

Eternal Heart 61

Chapter 61: Blood Essence and Evil Qi

"This... was definitely an accident."

Wu Yu chuckled dryly, and both of their expressions were somewhat unnatural.

They couldn't just say: We were secretly tracking Junior Brother Chen but ended up drawing this frighteningly large group of fierce birds.

"You two must have done something. These fierce birds are still lingering outside the cave, with no intention of leaving."

Yi Yunfei said solemnly.

"This... actually

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The two of them stammered for a while.

Eventually, it was Li Dakui who took out several dark brown bird eggs from his bag.

"You stole the eggs of the fierce birds?"

Yi Yunfei exclaimed angrily.

Chen Yu and Tong Yuling were also speechless.

No wonder these two were hated and relentlessly pursued by the fierce birds.

"My fellow disciple and I came to the Yunyuan Mountain Range intending to hunt for some fierce beast materials. Unexpectedly on our way, we stumbled upon a great battle among the fierce bird flocks

Wu Yu began to narrate.

A fierce bird flock battle?

Chen Yu felt a twinge of curiosity. Of course, the pretense they started out with could be ignored.

Chen Yu was certain, these two had followed him here.

Li Dakui said: "We took advantage of the fierce bird flock's battle with another flock of flying creatures, entered their nest, and stole some fierce bird eggs, not expecting to be marked for death."

"Hmph! You must have stolen the 'Fierce Bird King Egg', or else there wouldn't be such a commotion."

Yi Yunfei snorted coldly.

The two gave an embarrassed smile; this detail had not escaped Yi Yunfei's notice.

"How did I say, out of nowhere a flock of fierce birds attacked us suddenly. It turns out it's because you stole the Fierce Bird King Egg, alerting the entire flock."

Yi Yunfei's face darkened.

If it had not been for the fierce bird's first appearance, Yi Yunfei could have killed the Red-Horned Fierce Bull long ago, leaving no chance for Chen Yu and the others.

Chen Yu's face looked weird.

This meant that because of the presence of Li Dakui and his fellow, he and Tong Yuling managed to successfully kill the fierce bull and obtain its materials.

At that moment.

An ear-piercing screech reverberated from outside the cave, winds and sand swirling in a frenzy.

The cry sent tremors through their hearts and minds.

Looking outside, they were horrified to see a giant blackish-red fierce bird, accompanied by a tumult of black smoke like wind, hovering over the cave entrance without leaving.

"The Fierce Bird King! Likely a bird of prey with strength close to that of the Postnatal Qi Transformation."

Yi Yunfei's face grew even uglier.

Aside from this "Fierce Bird King", there were also larger fierce birds whose presence was not inferior to the previously encountered Red-Horned Fierce Bull and rivaled mid-stage of Refining.

Moreover, with thousands of fierce birds, if they were to break through forcefully, they would likely be devoured to the bone in an instant.

Boom!

Suddenly, a slight trembling came from the depths of the cave, as if a gigantic fierce creature was crawling out, and a wave of fishy odor and evil Qi hit their faces.

The pungent fishy evil Qi, as forceful as a bellows at work, was nearly as intimidating as the Fierce Bird King outside.

The five people present shivered with cold.

"Outside, there's definitely no escape."

Yi Yunfei regained his composure.

He and Li Dakui, both at Mid-stage Meridian Passage, exchanged a glance and quickly made a decision.

The five of them, with grim determination, carefully explored deeper into the cave.

Despite the presence of a terrifying creature in the depths of the cave, it was still preferable to facing the flock of fierce birds outside.

Hiss-roar! Whoosh!

A large fierce creature approached from within the cave, the violent fishy evil Qi causing their hearts to palpitate with unease.

"What a huge creature!"

Li Dakui growled, shaking the treasured blade in his hand to protect himself.

They all took a sharp breath as they focused their eyes.

In front of them.

A Blood Python nearly as thick as a water bucket, stretching five to six zhang long, was coiled ahead, its gaping maw and thick tongue exuding a ball of foul stench.

Its pair of eerie red eyes, in the dim cave, were like daunting oil lamps that chilled the heart.

"The aura of the Blood Python is close to the Postnatal Qi Transformation; at the very least, it is at the Peak of Refining. Only by joining forces can we fight."

Yi Yunfei took a deep breath.

At this point, there was no turning back; they had to fight with all they had!

All five present were no novices; each drew their weapons, forming a semi-encircling formation.

Yi Yunfei and Li Dakui confronted the Blood Python head-on.

Wu Yu, Tong Yuling, and Chen Yu stood to the sides and rear.

After a tense moment of standoff.

Finally, Li Dakui let out a battle cry and slashed with the treasured blade, releasing a wave-like ripple of blade energy aimed at the Blood Python's head.

Boom!

The Blood Python lunged suddenly, resembling a small red mountain; its thick body swept through the air, bringing up a whirlwind of blood shadows.

Thump!

Li Dakui groaned as he absorbed the hit and was knocked to the ground, tumbling haphazardly about.

Had he been fighting alone, he might have been swallowed by the Blood Python by now.

You beast!

Yi Yunfei's treasured sword slashed out an incredibly cold and sharp sword glow, cutting through the chill sword wind, and "puchi" struck the Blood Python.

On the body of the Blood Python appeared a half-inch deep, three-foot long cut.

This sword strike was far more powerful than any in the earlier skirmish with Chen Yu and company.

But the Blood Python was immensely strong with lightning-fast reflexes; its tail sweep pushed Yi Yunfei back, sword and all.

Following him, Wu Yu had a stroke of bad luck as he was forced to collide with the python's tail.

Thump!

Wu Yu was sent flying, slamming into the stone wall and coughing up blood. Any other mere Meridian Passage stage member would likely have been shattered.

Fortunately, at that moment.

Chen Yu and Tong Yuling attacked together, tying down the Blood Python.

Especially Chen Yu's Xuan Heavy Sword, dragging a shiny swath of sword Qi, slashed across the Blood Python's side, causing it to shriek and shiver.

Puchi-puchi!

Tong Yuling's Soft Sword, flashing a streak of blood, left several superficial cuts on the massive serpent.

"Die, you accursed beast!"

Li Dakui roared, joining Yi Yunfei, as blade and sword combined, their fierce attack unrelentingly striking the Blood Python.

With a hiss, the Blood Python cast a sweep of blood-colored shadows, nearly sealing off the nearby area.

Swoosh!

Yi Yunfei, with incredibly nimble movements, miraculously escaped through a gap.

Thud!

Li Dakui wasn't as lucky and was battered to the ground once more.

But fortunately.

Chen Yu and Tong Yuling arrived in time to rescue.

Especially Chen Yu, with a heavy slash of his sword, the tremendous force was capable of shaking the giant python's body.

On the scene,

Only he possessed such immense strength to disturb the Blood Python and perform a "bloody rescue."

In what followed,

Tong Yuling and Wu Yu were both beneficiaries of Chen Yu's "stage-saving."

Hiss!

The Blood Python hissed furiously, extremely irate, constantly attempting to charge at Chen Yu.

Xuan Heavy Sword transforms!

As Chen Yu hastily retreated, he mustered strength in his heart, and his Xuan Heavy Sword conjured a dark silver blade aura, like an iron wall.

His Iron Gang Sword technique was particularly adept at defense.

Bang thud!

The Blood Python's direct hit connected with the blade aura, which instantly shattered; but Chen Yu's body was so defensively strong and his movement so agile, that he managed to escape unscathed.

Seizing this moment, Yi Yunfei and Li Dakui, wielding their precious weapons, struck hard.

During the Blood Python's hissing, several wounds were left on its body.

"Leave the attack to us. Junior Brother Chen, you focus on the rescue and block it at crucial moments,"

Li Dakui said.

"Alright!" Chen Yu nodded.

After all,

When it came to destructive power, the other two at the Mid-stage of Refining with precious weapons in hand were to be counted on.

Especially Yi Yunfei. Not only was his attack the strongest on the field, but his movement mastery was also unpredictable like an elusive ghost.

Each of his attacks would leave a wound on the Blood Python, and he could swiftly retreat afterward.

"Truly worthy of a True Disciple."

Chen Yu secretly admired. At the same Mid-stage of Refining, Yi Yunfei was much stronger than Li Dakui.

Of course,

Chen Yu's role in restraining and timely "stage-saving" was also indispensable.

It ensured the integrity of the five-person team.

If one after another were to die, no matter how strong Yi Yunfei was, he would struggle against a Blood Python close to the Postnatal Qi Transformation stage.

Time slowly passed by.

Under the tight coordination of the five, the Blood Python bled profusely, and its injuries worsened.

Hiss!

Finally showing a trace of fear, the Blood Python dragged its badly wounded body toward the depths of the cave.

"Kill!"

Covered in tatters but exhilarated, Li Dakui chased after it to kill.

Everyone was also overjoyed.

The strength of this Blood Python was nearly at the Qi Transformation Realm, and every part of its body was a precious material.

Zing! Zing! Zing...

The five people chased and attacked, with Yi Yunfei leading in speed and continuing to inflict various injuries on the Blood Python.

During this,

The Blood Python tried to counterattack, only to be temporarily stopped by Chen Yu, the "stage-saving expert," with his "Xuan Heavy Sword transforms," without disturbing their formation.

After another bout of fierce attacking, the Blood Python, fatally wounded, fled into the depths of the cave.

Before long,

The Blood Python was cornered by the five at the end of the cave.

A large blood pool appeared in front of them, emanating astonishing bloodiness and Evil Qi.

Splosh!

The Blood Python leaped into the blood pool, though the pool could not completely submerge its enormous body.

"Don't stop! The Blood Python is using the power of the blood pool to recover its vitality and wounds

Tong Yuling shouted in alarm.

Chen Yu took a closer look and saw the wounds on the Blood Python, upon jumping into the blood pool, gradually healing, its color even seeming to improve.

"Attack!"

Everyone shuddered and immediately waged a fierce attack on the Blood Python in the blood pool.

At the Organ Refining Stage, inner breath could conduct long-range attacks, especially Yi Yunfei and Li Dakui, whose precious weapons wielded long-range Qi blades, causing the Blood Python to wail in agony.

With the lengthy and large Xuan Heavy Sword in hand, Chen Yu too dealt cruel blows to the Blood Python.

After about 15 minutes,

The Blood Python was, in frustration, beaten to death by the group. Its bitter eyes swept across Chen Yu and Yi Yunfei just before its death.

Gurgle gurgle!

The Blood Python's corpse caused eerie waves of blood in the pool, the water in the pool appearing even more viscous.

"This pool must contain some kind of Blood Spirit Mineral. Hurry up and handle the corpse, or all its vital blood essence will be wasted,"

Tong Yuling reminded.

They quickly got to work, jointly retrieving the Blood Python's corpse which was a treasure in its entirety.

However, the moment Tong Yuling stepped into the blood pool, an unexpected transformation occurred.

Crash!

Centered around Tong Yuling, a terrifying wave of Evil Qi surged in the blood pool, wrapping around her body like blood-colored twine.

"Save me!"

Tong Yuling was enveloped in the violent wave of blood and Evil Qi, her complexion ashen.

The Blood Jade Spirit Bamboo she carried close to her shone a cluster of bloody light, acting like an invisible vortex, drawing more of the blood Evil Qi wave, winding around her entire body.

Most of the blood Evil Qi flowed into the Blood Jade Spirit Bamboo, and some into her body.

Tong Yuling groaned, her beautiful face showing a hint of deep red, contorted in pain.

Crash!

Centered around her, the powerful wave of blood and Evil Qi sent the nearby people stumbling.

Chen Yu was closer to her and his face flashed with hesitation.

Snap!

Suddenly, his arm was grasped by Tong Yuling.

"You

Chen Yu was taken aback.

But in the instant his arm was grasped, a stream of Evil Qi flowed into him.

Boom!

The Yunyuan inner breath within him suddenly boiled, instantly melting upon contact with the blood Evil Qi, becoming one with it.

Thump thump! Thump thump!

Chen Yu's heart in his body began to beat wildly.

The stream of blood Evil Qi entering his body encountered an invisible "suction force," flooding inside with a rapidity several times more intense.

Rumbling!

In an instant, the entire blood pool's water transformed into thick blood snakes, winding around the two of them.

"What's happening!"

Li Dakui and the others retreated in shock.

They saw the man and woman in the pool had become like a pair of blood sculptures, attracting all the blood Evil Qi waves in the entire pool.

"These two

Yi Yunfei's complex expression showed a hint of envy.