned a Blood Flame Wall to protect its owner, but this wall burned the nearby Terrorblood Wolf. Terrorblood Wolves were ruthless organisms, so after this stimulation, it lunged forward crazily and attacked the Raging Flame Fairy.

Once the Terrorblood Wolf and Raging Flame Fairy started battle, the other soul pets of these soul pet trainers quickly fought together. The plot didn't end there; the instigators hiding amongst the competitors intentionally attacked a few of the brasher competitors, quickly sparking a few more fights.

The people gathered on Lake Chen were mostly elites of each faction. These experts often had grudges between them already. Even without grudges, some hated each other purely because of differing standpoints.

Originally, Lake Chen was peaceful due to everyone's wishes to pass the realm safely. However, once the battle started, all soul pet trainers who once had some conflict with other soul pets would take this opportunity to try to wipe out competition.

So, the situation quickly became hard to control. The flames of battle spread further and further, until finally all the soul pets and trainers were fighting. Beast roars, elemental chanting, soul pet trainer screams, explosions from all types of techniques, the skirmish on Lake Chen was unrecoverable!!

Princess Jin Rou always backed up, as she smelt some conspiracy. When she glanced over the lake, she noticed the veiled female master's hollow eyes watching her, while deep in those pupils there was a cold glint!

Clearly, this chaos was started by the female master's men. She didn't dare reveal her true strength with this many contestants present.

But, she could cause the situation to become extremely muddled, and take advantage of this chaos to control Princess Jin Rou.

“Princess, let’s exit to beyond Lake Chen.” Female guard said nervously to Princess Jin Rou.

By Princess Jin Rou were already a dozen soul pets, all of which weren’t very weak. They were casting techniques towards each other, constantly blasting the banks of Lake Chen, sometimes spreading the flames of battle to Princess Jin Rou herself.

“No, once we exit Lake Chen, she will attack.” Princess Jin Rou shook her head.

Female master’s strength was incredible, enough to instantly kill any of Princess Jin Rou’s soul pets. Once she exits Lake Chen, without the presence of other contestants, no one could stop her terrifying Holy Stem Flower powers!

“But, many people seem to be intentionally spreading the fighting towards us.....” Female guard had already summoned her fourth soul pet. These four soul pets kept Princess Jin Rou in the center and stopped anyone from approaching Princess Jin Rou.

Yet, where there were soul pets, there was battle. Just as female guard finished speaking, her Blue Nightmare was rolled into a fight.

On Princess Jin Rou’s walk over, her main soul pets were already fatigued, so she could only summon secondary soul pets now to fight. Her secondary soul pets’ strengths were all around eighth phase high stage middle class monarch rank. These soul pets were about the same strength as the average around here, but Princess Jin Rou quickly noticed a few members from other factions with ninth phase middle class monarch ranks approaching her.

Princess Jin Rou remembered these two people. They were the two young experts standing next to female master. These two young generation experts were clearly weaker than Pan Zheng and Ling He, yet they each had a ninth phase middle class monarch, so was overall hard to deal with as well.

What made Princess Jin Rou most worried wasn’t the two people - she was worried about the veiled female master sitting on the grass. Princess Jin Rou could predict that, once she got rolled into the chaotic situation, female master would definitely strike amidst the chaos, because no one would know she was the one casting the technique when the fight was this messy!

Very quickly, with the fight spreading, Princess Jin Rou's female guard started fighting all of the opponent's soul pets. Eighth phase high stage middle class monarchs could easily create ninth level power, any of which could create destruction that shook the ground. Not long after, Princess Jin Rou was fully rolled into combat.

Watching Princess Jin Rou get pulled into the chaos by her subordinates, female master lifted her head and revealed a porcelain smile.

She slowly stood up, eyes locked onto Princess Jin Rou. If the situation were any more chaotic, no one would notice her use Holy Stem Flower's energy.

If things kept going down, the entire Lake Chen battle would have hundreds of eighth phase monarch ranks fighting. So, when she cast her technique, no one would notice it, neither will anyone notice Princess Jin Rou disappear.....

Female master stood up. She didn't go around the lake, instead stepping on the wavy waters, through the crazy water type techniques and water droplets as she slowly walked towards Princess Jin Rou.

She waited silently, yet at the same time secretly controlling the entire battlefield of Lake Chen, causing Princess Jin Rou to lose all protection around her as well as make sure no one would notice if the little princess of Nightmare Palace was swallowed by her Holy Stem Flower.

Female master only actually had two subordinates of decent strength. The others were all used to start battles on the battlefield.

These two subordinates were already in battle with Princess Jin Rou's guard. Presumably it wouldn't be long before Princess Jin Rou's defenses were torn apart, where her secondary soul pets won't pose a threat.

"Princess, quickly find other Nightmare Palace experts to help. I probably won't be able to deal with them." Female guard said slightly worriedly.

Princess Jin Rou bit down and looked around to try to find some Nightmare Palace young generation experts she had dealt with in the past.

However, what disappointed her was female master had isolated her from all other Nightmare Palace members already. Though there were a few people who admired her nearby that wanted to help, they were limited in strength, unable to deal with the ninth phase middle class monarchs of the second tier experts!

Princess Jin Rou's expression became increasingly nervous because she could feel female master approaching.

"Don't waste your time, just give up and do as I say, and we will be okay. Or else, I will use my flower vine to swipe past your face, ripping your pretty face apart!" Female master walked across the lake face and was mere two hundred meters away now.

Princess Jin Rou's pale white neck was already glistening with sweat. She didn't know why this female master was looking for trouble with her again and again.

"Don't even think about it!" To let Princess Jin Rou compromise with a woman who killed her soul pet was hard, even though she knew she was in a difficult situation.

"Don't know what's good for you." Female master's gaze became ice cold as a massive power strangely awoken in her body.

Her hair started dancing like a demon as her pupils went from hollow to icy and apathetic, proud like an insufferable female emperor.

Princess Jin Rou's face grew even paler. This was the strength of the Holy Stem Flower. Once she cast it, no one would be able to defend against it!!

"Huhuhuhu~~~~~"

Just as Princess Jin Rou was about to chant an incantation to retract all her soul pets and give herself up, icy cold Nine Underworld Devil Flames sprouted up from her body!

This devil flame was incredibly dominating, sweeping past Princess Jin Rou like a white wave!

"Ao!!!!!!!!!!!"

“Hou!!!!!!!!!!Hou!!!!!!!!!!”

The Devil Flames came very suddenly. The eighth phase middle class monarchs that were pressuring Princess Jin Rou quickly were engulfed in white devil flames, which were followed with shrill screams!

How terrifying was the Nine Underworld Devil Flames? It instantly killed the two eighth phase middle class monarchs, causing the opponents near Princess Jin Rou to be subdued.

Princess Jin Rou watched slightly dazed at the devil flames before suddenly realizing and turning around.

A handsome and demonic figure stood mere hundred meters behind her. His cold and collected eyes looked past the chaotic battlefield and at the terrifying female master.

Beside the man was the similarly despotic high class monarch rank White Nightmare!

“Chu Mu!” Princess Jin Rou’s pale face immediately burst into smile. This smile contained Princess Jin Rou’s confusion, relief from a complicated situation being diffused, and irrepressible joy from seeing this man once again!

Chapter 492: Powerful White Nightmare, Subduing the Skirmish

“White Nightmare, just kill a few extra and wake them up.” Chu Mu commanded White Nightmare apathetically.

White Nightmare was high class monarch rank. With its powerful Nine Underworld Devil Flames, it was nearly three ranks stronger than ninth phase low stage middle class monarch ranks.

Undeniably, the White Nightmare was the most high ranking being in this soul pet war, as well as the most powerful soul pet!!

When White Nightmare let out a devil’s cry, the vicious soul pets’ souls nearby started shaking!

And after White Nightmare received Chu Mu's command, it had mercy. Casting Devil Phantom, its nine underworld devil flame burning body floated behind a ninth phase low stage middle class monarch rank!

Its flaming claws slowly extended into this ninth phase middle class monarch rank's body. The soul pet didn't feel anything out of the ordinary, but after two seconds, this ninth phase middle class monarch's innards were torn out by White Nightmare brutally!!

"Nie!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

White Nightmare let out another even scarier devil's cry. Immediately, Nine Underworld Devil Flames spread towards all directions, causing all nearby fighting soul pets to be shaken to the soul as they watched, shocked, at the sudden appearance of this supreme white nightmare!

"Pa!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

The White Nightmare's claws suddenly tightened, as the ninth phase middle class monarch's innards were crushed!!

The ninth phase middle class monarch was already incredibly powerful for the contestants whose average was around eighth phase high stage middle class monarch. However, such a dominating presence didn't even have time to let out a scream before being instantly killed by White Nightmare!

This moment, everyone felt a chill down their spines. Even the soul pets fighting showed fear.

White Nightmare's attacks didn't stop because of the death of that ninth phase middle class monarch rank. Those who had evil intentions against Princess Jin Rou were quickly targeted by White Nightmare. White Nightmare had already rested for a few days and was full of energy, so its techniques would be even more lethal to the monarchs that weren't even ninth phase.

Very quickly, another few eighth phase high stage soul pets were devoured by White Nightmare's Nine Underworld Devil Flames. Screams immediately sounded through the entire Lake Chen forest!

White Nightmare's powerful assault controlled the hundred meters radius around it in seconds. All the contestants stared shakily at White Nightmare, and commanded their soul pets to get away, afraid that their soul pets could become their next target.

High class monarch rank soul pets were the strongest presence in second tier. If they were ninth phase, no one would be able to stop them.

After not too long, people even further out noticed the powerful aura spreading from White Nightmare. Those who didn't get dragged into fights also started guessing at which insane young generation member had ninth phase high class monarch ranks!

"If you want to die, just come within a hundred meters!"

Chu Mu apathetically walked out of the forest, eyes watching coldly at the sour-faced competition.

The soul pets Chu Mu told White Nightmare to kill wasn't random. Most were starting conflicts by female master's orders, as well as intentionally creating chaotic situations near Princess Jin Rou.

So, once these soul pets were killed by Chu Mu, adding on the fact that White Nightmare's Nine Underworld Devil Flames's domination, the nearby skirmish was quickly quelled.....

Chu Mu knew the goal of female master, so after he subdued these people, his eyes quickly fell on female master.

The veiled female master stood by the lake as her eyes slowly showed irrepressible anger!

The veiled female master had schemed for a long time to take down Princess Jin Rou, even taking the great risk to bring a group of killers into this realm to create a trap and wait for Princess Jin Rou to fall in.

Who would've guessed that Chu Mu's appearance would completely ruin her plans, not only ruining her chances of successfully capturing Princess Jin Rou, but also losing her a huge amount of subordinates.

And now, all the soul pet trainers were afraid of the White Nightmare, not daring to start any more fights. Chu Mu also chose to let White Nightmare attract everyone's attention. In this situation, even

if female master had the ability of emperor rank, she didn't dare use any of it. Clearly, even her last plan was foiled.

Causing all her plans in seventh realm to become meaningless, how could female master control the rage burning in her heart?

Chu Mu could feel the veiled female master's anger. He knew that the female master didn't dare cast anything in this situation, so she immediately let White Nightmare follow by his side and slowly walked towards her.

Chu Mu opened his spatial ring and pulled out two bloody skulls to throw to female master's feet. "Bury them well. Once you lose them, let's see how your half-human-half-soul-pet thing will do in the following passing realm section."

Seeing who those skulls belonged to, female master's eyes full of anger again started burning bright. Chu Mu could already feel a strange energy blowing against his face.

Pan Zheng wasn't important for female master. He was but a lackey. However, Ling He was the strongest second tier person. Female master needed him to finish the following passing realm, as well as use him to get the final honor of second tier.

Yet, she couldn't believe that Chu Mu had killed him!

Ling He lost a soul, but was in reality still stronger than Chu Mu. He definitely wouldn't lose to Chu Mu's hand, this was an absolute impossibility!

Not long ago, female master's disrespect for Chu Mu was almost undisguised. In her eyes, Chu Mu couldn't possibly threaten Chu Mu's plans at all. However, Chu Mu had done just that!

"Chu Mu, you...you killed Ling He?" When Princess Jin Rou noticed Ling He's skull, she was shocked as well.

Ling He an abnormally powerful expert that only one person could possibly contend against in second tier. He was comparable in strength to many first tier experts, so Princess Jin Rou really couldn't imagine Chu Mu killing him!

The veiled female master's face became unpredictable. Looking at the two bloody skulls on the ground, her chest started heaving up and down, clearly feeling the anger she was forcefully suppressing.

"I will kill you, kill you myself!" Female master said in a cold voice as Chu Mu approached.

"There are countless people who want to kill me. I've already grown tired." Chu Mu said lightly.

"You will die horribly, I promise." After female master said this, she forced all her anger down for good.

She didn't mind these two skulls, instead turning towards the lake. The waves slowly rippled outwards, yet female master disappeared amongst the water.....

Many people knew of the incredibly famous Soul Alliance Si Tian. However, not many knew of Ling He. Only top three of each large faction probably knew of Ling He's strength. Only they knew that there was such a hidden expert in second tier.

Yet, this expert was killed in seventh realm, so it's as if he never existed now!

"He.....he seems to be soul alliance Chu Chen?"

Finally, when the atmosphere cooled down, some people recognized the incredibly high-profile Chu Mu from previous realms!

"That's White Nightmare, how could a soul palace member have white nightmare? That definitely isn't soul palace Chu Chen. I heard that Nightmare Palace has a hidden expert called Lu Shanli. Can he be Nightmare Palace Lu Shanli?" Someone quickly asked.

Soul Palace and Nightmare Palace never had a good relationship; it was a grudge that transcended multiple generations already. Nightmare Palace people wouldn't use seven diagram sacred soul pets as soul pet, and soul palace members wouldn't use Nightmare species as soul pet either. Even though the two factions had no specified rules for its members regarding this, it was convention already.

So, no one could instantly make sure if this incredibly powerful individual was truly Chu Chen.

The Lake Chen skirmish didn't end because of Chu Mu, but at least no one dared to near Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou.

Chu Mu let White Nightmare act as convoy as he walked in front of Princess Jin Rou." You didn't lose any soul pets, did you?" Chu Mu asked.

"En, you should give up. I can still get a Soul Healing Stamen. I'll give it to you as thanks for this time." Princess Jin Rou nodded and said quietly.

"You use it yourself, I don't need it." Chu Mu replied lightly

"Don't need it?" Princess Jin Rou showed confusion. Then, she suddenly realized!

"Your Mo Ye didn't die? You rescued it successfully?!" Princess Jin Rou cried out

Chu Mu smiled and nodded, "He's very tired right now and is resting in my soul pet space. That woman will still find ways to try to control you in the future, so I feel as if you should find Nightmare Palace older generation members to help you out."

Princess Jin Rou's heart again lifted up with surprise! It was two continuous shocks, causing her to be speechless. She could only stare with her beautiful pupils at Chu Mu. Chu Mu brought too much surprise to Princess Jin Rou. This man was calm, wise, collected, and had an unfathomable determination and belief. It was this perseverance that caused Chu Mu's image to completely change in Princess Jin Rou's mind. Adding the two near impossible tasks, he seemed to gain a sheen of mystery.....

Princess Jin Rou no longer knew how to judge this man. Was he still the slave boy on the ship that trained bitterly with a low tier soul technique book?!

Chapter 493: One Billion in Compensation, Two-faced Chu Mu

Sixteen days finally arrived, and the competition authorities sent guards to retrieve all of the competitors back to Tianxia City.

Chu Mu obviously wouldn't let the female master easily go. After returning to Tianxia City, Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou respectively went to Soul Palace and Nightmare Palace to report the large amount of killers that had made their way into the Battle of the Realm.

The authorities, due to the missing guards, had already noticed that something was wrong. Only, in order to ensure the competition wasn't disrupted, they didn't notify others about this during the realm breakthrough. It wasn't until the seventh realm breakthrough had ended that they began to investigate.

"It indeed is a large plot. Chu Mu, tell me what happened." Palace Master Yu's face was serious as he spoke.

Princess Jin Rou had previously been targeting Merchant Alliance's Hao Ting, searching for evidence of his various crimes. When the seventh realm came, his figure finally surfaced.

Chu Mu roughly spoke about the killers he encountered as well as their plot to capture Princess Jin Rou. He also told them about the female master's terrifying emperor rank ability.

"You're saying that this female master controls a Sacred Holy Flower?" Palace Lord Yu asked in astonishment.

"It's her that possesses the Sacred Holy Flower ability." Chu Mu emphasized.

Palace Lord Yu was stunned. Shortly after, he understood the meaning behind Chu Mu's words and his eyes turned abnormally complicated.

Regarding the female master's Sacred Holy Flower ability, Palace Lord Yu didn't press on. Thus, Chu Mu felt that Palace Lord Yu had ostensibly heard things about this female master.

"Does Palace Lord Yu know about this woman's existence?" asked Chu Mu.

"I know, but only rumors. Moreover, this matter is very likely related to the matter that happened over ten years ago. Back then, I had only just stepped into the young generation and didn't understand this matter too well. I have to ask an elder about it." said Palace Lord Yu,

Since he had to ask an elder, Chu Mu quickly went and found Old Soul Teacher De.

However, this time, Old Soul Teacher De didn't say anything about it. Very clearly, he didn't want to spread this tightly sealed information from within Soul Palace.

"This matter has nothing to do with you. All you have to do is finish the realm breakthroughs. We'll deal with it." Old Soul Teacher De's tone was very unyielding as he spoke.

Chu Mu hesitated a while, and wanted to speak of his soul pact with the defector young woman to Old Soul Teacher De...

"Young master, Her Majesty only told your father about your soul pact signing with the defector young woman. Soul Palace's people also don't know that the Sacred Holy Flower woman is your soul pet. In my opinion, you'd best keep it a secret for now. Also, even if you tell him, Soul Palace people may still not give you any information." said Old Li.

Chu Mu had no choice but to get rid of that idea.

As a young master who had not been published yet, when encountering killers during the realm breakthrough, this would obviously attract much attention from Soul Palace. Soon, there were elder level people inside Soul Palace that began to exert pressure on the Tianxia authorities. Clearly they wanted to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

At the same time, Princess Jin Rou's position in Nightmare Palace was rather high and the Nightmare Palace higher ups had an even more violent temper as they denounced the Tianxia authorities.

The matter of killers breaking in was due to the competition authorities not doing enough to maintain confidentiality, otherwise the killers would not be able set an ambush in a bewildering world that was supposedly unknown beforehand. The blame would naturally fall on the Tianxia authorities.

The two factions simultaneously exerted pressure and the Tianxia authorities quickly began to closely investigate the matter, searching for the culprit. At the same time, the Tianxia Authorities began to compensate the competitors that had been threatened by the killers.

Due to Nightmare Palace's strong influence, the Princess Jin Rou, who had an injured a soul, obtained a young middle class monarch pet and a large sum of gold as compensation. Of course, this compensation wasn't publicized.

The Tianxia Authorities had powerful status and wouldn't publicize this matter. After all, if they did, it could cause serious repercussions to them. Compensating was to both to compensate the person who had been threatened and to prevent them from spreading this matter.

Not long after, the matter regarding the killers ended.

However, this ending caused Chu Mu and Princess Jin Rou to crease their brows. This was because after an investigation, it was Shen Yicheng who was found to have killed the competition authority guards. Moreover, according to the even more meticulous investigation and search, the competition authorities found that the culprit of all of the leaked secrets, movement of the killers and collusion of the factions all was Shen Yicheng!

When all of the crimes fell onto Shen Yicheng's head, Chu Mu basically understood why the female master wanted to leave Shen Yicheng alive. Obviously Shen Yicheng would be abandoned once something had been exposed. Moreover, this abandonment would be enough to protect herself!

"Chu Chen, the Tianxia authorities cannot stop the Battle of the Realm. In the subsequent realm breakthroughs, it is impossible for killers to intrude. As for the woman you spoke of, we've already sent people to take note of her. As long as she uses her ability, we'll be able to find her." Old Soul Teacher De said to Chu Mu.

The terrifying strength of Chu Mu was a problem he had considered in the subsequent realm breakthroughs. Because of her existence, he would definitely be unable to continue. Fortunately, a few Soul Palace elders were already watching her. As long as she used her Sacred Holy Flower ability, it wouldn't be long before she suffered from the pursuit of Soul Palace experts.

Of course, Chu Mu could be sure that she definitely wouldn't give up on the Battle of the Realm. Presumably, in the eighth realm, the female master would complete the realm breakthrough using the competitors who were loyal to her.

"Also, this is the compensation of the Tianxia authorities to you. The Soul Healing Paste isn't something easy to obtain, so the competition authorities can only compensate you 1 billion for you lost soul." said Old Soul Teacher De.

“Isn’t 1 billion too little?” Chu Mu felt that the compensation was a bit little. The eighth rank Soul Healing Paste was worth nearly 5 billion and was practically unpurchasable.

“Do you think that the Tianxia competition authorities are easy to speak to? 1 billion is enough. You lost a soul, so use the 1 billion to strengthen your other soul pets. Don’t suffer any injuries in the subsequent realm breakthroughs. With your current age, it will have an enormous effect on you.” said Old Soul Teacher De.

Chu Mu nodded his head and took the 1 billion.

After Old Soul Teacher De finished speaking, he immediately left.

Ye Wansheng who was standing next to him had an extremely abnormal expression. After Old Teacher De left, he looked as if he had restrained himself for a long while as he pointed at Chu Mu and shouted: “Ungrateful! An ungrateful person!! You clearly lost your soul from a defector soul pet, yet you said that you injured a soul in the seventh realm and extorted 1 billion out of the Tianxia competition authority!!”

Chu Mu let out a dry laugh. This time, because of the female master’s appearance, he hadn’t obtained the highest honor’s large reward, and thus could not strengthen his soul pets. Therefore, when Chu Mu heard that the competition authorities would compensate his losses, Chu Mu resolutely told them that he had lost a soul.

Chu Mu really had lost a soul. When the Tianxia competition authorities searched, they discovered that Chu Mu’s first soul didn’t have any spiritual connection; therefore, they also gave Chu Mu a compensation of 1 billion, like Princess Jin Rou.

From the first realm of the Battle of the Realm, Chu Mu had been striving for a few 100’s of millions of gold. Yet right now, he had accumulated over 1 billion. This also meant that Chu Mu’s present strength was incomparable to prior the competition.

1 billion of gold could do a lot of things. Chu Mu firstly raised the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s strength.

Chu Mu’s three main pets all had very strong close-combat abilities. However, the opponents he would face next could have extremely powerful demons, plants, elements or even departed souls. If he faced a mental demon type soul pet, Zhan Ye would not be able to use its skills fully. If he

encountered plant kingdom soul pets, Mo Xie would be heavily restricted, so Chu Mu had to develop his soul pets together.

Previously, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and the Ice Air Fairy had been strengthened by spirit items, and required fights to raise their phase and stages. If he wanted to use spirit items to raise their phase and stage, the amount of gold he needed to raise their phase and stage was much larger.

Chu Mu needed raise his soul pets strength right now and didn't care about spending more money.

He gave 500 million to the Devil Tree Battle Soldier and the other 500 million to the Ice Air Fairy, purchasing ice type spirit items.

The strengthening process was very smooth, and the Devil Tree Battle Soldier successfully broke through the eighth phase bottleneck, reaching the ninth phase second stage.

As for the Ice Air Fairy, it was already at the imminent evolution state, so the use of 500 million worth of spirit items caused its strength to jump, reaching the ninth phase third phase. Its strength had increased nearly two levels.

Right now, the only soul pet of Chu Mu's that was lagging a bit behind was the Ghost King. The other soul pets had all reached the ninth phase low stage or middle stage.

As for the high class monarch, the White Nightmare, it was his means of fighting four souls with his three souls. In the subsequent eighth realm, even if he faced a hidden expert, Chu Mu would be able to contend with them.

Due to the events that happened in the seventh realm, the eighth realm start was delayed.

After a series of reorganizations, the competition authorities finally announced the eighth realm breakthrough round.

"Heavenly Life Mountain?"

Chu Mu was extremely surprised. The eighth realm had no clear-cut realm break finish mission. Instead, they only indicated the location of the realm breakthrough.

By only giving a location, how would one successfully breakthrough the realm?

“We’re together.” Ye Qingzi saw that Chu Mu’s name was also in Heavenly Life Mountain, and a smile rose on her face.

Chu Mu nodded his head, but wasn’t happy about this.

“What’s the matter?” Ye Qingzi saw that Chu Mu’s expression had changed.

“I’m scared of my other great enemy. He laid a trap for me in the eighth realm, but I don’t know what the trap is.” Chu Mu was afraid that Ye Qingzi would be involved in this matter.

In this period of time, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi’s relation had developed to a certain level so that Chu Mu didn’t even want her to suffer the smallest of harms.

“It’s better to face it with two people rather than just you. I’ll help you breakthrough the realm and you’ll help me obtain my teacher’s will.” an elegant smile rose on Ye Qingzi’s face!

Chapter 494: Heavenly Life Mountain, Unknown Realm Breakthrough

Eighth realm, Heavenly Life Mountain

There were only a few peculiar rounds at the eighth realm breakthrough. Countless experts would collide in this round; presumably, there would be even more intense fights on Heavenly Life Mountain.

Heavenly Life Mountain wasn’t a bewildering world, but an enormous rock mountain on the northern side of Tianxia City. It was 5000 meters tall, and the base was enormous. There were numerous retired soul pet trainers who had completely retreated from the soul pet domain that resided on Heavenly Life Mountain.

Heavenly Life Mountain was commonly known as Heavenly Life Mountain Hotsprings. When the reason season came, it would be possible to see the springs that led to the hotsprings; they were like coiling white dragons.

The entire mountain topography was formed by many objects. There were mountain ponds, valleys, ravines, caves, cliffs, strange peaks, precipices, and broken ramparts...

It was said that in the mountain resided a few rather rare soul pets. These soul pets were not easily detected by soul pet trainers, and even if they lived on a mountain that people often traversed, there were no people that knew where these soul pets were.

Heavenly Life Mountain was divided into four mountains, east, west, south and north. In between the mountains were incomparably sturdy rock barriers and tall mountain peaks. Aside from directly climbing to the very top of Heavenly Life Mountain and then crossing over to the other mountains, it would be hard to cross between the four mountains.

The second grade's breakthrough location was Heavenly Life Mountain's eastern mountain. The eastern mountain was the complex area of Heavenly Life Mountain, and resembled an enormous fierce dragon that crawled onto this eastern side. Its long dragonback and dragon tail stretched out to the eastern earth, and it continued for at least several tens of kilometers.

After Heavenly Life Mountain was chosen as the eighth realm's realm breakthrough location, the entire mountain was blocked off by the competition authorities. Due to the events that occurred in the seventh realm's bewildering world round, the competition authorities dispatched extra people this time, and even dispatched a large group of members riding wing type soul pest to patrol various locations on Heavenly Life Mountain. This was to prevent non-competitors from intruding into the competition.

Moreover, before the competition began, the competition authorities allocated a large group of people to sweep through Heavenly Life Mountain to ensure that there weren't people hiding in the mountain that would upset the balance of the competition.

After everything was prepared, Heavenly Life Mountain became a restricted area. It wasn't until the beginning of the eighth realm that the competition authorities would permit competitors to enter Heavenly Life Mountain.

What made Chu Mu rack his brains for a few days to no avail was what the competition authorities would have the competitors do on Heavenly Life Mountain, or how to successfully complete the realm breakthrough. Even three days before the competition, they still did not know.

“Them doing it like this is probably because they’re going to provide a huge hunting ground to all the competitors and then have them fight it out...” Ye Wansheng gave his thoughts.

“That’s impossible, right? The competition authorities can’t use such a cruel method. If this was the case, then many people would lose their lives.” Ye Qingzi said.

Chu Mu didn’t look for a reason. The start of the competition would be tomorrow, and if not even one clear goal had been given, then the realm breakthrough would be extremely confusing and nothing about it could be said.

The time quickly came and the eighth realm breakthrough finally began.

All of the competitors that successfully broke through the seventh realm were split into different regions according to the difficulty grade they selected.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi both chose the second grade difficulty so, soon, Chu Mu followed the other Soul Palace competitors under the guidance of the competition authorities to Heavenly Life Eastern Mountain.

Before each competitor entered Heavenly Life Mountain, the competition authorities gave them a competitor medicine bottle which could create a special smell.

The moment the medicine bottle was opened, the closest competition authority would arrive within five minutes, and bring this person off of Heavenly Life Mountain. Thus the medicine bottle could be regarded as a signal of giving up on the competition from the competitor.

“The competition authorities gave every competitor this item. The eighth realm breakthrough must be dangerous.” Ye Qingzi put the medicine bottle into her spatial ring and then spoke in a low voice.

“The competition authorities are being unnecessarily complicated.” said Chu Mu.

It wasn’t only Chu Mu that had no clue what the competition authorities were doing. The other competitors had no idea either. However, no matter what they asked, the competition authorities divulged no information. They merely had them enter Heavenly Life Mountain...

“In past years, the rate of death in the eighth realm were extremely high. There was even one year when the death rate and elimination rate was twice as high as the elimination rate. In other words, if one didn’t successfully breakthrough, there was 50% chance that he or she would die.” Soul Palace Young Master Fang Ze glanced at Chu Mu and a light smile rose on his face.

“Why would the competition authorities host such a cruel round?” Ting Lan astonishedly looked at Soul Palace Young Master Fang Ze.

“This isn’t strange. The Battle of the Realm has always been extremely merciless. If you’re afraid of death, then open the medicine bottle earlier and give up on the competition.” Soul Palace’s Li Zhan lay against a rock. His arms were crossed as he spoke disapprovingly.

Soul Palace’s Li Zhan had also crossed the bewildering world in the seventh realm, and was also the competitor that had obtained the highest honor there.

Li Zhan had never exposed his strength previously until the seventh realm, where his name appeared as the highest honor on the Tianxia Ranking. Numerous people were astonished since Soul Palace was hiding another second grade expert.

“Then do you guys know how to successfully breakthrough the realm in Heavenly Life Mountain? It couldn’t be fighting each other to the death, could it?” Chu Mu asked.

Half of Soul Palace’s second grade young experts were at Heavenly Life Mountain. The strongest of them was Soul Palace Young Master Fang Ze. Then there was Li Hen’s younger brother, Li Zhan, whose strength had suddenly erupted and Ting Lan who had gradually revealed her strength. Additionally, there were four other young experts who Chu Mu had never seen before.

Chu Mu didn’t recognize these four, and had only seen their names in the previous realms. They obviously were hidden experts.

High key people from Soul Palace like Zhao Cheng and Zhan Hong had been eliminated in the seventh realm. The fact that these four people were able to make it through meant that their strength was above even the likes of them.

Aside from them, there were another dozen or so young experts from Soul Palace who were participating in the Heavenly Life Mountain realm breakthrough round. All together, there were about 20 people.

There being 20 competitors from Soul Palace who were participating in the eighth realm's Heavenly Life Mountain round meant that the amount of eighth realm competitors had severely been reduced. Being able to make it thus far undoubtedly meant that one was a young expert found only once in a hundred or thousand kilometer radius!

"The eighth realm has always been like this. The competition authorities cannot tell the competitors how to successfully breakthrough. They must let the competitors themselves figure it out in the round. This is to test the various qualities of the competitors, and not merely how strong their soul pets are. There are many stupid people who believe that the competition authorities want all of the young competitors to kill each other in a large hunting ground. What do you think, Young Master Fang Ze?" said Li Zhan.

"We'll adapt to whatever the situation calls for. There's no reason to be worried." the eighth young master, Fang Ze, was surprisingly relaxed and carefree!

Chapter 495: Eighth Realm, Prisoner Hunting Ground

This time, in the eighth realm competition, competition staff didn't intend to scatter all the competitors. This meant that all competitors could find their friends and companions ahead of time before they entered Heavenly Life Mountain.

Soul Palace second tier members were all on their own. To prevent encountering each other early, all second tier members of soul palace spread out early on.

Chu Mu naturally partnered with Ye Qingzi. The two had worked together for a while, and Ye Qingzi's supportive abilities could at least raise Chu Mu's soul pets a rank or two in strength. Then, even against multiple enemies, they wouldn't have to worry.

When the competition staff announced the start of the competition, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi summoned their dream beasts, riding them into Heavenly Life Mountain.

Once the competitors entered Heavenly Life Mountain, the entire mountain would close down, stopping anyone from entering, but also preventing any competitors from leaving themselves. After all, leaving meant instant disqualification.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi were both smart people. When they entered Heavenly Life Mountain, they didn't hurry on with their journeys.

They had no clue what they had to do once they entered Heavenly Life Mountain, so hurrying ahead of everyone to enter was meaningless. It wasn't a competition of speed.

"Walking along the mountain path towards the tip of the mountain, the starting point would be at the bottom of the mountain. Even if the tip weren't the final destination, one would quickly figure out what to do." Chu Mu found a hot spring, and sat down very relaxedly beside it.

"Many people think that way too." Ye Qingzi walked over, telling Night Thunder Dream Beast to go into the warm springs itself

"So, we stay here for half a day. There's no need to go participate in the mess." Chu Mu smiled.

Before the situation is clear, the best way is to wait and watch. The entire realm passing was near half a month. Chu Mu didn't think that delaying himself by half a day would hurt his chances of passing the realm in the slightest.

"Chu Mu, in the seventh realm, you mentioned that the female master always wanted to control Nightmare Palace little princess. Does she not even know what female master desires from her?" Ye Qingzi sat down beside Chu Mu and asked.

"En, at least she says she doesn't know anything. I'm not sure if she was saying the truth or not." Chu Mu was always wondering this.

Since female master had planned so hard to control Princess Jin Rou, it meant that Princess Jin Rou was crucial to her plan. However, what was her plan? Was Princess Jin Rou an obstacle to her plan, or was Princess Jin Rou a part of her plan?

"You saved her, she has no reason to lie. Let alone, she herself is probably deep in danger and wants to find out the truth to things." Ye Qingzi said.

"Then, what do you think of it?" Chu Mu asked. Ye Qingzi was pretty adept at analysis and deduction, so Chu Mu was used to asking her for her opinion.

Ye Qingzi shook her head lightly. She knew too little, so she could hardly make a deduction based off these inexplicable hints.

“Hui~~~~” Suddenly, Ye Qingzi’s Purple Robed Dream Beast let out a tiny huff of air from its nose, warning Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi of something.

“What’s up?” Ye Qingzi hastily called Purple Robed Dream Beast to her side and asked.

Purple Robed Dream Beast had been a few phases ahead of Chu Mu’s soul pets. Adding on its nomadic demon bloodline, the Purple Robed Dream Beast was already ninth phase fourth stage middle class monarch, with its restricting abilities even stronger than Chu Mu’s Night Thunder Dream Beast.

After the Purple Robed Dream Beast made a noise, Chu Mu quickly felt something near, and it was multiple people!!

“Let’s hide first.” Ye Qingzi quickly summoned her water moon, and told it to create some mist using the hot spring to hide them.

“They aren’t weak. This method probably won’t hide us for long. Let’s get in the water.” Chu Mu pulled Ye Qingzi nimbly into the spring.

Ye Qingzi’s Water Moon reacted very quickly too. When Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi dove into the water, it created water bubbles so the two could breathe underwater.

Water was one of the strongest substances to cut off soul remembrance. Moments after Chu Mu entered the water, he felt multiple soul remembrances cover this region. However, none of them successfully discovered Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi underwater.

“Haha, I’m finally released. A bunch of young things still suckling their mummies, I’ll deal with them good!!”

A crude voice came from one side of the water pool. Following it, a beast roared, causing the water to roll. Clearly, it wasn’t weak.

“Don’t get cocky. This is the eighth realm of Battle of the Realm. These are all young generation top tier experts. Some are even stronger than we are. We’ll fall by their hands with any carelessness.” A clearly calmer man spoke.

“So what, they’re just a bunch of impudent fools. Thinking back, I could probably kill a whole group of them myself. I wonder if there are any pretty chicks amongst them. If so, I can quench my thirst a little.....how many years has it been? Three, four? Whatever, I forgot, but I can’t wait!” The crude man laughed and said.

“Don’t forget, we can’t kill, and can’t make any unhealthy moves either. At most, we can kill their soul pets. Once we capture one, we signal to the competition staff so we can reduce our sentence.” Another man said.

“Heng, so many rules. If we actually get our hands on a pretty chick, I can’t promise I can hold myself back, haha.” The crude man’s voice was full of lust and evil, clearly not the righteous kind.

“Let’s rest here first and adjust our soul power. Once the sky darkens, we go onto the hill and work as a team. The more we catch, the earlier we’re released.” A middle aged female voice came.

“Okay, then it’s just us four, don’t get split up...

The discussion between them all fell into Chu Mu’s ears. Chu Mu lifted his head. Through the wavy water, he could see that the crude voiced man sat at the edge of the lake, looking like he’s meditating.

The other three people all weren’t far from the spring either, all silently meditating. They all had soul pets’ auras near them, clearly a vigilant bunch.

Underwater, Ye Qingzi stared wide-eyed at Chu Mu, gesturing with her hands, trying to tell Chu Mu something.

Soul remembrance, being obstructed by water, could easily cause ripples and be detected by the four people on the surface, so Ye Qingzi could only communicate this way.

Chu Mu didn’t understand any sign language, so he simply stared back wide eyed. He mistook the gesturing for fear instead and instinctively pulled Ye Qingzi into his arms.....

Ye Qingzi spit out bubbles and rolled her eyes, speechless at Chu Mu's actions.

She wanted to tell Chu Mu that these people very likely were sent in by competition staff to obstruct competitors. And from their tone, especially the crude one, one could tell that he acted like a prisoner who was just released.

Yet, when Chu Mu hugged the beautiful body of Ye Qingzi, feeling the fullness and smoothness of her skin, he quickly started feeling antsy.

One couldn't blame Chu Mu for his lack of control. Ye Qingzi had a body that made men silly. With the lubrication of water, it was like they were naked as they hugged. Especially since it was the beautiful, elegant, and composed Ye Qingzi, this contact became even more stimulating. Chu Mu's eyes had already unknowingly wandered onto her body.

Ye Qingzi was still gesturing, trying to tell Chu Mu that these people were likely released prisoners..... however, she quickly noticed Chu Mu's burning eyes. Only then did she realize that her shirt was starting to billow with the water, leaving nothing to the imagination.

"Close your eyes, no looking!" Ye Qingzi's face instantly turned beet red as she gave Chu Mu a coquettish stare.

Chu Mu's skin was thick, simply laughing strangely in place. This in turn made Ye Qingzi ashamed, making her want to push the immoral Chu Mu away.

Chu Mu didn't let go, showing his attitude of remaining this way.

Ye Qingzi couldn't do much about Chu Mu. Her previous feeling wasn't wrong; Chu Mu was getting more and more unashamed. There were four likely evil prisoners right above them, yet he still had the thought to take advantage of her.

Not long after, the four strange people finally left. Ye Qingzi, so shy even water couldn't cool her face, quickly struggled free of Chu Mu and leaped out of the water.

In reality, it wasn't that Ye Qingzi was strictly against hugging and being intimate with Chu Mu. It was just that another part of Chu Mu was starting to misbehave. Ye Qingzi was a rather conservative girl, so such contact was indeed too much for her.

Chu Mu quickly jumped out of the water too and looked embarrassed at Ye Qingzi

"Did you hear anything of what I wanted to tell you before?" Ye Qingzi gave Chu Mu an embarrassed stare and said to Chu Mu.

"What did you say?" Chu mu didn't understand what Chu Mu said.

"What's all this in your mind? The four people just now are probably the key to eighth realm. According to my deduction, they are very likely prisoners that have been released into Heavenly Life Mountain and put on the opposing side of the competitors. Every competitor they defeat will allow their sentences to shrink. Our goal will be to defeat these prisoners as well as our fellow competitors." Ye Qingzi said.

"So they released prisoners into Heavenly Life Mountain. Hehe, this makes everything more interesting." Chu Mu smiled.

"They aren't young generation members, and are most likely all utmost evil people." Ye Qingzi said.

"En, utmost evil." Chu Mu nodded, the evil smile on his face showing that he wasn't exactly nice either.

Chapter 496: Xia Guanghan, Returned Tenfold

In Heavenly Life Mountain, in a house with a courtyard.

Four members respectively from soul alliance, Nightmare palace, Soul Palace, and soul pet palace's upper levels sat by the spring in the courtyard and were tasting tea. None of these four elders had the same expressions, but they were all content and leisurely.

Yet, outside of this courtyard, guards who were wearing armors of three different materials -- gold, silver, and bronze -- stood in rows, reaching near a hundred. Such a cold and stern crowd gave off an intangible pressure.

The near hundred guards were members there to maintain order for the eighth realm. These were middle generation experts from all factions, powerful enough to deal with the prisoners let into Heavenly Life Mountain.

The first day passed very quickly. These eighth realm guards would then enter Heavenly Life Mountain, where they would fly in the skies of Heavenly Life Mountain, or patrol within the mountain. This way, once a member opens the rescue bottle, they would arrive at once and save them.

Of course, if the competition guard didn't arrive in time, and if some prisoners didn't follow the rules, then they would be powerless to help. Since all competitors chose to challenge the eighth realm, they have already made the mental preparations to lose their lives at any time.

The Battle of the Realm was itself a cruel competition!

"Who thought of this method of torturing the younger generation? These were all seventh and eighth rank prisoners. If even one or two haven't changed from their previous acts, many young generation members will suffer." Finally, the elder representing Soul Pet Palace spoke.

This elder was the soul pet palace elder called Hai Qiu, and was one of the people in charge of the entire Battle of the Realm. He had already been the main judge of the competition for over ten years and was truly a respected expert.

Sitting beside the soul pet palace elder was a middle aged man. This middle aged man had a stern face and piercing expression. His eyes were always spitting aggression, causing no one to dare to make eye contact.

This middle aged man was from Soul Alliance. He was Tian Ting, one of the soul emperors that went into the Eternal Ocean to go after the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon. His strength was amongst the top even in the entirety of Tianxia City, and being able to sit with the true elders of three factions spoke volumes in itself.

Tian Ting was responsible for Tianxia City. He was also the chief of Battle of the Realm Soul Alliance. He had once fought for the Realm Throne against the strongest person Li Hong. Though

his statue wasn't put in Realm Throne's honor palace, his name was engraved on the highest golden step!

Every ten years, the Realm Throne was changed. People eligible to fight for the throne were undoubtedly all top tier experts within the realm!

"Couldn't even beat a prisoner who had two souls sealed, how could he have the qualifications to fight for the Realm Throne? Though it is cruel, it is only through such cruel competition that more experts can appear." Nightmare Palace elder said.

This was Nightmare Palace elder Princess Jin Rou's uncle called Ye Tao. Princess Jin Rou encountering killers in seventh realm was also reported by him very aggressively, demanding a response from Battle of the Realm. That was how Princess Jin Rou got a huge sum of money as compensation. This Nightmare Palace man was extremely defensive of his younger generations, especially his niece Princess Jin Rou. Many times, he came to solve Princess Jin Rou's problems.

Just as the four were speaking, suddenly a guard walked in and half kneeled in front of the four.

"What's the matter?" Tian Ting asked lightly.

"Eighth rank prisoner, Duan Xinze is a dangerous character. The main judges unanimously think he shouldn't be let into Heavenly Life Mountain, so they told subordinates to come ask the chiefs." the guard said.

"Duan Xinze? What character, let us hear about him." Soul Pet Palace elder Hai Qiu asked.

"Duan Xinze and his older brother Duan Xinhe are wanted and dangerous criminals of our Tianxia Realm. Duan Xinhe has robbed, raped, and tortured countless people and had once been closed in Maze Prison. Later, he was released for strange reasons, and had a great fall in strength, but was still doing evil. His last evil-doing was in Zhanli Region Li City, where he used his Hundred Mothers and the Gluttonous Insect Monsters to kill countless civilians. His whereabouts are currently unknown, but it was said that he was killed by a strange soul pet in Li City....."

"Duan Xinhe's little brother was Duan Xinze, who is ten years younger. In the early days, he followed Duan Xinhe in all their crimes. He had always been closed in Maze Prison, and can control a constantly reproducing bug type Mother species. When he was captured he was ranked eighth rank, but in reality, his danger was near ninth rank. Second generation experts couldn't really

deal with him. Most importantly, this Duan Xinze's killing, robbing, and raping impulses are very strong, so he would likely cause great harm to the competitors." The guard said.

"How has this man not been locked into Mysterious Prison, and is still put in Maze Prison?"

"This subordinate does not know. The main judges wish the chiefs to make the decision." The competition guard said.

"Lock three of his souls. If he can only control one soul pet, he won't be able to do anything even with evil thoughts. Take this opportunity to use the second tier competitors to get rid of him, so we don't waste more prison food on him." Nightmare Palace Ye Tao waved his hand and decided for the other three.

The guard first glanced at Nightmare Palace elder Ye Tao before looking to the other three chiefs for their opinion.

"Do as Elder Ye says. Seal three of his souls and also seal all soul pets above ninth phase low stage middle class monarch. Restrict his strength and throw him out there to fend for himself." Tian Ting said.

Soul Pet Palace elder and Soul Palace elder didn't have anything to add. All the prisoners that entered Heavenly Life Mountain were middle generation members. These middle generation members weren't experts, and because every prisoner had two of their souls restricted, they had a certain level of danger as well, but not high enough that second tier members couldn't handle.

The guard saluted, and left the courtyard to deliver the chiefs' wishes to the eighth realm main judges.

"The time is about right, send the guards into Heavenly Life Mountain." Soul Palace elder Hai Qiu looked at the sky and slowly said.

"En, make the command."

Soul Alliance Tian Ting walked out of the courtyard. At this moment, the hundred or so eighth realm guards were already standing neatly in rows in front of him.....

“You may leave. Make sure to keep all the competitors alive.” Tian Ting’s gaze swept through eighth realm guards and said lightly to everyone.

All the guards saluted and summoned their own soul pets.

Very quickly, all the competition guards were sent into Heavenly Life Mountain where they started their responsibilities as support and guards.....

Yet, one of these golden armored guards was different. When this guard entered Heavenly Life Mountain, a cold smile came across his face and his expression became wicked!

“Chu Mu, I told you that, I, Xia Guanghan, will return everything tenfold. Don’t forget this!”

Chapter 497: Special Arrangement, Competitors, Prisoners

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi stayed at the bottom of Heavenly Life Eastern Mountain for half a day before heading up the mountain.

The two of them should have been the first two to discover that prisoners had entered Heavenly Life Mountain. Presumably, there would be a large group of people who would be eliminated. When they encountered a few of these savage and terrible criminals, numerous young people would even lose their lives.

“What should we do now? Could it be that this breakthrough’s success or failure is determined by how many prisoners are killed?” Ye Qingzi asked Chu Mu.

“Let’s head up first. Half a day has passed, so some things have probably already occurred.” Chu Mu rode on his Night Thunder Dream Beast in front of Ye Qingzi.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi began to head up the mountain when it was nearly evening. The sunset was shining on the ground, and the mountain shadow was growing longer, making it look like an enormous dragon living in seclusion there.

When the two of them began to walk up the slope, the smell of fresh blood began to waft down from higher up the mountain.

Chu Mu was extremely sensitive to the smell of blood and indicated for Ye Qingzi to stop first. He then rode on the Night Thunder Dream Beast, agilely making his way around the higher ground.

“I couldn’t help but fight. I thought that the eighth realm young generation would be stronger. They’re only this much.” a crude laugh rang out.

Chu Mu looked on, and quickly found the owner of the voice. This was the same boorish prisoner who had been cultivating next to the pond. This person looked boorish, sloppy, and his facial hair hadn’t been trimmed in a long while.

This prisoner’s brown eyes were full of killing intent. Right now, this boorish prisoner’s eyes were staring at two pale faced young competitors.

The two of these young competitors had lost five soul pets, and the smell of blood had come from their five soul pets.

Next to the boorish prisoner were another three prisoners who were adjacent to soul pets that did not have weak aura. Clearly, with the cooperation with these four prisoners, he had easily defeated these young competitors.

“Release the signal, and have the competition authority guards throw the two of them out. That way each of our sentences will be decreased.” said the low-voiced man with a short jacket.

This short jacket man’s age was about thirty years old. Chu Mu could use his soul remembrance to determine the strength of the other three soul pet trainers, but he was unable to determine this short jacket man’s strength.

Chu Mu was presently a fifth remembrance spirit master, and this was rather high in the second grade. Yet, this short jacket man’s soul remembrance was above his.

The four prisoners didn’t kill the two young competitors, but released a signal and had the competition authority guards to come here.

The competition authority guards were middle aged people. Their strength was much higher than the prisoners so even if the prisoners were wicked, the prisoners wouldn't dare try and slight them when the guards landed.

"It's best if you guys are well-behaved. If I find that you guys killed someone. The punishment will be determined accordingly and you won't be able to escape!" the competition authority guard wearing silver armor swept his gaze over the four prisoners and spoke in a stern voice.

"But if these small things want to kill us and we kill them while resisting, does this also warrant punishment?" said the rather tall prisoner.

The silver armored competition authority guard wore a smile on his face as he said: "Did you really think that us putting you here was to truly lessen your sentence? A majority of people like you being sent here is equivalent to a death sentence. Prepare your minds, eh. You guys don't have the qualifications to be of equivalent status to us and the competitors."

"What are you saying!" the boorish prisoner immediately opened his eyes wide and looked extremely angry.

In reality, the competition authority guard's words had angered the other three prisoners. After all, most of the prisoners who were released here died, so there was no need for them to go easy on the competitors. However, because they were inherently unequal, the prisoners couldn't kill the competitors while the competitors could kill the prisoners.

"You guys are merely a tool in the competition. Don't place yourselves so highly." arrogantly said the silver guard.

"One small thing. When your grandfather, I, was sweeping through Tianxia City, you hadn't even started playing in the mud. If this was in the past, one of my secondary soul pets would be able to annihilate you!" the boorish man's temper was very violent, and after he heard those words, his face immediately flushed red and he pointed at the silver armor man.

"What's the matter? If you want to die, I can fulfill your wish." the silver armor prisoner looked with contempt at this prisoner while his tone turned ice cold as he spoke.

"Zhang Tong, don't be impulsive." the short jacket man pulled him back while also having his soul pet suppress the boorish prisoner's agitated soul pet.

The majority of these four peoples' main pets had been killed or sealed. Obviously their main pets were not the competition authority guards' opponents and if they made a move, it would be them that died.

"Behave yourselves!" the two competition authority guards let out a cold harrumph and each of them picked up a wounded young man as they flew into the air with them off Heavenly Life Mountain.

The two competition authority guards had wing type soul pets and flew very quickly. Not long after, they had reached high up in the air.

The four prisoners all looked coldly at the two arrogant guards. When they were finally far away, the prisoner called Zhang Tong indignantly said: "I knew we should have killed those two brats. That way we could vent some anger. Back then when I hadn't entered hell yet, which person wasn't respectful towards me..."

"Don't talk about the past. Right now we're prisoners. Each of us has to defeat five competitors, and our penalty will be lessened by half. It's better if we're more conservative. After all, even if we kill people, we'll still be captured by the Tianxia competition authorities. We won't be able to flee." said the short jacket man.

When he got there, the short jacket man suddenly creased his brows, and his eyes darted to one side like a sword. Then he looked closely at the location Chu Mu was at.

"What's the matter, Cai Ji?" asked the slightly bloated female middle aged soul pet trainer.

"There's a person. Just now I sensed a soul remembrance pulse, but I thought it was the competition authority guard's soul remembrance. But now that they've left, the soul remembrance still exists." said Cai Ji in a low voice.

The boorish Zhang Tong was in fit right now, and when he heard that there was someone, he immediately jumped onto his Multi Colored Devil Tiger and charged in the direction Cai Ji had pointed in!!

The Multi Colored Devil Tiger had already reached the ninth phase low class monarch rank. Its strength would be among the stronger of the second grade. The Multi Colored Devil Tiger pounced forward and abruptly let out a roar!!

The roar carried a sound wave that expanded in all directions. It was an attempt to scare the enemy into making the mistake.

The roar reverberated on the hill. Zhang Tong rode on the Multi Colored Devil Tiger once around the area, but didn't discover the traces of anyone.

"Boss Cai Ji, have you not fought for a long time or something and you've had a misperception? There's no one there!" Zhang Tong was somewhat vexed as he spoke.

"Perhaps." Cai Ji had immediately released his soul remembrance when he detected the movement, but he hadn't detected anything. Added on Zhang Tong's patrol and upon determining that there was no one else in the surroundings, he could only believe that it was a misconception...

"I'm in a fit of anger right now. Let's just kill them now. There are definitely many things that need our spanking. If there's a woman, I don't care if there's a punishment or not!" Zhang Tong clearly was a fellow with a violent temper. After speaking, he immediately rode up the mountain on his Multi Colored Devil Tiger.

The others didn't think too much of it, and they all rode on their soul pets as they continued up the mountain to begin a competitor hunt.

Not long after they left, in a rock pit at the bottom of the slope, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi slowly appeared from within the shadows.

Beside them were the Night Thunder Dream Beast and Purple Robe Dream Beast. These prisoners were all middle aged, and perhaps their strength wasn't much, but their perceptive abilities were very sharp. The two of their Dream Beasts had simultaneously used hiding techniques in order to barely escape their search.

"This a group of very adept soul pet trainers. We must be extra careful." Chu Mu's heart shook as he spoke.

Chu Mu's hiding abilities were very strong, but was still discovered by Cai Ji. There indeed was a strength discrepancy between the young and middle aged generation.

"Yes, give them a bit of time to leave and then we'll continue on." said Ye Qingzi.

The reality was that Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi could perhaps match these four prisoners in terms of strength, but there were four opponents. If they were to directly clash, prematurely expending their fighting strength was not wise. After all, the realm breakthrough lasted half a month.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi intentionally waited for a while. After ensuring that these people were a distance away from them, they finally continue on.

The two of them didn't determine the direction they wanted to head in for the moment so they could only follow the footsteps of the four prisoners. In effect, they were using the four prisoners to clear the path for them.

When night arrived, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi were near a walkway when another dense smell of blood began to waft in from underneath the cliff away from the walkway.

"Did they get rid of competitors again?" Chu Mu was somewhat surprised as he spoke. These prisoners weren't weak as they had gotten rid of another few young competitors.

This time, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi heightened their vigilance and didn't rashly near the four prisoners.

They stayed there for a small period before Chu Mu had the Night Thunder Dream Beast use its advantage in the night to head down the walkway cliff to see where the smell of blood came from.

"Each of them must defeat 5 competitors to reduce their sentences in half. If there are four of them they must defeat a total of 20 young competitors. The Battle of the Realm Competition, having already reached the eighth realm, is already near the top of the pyramid in terms of strength. There are probably 20 Soul Palace competitors on Heavenly Life Mountain. That means that if all four prisoners are to cut their sentence in half, there's a high chance they'll bump into the strongest competitors of a large faction. The reality is that any of a faction's top three will be difficult for them to deal with. Thus, the probability of them being able to reduce their sentences in half is extremely extremely low." Ye Qingzi softly said to Chu Mu.

“Yes. The prisoners are definitely not just limited to them. If there are many groups of prisoners competing, and they all defeat these rather weak members, then there will ultimately have to be many of them that face stronger competitors in hopes of halving their sentences. I would presume that the Tianxia competition authorities have calculated it already. The strength of each competitor cannot be predicted by the Tianxia competition authorities, but they can use the data from past years to estimate the average strength of the eighth realm’s competitors. Then, according to the data, they can release a certain number of prisoners that is enough to eliminate most of the competitors while also ensuring that a good majority of the prisoners themselves are defeated or killed...” said Chu Mu. After speaking, he thought of something and added, “The eighth realm’s battle is very intense because if the number of prisoners and competitors are very uneven, the competition will undergo a “you die and I live” type of battle to even out the number on each side...”

Chu Mu’s words caused Ye Qingzi to begin pondering. Suddenly, a smile blossomed on her face and her beautiful eyes looked at Chu Mu.

Chu Mu saw Ye Qingzi smile at him. Her smile was beautiful but also gave people a feeling of intelligence. His heart slightly shook and he subconsciously reached for Ye Qingzi’s soft white hand to pull her closer to him.

“What are you doing?” Ye Qingzi was a bit embarrassed and her beautiful eyes glared at Chu Mu.

Chu Mu was growing more and more improper and the moment he had an opportunity, he would make a move.

“Hehe.” Chu Mu laughed. His intentions were already very clear and there ostensibly was no need to explain.

“Straighten up a bit, I’m trying to talk about something serious.” Ye Qingzi seriously said.

“You talk, I’ll listen.” Chu Mu seriously said. Of course, he didn’t loosen his hand. Ye Qingzi’s hands were small and delicate, white and soft. Squeezing it felt like squeezing soft jade.

“You said just now that the number from each side would trend towards equilibrium. Thus, I feel that this should be a crucial part of the realm breakthrough. Half a month is capable of causing numerous competitors and prisoners to meet each other in various places, and the chances of fights breaking out is very high. The prisoners want to eliminate the competitors in order to decrease their sentences while also ensure that they are not killed by the competitors. Therefore, they will not go and provoke stronger competitors. This will gradually cause a group of stronger prisoners and

competitors to remain on Heavenly Life Mountain, and it is this group that will successfully breakthrough the realm...” Ye Qingzi’s face was slightly red as she spoke.

“Ya, that makes sense. For each five people a prisoner kills, the prisoner’s sentence is lessened. Thus, if the competition authorities control the number of prisoners, they will be able to determine the number of successful competitors.” after listening to Ye Qingzi’s analysis, Chu Mu finally understood the competition authority’s goal!

“I wonder which competition authority higher up thought of this...” said Ye Qingzi.

“It really is ingenious. It’s very likely that numerous competitors won’t understand how to successfully breakthrough the realm even at the very end.” said Chu Mu.

Chu Mu was silently praising the competition authorities for coming up with such a unique realm breakthrough method when the Night Thunder Dream Beast returned.

“What’s the situation like?” Chu Mu asked.

“Hui~~~~~” the Night Thunder Dream Beast informed Chu Mu of what it saw using soul remembrance.

After listening, Chu Mu’s face changed!

Chu Mu had thought that it was the four prisoners who had eliminated some competitors, but the reality was that of the four prisoners, three had been killed. Only Cai Ji remained alive!!!

Chapter 498: Rock Rainbow, Wolf in the Front and Tiger in the Back

Chu Mu wasn’t that far behind the four prisoners, and their strength wasn’t weak either. Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi would have to use all their strength in order to defeat them.

However, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi were only a bit slower, and the three of the four prisoners were killed!

“Who possesses such terrifying strength?!” Chu Mu was secretly shocked.

The competitors definitely still didn't know how to successfully breakthrough the realm. There were a few people that would kill other competitors in the eighth realm to lessen the number of competitors in the ninth realm. If there was a competitor in front of them had such terrifying strength, then Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi would have to be extra careful.

"There really are many experts in the eighth realm, but I never expected them to appear so quickly..." Ye Qingzi thought that the four prisoners had enough strength that they would be able to get rid of several groups of competitors. However, for some reason when they entered the mountain, they encountered competitors who prisoners wouldn't dare provoke.

"They probably haven't gotten far. Let's walk down first from the plankway. Don't get detected by them." Chu Mu told Ye Qingzi.

As he spoke, Chu Mu jumped onto the Night Thunder Dream Beast's back, and jumped down from the plankway as he had the Night Thunder Dream Beast step along the darkness.

The Purple Robe Dream Beast also had the ability to tread air, but it wasn't as fast as the Night Thunder Dream Beast. Ye Qingzi jumped onto it and followed Chu Mu down the cliff.

Not long after heading forward, the three prisoners and their soul pet corpses were revealed. The smell of blood spread over the place, while also carrying the smell of burned flesh.

"Chu Mu, it seems like they were killed by nightmare fire." Ye Qingzi's observation was very thorough, and quickly noticed the heavy burn marks on a soul pet's corpse. Its eyes were bulging but there was no trace of blood, only fear...

Its state of death was from being burned by a Nightmare. Even its soul had been obliterated. As for competitors that possessed Nightmare species, they were almost probably going to be from Nightmare Palace.

"There probably aren't more than three people in Nightmare Palace who possess such strength. Of those three, I only know of Lu Shanli who has this strength." said Chu Mu.

"Yes, we had better get an understanding of all the people threatening you. That way, you'll have even more of a chance of fighting for the ninth realm's ultimate honor." said Ye Qingzi.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi both wished to not fight since the present state of things was still in one of chaos. In this state of chaos, fighting would only expend too much strength and they would rather watch the changes from the side.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi didn't plan on fighting with the Nightmare Palace expert so they purposefully took a different route to avoid meeting him.

After following another path for a long time, they didn't encounter any enemies.

However, when the two of them circled a cliff's plankway on another mountain, Chu Mu creased his head when he noticed a rock bridge to another rock peak.

There were countless small peaks on Heavenly Life Eastern Mountain, and in between these mountains were several rock bridges and suspending bridges. Right now, in front of Chu Mu was a very lock rock bridge.

There was about a hundred meter gap between the two mountains. Below the lofty rock bridge was a canyon, the bottom of which couldn't be seen as it had been enveloped by a fog.

The fog was rapidly thickening; Chu Mu was previously able to see the small mountain opposite of him, but now the entire bridge had been enveloped by fog. It was as if the bridge was extending into the fog towards some unknown ground.

"This place is a very good ambush point." Ye Qingzi whispered to Chu Mu.

"Yes, if I were a prisoner, I would also choose this place to ambush competitors." Chu Mu nodded his head.

Ye Qingzi and Chu Mu waited half a day before heading out. This meant that someone must have already crossed this unique bridge and set a trap.

"Then should we go around, or..." asked Ye Qingzi.

"There's no point in going around. I just noticed that the plankway we took to avoid running into the Nightmare Palace expert was actually a shortcut to this bridge. If I estimate correctly, then the Nightmare Palace expert is not far behind us and is also walking towards the bridge." said Chu Mu.

Chu Mu had creased his eyebrows when he saw the bridge precisely for this reason. This mountain path walkway looked complex but in reality was very simple. They all lead to this bridge which reached another rock peak. Right now, they could either go forth or face the Nightmare Palace competitor behind them.

Riding on the Night Thunder Dream Beast and having it tread on the air to leave this place was another option, but the problem with flying was the same as that in a bewildering world. There were no obstructions in the air so every competitor's soul remembrance could cover a large part of the sky. Thus, flying in the sky was equivalent to exposing oneself to everyone and once someone was locked onto by a large group of people, the danger would be even higher.

"Let's go forth. That Nightmare Palace competitor is probably even harder to deal with." Chu Mu didn't hesitate for too long since they were in a predicament with a wolf in front but a tiger behind. Ye Qingzi nodded her head and began to summon her Nest Wood Spirit.

Ye Qingzi's Nest Wood Spirit was an eighth phase ninth stage middle class monarch. Before the eighth phase, its appearance wasn't too different than demonic wood species soul pets. However, after the eighth phase it would become a true wood spirit. Its small body would be covered from head to toe in leaves and its nimbleness and gracefulness was rather similar to the Binding Wind Spirit.

After the eighth phase, the Nest Wood Spirit would truly reflect the superior fighting skills of a superior species. Even if the Nest Wood Spirit was still an eighth phase ninth stage middle class monarch, this abnormal evolution caused its strength to increase by a level making it no way inferior to a ninth phase middle class monarch.

Ye Qingzi was a soul teacher herself so she could concoct her own spirit items to strengthen soul pets. There was no need to spend huge sums of money to continuously pull up her soul pets' strengths like Chu Mu did.

The purpose of summoning the Nest Wood Spirit was to support. Its fighting support abilities were very strong and with its existence, Mo Xie and Zhan Ye's strength would increase another two levels.

Summoning too many soul pets from the very beginning wasn't very wise because it would both waste soul power and reveal to enemies all of one's soul pets. The enemy would be able to summon soul pets with countering attributes thereby weakening one's strength.

“Binding Wind Spirit.” Chu Mu chanted an incantation and summoned the rather nimble Binding Wind Spirit.

It carried a mysterious silver high rank chaotic wind that slowly swirled up and circled around Chu Mu. A moment later, a petite Binding Wind Spirit appeared from within the chaotic wind.

The Binding Wind Spirit didn’t have wings, but could fly at will using air currents. After being summoned, it flew a few circles around before nimbly landing on Chu Mu’s shoulder. Its large spirited eyes stared ahead and it began to speak in wind terminology...

“Your Binding Wind Spirit... seems like it’s going to control destructive wind soon.” Ye Qingzi was a bit surprised as she spoke.

Ye Qingzi’s conjecture came from the mysterious silver within the Binding Wind Spirit’s chaotic wind. This strange light was an omen of evolving to a different strength crystallization.

“Yes, after this realm breakthrough ends, I’ll attempt to have the Binding Wind Spirit rise to the high class monarch.” said Chu Mu.

“That requires several hundreds billions of expenses.” said Ye Qingzi.

The White Nightmare successfully rising from the middle class monarch to the high class monarch was due, to a certain extent, to the Jade Spring Holy Blood Baptism and Chu Mu’s half devil state. If he were to normally raise the White Nightmare to the high class monarch from the middle class monarch, he would need no less than a billion in expenses. At the same time, he would have to ensure the White Nightmare’s fighting experience had reached a level that meant its strength could be increased.

Previously, Chu Mu had planned on using the billion to strengthen the Binding Wind Spirit, but after asking Old Soul Teacher De, he learned that the chances of successfully strengthening were not high. Therefore, Chu Mu ultimately decided to strengthen the White Nightmare with it. What he didn’t expect was that the White Nightmare seemed to be situated in a potential accumulation state. After spending the billions on spirit items to strengthen it, its strength erupted surpassing even Chu Mu’s expectations. Moreover, most importantly, the White Nightmare began to voluntarily control its urge to devour souls. Even with the strength increase, it didn’t pose a threat to Chu Mu’s soul.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi stepped onto the bridge, but the two of them stopped when they reached halfway.

Since they were already certain there was an ambush here, what need was there to wait for the enemy to appear? They may as well strike first to gain the upper hand!

“Qin, Chaotic Wind Scythe!” Chu Mu gave the Binding Wind Spirit an order.

The Binding Wind Spirit’s body gradually began to float off of Chu Mu’s shoulder to ten meters above his head.

The chaotic wind carrying a special silver lustre began to rapidly transform into thirty meter long wind scythes of death under the Binding Wind Spirit’s control!!

The wind scythes of death flitted through the fog and rapidly swept through the opposite end of the bridge. Suddenly, the rocks which could have hidden people behind were sliced into numerous pieces. Afterwards, under the powerful chaotic wind force, they began to disintegrate!

The Binding Wind Spirit’s Chaotic Wind Scythe’s might easily reached the ninth rank and if it wasn’t because the Heavenly Life Mountain’s rocks were several tens of times stronger than the outside world’s rocks, one of its attacks would have been able to raise the entire small mountain peak!

“Shi!!! Shi!!!! Shi!!!”

As the wind scythes flitted past, the fierce attacks reached the opposite end of the bridge.

Chu Mu didn’t pinpoint a certain attack location, but wind techniques innately covered massive areas. Regardless if he locked onto an opponent or not, as long as the wind technique swept the area, it would definitely cause huge damage!

“Ah!!!!”

Suddenly, a miserable cry rang out from behind one of the mountain’s rocks. Immediately after, the angry roar of a demon beast could be heard!

Once the roar came out, even more soul pets let out roars. Further, it was even possible to hear the angry curses and orders of a few soul pets trainers.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi had guessed correctly. Ahead of the bridge indeed lay a group of prisoners lying in wait!!

Chapter 499: Prisoner Heads are the Realm Passing Reward (1)

Prisoners were split into ten ranks. These ranks weren't decided by their strength, but rather by the evils they have caused.

Level one was usually people with no previous criminal record that intentionally kill in regulated battles. Such a situation would cause the person to be closed up as a first rank prisoner for many years.

The seventh rank was usually for officially wanted criminals that had been hunted down and captured by bounty hunters.

Seventh rank prisoners were the utmost evil people who have committed countless killings. These prisoners were often much stronger than seventh rank titles of large factions. At their strongest, they could often kill an entire town's people and soul pet trainers by themselves.

Once the prisoner has been caught and sent into jail, all their dangerous soul pets' soul pacts would be forcefully severed, leaving only a few weaker secondary soul pets. At the same time, during their sentence, their soul pets were restricted.....

Ambushing at the bridge location, ready to assault Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi was a group of seventh rank prisoners from Maze Prison.

There were a total of three members. These three were all pretty new, only serving two years of their sentence. Their evil tendencies have not been wiped away at all.

The three had been hidden here for some time now, stopping a total of four competitors. There was even a player that was cruelly killed by them and had his corpse thrown under the bridge.

And not long after they threw that corpse away, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi appeared. The three quickly told their soul pets to lay ambush near the rocky Hong Bridge behind the rocks.

There was one prisoner that reached fifth remembrance soul master, so he could clearly see Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi through the mist.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi both weren't old, seeming in their young twenties. Such young generation members were a full twelve years smaller than these prisoners. Even if they only had secondary soul pets, they couldn't take these young people seriously.

The first three competitors were all very average, which caused the three seventh rank prisoners to have the illusion that young generation was only that powerful.

Yet, when Chu Mu's Binding Wind Spirit's Binding Wind Scythe easily reached ninth rank initial stage, the three seventh rank prisoners' faces changed!

"Ninth phase middle stage - middle class monarch, and its also one of Soul Palace's seven diagram sacred pets - Binding Wind Spirit. Its wind type destruction is about fifty percent stronger than normal fairy wind type soul pets. These two are but twenty or so years old, how do they have such powerful soul pets?" Fifth remembrance soul master was shocked after being attacked by the wind type technique.

"Initially, when we went to Battle of the Realm, was there anyone in second tier with such a powerful soul pet?"

The three prisoners all realized that they have bumped into an abnormal young man from the second tier. Since the fight was continuing, they could only fight along. Immediately, they sent a command to attack their beasts.

"Awu!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

A tenth phase Terror Wolf darted out of the mist, bringing with it a wave of beast type aura as it pounced towards Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi at the center of the bridge.

"Qing, don't mind it and continue to attack." Chu Mu said.

Wind type elemental soul pets had the advantage of distance. If the Binding Wind Spirit got enough time to cast its techniques, Chu Mu could deal with the three seventh rank prisoners with Binding Wind Spirit alone.

The tenth phase Terror Wolf was very swift in running. It passed through the wall of wind scythes and nimbly leaped in front of the Binding Wind Spirit.

“My Terror Wolf will restrict his Binding Wind Spirit. Let your soul pets quickly cast techniques in retaliation.” The prisoner that killed a competitor quickly said.

“En, they probably only have this seven diagram sacred soul pet - Binding Wind Spirit that is hard to deal with. Once it is restricted, they will still fall into our hands!” The fifth remembrance soul master prisoner smiled wide.

Yet, the soul master’s smile hadn’t even left his mouth before his expressions stiffened.

The Terror Wolf very successfully neared the opponent’s Binding Wind Spirit. Just when the prisoners thought that the Terror Wolf would stop the Binding Wind Spirit from continuing to cast its destructive wind type technique, their tenth phase Terror Wolf stopped running!!

All of the Terror Wolf’s attacks became meaningless, because this Terror Wolf now stood in the middle of the bridge, unmoving!

“What.....what’s the matter?” The Terror Wolf’s owner stared wide eyed. He could feel that his Terror Wolf’s mental state was in chaos, causing it to not even detect his mental commands!

The Terror Wolf’s master was a fourth remembrance soul master. This remembrance was enough to look down upon most young generation members. Mental techniques were usually used by him to restrict others, and rarely could he be restricted.

Yet this time, his Terror Wolf was indeed restricted, even to the point of losing all function and rendered standing in the opponent’s formation.

“It’s a dream beast. They have two dream beasts that both disguised their strengths!” Finally, another prisoner realized the root of the problem.

“Hong!!!!!!”

Just as this prisoner spoke, a purple lightning like Destruction Ray appeared, blasting the tenth phase Terror Wolf off the bridge.

This Terror Wolf let out a pained howl. Immediately following, the destructive ray's energy exploded in the sky, causing the defenseless tenth phase Terror Wolf to be blown into bloody bits right off the bridge!!

The blast of the Destruction Ray quickly traveled to the three seventh rank prisoner's ears, shocking the three speechless!

“Another ninth phase monarch! What is it with these young generation members!!” Fifth remembrance soul master prisoner shouted angrily!

When they were this age, having an eighth phase monarch rank was already extremely powerful. Originally, the three prisoners thought that even if they only had secondary soul pets, they could manage these young generation members. However, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi's appearance made them realize that the second tier members in eighth realm were truly all abnormal entities!

“Let's retreat, we aren't their match.” Another prisoner said.

“Retreat, what kind of joke is that? Two small things, do they truly want to make trouble in front of us? I'll have them killed!” The prisoner who lost his Terror Wolf said sinisterly as his face went pale!

The tenth phase Terror Wolf was this prisoner's only reliance. If he couldn't get any compensation from these two young generation members, he couldn't survive with only one soul pet left.

“Then stay by yourself.” The fifth remembrance soul master said coldly.

After saying that, the soul master immediately brought his two soul pets, who were being barraged by Chu Mu's Binding Wind Spirit, away behind the mountains, no longer wanting to fight these two abnormally powerful young generation members.

The other prisoner also backed off quickly. Their soul pets' strengths may not be as powerful as these abnormal young men and women, but their escaping and hiding abilities were beyond any young generation member.

Very quickly, these two prisoners left. Because the prisoner who lost his Terror Wolf had a damaged soul, he acted a moment later.

“Huhuhuhu!!!!!!”

Binding Wind Spirit's attacks weren't just for decoration. Soon, the hundreds of black wind scythes flew across. While the prisoner was still hesitating, the messy wind scythes flew madly into his and his soul pets' bodies!!!

All of the prisoners had their soul techniques restricted. This seventh rank prisoner was no different. When the Binding Wind Scythes flew past his body, he couldn't put up any effective defense.

“Ahhh!!!!!!”

A painful scream immediately sounded, shaking and echoing between the two mountains!

The Binding Wind Spirit's attack didn't stop there. Continuous wind type techniques didn't give this prisoner any chance to rest.

When the binding wind spirit's third wind type technique flew past, the prisoners finally couldn't block it anymore. His body laid splayed upon the mountain walls full of wounds, blood trickling out of the countless wounds on his body.

This prisoner's other demon type soul pet stood by him. This demon, not yet ninth phase, similarly couldn't stop the binding wind spirit's attacks and was laying there breathing laboriously. Any attack could take its life now.

Chu Mu rode his Night Thunder Dream Beast across the rocky bridge and specially checked that the other two prisoners had indeed run away before walking in front of the wounded prisoner.

“He's wearing a prisoner ring.” Ye Qingzi pointed at this prisoner's hand.

Prisoner Rings were marks on prisoners. These marks couldn't be removed even if the finger were cut off, because the ring would automatically latch onto another part of the prisoner's body, tracked by the prisoner's soul.

Prisoners wearing prisoner rings were easily trackable by another specialized equipment. This was another effective management tool for the prison staff. Even if they were to escape, the prison could easily capture them again.

The prisoner ring could only be removed when the prisoner died, where it would automatically fall off the prisoner.

Chu Mu picked up this prisoner ring, and was just about to see what was special about this piece of soul equipment when he felt a cold wind behind him!

That's a cold soul remembrance, and it was not far from Chu Mu. Chu Mu was sure that the other person could attack him at any time!

"Get behind me." Chu Mu immediately pulled Ye Qingzi aside as his black pupils stared fiercely at the hazy rock bridge!

The night fog caused Chu Mu to only be able to see half of the bridge. Yet, where Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi stood before, there stood a tall man, staring intensely in a long wind jacket, that was slowly walking across the bridge!

Aside this man burned a ball of white devil flame, third rank White Fiend Devil Flames that belonged to a White Nightmare!

Demonic monarch, White Nightmare!!!

This tall man had a White Nightmare at his side. This White Nightmare didn't hide its dominating aura. Its soul devil flames flamed rampantly as its wicked eyes stared at Chu Mu.

"Would you mind giving that ring to me?" The Nightmare Palace expert smiled. Except, this smile was as cold as the White Nightmare's devil flames!

Chapter 500: Prisoner Heads are the Realm Passing Reward (2)

In the time in contact with Princess Jin Rou, Chu Mu conveniently gained some information.

About Nightmare Palace, the second tier number one wasn't Lu Shanli, but a Nightmare Palace young generation expert called Jiang Yiteng.

Nightmare Palace's ranking system was slightly different from Soul Palace. They only had four elders, but they had the same position as the seven elders in Soul Palace. Above the elders was one more Nightmare Palace Ruler, called Nightmare Emperor.

Princess Jin Rou was the daughter of the previous generation's Nightmare Emperor. Before the previous Nightmare Emperor passed away, Princess Jin Rou's position was very high, even higher than the other young masters (except the Soul Palace crown prince).

And now that another Nightmare Emperor had taken control, Princess Jin Rou's position fell slightly.

The new Nightmare Emperor was called Devil Jiang due to his name. The Jiang Yiteng that Princess Jin Rou mentioned was this devil emperor's second son.

Nightmare Prince and Soul Palace were similarly very restrictive towards their young generation members. They also needed to rely on themselves to gain different ranks of Nightmare. No matter how highly positioned a weakling was, they could at most gain some hard to control soul pets using their status. Such a soul pet trainer could at most stay around the second tier public experts, incredibly weaker than hidden experts.

Hidden experts were hidden because they were constantly training. They never put time into winning people's hearts or promoting. They would never appear in boring occasions, and they rarely participate in child'splay-like tournaments. Only until the most authoritative Battle of the Realm starts would they truly be excited to compete.

Chu Mu knew that the tall person in front of him was most likely the strongest Nightmare Palace participant in second tier: Jiang Yiteng. This was a true Nightmare Palace young prince!

“Hand me the prisoner ring in your hands. Unless, you think that little seven diagram sacred pet Binding Wind Spirit is a match for my white nightmare, in which case, feel free to keep it.” Nightmare Palace crown prince Jiang Yiteng smiled and said.

This fellow kept a smile from beginning to end, yet his smile remained incredibly cold, just like White Nightmare’s devil flames. It clearly was burning flames, yet it was soul freezing.

“What use does this prisoner ring have?” Chu Mu remained calm and asked.

“A seventh rank prisoner’s ring is worth 50 million, an eighth rank prisoner ring is worth 200 million. After the eighth realm ends, you can exchange it with the competition directly.” Jiang Yiteng explained as if it didn’t matter.

“That’s why.” Chu Mu understood clearly.

Beforehand, he still wasn’t too sure how the competition was going to judge who gained the highest honor.

At eighth realm, every competitor that successfully passes the realm gains a huge reward. However, the competition side still had a highest honor category. If they compared prisoner ring collections, they can directly determine who deserves this highest honor.

The competition didn’t clearly mention this, but this information would definitely be made clear as battles continue. So, this Heavenly Life Mountain will become a wrestle between competitors and prisoners.

Additionally, after a certain time, the competitors would also start fighting over each others’ prisoner rings. This entire Heavenly Sky Mountain would then be stricken by fights and robberies!

The eighth realm was truly a cruel competition. The weaker people will be eliminated by prisoners, while the powerful people lose through the struggle for ranking.....

“If you understand, then give the fifty million in your hands to me.” Jiang Yiteng said levelly.

Any competitor, even a powerful opponent like Jiang Yiteng, had limited stamina. If he could force the opponent to give up their prisoner ring, he wouldn't waste his White Nightmare's stamina on Chu Mu.

"Actually, I mind." Chu Mu stepped forward slightly, his dark eyes becoming even blacker, full of a raging fighting intent!

Clearly, Chu Mu wasn't about to compromise!

Ye Qingzi saw that Chu Mu was about to fight and didn't say much, quickly chanting an incantation to summon her tenth phase water moon.

The water moon's rank was high class commander rank. Once it was tenth phase, its fighting strength was equivalent to ninth phase low stage - middle class monarch rank.

Water Moon's supportive skills can cause the opponent's White Nightmare's flames to lower in effectiveness. Most importantly, once Chu Mu's soul pets were damaged by the devil flames, Water Moon's healing could quickly reduce the pain as well as heal the wounds.

"Water Moon Armor!"

Water moon started chanting, shining with a white luster.

Its slender finger pointed towards Chu Mu's Binding Wind Spirit, quickly wrapping the turbid wind of the Binding Wind Spirit with a layer of Water Moon Armor, raising its defense immediately!

"Wood Spirit Dew!"

Nest Wood Spirit's body started glowing with a vibrant green. Its tiny hands slowly lifted up a drop of emerald liquid. This liquid bathed the Binding Wind Spirit's body, instantly multiplying the Binding Wind Spirit's life force!

Ninth phase fourth stage Binding Wind Spirit's strength was nearly three ranks below the ninth phase ninth stage White Nightmare.

Yet, Water Moon Armor and Wood Spirit Dew caused the gap between White Nightmare and Binding Wind Spirit to shrink. If the Binding Wind Spirit could maintain its distance, even fighting against this White Nightmare wouldn't be a problem!

“Oh? There's a support style soul pet trainer?” Jiang Yiteng noticed Ye Qingzi's two support soul pets' additions and lifted an eyebrow, clearly curious.

After speaking, Jiang Yiteng specially walked a step closer to Chu Mu, while his smile remained. “However, even this way, your Binding Wind Spirit isn't match for my White Nightmare. Just give me the ring, losing your life for fifty million isn't worth it.”

“I lack money greatly. If you want to come steal it, go ahead and try.” Chu Mu said in a similar tone.

“Seems like its been too long since I've walked around in Tianxia City. Everyone has forgotten about me, Jiang Yiteng of Nightmare Palace. There's always idiots who don't know their limits blocking my way, which hurts my head. I hate your kind who don't know the difference in strength. Only when others display true strength do you realize just how stupid and weak you are. But then, you aren't far from death.” Jiang Yiteng looked a little helpless, but this helplessness also showed his utter disregard for Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi.

Ye Qingzi stood behind Chu Mu. Hearing Jiang Yiteng's words, this cold beauty couldn't help but let out a humph, “Mental problems.” Hearing Ye Qingzi, Chu Mu started laughing. He was trying to think of a word to describe this Nightmare Palace crown prince Jiang Jiteng. The beauty's short two words said everything Chu Mu was thinking about, causing Chu Mu to notice that Ye Qingzi actually had a very cute side to her.

Jiang Yiteng's face turned dark. Very clearly, even after the opponent knew of his identity as Nightmare Palace crown prince, they still didn't care. Such oversight was unforgivable.

“I was about to leave you alive because you don't look too bad, but if you dig your own grave, don't fault me for being cruel!” Jiang Yiteng lost his patience and commanded White Nightmare.

Jiang Yiteng's White Nightmare let out a shrill demonic shriek, lifting up a wave-like devil flame towards Chu Mu, Ye Qingzi, and all their soul pets!!

“Qin~~” Binding Wind Spirit swiftly flew ahead of Chu Mu. Its tiny body floated above the bridge while its body started spinning swiftly with the swirling winds around it!

“Huhuhuhuhu~~~~~” a coiling turbid wind dragon appeared menacingly. As the White Fiend Devil Flames rolled over, it was rolled into the crazy wind power, quickly weakening the surging White Fiend Devil Flames.

With the suction from the wind, when the devil flame wave reached Chu Mu, it was but a small spurt of flames.

Chu Mu extended his hand and easily grabbed the devil flame. His hand suddenly closed together tightly, extinguishing the remaining white fiend devil flames!

“Qin, give it back to him” Chu Mu commanded Binding Wind Spirit.

The Binding Wind Spirit in the middle of the turbid wind dragon let out a long chant. It started to control the turbid wind dragon, which violently lurched towards the White Nightmare!

Seeing his technique returned to him, Jiang Yiteng furrowed his brows and quickly retreated to the other end of the bridge, while his White Nightmare cast Devil Phantom, dodging the returning devil flames wind dragon and floating above the bridge.

“Qin, Wind Sky Shawl!” Binding Wind Spirit’s casting time between techniques was very short, which was one of the main reasons why Binding Wind Spirit was one of the seven sacred diagrams. With its powerful wind type talent, short and nimble channel time, once it had the advantage in positioning, even opponents much stronger than it couldn’t near it!

The bridge could easily create very advantageous battle situations for Chu Mu’s Binding Wind Spirit. Even the White Nightmare couldn’t easily go through the wind territory that Binding Wind Spirit creates.

“This Binding Wind Spirit is between Middle Class Monarch Rank and High Class Monarch Rank!” Jiang Yiteng’s brows creased again as his face became serious.

Clearly, The Jiang Yiteng who thought he was unbeatable in second tier had underestimated Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi’s strength.

Jiang Yiteng had only researched on the top three hidden experts of all big factions, which he thought could threaten him. He ignored the rest.

However, with this binding wind spirit soul palace member and support type soul pet trainer's help, he was hard to deal with. Jiang Yiteng was already considering whether it was worth it for him to waste his soul pet's fighting strength for fifty million. Because, to defeat them, he had to summon more soul pets!