## **Eternal Heart 75**

Chapter 75: Bone Demon Invasion
In the north of Chu Country, a deep and continuous mountain range was shrouded in sinister fog.
Mmm~
From within an ancient temple built against the mountains, a thrilling low growl echoed.
Boom! Whirr~
Inside the temple, intense shaking occurred, lighting up complex arrays etched on the walls.
Visible to the naked eye, chains of purple-black lightning roamed the inner walls of the ancient temple, hissing and flickering, making the dim grand hall appear even more bizarre and eerie.
Upon closer inspection,
Those purple-black lights, like chains of electric snakes, converged and twisted around a "Dark Gold Throne" in the center.

The Dark Gold Throne, ten times larger than a normal chair, held a skeleton giant wrapped in dark Qi, about two or three zhang high. Its eye sockets flickered with a pair of gloomy red flames, startling and chilling to the touch.
At first glance, it resembled a Skeleton King.
Mmm~
The massive Skeleton King, entwined in the purple-black electric snakes, let out a series of soul-shattering howls. Its whole body surged with dark Qi, and a powerful demonic wind swept dozens of zhang.
That terrifying aura, just a mere remnant, could obliterate anyone in the Organ Refining Stage.
Snap! Clang clang!
With every struggle, the Skeleton King's elephant-leg-like bone hands made the grand hall, as well as the mountain it leaned on, shake violently, giving a sensation of the earth shaking and mountains swaying.
"With the formidable strength of our Bone Demon Palace, do we truly need to awaken the original 'Bone Demon King' to annihilate the three sects of Chu Country?"
A deep voice arose at the entrance of the temple.

Only to see.
A withered old man in a dark gold robe, holding a scepter, stood amidst the black Qi and cold wind, staring at the Skeleton King on the throne above.
"With your palace's strength, especially the supreme power of the Supreme Elder 'Absolute Yin Demon Master,' defeating the three sects should not be difficult. However, hasn't the Bone Demon Palace learned from the lessons of fifty years ago?"
An elegantly sinister voice came from behind.
Whoosh!
A pale-faced, devilishly handsome youth in a blood robe appeared behind the withered old man.
On the handsome youth's blood robe, a bizarre and lively pattern of a blood moon was engraved, carrying a mysterious and unfathomable aura.
Amidst the violent demonic winds around, the Blood Moon robe fluttered on its own.

"Humph! Decades ago, my 'Bone Demon Palace' nearly obliterated Iron Sword, Water Moon, and Yunyue Sects. At that time, these three sects repeatedly asked for a reconciliation, but we refused."
The withered old man snorted coldly.
"But alas, at that time, the two neighboring powerful countries were spying from the sidelines, wanting to invade heavily. They were much stronger than the three sects. In order not to let Chu Country be internally wounded and benefit the neighboring forces, the Bone Demon Palace stopped its ambition of unifying the sects of Chu Country, and even during the resistance against the neighboring countries
The withered old man thumped his black scepter on the ground, and from it, thick black Qi snakes surfaced.
Boom!
The entire ancient temple trembled, and those thick, bucket-sized black Qi snakes poured into the body of the 'Bone Demon King' on the Dark Gold Throne.
Instantly.
On the Bone Demon King's body, a faint layer of pale golden bone patterns surfaced, the surrounding black Qi thickened, and the flames in its pupils seemed to gain a hint of spirit.

"This original 'Bone Demon King' possesses no ordinary strength. It merged with the soul of the most powerful third-generation ancestor, with boundless might. Should this Bone Demon truly awaken, sweeping through Chu Country would be effortless, but if it loses control, it might bring an irreversible disaster."
The withered old man's voice was heavy as he looked toward the blood-robed handsome youth.
"Rest assured, your palace. I'm not merely a practitioner of Blood Cultivation. I also possess certain accomplishments in the path of ghost corpses. Moreover, since we began assisting, the Bone Demon Palace has recovered to its peak in just a few decades, even surpassing its former glory. We have never been at a disadvantage. Our organization always honors mutual benefits and reliability, far surpassing those so-called righteous sects."
The blood-robed youth smiled confidently.
Moments later.
Four ragged, unkempt figures were pushed by a group of black-armored guards to the grand throne of the 'Bone Demon King'.
"Let us go!"
"Bone Demon Palace! You dare to use us for a blood sacrifice to the ghosts and demons, such an act of sheer brutality. Aren't you afraid of divine retribution?"

The four figures let out fierce roars.
These four escorted figures, consisting of three men and one woman, were far stronger than those in the Organ Refining Stage.
"Four Postnatal Qi Transformation experts, make do for now. These major families don't obey the Bone Demon Palace. Their seated Qi Transformation Realm just happens to serve as nourishment."
The withered old man nodded.
"Ah ah ah
A harsh scream resonated within the ancient temple.
The four bodies were beheaded by swords and blades, their blood spilling all over the ground. Under the bizarre array's power, the blood assembled into a blood pattern, and streams of blood snakes merged into the body of the Bone Demon King.
Whirr mmm~

On the entire skeleton of the Bone Demon King, a layer of crystal-clear blood luster appeared, and amidst the interlacing black Qi and cold wind, its body outline solidified and thickened.
"Ke ke ke
In its eye sockets, the bouncing gloomy red flames faintly revealed a sinister cold smile, also bearing a king-like coldness that seemed to look down upon the world.
Inside the Yunyue Sect, domestic quarters.
After the meteorite iron gamble, Chen Yu spent four to five days in quiet cultivation inside his courtyard pavilion.
"Cloud Evil Fist and Copper Statue Technique both have reached a bottleneck."
Chen Yu murmured.
Whew!

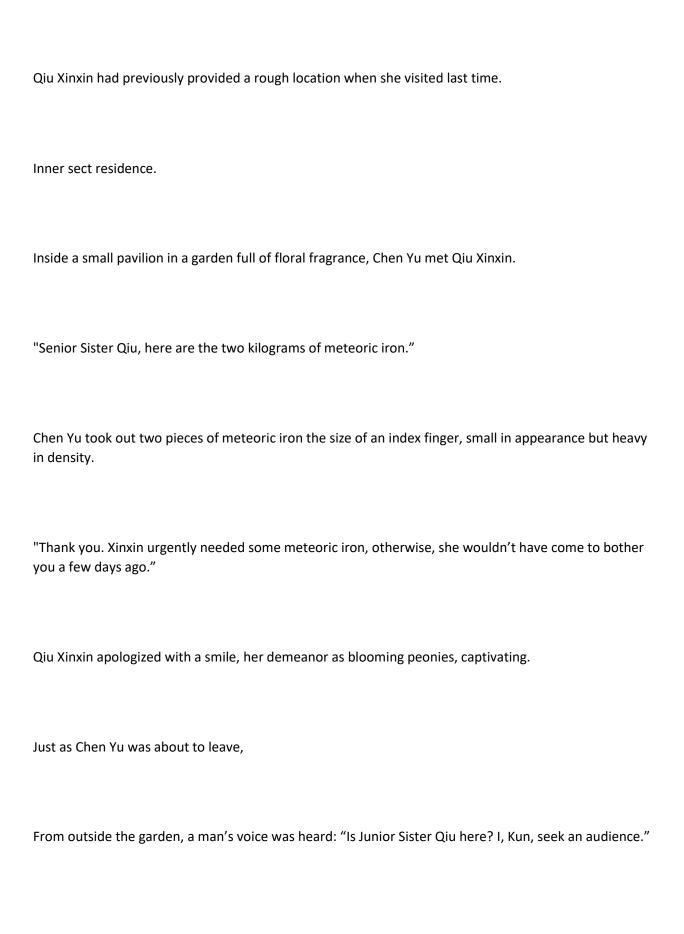
He let out a long breath, ending several days of intense cultivation.
Such dedicated practice sometimes showed great effects, but more often, the efficiency was very low.
Now.
Chen Yu's cultivation was stable at Late-stage Meridian Passage. His Cloud Evil inner breath was pure and stable. However, to reach the limit of the Meridian Passage Stage, the peak was still far away.
With his current talent and progress, without about a year or so, he couldn't consider advancing to the Organ Refining Stage.
This was also because Chen Yu had a stable foundation, Cloud Evil Fist had achieved Great Success, his insight was high, his inner breath was pure, and his cultivation speed boosted.
As for the Copper Statue Technique, the current "Barbarian Bull Essence" prescription was gradually losing its effect.
Of course.
With his "body technique talent," if he had undergone tough training for about half a year, he might have advanced to higher levels of the Copper Bone Formation.

In terms of the difficulty of cultivation, the body cultivation technique still far surpasses ordinary techniques by several times.
As for the "Iron Gang Sword" and "Cloud Stepping," Chen Yu treated them as martial skills to practice, and his progress was fairly stable.
Among them, "Cloud Stepping" almost reached the peak level.
"Iron Gang Sword" was stable at the Great Achievement Realm, and with continued hard practice, given Chen Yu's talent in body technique, there was steady progress.
"The key is still the level of cultivation, limited by aptitude."
Chen Yu was slightly worried.
In the inner sect, most of the disciples had good aptitudes, and many were in the Organ Refining Stage.
Some of the disciples in the Meridian Passage Stage were quite young, some even a year and a half younger than him.

Therefore,
With Chen Yu's current level of cultivation and strength, as a new member of the inner sect, he still lacked some foundation to truly establish himself.
Unfortunately, his considerable value had attracted the envy of many.
To truly establish himself in the inner sect, he at least needed to advance to the Organ Refining Stage or reach the Copper Bone level in the "Copper Statue Technique."
Relatively speaking, the latter was more achievable for Chen Yu.
"First advance the 'Copper Statue Technique' to the Copper Bone level then seek a breakthrough in cultivation
Chen Yu formulated the same cultivation plan as before.
Since he possessed talent in body technique, he decided to first quickly enhance his "Copper Statue Technique."
On one hand, having a strong physique would improve his aptitude and strengthen his foundation. On the other hand, being powerful would not only protect himself but also make it easier to acquire resources.

This approach had been proven viable in the past.
The Copper Bone level of the "Copper Statue Technique" roughly corresponded to the Organ Refining Stage. Although Chen Yu had a robust physique, at the Copper Sinews Mastery level, he could almost match those at the initial Copper Bone Formation stage.
Once Chen Yu reached the Copper Bone level, it would be relatively easier to advance his cultivation to the Organ Refining Stage later.
Because after enhancing his physique, not only would his foundation be more solid, but it would also indirectly improve his meridian aptitude.
"Master, someone has left a message."
Inside the courtyard, a beautiful maid around seventeen or eighteen years old bowed respectfully.
"Oh?" Chen Yu nodded as a sign.
"In the past few days, Qiu Xinxin, Tong Yuling, and your two brothers have visited. Seeing that you were deeply engrossed in your training, they did not disturb you."

The maid spoke.
"Qiu Xinxin."
Chen Yu murmured softly, roughly understanding her purpose.
In the previous gamble, divided into two parts, Chen Yu had won two kilograms of meteoric iron the first time, and three kilograms the second, totaling five kilograms.
This five kilograms were the price left from "Ice Heart Tears."
Of these, the three kilograms were transferred to Qiu Xinxin at Yuntian Hall during the second time.
Two kilograms were still not given to Qiu Xinxin.
As for what Tong Yuling was looking for, Chen Yu was not sure. The two brothers were probably Li Dakui and another, still fixated on the Qi Storage Pill.
Chen Yu left the house and headed straight to Qiu Xinxin's residence.



The newcomer
Was a young man in a purple robe, slightly arrogant and spirited.
It was none other than Kun Ling, a true disciple of the inner sect!
"Ah! Junior Sister Qiu has visitors already, hmm? It's you
When Kun Ling saw Chen Yu, his expression slightly stiffened.
"Brother Kun, what business do you have with me? Xinxin is gathering the meteoric iron and will be busy for a while
Qiu Xinxin said calmly.
"In ten days at the 'Hidden Lake Conference,' there will be a large-scale auction held every six months. Currently, with the Bone Demon Palace invading, we, the new talents among the disciples, might be assigned to defense missions urgently needing rare materials."
Kun Ling said to Qiu Xinxin with a smile, without looking at Chen Yu.

"Oh? A large-scale auction. By then, I'll also be free, just in time to attend."
Qiu Xinxin's eyes sparkled lightly, smiling pleasedly.
Bone Demon Palace invading?
These words startled Chen Yu.
"Bone Demon Palace invading? May I ask you two, what's going on?"
Chen Yu couldn't help but ask.
"You didn't know? Bone Demon Palace has recently made its presence known, aggressively expanding. Now, not only the Iron Sword Sect and Water Moon Sect but even our Yunyue Sect are threatened
Kun Ling glanced at Chen Yu.
"Now, the three sects have officially joined forces." Qiu Xinxin's delicate brows furrowed slightly as she added, "Some elder disciples have already gone to the front lines to resist the 'Bone Demon Palace.' However, the situation is not optimistic, our Yunyue Sect has already lost a Postnatal Qi Transformation

expert, including seven to eight members in the Organ Refining Stage, and many more in the Meridian Passage and Body Cultivation, suffering losses of many dozens of people
Sss!
Hearing this, Chen Yu involuntarily gasped.
In just the short span of four to five days of intense cultivation, such a major event had occurred in the Chu Country's sect world!