

Eternal Heart 64

Chapter 64: The Mole

The Yin Stone Coffin!

Chen Yu and his companions exchanged glances.

It seemed that Elder Mao must know a thing or two about the mysterious coffin.

Under their curious and inquisitive gaze,

Mao Qiuyu began, “Just a few days ago, two large families in Chu Country, each with a patriarch in the Qi Transformation Realm, were wiped out overnight, leaving no survivors.”

Whole families wiped out?

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A chill ran down Chen Yu’s spine. These were families with patriarchs in the Qi Transformation Realm, more than ten times stronger than his own Chen Family.

Such families were titans in the secular world, second only to the Chu Country Sects, and they had intricate ties with several major sects.

"Was the extermination the work of the Yin Stone Coffin?"

Wu Yu inhaled sharply.

"That's right."

Elder Mao's voice was low and measured, "These two families, fifty years ago, were both under the influence of Bone Demon Palace and then betrayed it during the great battle between good and evil in Chu Country!"

Bone Demon Palace, the great battle, betrayal.

Keywords linked together in Chen Yu's mind.

The Bone Demon Palace was once the foremost power of Chu Country, its fame reaching even the mysterious lady "Ye Luofeng" in Qi Country.

In his memory,

The Bone Demon Palace had suffered a crushing defeat in the battle between good and evil, gradually fading into obscurity and keeping a low profile for decades, rarely making an appearance.

"All signs indicate that Bone Demon Palace is poised to make a comeback, and its disciples will emerge from hiding. In the coming period, you must be cautious when traveling outdoors and better not to be alone,"

Elder Mao warned.

Chen Yu and the others nodded again and again, well-aware of the fearsome reputation of Bone Demon Palace.

However,

Chen Yu found it strange that during that battle, Yunyue Sect, Water Moon Sect, and Iron Sword Sect didn't push their advantage to completely eradicate this demonic cult.

Evidently, there were many secrets surrounding that battle.

"As for the mystery person inside the 'Yin Stone Coffin,' you'd better not speculate wildly. Sometimes, knowing too much is not a good thing."

Elder Mao stifled their curiosity.

Then,

He narrowed his eyes and scrutinized Chen Yu,

"Hehe, it looks like you've had quite the stroke of good fortune. It's only been a few days, yet you've broken through to the Late-stage Meridian Passage."

Chen Yu felt uncomfortable under his piercing gaze.

Li Dakui and Wu Yu wore envious expressions.

The group recounted their fortune from the blood pool.

"Hmph!"

Elder Mao smirked coldly, "There's always a price for what is gained. Such a forceful enhancement of cultivation through external means is fraught with major complications."

"Complications!"

A chill settled in Chen Yu, and he felt a surge of cold and vicious energy rising within him.

Snap!

In a flash, Mao Qiuyu's palm landed on Chen Yu's shoulder.

Whoosh~

A stream of pale cyan Innate True Qi, unstoppable and immensely powerful, surged into Chen Yu's meridians.

Instantly,

The Cloud Evil inner breath within Chen Yu, as well as the pervasive bloodthirsty energy, were as if frozen, obediently subdued.

That strong and profound "Innate True Qi" circulated throughout Chen Yu's body several times.

After a brief moment,

Elder Mao exhaled lightly and withdrew his hand.

Chen Yu felt much refreshed; the Cloud Evil inner breath within him and the violent energies were significantly dispelled.

"Thank you, Master."

Chen Yu quickly expressed his gratitude, fully aware of the intervention.

"Don't celebrate too soon. There's still a considerable amount of malicious energy remaining in you, even infiltrating your meridians and flesh. What I've done is but a temporary measure,"

Elder Mao continued, his words sinking Chen Yu's heart once more.

The recent opportunity, his breakthrough to Late-stage Meridian Passage, was thrilling, but its drawbacks had manifested.

"You're now facing two issues."

Elder Mao spoke gravely.

"Please go on, Master," Chen Yu responded earnestly.

"The first is the problem of violent energy backlash, which can lead to losing control and self-destruction, or even death. Frankly, I'm surprised you're still unharmed."

Elder Mao looked bemused.

In fact,

He had just re-examined Chen Yu's condition.

Elder Mao was puzzled as to why Chen Yu's progress in cultivating the Copper Statue Technique and Cloud Evil Fist was considerable.

However, upon closer inspection, aside from a remarkably healthy body and strong vitality, there were no overt abnormalities.

"The second one is instability at your core; your inner breath is tainted with impurities and is mottled, not pure. This could throttle your potential for future growth, such as making it more difficult to ascend to the Organ Refining Stage, or you might never reach the Qi Transformation Realm in your lifetime."

Elder Mao explained nonchalantly.

Hearing the first point, Chen Yu was somewhat relieved, but the second point plunged him into despair.

Unstable foundation... killing future potential.

This was his greatest fear!

"Master, is there any way to resolve this?"

Chen Yu inhaled deeply.

"There are several methods. A more practical one is taking a rare 'Clearing Qi Pill.' Although it doesn't greatly increase cultivation, it can neutralize vicious energies, rid impurities, and cleanse the meridians. This pill can also solidify your Cultivation Realm and purify Inner Breath True Qi Elder Mao answered.

Clearing Qi Pill.

Chen Yu's eyes brightened; this pill was indeed perfect for his current condition.

"However, this pill is valued even more than the 'Qi Storage Pill', mainly because it's harder to come by. Our Herb Hall only manages to craft a few within a decade."

Elder Mao sighed.

Chen Yu, hearing this, breathed a sigh of relief. At least there was a clue to be followed for this pill.

"Luckily, you have a 'Qi Storage Pill' in your possession. Trading for a 'Clearing Qi Pill' is somewhat feasible. Give me a few days, and I'll inquire for you."

Elder Mao paused for a moment.

"Thank you, Master."

Chen Yu naturally couldn't ask for more.

However, speaking of this matter, he was reminded of the exchange situation for "Yuan Sha Divine Skill."

Last time, Elder Mao had also mentioned stepping in to help.

Chen Yu was just about to speak up.

Elder Mao waved a hand, signaling for Li Dakui and Wu Yu to step down.

"There has been an unexpected issue with 'Yuan Sha Divine Skill.' Normally, with your master intervening, you should be able to make an exception. Unfortunately, the sect has recently uncovered a 'spy' from Bone Demon Palace, causing unease among the disciples,"

Said Elder Mao solemnly.

A spy?

Chen Yu cursed inwardly. How could they suddenly find a spy, and from the Bone Demon Palace, no less?

"According to the information obtained from the interrogation, the 'Bone Demon Palace' has planted many spies in our three sects during their years of recuperation. Reliable information suggests that there are still spies within our sect that haven't been exposed. Even before, some of our sect's secret cultivation techniques were stolen,"

The severity flashed in Elder Mao's eyes.

Spies still confirmed?

Chen Yu was even more speechless. For all he knew, someone he knew could be the spy.

It was no surprise then.

That exchanging for the sect's core cultivation technique "Yuan Sha Divine Skill" would meet with resistance and be put on hold.

"However, the Sect Master has spoken. If you advance to the Late Stage of Organ Refining or become a true disciple of our sect, you will be able to exchange for the 'Yuan Sha Divine Skill,'"

Elder Mao added reassuringly.

In fact.

Advancing to the Late Stage of Organ Refining and becoming a true disciple were both incredibly distant if not impossible feats for Chen Yu.

Therefore.

The condition set by the Sect Master was merely consolation and perhaps an excuse to refuse.

"Right."

Just before leaving, Elder Mao suddenly remembered something: "Since you've advanced to the Late-stage Meridian Passage, come to see me in three days."

Come over in three days?

Chen Yu was startled, but Elder Mao did not explain, so he agreed and left.

After leaving the residence.

Chen Yu ran into his fellow disciples, Li Dakui and Wu Yu.

"A lot has happened in the sect during the days we were away."

"Besides the spy incident, there was also the 'Meteor Iron Wager Battle' between our sect and the Water Moon Sect and the Iron Sword Sect."

The pair spoke enthusiastically.

"Meteor Iron Wager Battle? What's that about!"

Chen Yu asked, puzzled.

Wu Yu snorted coldly: "It's nothing but those two sects coveting the meteoric iron that fell in our territory last time. They looked for various excuses to force a trade of the meteor iron. A few days ago, some of our elite disciples and disciples of these two sects compared their skills and wagered on the meteor iron, as well as other precious spiritual objects of a similar level.

"So that's it," Chen Yu realized.

Ultimately.

This Meteor Iron Wager Battle was a lingering issue from the last meteor iron that fell from the sky.

"How did the wager battle go?" Chen Yu inquired further.

"It was quite a loss. First, against the Water Moon Sect, we lost two out of three matches; then with the Iron Sword Sect, we lost seven out of ten,"

Li Dakui shook his head, looking as if it was a misfortune that he hadn't been a part of it.

Seeing his sighing demeanor, it seemed like his non-participation was a great loss.

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Upon returning to his residence.

Chen Yu took out a waterskin of “Brute Bull Marrow” with a smile on his face.

This trip had brought great gains, but the main objective was actually the primary ingredient for the second medicinal formula.

Over the next two or three days.

Chen Yu both stabilized his “Cloud Evil Inner Breath” and utilized the “Brute Bull Marrow” Body Refining medicinal liquid.

During this process.

His “Cloud Evil Inner Breath” occasionally became restless and agitated, with violent Qi recoiling, but thankfully, his mysterious heart quelled it.

This made Chen Yu give even more importance to the matter, determined to remove any future threats!

Despite having a mysterious heart that wasn't afraid of the backlash from the bloodlust Qi, the instability of his cultivation and inner breath was a major issue that could affect his future prospects!

On the other hand.

The effects of the "Brute Bull Marrow" formula began to diminish.

Chen Yu simply increased the amount of Brute Bull Marrow used, applying the Body Refining medicinal liquid in conjunction with the cultivation of "Copper Statue Technique" every morning, noon, and evening.

After all, he had an ample supply of Brute Bull Marrow at his disposal, so there was no concern about wasting it.

Finally.

On the third day, Chen Yu's "Copper Statue Technique" broke through to Copper Sinews Mastery.

Hum!

As Chen Yu operated the “Copper Statue Technique,” his entire body was outlined with golden-copper patterns, with three-dimensional and prominent metallic sinews that were ever more detailed and lifelike, resembling a majestic, towering copper statue.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Chen Yu casually threw punches, producing whistling gusts of wind. A mere exertion of force under his feet caused the house to tremble slightly.

"What's going on!"

The servants next door felt the house shake and were filled with terror.

"Hahaha

Muffled laughter echoed from Chen Yu's room.

It turned out.

Upon achieving great success with the “Copper Statue Technique,” Chen Yu’s strength and muscle explosiveness had significantly increased!

Following the transformation of his body by the mysterious heart, Chen Yu’s physique was continuously evolving and becoming more formidable.

His “Copper Statue Technique,” compared to others of the same realm, was superior.

Chen Yu estimated that his Copper Sinews Mastery with the “Copper Statue Technique” might be comparable to someone else’s initial stage of Copper Bone Formation.

Now.

Using solely the brute strength and speed of his body, he could contend against a typical practitioner at the Organ Refining Stage.

With Copper Sinews Mastery coupled with the Late-stage Meridian Passage, Chen Yu’s overall strength had undoubtedly surged!