

## Eternal Heart 78

### Chapter 78: The Value of the Filth Blood Bead

As he took out the “Filthy Black Blood Bead,” Chen Yu had a bad feeling. Sensitive individuals like the Chief Disciple “Zong Tianchen” seemed to detect the bead’s aura.

He hastily placed the bead into a small metallic bottle.

“Are you Junior Brother Chen Yu?”

Zong Tianchen’s gaze fell upon Chen Yu and he said with profound meaning, “At the Hidden Lake Conference, there are all kinds of people, including idle evil cultivators besides the three major sects. It’s not rare for incidents to happen.”

“Thank you for your concern, Brother Chen.”

Chen Yu gave his thanks with a bow.

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The Chief Disciple held a special status within the sect and might very well become the new Sect Master or an elder in the future.

"Everyone, disperse."

With a wave of his hand, Zong Tianchen scattered the disciples into several small groups.

Hidden Lake Island wasn't large, only about two or three miles in circumference.

Yet within this small area, there were quite a number of shops, as well as two or three free markets.

Of course.

Whether it was the shops or the low-end market stalls, they were all targeted at cultivators from the sects.

"Spirit Pets for sale at fair prices

In front of a garden complex large as a bird's nest, several young men and women stood, calling out loudly.

This was a Spirit Pet shop.

"Hehe, I'm just thinking of buying a mount for traveling."

Qiu Yue'er's eyes lit up as she pulled her sister Qiu Xinxin into the garden complex.

"Junior Brother Chen, let's go take a look too."

Nangong Li said with a smile.

It was Chen Yu's first time here, and he wanted to take in the sights, so he nodded in agreement.

Just now, when they were traveling over the waves, all the disciples envied those with Spirit Pets as mounts.

Moreover.

With Qiu Xinxin, the "number one beauty of the inner sect," entering, she instantly attracted a group of Yunyue Sect disciples, totaling around twenty people.

The Spirit Pet shop at the moment was actually a semi-open garden complex, surrounded by a large metallic net that faintly pulsed with the lines of an array.

Inside the shop.

There were large cages containing various forms of Spirit Pets, beasts and birds, everything one could wish for.

There is actually a difference between Spirit Pets and ferocious beasts.

Simply put.

Ferocious beasts are wild, with strong ferocity that obscures their spiritual intelligence; Spirit Pets are bred, specially trained to remove their brutal nature, and can assist their owners in travel, even combat.

"Wow! This Sheep-Horned Beast looks so cute

Qiu Yue'er's eyes sparkled as she looked at a sheep-like Spirit Pet with snow-white fur that was about the size of a horse.

"Miss has a good eye. This 'Sheep-Horned Beast' is said to be somewhat related to the legendary 'Unicorn'; its horn on the head has certain offensive capabilities, capable of dealing with general beasts."

A middle-aged attendant with bright eyes started to pitch skillfully.

This scene left Chen Yu and the others speechless.

"Yue'er! This 'Sheep-Horned Beast' lacks both stamina and speed. It can't be used for traveling, nor does it have any combat ability

Qiu Xinxin shook her head with a smile.

Qiu Yue'er left reluctantly, the Sheep-Horned Beast's snow-white fur and unique horn were very appealing to girls.

"Two young heroes, what kind of Spirit Pet are you looking for? For traveling, combat, or other assistance?"

A female attendant greeted Chen Yu and Nangong Li with a smile.

"I'm looking for something to ride on."

Nangong Li, holding his folding fan, appeared carefree and suave.

"This 'Golden Pattern Leopard' would be very suitable for you."

The female attendant recommended with a smile a leopard-like Spirit Pet, one and a half zhang long, covered in fur like golden threads.

This Golden Pattern Leopard was robust, appeared spirited, had pale green eyes, and exuded a stench and heat with every growl.

"How much?"

Nangong Li asked casually.

"Two thousand and one hundred secondary grade Essence Stones," the female attendant replied.

Afterward.

They looked at a wolf-like Spirit Pet and a horse with brown scales on its back, all for use as mounts.

"Young master, this 'Brown-Scaled Horse' can travel three thousand miles a day, has excellent stamina, is an expert in mountaineering and river crossing, and can jump over a general thirty-foot cliff with a single leap

The female attendant highly praised the horse Pet.

"I want something that can fly."

Nangong Li shook his head; as a True Disciple, he had high standards.

"A flying mount? That would be quite rare!"

The attendant led Chen Yu and Nangong Li to another open area, where they could see several large trees.

Each tree was fixed with a large cage.

A huge bird Pet with feathers completely red and eyes like rubies entered their view.

Whoosh!

This Red Feather Bird unfolded its two zhang wide wings and the beautiful feathers seemed to emit a faint red flow, like glowing firelight.

"Red Feather Bird! Tamed from a fierce Red-Feathered Bird, it's capable of carrying people in the sky with excellent speed and has combat power comparable to the Late Stage of Organ Refining. Suitable for both travel and battle, it's one of the store's signature Spirit Pets

The female attendant introduced.

The bird was both beautiful and practical, and also capable of combat. If they were to ride this bird back home, it would certainly be eye-catching.

Nangong Li's eyes brightened.

Even Chen Yu felt somewhat tempted; after all, this was a bird that could soar through the skies.

"How much?"

"Twenty-six thousand secondary grade Essence Stones," the attendant replied.

Both of them shook their heads and sighed; they couldn't afford it!

The price of this "Red Feathered Bird Pet" was almost on par with a treasure artifact.

Later on.

They looked at a few more Spirit Pet mounts, feeling dispirited.

The cheap ones didn't appeal to them, while the expensive ones they couldn't afford.

Although Chen Yu took a liking to several practical Spirit Pets, he couldn't recklessly spend the Grade Essence Stones he had.

In his hands, he had only just over eighty Grade Essence Stones.

This amount of Grade Essence Stones might not even suffice to purchase a hundred-year-old Earth Spirit Ginseng. He estimated that he would need to sell that eighty-year-old Blood Ganoderma...

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An hour later, everyone gradually left the Ling Pet Shop.

Only a few disciples from Yunyue Sect purchased Spirit Pets as mounts.

Among them,

Qiu Yue'er was riding on a fluffy snow-white large dog Spirit Pet. This dog was as big as a tiger or leopard. It looked gentle and beautiful without losing its grandeur and presumably had some combat abilities to assist in battle.

"Miss, take care. This 'Snow Mountain Dog' has an impressive burst speed and can contend with those at the Meridian Passage Stage. It will be a faithful companion to you,"

Said the middle-aged shop assistant with a beaming smile as he saw her off.

"Hmph! Such a waste of money, spending seven to eight thousand Grade Essence Stones on a 'Snow Mountain Dog'."

Some people nearby shook their heads, unable to help themselves.

In fact,

The Snow Mountain Dog that Qiu Yue'er had bought was quite practical. Although its combat strength was average, its sense of smell was very keen, making it useful for tracking and alerting.

However, the cost-performance ratio was slightly lower than expected.

"Senior Brother Nangong, I plan to look for several rare materials,"

Chen Yu said as he parted ways with Nangong Li.

He wandered alone through various shops, his eyes dazzled by the array of goods.

Chen Yu planned to find some hundred-year "Earth Spirit Ginseng". Along the way, he also intended to appraise the tainted black blood pearl to discover its potential uses.

"Item appraisal available."

While passing by a shop named "Treasure Tower," Chen Yu noticed these words on a sign next to it.

"Our store sells all kinds of rare and exotic treasures, including appraisals and purchases of some precious items,"

Intoned the shopkeeper, a dark-faced middle-aged man, at a leisurely pace.

Chen Yu found that "Treasure Tower" had an elegant layout and was much quieter compared to other shops.

He glanced casually at the display case and was startled:

[Storage Bag]: Made with the Sumeru Mustard Seed Array, fused with a bit of spatial stone foam, this bag has an internal capacity as large as a water tank, capable of containing items, but cannot change their original weight. Price: Three hundred genuine stones.

[Clearing God Incense]: Can make the mind clear and focused, reducing the likelihood of cultivation deviation. For those below the Qi Transformation Innate, it can slightly improve the efficiency of cultivating techniques. Price: Three hundred and fifty genuine yuan stones.

[Illusion Mist Plate]: A simple Array Plate that can temporarily create a fog-shrouded Illusion Array, capable of trapping ordinary Meridian Passage Stage individuals. It also has short-term interference effects on those at the Late Stage of Organ Refining. Price: Two hundred and sixty yuan stones.

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The yuan stones mentioned here are all genuine, each item representing tens of thousands of Grade Essence Stones.

"There are storage items here? However, they only have space as big as a water tank, and can't change the weight of the items

Chen Yu marveled in amazement.

He had heard that some high-end storage items were only the size of a ring or bracelet, with space inside comparable to a house, and could lighten the weight of the items.

And legendary spatial items could even ignore weight altogether, forming a small dimensional space within.

The [Storage Bag] here was roughly the size of an ordinary bag, simply using the Sumeru Mustard Seed Array to compress the space as big as a water tank into the volume of a pouch, unable to alter the weight of objects.

"Even my Xuan Heavy Sword wouldn't fit inside."

Chen Yu shook his head,

After all, he couldn't afford it; it was like sour grapes, he supposed.

"I would like to have an item appraised,"

Chen Yu spoke up.

After that, he took out a metal vial and presented a tainted black blood pearl from within.

"Hmm?"

The dark-faced middle-aged man sensed the malevolent Qi on the pearl, and his expression suddenly changed.

"No need for appraisal. I'll offer ten thousand Grade Essence Stones to purchase this pearl

A hoarse voice from an elderly man came from behind.

Hmm?

Chen Yu turned his head and saw a skinny old man with a bamboo hat stepping into Treasure Tower.

"Ten thousand Grade Essence Stones?" Chen Yu was secretly astonished.

Was the blood pearl that he expelled and condensed after taking the "Clearing Qi Pill" really so valuable?

Hearing the offer, a mocking expression appeared on the dark-faced shopkeeper's face.

Just as the shopkeeper was about to speak, the old man's bamboo hat lifted slightly, revealing a pair of intimidating eyes that glowed like two lamps from the depths of an abyss.

Boom!

The shopkeeper's body shook, and despite his Organ Refining Stage cultivation, his consciousness roared upon contact with the old man's gaze.

In an instant,

His blood and internal Qi felt as if they were being compressed by a great mountain, making it difficult to breathe.

"You

The shopkeeper could hardly utter a word.

Additionally, a trace of an invisible spiritual pressure enveloped Chen Yu.

Thump, thump! Thump, thump!

Chen Yu's body shook, his heart beating vigorously. Simultaneously, the "Ice Heart Tears" he wore close to his body released a strange current, protecting his mind and heart.

"Who are you, to attempt forceful buying and selling on Hidden Lake Island?"

Chen Yu cried out loudly.

Whoosh!

A surge of Evil Qi and a chilling wind arose around him, and his loud shout echoed for dozens of yards.

Eh!

The old man in the bamboo hat was surprised. He didn't expect that someone at the Meridian Passage Stage could withstand even a bit of his spiritual pressure and make a commotion loud enough to attract the attention of those nearby.

For a moment,

He was caught in a dilemma.

The Hidden Lake Conference was not a simple power. It held a transcendent position in Chu Country, with close ties to the Yunyue Sect.

Even a Qi Transformation Realm powerhouse would have to think twice before acting rashly here.

"Kid, I'm offering you fifteen thousand Grade Essence Stones, which is more than fair to you

The old man in the bamboo hat slightly retreated a half step.

"My master is Elder Mao Qiuyu of the Yunyue Sect."

Chen Yu was not conversing as expected.

Mao Qiuyu!

The dark-faced shopkeeper showed a look of shock, while the old man's hand twitched slightly, a movement not missed by Chen Yu's eyes.

"I'll give you two hundred genuine yuan stones, no more!"

The old man in the bamboo hat said in a grave tone.

Two hundred genuine yuan stones, that amounted to twenty thousand Grade Essence Stones.

"Hehe, I'll pay three hundred genuine yuan stones!"

Suddenly, a light laugh echoed from the upper floors of Treasure Tower.