

Eternal Heart 102

Chapter 102: Manor

"Several of you, can't recognize Mount Tai even with your dog eyes. Offer this young hero a seat quickly

Ancestor Chen sternly ordered, and Family Head Chen Tianwei and the others looked at Fang Haofei with shock and disbelief, their faces pale.

The burly teenager trailing behind Chen Yu was treated like a guest of honor by Ancestor Chen, even showing a respectful demeanor.

Ancestor Chen was serious, his heart stirred by amazement.

This thick-eyebrow youth, appearing to be seventeen or eighteen years old, had a profound cultivation level that even he could hardly perceive.

Not yet twenty, yet already at the Mid-stage of Refining.

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In the secular world, this would be considered earth-shattering, unimaginable.

You see,

Ancestor Chen, who was over eighty years old, only possessed the Refining Organ Stage cultivation because of his mediocre talent and ordinary Spiritual Body. Breaking through to the Refining Organ Stage in his thirties or forties,

The late breakthrough led to exhausted potential, leaving him unable to make much progress in the following decades.

Compared to this youth, Ancestor Chen's achievements felt shameful and unbearable.

"May I ask for the honorable name of this young hero? Our hospitality has been lacking, please forgive us

Ancestor Chen apologized with a cupped fist bow.

Quickly,

Several elders of the Chen family rushed to fetch a chair for Fang Haofei.

Chen Tianwei and the others, feeling anxious and nervous, could hardly believe that someone whom Ancestor Chen treated with such respect had almost been mistaken for a servant by them.

One could imagine,

This thick-eyebrow youth's cultivation was at least at the Refining Organ Stage, undoubtedly making him a talented elite within their sect.

"Uncles and elders, please don't be so courteous! I'm really just a follower."

Fang Haoifei waved his hand and chuckled.

A follower? That must be a joke!

How could Ancestor Chen believe that, feeling even more uneasy, fearing that the guest was displeased and speaking ironically.

"Young hero! Please, no jokes."

"It's overwhelming for us."

The higher-ups of the Chen family were uneasy.

Fang Haoifei couldn't help but laugh and cry, "On this mission, Junior Brother Chen is the team leader! All actions have to follow his commands. Uncles and elders, no need for formalities."

What!

Chen Yu is the leader?

This talented young disciple of the sect was really just a follower?

The high-ranking elders of the Chen family stood dumbstruck, their jaws almost dropping.

They were stunned!

Ancestor Chen, Chen Tianwei, including Father Chen and Mother Chen, all bore a look of bewildered astonishment.

This was beyond acceptance.

Half a year ago, wasn't Chen Yu just a peripheral disciple of the outer sect? At that time, the family had even given up on supporting him with resources.

It was only in the recent months that Chen Yu had entered the inner sect and begun to rise within the Yunyue Sect.

However,

Judging by the thick-eyebrow youth's demeanor and tone, he didn't seem to be pretending.

"Brother Fang, just sit back and relax. If you feel uncomfortable, you can also take a stroll around."

Chen Yu said with a smile.

"Alright."

Fang Haoran shrugged and walked out of the hall. The internal affairs of the Chen family were not appropriate for him, an outsider, to participate in.

Only after Fang Haoran had left,

Did the higher-ranking elders of the Chen family gradually recover.

Ancestor Chen and the others, as they looked toward Chen Yu, had a more complex and indescribable expression in their gaze.

Even if they were foolish, they could understand one thing: Chen Yu in the Yunyue Sect was definitely no longer just an ordinary disciple.

"Yu'er. Are you really the leader for this outing? That talented disciple just now probably has a Refining Organ Stage cultivation and seemed to acknowledge you as the leader."

Mother Liu Wen asked spontaneously with joy and anticipation in her eyes.

"Because I wanted to pass by Xiangyang City on the way, I managed to secure the leadership. Technically, the leader does hold the initiative over the mission."

Chen Yu replied.

Facing his mother, he dared not neglect her.

Just unsure if his parents knew about him kicking his fiancée during the Falling Iron gambling battle.

Upon receiving confirmation from Chen Yu,

Both Father Chen and Mother Chen were overjoyed beyond expectation. Ancestor Chen also wore a satisfied expression, proud that the Chen family had produced such a remarkable individual.

But Family Head Chen Tianwei, that white-bearded elder, had a crestfallen and awkward expression.

Previously,

These two had pressured Chen Yu into a marriage, even going so far as to cut off resources to him.

"Let's not mention the past for now. I purposely took a detour back this time to look around, one of the reasons being that engagement."

Chen Yu subtly shifted the topic.

That engagement was not his true intention.

Moreover,

According to unofficial news Chen Yu had heard within the sect, Yi Yunfei had long admired Chu Wanyu, and it seemed that affection had developed between them.

Even if Chen Yu risked offending Yi Yunfei to marry Chu Wanyu, it would be a loveless union.

After Chen Yu explained his reasoning, the elders of the Chen family looked at each other in dismay.

If it had been earlier,

These elders might have insisted emphatically.

To marry for the benefit of the family, what's sacrificing some personal interest? Especially since in the past, it seemed to them that Chen Yu marrying Chu Wanyu was already aiming high.

"Yu'er, this matter is a bit troublesome."

Father Chen Tiande suddenly spoke.

Tricky?

Chen Yu looked towards his father.

At this moment, the room was silent as if gripped by a chill. The other elders didn't dare to speak rashly.

"Firstly, the Chu Family is one of the major families in our country. Its strength far surpasses ours. It's said their family even has Postnatal Qi Transformation Experts in residence."

Father Chen sighed.

Chen Yu frowned slightly.

Indeed, the Chu Family was powerful. Terminating the engagement on his own would offend this enormous clan.

"Secondly, nowadays, the Bone Demon Palace is invading. Its disciples have reached the 'Beiyun Six Counties,' and even our Xiangyang City has been unstable lately. The secular minions of the Bone Demon Palace have even come to tempt or threaten us into subjugation. Otherwise, once the Bone Demon Palace invades here, our clan will be annihilated!"

Father Chen expressed with difficulty.

"The infiltration of the Bone Demon Palace into the secular world has reached this extent? The Chen Family has already received warnings and threats."

Chen Yu's expression was solemn.

"Because of your engagement with Chu Wanyu, our Chen Family and Chu family formed an alliance. Chu Fengyun even promised that if the Chen Family faced a crisis, the Chu family would provide sanctuary

Family Head Chen Tianwei added.

"Are you saying that our family must rely on this verbal marriage agreement to survive under the protection of the Chu family?"

Chen Yu scoffed.

As far as he knew, strong families like the Chu family had been wiped out by the Bone Demon Palace.

If the Bone Demon Palace really attacked here, everything would be in vain.

A mere wedding contract, what effect could it have?

When the time came, the only option would be to abandon these secular properties and flee far away.

Can't hide in Chu Country? You can go to neighboring countries. With how vast the world is, there was surely somewhere to take refuge.

In the end,

Chen Yu decisively determined — that the marriage agreement had to be voided.

Mainly,

This deal was too unfavorable.

If he forcefully married Chu Wanyu, there was no telling how much enmity it would draw from Yi Yunfei, or even the Water Moon Sect.

The key issue was, other people were marrying for love.

Chen Yu was essentially an intruder who had already kicked his nominal fiancée.

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That very afternoon,

Chen Yu, accompanied by Fang Haofei and his parents, visited an estate on the southern outskirts of Xiangyang City.

This vast estate spanned thousands of acres.

In the center of the estate, there was a pond adorned with lotus leaves and fish creating ripples as they swam.

Beside the pond stood a residence in the pastoral style.

Around the residence,

Was a garden crowded with flowers and trees, from which the scent of flowers could be smelled even yards away.

"Wow! This place has a nice environment. It would actually be nice to cultivate here quietly for a while."

Fang Haofei admired.

This estate was Chen Yu's private territory.

That day, besides acquiring the territory after he had slain the Honghu Three Killers, he had also received ten thousand gold in rewards, most of which were used to refurbish and construct this estate.

"Master has seen,"

Upon entering the pastoral residence next to the pond, eight male and eight female servants stood by awaiting them.

In total, sixteen servants were responsible for managing the estate.

"Yu'er, are you satisfied with this estate? You haven't even finished spending that ten thousand gold in rewards."

Mother Liu Wen said with a smile.

"It's pretty good. Having a private estate was my past dream."

Chen Yu looked around, feeling fulfilled.

The estate had fertile land, mountains, and water. In addition to the flowers and trees near the courtyard, there were orchards and grain crops nearby, capable of self-sufficiency.

If one were to disregard the crisis of the Bone Demon Palace invasion, an ordinary person could live worry-free here for a lifetime.

That night,

Chen Yu spent the night in the estate with his parents.

The other elders of the Chen Family, also wisely, did not come to disturb Chen Yu.

In the depths of the night,

Inside the Wang Family Mansion in Xiangyang City,

In a secret room,

"Wang Family Master, what are your thoughts? If you could affiliate yourself with the Bone Demon Palace early on, acting as insiders, once Chu Country is unified, you will be treated as heroes."

A young man with a hooked nose, lounging with crossed legs,

Stood beside him, a man and a woman, both exuding a malevolent aura.

All three were in the Organ Refining Stage.

Across from them,

A middle-aged man with a beard gritted his teeth, "As long as you can capture and kill Chen Yu, we will consider joining your palace. This boy is the prime suspect behind my son's disappearance. We are almost ninety percent certain that my son, Wang Lingyun, is no longer among the living."

The bearded middle-aged man was the Wang Family Master.

"Chen Yu? The Yunyue Sect disciple you mentioned? This boy is within the sect, how do we make a move?"

The hooked-nose youth huffed.

A venerable elder by the side of Wang Family Master spoke up, "We have just received news that Chen Yu has returned to Xiangyang City!"

"This boy is in Xiangyang City? A Meridian Passage Stage Inner Sect Disciple?"

A smirk filled with intrigue appeared on the youth's face, and he shared a knowing look with the man and woman beside him.

This was like a dream come true, with someone bringing a pillow as one dozed off.

The three of them, as peripheral members of the Bone Demon Palace, could earn significant merit if they managed to kill an Inner Sect Disciple from one of the three sects.

Moreover,

Once they could capture and kill Chen Yu, they could pull the Wang Family into the Bone Demon Palace's camp.

This was truly a golden opportunity to kill two birds with one stone.

"A mere Meridian Passage Stage, not a problem. But if we kill this boy, you must ensure that as the Bone Demon Palace's insiders in the secular world, you provide an intelligence network

The youth with the hooked nose smirked.

"If your palace can capture and kill this boy, naturally it counts. After all, our Wang Family is now hard-pressed to stand firm in Xiangyang City, being overtaken by the Chen and Mu families."

Wang Family Master said indifferently.

Beside him, the venerable elder nodded in agreement.

"You need to be careful. Chen Yu's true strength is said to be equivalent to the Refining Organ stage, and he seems to have a peer at the same cultivation level."

Wang Family Master stressed.

"Don't worry! Tonight, we will bring his head over."

The hooked-nose youth laughed loudly.

Swish swish!

A gust of chilling wind swirled, and three figures, ghost-like, merged into the night.

Watching the three from the Bone Demon Palace depart,

Wang Family Master and Elder Wang exchanged glances, each heaving a sigh.

"Looking at the current situation, it's only a matter of time before the three sects can no longer resist the 'Bone Demon Palace.' It is said that decades ago, the Bone Demon Palace almost wiped out the three sects; if not for the neighboring countries watching, their plot would have succeeded. Now, having recuperated for several decades, they likely won't make the same mistake and are sure to succeed," Elder Wang sighed.

"Setting this palace against Chen Yu is partially to seek revenge for Yun'er, but it's also necessary to test this palace's sincerity. After all, the Bone Demon Palace is from an Evil Sect, and any slight mistake could doom our entire family."