

Eternal Heart 96

Chapter 96: Giant Spider Iron Beetle

"Anyway, this Spiritual Ore is very mysterious and highly valuable. If you could collect some, you will be handsomely rewarded!"

Handsomely rewarded?

Chen Yu felt odd at heart. This Moon Spirit Ore possessed magical powers that captivated the hearts of three elders in the Qi Transformation Realm.

The uses of Moon Spirit Ore were twofold:

On one hand, it targeted artifacts. It could enhance the quality of artifacts and increase the speed at which True Qi flowed inside them.

On the other hand, it mysteriously promoted bodily functions, though opinions varied on this aspect.

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Among the most mystical was the ability to change a Spiritual Body's aptitude!

"Master... can a Spiritual Body's aptitude really change?"

Chen Yu's heart skipped.

Up until now, despite merging with the mysterious heart, his Spiritual Body aptitude was still his greatest weakness!

In the world, was there truly a method to change a Spiritual Body's aptitude?

"In the vast Cultivation World, with its broad territories, countless treasures exist. Indeed, legends speak of a few heaven-defying treasures capable of changing a Spiritual Body's aptitude postnatally."

Elder Mao murmured softly.

"Does Moon Spirit Ore truly have such power?" Chen Yu held his breath.

"Hehe, lad, don't overthink it. It's just a rumor."

Elder Pan chuckled strangely.

"Rumor?"

"Related to the rumor, it's not ordinary Moon Spirit Ore. It is the legendary treasure that may exist in one out of a billion— the Moon Spirit Holy Stone."

Moon Spirit Holy Stone!

Upon hearing the words "Holy Stone," Chen Yu felt it was beyond his reach.

"According to legend, a person of normal bodily aptitude became a High Grade Spirit Body with the aid of the Moon Spirit Holy Stone. Of course, that's only recorded in ancient texts."

Elder Pan smiled.

By his tone and expression, even he himself might not believe that rumor.

Bodily aptitude is innately determined—changing it postnatally is akin to defying fate!

"As for this abandoned Moon Spirit Ore site, its scale is mediocre. It was nearly exhausted by an ancient sect, leaving at most some ordinary Moon Spirit Ore. The Moon Spirit Holy Stone? Don't even think about it!"

Elder Pan's words shattered Chen Yu's fantasies.

Chen Yu thought again; even if there were truly a Moon Spirit Holy Stone here, it wouldn't likely end up in his hands.

"Yu'er, when you enter the ancient well later, if you could mine some Moon Spirit Ore, that would already be quite remarkable. Your master decrees, for every extra ten pounds you mine, you shall keep one pound. You must understand, the value of this ore far exceeds that of common meteoric iron."

Elder Mao said with a smile.

"Disciple will do his best. However, I must say, if there are irresistible dangers in this mine, I cannot force it."

Chen Yu solemnly stated.

Even if the legendary Moon Spirit Holy Stone was present, one must live to enjoy it.

"That's understandable. After all, your 'Copper Statue Technique' can still be improved, and this ore in the mine can be mined every six months."

Elder Mao nodded.

In fact, none of them harbored great hopes.

If not this time, there would be another chance. Chen Yu's "Copper Statue Technique" could also improve, with preserving his life being the priority.

Next.

The two elders and Elder Pan each took out some tools for Chen Yu.

Among them, Elder Mao took out a set of half-precious artifact soft leather armor for Chen Yu to wear.

Elder Nangong handed Chen Yu a storage bag.

"Fortunately, the force field here doesn't interfere with the Sumeru Formation, allowing the use of storage bags; that's part of its peculiarity."

Elder Nangong said with a smile.

Storage bag?

It was the first time Chen Yu used such a bag, which included an array enhancement; by pressing a hub, it could be opened.

Inside the bag was a mustard seed space as large as a water tank, similar to those available on the market, and it didn't reduce the weight of its contents.

Unfortunately, the storage bag still couldn't fit the Xuan Heavy Sword.

Chen Yu pursed his lips.

"Greedy boy, don't be insatiable. During ancient times, if not for a mysterious race called the Heavenly Mechanism Clan descending, various array tools like storage bags wouldn't be as widespread as today. Otherwise, having one in the Qi Transformation Realm would be a luxury."

Elder Mao couldn't help but curse playfully.

Then.

Elder Pan took out a mining shovel and a fist-sized Luminous Pearl and had Chen Yu place them into the storage bag.

The elders gave Chen Yu several Spirit Pills as well—some for restoring vitality, others were antidotes, all rare treasures.

"I have one more ace for you."

Suddenly Elder Mao took out two dark red spheres, about the size of a baby's fist.

"Yin Fire Pearls!"

Elder Nangong and Elder Pan had a slightly grim expression.

"These Yin Fire Pearls, seized from a strong practitioner from Bone Demon Palace on the battlefield, have the power to threaten and seriously injure someone in the Poster Qi Transformation."

Elder Mao clicked his tongue and smiled.

Injure someone in the Qi Transformation Realm?

Chen Yu's eyes suddenly brightened. This was indeed an ace!

Elder Mao taught Chen Yu how to use it, advising, "Don't use this unless absolutely necessary."

Chen Yu nodded gravely, securing the Yin Fire Ball.

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Finally.

Fully equipped, Chen Yu set off, heading towards the deep ancient well.

Under the moonlit night, the ancient well was surrounded by a faint halo of silvery moon frost, creating a mysterious echo with the round moon in the sky.

Swoosh!

Elder Pan took out a tens of meters long iron chain, instructing Chen Yu to grasp it and descend into the well.

"When you return, or if something unusual happens, just tug this iron chain, and we will pull you up."

Elder Pan emphasized.

"Understood."

Chen Yu slid down the well, his body gradually descending into the ancient deeper parts.

During this process, his nerves were tense, his extraordinary vision always on guard for the surrounding environment.

After entering the ancient well.

Chen Yu clearly felt the invisible force field increase several times in strength, to the extent that his Inner Breath True Qi could not sense even a bit.

Fortunately.

The beating of his heart was as clear as ever, seemingly still able to gather strength and initiate.

His "Copper Statue Technique" was also unaffected.

After descending about twenty meters, Chen Yu finally touched down, standing on the hard rock layer.

Swoosh!

Upon landing, Chen Yu felt an inexplicable chill as a strong gust of wind attacked from the side.

He immediately activated the Copper Statue Technique, shifting his body to the side, and heard a “snap.”

He saw.

Several strands of white spider silk, as thick as needles, striking the rock wall.

Even the smooth rock wall, which was as hard as a Half-precious Artifact, showed a shallow crack.

Hiss!

One of the white strands brushed past Chen Yu’s shoulder, but with a full-body Half-precious Artifact for protection, it only left a crack on it.

Chen Yu gasped in shock.

He looked intently and saw a silver-brown giant spider, larger than a human, crouched in a corner of the mine, its several brown-red icy eyes visible.

Screech!

A ghastly gust of wind roared, leaving a lingering afterimage, the silver-brown giant spider pounced in front of Chen Yu with an undetectable speed.

So fast!

Chen Yu's heart tightened.

If it were someone at the Organ Refining Stage or even Qi Transformation Realm without Inner Breath True Qi, their lightweight martial arts would hardly be able to perform, likely resulting in an instant kill.

Clang bang!

Chen Yu picked up the Xuan Heavy Sword and swung it forcefully, sending the silver-brown giant spider flying a distance away.

The shocked observers.

Though not incredibly strong, the silver-brown giant spider's body was harder than iron. The previous strike only left shallow marks on it.

Hiss! Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!

After stabilizing itself, the silver-brown giant spider shot several more white strands of silk, aiming at Chen Yu's legs.

The speed of the spider silk was so fast that it nearly made it impossible for Chen Yu to dodge.

He had a sudden inspiration.

Whoosh!

Chen Yu brought down the Xuan Heavy Sword, and sure enough, it got bound by the white spider silk.

"Hehe, get up!"

Chen Yu forcefully tugged the heavy sword in his hand. The powerful force, following the spider silk, pulled the silver-brown giant spider into midair.

Hiss!

As the silver-brown giant spider called out, its body suspended in air, it showed a look of terror.

What followed was an unimaginable nightmare of misery.

Bang bang! Bang, bang, bang!

Chen Yu swung the silk-bound heavy sword up, down, left, and right, treating the silver-brown giant spider like a punching bag, smashing it against the rock walls, mine ceiling, and the rocky ground, battering it bad and tired.

After dozens of strikes, the silver-brown giant spider bled green blood and passed out.

"Done!"

Chen Yu laughed.

To his surprise, the spider silk sprayed by the silver-brown giant spider was extraordinarily tough; it didn't break even after such a whipping.

Of course, if one were to be bound by this spider silk, they too would be in a crisis.

Squish!

After the silver-brown giant spider was beaten half-dead, it lost all ability to resist. Chen Yu approached with the heavy sword and targeted its vital points, successfully slashing it.

After killing the spider, Chen Yu gathered the spider silk into a ball and stored it in the storage bag.

Afterward.

Chen Yu looked around to make sure that there were no apparent living creatures within about twenty feet.

"Um."

Feeling slightly relieved, Chen Yu took out a Luminous Pearl and examined the surrounding rock walls.

Suddenly.

He discovered a few small patches of ore in the nearby rock area, round in color and emitting a faint lustrous sheen.

"Moon Spirit Ore?"

Chen Yu took out a fist-sized piece of Iron Moon Ore from his storage bag and compared them.

Iron Moon Ore is a special kind of Spiritual Ore produced outside this mine.

It is said to be a lower grade form of Moon Spirit Ore.

The difference is,

Moon Spirit Ore has a glossy color and emits a weak luminescence similar to moonlight.

"Indeed, it is Moon Spirit Ore."

Chen Yu's face lit up with joy.

Without another word, he picked up the mining shovel given by Elder Pan from his storage bag.

Clang clang!

The shovel, clearly not an ordinary object, was heavy and powerful, quickly digging up the irregular pieces of Moon Spirit Ore.

Of course.

This was possible because Chen Yu was enhanced by the Copper Statue Technique and had “Acquired Divine Power.” Had it been an average person at the Organ Refining Stage without any inner breath, they probably wouldn’t have been able to chip off much.

Before long.

Chen Yu mined all the Moon Spirit Ore in the nearby area, weighing about thirty kilograms.

The density of Moon Spirit Ore was much lower than meteoric iron. The pile looked so small; if it had been meteoric iron, it would have weighed at least a hundred or two hundred kilograms.

Chen Yu held the heavy sword and slowly penetrated deeper into the mine.

Vaguely, he sensed an eerie, putrefying aura.

Swoosh, swoosh!

After advancing about thirty feet, another similar silver-brown giant spider leaped out, spitting several strands of white silk.

Without hesitation, Chen Yu blocked with the heavy sword, intentionally letting the spider silk bind him.

Bang bang bang!

Just like the previous method, Chen Yu scooped up the silver-brown giant spider and started beating it left and right, quickly rendering it half-dead and unconscious.

After dealing with this giant spider.

Just as Chen Yu was about to extract the spider silk and check the nearby Moon Spirit Ore, he suddenly felt a chilling creepiness.

Shoo, shoo, shoo!

From the deeper, darker area of the mine, a myriad of small black dots shot out, each about the size of a thumb.

"Are those...?"

Chen Yu's face turned to horror as he saw hundreds of grey-patched iron bugs converging into a swarm, rushing towards the blood-soaked corpse of the silver-brown giant spider.

Obviously, the bloodiness of the giant spider's corpse attracted these iron bugs.

Taking advantage of the iron bugs being drawn to the giant spider's corpse, Chen Yu quickly retreated.

Puff puff puff!

But saw those grey-patched iron bugs, within a few breaths, devour the giant spider's corpse, leaving nothing but bone scraps...