

## Eternal Heart 81

Chapter 81: Auction

As the crowd surged,

Chen Yu and Tong Yuling arrived at the large, domed building where the auction was being held.

"Senior Sister Tong, last time at the sect, you were looking for me for something?"

Chen Yu suddenly asked.

He had looked for Tong Yuling before and found out that she had returned to her family. This time, she came with her family as well.

"It's hard to explain."

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Tong Yuling said with a bitter expression, "Recently, some minions of the Bone Demon Palace have infiltrated the area near Fengyang City, where my family resides. After all, it is relatively closer to the front lines of the battlefield. After receiving a call for help from my family, I took the initiative to investigate the traces of the Bone Demon Palace and even assist in eliminating their secular minions."

Chen Yu felt a chill.

Fengyang City, where Tong Yuling was from, was only hundreds of miles away from Xiangyang City.

"Last time, I wanted to trade with you for that 'Blood Ganoderma.' First, an elder in my family was severely injured by minions of the Bone Demon Palace and needed such rare materials to recover from injuries and replenish vitality; second, facing the secular minions of the Bone Demon Palace, I urgently needed to enhance my strength."

Tong Yuling explained the reason.

After listening, Chen Yu felt a sense of empathy: Tong Yuling, like himself, was in a rather dangerous situation.

"Alright then. The eighty-year-old Blood Ganoderma was originally a trophy I got from killing the Blood-Handed Bald, so giving it to Senior Sister Tong doesn't matter."

Chen Yu took out the long-preserved Blood Ganoderma.

This eighty-year-old Blood Ganoderma, he had originally planned to sell for Earth Spirit Ginseng.

"Junior Brother Chen, name your price. I owe you a lot, and I cannot owe you even more."

Tong Yuling earnestly said.

Just recalling the incident with the blood pool, without Chen Yu there, she didn't know what her fate would have been.

"It's four thousand Grade Essence Stones then," Chen Yu said.

"Four thousand? You can't usually buy it for that price!" Tong Yuling shook her head, "Our family needs to participate in the auction and we're short on funds, so I'll give you seven thousand for now."

Eighty-year-old Blood Ganoderma usually sells for five or six thousand.

And in these times, when the prices of rare materials have skyrocketed, even seven or eight thousand is quite normal.

"Alright then."

Chen Yu handed Tong Yuling the Blood Ganoderma and accepted seventy genuine yuan stones.

Thus,

After deducting the earlier purchased elixirs and two eighty-year-old Earth Spirit Ginsengs, Chen Yu now had nearly thirty-three thousand lower-grade yuan stones.

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Before the auction venue.

Chen Yu and Tong Yuling parted ways; she joined her family and entered the auction.

"Chen Yu, wait."

Just as he was about to enter alone, Qiu Yue'er called out softly, with Qiu Xinxin following her.

"What's this...?"

Chen Yu appeared slightly annoyed.

These two women, especially Qiu Xinxin, were too conspicuous and could easily cause trouble.

"What? Junior Brother Chen isn't welcoming us?"

Qiu Xinxin smiled brightly, like a beautiful blooming flower, her clear, autumn-water-like eyes making people feel unworthy to look directly at her.

"Hmph! We just want to follow your distinguished guest Silver Order to enter the auction and avoid some trouble."

Qiu Yue'er said indignantly, clearly dissatisfied with Chen Yu's expression.

If it were someone else facing their proactive offer to join, they would have been overwhelmed with joy. But this person seemed rather reluctant.

"Fine."

Chen Yu led the two women into the auction.

"Distinguished guest Silver Order? Please come this way."

At the entrance, after showing the token, a female attendant specifically greeted the trio.

For others attending the auction, an admission fee was just the beginning; their capital or yuan stones had to be confirmed before they could enter.

Not much later.

Chen Yu and the two women were allocated seats on a relatively high-positioned VIP platform.

Such VIP platforms, similar to a small balcony, could accommodate three or four people, with attendants serving pastries and beverages and staying nearby on standby.

Moreover,

There were even higher-tier VIP suites that were elegantly arranged and could accommodate about ten people.

Of course, this was a treatment exclusive to “Gold Order Dignitaries.”

In less than half an hour,

Several hundred seats at the auction venue were occupied by various attendees including wealthy secular families, the three major sects, civilian martial artists, and scattered evil cultivators.

Among them,

Chen Yu spotted Seventh Prince Huangfulin entering a VIP loft reserved for the Imperial Family.

Nangong Li, Duan Xiaolong and others also entered the VIP areas reserved for their respective families.

"That... Isn't that Chen Yu?"

In a secluded corner of the auction, sat a middle-aged man and two elders.

One of them was Chen Family Patriarch, Chen Tianwei.

The other two were a bearded elder and an elderly ancestor in white robes.

At that moment,

Chen Tianwei and the bearded elder, seeing Chen Yu on the VIP seats, looked as if they had seen a ghost.

"How did he end up in the VIP seats?"

Chen Tianwei said in disbelief, his face full of surprise.

To know

They had paid a significant price just to barely secure three seats, which were in the most remote corner.

"How does an Outer Disciple have the qualifications to be in the VIP seats?"

The bearded elder, who had been sure Chen Yu wouldn't make it to the inner sect, stammered, his eyes wide.

"Outer Disciple?"

By coincidence, a disciple of the Yunyue Sect was sitting nearby and scoffed, "The Chen Yu you are mentioning is already an Inner Sect Disciple and, apparently, an elder's disciple. He made a name for himself in the three sects' duel."

What!

Inner Sect Disciple? Elder's disciple?

Chen Tianwei and the bearded elder were shocked and speechless.

"What's going on here!"

The Chen Family's white-robed Elder's expression darkened.

As a power in its own right, the Chen Family actually had an Organ Refining Stage Ancestor in residence, who ordinarily never showed his face.

"Replying to the Ancestor... this Chen Yu

Chen Tianwei and the bearded elder were sweating profusely and their voices turned hoarse.

This Chen Yu, almost completely unsupported by their resources, had become an Inner Sect Disciple, an Elder's disciple, and had rapidly risen to fame.

Unseen,

It felt as though a heavy slap had struck them across the face.

"VIP seats, that boy

At the same moment, both the Mu Family and the Chen Family spotted Chen Yu in the VIP seats.

Moreover.

Inside a VIP loft, Yi Yunfei, dressed in white, stared at Chen Yu with a fluctuating expression.

This loft housed two elders of the Water Moon Sect and several True Disciples.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Hidden Lake Auction will now begin. I, Mr. Qiao, will be hosting the auction session."

On the auction stage stood an elderly man with a spirited and healthy demeanor.

His vigorous and powerful voice resonated throughout the venue, and an aura of Postnatal True Qi faintly radiated from him, clearly marking him as a Qi Transformation Realm master.

"So it's Elder Qiao."

"He is a famous Array Master and Artifact Refiner in the Chu Country, known for his profound knowledge, research in ancient studies, and expertise in authentication."

The crowd below respectfully quieted.

Elder Qiao raised his hand with a smile, "The first item for auction is ten High Grade 'Body Nourishing Pills,' produced by the Alchemy Master 'Wu Dongshan'. Starting bid is two thousand five hundred grade essence stones per pill, with each increase no less than one hundred."

High Grade Body Nourishing Pills!

The venue instantly erupted.

Especially those at the Organ Refining Stage and Meridian Passage Stage, their eyes shone brightly.

"Body Nourishing Pills are effective even for beginners at the Third-tier Body Refining. High Grade Body Nourishing Pills can even significantly advance the cultivation of those at the Organ Refining Stage."

Qiu Yue'er's eyes lit up.

At that moment, bidding sounds surged like waves:

"Two thousand eight!"

"Three thousand two!"

"Three thousand five hundred!"

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"I bid five thousand!"

"Five thousand two!"

In a short while, the first High Grade Body Nourishing Pill was bid up to over five thousand.

"Seven thousand!"

Eventually, a voice from the VIP loft of the Imperial Family concluded the bidding for the first Body Nourishing Pill.

Subsequently.

The other nine Body Nourishing Pills each sold for no less than six thousand.

"It's insane. High Grade Body Nourishing Pills, merely enhancing a bit of cultivation at the Organ Refining Stage, and yet they've been bid up so high."

Chen Yu lamented.

"Junior Brother Chen, if you can sell that 'Qi Storage Pill' you have, it can definitely fetch a price several times that of the High Grade Body Nourishing Pills."

Qiu Xinxin smiled teasingly.

"The second item for auction, three Fierce Bird King Eggs, starting at three thousand grade essence stones per egg

Elder Qiao announced.

"Three thousand two!"

"Three thousand five!"

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"Four thousand eight!"

In no time, the price of one Fierce Bird King Egg approached five thousand.

Ultimately, it sold for just over six thousand.

Chen Yu suspected that these Fierce Bird King Eggs were the ones consigned by Li Dakui and another individual.

However.

The number of participants in this egg bidding wasn't large.

Currently, with the invasion of Bone Demon Palace, all forces wanted to enhance their strength, necessitating Elixirs, Spirit Materials, and precious artifacts.

The Fierce Bird King Eggs, without any special lineage and requiring long-term cultivation, demanded much effort and resources.

The second and third Fierce Bird King Eggs only fetched a little over five thousand.

Following that.

One by one, items continued to be sold at the auction.

"The sixth item for auction, a lower-tier precious artifact 'Blood Tooth Sword', forged from the fangs of a Saber-Toothed Tiger King and several rare Blood Spirit Ores. Besides its impressive power, this sword inflicts additional corrosive damage to flesh, making wounds extremely difficult to heal

Elder Qiao announced smilingly.

Finally, a precious artifact surfaced at the auction.

"Starting bid, fifteen thousand grade essence stones, with each increase no less than a thousand."

"One thousand eight!"

"Two thousand!"

"Two thousand three!"

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"Two thousand eight!"

Quickly, the 'Blood Tooth Sword' reached a high bid of close to three thousand.

At last.

The sword sold for thirty-one thousand to a mysterious figure in a conical hat.

"What a pity, I don't have enough yuan stones."

Tong Yuling looked dejected. She had participated in the bidding for the Blood Tooth Sword, but her financial resources fell short.

An hour later.

The auction had already gone through over ten rounds.

"Coming up next, a truly unique and rare treasure."

Elder Qiao announced with a smile.

"Unique and rare treasures usually refer to items with unusual abilities or special effects that can't be categorized simply by artifact grades. Their creation can be an accidental product of artifact refining or naturally occurring, with functionalities varying in degree."

Elder Qiao explained with a hint of mystery.

"Junior Brother Chen, the 'Ice Heart Tears' you're wearing could also be considered a unique and rare treasure."

Qiu Xinxin said with a smile.

"Oh?"

Chen Yu couldn't help but feel intrigued.

Just then.

A tall, beautiful woman arrived carrying a tray, on which lay three worn metallic spheres with some rust and a dull gray sheen.

Thump! Thump!

Suddenly, Chen Yu's heart began to beat faster inside him, as if it was conveying an urgent desire.

"What's happening!"

Chen Yu was shocked; the metallic spheres had triggered such a reaction from his mysterious heart.

This was the first time such a reaction had occurred since the integration of the mysterious heart.