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Chapter 691: The Guilty Hearted Chu Mu

After experiencing such a large scale hibernating desolation and seeing more and more cities getting devoured by heavenly devil insects, Chu Mu slowly realized that humans weren't as powerful as he thought. If the powerful heavenly devil insect empire sent all its forces, then a fourth of humankind's territory would completely fall.

Chu Mu found out from Liu Binglan that the forbidden realm was way larger than just the heavenly devil insect empire. The soul pet empires spread out even further into the forbidden realm created an impassable barrier for humans. So, even until today, there wasn't any written records of what the other side was like.

While the hibernating desolation broke out, Chu Mu stayed in great chu family, and threw himself wholeheartedly into battle to raise his strength.

Chu Mu didn't do anything to become a commander or general, nor did he become a leader character of the young generation team. He only collected battle reports, and would go to anywhere with an emergency.

Chu Mu was different from most other spirit emperors. They needed to stay put and preserve their fighting strength to prevent emperor rank heavenly devil insects from appearing. Because their resources were limited, they needed to control the amount of times they battled.

Chu Mu was like the spirit masters and teachers, constantly battling. In this period of time, he probably wasted thousands of spirits just in battle.

What was worth celebrating was, after this long in battle, Chu Mu's little Mo Xie was ninth phase ninth stage, almost able to step into tenth phase now.

At ninth phase ninth stage, Mo Xie could barely fight low class emperor ranks now. Once tenth phase, defeating a low class emperor rank heavenly devil insect was definitely not a problem.

Chu Mu personally killed 10 heavenly devil insect emperors, selling all the innards at a price of 2000 spirits.

This way, Chu Mu collected a total of 20,000 spirits. This spirit Chu Mu saved for Zhan Ye. Zhan Ye needed four times the resources. Strengthening to emperor rank would need 40,000 spirits.

Little hidden dragon, because of the ghost dragon, needed only five times the resources now (from six). The extra resources Chu Mu decided to give to Zhan Ye, so if he got 10,000 more spirits, Chu Mu would solve Zhan Ye's emperor rank resource problem.

Of course, Chu Mu knew clearly that little hidden dragon's resources up to eighth phase were solved, but it needed five times a low class emperor rank's resources from ninth phase to tenth phase.

One times was 50,000 spirits, 5 times was 250,000 spirits.

This was a massive amount of resources. Originally, he thought that with his mom, she could help him out with this resource problem. However, he soon laughed bitterly, as he found out Liu Binglan had zero savings. Other than the medicine and food she kept for her soul pets, she had nothing else.

Everything Liu Binglan needed, she just had to go to soul palace to retrieve. What she got, she all gave to soul palace without cost.

Additionally, soul palace's resources were given based off of title. Liu Binglan had the rights to use it without restraint but she couldn't open the vaults and give it to Chu Mu.

Of course, Liu Binglan had something to give. To ensure that Chu Mu was safe, Liu Binglan gave Chu Mu a second rank emperor soul armor.

Chu Mu was a first remembrance spirit emperor, so the max he could wear was emperor seventh rank. If Chu Mu had higher rank, Liu Binglan would have given her ninth rank emperor rank soul armor to Chu Mu without hesitation.

Another thing was that Liu Binglan confessed to a very important thing: She, as a monumental figure, was very incompetent at wild fights.

Liu Binglan herself was very powerful, and all her soul pet ranks were incredibly high, and she rarely had foes in the human realm.

However, once she was deep into the forbidden realm, she would always encounter all sorts of trouble. One major one was losing her way. Losing her way would always bring out all sorts of troubles that would waste her energy and fighting strength, since there was never an end to how many enemies there were in forbidden realm.

Just like how high class emperor rank heavenly devil insects were restricted when they entered the human world, when a human expert entered the forbidden realm, they similarly didn't dare to be too open, or else the threatened forbidden realm power would send out powerful organisms to surround the humans without hesitation.

The issue of soul temperature had to be solved quickly, so Chu Mu decided that he would go with Liu Binglan to the deeper forbidden realm and follow the information to retrieve the heavenly immortal ice of Wu Forbidden realm!

Wu forbidden realm was a large forbidden realm that even powerful experts didn't dare to go. The soul pets there were incredibly powerful. Liu Binglan wasn't willing to bring Chu Mu along at all.

Yet, Liu Binglan indeed was kind of navigationally challenged. Her ability to adapt to the wild was far inferior to Chu Mu's.

Liu Binglan didn't wish chu mu's high soul temperature to stay there, so she finally agreed to Chu Mu's request. After all, she will ensure she is completely protected and not let the things touch a single hair of Chu Mu!

Chu Mu had always trained by himself, so he could occasionally go with experts to higher level places. If they met normal soul pets, Chu Mu could fight and train himself. If they were middle class emperor rank and above, Liu Binglan could fight instead. He could gain a lot of forbidden realm resources this way too, so why would he be unhappy? As long as Chu Mu didn't rely overtly on Liu Binglan, getting brought around to train could half his efforts and double his rewards.

Of course, he couldn't leave right now.

Chu Mu planned on first raising all his soul pets to emperor rank before going with Liu Binglan.

To others, this may take a long time. However, to Chu Mu, he only had Zhan ye, Ghost king, and ice air fairy that haven't stepped into emperor rank. With Mo Xie's low class emperor rank, white devil, devil tree battle soldier, and binding wind spirit four emperor ranks, as well as Old Li's spirit finding abilities, getting the resources for them wouldn't be a big problem.

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Western world and heavenly devil insects' battle was still continuing.....

Late stage, humans slowly gained back some advantage within the chaos and solidified the war situation.

Able to cause the invading army to fear this quickly, a large part was because many top tier experts of humans gathered together to break down a lot of high ranking tribes in the heavenly devil insect army.

As long as the high ranking tribes were broken down, the rest of the problems weren't hard to deal with. In the long run, the heavenly devil insect army wouldn't be able to sustain such huge losses.

As the heavenly devil insect army's attack slightly backed off, and as Chu Mu grew in strength daily, this battle against the insects couldn't satisfy Chu Mu's training anymore, and it lacked a lot of resources Chu Mu needed to strengthen his soul pets.

Therefore, Chu Mu didn't plan on staying in western kingdom anymore, deciding to go to Tianxia city and go to the top ranking bewildering worlds near there or maybe to go the sacred regions of soul palace.

In the war, Chu Mu gave almost all the items he got within ten ranks to Chu Family. Chu family provided an unceasing flow of crystals needed for battle, becoming the resource refilling center of western kingdom and was getting busier by the day.

Chu Tianren also did lots of deeds in the war, lifting up chu family's name. Chu Tianren wasn't too young anymore and didn't want to roam around anymore, wanting to just stay in Chu family in the future.

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After saying goodbye to Chu family, Chu Mu and Liu Binglan headed eastwards.

As a noblewoman of soul palace, Liu Binglan had soul palace things to handle and couldn't stay with Chu Mu constantly. Once they reached Tianxia city, they went their separate ways. Chu Mu mainly trained and found resources to strengthen his soul pets.

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"In the few years I wasn't at soul palace, sacred region totems were severely damaged and their energy was lacking. If they don't fix it now, the sacred region gates could be locked up." Liu Binglan brought this up to Chu Mu during dinner.

"As long as I don't use half devil, the soul temperature can still be controlled. It's not a big deal if we delay our trip to Wu forbidden realm." Chu Mu said.

The problem with the seven sacred regions was something Chu Mu heard Sacred Guard Leader Zhuo Nong mention.

There was a time Chu Mu wanted to enter Xuanzhen Sacred Region to get bug type soul items. However, the totem couldn't open and the sacred region gate closed down, causing Chu Mu to have to go to Tianxia city's south end tenth rank bewildering world Gui insect cave instead.

Gui Insect Cave was a tenth rank bewildering world, but to Chu Mu's strength, the unlimited space and unknown resources of the sacred regions could give Chu Mu better training and benefits.

"En, once there are any abnormal situations, you have to tell mom immediately." Liu Binglan said.

"I will." Chu Mu nodded.

Chu Mu suddenly remembered the abnormality in immortal city that Elder Ting mentioned and quickly asked as well, "What's happened in immortal city? Has some organism broken out of its seal?"

"We haven't found a clear answer yet, and soul palace can't send people out to help right now." Liu Binglan lightly rubbed her temples.

Tianxia City's soul palace had many soul emperors at war with heavenly devil insects, while a couple were sent back to Wanxiang City. The spirit emperors that remained, Chu Mu could count with his hands.

Yet, these years, a large number of problems welled up that all needed a rank of Liu Binglan's degree to deal with, causing this period of time to be overworking her. Her beautiful face was always burdened by tiredness.

"I'll take a walk in immortal city." Chu Mu could see that Liu Binglan indeed was tired. He was a spirit emperor of similar strength to a palace master now, so he might as well take some of the burden for her.

"Immortal city seals a lot of incredibly powerful organisms, many even over middle class emperor rank. It isn't safe for you to go." Liu Binglan shook her head.

"I'll be careful." Chu Mu said.

Chu Mu still remembered that defector young girl's target was immortal city. With immortal city having abnormalities, Chu mu felt like it may be another expert of defector young girl going in. Chu Mu really wanted to know why defector young girl wanted to enter immortal city this badly. This time Chu Mu could use patrolling as an excuse to figure it out.

After a few more communications, Liu binglan agreed to Chu Mu's request and gave Chu Mu the rights to patrol immortal city.

"Speaking of which, last tianxia realm, the immortal spring water was stolen. We still haven't found the criminal of that. You were in immortal city at the time, did you find anyone suspicious?" Liu Binglan thought of immortal spring water and said to Chu Mu.

"Nope." Chu Mu said without changing expressions and put his head down to eat more.

"Daring to steal immortal spring water..... Mom hasn't been in tianxia realm for a while, some crafty individuals are getting more and more wild." Liu Binglan's face frosted over.

Immortal spring water is an incredibly precious treasure. As the noble woman of soul palace and as the judgment of sixteen absolutes, having someone make this large of a crime was intolerable!!

This time, Chu Mu still studiously ate his food and gave no comment.

Chu Mu knew that this “cold beauty” was famously impartial and incorruptible. For safety’s sake, he shouldn’t speak about it. After all, as a soul palace member, the immortal spring water should have been given up instead of taken for himself.....

Liu Binglan realized that she was overly strict just now. She had just started making a change in Chu Mu’s opinions of her; she couldn’t show her cold side to the child again.

“Eat more, all this food has some ice type effect, its good for you.” The cold beauty quickly smiled in a loving manner again, as she watched the secretly guilty Chu Mu.

Chapter 692: Underground Palace, The Labyrinth Prison

Chu Mu took the Sealed City’s Inspection Warrant, and now had the authority to enter the city.

Normally speaking, Sealed City was looked over and patrolled by Soul Palace, Nightmare Palace and Soul Pet Palace. However, because most spirit emperors had become embroiled in the fight with the Heavenly Devil Insects, the strength of the guards of this city had greatly weakened.

Of course, before entering Immortal City, Chu Mu had to pay a visit to the Tianxia competition authorities because the method to opening Immortal City was in their hands. Chu Mu’s warrant would only permit him to enter.

Although Chu Mu was considered an overseer, when he entered, the Tianxia competition authorities sent two members to accompany him. They would also prevent him from embezzling anything from the city.

Chu Mu was surprised, because of the two accompanying members, he had seen one before. It was the arrogant and proud purple clothed Young Lady Shan.

“Nice tits and ass, and a slim waist...” when he saw Young Lady Shan he for some reason remembered Ye Wansheng’s description of her.

During the fourth realm's realm defender round, Ye Wansheng had been present. When he saw this arrogant Young Lady Shan, he had harassed her with his mouth. Unfortunately, Ye Wansheng wasn't her opponent at that time, and could only sigh: Such a fine woman had become the bed warmer of another... unfortunate...

When Young Lady Shan saw Chu Mu, she was also a bit surprised. For some reason, Chu Mu could see a tinge of a smile that wasn't a smile in her eyes.

"So it's you, Chu Chen." Young Lady Shan smiled.

Chu Mu nodded his head, but didn't say anything.

The other accompanying member was Soul Pet Palace's Zhou Jinglong. He looked either in his late twenties or early thirties, but at this age, people often got one's true age incorrect because most of them were experts who had already stepped into the spirit emperor rank. Obviously, Zhou Jinglong was the person supervising Chu Mu to ensure he wouldn't steal anything.

"So you're Soul Palace's Chu Chen. You are indeed both talented and good looking." Zhou Jinglong looked very cordial. He went up and introduced himself while also expressed goodwill towards him.

Both talented and good looking? Chu Mu felt that this was a term that was used to describe a woman.

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After Immortal City was opened, Chu Mu didn't have to seal his soul remembrance to enter the city. As an overseer, he had the authority to know where the city was.

"You must be very surprised. Immortal City turned out to be the place where you were realm defending." Young Lady Shan glanced at Chu Mu as she spoke.

"Yes, I really never expected it. It seems that the legend of those world gates opening during a lunar eclipse was true..." Chu Mu intentionally sighed.

Young Lady Shan revealed a look of satisfaction that was very difficult to discern. But she quickly returned to her arrogant demeanor.

Chu Mu didn't notice her expression, but he was laughing in his heart, because he already knew that Immortal City was located here.

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There was a dark and gloomy horizon and a sinister aura that pervaded the air of this dilapidated city. From time to time lightning would strike, illuminating the city in a pale white. Those standing outside the city would feel their blood run cold.

A strange wind blew towards Chu Mu from the dilapidated city gates. Chu Mu could smell an odor of death.

"This Immortal City should give birth to departed spirit creatures, right?" Chu Mu muttered.

The birth of a departed spirit world creatures required a dense aura of death, the life force of creatures after they died. If one was not used to the existence of these creatures, one really would tremble from head to toe.

"There have been a few seals, before they reached the end of their life expectancy, that have mysteriously been undone. The creatures inside the seal are most likely located in Immortal City. We need to find them and reseal them or kill them. Otherwise, there's a chance they could accidentally break open other seals." said Young Lady Shan.

"What's their strength like?" asked Chu Mu.

"I'm afraid they've all reached the pseudo emperor rank." said Zhou Jinglong.

The appearance of emperor rank and above soul pets definitely required spirit emperors to deal with. Zhou Jinglong was a spirit emperor with one pseudo emperor rank so he himself would not be able to deal with these creatures.

"Chu Chen, take this ring. It is able to detect the unstable seals in Immortal City. This is your patrol work." Young Lady Shan handed over a red gem ring over to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu put it on and seeing that he did, Young Lady Shan explained: “This ring will release a light similar to sunlight. If a seal is unstable, this light will shine towards that location. Of course, you must use soul remembrance to feel the existence of this light. You can give it a try now.”

Chu Mu slowly extended his hand. He closed his eyes and covered the surrounding area with his perception.

Indeed, within his mental perception range were a few clear lights. They guided in certain directions and the intensity of these lights were different from one another.

“If the light is intense, it refers to a large seal. If it’s weak, it’s a small seal. The highest intensity light you see right now of the three is the seal of a Xuan Zhen Beetle. The other two are probably weaker soul pets and should be monarch rank creature seals. You don’t have to worry about them for now.” explained Young Lady Shan.

“This Xuan Zhen Beetle, if I remember correctly, was the main pet of a Soul Palace Palace Lord who committed a crime. It has been locked up here for ten years.” Zhou Jinglong added.

“If another creature breaks through the seal, then you can just catch it and put it back. But if it escaped itself, you can only kill it. If there was someone who snuck into Immortal City and intentionally released this creature that hasn’t finished its sentence, this person will have committed a serious crime.” explained Young Lady Shan.

As she spoke, she glanced at Chu Mu, as if she was intentionally telling him something.

Chu Mu knew what she meant. She was referring to when he had undone the Sinking Wind Dragon’s seal.

Back then, Tian Ting knew that Chu Mu had released the Sinking Wind Dragon, but because Tian Ting wanted to obtain the item he needed, he couldn’t be bothered to pursue this matter. After all, a peak monarch rank Sinking Wind Dragon was of no threat to Tian Ting. There was no big deal with releasing it.

Young Lady Shan was being petty right now for some reason.

Immortal City was huge. The ring could find unstable seals, but could not determine which creatures escaped from the seal.

After an entire day of searching, Chu Mu and the others only managed to find spirit master rank escaped creatures. As for the Xuan Zhen Beetle, from their intelligence, they weren't able to find it.

"It seems that we need to dispatch an investigator soul pet trainer here. We cannot fly in Immortal City, because that would mean having to find a needle in a haystack.

Finding an investigator soul pet trainer was naturally dealt with by Young Lady Shan and Zhou Yinglong. Chu Mu himself went back to Soul Palace.

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"How was the investigation?" Liu Binglan saw that Chu Mu had returned and caringly inquired about it.

"We only dealt with escaped peak monarch rank creatures. We weren't able to find the Xuan Zhen Beetle." said Chu Mu.

"Xuan Zhen Beetle?" Liu Binglan's brows creased and she looked like she was in deep thought as she said, "This Xuan Zhen Beetle was probably imprisoned by your grandfather. It was Palace Lord Zhang Siyuan's main pet from ten years ago.

"Is this person special?" Chu Mu saw that Liu Binglan's expression was serious.

"He was special, but not extremely special. However, not too long ago the holy guard that oversees Labyrinth Prison reported to me that Zhang Siyuan's strength broke through and she escaped from the prison. This seems a bit too coincidental." said Liu Binglan.

"The release of the Xuan Zhen Beetle could have been done by him?" asked Chu Mu.

"There's a chance. This matter needs to be investigated thoroughly..." pondered Liu Binglan. However, when she began thinking of who to hand this matter to, she realized that almost all the spirit emperor rank members in Soul Palace had their own tasks. Moreover, she couldn't have a spirit master rank person deal with the spirit emperor Zhang Siyuan.

“How about I take a trip to Labyrinth Prison? Since I’ve already accepted the task, I may as well do it thoroughly.” Chu Mu knew that Liu Binglan wouldn’t be able to find someone for now.

“Ok. Tomorrow I’ll have Zuo Nong take you to Labyrinth Prison so you can understand the matters of her escape.” said Liu Binglan.

Chu Mu nodded his head. Chu Mu had never been to Labyrinth Prison before and didn’t know what level of people were imprisoned inside.

Tianxia Realm had two large prisons. One was Immortal City and the other was Labyrinth Prison.

The only difference was that Immortal City specially imprisoned soul pets, while Labyrinth prison imprisoned offending soul pet trainers.

The soul pets of imprisoned Labyrinth Prison members were declared to be executed after a trial or sealed in Immortal City. Therefore, there were many instances when a prison sentence ended or one broke free of the prison that he would be essentially crippled because his soul pet was sealed in Immortal City. That soul would always be occupied and a soul pet could not be summoned from that soul.

Young Lady Shan and Zhou Yinglong would continue searching for the Xuan Zhen Beetle, while Chu Mu went with Holy Guard Captain Zhuo Nong to another special space - Labyrinth Prison!

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The Labyrinth Prison was as Chu Mu imagined, like Soul Palace’s Holy Region and Immortal City. They were all special spaces.

Labyrinth Prison was constructed under Soul Pet Palace. After he entered Soul Pet Palace, a Palace Lord rank man guided Chu Mu and Zhuo Nong to a stone palace that was guarded very heavily.

The stone palace had a very spacious hall, but there were no decorations inside. There was only one set of stairs at the center that extended down into the darkness.

Going down the stairs, Chu Mu had no idea how deep into the ground he was entering.

Gradually, at the bottom of the stairs appeared an underground hall that was identical to the stone palace's hall. However, this stone palace wasn't empty. Instead, it was lined with various dignified stone statues.

The rows of stone statues formed a path that only one person could take. At the very end of the path was a pair of stone doors, resembling the entrance to Holy Regions, that was constructed on thin air!!

However, Chu Mu shivered because this stone entrance was covered by several thick chains. It made the entire entrance lose some of its ancient atmosphere, while instead emanating with a harsh aura!

Chapter 693: The Female Prisoner Unable to Reveal Her Identity

It was cold, confined, and glum. This was the first time Chu Mu had entered such an atmosphere. He even became careful when he breathed.

In such a prison, how was it easy for imprisoned prisoners to escape? Especially since these prisoners had lost souls, only keeping soul pets that probably wouldn't become of any threat!

Once the chained door opened, the holy guard captain Zhuo Nong brought Chu Mu inside before leaving. Zhuo Nong still had things to deal with in the Holy Regions, and couldn't accompany Chu Mu to inquire about Zhang Siyuan.

"Senior is so young. Could you be the Battle of the Realm's first place, Senior Chu Chen?" a Soul Pet Palace female jailer walked up to Chu Mu. She was in charge of leading the way for Chu Mu.

Her looks weren't particularly good looking, and she even had a few scars on her face that gave her the imposing manner of man. When she smiled, it looked sinister and, if she was serious, she looked like a yaksha.

"Yes, I've come to investigate Soul Palace's escapee, Zhuo Siyuan. I'm not too familiar with this place. Please give me a rough introduction." said Chu Mu.

The yaksha jailer gave a self introduction. She was called Huang Yinglian, and she was specially in charge of female prisoners and acting as a guide for investigators.

She was an eighth remembrance spirit master and in the Labyrinth Prison, an eighth remembrance spirit master was considered fairly strong. Added on the fact that most prisoners had their strengths restricted, probably even the spirit emperor rank prisoners had to be polite towards this eighth remembrance spirit master.

The labyrinth was different from the Holy Regions, because it was a sealed off space and only so big. Drawing an analogy, it was like a mere spacious piece of private property.

Inside the property, prisoners had places they could move about and outside the property was some extremely powerful energy that even strong people could not pass through.

The labyrinth was divided into a few areas and depending on the severity of the crime, the prisoners were placed in different areas.

Zhou Siyuan was a spirit emperor rank expert, and she didn't commit a small crime. Huang Yinglian brought Chu Mu to a rather high ranking area.

“Sister Yinglian, why are you bringing a handsome pretty boy with you? Is he another new lover?”

“This brat is of much better quality than the last one. He can probably withstand your ravaging. Haha.” two 30 year old sloppily dressed prisoners saw Huang Yinglian walk past and intentionally ridiculed her.

Huang Yinglian's face instantly turned unsightly. She didn't waste any words and immediately ordered the Multi Colored Devil Tiger she was riding on to attack the two prisoners.

“Pai!!! Pai!!!!”

The Multi Colored Devil Tiger's steel tail gave a fierce swipe, and the two sloppily dressed prisoners were knocked a hundred meters back...

There were originally quite a few young male prisoners who had come here to ridicule Huang Yinglian, but when they saw the two people lying far away spitting blood, they all trembled in fear.

“This is an investigator. He is a spirit emperor with an emperor soul pet. You had better fix your behavior!” Huang Yinglian coldly spoke to the prisoners around her who had nothing else to do.

“He is a spirit emperor?”

“There is such a young spirit emperor??”

The prisoners knew that Huang Yinglian wouldn't lie. They were originally planning on teasing the young Chu Mu out of boredom, but when Huang Yinglian told them of his strength, they all decisively dispersed.

Even the spirit emperor rank emperors, regardless if their strength was shackled on not, wouldn't go asking for trouble.

The supervision inside Labyrinth Prison wasn't as strict as Chu Mu imagined. All of the prisoners had the freedom to wander around their respective areas, and were permitted to fight each other as long as they didn't take each others' lives.

This environment made Chu Mu think of the Nightmare Islands.

The Labyrinth Prison was similar, because the restricted prisoners were like the young men and women from Nightmare Islands, while the jailers were like the powerful administrators. The only difference was that the jailers wouldn't force the prisoners to raise their power; instead, they were there to ensure they didn't violate the rules.

As they walked, Chu Mu would occasionally see prisoners with thick mental shackles. These people had made a mistake and been punished for it, or they were too strong and purely through soul sealing could not be controlled; thus, they required extra seals.

In the heavy incarceration area there were numerous spirit emperors. Most of these people had mental shackles to limit their mobility and their mind.

“Since this place is a sealed off space, and the only way to exit is the prison's entrance after which the prisoner must travel through a long stairway at the end of which are numerous guards, how did Zhang Siyuan escape?” asked Chu Mu.

The Labyrinth Prison allowed prisoners the freedom to move around, but it was practically impossible for them to escape. Chu Mu didn't understand how Zhang Siyuan had escaped.

"This... even now we're not sure. He suddenly just disappeared in thin air from the prison. If it wasn't because someone on the outside discovered the escaped Zhang Siyuan, we would have believed he was killed by another spirit emperor prisoner who destroyed his corpse to remove the evidence." softly said Huang Yinglian.

TL: Author keeps switching between he and she for Zhang Siyuan. Pretty sure it's a guy

Huang Yinglian brought Chu Mu to Zhang Siyuan's residence. Zhang Siyuan lived in a small wooden hut. If it wasn't because there were jailers and prisoners around, this small hut looked a bit like a secluded residence.

There was nothing special about the hut. The other prisoners who had been in contact with Zhang Siyuan were also interrogated, but they all indicated they had no idea about anything to do with Zhang Siyuan's escape.

"What area is this?" Chu Mu pointed at the labyrinth's map.

Chu Mu was referring to another area next to the heavy incarceration area; it was close to where Zhang Siyuan had lived.

"It's the female incarceration area. It's the area I'm in charge of." said Huang Yinglian.

"Is there a path connecting the two areas?" asked Chu Mu.

"There can't be. Many of the heavy incarceration prisoners are rapists. We cannot monitor the entire labyrinth, and a few prisoners would be able to rape the female prisoners. Therefore, the female prison area is completely separated from the male prisoner area. They can watch each other and speak with each other, but they can't step into each other's area." said Huang Yinglian.

"Since Zhang Siyuan is close to the female prisoner's area, have you interrogated the female prisoners?" asked Chu Mu.

“This... I haven’t. Although this place is close to the female prisoner area, it cannot be entered from here. I don’t believe that a female prisoner would help Zhang Siyuan escape.” said Huang Yinglian.

“Go and check if there were any female prisoners who spoke to Zhang Siyuan.” said Chu Mu.

“This... ok. I will go check.” said Huang Yinglian.

Zhang Siyuan’s wooden hut was constructed on a small mountain and from there, Chu Mu could see the female prisoner area.

The female prison area was a small forest that was illuminated by a reflected light. There probably was a lake in the middle of the forest...

Not long after, Huang Yinglian found the information, and she brought him to the female prisoner area to interrogate female prisoners who had spoken with Zhang Siyuan.

“There are a total of three. The first is an unrestrained woman who has normal strength.”

“The second is a female spirit emperor who committed theft.”

“The third... I can’t publicize this female prisoner’s identity. I don’t even know her name. She lives by the lake.” said Huang Yinglian.

Chu Mu interrogated the first two. The unrestrained woman really was unrestrained and when she heard Chu Mu was an investigator, she began to flirt with Chu Mu in front of Huang Yinglian.

The second thief was very arrogant. When she saw that the investigator was such a young brat, she didn’t cooperate.

Chu Mu used his strength to speak and when his spirit emperor remembrance pressured her, the thief spirit emperor was extremely shocked. She finally divulged that Zhang Siyuan’s escape probably had something to do with the lakeside female prisoner, because she had seen them secretly communicate.

The interrogation for the third female prisoner was very complicated, because they needed the permission of an even higher ranking person.

Chu Mu had to wait for another while before obtaining approval. Then, he went with Huang Yinglian to the lakeside.

There was another small wooden hut there. When Chu Mu entered, there was a fragrance in the hut; clearly, the person who lived here was a very cleanly woman.

Unable to find the female prisoner inside the wooden hut, Chu Mu began to walk along the lake.

Passing through a birch forest, Chu Mu saw a woman wearing grey clothes standing by the lake. She was staring at her elegant reflection in the calm lake.

The woman's hair was dangling down her back. Perhaps because she hadn't properly taken care of it in a while, but even though she often washed it, the color of her hair looked slightly dull and dry. She was slightly thin, but she still had enchantingly beautiful and sexy curves...

For some reason, when he saw the back of this woman, Chu Mu felt that this woman was shrouded in melancholy.

It was as if he was looking at a painting. The woman in the painting was melancholic and lonely. Perhaps in the next moment she would throw herself into the lake like a beautiful jade perishing.

"Turn around, an investigator has come!!" suddenly, Huang Yinglian's sharp cry pierced through Chu Mu's mind as he was affected by the melancholy setting, waking him up.

The woman's body lightly trembled. She slowly turned around, and revealed extremely beautiful eyes that completely lacked lustre.

The reason why he couldn't see her face was because it was covered by a grey muslin...

However, when he saw the veiled woman, Chu Mu was stunned!

He couldn't see her face, but she was extremely familiar. The shock delivered was like a tidal wave that smashed into Chu Mu's heart!

How was it her?!

Why would she be in Labyrinth Prison?!

A series of questions flooded Chu Mu's mind. Chu Mu even forgot to speak.

"Senior Chu Chen, you recognize her?" softly asked Huang Yinglian as she confusedly stood beside Chu Mu.

"Wait here." Chu Mu took in a deep breath and left Huang Yinglian there. He walked forward up to the woman.

The woman was just as shocked as Chu Mu.

When Chu Mu walked to her, her eyes were filled with both panic and shame. It seemed that she didn't want Chu Mu to see her like this.

Chapter 694: Prison princess, Jin Rou

A few leaves fell down and slowly fell onto the lake, sending light ripples across. The rising wind also lifted a light ripple through the pond.

A clean and beautiful forest lake. It should have been a very gentle and calm place, yet it was a sealed prison, just like the prison island mountain. It was shrouded by fog, almost like a fantasy, yet it was a place of death.

"Why are you here?" Chu Mu glanced at the woman in a veil, and said in a deep voice.

The veiled woman stood there but said nothing. She slightly turned over and started walking over slowly along the lakeside.

Chu Mu followed up, but she still remained silent.

The lake wasn't large. After not too long, the two walked a fourth of the lake, yet the veiled woman was still silent.

"Going from princess to prisoner, do you have nothing to say? You've been missing for this long, yet you have nothing to say?" Finally, Chu Mu broke the silence.

Princess Jin Rou stopped her steps. Her beautiful eyes didn't have the same clarity as it used to. It had a mixture of countless bitterness, helplessness, and melancholy, but these eyes were still so firm. Though they had a lot of complicated emotions, her eyes were still resolute, never having a sense of lost or being down.

"I was always a criminal." Princess Jin Rou said. Her voice was still as sweet and euphonic as before, but it had an extra indifference in her tone.

Chu Mu at first didn't understand princess Jin Rou. Thinking carefully, she remembered something and said, "I heard Qian Qing speak of your situation."

Princess Jin Rou quickly guessed what Qian Qing told Chu Mu. She again stopped speaking and continued walking.

Chu Mu wasn't good at interpersonal communications, and could only walk along as well silently.

"You really have nothing to say to me?" It was still Chu Mu that broke the awkward atmosphere.

Though the princess was a prisoner now, Chu Mu could still feel the pride and dignity she had in her bones. This didn't have anything to do with her status; it was a mannerism that was part of her nature of living in the family of emperors.

Normally, when she had this attitude in public settings, Chu Mu would stay away from her. One, he didn't like to be looked down upon by another woman higher up, but two, he felt incredibly uncomfortable with this method of fake and social communication, as a man who never liked to communicate in the first place.

Yet, Chu Mu knew that since she was acting this way even in the prison, she wasn't showing off her proud status, but instead her proud dignity.

"No, thank you for visiting me." Princess Jin Rou shook her head and said a very distancing sentence.

"....." Chu Mu didn't know what to say and could only add, "In reality, I didn't even know you were here. I always thought you were missing. I'm the patrolling officer here, and wanted to come ask about Zhang Siyuan escaping prison."

After Chu Mu said this, Princess Jin Rou's gaze had a slight change, but Chu Mu didn't notice.

"How long are you imprisoned for?" Chu Mu asked.

"Twenty years or so." Princess Jin ROu replied.

Twenty years, to a woman at the prime of her youth without entering spirit emperor rank, it meant that she would grow old. Especially in this seemingly beautiful yet completely otherworldly prison, Princess Jin Rou may become a completely different person in twenty years.

To let Chu Mu just watch as princess Jin Rou got locked away here for twenty years, Chu Mu didn't feel great. After all, she was the first woman that Chu Mu had a bit of feelings for.....

"Then I'll go first." Chu Mu noticed that Princess Jin Rou didn't want to say much, so staying there was meaningless.

"En." Princess Jin Rou nodded and remained facing towards the lake.

Chu Mu looked at Princess Jin Rou's beautiful back image and left a sentence before he left, "If you say nothing, I can't help you. As for Zhang Siyuan.....you be careful."

After saying that, Chu Mu didn't even pause his stride as he walked straight to where Huang Lianying was waiting.

Huang Lianying saw Chu Mu walk over, and immediately showed a respectful smile as he asked, “boss Chu, any hints?”

“She didn't speak much, no hints.” Chu Mu shook his head.

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At the lake, the sentence Chu Mu said before leaving caused Princess Jin Rou's eyes to ripple. She wanted to turn around and call for Chu Mu to stay, but stopped herself forcefully.

“You won't help me, and can't help me. Just protect my secret for me.” Princess Jin Rou said to herself.

Princess Jin Rou slowly removed her face mask and half sat at the lakeside. She let down her no longer glossy hair, and used the rippling water surface to look at herself.

This princess was indeed beautiful. After taking off her mask, the delicate beauty was suffocating. However now, she could only admire herself, the version of herself that tried to be strong by herself.

In reality, when Princess Jin Rou saw Chu Mu, she was indeed surprised. After all, she had been in this prison for almost a year. In this year, she was always lonely, to the point where she could only find partnership with her shadow.

Chu Mu's arrival was unexpected but brought her happiness. She didn't want to tell Chu Mu her secret, because she knew telling him would do nothing. But, she still hoped Chu Mu could stay for longer. After all, such a closed off loneliness was a painful treatment to a woman.

Princess Jin Rou only wanted to chat with Chu Mu casually, yet Chu Mu never left “proper business”. The moment it went back to business, Princess Jin Rou again wouldn't want to speak.

Princess Jin Rou could tell that Chu Mu felt like he wasn't welcome. She wanted to explain, but thinking about it, there was no need. He wasn't even a friend of hers, and he hadn't seen her as a friend either. As a woman, she really couldn't ask a man who wasn't even her friend to stay with her. Even if she asked, it would just be to relieve her loneliness.

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After Chu Mu left Maze Prison, he went to find the prison's warden, and tried to gain access to the reason why Princess Jin Rou went to prison.

Yet, in the records, princess Jin Rou's name wasn't even mentioned. The reason was because access was restricted.

This restriction wasn't because the princess had caused some irreversible and massive damage. Instead, it was to protect the reputation of nightmare palace and princess Jin Rou.

Clearly, princess Jin Rou's missing person was only outwards propaganda, so that no one would know that the constantly praised princess Jin Rou was now just a prisoner.

Chu Mu couldn't find the answer. After he went back to soul palace, he could only ask elder Ting, Zhuo Nong, and Yu palace master. However, they all didn't seem to know the beginning and ends of the matters.

Thus, Chu Mu again returned to Liu Binglan and wanted to get the authority to read princess Jin Rou's files.

"I probably won't have the special rights for that either. Maze Prison is managed by soul pet palace and guarded by all large factions. No one has special rights unless one can give a reasonable explanation to search." Liu Binglan said.

".....is there a possibility of removing the sentence?" Chu Mu asked. Chu Mu really didn't want to see princess Jin Rou trapped in maze prison for twenty years.

"There are many ways of reducing sentence depending on the crime. What, why are you so caring for a prisoner all of a sudden?" Liu Binglan asked.

Chu Mu told Liu Binglan about princess Jin Rou being imprisoned in maze prison.

"Princess Jin Rou? The one that knows a secret of yours?" Liu Binglan asked.

"En, her." Chu Mu nodded.

I have seen her a couple times before, she was always in a veil but one can tell she is very pretty and has a good aura. Such a girl locked in prison.....” When Liu Binglan spoke, he watched Chu Mu’s expression carefully to try to get something from it.

“Tell me about your talk with her.” Liu Binglan continued to ask.

Chu Mu approximately explained it. In reality, there wasn’t much that they talked about, so it was a brief description.

“She never talked so I left.” Chu Mu made a final conclusion.

“Idiot, couldn’t you talk with her about something else? Which girl likes to talk about the bad things in their life? Since you already said she has her secrets, how would she tell you those secrets that easily?” Liu Binglan smiled and said, showing her affection for Chu Mu when he couldn’t understand a woman’s mind.

“And, she’s been imprisoned for a year. With her attitude, she definitely wouldn’t talk with the other prisoners. She must be lonely in there, why didn’t you stay with her for longer.

“.....” Chu Mu rubbed his head awkwardly. He really didn’t think of this. It seems like he just took things at a face value too much.

“If you truly care for her, just go visit her more often. Maybe someday she’ll view you as someone she trusts. and naturally she’ll start talking with you.” Liu Binglan as a mother had the duty to help him understand what a woman was thinking.

“Okay, I’m adjusting in this period, so I have plenty of time.” Chu Mus aid.

“.....” Liu Binglan was speechless and gave Chu Mu a big white eye. “That means that if you were busy training, you wouldn’t care about her anymore?”

“This.....” Chu Mu didn’t know how to answer immediately. After hesitating, he replied, “I don’t know either. I just hope she can regain freedom. But, if she were imprisoned for twenty years, I can’t always stay here. I have my own things to do.”

“If Ye Qingzi were imprisoned?” Liu Binglan seemed to enjoy talking to Chu Mu about girls, and became very interrogative.

“I would try my hardest to get her out.” Chu Mu said.

Hearing this, Liu Binglan instead smiled proudly and said, “The princess’s thing was something a soul pet palace elder actually mentioned to me. Because the event was stopped already, I didn’t mind much.....”

“However, if the soul pet palace elder reported the event to me, it meant that whatever the princess did was extremely dangerous and could have threatened the entire Tianxia City. My position of Star Absolute in soul alliance would only intervene if kingdom capitals were heavily affected.”

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Chapter 695: Immortal City Ancient Residence, Ghost Emperor Breaking Seal

Chu Mu only fell asleep near dawn, lasting an hour or two.

This morning, Chu Mu had just laid down when Jia Jing swiftly ran in and said that Lady Shan wanted to see him.

Chu Mu wiped his face down, and went forth towards the soul palace hall.

Lady Shan was dressed in black, and had messy hair with beading sweat on her face. Seeing Chu Mu, she quickly went forth and said, “Zhou Jinglong disappeared!”

“He disappeared, why do you come to me?” Chu Mu felt it strange. Chu Mu had only known Zhou Jinglong for a day. If he had disappeared, why would they come to him?

“How are you like this?” Lady Shan said angrily and said in a heavier tone, “You went to the maze prison for no reason yesterday. Not mentioning that you didn’t go to patrol with us, this time, Zhou Jinglong disappeared in our group. How are you this undisciplined.”

“Did he disappear in Immortal City?” Chu Mu asked.

“Yes, yesterday we accidentally triggered a sealed defending organism when defeating a running top tier monarch rank. The defending organisms were a little too much for us to handle, so he helped us lead them away. Those guarding organisms were all only monarch rank, so we thought Zhou Jinglong could easily escape. However, after leaving immortal city, we didn’t see her come out, and assumed he went back herself. Yet, the old man said Zhou Jinglong didn’t come out and we only found out today.....” Lady Shan said.

“He may have lost his way in immortal city or met the Xuanzhen Beetle. We’ll know when we go back in.” Chu Mu said.

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Because Zhou Jinglong seemed to be missing, this time Chu Mu and Lady Shan brought in ten tianxia guards to look for him together.

Lady Shan brought Chu Mu to where they bumped into the guarding organisms yesterday and split up in the search.

“Mo Xie, can you smell anything?” Chu Mu stood at the split in the black wall and asked.

“Wuwuwuwu~~~~~” Little Mo Xie seemed to have noticed something and ran in front of Chu Mu.

Chu Mu and Lady Shan quickly followed. Clearly, Mo Xie found something.

Following the scent, Chu Mu found that he was slowly leaving the normal immortal city and entering a region with an even thicker death aura.

In front of Chu Mu, there appeared a lump in the black dirt.

The dirt was full of extremely ancient mansions, giving a feeling that zombies could pop out at anytime.

In the small paths in between the gloomy mansions, there were tea colored blood clots that went drop by drop into the largest mansion completely shrouded in dark aura.

“Chu Chen, let’s not go forth anymore.” Lady Shan lowered her voice and called Chu Mu.

“What’s up?” Chu Mu asked questioningly.

The entire immortal city was seemed to be a ghost city. There wasn’t any organism around. Yet, behind the black wall, in the windows, there always seemed to be shadows floating around in the corridors. It didn’t look like a dead city at all, instead constantly looking like it had invisible things moving around.

“You see the red mark on the ground?” Lady Shan pointed downwards.

“I see it, but I don’t know what that means.” Chu Mu said.

“This is sign of extreme danger. Immortal City’s seals are all marked with this. This mark means that even us as patrollers can’t enter, because there may be extremley powerful organisms in there.” Lady Shan whispered.

“Since its sealed, what is there to be afraid of?” Chu Mu trusted in his skills and he was brave.

Chu Mu didn’t mind the cowardly Lady Shan and continued along the blood trail.

Seeing Chu Mu leave, Lady Shan quickly rode her soul pet up along as well. She didn’t dare to be left by herself in the gloomy mansion.

“Chu Chen! Chu Chen!” Suddenly, Lady Shan shouted.

“What’s up again!” Chu Mu said impatiently.

“Sealed.....sealed.....” Lady Shan pointed at the ring in her hand and said panicking.

Chu Mu looked at his own ring. Lady Shan's ring was able to detect whether seals had movement. Chu Mu had one himself.

Immediately, Chu Mu released his soul remembrance and started detecting using his ring.

Yet, what caused Chu Mu to be alarmed was that, of the previously dim guiding lines, there suddenly was a very powerful and deep seal loosening. This loosening was even stronger than Xuanzhen Beetle's broken seal!

This meant that there was an organism even stronger than the emperor rank Xuanzhen Beetle that was leaving its seal!!!

At almost the same instant, little Mo Xie jumped onto the mansion roof and gazed into the distance.

Her nine tails waved in the gloom, and her demon aura immediately released, sending her silver fur dancing with the dark red sin imprints fading in and out of existence!

Mo Xie was entering battle state as her pupils stared at where Chu Mu's ring was pointed!

"Why is it like this?" Chu Mu was surprised. Usually, the seals in immortal cities were very steady-they couldn't possibly loosen without any reason!

Lady Shan was also scared stiff, because from the ring, they could tell that the seal loosening was right behind the largest mansion!

"Retract your aura, we'll stealth our way over." Chu Mu said to Lady Shan.

"We.....we are going over?" Lady Shan stared blankly at Chu Mu, thinking that Chu Mu didn't want to live anymore. The seal was incredibly powerful and the shaking was incredibly powerful. Very likely the sealed organism was about to escape. If they go over now, wouldn't they be looking for death? They should instead turn around and report immediately.

Chu Mu didn't waste time, and immediately told Mo Xie to jump off the ancient mansion and hide her demon aura, slowly nearing the location of the seal.

“Awu~~~~Awu~~~~~Awu~~~~~”

At this time, the surrounding mansions suddenly sounded with a blood-curdling cry!

This sound was like countless cold spikes that pierced into one's eardrum. It was extremely ear-piercing and caused Lady Shan to start shaking and dare not return, only able to force herself to follow Chu Mu.

Mo Xie was low class emperor rank again. This demon aura to a certain degree could help Chu mu hide. Chu Mu hid carefully and went past the mansion that definitely had ghost type organisms and hid behind the half-collapsed courtyard wall.

Lady Shan wriggled her curvaceous body and followed pale face, no longer elegant.

“Zhou Jinglong is dead.....” Chu Mu said steadily.

“Dead?” Lady Shan's face changed and she almost shouted, “How is that possible? He's a soul emperor!”

“Look for yourself, don't use soul remembrance or else you will be discovered.” Chu Mu laid against the half wall and said to Lady Shan.

Lady Shan climbed to the wall, and looked through the broken hole.

Yet the next moment, Lady Shan's face was pale as her eyes became very wide.

Lady Shan's entire body started shaking, and after a few seconds she finally crumpled down and retreated, laying against the wall like she was dead, her entire face slack.

Lady Shan's mind was full of Zhou Jinglong's death scene. Zhou Jinglong was laying just ten meters away from the half wall, his body in two pieces. The upper half was slowly crawling towards where Chu Mu and Lady Shan, while the lower half was thirty meters away covered in blood and filth.

From the wall hole, Lady Shan could see Zhou Jinglong's bloody face. His eyes were still half open just staring at this wall. He had already been dead for a while, but when Lady Shan looked over, it seemed like the half piece of Zhou Jinglong knew they were hiding behind the wall and was seeking support.

"He.....he a spirit emperor.....is..... is just dead!" Lady Shan's mind went blank.

A spirit emperor was just left in half, his body like it was chewed on by a wild dog. One could hardly imagine what happened here.

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"So uncareful, getting discovered by patrolling members. Let's hope we didn't alarm any hard to deal with characters or else our plan will be foiled again." A thin male voice came from behind the wall.

The ancient mansion area's gloomy skies were the natural cover. Chu Mu's soul remembrance couldn't spread too far, but the other person clearly couldn't detect them hiding behind the wall either.

"Don't worry, we finished most of what we have to do today, let's just leave." Another colder and deeper voice came.

Two people's communication then became soul remembrance. After communicating for a little while longer, they went towards a certain direction.

Lady Shan lightly peeked her head out, and quickly shrunk back.

"Have you seen them before?" As the two people left, Chu Mu saw Lady Shan's face decorated with surprise and quickly asked using soul remembrance.

"I only recognize one. He's the soul alliance great hall master, a fourth remembrance soul spirit emperor. He had tried to enter immortal city multiple times in the past, but was rejected by the competition staff." lady shan said in a low voice.

"He Ting?" Chu Mu immediately furrowed his brows.

Wasn't He Ting the person Yu Palace Master said changed personalities greatly? He was the behind the scenes person of Shen Yichen. The person who stole the immortal spring and instigated relationships between elemental sect and soul palace was this person.

He was defector young girl's subordinate. Could it be that the defector young woman was resuming her old business and was continuing her immortal city plans? This girl's actions were way too quick! How was she controlling here from as far away as Wanxiang City!

"Don't mind them. The seal ahead is about to break open!" Lady Shan quickly said.

"I know." Chu Mu nodded.

"Why aren't you leaving if you know!" Lady Shan was so hurried she was almost crying.

"Awu~~~~Awu~~~~Awu~~~~~"

"Awu~~~~Awu~~~~~"

Suddenly, this great piece of ancient mansion started ringing with even more thrilling ghost cries!! These sounds were like they were welcoming the return of their emperor, causing Lady Shan deep within these mansions to be curled up in fear!

With a ghost type emperor rank and countless ghost type monarch rank roars, how could Lady Shan as a spirit master beat this fear?!

"They.....they're welcoming their ghost emperor!" Lady Shan said shakily.

"I'll seal the big ghost back, you deal with the little ones!" Chu Mu said to Lady Shan.

"You.....don't you know that great ghost is low class emperor rank!!" Lady Shan saw that Chu Mu was about to go ahead and seal the emperor and shouted even louder. Was Chu Chen crazy? Does he not know that low class emperor could easily instantly kill pseudo emperor rank!?

Ghost types were strange and mysterious. They possessed the abnormal speed of demon types, while also having the powerful attacks of beast types.

Their techniques also took a plethora of different forms, and often couldn't be defended against. Their night sneak attacks were a grade higher than demons.

The most particular point of ghost types was that they could heal themselves through eating powerful corpses. Normally, a heavily wounded ghost type soul pet could eat any attributed creature and recover 50% from their wounds. This was the terrifying aspect of ghost types!

Chu Mu hadn't encountered many ghost type soul pets before. Chu Mu had fought against them a few times, but in order to become a powerful soul pet trainer, Chu Mu had to be familiar with every soul pet attribute to be able to deal with them.

“Wu wu wu wu~~~~”

The small Mo Xie could detect the pressure from the ghost type emperor. The demon aura from her body discharged, and sin flames began to burn her entire body.

Amidst the dancing sin flames, Mo Xie's body grew larger, and her nine ostentatious tails fluttered atop the building.

The illumination of the dark red fire light was able to expel some of the ghost aura in the area. When the small ghosts shouting and crying realized that a powerful low class emperor soul pet had appeared, their voices instantly died out. They no longer dared act as brash as before.

“This... this is a low class... a low class emperor!” Young Lady Shan rested against the half-wall with a face of disbelief as she stared at Chu Mu's Mo Xie!

The gap between a pseudo and low class emperor was extremely difficult to cross. There was a completely different status between a low class and pseudo spirit emperor. Young Lady Shan never expected that Chu Mu, who was so young, would already have a low class emperor rank soul pet!

Tenth phase Mo Xie!

Now that Mo Xie had entered a complete phase, her body was longer and full of unruliness. This Seven Sins Fox radiated a demonic aura and intense evil. This was displayed to its fullest on her red flaming body!

Her speed, demon power, strength and sin flames had reached the peak state of a Seven Sins Fox. Her aura was completely different from the first time they were in Immortal City. Although she was facing off against a ghost type low class emperor that had broken its seal, she was still arrogant and wild!

“Ewu~~~~~”

The ghost type emperor’s enormous ghost body appeared from the intersecting seal lights. An evil red light shot up into the sky, dying the sky in a blood red color. It also illuminated everything under the sky in a red light. It covered the buildings, the black ground and the tombs, draping the city in a blood red color!

Nearby the building’s courtyard was an ancient tomb. When the evil blood light shone on the tomb, blood began to seep out, flowing on the tombstone itself...

“Ewuwuwu~~~~~”

The sound it made was loud because the ghost type emperor was letting out shouts of excitement. All of the tombs were now following their emperor and acting restlessly...

Suddenly, black figures flew out from in between the tombs and the building. They resembled a calamity of snakes emerging from their nest!

Sinister tall figures began to emerge from the broken windows, the corners of the courtyard, underneath the well and in the destroyed cellars.

“So... so many... so many ghost hands!” this was clearly the first time Young Lady Shan had encountered a ghost type soul pet. She was a high remembrance spirit master, but was now reduced to a woman who only knew how to shriek.

These countless figures were ghost claws dripping in blood. These ghost claws emerged everywhere, but especially so in the dried up well twenty meters away from Chu Mu and Young Lady Shan. There were at least 30 of them from the well. It seemed that the moment they found a

living creature, they would rip it to shreds, and then drag it into the well which had an unknown amount of corpses in it already.

“If you have any light type soul pets, quickly summon them. There’s a huge group of ghost type soul pets here!” Chu Mu himself had rarely fought ghost type soul pets before. The ghost claws that suddenly appeared around him made his heart palpitate.

Young Lady Shan hastily began to chant, but she would frequently make errors in her chant. She was in such a state of panic that she began to cry.

Chu Mu was still calm. He chanted an incantation, summoning the pseudo emperor rank Devil Tree Battle Soldier!

“Ao~~~” after the Devil Tree Battle Soldier appeared, it was frightened by the scene in front of it.

There were so many ghost claws; there were several times more than its own roots!

The Devil Tree Battle Soldier was confused, but it nonetheless reacted very quickly. Its roots began to embed themselves in the courtyard, creating a defensive root umbrella, that protected Chu Mu and Young Lady Shan inside.

This type of defense normally required the full strength attack of a pseudo monarch in order to break.

However, the ghost type soul pet’s outlandishness surpassed Chu Mu’s imagination. These ghost claws were unexpectedly able to enter the protective umbrella through the tiny cracks. Once they entered, they then enlarged and grabbed at the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Chu Mu, and Young Lady Shan.

“Si la!!!! Si la!!!!!!!!!!”

Several black smoke claws marks appeared on the Devil Tree Battle Soldier’s body. Its wounds weren’t heavy, but this made it very angry.

Young Lady Shan, so scared she wasn't able to summon a soul pet, was unable to escape either. Her waist and shoulder were struck by a claw attack and an enormous hole appeared in her black clothes. Fresh blood began to seep out of her snow white skin.

The wound on the waist was better because she was able to slightly dodge it. Only a bit of skin had been broken through. However, there was a deep claw wound on her shoulder that extended to her breasts. The broken clothes in that area made it possible to suddenly see her sexiness...

But Chu Mu right now wasn't in the state of mind to admire Young Lady Shan's shockingly well-developed body. He clearly wasn't as panicked as Young Lady Shan, and once again chanted an incantation!

White resentment flames began to burn on Chu Mu's body, quickly enveloping his entire body. This made him look incomparably demonic, as if a Nightmare had attached itself to his body.

"Hu hu hu hu~~~" the resentment flames fluttered in the air ostentatiously and arrogantly like a devil!

"Ah~~~~~" but when the adjacent Young Lady Shan saw this seen, she thought Chu Mu had been possessed by a ghost and let out continuous shouts!

Quickly, Chu Mu finished summoning the White Nightmare!

The White Nightmare broke free from Chu Mu's body, transforming into a White Nightmare Chu Mu. It demonically floated into the air. Its eyes that were even more evil than ghost type soul pets stared at the surrounding ghost claws and it let out a string of sinister laughs.

The White Nightmare itself was a devil. Why would it be afraid of these ghost creatures?

Promptly, the White Nightmare conjured several layers of devil flames and the ghost claws reaching towards them were burned to pieces. It seemed to have instantly killed numerous ghost type monarchs.

"I was just summoning my White Nightmare. What were you shouting for?!" Chu Mu was a bit annoyed as he spoke because his chant just now was nearly interrupted by Young Lady Shan's strange cry just now.

"I... I..." Young Lady Shan's mind was a bit of a mess, and for a moment she didn't know what to say.

"I noticed that you're normally so conceited and figured that you had a bit of ability to back that up. But it turns out you're merely an immature young lady who hasn't experienced true fights before. If you can't fight, then just hide behind me and don't disturb me!" Chu Mu bluntly said to Young Lady Shan.

Young Lady Shan ended up letting out even more tears after being berated by Chu Mu. She never expected that when she encountered ghost type soul pets, she wouldn't even be able to finish her incantation.

However, she quickly wiped away her tears and calmed down.

After taking in several deep breaths, her emotions had calmed and she tried to chant.

"If it's not a peak monarch rank light type, don't summon it!" Chu Mu saw that Young Lady Shan was about to summon something.

"It's... it's a light type soul pet that's about to step into the emperor rank!" Young Lady Shan was a bit annoyed.

About to step into the emperor rank meant it was a paragon monarch. Young Lady Shan had spent much effort to raise this multi-attributed soul pet to a paragon monarch.

Moreover, once she was able to step into the spirit emperor realm, she would be able to strengthen it into the emperor rank. She had the support of her family so she didn't need to find spirit items herself. She only needed to strengthen her soul pets to emperors.

Young Lady Shan felt proud because of this paragon monarch. Among those of the same age, she could pretty count those who were stronger than her. She believed that her strength was only under the emperor soul pet possessing Chu Mu. Moreover, disregarding the fox monarch, she felt that her strength was much stronger than Chu Mu's.

However, just as Young Lady Shan was about to brag about her soul pet, she suddenly realized that the two soul pets next to Chu Mu were both emperor ranks!!

Emperor rank Devil Tree Battle Soldier!!!

Young Lady Shan remembered that back in the fourth realm, Chu Mu's Devil Tree Battle Soldier was only a ninth phase middle class monarch!

But now it had reached the pseudo emperor rank with shocking speed!!

Even more to Young Lady Shan's disbelief, Chu Mu's White Nightmare had also become an emperor!!

A White Nightmare emperor was a multi-attributed pseudo emperor!!

Young Lady Shan was planning on using the light type paragon monarch to justify to Chu Mu that she wasn't as weak as Chu Mu had claimed. However, when she saw him summon three emperor rank soul pets in a single breath, she was stunned!

How could she have any thoughts of using this soul pet to justify herself now?

Most of the soul pets that emerged in the building were monarch rank ghost type soul pets. There were a lot of them. Although the Devil Tree Battle Soldier was a pseudo monarch, it was unable to deal with them by itself.

However, after Chu Mu summoned the unbridled White Nightmare, its soul devil flames had much better effect than the wood type attacks. Quickly, the ghost type soul pets were suppressed by the White Nightmare.

At the same time, the Seven Sins Fox Mo Xie was fiercely fighting a thousand meters away on a black dirt hill. Mo Xie was switching in between sin flames and sin imprints, fighting the enormous ghost figure on both the ground, to the air and back down from those dense sinister clouds to the ground. The ghost type energy ceaselessly clashed with the multi-attributed energy. It caused the surrounding buildings to continuously shake!

Immortal City's buildings were constructed using special materials and were not easily destroyed. This included the dirt itself. After all, it was the dirt that sealed these powerful soul pets.

“How do we seal the ghost emperor?” Chu Mu glanced at Young Lady Shan.

“If the seal is broken it’s hard to seal. If... If you can kill it...” Young Lady Shan wrapped her arms around her breasts as she spoke. But even if her arms were in front of them, a huge portion of her breasts were still visible.

Yet, Chu Mu couldn’t be bothered to even glance at them. This caused Young Lady Shan’s face to burn up, as she felt that her covering her breasts was a bit needless.

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The White Nightmare and Devil Tree Battle Soldier were more than enough to deal with these small ghosts. Chu Mu quickly focused on Mo Xie and the great ghost emperor.

Mo Xie’s sin flames had the attribute advantage, but the sin flames were not as fierce as the sin imprint energy; therefore when she used techniques against the great ghost emperor on the black slope, Mo Xie would continuously switch between the two types of energy.

Mo Xie’s nine tails fluttered in the wind and she split into six figures. Taking advantage of the time the great ghost emperor was using to call the ghosts out of the graves, she launched her mightiest attack at it!

Sin Imprint Claw!!

From six different angles, sin imprints shattered the hazy sky and black earth. It ruptured the great ghost emperor’s enormous ghost figure like a mirror!

“Ewu!!!!!!!!!!”

The great ghost emperor let out an angry cry, its voice transforming into a ghost noise that pierced Mo Xie’s mind. It prevented her from launching a follow-up technique!

Although its body was ruptured, the great ghost emperor’s fighting abilities were not affected. After using the ghost noise, its claw descended from the sky, crashing to the ground like the black sky descending.

“Beng!!!!!!!!!!”

Instantly, the black ground cracked. The shockwave from the ghost claw astonishingly reached a thousand meters, crushing the hills in that radius!

Mo Xie was interrupted after her attack, and was unable to dodge in time. She was knocked flying by its claw into the black ground!

Mo Xie’s silver body had many more bloody smears on it now and was full of injuries. The injuries were also infected with corroding ghost energy.

This ghost energy was poisonous and could prevent a self-healing soul pet from self-healing. Therefore, ghost type and corpse types were able to inhibit a bug type soul pet’s self-healing ability to a certain extent!

“Young master, this great ghost emperor isn’t a normal creature. Anything that’s been sealed in this place is an emperor soul pet of a famous soul pet trainer of his or her generation. It will be hard for your small fox to deal with it.” Old Li said to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu had also realized this. Although Mo Xie had used her strongest attack, she was unable to inflict serious damage to it.

“Qin!” Chu Mu chanted another incantation!

A light gust of wind began to swirl around Chu Mu. As Chu Mu finished the incantation, the small body of the Binding Wind Spirit emerged amidst the soft wind!

Mo Xie, the Devil Tree Battle Soldier, White Nightmare and the Binding Wind Spirit. Four soul pets summoned to fight together!

After reaching a spirit emperor, Chu Mu possessed the ability to quadruple control. All of his soul pets that had reached the emperor rank first were participating in this fight!

“White Nightmare, you help Mo Xie. Devil Tree Battle Soldier, Qin, I’ll leave the small ghosts for you.” said Chu Mu.

“Qin~~~~~”

The Binding Wind Spirit was graceful and its small body hid itself in the wind. No matter how many ghosts attacked it, it was as if they were hitting the wind. There was no effect.

While the Binding Wind Spirit hid itself, it fermented a wind type technique!

Now that the Binding Wind Spirit had reached the emperor rank, the moment it used a wind type technique, it would have shocking destructive power and range!

“Hu hu hu hu hu!!!!!!!!!!”

The clouds began to rapidly spin as the Binding Wind Spirit began to control the streams of wind. The bloody horizon that was mysteriously pushed down by the great ghost emperor’s blood color light seemed to be absorbed by some energy and began to continuously spiral downwards!

Several streams of surging air gradually manifested in the bloody sky. They formed spiralling energies that rapidly sucked the wanton ghosts inside!!

Ghosts were different from specters because they required a real body. Without a real body to possess, they would be reduced to a dead soul and become extremely weak.

Right now, the Binding Wind Spirit’s wind type emperor technique absorbed over a hundred ghost monarchs in one go, causing the bodies possessed by these ghosts to crumble!

“Ao~~~~~” the Devil Tree Battle Soldier was a bit helpless against these ghost type soul pets. Most annoyingly was the fact that it could not absorb life force from the departed spirit world soul pets.

The Binding Wind Spirit’s technique managed to alleviate much pressure from it.

“Another... Another... Another emperor!!” Young Lady Shan was so shocked she couldn’t describe it. She just stared at Chu Mu like he was a freak.

It hadn't even been two years since the Battle of the Realm. Young Lady Shan still remembered Chu Mu's strength in the fourth realm during that time. Back then, one of her soul pets was capable of eradicating Chu Mu.

Yet, two years later, Young Lady Shan was pretty much in the same spot, unable to become a spirit emperor.

However, Chu Mu, whose strength used to be far from her's, had soared into the heavens. In under two years, he not only managed to acquire a low class emperor, but his other soul pets had reached the emperor rank. He was absolutely a peak expert in Tianxia City!!!

After Chu Mu summoned Qin, the state of the fight quickly turned obvious.

With the White Nightmare's help, it was much easier for Mo Xie to deal with the great ghost emperor.

Quickly, the great ghost emperor was unable to resist both Mo Xie and the White Nightmare!

“Shua!!!!!!!!!!”

The White Nightmare's Evil Behead swept across the great ghost emperor's head, causing its head to fall to the ground and tumble. In fact, it happened to tumble all the way to an enormous tombstone, instantly reducing the tombstone to rubble.

Mo Xie seized the opportunity, and used her sin flame and sin imprint combination attack, Flame Monarch Purgatory!

Flame Monarch Purgatory was terrifying. Once Mo Xie was given an opportunity to use it, even if the opponent was also a low class emperor, it would not necessarily survive.

Bouquets of sins blossomed on the great ghost emperor's body. With each blossom, its body would crack. Immediately after, a torrential surge of sin flames poured into its body and soul!

To ensure the great ghost emperor was completely dead, the White Nightmare which was adept at soul attacks created a true devil flame wave that swept over from the buildings to the great ghost emperor, submerging its body within the resentment flames.

“Ewu!!!!!!”

The great ghost emperor’s tumbling head let out a miserable cry!!

The ghost noise was very loud and it was a while before it dissipated in the sky above the buildings that was filled with death air.

“Shred its head, otherwise it will revive.” Chu Mu immediately said to Mo Xie.

One of Mo Xie’s tails wrapped up the great ghost emperor’s head. Sin imprints and sin flames simultaneously appeared and destroyed this head!

If even a little bit of a ghost type’s body remained, it would not die. Although Chu Mu hadn’t fought with a ghost type soul pet before, he was very certain of this.

“Young master, a low class emperor’s inner crystal is worth 3000 spirits. It’s very rare to encounter a low class emperor that was sealed by itself like this. You were very fortunate.” Old Li reminded Chu Mu.

Chu Mu was about to have the White Nightmare take the ghost type low class emperor inner crystal, but the White Nightmare went before he could even order it to and tossed the inner crystal to Chu Mu.

“Hmm, 3000 spirits. Night’s resources are pretty much taken care of. Now I’m only missing the Little Hidden Dragon’s six times the normal amount of resources.” Chu Mu was presently lacking 3000 spirits and managed to earn this month after a few days of patrol. This wasn’t a bad harvest. After all, in a bewildering world like this, Chu Mu’s harvests were normally far from that of a forbidden region. Otherwise, Chu Mu would have been able to raise all of his soul pets to the emperor rank already.

Moreover, aside from Night, the Ice Air Fairy’s resources were pretty much dealt with.

The reason why he had held back the Ice Air Fairy was because he was going to find Worldly Immortal Ice with Liu Binglan. If they could find it, Chu Mu could consume this high ranking spirit item and the benefits the Ice Air Fairy would obtain would probably be able to raise it to the pseudo emperor rank. Then, Chu Mu would be able to use Ground Immortal Ice to strengthen the Ice Air Fairy directly to the low class emperor rank. There was also a high chance that it would be able to comprehend the high rank ground immortal ice crystallization which would make it stronger than normal low class emperors.

Young Lady Shan had only seen Chu Mu's four emperors so far. If she knew that Chu Mu's other secondary pets had pretty much all stepped into the emperor realm, it was unknown what she, who had been stuck at a bottleneck for two years, would think.

"Let's... let's return. We should inform the competition authorities of Hao Ting trespassing in Immortal City and releasing a powerful soul pet as soon as possible." Young lady Shan was still unsteady as she spoke to Chu Mu.

Chu Mu shook his head and said, "It will be a bit difficult for us to return."

"Why?"

"You have a feel yourself of the ripples from the ring." said Chu Mu. In order to deal with the great ghost emperor and the small ghosts, he didn't really need to summon all four of his emperors. But the reason why he had done so was because he felt some worrying aura shroud Immortal City.

Young Lady Shan hastily released her soul remembrance. Through this ripple ring, she abruptly discovered that the ring had released countless streams of light that extended in all directions!

Each stream of light indicated that a seal was unstable. This meant that there were now countless sealed creatures in Immortal City that were attempting to break free of their seal!!

Young Lady Shan's face instantly paled. Until now, Immortal City had always been extremely stable. There would be the occasional seal movement, but they would be immediately suppressed by the competition authorities.

However, for some reason, there were now so many seals with abnormalities!!

If the creatures in the seals were compared to prisoners in Immortal City, right now a huge group of prisoners were trying to break free of the shackles in Immortal City and escape!!

“How could it be like this... what happened... yesterday when we did our patrol... everything was still good...” Young Lady Na’s voice was trembling!

Immortal City sealed countless creatures with ranks at least at the monarch rank!

In the hundreds of years until now, it was difficult to count exactly how many emperor rank soul pets had been sealed here. But right now the seals were extremely unstable. It would be very hard to predict how many powerful creatures would break free from their seals!!

Chapter 698: Upheaval in Immortal City, Chaos of the Seals (2)

“Follow me tightly. If you get lost, I won’t turn around to save you.” Chu Mu glanced at Lady Shan and said lightly.

“You.....how can you be like this!” Lady Shan said angrily.

Chu Mu didn’t waste time explaining, instead jumping right onto Mo Xie’s back. He told White Nightmare to open the way ahead while devil tree battle soldier followed behind. Binding wind spirit was up in the air.....

All the seals in this surrounding ancient mansion region were suppressed by Chu Mu, so no threatening creatures would appear in the near future.

Yet, along the way back from the ancient mansions, the ring clearly showed many restless seals. Chu Mu had to leave before the seals were broken. He also had to leave here before the organisms that were leaving the seals in packs took over all of immortal city, or else Chu Mu would never make it out alive.

It was because of this that Chu Mu had to dash out in one go. If Lady Shan lost herself, Chu Mu definitely wouldn't turn around.

Of course, Chu Mu wasn’t completely ruthless. When Lady shan summoned her demon, Chu Mu told Mo Xie to grab onto its body with one of her tails.

Mo Xie was low class emperor rank, giving her incredible speed. Lady Shan's demon definitely couldn't keep up with its speed. Mo Xie grabbed onto Lady Shan's soul pet with a tail and brought them along.

Of course, devil tree battle soldier was slow as well, and naturally had to be carried by Mo Xie. Or else, with devil tree battle soldier's speed, the immortal city seal would be completely broken and it would still be wandering around in the city.

Lady Shan saw that Chu Mu didn't completely abandon her and was slightly relieved. She said to Chu Mu, "How did they break all these seals? All of them were sealed, but it seems like a chain reaction now with a huge group of organisms breaking through their seals. This was a disaster!!"

"This has to wait until we get out alive." Chu Mu said in a grave expression.

Immortal city was even more terrifying than Maze Prison. Humans only had a life span of around a hundred years, but many soul pets had couple hundreds or even thousands of years of life.

Tianxia City's history was ancient, and immortal city came along with it. This immortal city sealed away organisms from many centuries ago. If these organisms hadn't perished slowly in their seals, once they broke through, a true disastrous storm would rage throughout the region!!

Chu Mu neglected it! He neglected the plans of defector young girl!

At the same time, Chu Mu underestimated the defector young girl's ambitions!

The defector young girl's plots were completely beyond Chu Mu's imagination!

Able to cause all of immortal city to tremble was similar to shaking the entire tianxia realm, a realm made up of countless kingdoms!!

To cause an entire realm to shake, who could do this other than the holder of Realm throne!

Yet, defector young girl did it!!

This was a plot that had been in production for a long time!!!

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Tianxia Realm east seven hundred kilometers stood the magnificent Folding Skies that has existed since the ancient days. The grand swirl of skies was like a spiraling ladder that extended into the immortal world, causing countless mortals to only be able to watch but not have the courage to step in.

Countless large meteors floated in the skies, spinning along with the chaotic sky winds. Inside the turbid folding skies, mountains occasionally appeared here and there, slowly moving and again slowly disappearing.

Think, just how massive did the energy have to be for the mountain to be raised ten thousand meters into the skies and then float for thousands of years along the same path?

Calling the mountains floating in folding skies as heavenly mountains was perfectly accurate. These mountains were based on wind and clouds. They were as small as normal rocks but as large as mountains. There were no historical records of how many levels of mountains folding skies had, or how many skies, because to date no one has reached the peak of folding skies bewildering world.

Folding skies bewildering world was a tenth rank bewildering world. Getting ranked at that meant humans couldn't enter easily.

Yet, folding skies were special not because it was tenth rank. In reality, tenth rank couldn't describe its rank accurately!

This was because even amongst the strongest emperor rank division, not many dared say they went through folding skies!

From very early on, Chu Mu had looked upon this great wonder of the world, the unknown wind world.

After binding wind spirit reached emperor rank, Chu Mu who loved to explore when training also entered folding skies.

Yet, the reason folding skies was called that was because it was full of layers, having many levels of skies!

Only after stepping in folding skies, did Chu Mu finally understand that the skies that everyone watched was only the first sky of folding skies!

At the time, Chu Mu already had four emperor ranks, yet this strength only allowed him to have the chance to train in first sky. Entering second sky for him was just a dream!

As wide as one could see, magnificent and powerful, the massive sky swirl was only the true folding sky's base. The peak that people saw wasn't even at the midpoint of the true folding skies!

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Between the second and first sky was a very clear chaotic wind belt. Past this wind belt, the wind power would become extremely powerful. At the same time, the mountains near that region would become larger. If one stood in the right place, it would feel like standing in valleys and mountains. If they were not spinning, one couldn't possibly tell that one was in the sky.

The black wind whistled by. In the second folding sky, a mountain with the top completely shaved flat was especially outstanding.

Calling it a mountain was less accurate than calling it a plain that was pulled from the ground!

This plateau was ten kilometers long and took up a very large part of second folding sky. Its top was completely empty while the sides were straight drops of thousands of feet!

The entire mountain was shaped in special shapes.

Standing at the center of this mountain range was like standing on a slightly elevated ground surface, vast and endless.....

Yet, it was this heavenly mountain edge that had a long haired man standing proudly!!

The chaotic winds buffeted his face and sent his hair afly.

Around him, countless black birds circled him and created an even smaller black swirl, ready to act.

These giant birds were natives of the second folding skies. Once intruders came, they would team up and expel them or kill them.

At the time, it was these giant birds that stopped Chu Mu from climbing onto second folding skies.

Yet, at this time the giant birds constantly swirled around this demonic long hair man and, though they were ready to act, they never acted.....

Yet, this man was unmoving, ignoring the existence of these birds completely!

“This is a good place, able to see the behind of the magnificent tianxia city - a grotesque shadow city.” The long haired man smiled.

His smile was handsome and devilish, the kind that could charm countless noble ladies. However, this was just his usual smile. In the people-less folding skies, he had no reason to hide the fakeness in his smile, as if this chilling fake smile was the truest version of him!

The long haired man continued to mutter to himself.

Tianxia City’s shadow! Only he knew that this shadow was never meant to be subordinate, and was never supposed to be calm!

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Immortal City

It was hard to imagine that such an immortal city that had gone through countless years suddenly experienced such a terrifying unrest!

All of this happened very suddenly. A few days ago, Chu Mu had just become patrol officer of immortal city, trying to seal back a few top tier monarchs and a Xuanzhen Beetle.

Yet, in just two days, the entire immortal city was now a terrifying prison!

Maybe the escape of Xuanzhen Beetle and other top tier monarchs was a forewarning. However, no one realized that this small warning would lead to such a large disaster!!

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The seals were breaking way faster than Chu Mu expected. As Chu Mu followed the green symbols within immortal city, he constantly ran into defending organisms!

Defending organisms similarly were sealed organisms. What was different was, once they were all released, an even stronger organism that they were guarding would appear!

Chu Mu often ran into pseudo emperor rank defending organisms. If their defending organisms were emperor rank, that meant that if Chu Mu would be just a tad slower, what would be blocking Chu Mu would be low class and even middle class emperor ranks!!

“Dead.....they’re all dead.....” lady shan was already scared spiritless.

Just now, Lady Shan’s demon stepped over a competition staff corpse!

At the same time Chu Mu and Lady Shan entered immortal city, 10 guards followed them. These ten guards were also unaware of this plot, so their average strength caused them to all die under the influence of the guarding organisms!

“This woman is terrifying.....” At this moment, Chu Mu’s heart was full of waves.

The woman he spoke of was defector young girl!

A while ago, Chu Mu didn't know defector young girls’ plans, defeating them rashly. Originally, he thought the defector young girls’ plans were completely foiled, and would have to wait until next battle of the realm to do something again.

Yet, Chu Mu never would have thought that the parts he touched upon was just a corner of her massive plot!!

Everything he did before only delayed the time by two years!!!

“If this storm happened while battle of the realm happened.....” Chu Mu thought, and his heart went into greater turmoil.

If this happened, then all of the young generation experts would die!!

Tianxia Realm’s future spirit emperors almost half came from the outstanding players in tianxia realm. Once the plan succeeds, not only would young woman destroy some spirit masters, she would be destroying half of the next generation of spirit emperors!

From the current situation one can see that killing the young generation members was only a part of her plan!

Because, from the current defending organisms one can tell that the organisms that were truly sealed were very high ranking. Once they all broke through the seals, a large group of emperors with resentment built up through countless years would get released!

These emperors will cause a very shocking spatial collision with the departed world gates between immortal city and tianxia city!!!!

Chapter 699: Run Through Everything, Stepping on Frightening Large Seals

“Sousou~~~~~”

Suddenly, a white shadow flew by from Chu Mu!

Dealing with two pseudo emperor rank sealed organisms, Chu Mu immediately felt that it was familiar, and instinctively glanced over.

But, when he glanced over, he didn't see the figure anymore.

“Can it be something is following us?” Lady Shan asked suspiciously.

Chu Mu shook his head. Originally he wanted to use soul remembrance to track it, but the white figure was extremely fast. Even if Chu Mu used soul remembrance, he probably wouldn’t be able to catch up. If they weren’t stopping him, Chu Mu didn’t have the time to care.

“Wuwuwu!!!!!!!!!!”

Mo Xie’s claw flew past, and pushed the two pseudo emperor rank organisms away. Facing a low class emperor rank, pseudo emperor ranks were

Yet, every route of immortal city one would run into different strength defending organisms. This way, they will run into hard to defeat organisms eventually.

“Can’t follow the green signs, this takes too many detours!” Chu Mu thought.

Immortal city was full of seals. Green signified the safest path to leave immortal city. This route was very meandering, often having to go around two large seals just to cross a single street.

Such a route could ensure Chu Mu could meet lower ranking organisms, but organisms won’t stay in one place. Once the numbers got larger, not only will the emperor rank organisms cause trouble for Chu Mu, the monarch ranks creating whole teams will also be a big obstacle.

“You.....what are you doing!!” Suddenly, Lady Shan shouted out loud!

“I’ll cross through, you hide your own aura well.” Chu Mu said.

“Pass through.....don’t- you will alert countless seals!!” Lady Shan was defiant.

The immortal city seals were densely packed and many places had red marked seals. Passing straight through would trigger an unpredictably large amount of seals. Lady Shan would rather run straight into forbidden realm than go through immortal city!

Lady Shan's vigorous head shakes were completely ignored by Chu Mu. He told Mo Xie to speed up, and run straight into the red marked places, attempting to run out of immortal city in the shortest route possible.

Lady Shan kept screaming, yet Mo Xie's tail was holding onto her tightly. Even though she was completely unwilling, she was still dragged into the red seals by Chu Mu!!

"Dadadadada~~~~~"

Mo Xie's dark red footprints were left in immortal city's black ground. While she was running, she triggered countless seals that caused Lady Shan to turn deathly pale! Lady Shan was a staff member specially trained to deal with immortal city. These seals she mostly recognized. It was because she recognized them that every time Chu Mu's four emperor rank soul pets leaped over a truly formidable beast, her heart would shake violently.

"Ahead.....ahead is the main soul pet of the original Tianxia City four leads. It defected due to mental poison, and is a truly bloodthirsty middle class emperor rank. Chu Chen, you have to avoid..."

"Ah!!!!!!!!!!!" Before Lady Shan could finish speaking, Chu Mu and his four reckless soul pets again jumped through!

Originally, these seals remained rather stable. However, after Chu Mu's dash, all of the defending organisms appeared from within the seals. Countless ten meter tall rock giants immediately filled the space.

Lady Shan turned around while still startled, and saw the hundreds of monarch rank soul pets, causing her to almost faint.

"Devil Tree Battle Soldier, make some obstacles so they don't chase us." Chu Mu immediately told devil tree battle soldier at the back.

Devil Tree Battle Soldier's roots were dragging along the ground. Getting Chu Mu's command, Devil Tree Battle Soldier's python-like roots started flipping.

The surrounding were all ancient stone houses, many of which were unrooted by devil tree battle soldier and slammed together to create a great obstacle that stopped the following defending organisms.

“YOU.....you’re crazy!! Immortal City already has that many seals broken, aren’t you just waking up even more organisms?” Lady Shan’s voice was going hoarse.

Every stone house was a mini seal. What caused Lady Shan to go nearly insane was that Chu Mu went and woke up even more seals in such a chaotic situation. This was the “obstacle” that he was creating for the hundreds of monarch ranks?

Using defending organisms to stop defending organisms? Does this bastard Chu Chen not know that defending organisms always follow the one who awakens them?

“Since it’s already this chaotic, getting a little more chaotic won’t make a difference. Let’s save our own lives first.” Chu Mu turned around to check on it and gave Lady Shan a brief explanation.

Speaking of which, Chu Mu’s method of fighting fire with fire had some effect!

When the organisms from the small seal appeared, they immediately collided with the defending monarchs. The two parties didn’t have a consensus, and quickly clashes became a huge skirmish between the sealed organisms and the defending monarch ranks.

Lady Shan turned around with difficulty. Looking at the sealed city region several kilometers back, her face was slack.

Staying long term in Tianxia City, when had Lady Shan seen such a shocking image? Hundreds of monarch ranks and hundreds of monarch ranks fighting each other. The techniques flying around were like the annual firework celebration in the city, blossoming magnificently.

However, no matter how flashy the techniques were, Lady Shan only felt waves of coldness wash over her.

This was immortal city! Only Lady Shan knew just how many world destroying beasts were sealed away here. Creating such a fight in this place was pouring oil over the raging fire!

“Longlonglonglong~~~~~”

Rolling smoke covered this region, the chaos hitting more seals and causing the immortal city’s ground to shake nonstop.

Yet, the start of all this trouble very calmly dashed out of the chaos, running through everything.....

“CHU CHEN, I.....I’d rather die here.....die here than let you continue to break seals!! Do you know how terrifying of a result running through like that would cause!!” Lady Shan was about to break down!

his Chu Chen definitely didn’t come to protect immortal city. He might as well be on the same side as the terrorists that planned to disrupt immortal city!!

Going through, Lady Shan even counted. This bastard triggered over ten emperor rank seals, with low class emperor ranks and even two or three middle class emperor ranks.

One had to know that immortal city middle class emperor ranks needed an application, approval from ten competition officials, as well as one of the four leads before one can get near and unseal it.....

楚暮这一番横冲直撞，三位首席要是知道了，恐怕会气得喷血！

Chu Mu’s brash passing would probably cause the three chief leads to spew blood in anger!

And Lady Shan as a patrolling officer would not only be fired, she may be put into Maze Prison and her soul pets locked into Immortal city.....eh.....immortal city was already in chaos, they may be sent to the even more terrifying sealed tower!

When Chu Mu passed through, he kept the mentality that immortal city was already chaotic, so a little more chaos won’t do any harm.

“In reality, the chaos was still in its infant phases. The amount of emperor ranks that actually awoken weren’t that many. The chaos that Chu Mu caused wasn’t adding a little bit of trouble onto the existing chaos. It was lighting another fire , while the first was just spreading.....

Of course, if Chu Mu didn't do this, with the previous meandering route, Chu Mu and his soul pets would definitely be trapped within immortal city!

"402, 390, 320....."

"100.....140....."

In immortal city, all the seals had numbers. The first thousand seals were all marked red!

As for the first 500, those seals were in an unmistakable and glaring red!

Lady Shan was already numb later on. Just by stepping on seals, as long as they didn't step on any within 200 meters, they could still be saved.....

Just then, Chu Mu jumped right over a seal numbered 140, causing Lady Shan to faint immediately!

After not too long, Lady Shan woke back up in the bumpiness and pointed at Chu Mu angrily, "Chu Chen, I.....I can very responsibly tell you that even if we get out alive, we're dead meat!"

Chu Mu didn't know what the numbers on the seals meant. Once they ran all the way out of the city, Chu Mu instead let out a breath in relief.

Even in forbidden realm, Chu Mu hadn't been this nervous. Running through a sealed city almost solely of monarch rank soul pets and above, meeting pseudo emperor, low class emperor, and even middle class emperor ranks was something he hadn't experienced ever.

Lady Shan's mental capacity was much weaker. The screaming, eye-closing, painful crying, and fainting, from these emotions one could see just how many seals Chu Mu triggered and how powerful they were.

Of course, not all of the seals that Chu Mu stepped on would release their organisms. However, with the domino effect, the immortal city was already incredibly chaotic with many organisms roaming around. The defending organisms were against the sealed organisms and would eventually all get killed. Then, the great seals will all break!!

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Running out of immortal city, Chu Mu specially turned around to glance at it.

The entire immortal city was very vast and one couldn't see the ends of it. Chu Mu could see, however, that many regions were already billowing with smoke, with vicious glints inside appearing.....

“Let's return to Tianxia City and report this.....” Lady Shan said soullessly.

“There's no point in reporting, the competition staff know of this upheaval in immortal city already.” Chu Mu said.

“How do you know?” Lady Shan couldn't follow the logic.

Chu Mu lifted his head and watched the chaotic region outside immortal city and furrowed his brows, “The door is sealed.”

The chaotic region was departed world gates, the spatial gate between immortal city and tianxia city.....

Now, the gate that opened inwards was tightly closed. Before, as long as one used soul remembrance to communicate with the outside world, the gate guardian would open the gate and let them leave.

Yet, now Chu Mu couldn't even transmit his soul remembrance outwards.....

This meant the departed world gates were completely sealed!

Chu Mu and Lady Shan were locked in this rioting immortal city of death!!

Chapter 700: Universally Shocking Conspiracy, Hunting Tianxia

Tianxia City

On its surface, the city seemed exactly as usual. The streets were filled with an unending flow of people as different ranked soul pet trainers would mingle, trade and purchase in public locations.

Of the nearly 10 million people in this ultra large city, 99 percent of these people were doing as they normally would. These people formed the vital parts of society and formed the basis for human civilization...

However, they were also the most ignorant group of people.

If something big happened, they were the first group of people that the news of the big event would be hidden from. It was rare that they learned of these big events.

Indeed, they did not know that right now, all of the upper echelons of Tianxia city were congregating at a certain location.

They did not know either that hidden messages had been sent through special channels to the hands of all spirit emperors in Tianxia Realm.

Even the spirit emperors on the outskirts of Tianxia City had been informed and forcibly required to return to Tianxia City!

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All of these spirit emperors hurrying to Tianxia City didn't know what had happened; nonetheless, they had to return to Tianxia City as fast as possible because the message delivered to them had ordained this. If one was late without any excuse, he or she could be imprisoned for 10 years!

This was the highest order in Tianxia Realm. Although many of the spirit emperors had never obtained such a domineering order like this before, they didn't hesitate.

"What happened? Why did they suddenly send the highest gathering order?!" asked Blue Kingdom Lord Zhao Qinghe.

En route to Tianxia City, Zhao Qinghe encountered the neighboring Kingdom Lord, Duan Yi. Duan Yi and Zhao Qinghe had a bit of enmity between the two of them, but right now, they had no thoughts of the conflict between their two kingdoms.

"How would I know? I just had a daughter, and I was about to throw a celebration for her being a month old. But then I got this Tianxia competition authority order. I thought it was a meaningless order to gather at first and was planning on continuing by daughter's celebration. However, my Kingdom Lord writ suddenly lit up, making me realize that this was the highest possible gathering order. If I was a bit slower, I would no longer be a Kingdom Lord and perhaps the next time I would be able to see my daughter would be when she could summoned her first pet." bitterly laughed Duan Yi.

"The last time the highest possible gathering order was issued was many years ago I think. The reason for this time's cannot be small..." said Zhao Qinghe.

"It was either ten or nearly twenty years ago. I don't remember. In any case, I was just a brat back then." said Duan Yi.

“It doesn’t matter. We should head to Tianxia City as fast as possible. We’ll switch between your and my wing type soul pets, so that way we’ll be faster.” said Blue Kingdom Lord Zhao Qinghe.

Duan Yi nodded his head.

Frantic exchanges like that between Zhao Qinghe and Duan Yi occurred throughout the various kingdoms in Tianxia Realm.

Aside from special areas which the Tianxia competition authorities determined had to be protected, spirit emperor experts with enough strength were required to gather!

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Tianxia City.

To the east of the Realm Thrones was the Tianxia competition authority’s supreme conference hall. When big matters happened in the past, all spirit emperors would discuss it here.

The leaders of the conference were the three chiefs of the Tianxia competition authorities: Nightmare Palace’s Elder Xie Tao, Soul Pet Palace’s Elder Hai Qiu and Soul Palace’s Elder Ting.

Originally the leader should have been Tian Ting, but everyone knew that he had died from the half devil. His position was still empty, and big matters were dealt with by the other three.

The highest point of the great hall was the golden throne, which belonged to Li Hong. However, it was rare for the realm's king to stay in Tianxia City. Although the order had been dispatched, it was unknown when Tianxia Realm's strongest person, Li Hong, would arrive.

Normally, even if a secondary rank order to gather was given, many spirit emperors would appear in this great hall. Before the conference started, they would talk with each other, discussion abuzz.

However, this time the highest gathering order had been given. There were very few spirit emperors in hall; barely even fifty!

Normally there would be over 100 spirit emperors in Tianxia City. Even if spirit emperors were training in the wild, there would still be 30 percent in the city.

So why were there so few here right now?!

The main reason was because the fight between the Heavenly Devil Insects and humans in the eastern front hadn't ended yet. Most spirit emperors were embroiled in this conflict so Tianxia city was lacking in experts.

"There really isn't anyone at the senior elder level here..." Xie Tao let out a heavy sigh.

Most of the three big factions' senior elder level figures were at Wanxiang City. Occasionally there would be one or two of them here. However, right now Tianxia City was very unlucky and none were here. There were even only a few elder level figures. This really stressed out the three leaders.

“Her Majesty is in Tianxia City right now. She has already gone to Departed World Gates, and is discussing things with old man Jing Jian. Before she comes here, we should take charge of the situation.” said Soul Palace’s Elder Ting.

The higher ups knew that Her Majesty was in Tianxia City and this was perhaps the only thing worth rejoicing over.

Elder Hai Qiu was at his wits end. He let out a cough, indicating for the anxious spirit emperors to quiet down.

Normally most of the spirit emperors at these conferences would be very casual. After all, they were all experts and had their own tempers. However, when Hai Qiu coughed, everyone obediently sat down. They all turned and looked at the three leaders. Perhaps this was the only time in the past dozen of years that all these spirit emperors had been so obedient; this demonstrated the severity of this matter!

“This time, every spirit emperor in our Tianxia City has been humiliated. While being humiliated, we are faced with a terrifying crisis.” Elder Hai Qiu’s tone was very deep. His voice pressured the lower strength spirit emperors so much they couldn’t even breathe.

“Elder, what on earth happened?” Great Kingdom Lord Huang Yu was the first to display impatience.

“Yes, why did you issue the highest gathering order? If it’s only to make a big fuss over a small matter...”

“The last matter that caused the highest gathering order to be issued still makes my heart palpitate.”

Elder Hai Qiu pushed his hands down, indicating for everyone to not talk as they pleased.

After waiting for things to quiet, Elder Hai Qiu continued: “I also hope it’s making a big fuss over a small matter. However, this is definitely not that - Immortal City has been invaded!”

“Immortal City has been invaded? How is that possible? Immortal City is a space, and the only entrance is Departed World Gates. Did Elder Jian doze off?!”

“Immortal City has always been stable. Scholars predicted that nothing would happen in the next twenty years. Moreover, they also said that it could contain numerous emperor seals. How could there just be a problem like that?”

The only thing that could affect Tianxia City was the sealed city hidden under Tianxia City’s shadow. The existence of this city was not known by ordinary people. Only spirit emperors understood that there was but one entrance to this city from Tianxia City!

“I can’t have you all talk first! Shut your mouths!! Right now, I’m telling you about the matter; it isn’t question and answer period!” the temperamental Xie Tao angrily roared!

This matter was already a humiliating thing to all these spirit emperors and could also bring about a huge storm. Thus, Xie Tao was already at his wits end!

Hai Qiu glanced at the temperamental Xie Tao and sighed before continuing: “The 1000’s seals in Immortal City have been undone, and the guardian creatures have mysteriously awakened. This has caused the great seals to become unsteady. Moreover, the creatures from the 1-100 seals have begun to wantonly attack their seals. The heavenly diagram under Immortal City have begun to crack. The cracks are currently expanding. In the next period of time, more and more creatures will walk out of their seals and begin to roam around Immortal City.”

“In this chaos in Immortal City, there are an innumerable number of monarch rank guardian and sealed creatures. Moreover, within the next ten days, there will become over 100 emperor rank creatures. By the 30th day, it’s very likely that the 1-100 sealed creatures will break free!”

The sealed creatures from the 1-100 seals!

It was these numbered seals that made the spirit emperors go pale. Immortal City had ostensibly existed for as long as Tianxia City had. Countless years had passed since, but the creatures in the first 100 seals were undoubtedly catastrophe level creatures that could wreak havoc in this world. Any of these creature’s techniques would be able to destroy a large part of a city. If these creatures were released, Tianxia City would descend into chaos!

“We were unable to detect such a big matter. This is why I said this is the humiliation of all spirit emperors in Tianxia City. This is clearly a meticulously crafted enormous plot that took many years to plan. The aim is to destroy Tianxia Realm!”

Elder Hai Qiu paused for a moment. At this point, others could feel that this elder was a bit nervous. His voice was slightly trembling and within it were tinges of anger, resentment, humiliation and helplessness. Together, it formed an extremely complicated emotion.

“There’s something else that made the three of us truly feel how scary the person who plotted this is.” at this point, Elder Ting began to add his own input.

“The timing of this crisis is terrifying. It happened to be just as our fight with the Heavenly Devil Insects broke out, and the point where our protection of Tianxia City is the weakest!”

Elder Ting's words instantly silenced the great hall!

Being able to reduce Immortal City to this state was already an earth-shattering matter. Yet, it was also done right when the fight with the Heavenly Devil Insects broke out!

This conspirator taking advantage of the timing was completely unexpected, and made everyone alarmed.

However, if there was some connection between the Heavenly Devil Insect conflict, and the Immortal City chaos, this meant that the Heavenly Devil Insect was part of the huge plot. An enormous plan created by a strategic expert.

The fight and the chaos were only backdrops to a huge storm. Thus, how earth-shattering would this plot be?!!

All of the spirit emperors here felt a wave of chilliness!

Just a day ago, the entire Tianxia City was peaceful. But, in the blink of an eye, the winds had changed, the sky and earth had been overturned and a calamity had descended!

Perhaps the most terrifying part of this wasn't the actual calamity, but the fact that no one had detected the arrival of it. Nor had anyone predicted it.

The god of death had managed to silently grip everyone's throats. And when it suddenly exerted strength, that was when people finally realized they were facing death!!