

Eternal Heart 86

Chapter 86: Snake Ghost Shadow

After advancing to the Copper Bone level with the “Copper Statue Technique,” Chen Yu’s heart settled down a lot.

Copper Bone Formation meant that his foundational strength, without relying on any external force or martial arts skills, was firmly rooted in the Late Stage of Organ Refining.

Moreover,

The fierce body that Chen Yu got from the mysterious cardiac reconstruction was originally comparable to ferocious beasts; his Copper Bone Formation was on par with other people’s Copper Bone Small Success or even higher.

However, at this time,

The three bottles of Body Refining elixirs that Chen Yu had spent a great deal to compound were now all consumed.

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Practice had proven that the key to breaking through to Copper Bone was still that batch of Body Refining elixir aged one hundred and twenty years, its effects nearly twice as strong as the previous two bottles!

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In the following days,

Chen Yu led a peaceful yet monotonous life.

At night, he served as a hidden sentry, silently practicing the “Concealing Qi Technique.” During the day, he cultivated his techniques and martial skills.

In the blink of an eye,

More than a month had passed, and the days guarding the Spirit Garden were much more peaceful than he had imagined.

But for some reason,

This abnormal calmness gave Chen Yu a slight sense of unease.

He always had the feeling that this “Spirit Garden Guardian” assignment had been orchestrated by someone.

But,

Based on the current situation of the mission, as long as the Bone Demon Palace did not invade this place, there seemed to be no threat to Chen Yu.

Chen Yu didn't think any further.

Aside from his life as a "hidden sentry," he spent all day diligently cultivating his techniques and martial arts.

In just over forty days, Chen Yu made rapid progress.

With the added talent in body technique, his "Cloud Evil Fist Technique" became more profound, and the Evil Qi in his Cloud Evil inner breath became more intense. After his last consumption of the Clearing Qi Pill, the inner breath was as pure as desired.

It gave him the feeling that the Cloud Evil Fist Technique was approaching its peak.

The greatest difference,

Chen Yu now could produce “Fist Force Condensing Evil” without having to enter an explosive state; just a slight charge in his heart was sufficient.

In the realm of swordsmanship,

The “Iron Gang Sword” progressed even faster; after all, its level was below that of the “Cloud Evil Fist,” and it wasn’t subject to restrictions like cultivation level or killing conditions.

In a secluded cave,

Sword energy solidified!

Chen Yu shook the heavy sword in his hand, and a “buzzing” silvery iron wall of sword energy danced before him, dense and airtight, with an impenetrable and substantial feeling.

At a glance, it was like a heavy overlapping wall of iron waves.

Near that wall of sword energy, the air seemed to thicken, as if draining the surrounding space of air. Any sand or stone that neared it was crushed to dust.

“Sword energy forms a wall! It can form a sizeable defensive layer of energy.”

Chen Yu smiled with satisfaction.

The ability to create a wall of sword energy meant that his “Iron Gang Sword” had reached the peak of its potential!

This was the successful result of over forty days of strenuous cultivation by Chen Yu.

The integration of the mysterious heart provided not just a talent for body technique, but also astonishing stamina and recovery ability.

Therefore,

Not only was Chen Yu advancing quickly, but he could also cultivate for twice as long as the average person.

Especially with techniques like heavy swordsmanship, which were immensely draining to perform. Even someone at the Late Stage of Organ Refining would find it taxing to practice for an hour.

Besides the Sword Energy Wall, Chen Yu also mastered another sweeping sword skill “Sword Energy Torrent.”

Once unleashed, Sword Energy Torrent would turn the sword energy into a raging storm of blades, engulfing a region two zhang around. This skill was even more powerful and more formidable than when he had achieved Great Success.

This technique was one that Chen Yu created after his “Iron Gang Sword” reached its peak and he comprehended the true essence of swordsmanship.

For any martial technique, including fist or sword techniques, once the peak is reached, one can understand the true essence of martial arts. The true essence understood by each person varies slightly.

Once the true essence is grasped, one can break free from the constraints of the original martial techniques, with moves coming naturally and unrestricted.

That night,

Chen Yu, as usual, completed his cultivation of techniques and martial arts and then began his duty as a “hidden sentry.”

His post for today was atop a large tree.

In the tree, dense branches and foliage completely obscured Chen Yu’s figure.

He skillfully circulated the “Concealing Qi Technique,” contracting all his breath and body heat as if he were an inert piece of deadwood.

With the cover of darkness, it would be quite difficult for anyone to notice him, even if they came within a zhang.

Chen Yu’s vision swept over the area within a mile radius.

At that moment,

Duan Xiaolong and a Meridian Passage Stage disciple passed by on their patrol nearby.

Chen Yu exchanged a subtle glance with Duan Xiaolong, signaling that there were no abnormalities to report.

But today,

A hint of anxiety appeared on Duan Xiaolong’s face, occasionally looking around.

Chen Yu thought about it and understood the reason.

A person like Duan Xiaolong, with a will and temperament far beyond ordinary people, was always composed and undisturbed by external factors.

The only reason for his emotional fluctuation was Qiu Xinxin!

Duan Xiaolong had always been deeply in love with Qiu Xinxin, apart from Martial Arts, she was the single emotional investment in his heart.

As per the routine of the past few days,

Qiu Xinxin's task involved a general inventory of the precious Spiritual Medicines in the Spirit Garden, twice daily—morning and evening.

And this evening, Qiu Xinxin did not show up.

"It's almost half an hour later than usual, and she still hasn't appeared

Duan Xiaolong's eyebrows furrowed slightly, revealing a trace of concern.

He knew Qiu Xinxin well; she was extremely hardworking and demanding in her daily routine and cultivation, and very responsible with her tasks.

Now that she has not appeared, there were only two possibilities.

One, Qiu Xinxin was delayed by important matters.

Two, something unexpected might have happened to Qiu Xinxin!

"Junior Brother Chen, have you seen Junior Sister Qiu tonight?" Duan Xiaolong asked through a voice transmission.

"No," Chen Yu replied softly.

As a hidden sentry in the shadows, he had a wide field of vision and was sure that Qiu Xinxin hadn't come by today.

Chen Yu also felt that her absence was somewhat abnormal.

After watching Duan Xiaolong leave, Chen Yu scanned the mile radius once more, sensing that something was amiss.

"Something's not right! Two people are missing!"

Chen Yu's heart chilled.

As a hidden sentry, it was his responsibility not only to watch for the enemy and abnormalities but also to occasionally count the number of people on his own side.

Chen Yu remembered.

Within a two-hour radius of this area, there were six sect members patrolling, including Duan Xiaolong.

Six patrolling members, divided into three groups; each group consisted of one Organ Refining and one Meridian Passage. And generally, the two members of each group wouldn't separate.

And now.

Chen Yu discovered that among the original three groups patrolling, one group was missing—that is, two people.

He took a deep breath and scanned the area again to confirm.

Indeed, there was one less group!

The simultaneous disappearance of two people was not something an ordinary person could manage. Because the two members of each group, supporting each other, usually didn't separate.

There was an enemy presence!

Just as Chen Yu was about to call out, he suddenly felt a chill attacking him.

Hiss!

A cold wind with a chill came from the bottom of the tree trunk.

A dark-spotted poison snake, about three feet long and hissing, was seen climbing along the tree trunk to the foot of Chen Yu.

Swoosh!

The dark-spotted poison snake opened its venomous fangs, carrying a dangerous breath, and bit towards Chen Yu's leg.

That scene, so startling that Chen Yu felt a chill up his spine, inescapable!

The dark-spotted poison snake was completely silent, perhaps lurking here while he was conversing with Duan Xiaolong.

Ding-chi!

The dark-spotted poison snake bit into Chen Yu's leg, spitting out a grey-green toxic liquid with an extremely powerful corrosive force.

"This is a poison snake spirit pet comparable to the Organ Refining Stage

Chen Yu grunted, feeling a sensation of burning pain and numbness spreading from his leg.

At a critical moment.

He had already activated the "Copper Statue Technique," turning his legs into copper and iron, nearly getting pierced by the snake's bite.

Had he been at the mere Copper Muscle level, his skin would have been broken and the venom would have invaded him.

Even more terrifying was.

Although the snake failed to penetrate his defense, it spewed a glob of grey-green venom, carrying lethal poison for corrosion.

Ssss~

The venom not only caused Chen Yu's leg to feel numb but the scent it emitted gave him a slight dizziness.

Thump! Thump!

Chen Yu's heart violently pounded, driving away that bit of dizziness, and the numbness in his leg faded.

He was certain.

If it had been an average Mid-stage or Late Stage Organ Refining practitioner faced with this snake's sneak attack, they might have been poisoned to death by now.

Whoosh!

The dark-spotted poison snake, three feet in length, leaped upwards, coiling around Chen Yu's legs, with its venomous fangs and tongue, lunging straight for Chen Yu's throat.

"Die!"

Chen Yu was furious, operating the "Copper Statue Technique" at the Copper Bone level.

Crunch Crunch!

Bones throughout his body crackled, a layer of metallic dark copper luminescence formed on the surface of his body, his physique suddenly expanded, and he erupted with an overwhelmingly powerful force.

Pop! Splurt—

In an instant, an enormous force tore the dark-spotted poison snake in two, splattering flesh and blood.

"You youngster! You actually killed my 'Snake Child

A dozen yards away, beside a rock on the mountain, an old man in a grey robe holding a snake staff emerged, his face showing a mixture of resentment and shock.

Hiss! Hiss!

Two dark-spotted poison snakes, identical to the one before, were crawling on the old man's staff.

Moreover.

Within dozens of yards around him, several dozen more poison snakes appeared, each with strength at least at the Peak of Meridian Passage.

These snakes, hissing and with their cold serpentine eyes, stared at Chen Yu up in the tree.

"What demon from where! Someone

Chen Yu shouted loudly, his powerful voice spreading within a two-hour radius.

However.

After a quick glance, he startled and noticed that among the original three patrols, only Duan Xiaolong's group remained.

"Bad news! That's 'Snake Ghost Shadow' the 'Snake' from the combination."

Upon seeing the snake-controlling old man beside the mountain rock, Duan Xiaolong's expression changed, and he hurriedly warned, "Junior Brother Chen, be careful, and

He recognized the origin of this person.

Snake Ghost Shadow was a terrifying combination from a secret assassin organization in Chu Country.

Snake was just one part of that combination.

Before Duan Xiaolong could finish, a sudden change occurred.

Whiz!

A ghostly afterimage flew out from the bushes behind and toward Chen Yu.

In a split second.

A short sword, silent and snake-like, seemed to pierce out of the night and towards Chen Yu.

Chen Yu's muscles tensed, feeling a sense of crisis far greater than the previous snake attack.

The blade of the short sword, dull and non-reflective, merged with the night, reaching Chen Yu.

Too fast!

Chen Yu couldn't dodge in time.

"Jie

A ghastly figure in black, shriveled and ghost-like, entered Chen Yu's field of vision.

The energy fluctuations emerging from the dull short sword were clearly in the Late Stage of Organ Refining!

The sword seemed to be a treasure weapon specialized for assassination.

Even with Chen Yu's Copper Bone Formation, he feared he couldn't completely withstand it, and the "Xuan Heavy Sword" on his back was out of reach.

"Get lost!"

Chen Yu ran the "Copper Statue Technique," raising his arm to withstand the blow.

Seeking death?

A sneer of mockery and cruelty appeared on the ghost in black's face.

Ding! Sizzle~

The sword struck Chen Yu's arm, sparks flew, and a tremendous recoil force nearly knocked the short sword out of the attacker's hand.

What!

The ghost in black was astonished and colored with shock, as not even a Postnatal Qi Transformation practitioner could withstand the sword with their flesh.

"Green Scale Arm Guard!"

On Chen Yu's left arm, a dark green arm guard buzzed to life, showing scales like those of a crocodile, expanding slightly, becoming like a small shield, with scales shining brilliantly.