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Chapter 541: Soul Palace Son, Tenth Young Prince

After Chu Mu took away Xin Yang and Jiang Yiteng's prisoner ring, competition guards timely dived down from high skies.

Jiang Yiteng, as Nightmare Palace young prince, had very high status. If he were killed, with the wrath of Nightmare Palace's devil emperor, Battle of the Realms would definitely get in a lot of trouble, so the competition guards had to actively protect his wellbeing.

Very quickly, Jiang Yiteng and Xing Yang was brought into the skies by competition guards, on their way to receive healing from the foot of the mountain.

These two people's souls were incredibly weak. If they didn't receive soul healing soon, they would die of weakness regardless.

The flying speed of the competition guards was quick. Soon, they brought the four soul damaged Jiang Yiteng and Xing Yang to the bottom of Heavenly Life Mountain.

"Isn't that Nightmare Palace's little prince and second expert Xin Yang!?"

At the foot of the mountain, there were still many contestants waiting for the results of the battle. Yet, seeing Jiang Yiteng and Xing Yang brought out like this, they all shouted out loud.

Quan Chi had another courtyard on the other side. This courtyard kept most of the Nightmare Palace injured members. The competition guard also brought Jiang Yiteng and Xin Yang there.

"How can they also.....what happened?" Nightmare Palace female soul teacher stared shocked at Jiang Yiteng and Xin Yang, asking the competition guards.

"They were fighting against the other two competitors....." Competition guard opened his mouth to say.

"How did you end up like this, quickly report to Elder Ye Tao." Nightmare Palace female soul teacher said.

Female soul teacher was called Qian Qing. As the first tier member, she didn't participate in Battle of the Realm, instead entering the competition staff and specially helped the wounded Nightmare Palace members heal up.

Almost all Nightmare Palace experts had been healed by her. Adding on the female soul teacher's good looks, she had popularity inferior only to Nightmare Palace princess. And compared to Nightmare Palace princess's hard to approach position, this female soul teacher had more amiability to many young people.....

Qian Qing had learned soul teacher arts for a long time. She instantly knew that Jiang Yiteng and Xing Yang had four souls hurt. She first told her flower type soul pet to cast soul stamen, using this special soul flower stamen to protect these two people's souls, not letting his soul to continue to failing.

But she also knew that soul wounds can hardly be completely healed through techniques. Only the extremely expensive Soul Supporting Nectar and Soul Healing Stamen could help them. Qian Qing could only protect their souls for now. To truly cure them, they needed these two items, and possibly only Elder Ye Tao had them.

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Not long after, the fourth chair Nightmare Palace elder Ye Tao appeared. With him was another sturdily built young man. To come with Elder Ye Tao meant that he had a high status as well.

Elder Ye Tao and the young man saw that the Nightmare Palace young experts were so pathetic, and their expressions instantly changed. They couldn't imagine that anyone in all of second tier could beat them to such a degree.....

"This is most likely soul alliance Si Tian. The person knows your identity, yet still didn't show any mercy, heng heng....." Young man said gloomily.

Jiang Yiteng laid there, face pale, but he didn't say anything, simply staring soulessly at a certain spot in the sky.

With four souls wounded, and with the main soul pet dead, it was a very great hit to Jiang Yiteng. Soul healing alone will take an incredibly long time.....

“No.....no... it’s.....it’s soul palace.....” Xing Yang could still barely speak.

“Soul palace Fang Ze?” Elder Ye Tao drew a breath in and glanced at the young man beside him, “Cao Sheng, no need to show any mercy to those soul palace offals in tenth realm!”

“Do not worry, elder, no matter who it is, I’ll make sure they die painfully!” Cao Shen smiled cruelly.

“Uh.....Elder Ye, the person who hurt young prince and Xing Yang isn’t soul palace young master Fang Ze, but instead..... instead was a competitor named Chu Chen.” The Nightmare Palace competition guard said quietly.

“Chu Chen? Who is Chu Chen? How could he injure Jiang Yiteng and Xing Yang?” Elder Ye Tao stared.

“At the time, I was very surprised too, but later on.....” Following this, competition guard explained the battle situation of Chu Mu, Jiang Yiteng, and Xing Yang briefly, including the fact that Chu Mu has a White Nightmare, as well as the scene of White Nightmare devouring nightmare.

After competition guard finished speaking, Qian Qing, elder Ye Tao, and Cao Sheng were shocked, unable to speak for a long time.

A soul palace member having a high class monarch rank White Nightmare was already surprising. Yet, hearing that this White Nightmare could actually devour same species as fuel for growth. This was unheard of!

“Elder Ye Tao, White Nightmare had such abilities?” Qian Qing was surprised and finally asked.

Elder Ye Tao stared gravely and thought for a while before saying, “Yes.....but.....”

Cao Sheng stood by without a word. He knew some things about this White Nightmare, but he couldn’t explain it much.

From Elder Ye Tao's expressions, White Nightmare having the devouring species ability wasn't the greatest problem. The greatest problem was why a soul palace member had a White Nightmare!!

Nightmare Palace members had most of the nightmares. However, there were countless soul pets in the world. Occasionally, people would meet wild White Nightmares and sign soul pacts with them.

"Is it truly luck that they found this talented White Nightmare, or was this White Nightmare originally ours....." Elder Ye Tao muttered to himself.

"Elder, from what you see, can this Chu Chen originally be a nightmare palace member that went to soul palace afterwards?" Cao Shen asked.

"Most likely. Qian Qing, I will tell someone to bring the Soul Supporting Nectar. You take care of them well. I'll go to soul palace and figure out the background of this Chu Chen first." Elder Ye Tao said.

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On the main peak of Heavenly Life Mountain.

Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi almost dominated the entire main peak. Neither Nightmare Palace nor soul palace contestants dared to go upwards.

After the battle completed, Chu Mu didn't relax at all, because he knew Qin Ye could appear at any time.

Yet, even when the entire eighth realm ended, Qin Ye never appeared.

"Has he given up?" Ye Qingzi felt strange. Qing Ye, as a competitor, even if he were first tier, attacking second tiers wouldn't cause the competition staff to stop him. He had no reason to give up.

"There are many players here, and Li Heng is here as well. If we give up early, Li Heng could definitely intervene. He probably was worried about that and gave up." Chu Mu said.

“That’s good.” Ye Qingzi finally let out a breath.

As a first tier top tier expert, his strength was indeed much stronger. Qin Ye didn’t want to go against such a powerful enemy so early on.

“However, I feel like someone wouldn’t give up this easily? Since Qin Ye could come into our second tier battlefield in eighth realm, then he could in ninth realm too.....So, I think he’ll appear in ninth realm. Ninth realm doesn’t have any competition guards anyways.....” Chu Mu said.

With Chu Mu’s strength, gaining second tier honor shouldn’t be an issue. Able to defeat Nightmare Palace Jiang Yiteng, the only person left that threatened him was the nearly mythical Si Tian. After beating him, the final honor would finally be Chu Mu’s to take.

Yet, Xia Guanghan and Qin Ye’s appearance meant that he had more obstacles on this path.

“In reality, this is better.....” Chu Mu smiled.

If Mo Xie had another eye-popping mutation, then there had to be some people that could relate him back to the prisoner king identity, causing great trouble for him.

If they didn’t have any spectators in ninth realm, Chu Mu wouldn’t have to worry much, letting Mo Xie mutate and kill a path outwards!

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After eighth realm finished, Chu Mu went straight to soul palace under the guard of Li Heng.

Chu Mu knew that this battle caused a huge commotion. Not only did he beat the most powerful Nightmare Palace member Jiang Yiteng, his White Nightmare’s appearance and White Nightmare’s special devouring ability was also shocking.

Chu Mu knew that, afterwards, he would definitely get some identity questioning from Nightmare Palace. So, after the eighth realm finished, Chu Mu stayed in soul palace to collect the soul items he needed. As for the questioning, he handed it to Old Soul Teacher De.

“Old fellow, I beg you stop your troubles. It was just a White Nightmare, maybe your Nightmare Palace members also have sacred diagram soul pets!” Old Soul Teacher De said to Nightmare Palace Elder Ye Tao.

Ye Tao’s mustache was stiff with anger. Facing an unreasonable person like Old Soul Teacher De, anyone would get angry.

But, in reality, some Nightmare Palace people indeed had seventh diagram sacred soul pets. Seventh diagram sacred soul pets are strictly controlled within soul palace members, but there are cases where nightmare palace members find a very rare seventh diagram sacred pet in the wild and sign a contract with it.

“That White Nightmare is special. Let him summon it and appraise it, I just want to ascertain its identity!!!” Elder Ye Tao said.

“What if, and I say what if, you verified its identity?” Old soul teacher de asked.

“Then I’ll retract it!” Ye Tao said pompously.

“That is impossible.” Old Soul Teacher De said.

“What impossible? A nameless pawn taking a White Nightmare that we’ve always kept under control is a death sentence on its own, let alone it is.....” Ye Tao stopped when he got there and switched the topic, “Anyways, let that kid come out.”

“Nameless pawn? Old fellow, don’t think you can say whatever you want as a fourth seat. Telling you won’t matter, but Chu Chen is the tenth young master that soul palace hasn’t released to the public yet.” Old Soul Teacher De laughed coldly.

“Tenth young master? When has soul palace ever had a tenth young master? Which elder’s son is he?” Ye Tao paused and then asked questioningly.

“Not the son of an elder.” Old Soul Teacher De said.

“Not an elder’s son, then.....” As Ye Tao spoke, his voice suddenly quieted down as he stared with bulging eyes at Old Soul Teacher De.

“He.....he is your soul palace Majesty’s son!!!”

Chapter 542: Chu Mu’s Birth

Soul Palace Palace Courtyard meant the most authoritative senior elder level.

There were seven senior elders, which represented the most authoritative locations of the seven palaces. In Tianxia City, a position like this was extremely close to the realm throne’s Li Hong. Indeed, there were even many Soul Palace senior elders that had such prestige that the throne members could very well be senior elder level’s younger generation.

Therefore, even if the ten year king was the lord, he had to be rather respectful towards the senior elders.

Identically, the Nightmare Palace senior elder status was also like this. There were many occasions when a senior elder would criticize the Nightmare Palace Nightmare Emperor’s mistakes, and the young Nightmare Emperor could only lower his head and accept their criticism.

Regardless if it was Nightmare Palace’s senior elders or Soul Palace’s senior elders, they represented the very pinnacle of this world’s strength, authority, and prestige. Although the elder level was only a step away from the senior elder level, they were completely different.

As for Soul Palace’s special Majesty status, although it seemed to sit on equal footing with the senior elders, the Majesty experts were consecrated by all of Soul Palace’s seven senior elders, fourteen elders and twenty one palace masters. They wouldn’t involve themselves in Soul Palace’s affairs, and wouldn’t meddle in its decisions. However, the Majesties would always be the most mysterious and noble existences in Soul Palace.

The Majesties wouldn’t even be provoked by Nightmare Emperor. It wasn’t only Nightmare Palace’s highest level that didn’t dare do this, but even the highest level from the other factions were the same!

“Is this brat Chu Chen Majesty Chen’s...” Elder Ye Tao was no longer as crude as before.

Ye Tao was one of the realm's four thrones. His status was slightly higher than the elders, but when he spoke of a Majesty, his face would also change.

“You had better not ask about this. Although his status hasn't been publicized, he's being protected by Soul Palace. If you have the capabilities to, then defeat him properly with your Nightmare Palace second grade youngsters. If you want to use special methods, someone will get angry, and us seven senior elders will have a headache. Then, the four of your senior elders will be in trouble.” Old Soul Teacher De rubbed his beard as he spoke.

Soul Palace had always been at ends with Nightmare Palace. However, the elders always had to be respectful towards the senior elder level. After all, experts were experts and behind the factions, these people could easily use one main pet to crush the elders. As for the Majesty in Soul Palace that had been spoiled by the seven senior elders...

Ye Tao let out a long sigh. If the opponent was the offspring of Majesty Chen, it would be impossible to retrieve the White Nightmare.

At least Ye Tao, at the elder, level didn't have the qualifications to retrieve it. Only, even if the four senior elders from Nightmare Palace had the intentions of doing so, they weren't located in Tianxia City.

Helpless, Ye Tao could only leave discouraged.

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“I've had him leave. I already told you, this is a small matter... however, you, brat, didn't tell me beforehand that your White Nightmare possessed the ability to devour its own species.” Old Soul Teacher De let out a long laugh as he walked next to Chu Mu and spoke to him.

“I thought that wasn't very important.” awkwardly laughed Chu Mu.

It seemed that the problem wasn't that he had a White Nightmare, but that his White Nightmare had the ability to devour its own species.

“This is very important. The White Nightmares that can devour its own species have been called “Noble White Nightmares” by Nightmare Palace people.

“This... this I didn’t know about. Would you mind explaining what a Noble White Nightmare is?” Chu Mu was silently shocked. He had no idea why his White Nightmare had suddenly become a Noble White Nightmare.

“Noble White Nightmare are rare White Nightmares, and they mainly display Resentment Gathering, soul power devouring, devil flame crystallization, and same species devouring. This is what makes them stand out from normal White Nightmare.

So-called Resentment Gathering occurs when an Noble White Nightmare encounters an enemy stronger than it and uses it to raise its own strength. The speed at which it raises its strength is much faster than normal White Nightmares...” said Old Soul Teacher De.

At this point, Chu Mu immediately thought of Jiang Yiteng’s White Nightmare. His Resentment Gathering speed was three times higher than normal White Nightmares, so it was also a Noble White Nightmare!!

“Soul power devouring type Noble White Nightmares have extremely large soul power devouring, and are the hardest White Nightmares to raise. But their uniqueness lies in the fact that the more they eat, the faster they will mature.”

Other people’s White Nightmares would require six to seven years of continuous fighting to reach the tenth phase. However, these White Nightmares only required three to four years. The meaning of a noble was extremely significant!

“Devil flame crystallization Noble White Nightmares are terrifying. Their natural strength crystallization is higher than a normal White Nightmare by a rank. In other words, their innate fighting ability is that of a high class monarch!”

The White Nightmare species was a middle class monarch rank. Therefore, there was no need to further explain innate fighting class strength of a high class monarch...

“As for the final same species devouring Noble White Nightmares, they are the most dangerous Noble White Nightmares! These White Nightmares are very rare, and are normally revered by Nightmare Palace and will not be used to sign a soul pact with people...” said Old Soul Teacher De.

Chu Mu was stunned. There were unexpectedly such powerful soul pets that weren't used to sign soul pacts with?

"If they aren't used to sign soul pact, what are they used for?" Chu Mu asked astonishedly.

"I don't know about that. Ultimately, the experts that survive after signing a soul pact are extremely few. Among them, there was Nightmare Emperor Bai Yu who was even stronger than kings. In the past, every Nightmare Palace person believed that Bai Yu had controlled a same species devouring type White Nightmare. However, at the end... this matter stirred up a huge controversy that even our Soul Palace was greatly affected by... ai... you don't need to know, you're too young." said Old Soul Teacher De.

Old Soul Teacher De lamented about that time, and looked as if he didn't wish to recount that time.

A while later, Old Soul Teacher De came back to his sense and looked at Chu Mu before saying: "Same species devouring White Nightmares are very dangerous. It's best that you discuss with your mother if you should undo the soul pact. Otherwise, in the future, there will be huge trouble. Please, please do not believe that just because you can control it now, you are its master..."

"I cannot undo my soul pact with it. I will control it well so Elder De doesn't need to worry about that." said Chu Mu.

If Old Soul Teacher De knew that Chu Mu's White Nightmare was the offspring of His Majesty Bai Yu's abnormal White Nightmare, he probably would have done everything to force Chu Mu to undo his soul pact!

"Ai, you should still discuss this with your mother." Old Soul Teacher De didn't want to say more.

"Anyways, Ye Tao is still a Nightmare Palace elder. Why is he afraid of my status? Is a Majesty status really that high?" Chu Mu proceeded to ask.

"This matter concerns the origins of Nightmare Palace and our Soul Palace. The truth is, a very long time ago, Soul Palace possessed eight diagram saint soul pets. Guess what the eighth pattern was..." asked Old Soul Teacher De.

Chu Mu shook his head. Chu Mu didn't even know what the seven diagram saint pets were until Tianxia City, so how would he know what the eighth pet was?

“Young master, the eighth diagram is the White Nightmare!” Old Li’s voice slowly floated out.

“The White Nightmare!!” Chu Mu’s face was full of shock. Soul Palace’s eighth diagram was unexpectedly the White Nightmare!!

Weren’t Soul Palace’s seven diagram saint pets completely opposed to the Nightmare species? How did they suddenly all become a part of one group!

“A long time ago, Nightmare Palace and Soul Palace were the same faction. The eight diagram saint pets included the White Nightmare. Because the Nightmare was too evil of a creature and would often kill its master, the higher levels from back then decided to remove the White Nightmare pattern from the diagram saint pets...”

“Back then, the earliest Nightmare Palace palace lords, elders, and senior elders were the founders of Soul Palace. After they were expelled, they formed a faction, and a few thousand years later, our Soul Palace has declined while the White Nightmare Palace really has grown extremely strong. Especially since the appearance of the Blue Nightmare and Cyan Nightmare, which were weaker but easier to control subspecies. Thus, Nightmare Palace’s status has continually risen. Today, they even sit on the same level as our Soul Palace.”

Chu Mu was so shocked he couldn’t say anything. He never realized that Nightmare Palace and Soul Palace had such a great origin story!

“Our Soul Palace’s senior elder position is opposed to Nightmare Palace’s senior elder position. However, Nightmare Palace does not have a Majesty position. This is for a reason. This being that the Majesty position has obtained the most ancient Soul Palace inheritance from the eighth diagram saint pet era. In other words, the Soul Palace Majesty position represents the highest status, and most ancient inheritances of both Soul Palace and Nightmare Palace. Nightmare Palace people can be disrespectful to us seven diagram saint palaces, but they cannot be disrespectful to a Majesty. This includes the Nightmare Emperor.” said Old Soul Teacher De.

“If Old Soul Teacher De didn’t tell me about this, I really wouldn’t have known.” lamented Chu Mu.

“The Majesty status inheritance is extremely complicated. Many of them are determined at birth... furthermore, Majesties are determined by written law that they cannot get married...” Old Soul Teacher De seriously said.

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“...” Chu Mu was suddenly speechless at the fact they couldn't get married.

If Majesties could not get married, then where did he come from, and what happened with his father? Was his own mother fake?

Seeing Chu Mu's shocked expression, Old Soul Teacher De let out a laugh and said to Chu Mu: “You are the only Majesty successor. There's a very interesting story about this that also made all of the senior elders speechless.”

Chu Mu immediately sat upright. Obviously, Old Soul Teacher De was about to tell him about his mother and father.

“Our Soul Palace has an ancient law. Majesties cannot get married. Therefore, Majesties must remain pure and unmarried. Your mother at a young age was determined as the next Majesty and accepted the inheritance and the highest ability to control the seven diagram saint pets. Aside from possessing the powerful seven diagram saint pets, she was also a woman who was unaffected by worldly matters...” said Old Soul Teacher De.

Chu Mu immediately thought of his mother, and when he thought of her demeanor that would repel people a thousand miles away, she really was unaffected...

“Later, she met your father and something happened that I'm not too clear about.... In brief, Her Majesty ended up pregnant, and she committed an eternal great sin. All eleven senior elders from Soul Palace and Nightmare Palace indicated that either her status as a Majesty would be removed or she could not have the child.”

Chu Mu's expression twitched. This meant that back then he would either have to be gotten rid of, or break an ancient law!

“Raising a female Majesty requires dozens of years. Additionally, finding a true successor is extremely difficult. Therefore, Her Majesty's status could not change...”

“Then that means I could not exist. Then how did I end up appearing?” asked Chu Mu.

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Chu Mu blushed with shame. What was there to laugh about?

“Your father is an interesting person. In front of the eleven senior elders from Nightmare Palace and Soul Palace, your father imposingly said one thing: “Soul Palace’s ancient law ordains that a Majesty cannot get married, but it doesn’t ordain that she cannot get pregnant!” Old Teacher De was laughing so hard his face was full of wrinkles.

A Majesty could not get married, but it said nothing about getting pregnant!!

Even Chu Mu could not help but respect this old man’s stubborn ability!!!

Chapter 543: An Existence that Surpasses Emperors

“Of course, Chu Tianmang’s words weren’t the real reason behind why you were born. The truth was that Her Majesty was doted on by the seven senior elders, as if she was their daughter. The senior elders couldn’t bear using such a cruel and ancient law to persecute someone who was about to invest her life into Soul Palace. Your father’s words gave them a logical reason to pardon her... in reality, our Soul Palace has always honored humanism!” laughed Old Soul Teacher De.

“So this is what happened. Then what happened next? Why was my father imprisoned next?” Chu Mu asked somewhat impatiently.

“This... this, I don’t know much about.” said Old Soul Teacher De.

Evidently, the news about Chu Tianmang being imprisoned had been sealed. Chu Mu would not be able to obtain clear information from anyone.

“Chu Chen, there’s a chance our Soul Palace will not publicize your identity as the tenth young master. You had best prepare yourself for this, but you must trust that none of the senior elders will harm you. Further, they will also do their utmost to protect you. Even if you cause so much trouble to Nightmare Palace that you turn them on their head, the senior elders will be able to stand forth, and will prevent everyone from doing anything to you. However, there is one thing you must avoid. There is a faction that you absolutely cannot touch...” Old Soul Teacher De’s tone turned serious.

“Yes. Although Soul Alliance’s influence isn’t huge, they contain a few existences who are so strong us that us senior elders can only look up to them. Therefore, no matter what, you absolutely cannot touch Soul Alliance...” Old Soul Teacher De’s words were heavy.

Chu Mu looked at Old Soul Teacher De. For some reason, he felt that Old Soul Teacher De was talking more today than usual. It was as if he intentionally wanted to tell him something. This made Chu Mu feel strange.

“I understand, I’ll be careful.” Chu Mu nodded his head but didn’t say anything further.

How strong was Soul Alliance? Why could this faction make Soul Palace and Nightmare Palace that had practically unified all regions and domains feel this fear? Had they already reached a level where they could cover the skies with one hand?

“Then you should go back and rest. Prepare yourself for the ninth realm.” said Old Soul Teacher De.

Chu Mu nodded his head. After giving a salute, he went to his residence.

Old Soul Teacher De watched Chu Mu leave with a complicated expression.

He waited for Chu Mu to walk far away before he slowly asked: “Senior elder, by telling him this much, will this give him too much pressure? After all, at his current strength... it wouldn’t be too late to tell him about this after he’s 30 years old.”

A man wearing a milky white robe gradually walked out from the side and he shook his head as he said: “I’m afraid that he won’t even make it to 30 before turning out like his father. He doesn’t understand how to restrain himself.”

“Haha, I feel that although Chu Mu causes other people trouble and causes trouble in general, he understands what he can and cannot do better than Chu Tianmang did when he was young.” laughed Old Soul Teacher De.

“I hope that is the case... I’m afraid most of another matter now though.” the senior elder said in a low voice.

“What is it?” Old Soul Teacher De asked, confused.

“This is a bit tricky. I’ll tell you about it later.” said the senior elder.

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After Chu Mu returned to his residence, he sat alone in the stone pavilion in his courtyard. As he sat there, he thought of the things Old Soul Teacher De had intentionally emphasized.

“Could he be telling me that aside from Xia Guanghan, people from Soul Alliance have already detected Mo Xie’s existence?” Chu Mu muttered to himself.

Today, Old Soul Teacher De had told him everything about Liu Binglan’s status. This was clearly to tell him that he could do whatever he wanted wherever he went; however, Soul Alliance could not be provoked!

If Old Soul Teacher De had only told him this because of Chu Tianmang’s affairs, Chu Mu could be more at ease. However, if this matter involved Mo Xie and the Empyrean Cyan Hidden Dragon, then Chu Mu was in trouble. This was because Chu Mu had heard that in Tianxia City, the head of the four seats, Tian Ting, was a supreme expert from Soul Alliance!

“Old Li, exactly how strong are those people Old Soul Teacher De referred to?” Chu Mu earnestly asked.

“Do you want to know the difference, or the ranks of their soul pets?” asked Old Li.

“The difference, and give me a brief account of what sort of ranks they could potentially have.” said Chu Mu.

“I’ll start from your own status then. You are currently holding a seventh rank title in Soul Palace, but your strength will allow you to obtain an eighth rank title. Above you are ninth rank title holders. These people are experts like Li Hen, Xia Guanghan, and Qin Ye. Most of them have tenth phase peak monarch rank main pets.”

“The equivalent of a ninth rank title is a Region Lord. Normally speaking, a kingdom’s Region Lord will have this type of strength. Above these people are tenth rank titled people like Palace Lord Yu. These Main Palace Lords are equivalent to Kingdom Lords. “

“Most main palace tenth rank title holders and Kingdom Lords have at least one emperor rank soul pets. Most of their other soul pets are at the peak monarch rank. Of course, they will all be of the tenth phase.”

“There is a large difference within the tenth rank title. Normally they will all have pseudo emperors while the stronger ones may have middle class emperors.”

“Above them is the elder rank. Elders have at least a high class emperor rank or even a peak emperor rank!”

“Above the elder rank is the senior elder rank. A senior elder must have a peak emperor rank soul pet to oversee things! But, the truth is that I’m not very sure if they have soul pets that surpass the emperor rank.”

“As for those people in Soul Alliance that are stronger than the senior elders... I’m afraid their weakest soul pets will be peak emperors. The reason why the senior elders are afraid of Soul Alliance is because among their people is definitely someone who possesses a soul pet that surpasses the emperor rank. Moreover, it’s not just one person.” said Old Li.

“Surpassing an emperor... what is there after an emperor?” Chu Mu asked somewhat absent-mindedly.

Old Li didn’t answer Chu Mu’s question. Instead, he continued to talk: “Don’t be fixated on the fact that all of those experts have emperor ranks. In reality, the difference within the emperor rank is enormous. You probably know that between a middle class monarch and a high class monarch is two levels of difference, right?” Old Li said very seriously.

“Yes. Then are you saying that the difference within the emperor rank is even larger?” asked Chu Mu.

“Of course. The difference between a peak monarch and a high class monarch is two levels. As for a pseudo monarch, it is an entire three levels higher than a peak monarch. In other words, if a pseudo emperor were to use its full strength, it could definitely instakill a peak monarch!

“As for the difference between a pseudo monarch and a low class monarch, there’s also a huge gap. It should be about three levels. In other words, a low class emperor can instakill a pseudo monarch! Next, a middle class emperor and low class emperor are three levels of strength apart...” Old Li stretched his waist as he spoke.

Chu Mu was incredibly shocked. He never expected that at the emperor rank, the strength discrepancy would be so large. If one’s strength was one class lower, then it was pretty much equivalent to being instakilled!

“Furthermore, at the emperor rank, the spirit items that can increase fighting strength rank are extremely extremely limited and their prices are absurdly high. A middle class to high class monarch needs 5 billion. A high class monarch to a peak monarch requires 50 billion. As for a peak monarch to a pseudo monarch, that requires at least one trillion! Another way of putting it, 20 times that of a peak monarch! Most importantly, even if you have the one trillion, it will be very difficult to purchase the item! This is because once you reach the emperor rank, you will discover that when you buy goods, you can’t necessarily use gold.” said Old Li.

“One trillion gold!! Are you joking?!!” Chu Mu was dumbfounded!!

Didn’t this mean that Mo Xie could require one trillion gold in a heartbeat?!! What a shocking number!!

“That’s not that strange. Furthermore, emperor rank soul pets are not that easy to raise. Often, an emperor rank soul pet could easily eclipse a soul pet trainer’s other soul pets. There are many Kingdom and Palace Lords, as well as a few spirit emperors, who after obtaining a pseudo emperor, will spend nearly their entire lives striving just for this soul pet. Most importantly, no matter how much effort they put on the pseudo emperor, it may not even be able to increase to the low class emperor rank...” said Old Li.

What Old Li didn’t know was that Chu Mu was already very close to the emperor rank. Therefore, Chu Mu paid very close attention to this information regarding the emperor rank.

Only, after listening to Old Li’s information, Chu Mu had an ominous premonition.

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No matter what, as long as he could reach the emperor rank, Chu Mu's strength would greatly increase. Moreover, through Mo Xie, Chu Mu would be able to enter a lot of places he would otherwise be unable to enter. This way, it would be even easier to obtain the top quality spirit items his soul pets required.

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Ignoring the terrifying one trillion, he had to think of the current problem...

14 billion!!

Chu Mu had to carefully think of how to spend this money.

The Ghost King, Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Ning, Night, and Qin all knew that Chu Mu was at an extremely crucial period. It would be very hard for them, with their current strength, to be of use in the ninth realm.

Therefore, Chu Mu's soul pets collectively decided to give the 14 billion all to Mo Xie, Zhan Ye, and the White Nightmare, for them to increase their strengths. This way, they would have a better chance in the Battle of the Realm.

"Then I'll have to neglect you guys for now. When the Battle of the Realm ends, I'll raise your strengths once again." said Chu Mu.

Only Zhan Ye could still use spirit item strengthening, so increasing it to the high class monarch rank probably wasn't an issue. However, Chu Mu felt that there wasn't much meaning in doing so. After all, Zhan Ye's strength could increase anyways to the high class monarch during a fight.

As for Mo Xie, she was on the verge of mutating. There wasn't much meaning in using spirit items on her. After all, to Mo Xie that was about to increase to a one trillion in value pseudo emperor rank, 14 billion was the equivalent of a meal to this. Aside from making her full, there wasn't much use.

The White Nightmare had already used spirit items and same species devouring to strengthen itself. At least until it reached the tenth phase, Chu Mu could not use spirit items to strengthen it or his expenses would double.

“Young master, buy a ninth rank offensive soul equipment. This will increase your White Nightmare’s attack strength. A full form offensive soul equipment is worth about 10 billion. If you purchase it, your ninth phase seventh stage White Nightmare will have strength equal to a tenth phase high class monarch. A high class monarch is two levels higher than a middle class monarch. Adding on the fact that the White Nightmare is innately a level higher than normal soul pets, the addition of the ninth rank soul equipment will allow your White Nightmare to heavily wound a tenth phase middle class monarch in one strike!

A ninth phase middle class monarch was the average strength of hidden experts. A tenth phase middle class monarch was the peak strength of the second grade. Only the strongest people from the large factions could possess this...

The emperor rank question was one for the future. At least right now, with a soul pet that would be equivalent to a tenth phase high class monarch - the White Nightmare, Chu Mu would be truly invincible in the second grade!!!

Chapter 544: Chu Tianmang, Sealed Secondary Soul Pet

Ye Qingzi was focused on getting her teacher’s will, so of the 14 billion, she didn’t even ask to split it in half. Instead, she even gave Chu Mu another billion, so he could buy a 10 billion full form offensive soul equipment, as well as a 5 billion gold soul armor.

After finishing eighth realm, Ye Qingzi expressed that her teacher’s will was highly valuable to her and was a huge reward. If she could get it, the 14 billion would be worth but a hair, so she would rather completely ensure Chu Mu gained the final honor of ninth realm.

Chu Mu didn’t shirk it. Anyways, Ye Qingzi was his; anything Ye Qingzi needed, Chu Mu would give to her without hesitation.

After the eighth realm finished, there was near half a month of nursing themselves. This half a month gave Chu Mu the time to meditate and solidify his status as a seventh remembrance soul master.

Through the meditation process, Chu Mu also told Jia Jing to help him contact ninth rank soul equipment owners.

About five days before the ninth realm was set to begin, Chu Mu and Ye Qingzi were sitting in the courtyard talking about their soul pet training.

Ye Qingzi told Chu Mu that, if soul pets were put in special situations, their growth speed would become incredibly fast, and they wouldn't have bottlenecks. Ye Qingzi decided that she wanted to travel to more of these special places to find this direct method of growing their soul pets.

"Young master, there is a veiled woman who wants to see you." Jia Jing scurried to Chu Mu and said to him lightly.

"Veiled?" Chu Mu immediately furrowed his brow. Was it the defector young woman?

How daring was she to walk into soul palace- was she looking for death?

"Bring her over." Chu Mu said.

Jia Jing scurried away quickly.

Ye Qingzi looked at Chu Mu and suddenly laughed and said, "Why do you look as if you're facing a horrible enemy? Is the Nightmare Palace young princess that scary?"

Hearing Ye Qingzi's tease, Chu Mu immediately realized and blushed a little.

The princess was also veiled, so the woman Jia Jing mentioned was most likely her.

The defector young girl definitely had something to do with soul palace, so she wouldn't possibly dare to come to soul palace. After all, there were many experts in soul palace, and a person like Palace Master Yu was enough to take her down.

Indeed, in a moment, Jia Jing led a charming veiled woman over. Seeing her clear and bright eyes, Chu Mu knew it was Princess Jin Rou.

Princess Jin Rou dressed even more conservatively and simply than usual. It seemed that she didn't want anyone to recognize her. Yet, even in this simple attire, her innate allure couldn't be hidden.....

Chu Mu told Jia Jing to step down, and Princess Jin Rou walked over before them.

Princess Jin Rou's eyes were very spirited, and with a little observation one could tell that her pupils were full of worry. Presumably, she was coming because of a prickly issue, or else she wouldn't personally come to find Chu Mu.

Chu Mu told Princess Jin Rou to sit down before asking, "What's the matter?"

"You defeated the top three experts of Nightmare Palace, causing Nightmare Palace to almost lose the right to participate in the ninth realm....." Princess Jin Rou's voice became very low.

"Have you come to criticize me?" Chu Mu asked.

"This issue is, if all Nightmare Palace members were defeated by you, then in ninth realm, I'm basically laid bare in front of the female master." Princess Jin Rou said.

How could Princess Jin Rou come to criticize Chu Mu? It was just that Chu Mu left her no other way!!

With the three most powerful people of Nightmare Palace all gone because of him, Princess Jin Rou could no longer rely on them to protect her in the ninth realm against the female master's threats. After eighth realm, of all ninth realm nightmare palace second tier young generation, she was the top!

Princess Jin Rou indeed still conserved some strength. However, if she entered ninth realm like this, she was a lamb entering the mouth of a lion.

"Why don't you just give up? If you know the final honor isn't possible, and that woman is always watching you like a tiger....." Chu Mu asked.

Princess Jin Rou shook her head, "I have a reason I must participate."

Chu Mu felt that since Princess Jin Rou came specially today, she must have something she wanted to tell him. This may also be directly correlated to why the defector young woman constantly wanted to threaten her.

Princess Jin Rou glanced at Ye Qingzi beside Chu Mu. Clearly, she wanted to say something, but didn't want a third party to know.

But Princess Jin Rou also realized that specially sending Ye Qingzi away wasn't too good, so she created a soul remembrance barrier to trap the dialogue between the three of them.

Seeing Princess Jin Rou this careful, he knew that she was about to say something extremely important.

"The ninth realm mission doesn't change no matter how many years it has been. It will be in the Immortal City of Mirror Sword Mountain, and there will only be one mission - kill the master." Princess Jin Rou said.

Based off the ninth realm situation, Chu Mu had some knowledge of it. The first eight realms were subject to constant change, but ninth and tenth realms never change. However, Chu Mu didn't expect ninth realm to be in mirror sword mountain either.

"The Mirror Sword Land was only two high rising mountains, why don't I remember any Immortal City?" Chu Mu asked confusingly.

"Mirror Sword Mountain is actually a gateway which can be used to enter its inner space, similar to the soul palace sacred regions. However, I didn't expect the ninth realm to be hidden in the world inside Mirror Sword Mountain." Ye Qingzi said.

Princess Jin Rou nodded, "Only a few people know this secret because ninth realm and tenth realm players always had their eyes covered and soul remembrances sealed when they were brought to Mirror Sword Mountain and then were brought into the world inside the Mirror Sword Mountain. Even if they participated in the ninth and tenth realm, they still wouldn't know where they were.

"Additionally, the ninth and tenth realm are in Immortal City and happens simultaneously." Princess Jin Rou added.

"Simultaneously?" Chu Mu looked confused.

If they happened at the same time, then defector young woman definitely was in Immortal city as well!

“Immortal City had two paths. One was to the second tier competitors’ ninth realm final honor palace. The other road will be the first tier competitors’ ninth realm palace. Once they killed the ninth realm organisms, to earn tenth realm final honor they had to continue onwards to unseal the tenth realm final honor organism. Once it was killed, the killer would become the highest honor of this Battle of the Realms>” Chu Mu answered.

“Sealed organism?” CYe Qingzi asked.

“En, Immortal City. It actually is a sealed city full of many organisms. Some powerful soul pets were actually sealed in this city.

The secrets Princess Jin Rou said were all new to Chu Mu. In fact, many times Chu Mu wanted to ask where she got all her information, but Old Soul teacher De had no meaning to reveal his secrets.

Chu Mu was very strange. Why did Princess Jin Rou know so much about the Battle of the Realm? She must have participated before.

“Telling me information that should have been kept secret until ninth realm started, you want me to help you gain ultimate honor of Ninth Realm?”

Princess Jin Rou shook her head. “I have something I want, so I could actually help you earn the final valuation

“I indeed don't know why they want to control me. I have had no arguments with this person. Also, I've never seen anyone with the ability to have the power of Holy Stem Flower. As for you, I've asked you multiple times about who she is, but you haven't told me anything .

Other than know his first soul spot was occupied by her, he was clueless. As for the theory of her as a human soul pet, Chu Mu didn't feel the need to respond.

“Then tell me what you want.” Chu Mu said.

“Unless its to the end, I won’t say.” princess Jin Rou shook her head, standing her ground firmly.

After a moment, Princess Jin Rou again changed her tone and said to Chu Mu, “Also, I have a very important thing I have to tell you. This is something I gained while finding information about the Immortal City. I feel like you would like to know.”

Chu Mu felt Princess Jin Rou wanted to switch topics. However, if she didn’t want to say it, Chu Mu didn’t force her to. After all, he had secrets too.

“Yeah, let’s hear it.” Chu Mu nodded.

“It’s about your father Chu Tianmang.” Princess Jin Rou’s voice got quieter.

Just as Princess Jin Rou said that, Chu Mu’s heart rate quickened!

At this moment, Chu Mu instantly realized what Princess Jin Rou was about to say.

“You mean.....!”

Princess Jin Rou nodded and said, “One of the secondary soul pets that Chu Tianmang had to remove from his soul pact was sealed in Immortal City!

After Chu Tianmang’s secondary soul pets were forced to break their soul pact, they were nowhere to be found. Chu Mu didn’t expect Immortal City to house one of his father’s secondary soul pets!

Chu Mu’s heart was afire, and even his body was shaking slightly!

“Is this truly accurate? D-do you know where the sealing location was?” Chu Mu said a little too excitedly.

“I know, but its very dangerous...” Princess Jin Rou nodded.

Chapter 545: Ninth Realm, Pull Apart the Curtains

On the battle of the realm plaza was a veiled woman staring hollowly as she sat on a grey stone bench. She was motionless, like a statue that remained gloomy even with the shining of the sun.

Every person that went by her would take an extra glance. After all, this statue brought too many mysteries and provoked the imagination.

However, beside her were a couple icy and imposing experts. As long as people want to come near, they would feel the coldness from these experts assault them.

Finally, a person wearing grey clothes and white face slowly neared. He walked in front of the woman and first saluted before speaking, "Master."

"Beng!!!!!!!"

Suddenly, a surge of energy came from below, heavily slamming into the pale faced' man. This man's' chest immediately caved inwards!

"Wa~~~~~" The man spit out a glob of blood as he crumbled to the ground, face twisted from the pain.

"Can't even control a young man who lost a soul, truly garbage!" The master's tone was calm, but the words were full of killing intent!

The pale man clutched his chest. Blood kept spilling out of his mouth. However, he didn't dare to resist the slightest, nor show the slightest disrespect.

"Subordinate deserves to die." The pale faced man said.

"Now, he already poses a threat to me. I will bring you into ninth realm and you will make sure you kill him!" Female master said.

"Yes, subordinate will definitely not let him live past Battle of the Realm. Also, soul alliance Qin Ye signalled that he was willing to attack him. As long as he dares to enter Immortal City, he will die without a burying ground." Pale faced man said.

“I told you to hide by little princess and find a suitable time to control her, yet you didn’t do it. This is your last chance. If you mess up, I’ll have your head.” Female master said apathetically.

“I won’t disappoint female master again.” The pale man quickly bowed again.

As he lowered his head, the veiled female master had already stood up. In a moment, she disappeared into the crowd, as if she never existed.

The pale faced man then lifted his head up, his blood lined mouth hanging with an unsettling smile.

“Don’t think I don’t know you want to get the Immortal City Immortal Spring. This type of treasure able to cause a young soul pet to grow five times could let her create a powerful soul pet.....”

“However, so what? Even if emperor ranks grow to tenth phase, they couldn’t possibly raise her strength anymore. Only a species mutation soul pet is the most powerful. Bringing me into Immortal City means the continuously mutating soul pet will be within reach. Then, give me ten more years. Who would be Xia Guanghan’s opponent? Dumb woman, there will be a day that you will be under my foot!”

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For White Nightmare’s equipment, Chu Mu spent a full 15 billion. Once the White Nightmare was equipped, Chu Mu didn’t have to worry about second tier member’s obstruction.

Of course, now that Chu Mu’s goal was no longer the ninth realm sealed soul pet, he had to go through the soul pet’s seal diagram. He also needed to enter Immortal City into deeper places to unseal his father’s secondary soul pet and release it.

Chu Tianmang and Chu Mu were both spiritual soul pet trainers. Chu Mu believed that even if the secondary soul pet removed the soul pact, it would still retain many memories. It would be best to bring it back in front of his father. After all, Chu Tianmang was probably trying his best to find the soul pets he removed his soul pacts with.

Princess Jin Rou signified that Chu Tianmang's sealed soul pet was already top tier monarch rank before being sealed. After ten years, its strength was probably only high class monarch rank.

Near the sealed diagram, there were many organisms that were brainwashed by soul alliance to stop anyone from destroying the seal without authorization. These organisms were all very strong. Some were middle class, and some were high class monarchs at least of tenth phase.

This meant that although Chu Mu was nearly invincible in second tier, to truly remove Chu Tianmang's soul pet's seal, he would still suffer great danger with his current strength.

Of course, if Mo Xie species mutated, all of this could be solved easily.

Princess Jin Rou gave the information, so naturally she wanted to join Chu Mu's team to guarantee her safety.

Chu Mu didn't mind at all. After, all, she knew all about the information in Immortal City. With her, all problems will be easily solved.

Very quickly, the entire Tianxia City's young generation welcomed the final competition of Battle of the Realm.

The ninth and tenth realm happened at the same time, which meant that, once the competition ended, the first and second tier highest honor winners would be revealed.

Almost all of Tianxia Realm's young generation people gathered at Tianxia City. Those able to win the final honor would definitely have their names spread throughout the world, becoming the goal for quintillions of young generation members!

And, as for the prediction of the final honor, this was similarly one of the hottest events before the event.

At ninth realm, almost all competition members' members were listed out on the Tianxia Realm.

Chu Mu, as the eighth realm highest honor winner, had his fame multiply even further, becoming a true contestant for the final honor. After all, Chu Mu used his own power to defeat the most powerful people of Nightmare Palace!

Of course, Nightmare Palace people hated Chu Mu. After losing Jiang Yiteng and Xing Yang who were both popular picks, Nightmare Palace members couldn't even go participate in the guessing of the final honor. This had never happened in all of Nightmare Palace Battle of the Realm participations!

"Haha, the fourth brother's fame is passing over the soul palace young master! Seems like fourth brother truly had the hope to win the final honor of second tier. I almost can't wait to deliver the message to our family." Chu Ning laughed out loud.

After Chu Ning and Chu Xing were eliminated in fourth realm, they had always watched Chu Mu's honors every realm. Almost every time Chu Mu won a highest honor, they excitedly wrote letters to tell their family the situation, to let everyone in the clan know that Chu family had given birth to a prodigy that countless generations could be proud of!

"The polls are out. Chu Chen's fame is just inferior to Soul Alliance Si Tian. He is the second place seed for the final honor of second tier. But truly, our leader is formidable!" Zhao Cheng slapped Shang Heng's shoulder and laughed.

As he spoke, Zhao Cheng glanced at Zhan Hong and laughed, "See, in first realm, you said he wouldn't even last 25 minutes. Now, you can't even beat one of his soul pets!"

Zhan Hong's face was awkward, but he remained defiant, "He definitely isn't young master Fang Ze's match."

Shang Heng glanced around and saw Soul Palace members and laughed, "The final honor owner could approximately be guessed. The most likely is Soul Alliance Si Tian. No one knows how many people support him. He didn't even summon any powerful soul pets. Maybe his mystery is what brought so much fame to him....."

"Second is Chu Chen. He beat Nightmare Palace's two top experts. His three main soul pets' strengths are right there for all to see. Especially White Nightmare, it can wipe through all of second tier."

"The third is soul pet Palace Wu Qing, winning the highest honor of another part of eighth realm. It sounds like the main soul pet of his haven't even been fully revealed."

“The fourth is young master Fang Ze. Speaking of which, Fang Ze is so lowkey he’s about to go rotten. If not for the brief explosion of strength before, he may almost get forgotten.”

“The fifth is Xiao An, who is factionless and comes from the east.....”

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“The eighth is Nightmare Palace’s little princess. In eighth realm, her white nightmare and Towering Ice Curse Demon Fox showed their prowess.”

“Our Tianxia Realm top beauty is also a hidden expert.” Zhao Cheng added.

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“Number ten is Ye Qingzi. Ai, there’s not much to say. With her superior supporting ability, whoever teams with her is basically invincible. As for who she’ll team with, everyone knows.”

“En, with this couple matching, the second tier final honor may truly fall in their hands.”

In reality, the scene was something most people could guess. For example, Soul Alliance Si Tian, Soul Palace Fang Ze, Soul Pet Palace Wu Qing, and what was Nightmare Palace Jiang Yiteng’s position with the new black horse Chu Chen.

Many times, passing realms wasn’t always about strength, so who truly would gain the final honor was still full of variables.

This unknown and suspense then became the topic of everyone’s conversation. Many followers and supporters split into big factions in lieu of their support.

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Finally, the ninth realm began.

Just as Princess Jin Rou guessed, all the players had their soul remembrances shut off and eyes covered, brought to the competition location secretly. Only after they entered Immortal City did they give the players freedom back.

Because of the special nature of the location, there were no spectators in this competition.

As for all the people waiting for the results, they could only wait on the Tianxia Plaza. At this time, the soul pet trainers who raise special little soul pets become extremely important.

To let all the players know the situation in the competition, Battle of the Realm allowed some informational soul pet trainers to send their informational couriers into Immortal City. These courier little soul pets could capture the battle situation and send it back to the soul pet trainers through a special mental communication, and then the soul pet trainer would tell the audience the situation.

This method allowed the Battle of the Realm to have more interaction, instead of having everyone waiting dully until the result came without any context!!

Chapter 546: Death Everywhere, Immortal City

Mirroring Sword Mountain opened late into the night. The rumor was that someone had seen the Departed Spirit Gates open on special moonlit nights.

The truth was that this rumor wasn't fake. Mirroring Sword Mountain really was the so-called Departed World Gates except it led to a sealed Immortal City and not a world of departed spirits.

When the ninth realm began, Chu Mu was blindfolded, and his soul remembrance was sealed. He was also brought on a longer pathway there before finally arriving at Mirroring Sword Mountain. He entered the region gates that lay in between the concealed bones that spanned across the horizon.

Chu Mu didn't know how the Departed World Gates were opened. He only knew that his body had passed into a special space. This space was filled with a dense darkness aura. It was as if he had stepped into the land of the dead. It made people feel as if there was nothing living here, yet there were constantly objects that were moving.

When his blindfold was lifted, Chu Mu discovered that he was underneath a black and oppressing sky!

The clouds in the sky formed a turbid horizon, making people feel sullen. It was as if one's heart was being suppressed by something, and air couldn't get through.

Chu Mu was standing right now in a dilapidated suburb. The black horizon in front of him only gave an ancient and sinister feeling to this city.

In reality, this couldn't be called a city. A more accurate description was probably an underground palace, since there were no houses in this city. Instead, there were countless ruined walls and pathways filled with pitch-black stones.

The city had numerous 'walls'. These walls were actually formed by broken pillars being covered by dirt and plants. Occasionally, one would be able to see pieces of the wall particularly corroded.

These walls were very tall, and were tangled and complicated. They practically covered the entire Immortal City while the plants had covered the entirety of the broken streets. Occasionally, in between these 'walls', some abnormal cold light could be seen flashing. That definitely could be some creature lying in ambush.

This Immortal City wasn't very large, but it formed a slope to a certain degree, and the further one went into the city, the higher one went!

Chu Mu stood in the suburb and looked on. He could see very far in and at the very top of the slope was a worn grey palace that towered underneath the black sky.

The most shocking thing was that the worn palace's dome managed to touch the black and oppressing sky. Moreover, the clouds on the sky began to strangely warp, as if some energy was being imprisoned underneath that area!

Chu Mu didn't think that the Mirroring Sword Mountain would hide such a shocking Immortal City. This scene resembled darkness unifying the a world without light!

"This is the legendary ninth city, eh! Truly an eye-opening world!!" lamented a young expert from the Earth Kingdom.

Around Chu Mu were numerous second grade competitors participating in the ninth realm. This was ostensibly the first time all of them were seeing this, and their faces were filled with shock as they all cried out in astonishment!

Chu Mu swept his eyes across, and discovered that there were about 100 people participating in the ninth realm from the second grade.

In other words, these one hundred people represented the strongest group of people in the Battle of the Realm's second grade. Each one of them was an unrivalled existence in a kingdom and in certain cities, even the middle aged and old aged soul pet trainers were not their opponents.

"The rumor is that the creatures here are all the tenth phase, and the lowest ranked is a commander rank..."

"A tenth phase commander isn't that frightening eh?" said someone with contempt.

Everyone present was an expert. The Battle of the Realm had gone on for a long time and practically of the the competitors who had made it until now had soul pets at the ninth phase middle class monarch. A tenth phase high class commander rank was equivalent in strength to a ninth phase middle class monarch. Therefore, to pretty much all of these competitors that could quadruple control, a tenth phase commander wasn't very terrifying.

"What a pity. A tenth phase commander here is merely a small soldier. In other words, the tenth phase commanders here will appear in groups." Soul Pet Palace's Wu Qing sneered as he informed these ignorant competitors of the extremely cruel reality!

"Gr....groups....are you for real?!!" Wu Qing's words immediately spread throughout the group of them, and each of them showed fearful expressions.

"Everyone listen!!"

At this moment, a soul remembrance suppressed all of the voices, causing all of the voices of the competitors on the suburbs to come to a halt.

"It's one of the four seats, Xie Tao!!"

“The strongest person underneath the king. It’s said that his main pets are all of the emperor rank!”

Quickly, the competitors all recognized the man standing on the dilapidated city wall, and they began to quietly discuss.

The people present were the strongest young people in the second grade. However, compared to Xie Tao, one of the four seats, they were extremely lacking!

These people only needed to obtain a realm throne nomination, and this would already be incomparably glorious for them.

“Immortal City is a mysterious and dangerous city. Only true experts can withstand this city’s merciless test. The Battle of the Realm isn’t a normal competition that will provide for everyone’s safety. The competitors here could at any moment sacrifice their soul pet’s or their own life. This Immortal City can be regarded as riddled with danger. Death is a frequent occurrence. Therefore, you had best prepare yourselves in your hearts.

As you all know, this Immortal City harbors several tenth phase soul pets whose fighting strength rank is at least at the commander rank. These commanders almost always form groups. Moreover, soul pets with pseudo monarch or low class monarch fighting strength are extremely common. If any of you managed to make your way into the ninth realm by luck, I advise you to immediately give up, because your strength won’t even be able to deal with the most common creatures here!

Xie Tao’s tone was very severe, and his words made people feel an incorporeal pressure. Numerous people who didn’t feel that they were strong wanted to give up.

A tenth phase pseudo monarch’s strength was equivalent to a ninth phase high stage middle class monarch’s. Many people present didn’t even have a ninth phase high stage soul pet.

Perhaps when they encountered a tenth phase pseudo monarch, they would be able to rely on outnumbering it to overcome it, but if they encountered a low class monarch or even a middle class monarch, with such a large strength discrepancy, they really would not be goners!

After Xie Tao finished, there unexpectedly were a few people that chose to give up!

To these competitors, breaking through to the ninth realm was already enough. As for staking one's life in the ninth realm to potentially obtain the ultimate honor, these competitors knew it would be unwise to do so.

“This is the southern side of the city. There are many paths that lead to the final destination - the Blood Beast Altar. Each path has many divergent paths which could bring you on a detour or bring you in a circle. They could even diverge from the main paths. Therefore, you will need to rely on your own brains and awareness to find the paths that lead to the Blood Beast Altar. On these paths, various dangerous beasts will appear that will require your true strengths in order to eradicate these obstacles.

Moreover, I must warn you that the moment a blood colored pattern appears under your feet, this means that you have stepped on a path leading to another area in Immortal City. These paths are not ones that you young generation members can step on. Once you step into these areas, I have only one word for you... death!!

Immortal City also has sealed several guardian creatures. These guardian creatures are normally nearby the location of a sealed but powerful creature. I can tell you that the guardian creature appears, then the sealed creature is at least a high class monarch rank. Although the region you are roaming around in have the weakest sealed creatures in Immortal City, it is best if you do not touch those seals that should not be undone. We cannot guarantee that these sealed creatures strength's have risen and have reached higher ranks. Therefore, do not court your own death because of your own greed.”

Elder Xie Tao's words dumbfounded all of the competitors.

The guardian creatures were at least the high class monarch rank so this meant that the sealed soul pets, once released, could potentially eradicate all of them.

Most importantly, Elder Xie Tao also indicated that the area they were in was the weakest sealed area of Immortal City. This meant that, in Immortal City, there were even stronger and mysterious sealed soul pets!!

Xie Tao's words immediately made hearts shake with fear. Numerous of the arrogant competitors who had planned on breaking through the realm by themselves now didn't hesitate to look for allies!

In the ninth realm, unless one's strength was so absurdly strong, it was practically impossible to reach the end relying on one's own strength.

“The return path is very simple. When you see green patterns, head to the left, and you’ll soon exit Immortal City.” said Xie Tao.

“Also, flying in Immortal City is forbidden. The black plant walls have been formed by numerous undying soul pets, and they do not permit people who go above them. The moment one does, it will launch an attack. They are not that strong, but there are many of them. If you pass over them, you will definitely be struck by over a hundred plants and thousands of vines.” Xie Tao added.

Almost all of the bewildering worlds, forbidden regions and dangerous locations prohibited flying. Flying while engaging in a fight was still alright, but directly flying into a creature’s territory would definitely end up in being assaulted by a group of soul pets. This was a great taboo in the natural world. All soul pet trainers had to firmly remember this.

Therefore, at the beginning, no one dared think of attempting to fly on their soul pets across Immortal City.

“Ok, I’ve said everything I’ve wanted to say. I wish you good luck. It will be good if you’re able to return.” after Xie Tao finished speaking, he jumped off the city wall and indicated that the competitors could now enter Immortal City whenever.

Xie Tao’s words caused the originally restless and courageous group to refuse to immediately enter!

A city full of death and full of unknown dangers. Who wanted to step into this?

However, just at this moment, a man in deep blue colored clothes filled with patterns stepped forward. This man didn’t say anything and walked into the dilapidated city!

He was alone!

This man didn’t have any interest in forming allies and unexpectedly entered the dilapidated city alone!

“It’s... it’s Soul Alliance’s Si Tian!!”

“No wonder he is the publicly recognized strongest person. He unexpectedly entered by himself!”

Chapter 547: Defending Creature, Tenth Phase High Class Monarch

“So he’s Si Tian. This mysterious fellow finally showed himself!” Ye Wansheng watched Si Tian, and rubbed his chin as he spoke.

Ye Wansheng had completed his realm breakthrough very smoothly. His realm breakthroughs were similar to Chu Mu’s in that he had frantically tried to obtain the highest honor reward in the previous realms, thus constantly increasing his strength during the Battle of the Realm.

Of course, he had obtained the highest honor using his main pets. At the later realms, obtaining the highest honor became very difficult so he wisely chose to operate in a low-key manner. He wasn’t able to obtain the highest honor, but he successfully broke through to the ninth realm.

Therefore, the team this time that was breaking through the ninth realm was composed of four people: Chu Mu, Qinzi, Princess Jin Rou, and Ye Wansheng.

Ye Wansheng and Ye Qingzi had identical goals. They both wanted to obtain their master’s inheritance. They didn’t care about the other rewards. In other words, as long as they obtained the inheritance, the other rewards would pale in comparison.

As for Princess Jin Rou, her goal wasn’t clear, and she was just an ally.

Chu Mu himself only wanted to obtain this honor. Not only this, the subsequent ninth rank title, tenth rank title, elder position, realm nomination, one of the four seats and finally the realm throne would all be obtained one step at a time by him!

Of course, right now, aside from obtaining the second grade’s honor, Chu Mu had to step into another region of Immortal City and free his father’s sealed soul pet...

As the competitors began to form alliances between them, they slowly began to head into Immortal City with their allies.

However, nobody else entered alone like Si Tian. It seemed that Soul Palace Si Tian wasn't a name for show. From his imposing attitude in this ninth realm, it was possible to see that he was different from others.

"Chu Mu, I meticulously did a check into this. Your father's sealed soul pet has been sealed via a method called Star Scatter Seal. This seal cannot be opened through the seal itself, because the entire seal pattern is scattered over a few areas. This seal is normally a long-term one and if one wants to undo it, he must spend a long time doing so." Princess Jin Rou said to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu didn't understand seal patterns very well so he promptly asked Old Li what a Star Scatter Seal meant.

"A Star Scatter Seal is one of the harder seals to break. Ask the beautiful princess how many stars the seals is." said Old Li.

Chu Mu thus asked Princess Jin Rou.

"A two starred seal. In other words, there are two seal points scattered in separate regions that must be opened. Otherwise, the seal will remain in its sealed state. Only, I'm afraid I can't guarantee where the two star points are." softly said Princess Jin Rou.

"I'll deal with this problem. Give me your map." Ye Wansheng wore a smile and looked self-confident.

Princess Jin Rou looked hesitantly at Ye Wansheng. Although she knew that this seemingly frivolous man was Ye Qingzi's brother, Princess Jin Rou was very unfamiliar with him. She was also unfamiliar with Ye Qingzi.

"When I normally don't have much to do, I research seal patterns. The two starred seal difficulty is rather high. But if you give the pattern to me, I may have a bit of assurance in finding the two stars." said Ye Wansheng.

Princess Jin Rou hesitated a while, but ultimately gave the extremely old map in her hand to Ye Wansheng.

Ye Wansheng took the map and found the location where Chu Tianmang's soul pets were sealed, but then immediately reversed the map.

This action caused the other three to be extremely confused. Ye Wansheng laughed and explained: “The star scatter seal is constructed from bottom to top. It’s as If I were to paint a ceiling, I would paint it inside a room; so it’s much easier to find the star scatter points like this. This Immortal City really is a sealed city. In normal circumstances, the star scatter sealed star points are limited to a few, but this Immortal City contains many corresponding star points. Trying to find the accurate corresponding pair of stars that in so many potential locations is a bit tricky.”

“How much assurance do you have?” asked Chu Mu.

Ye Wansheng didn’t say anything. Instead, he continued scour the map from top to bottom, before going silent, and then continuing to search the map.

“Princess, does this symbol refer to the second grade’s final honor, the Blood Beast Altar?” Ye Wansheng pointed at the a symbol as he asked a question.

Princess Jin Rou looked at the map and nodded his head: “Yes.”

“Then it’s truly a coincidence. One of the stars is rather far from the second grade’s final honor location here” Ye Wansheng displayed the map in front of the three people before pointing at a star point and then continuing, “but if we go first to the final honor location, and then return to the star point, we’ll waste a lot of time. Our distance travelled will multiply by several times.”

“In normal circumstances, it will take competitors at least ten days to find the Blood Beast Altar. We can head to this star point before making it to the final honor spot within seven days.” said Princess Jin Rou.

“Then let’s go to the first star location, then head to the final honor location and continue looking for the second star point.” said Chu Mu.

Everyone nodded their heads.

The four people only summoned one soul pet each. Chu Mu summoned Zhan Ye, and was in charge of fighting the enemies head on as basically the main attack force.

Ye Qingzi was the support, so she summoned her Nest Wood Spirit. Immortal City definitely harbored numerous wood type soul pets, therefore the group had to have a wood type soul pet's existence. This would allow them to ensure the safety of everyone's soul pets.

Princess Jin Rou summoned her Towering Ice Cursed Demon Fox. It had a combination of speed and attack, and could react the quickest in the team.

Ye Wansheng summoned his Ice Snow Magic Spirit. This ninth phase middle stage middle class monarch ice class elemental soul pet was in charge of long ranged attacks and group attacks.

After entering Immortal City, Chu Mu and the three others quickly deviated from the path everyone else was looking for.

In under a day, the four of them had entered a stepped onto the first ground marked with a red pattern.

The red pattern seal meant that this was a region separated by the Tianxia authority for the competitors. It meant that the danger level had instantly increased.

The four of their strengths were not weak, especially Chu Mu's soul pets. After staying a day in the weak sealed region, the four of their soul pets had easily gotten rid of all the soul pets they encountered. After all, they still had not gone deep into the region and this place was just filled with roaming tenth phase commanders.

"Qiao~~~~~" a low class monarch heavily fell on the black rock ground. Fresh blood slowly oozed out from its frozen teeth as a layer of ice formed on its body.

"If we continue walking forward for a bit, that will be the location of the star point." said Princess Jin Rou as she pointed a spacious location ahead with several broken pillars.

"The star point will definitely have a guardian creature there. If the sealed soul pet is a peak commander, then the guardian creature will most likely be a high class monarch. We must be careful." reminded Ye Wansheng.

"My Zhan Ye will face it head on. You guys assist me." said Chu Mu.

The White Nightmare's strength right now was comparable to a tenth phase high class monarch. But summoning the White Nightmare so early meant that in the future fights, he would be powerless. Therefore, he had to save as much of his own soul power and his soul pets' strength as much as possible.

It wasn't difficult to undo the star point seals. Merely by walking onto the sealed pattern and using a strong enough soul remembrance to shatter the seal pattern would cause the entire seal pattern disintegrate.

Chu Mu's soul remembrance had reached the seventh remembrance. This star point seal level was extremely easy for Chu Mu to break.

Quickly, the star point seal pattern was broken by Chu Mu and the black brick under his feet began to visibly tremble. This caused the surrounding broken walls and pillars to collapse with a boom onto the ground.

Chu Mu rapidly jumped to a safe location and had Zhan Ye face the guardian creature that was about to appear.

"The cloud layer is pressing down and the atmosphere is a little bit restless." Ye Qingzi quickly noticed that the atmosphere had slightly changed and guessed: "It should be a creature that has a lightning attribute."

"Hong~~~~~"

Practically the moment she finished speaking, from the oppressive black clouds, a streak of beautiful lightning broke apart the black oppressive sky like a wild dragon. It abruptly struck the seal pattern Chu Mu had undone!!

"Hong!!!!!!!" the black colored rocky ground was immediately blown to pieces. Numerous pieces of broken rock flew up and the lightning energy formed a lightning pattern on the ground that spread out in all directions!

The four people hastily retreated about two hundred meters away. However, when they retreated from this area, the black brick ground revealed a densely matted patch of cracks. The originally dispersed broken pillars and walls on the ground were unexpectedly smashed to smithereens by the lightning just now. Its might was very shocking!

“A Great Lightning Snake Lion!!”

Chu Mu looked in astonishment at the elegant figure that had suddenly appeared amongst the flashing lightning. He never expected that not long after fighting a Great Lightning Snake Lion, he would encounter this savage creature again!

Jiang Yiteng's Great Lightning Snake Lion was a ninth phase high stage middle class monarch. But the Great Lightning Snake Lion in front of him was a tenth phase high class monarch. Their differences in strength were an entire four levels, so it was far from being a creature that was easy to provoke!

“Long!!!!!!!” the Great Lightning Snake Lion's purple savage eyes quickly locked onto Zhan Ye that dared stand in front and provoke its honor. Its enormous body sprung up, and rushed forth like a great streak of lightning. It unexpectedly appeared in an instant in front of Zhan Ye!!

“Pai!!!!!!!”

Its claws carried lightning as they struck, and its attack speed was rather quick!!

Zhan Ye didn't have the ability to dodge and was knocked flying by the lightning claw. Its fighting strength wasn't on the same level!

Zhan Ye was a ninth phase middle stage, and its strength was an entire five levels lower than the Great Lightning Snake Lion!!!

Although the ninth rank soul armor's defense made up about three levels of this difference, the Great Lightning Snake Lion's full strength explosive attack was able to deal a serious wound to Zhan Ye with a two level strength difference!

“If this were another person's ninth phase high stage middle class monarch, it would be instantly killed if it were to take on the attack headone!! Only Chu Mu's undying tiger with abnormal defense and life force can defend.” Ye Wansheng sucked in a breath of air.

A ninth phase high stage middle class monarch was probably the main pet of many of the various factions' strongest competitors. This meant that the main pets of these strongest competitors would be instakilled. A tenth phase high class monarch's strength was extremely terrifying!!!

Chapter 548: Two Mo Ye? Ninth Phase Middle Stage? Tenth Phase?

Tianxia Plaza had experienced three days already. Within Immortal City, there was constantly information spreading out. In the short three days, there were a full 40 people eliminated.

According to the Battle of the Realm's official information, in these three days, there was almost no one that truly travelled even halfway to the final destination.

Everyone knew it got more dangerous the further you entered. At barely halfway, there were already 40 people eliminated. This statistic was very surprising!

"The three man team with Ban Tuo as lead has unintentionally activated a defending organism's seal, being attacked by two tenth phase low class monarchs!"

The informational soul pet trainers told the competition staff, and then spread the information to the rest of the competition.

"Two tenth phase low class monarch ranks. Even ninth realm competitors only had an average of tenth phase top tier commander rank. Facing a two rank gap, and having two appear at once, aren't they done for?" Discussion from the audience started.

Young generation members from all factions, from kingdoms, from regions, even many non-young generation members were all in a constant state of shock as the news of ever stronger soul pets transmitted out!

Tenth phase low class monarch, a young generation member with such a soul pet could stand at the peak of young generation!

However, in Immortal City, they were like the most common creature; one could constantly hear teams battling such level of organisms.

After about 10 minutes, another piece of news spread out, also about the three person Ban Luo team.

“Three people killed a low class monarch, but now everyone is annihilated!”

After the news came from the competition guard, it caused another wave of shock. Team annihilation meant soul pets and their trainers all died!

“Immortal City Chaotic Burial Path has two middle class monarch rank appearances!!” Very quickly, another informational soul pet trainer brought even more shocking news.

Middle class monarch rank!! Without a doubt, all organisms in Immortal City have reached tenth phase!!

These were organisms able to instantly kill ninth realm contestants. Hearing this message, the entire Tianxia Plaza blew up!!

“Who.....who is there?” “Whoever it is, there is only one result, death!” Indeed, news travelled back quickly. A small team walked into Chaotic Burial Path without knowing and almost every minute the news of someone dying came.

“Such a terrifying Immortal City. I don’t know what Chu Chen is doing now. Its been three days, yet none of the informational soul pets have caught their situation.” Shang Heng said.

“Have they gone the wrong way? How else would there be no information?” Ting Lan said worriedly.

Immortal City had many informational wing type soul pets that were connected with soul pet trainers. These small soul pets don’t get attacked. After all, they don’t have an aura at all. Powerful soul pets view them like fleas.

“Hei, there’s news of Chu Chen over there!” Zhao Cheng suddenly shouted.

Ting Lan, Shang Heng, and Zhao Cheng all had positions in soul palace. They were different from the people who stood in Tianxia Plaza waiting for his competitors. They had their own positions, and could instantly find out about information from the competition staff immediately.

“Soul palace Chu Chen appeared on Chaotic Burial Path, he seems like he wants to go right through the path!!”

The news came, and everyone got pumped up with excitement!

The top ten seeded players’ news were usually the most welcome, especially second rank players like Chu Mu.

“Soul palace Chu Chen” The moment this name appeared, the raucous Tianxia Plaza blew up with discussion.

“Chaotic Burial Path has two middle class monarchs, does he want to go right through?”

“The white nightmare grew to ninth phase high stage, so its strength is similar to a tenth phase middle class monarch rank. Facing one middle class monarch rank shouldn’t be an issue.” Everyone started guessed whether Chu Mu could defeat the two shocking middle class monarch ranks!

Very quickly, another piece of news came.

“Soul palace Chu Chen killed the two middle class monarch ranks, and his soul pet formation....”

“Heavens, soul palace Chu Chen defeated the two middle class monarch rank with a single soul pet!!”

After the competition guard sent this message out, everyone was stirred up!

Low class monarch rank was enough to annihilate many competitors. Middle class monarch ranks were even more destructive organisms. People originally thought that no matter how powerful Chu Chen was, he would need to fight these organisms through hundreds of clashes.

Yet, what shocked everyone was, he killed these two almost second tier invincible middle class monarch ranks with a single soul pet!!

“He didn’t even summon his White Nightmare! Chu Mu’s soul pets are too overpowered!!” Zhao Cheng almost thought he heard incorrectly!

Soul palace also had other members enter ninth realm. Many of them Zhao Cheng knew, and a single tenth phase middle class monarch rank could spell their end!!

However, from the time it took from Chu Mu meeting those two organisms to defeating them, he took merely five minutes. Able to kill two defending organisms that would usually scare other players with one soul pet, didn’t that speak for itself?

“How is this possible, Chu Chen’s Mo Ye is only ninth phase middle stage. However, the informational soul pets say the Mo Ye is tenth phase, a tenth phase middle class monarch rank!!”
“Tenth phase middle class monarch rank, when could Chu Chen have such a soul pet? Could he be hiding a soul pet? This main soul pet’s strength isn’t weaker than invincible White Nightmare!!”

In a moment, everyone decided that Chu Mu must have two Mo Ye’s, one ninth phase middle class with broken limb rebirth, while the other was tenth phase middle class monarch rank!!

The commotion lasted a very long time!!

No one would’ve thought that Chu Mu, who came to fame because of White Nightmare, was still hiding a tenth phase middle class monarch rank.

This meant that the eighth realm, Soul palace Chu Chen hadn’t even shown all his main soul pets!!

In the soul palace seat, Shang Heng, Ting Lan, and Zhao Cheng were all staring at each other in dismay.

After a long while, Zhao Cheng finally broke through the silence, “Chu Mu should only have one Mo Ye, right?”

“En, tenth phase Mo Ye... most likely is the same one.” Ting Lan said.

“It definitely is the same one. Initially in the fight against Shen Yichen. Chu Mu’s Mo Ye went from eighth phase low stage all the way to eighth phase high stage. Now this Mo Ye is tenth phase, it

definitely was the result of growing from ninth phase middle stage through its species techniques!” Shang Heng said with a face full of shock.

“His Mo Ye is wearing ninth rank soul armor. When it was ninth phase middle class, tenth phase middle class monarch rank Gluttonous INsect Monster could barely break its defense. Now that it is tenth phase middle class monarch rank, even high class monarch ranks will have difficulty breaking through its defense!!” Only Shang Heng and Ting Lan witnessed Chu Mu’s Zhan Ye’s special abilities, and only they knew that Chu Mu only had one Mo Ye, but it was one that could explode in strength and defeat soul pets beyond ranks!

Immortal City Zhan Ye was full of blood as it walked out of the two massive middle class monarch ranks’ corpses, standing beside Ye Qingzi’s soul pets silently waiting for treatment.

It was almost the fourth day. Chu Mu’s people had gotten rid of the first defending soul pets and immediately went onto the path to frenziedly catch up to the other competitors.

Along this way, Zhan Ye was continuously fighting, and had already reached tenth phase!

Zhan Ye was still wearing ninth phase soul armor. Even high class monarch rank soul pets need a while to break through Zhan Ye’s defense, let alone two middle class monarch rank soul pets.

Thus, two middle class monarch rank soul pets wasn’t too hard for Zhan Ye to deal with. With Ye Qingzi’s support, it was very effortless.

“Chu Mu, your Mo Ye’s aura is too powerful, it may attract some powerful soul pets’ surrounding attacks. Let my dream beast hide your aura a little.” Ye Qingzi said to Chu Mu. Chu Mu nodded.

Under normal situations, once Zhan Ye’s stamina was used up, no matter how much Brave Stinging Heart had raised its strength, it will fall back down.

However, Ye Qingzi had made stamina recover medicine for it, in addition to constantly healing its wounds, lengthening Zhan Ye’s stamina.

Zhan Ye’s own endurance was very powerful as well. Battle, rest, battle, rest, this loop made Zhan Ye’s strength to constantly fluctuate. Under normal conditions, it could stay between ninth phase top tier and tenth phase.

The reason Chu Mu summoned Zhan Ye the moment he entered Immortal City was to raise its strength. Waiting for the key battle, he wanted Zhan Ye to reach tenth phase high class monarch rank through its Horned Armored Beast runes, Bloodthirsty Berserk Transformation, as well as Brave Stinging Heart.

Of course, Chu Mu knew that to keep Zhan Ye to tenth phase high class monarch rank was almost impossible. Zhan Ye only had one chance to peak in strength, and after that peak, its strength will fall abruptly for sure, so he had to handle the opportunity well!

Chapter 549: Ten Minutes, Entire Team Gone!

“Chu Chen’s team ran into Xiao An’s team!”

“Soul Palace Chu Chen, they bumped into the fifth ranking Xiao An’s team!!!”

Chu Mu’s team was in the spotlight of everyone’s attention. Now they were against the fifth rank Xiao An, and it lifted up an even greater upsurge.

People very much wanted to know whether the two experts will collide!

There was only one position for final honor. Getting rid of other competitors before entering the Blood Beast Altar was a must!

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“Both sides decided to avoid each other, so no clash happened.”

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Once this news spread, everyone booed in displeasure.

The contest between players was easily the most eye-catching. These battles were usually the most interesting, especially with matches like Soul Palace Chu Chen and Xiao An, who both had a chance to get the final honor, .

It was a shame that both sides had decided to avoid each other, and not immediately fight.

“Xiao An is very wise. One has to know that Chu Chen defeated two middle class monarch ranks with just a Mo Ye. Soul palace Chu Chen may be able to wipe his team out by himself. If they clashed head on, Xiao An is dead for sure.”

“Xia An has a tenth phase middle class monarch too, I think.....” the audience murmured.

“Speaking of which, the players in Immortal City shouldn’t know each others’ situations, right.” Shang Heng said to himself.

“Of course. Informational soul pets directly tell their soul pet trainers the situation, which is then sent to us in the outside. Contestants shouldn’t be able to learn of each others’ situation.

“Ugh, then these contestants probably still don’t know that, other than Chu Chen’s White Nightmare, he also had a tenth phase Mo Ye able to defeat two tenth phase middle class monarch ranks in five minutes!!” Shang Heng said.

“Hehe, if some contestant can’t hold themselves back and want to find trouble with Chu Mu, they will be screwed. Speaking of which, Chu Mu’s Mo Ye seems to be able to raise its strength constantly. This means the longer it fights, the more powerful it gets. Maybe tenth phase middle class wasn’t even the end to its strength.” Ting Lan smiled and said.

Hearing Ting Lan, the soul palace members sitting in soul palace all sucked in a breath!

If this were real, the main soul pet’s strength could reach tenth phase high class monarch rank, meaning Chu Mu could easily defeat the ninth realm final honor sealed organism!

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Immortal City Xiao An had four people as well. Xiao An was fifth on the rankings, while the others were respectively 7th,11th, and 13th- a very top tier team even in this competition.

Their team of four crossed Chu Mu's team, but didn't walk along their original path, instead stopping to discuss.

"Soul palace Chu Chen must be removed. He is very threatening to us, especially with his powerful White Nightmare. It was this white nightmare that helped him beat Jiang Yiteng. You've seen already that his other soul pets aren't much." Xiao An said strictly.

When Chu Mu's team passed by, Xiao An specially glanced at their soul pet formation.

Including Chu Mu, the entire team's soul pet strength was around ninth phase middle class monarch rank. This was the average of most ninth phase competitors. So, the moment they saw this, Xiao An had wanted to fight.

However, Xiao An very smartly avoided direct contact. Though their soul pet formation was ninth phase middle class monarch rank, if they were to truly fight, Chu Mu had a support soul pet trainer that could quickly heal him.

"Then we're going to ambush them?" Seventh realm Shan Kingdom Miu Jie said.

"Of course it's a sneak attack. It would be best if we don't even give Chu Mu the chance to summon his White Nightmare, so we have to send one person to heavily restrict Chu Chen's summon! Or else, once his white nightmare appears, it will be trouble for all of us." Xiao An said.

"Leave that to my demon. My demon is ninth phase eighth stage, so restricting him will be a piece of cake as long as you can quickly get rid of the other soul pets. And the support soul pet trainer, we have to get rid of that person as quickly as possible." Liao Jie said.

"Yes, then let us do that."

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Chu Mu, Ye Wansheng, Ye Qingzi, and Princess Jin Rou were all double control, so their soul pet formation didn't seem like much, especially after Zhan Ye was disguised by Purple Robed Dream Beast.

“Chu Mu, your Zhan Ye’s strength is weakening.” Ye Wansheng looked at Chu Mu’s Mo Ye and said.

About half an hour after Zhan Ye stopped fighting, its strength would slowly decay. After two hours, it would revert to its original phase and stage.

“Just in time, some people are going to use their soul pets to feed my Zhan Ye’s strength.” Chu Mu glanced behind them and smiled.

Chu Mu was a seventh remembrance soul master. Even in first tier, there were barely any with higher soul remembrance. As for those following him waiting to ambush him, their actions were even more laughable.

“Zhan Ye, get ready to kill a lot!” Chu Mu said to Zhan Ye.

Zhan Ye’s strength was back to ninth phase ninth stage. However, after fighting against this crowd, his strength would definitely raise back to a certain level.

Ye Qingzi also noticed these people’s intentions, so she immediately cast an incantation to give Zhan Ye more life force.

Indeed, a few very carefully hidden demons appeared behind the four of them. They were slowly nearing Chu Mu, hiding inside the forest’s black plant wall while eyeing everyone’s soul pets tightly.

Chu Mu didn’t hurry. Only when these ambushers’ soul pets all appeared did they quietly give a command to Zhan Ye.

One of the demons seem to have locked onto Dream Beast’s disguised Zhan Ye. It very slowly crawled behind Zhan Ye, extending its sharp claw, wanting to end it in one blow.

“A ninth phase second stage Mo Ye, heng heng. Attacked by my demon, it is definitely dead in one blow……” Hidden in a dark corner, Liao Jie started chuckling coldly.

“Shua!!!!!!”

Almost the moment Liao Jie gave the command to attack, the cold claws flashed past menacingly.

Blood immediately splattered out, painting the black plant wall.

A skull fell to the ground. However, it wasn't Chu Mu's Mo Ye's head, but instead it was Liao Jie's demon's head!

"How is that possible!!" Xiao An immediately opened his eyes wide, staring alarmedly at the place where blood splattered!!

A pair of icy black eyes suddenly locked on to him. It was the ninth phase second stage Mo Ye. However, the dark aura it was emanating was very close to tenth phase!

"This is a tenth phase Mo Ye!!!" Xiao An's face changed. He dared not to keep anything back, immediately summoning his most powerful soul pet!

The others showed faces of shock as well. When they were observing, the Mo Ye only seemed to be ninth phase second stage. How was it instantly tenth phase now!

The battle blew up within the moment. Every soul pet on Chu Mu's side immediately fought back, causing brilliant techniques to fly everywhere, blasting the soul pets on Xiao An's side.

All these people were ready to assault, how would they expect the opponent to be ready for it. After this round of techniques, they immediately panicked.

"Houhouhou!!!!!!!"

Zhan Ye was even fiercer. Not needing any other soul pet's cover, its body became a black light that hurtled right into Xiao An's multiple soul pet formation!

Xiao An summoned a similarly tenth phase middle class monarch rank to fight Zhan Ye. However, even with the same phase and stage, Zhan Ye used its seven times life force, recovery force, as well as the ninth rank soul armor to render Xiao An's tenth phase middle class monarch rank useless.

In fact, even if everyone's soul pets attacked Zhan Ye at once, Zhan Ye would still only suffer light injuries. Instead, all of their soul pets were constantly getting wounded!

"How can we not even break its defense!! This isn't possible, definitely not possible- how is this Mo Ye this powerful!!" With only a few rounds of fighting, the soul pets on Xiao An's side had lost. This entire battle was the Mo Ye's stage as it continuously instantly killed multiple ninth phase middle class soul pets!!

"Heavens, its strength is increasing!!!" The pale faced Liao Jie yelled out.

Zhan Ye's strength again stepped into tenth phase. What was even more nightmarish was, this Mo Ye cast Bloodthirsty Berserk Transformation, increasing its rank even further!!

Tenth phase middle class monarch rank was already terrifying. With Bloodthirsty Berserk Transformation, it was a one way slaughter, especially when this soul pet could completely ignore all techniques thrown at it!

Even the fifth rank Xiao An was staring dumbly at this scene!

The other soul pets on Chu Mu's side were about the same as theirs. Judging by quantity, Xiao An's side was supposed to win. However, this Mo Ye was terrifyingly powerful, causing the fight to become one sided!!

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"Xiao An's team attacked Chu Chen's team, causing both sides to enter a skirmish."

The news quickly spread to the rest of the plaza. Those who were still disappointed immediately leaped up in joy.

The clash between experts was always the biggest anticipation for all the spectators!

"This battle should be very interesting; after all, Xiao An is powerful too!"

“Maybe not. The moment Chu Chen summons his white nightmare, no one will be able to fight with him.”

“Xiao An has a powerful main soul pet too, so its hard to judge who will win and who will lose.”

Everyone started guessing the result of this battle. These people all wished they were informational soul pets right now, able to see for themselves the battle between second strongest and fifth strongest.

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Ten minutes later, just as everyone was guessing about the fight, more news came.

At first, everyone thought that some important information was revealed in the battle, so they were passing it back to let everyone know.

Yet, when the news was announced, the entire plaza went silent for a few seconds!!

“Xiao An’s team, entire team completely annihilated!!”

Ten minutes time, team annihilation!!

Chapter 550: Altar Plaza, Living Statue!

Within ten minutes, the entire group had been defeated!!

A moving fight to one’s content?

The people that used “evenly matched” to describe this battle had frozen expressions. As for those supporting Xiao An and believing that Chu Chen and the others could be eliminated under his sneak attack, they had even stranger expressions!!

Due to the numerous soul pets in a group fight, the fight itself would continuously change. Fights would always last up to an hour and this was still when soul pets hadn't been changed yet.

Being able to end a fight in ten minutes meant that the discrepancy in the strength between the two parties was great - they weren't on the same level!!

Yet, Xiao An was also a top five expert and when he fought with Chu Mu, he had been utterly defeated. This ending was a bit shocking!!

"Chu Chen really can sweep through the second grade now. Those experts that we can only look up can already be easily crushed by him." lamented Shang Heng.

"Perhaps this fellow is still hiding some main pet." said Zhao Cheng.

"That's impossible, right? He still has another main pet? These soul pets are already so abnormal!" a Soul Palace member said with a face of astonishment.

Numerous Soul Palace members had witnessed Chu Mu's fight with Jiang Yiteng. The elders in Soul Palace didn't have any objections to Chu Mu's White Nightmare, so what could they say as mere members of Soul Palace. So now, when Chu Mu continuously displayed extremely formidable fighting strength, these Soul Palace members would be shocked and excited. They all hoped that Chu Mu would be able to grab the second grade's ultimate honor in an extremely valiant manner.

"Haha, I was just mentioning this in passing. How could he still be hiding something." laughed Zhao Cheng as he spoke.

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In Tianxia authority's great hall...

"From the unstable situation of the seal, this blood beast's strength could very well be rising!" one of the four seats, Hai Qiu, creased his brows as he spoke.

"Before being sealed, it was merely a high class monarch. Are you saying that it could be increasing to the peak monarch rank right now?"

“The likelihood of this is rather high. I just did a special investigation, and discovered that the blood aura is rather heavy.” said Xie Tao after returning from Immortal City.

“Why didn’t you say something earlier? How could the people who investigated this make such a mistake?!” Hai Qiu was a bit angry as he spoke,

“If it is a peak monarch, how many competitors will reach that place and suffer a complete defeat? Even if we go over now, we won’t make it in time. I’ll personally go anyways, and weaken that blood beast’s strength a bit.” said Xie Tao.

A peak commander was practically a death god in the second grade and even with numerous soul pets, one would still be instakilled.

Under normal circumstances, the difficulty of the second grade’s ultimate honor was the tenth phase high class monarch. But this could always be defeated by the attacks of numerous competitors surrounding it. If the blood beast’s strength had raised by two grades, there was no one who would be able to obtain the ultimate honor.

“Competitors normally need ten days before they will reach it. Xie Tao, you need to act quickly and injure that peak commander. That way there shouldn’t be a problem to release the competitors.” said Hai Qiu.

Xie Tao nodded his head then left the Tianxia authority great hall, before heading towards Immortal City.

The majority of sealed soul pets would be weakened because they hadn’t fought for a long time. However, there would be a few extremely tenacious soul pets that would temper their bodies in this vile environment and breakthrough in strength over a long period of time!

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“Chu Mu, you should conserve as much strength as possible. Especially your main pets. The ninth realm’s final honor isn’t this easy to obtain.” said Ye Qingzi to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu nodded his head and chanted an incantation, summoning the Ghost King and Binding Wind Spirit in front of him.

The Ghost King had already reached the ninth phase second stage. With the eighth rank soul armor's effect and Monarch Ghost Transformation, it wouldn't be much of a problem to block a middle class monarch's attack. Thus, the subsequent main attack force would naturally become Ye Wansheng and Princess Jin Rou.

The path Princess Jin Rou chose was pretty much a straight line to the Blood Beast Altar. En route, although the four of them had taken a large detour, it hadn't been a few days before they were gradually able to catch up to the other competitors.

According to previous estimates, it would approximately take two days before they would reach the Blood Beast Altar.

Princess Jin Rou estimated they would need only seven days using the path they took. However, because they would encounter various creatures and competitors who would block their path, they would need at least eight to nine days.

Chu Mu's Zhan Ye would definitely not be able to fight for so long. Therefore, after his fight with Xiao An, Chu Mu recalled Zhan Ye back to its soul pet space, having it rest there and recover its Broken Limb Rebirth.

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On the eighth day.

Chu Mu and the three others finally neared Blood Beast Altar.

Under Blood Beast Altar, there was another altar plaza. The plaza took the form of a dodecagon, and it occupied a large area in Immortal City.

From the edge of the plaza to the plaza in the middle were strewn numerous stone pillars inscribed with strange magical markings. These pillars were nearly thirty meters tall, and were smeared in an ashen white color; they carried the filth and dust from time.

Twelve entrances meant that there were twelve ways to enter the altar. These paths were separated by pillars. Although the base of the altar was as wide as the plaza, what was shocking was that the pathways formed by the pillars were filled with extremely strange and crugged statues. Most of these statues were of savage creatures and they stood vividly in place. It seemed as if anyone dared enter their domain, they would “resurrect”!

As for the black brick path among the twelve pathways formed by pillars that headed to the highest altar, it was also lined with several statues. Compared to the other pillar pathways that were littered with innumerable and closely packed statues, this pathways clearly had fewer.

“I’ll scout ahead!”

Ye Wansheng offered himself as volunteer. He rode on his ninth phase middle stage Multicolored Devil Tiger slowly towards the pillared path.

The statues placed on the pillared path were lined up extremely evenly. Taking a glance, there were approximately a total of fifteen of them. These statues stood like a person and their bodies wore scaled armor. Their physique was much sturdier than humans and they resembled crawling creatures that stood up straight.

On the head of statues were horns. Their five facial features were extremely prominent and they exuded a feeling of majesty. Most particularly, they had a long lizard-like tail.

The four of them had never seem a creature like this before. Therefore, they were unable to find a name for it. Perhaps this was just some artistic statue in Immortal City.

“How strong is the creature sealed by the Blood Beast Altar? It can’t be a middle class monarch, and should be at least a high class monarch, right?” Ye Wansheng turned his head and asked.

“It should be between the high class and peak monarch.” Princess Jin Rou gave a rather precise strength range.

“But what...” Ye Wansheng was about to say something when he abruptly sensed something and swallowed his words!

Something mysterious had occurred, and Ye Wansheng’s Multicolored Devil Tiger suddenly turned around and hastily began to run back to them. It looked as if it was releasing a cold sweat!!

“What’s the matter?” the three others asked curiously.

Chu Mu, Ye Qingzi and Princess Jin Rou were standing behind Ye Wansheng so they hadn’t seen anything.

“Goddamnit... the statue... is alive!” Ye Wansheng cursed!

The other three’s eyes quickly fell on the statues, and they carefully took a look.

Only, no matter how hard they looked, these statues still looked like statues. There was no signs of life on them. Moreover, if these statues really were alive, how could they not sense any aura at such a close distance.

“These are statue guards. These soul pets are a mixture of the rock and beast type. They have absolute strength and defense. The region that you live in doesn’t have them.” at this moment, a voice slowly came from behind them.

Chu Mu had previously sensed a movement behind them, and turned around when this person said something.

When the voice rang out, the other three all showed vigilant expressions and looked closely at the unwelcomed visitor.

The person who had come was alone. He didn’t even have a single soul pet next to him. It seemed that he guessed that Chu Mu and the others would not attack him. He didn’t stop in his tracks as he walked towards the four people.

“These statue guards are all low class monarchs. The ones closer to the Blood Beast Altar are middle class monarch. Normally these stone guards wouldn’t have any signs of life. They completely resemble statues. However, when a person approaches within a hundred meters of them, they will come alive. In other words, there are a total of fifteen statue guards on this path, and only by getting rid of them will you be able to reach the Blood Beast Altar and open the Blood Beast Altar’s seal.” the man continued to speak.

While speaking, the man didn't stop walking. He continued to walk forwards and even passed the four of them, stepping onto the path with a total of fifteen statue guards.

"It's Soul Alliance's Si Tian." Princess Jin Rou said to Chu Mu in a low voice.

Chu Mu had previously recognized this person who was the strongest in the second grade and had entered Immortal City by himself. However, Chu Mu was extremely surprised because this fellow didn't have any interest in fighting with competitors. Instead, he told them information about the statue guards.

Soul Alliance's Si Tian continuously walked forward and quickly entered the hundred meter range of the first statue...

However, Chu Mu and the three others were extremely shocked because the statue guards didn't show any signs of moving!

The statue guards didn't "resurrect". Soul Alliance's Si Tian continued to walk forward. Even after passing by the second statue guard, there was still no reaction.

"I'll just mention that I know how to ensure they don't awaken. Therefore, I'll be heading off first." Si Tian turned around and a smile rose on his face as he spoke.

After speaking, Si Tian continued to walk towards the Bloodbeast Altar!

"Swindler! How rude!" Ye Wansheng immediately cursed.

Ye Wansheng naturally did not believe Si Tian's words, and urged his Multicolored Devil Tiger to charge over.

Only, when Ye Wansheng reached within a hundred meters, the first statue suddenly trembled and the dirt on its body began to shake off!!

It was alive!! This statue guard really had come alive!!!