

Eternal Heart 76

Chapter 76: Mobilization Crisis

Seeing Chen Yu's surprise, Kun Ling's face carried a chill, "Junior Brother Chen had better be careful! Our sect has issued a frontline mission, and if the number of participants is insufficient, it's possible some disciples will be forcibly dispatched to provide support

Frontline mission?

The depth and chill in Kun Ling's eyes gave Chen Yu a rather bad premonition.

If he had bad luck and was sent to the frontline for support, the danger would indeed be significant.

On the battlefield where they stood against the Bone Demon Sect, those in the Late Stage of Organ Refining had no assurance of survival, let alone those below that stage—they were nearly cannon fodder.

"Junior Brother Chen, don't be scared by him."

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Qiu Xinxin covered her mouth and chuckled softly, her beauty captivating, causing Kun Ling to be momentarily stunned.

"That's right. For newer generation disciples like us, even with poor luck and being dispatched, we're mostly assigned to logistics or rear-guard duties, unlikely to engage in frontline combat. Unless, of course, the situation becomes perilously dire!"

Qiu Xinxin explained with a smile.

Hearing this, Chen Yu breathed a sigh of relief.

Disciples like them, under twenty-five years of age, were the new talents of the sect.

Generally, those who went to the frontline were older members.

The new talents were the tender shoots the sect was currently cultivating, usually not sent on dangerous missions—especially the elite disciples who received focused training.

"By the way."

Before leaving, Qiu Xinxin turned back with a smile, "You're going to attend the 'Hidden Lake Conference' in ten days, right? Yue'er told me your worth has greatly increased."

"Hidden Lake Conference? I should attend."

Chen Yu nodded.

He had heard of the “Hidden Lake Conference” back when he was an Outer Disciple.

Hidden Lake Conference was a neutral force within Chu Country, catering specifically to trade within the cultivation world, providing a secure and fair marketplace.

At the Hidden Lake Conference, there was an auction every month.

Additionally, they held a large auction every six months.

At this very moment,

The semi-annual grand auction of the Hidden Lake Conference was about to begin.

Chen Yu had in his possession a significant sum of Primordial Stones, as well as eighty-year-old Blood Ganoderma, and the precious Qi Storage Pills.

"Just in time, I need to use the third Body Refining prescription, which requires even more precious resources."

Chen Yu made up his mind.

The prescriptions provided in the “Copper Statue Technique” started with a commoner’s prescription, followed by the Barbarian Bull Marrow prescription.

The first two prescriptions had basically lost their effect on Chen Yu.

Now,

He resolved to use the third Body Refining prescription which required resources several times more precious than the second!

"Chen Yu."

After leaving Qiu Xinxin’s pavilion, Kun Ling, dressed in a purple robe, suddenly blocked Chen Yu’s way.

"Brother Kun, what does this mean?"

Chen Yu felt an overwhelming force pressing down on him, not just from the other’s fierce internal breath, but also from some kind of mental pressure.

Through the sensation in his heart, he was convinced that the other was in the Late Stage of Organ Refining, even more powerful than Yi Yunfei and Chang Xuan.

"For your 'Ice Heart Tears,' I, personally, am offering an exchange: a Half-precious Artifact, two thousand Grade Essence Stones, and three jin of Spiritual Ore akin to meteoric iron."

Kun Ling got straight to the point.

His eyes were burning as he fixated on the crystal pendant Chen Yu wore.

Kun Ling knew that Qiu Xinxin was very fond of the pendant, having traded it to Chen Yu only in an urgent need for meteoric iron.

Now,

Kun Ling had plans to redeem the "Ice Heart Tears."

"No."

Chen Yu almost reflexively rejected the offer.

The Ice Heart Tears was one of his layers of protection, remarkably rare.

Due to his practice of the “Cloud Evil Fist,” which induced strong Evil Qi, the peril of the technique was such that it could easily cloud one’s mind with malicious Qi, leading to deviation in his practice.

Moreover, the Ice Heart Tears could also defend against unpredictable mental attacks—a domain unfamiliar to Chen Yu.

"Chen Yu, this is an opportunity I’m offering you. Should you not seize it

Kun Ling’s face was handsome yet cold, the corner of his mouth curled with a hint of chill.

Out of the blue!

Chen Yu paid no mind to the person before him and continued on to the Sect Affairs Hall.

He had come here to gather rare medicinal materials required for the third prescription.

However,

After a round of collection, expending some contribution points and Primordial Stones, he barely managed to purchase two or three auxiliary materials.

The third Body Refining prescription contained two “main materials.”

They were: Fierce Snake King’s Gallbladder and Hundred-year-old Earth Spirit Ginseng.

[Fierce Snake King’s Gallbladder]: At least at the level of Blood Python or Fierce Bird King, like the ones encountered in the Yunyuan Mountain Range!

[Earth Spirit Ginseng]: A rare earth-attribute Spirit Ginseng, requiring at least a hundred years of growth, its medicinal properties growing stronger with age.

"Your other materials can be acquired by posting tasks here; it shouldn't be too difficult. But the Hundred-year-old [Earth Spirit Ginseng], that's too rare and exceptionally precious. Try your luck at the Hidden Lake Conference."

A grey-robed steward suggested.

"Thank you."

Chen Yu nodded in appreciation.

The other main material[Fierce Snake King's Gallbladder], according to the Sect Affairs Hall steward, could possibly be acquired with some good fortune if a task was posted for a duration.

Within the sect,

Some powerful elite disciples and True Disciples in the Organ Refining Stage could, by cooperating, slay a Fierce Snake King—it wasn't too difficult.

"Fierce Snake King's Gallbladder. One for three thousand contribution points, two thousand Grade Essence Stones."

Chen Yu set a suitable procurement price.

Of course,

The Sect Affairs Hall would also take a five percent commission in Primordial Stones and contribution points.

In total, Chen Yu deposited over ten thousand contribution points and more than seven thousand Grade Essence Stones to post tasks, temporarily buying three "Fierce Snake King's Gallbladders," along with other auxiliary materials.

Departing from the Sect Affairs Hall,

Chen Yu returned to the Outer Disciple's residence, then paid a visit to Tong Yuling's dwelling.

Tong Yuling was not present, informed by her maids that she had left abruptly due to an urgent family matter.

"What could Tong Yuling want with me?", Chen Yu returned, bewildered.

In the following days, Chen Yu resumed his arduous cultivation of techniques and martial skills.

Meanwhile.

He was closely following the latest developments of the "Bone Demon Palace invasion." After all, this was a major issue for the sects of Chu Country and could concern his own safety and fate.

However,

The news from the front lines was very unfavorable.

The alliance of three major sects only managed to slow down the invasion speed of the Bone Demon Palace, and they were suffering one defeat after another, with heavy losses.

No one could be sure whether the Bone Demon Palace would reach the three sects, or even the doorstep of Yunyue Sect.

Recently,

Many younger disciples had been summoned to important sect locations, to assist and guard against attacks.

"Do you know? A couple of family powers affiliated with our Yunyue Sect were ambushed by the Bone Demon Palace a few days ago, suffering heavy casualties."

"Shh! Keep your voice down. I heard that some disciples of the 'Bone Demon Palace' have infiltrated the secular powers near our sect."

"What if the Bone Demon Palace attacks us here? Or if we are dispatched to the front lines

There were private discussions among the Inner Sect residence.

A pressing and oppressive atmosphere was spreading throughout the Yunyue Sect.

The setbacks at the front lines

Brought not a small amount of pressure to the disciples of Yunyue Sect. Eventually, many disciples' requests for leave to go home were denied.

"The sect is thoroughly investigating internal traitors, and any disciple who leaves the sect without permission will be executed without mercy!"

Yunyue Sect was practically under a semi-curfew.

Even when some disciples went out for normal tasks, they had to undergo a strict inspection.

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Several days later,

Two black-robed Law Enforcers arrived at Chen Yu's courtyard.

"Is Chen Yu here!"

"Brothers of the Law Enforcers, what brings you to my doorstep?"

Chen Yu came out of the building and, upon seeing the two formidable Law Enforcers, was shaken and realized something.

"In half a month. You will be part of the third batch of support members, heading to 'Beishan Spirit Garden' to reinforce the defense of this critical location, in case of an ambush by the Bone Demon Palace."

One of the Law Enforcers announced.

The announcement of the task made Chen Yu's heart sink.

Although this was not about heading to the frontlines for battle, it was still considered bad luck, being part of the group of disciples being dispatched.

Oddly,

Chen Yu thought of the deep meaning and abnormality in Kun Ling's expression a few days ago.

Could it be,

That this task assignment was within Kun Ling's expectations, or that he knew something in advance?

Chen Yu realized

That there might be human intervention in this task assignment!

But,

To intervene in task assignments, especially when it involves Inner Sect Disciples, whoever was doing this in secret must have profound influence within the Yunyue Sect.

After the two Law Enforcers left,

Chen Yu held a token, his face showing a mixture of emotions.

He currently possessed valuable artifacts and Qi Storage Pills, which made him quite wealthy, but he was only at the Meridian Passage Stage, and his position in the Inner Sect was not stable.

"Sect assignment orders must not be disobeyed, or severe punishment will follow, possibly even abolishing one's cultivation!"

Chen Yu took a deep breath.

The invasion by the Bone Demon Palace not only brought crisis and pressure to the three sects.

Chen Yu, a disciple of the sect, would also face a series of risks and challenges in this storm.

Of course, this could also be an opportunity.

The enforced mission itself would have generous rewards, and killing enemies would also be rewarded, with the spoils going to the victor.

The task reassignment was set for half a month later.

In the last remaining time, Chen Yu could still strengthen and enhance his abilities!

"The Hidden Lake Conference... is just a few days away."

Chen Yu harbored some expectations for the “Hidden Lake Conference” taking place in several days.

As long as he gathered all the ingredients for the “Snake Gallbladder Spirit Ginseng” prescription, his Copper Statue Technique would have the chance to advance early to the “Copper Bone” level.

At that time,

Even if faced with Mid-Stage Organ Refining experts, he would be able to put up a fight, greatly increasing his self-preservation ability.

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Late at night,

At a secluded and dilapidated house within the Yunyue Sect.

"Master Lin, are you certain that you have indeed reassigned Chen Yu to participate in the support mission outside?"

A sycophantic voice was heard.

The speaker was a green-clothed youth, currently bowing and scraping.

If Chen Yu were here, he would surely recognize that this was his former adversary, Wang Lingyun.

In the dimly lit, grim house,

One could vaguely see a tall and burly middle-aged man across the room, who emanated a formidable presence like a mountain, obscured within a layer of pale yellow mist.

This presence made it hard for Wang Lingyun to breathe.

"About the anomaly on Chen Yu's person, the mysterious opportunity that arose since the falling of the meteoric iron, have you spoken of it to anyone else within the sect?"

The silhouette of the fuzzy "Master Lin" spoke in a low voice.

"Absolutely not! Apart from you and the Seventh Prince, I haven't told a third person,"

Wang Lingyun hurriedly replied.

A vicious light flickered in his eyes: Oh Chen Yu, you have your opportunity and high value, but now that you've attracted the attention of important people within the sect, let's see how long you can remain arrogant.

"Hm, you've made a considerable contribution. You can leave with peace of mind."

Master Lin nodded.

"Thank you, Master! Hmm... leave with peace of mind?"

Wang Lingyun first showed gratitude but then suddenly felt something was amiss.

Boom!

A heavy, mountainous burst of yellow Qi Force instantly engulfed and pierced Wang Lingyun's body.

"You

Wang Lingyun stiffened, the internal energy he tried to summon extinguished like a snuffed lamp.

Then,

His body, as if crushed by a ten-thousand-pound boulder, became a pile of red and white mush shaped vaguely like a human.