

Eternal Heart 62

Chapter 62: Late-stage Meridian Passage

In the blood pool within the cave.

Chen Yu and Tong Yuling, arms connected, were enveloped and entwined by surging waves of Blood Evil Qi, looking like two blood-colored statues.

After clutching onto Chen Yu, the “lifeline,” the pained and twisted expression on Tong Yuling’s face greatly lessened.

"I’ve dragged you into this,”

Tong Yuling said, ashamed and self-blaming.

Her situation just then was like that of a drowning person, experiencing a subconscious desire for survival.

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"This is

Chen Yu discovered strands of blood-black Evil Qi within the surrounding blood waves that, under the attraction of the mysterious heart and Cloud Evil breath, were madly rushing into his body.

That terrifying power of the Evil Qi melded perfectly with the Cloud Evil Qi within his body.

Like a sponge absorbing water, his Cloud Evil breath grew step by step, rampaging through his meridians.

Hfff!

Within the blood waves, the crystal-clear bloodstreams were being absorbed by Tong Yuling's body. Chen Yu dimly saw within her clothes, a gleaming, blood-lit Blood Jade Stone, which looked very familiar.

So it turned out.

The blood pool contained not only the essence of blood but also, over the years, it had absorbed the massive Evil Qi from the nearby fierce beasts roaming the Yunyuan Mountain Range.

Tong Yuling's "Blood Jade Spirit Bamboo," though capable of absorbing the essence of blood, was heavily impacted by the massive accompanying Blood Evil Qi on its host.

If she couldn't bear the brunt of that Evil Qi, Tong Yuling might succumb to madness, or even turn into a ferocious demon that lost all reason.

Fortunately, she had grabbed hold of Chen Yu!

Chen Yu's "Cloud Evil Fist" required the accumulation of Evil Qi to boost his power.

But that alone was not enough.

The mysterious "suction" created by the heart within Chen Yu's body helped him to gather and contain the violent Blood Evil Qi.

Time passed.

Chen Yu felt his Cloud Evil Qi growing increasingly fierce and restless, as his body was nearly overflowing with the breath of the Blood Evil Qi.

Thankfully,

During the pulsations of the mysterious heart, the "suction" force further condensed most of the Blood Evil Qi, even pushing it bit by bit into his flesh and bones, with its essence converging into his heart.

Chen Yu felt his heart pounding with even more vigor.

After two hours.

The tumultuous Blood Evil waves calmed and dimmed.

The pool's bloody water mostly dried up, revealing a thin layer of dark mire.

There remained only some scraps of skin, flesh, and bones of the Blood Python.

"You two... have actually absorbed all the essence of the Blood Python's flesh and blood."

Yi Yunfei looked grim and unwilling.

Obviously,

An opportunity had been seized by Chen Yu and Tong Yuling.

By absorbing the massive essence of blood, Tong Yuling's beautiful face became radiant and alluring, her skin finer and smoother.

She glowed with health and beauty, as if she had been reborn.

Tong Yuling had only absorbed a small part of the essence of blood; the majority was taken by the “Blood Jade Spirit Bamboo” she wore; she didn’t have the same robust constitution as Chen Yu.

"Junior Brother Chen, I owe you big time,"

Tong Yuling said, her radiant face full of gratitude.

Chen Yu had absorbed the unnecessary Evil Qi “impurities” for her, making the essence of blood she absorbed exceptionally pure.

Incidentally, those “impurities” were precisely what Chen Yu’s Cloud Evil Qi needed.

At this moment, Chen Yu had no time to reply.

He sat cross-legged, doing his best to control the surging Qi within him, the Cloud Evil Qi growing fierce and restive.

THUMP! THUMP!

Several forceful beats of the mysterious heart steadied Chen Yu's blood flow and breath.

If it were anyone else, even another practitioner of "Cloud Evil Fist," they would likely suffer a backlash, with the risk of their body exploding and dying.

Chen Yu now needed to absorb and transform the violent Blood Evil Qi rampaging through his meridians.

Moreover, his flesh had absorbed and stored a great deal of Blood Evil Qi, which also posed the danger of "devouring its master."

After all, that Evil Qi was an external force, not cultivated by Chen Yu himself.

"This kid, the Blood Evil Qi in his body is so massive it far exceeds his own Qi; it'll backlash against him sooner or later!"

Yi Yunfei watched coldly.

Chen Yu hadn't gone mad or exploded yet, which was a surprise to him.

Two hours later.

Outside the cave, only a few of the Fierce Birds had left; most still lingered.

Chen Yu continually ran the “Cloud Evil Heart Method,” striving to maintain his core, transforming and absorbing the Blood Evil Qi within his body.

During this period, the several backlashes of the internal Evil Qi were all quelled by the mysterious heart.

Gradually,

Chen Yu got a hold of his Cloud Evil breath, and then proceeded to absorb the other Blood Evil Qi from his meridians, refining and strengthening himself.

Hmm?

Those present sensed that the fierce Qi around Chen Yu was gradually stabilizing and condensing.

At the same time.

The fluctuations of Qi in Chen Yu’s body were slowly climbing.

"This guy, he actually

Yi Yunfei wore a face of disbelief.

Chen Yu had actually tamed and refined a portion of the Blood Evil Qi, continuously growing in strength.

Two days later.

Ugh!

Chen Yu let out a low growl, his body generating gusts of pale black Evil winds, expelling a few streaks of bloody impurities.

Yi Yunfei and Li Dakui both looked shocked, as if they had seen a ghost.

"Congratulations, Junior Brother Chen, for taking another step up in your cultivation."

Tong Yuling said, beaming.

"Late-stage Meridian Passage? That's beyond expectations

Chen Yu exhaled deeply.

These two days, his sole focus had been to stabilize his Qi and tame the Blood Evil Qi wreaking havoc inside.

As a result,

After stabilizing his internal condition, the Cloud Evil Qi swelled to its limits, forcefully opening up a third external meridian network within his body and running unhindered.

This signified that Chen Yu had ascended to the late-stage of Meridian Passage!

However,

Chen Yu wore a mixed expression of joy and concern.

He was happy, as he had unexpectedly advanced to the late stage of Meridian Passage.

His concern, however, was that the breakthrough with the aid of external forces made him feel that his cultivation was unstable, far less solid than before.

After all, with his talent, it would normally take at least a year to break through to the late stage of Meridian Passage.

"You two, having gained so many benefits, shouldn't you give something in return?"

Yi Yunfei was clearly unwilling to accept this outcome.

Chen Yu and Tong Yuling couldn't help but look towards the blood pool.

In the blood pool, there was a layer of brittle pale red crystal debris and the remnants of the Blood Python's corpse.

All the opportunities within had been seized by Chen Yu and his companion.

Logically speaking, the Blood Python was killed by the collective efforts of five people, so everyone should have a share, not to mention the opportunities presented by the blood pool itself.

After some discussion, the five made a division of the spoils.

Chen Yu and his partner gave the Fierce Bull's Horn and its essence blood to Yi Yunfei.

Tong Yuling, having absorbed such a vast and pure Blood Essence, naturally did not need the essence blood of the Fierce Bull.

Chen Yu also retained the essence marrow of the savage bull, leaving everyone more than satisfied.

Besides.

Li Dakui and Wu Yu, having attracted so many Fierce Birds, brought disaster upon everyone.

This disaster was faced together by all.

The two reluctantly handed over a Fierce Bird King Egg to Yi Yunfei.

Only then did Yi Yunfei's expression slightly soften.

During the battle with the Blood Python, he was one of the main forces, and he had been affected by the flock of fierce birds twice, so no one objected.

Of course.

The biggest advantage was still taken by Chen Yu and Tong Yuling. But there was nothing Li Dakui and the others could do about it; even if the blood pool were intact before them, they lacked the ability to utilize it.

"Junior Brother Chen, what do you think about trading these two Fierce Bird King Eggs, along with the earlier elixirs and Primordial Stones, for your Qi Storage Pill?"

Li Dakui said with a naive smile.

Qi Storage Pill?

Yi Yunfei looked at Chen Yu in surprise; even he was very tempted by such an elixir, and this boy actually had one?

"The items Senior Brother Li has offered are enough to trade for a Qi Storage Pill,"

Said Tong Yuling with a smile.

Chen Yu understood that Li Dakui's trade proposal this time was far more sincere than the last.

However.

Although the Fierce Bird King Egg was valuable, the chances of successfully hatching it and raising a flying bird pet were uncertain, not to mention the years of effort and price that it might require.

The Qi Storage Pill, on the other hand, brought immense benefits when taken during the Organ Refining Stage and could even lay a solid foundation for a future assault on the Qi Transformation Realm.

One was a long-term benefit in value, the other provided immediate effectiveness.

Thus, Chen Yu rejected the proposal once again.

Li Dakui was greatly disappointed, but since he had gained a lot this time, he might be able to obtain a Qi Storage Pill in the future.

"May I ask this Junior Brother Chen, your esteemed name?"

Yi Yunfei suddenly spoke.

He became interested in Chen Yu.

This young man not only had a Qi Storage Pill, but the Cultivation Technique he practiced seemed to be related to the Yunyue Sect's foundational Yuan Sha Divine Skill.

Such a character must have a significant background; why hadn't he heard of him before?

"Ha ha!"

Wu Yu shook his head and laughed: "His name is Chen Yu, our Junior Brother, not some figure you imagine. His Qi Storage Pill was won by ranking first in the outer sect competition. Unlike Mr. Yi, you're the son of the Water Moon Sect Master, born into nobility

Yi Yunfei... the son of the Water Moon Sect Master?

Chen Yu silently marveled, no wonder this person was so young yet possessed such strong cultivation and was a True Disciple of the Water Moon Sect.

"Chen Yu... you are that Chen Yu!"

Yi Yunfei's face darkened.

What was wrong?

Everyone present looked at Yi Yunfei, puzzled.

"I am Chen Yu. Do you know me, Mr. Yi?"

Chen Yu was completely baffled.

Before the outer sect competition, Chen Yu had always been a peripheral disciple of Yunyue Sect, and could never have crossed paths with a major figure like Yi Yunfei, the son of the Sect Master.

"Are you from the Chen Family of Xiangyang City?"

Yi Yunfei's gaze turned fierce as he stared intently at Chen Yu.

"That's right."

Chen Yu felt something was amiss.

"Then there's no mistake, take this

The handsome features of Yi Yunfei darkened with murderous intent and fury.

Before he finished speaking, he struck out a palm towards Chen Yu.

Whoosh!

A swirling cold palm force with an astonishing momentum pressed towards Chen Yu, even stronger than the attack that had previously injured Tong Yuling.

"Careful!"

Tong Yuling cried out in alarm.

Yi Yunfei's strike was extraordinary. Most in the Organ Refining Stage would struggle to resist it, potentially suffering severe life-threatening injuries.

The powerful chill of the inner energy, even from a distance, made Chen Yu's blood seem to freeze.

Cloud Evil Palm!

Chen Yu's anger flared without name, with a heavy heartbeat, the surging Cloud Evil Qi in his body burst forth.

Boom!

The moment that palm strike was made, an astonishing Evil Qi surged from his body, bringing forth a column of Killing Aura Fist Shadow as thick as a water bucket, taking on the vague shape of a python.

"Concentrated Evil Qi in the fist strike!"

Li Dakui and Wu Yu on the other side exclaimed in a low voice.

Chen Yu was equally astonished.

This palm strike had unexpectedly released some of the remaining Blood Evil Qi in his body. The Cloud Evil Qi within him, suppressed for so long, had burst forth like floodwaters through a broken dam.

Therefore, even without activating the explosive method of the heart, he managed to execute "Concentrated Evil Qi in the fist strike."

What was even more astounding was that this time, the Killing Aura Fist Shadow vaguely took on the form of a Blood Python, with even denser Evil Qi.

Boom!

The swirling icy palm force collided with the python-shaped Evil Qi fist strike.

Instantly, a blast of air and stone chips flew in all directions, sweeping across several yards, causing the cave where everyone was to tremble.