

Carefree 941

Chapter 941: Drug and Meditation

The Red Comet crossed half of Flying Rainbow City and stopped in front of a detached villa surrounded by mountains and rivers. It was like a scene out of a fairytale.

"This is... Tulip Gardens? The most expensive villa district in Flying Rainbow City. Only the super rich can afford it..." Fang Yuan took off his helmet. "Teacher, you are really rich!"

"You'll also be rich after you become a Mystic! Come in!"

The door opened after it scanned Xiao Hongyue's iris.

The internal structure of the villa was simple. A huge training ground appeared after a short walk in, allowing Fang Yuan to peer into Xiao Hongyue's madness for cultivation.

"Go and bathe on the second floor, change into training gear, and then enter the nutrition chamber. I'll do a comprehensive check for you!"

Xiao Hongyue turned solemn, making her more alluring.

"All right!"

He was playing a good student at this time, so Fang Yuan obeyed obediently and took the most luxurious bath in Lin Meng's memory. He then laid in a nutrition chamber akin to a transparent coffin.

It was a device from a top hospital. Not only did it possess a scanning function, but it could also cure most ailments, such as broken limbs. It cost millions of star dollars to manufacture, and only people like Xiao Hongyue could afford it.

Ding!

Xiao Hongyue's upper half appeared on the screen. "Lie down and don't move. I'll do a check on you and see how you've recovered or if there are any injuries left. Don't be nervous... By the way, you have a good figure!"

Fang Yuan rolled his eyes and let the scanner go to work.

This instrument might be more sophisticated than the one at school, but it was impossible for it to discover the secret of his True Spirit.

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"Strange. His body is recovering well, and his brain development is also at 30%, totally different from the report previously..." Xiao Hongyue frowned suspiciously

"However, the brain has always been the most mysterious place of all... I have to send him to East Dragon University and ask for the help of an Undead Immortal if I want to understand his situation. Ah, I must be crazy!"

Fang Yuan opened his eyes after his body woke from the slumber. He clambered out from the nutrition chamber, feeling even better than ever.

Xiao Hongyue's voice came. "Wear your training gear and come see me!"

A neat set of black and white training clothes was in a corner. It seemed similar to karate uniforms from his previous life.

Fang Yuan wore it and went to the training room barefooted.

"Your body is very healthy, and there are no hidden injuries. Your brain development is at 30%, and there is no damage to your life potential..." Xiao Hongyue said calmly like a tireless teacher. "However, this isn't enough for East Dragon University! Far from it!"

Fang Yuan sat cross-legged in front of Xiao Hongyue and asked quietly, "I already have plans for the other subjects. Teacher, what methods do you have to increase my brain development?"

This was one of the reasons he came!

He could only overclock his brain when he used a Mental Demon True Spirit technique, but it was unable to bring him to his desired 200%!

This was why he wanted to delve into the way the brains developed in this world. It could be complementary and produce unexpected results.

"There are only two ways for a normal person to develop their brains, relying on brain development drugs and meditation! There's also another chance to improve after being exposed to the Scientific Cultivation Method... But there is one very important point—the higher your brain development, the brighter your future. Only a 100% brain development can solve the bottleneck for Undead Immortal!" Xiao Hongyue said calmly.

"This should be... a secret of the cultivation world? Teacher, why are you exposing it to me?"

Fang Yuan pointed at his nose.

"Because you are very good, and I don't want you to take the wrong path! Your starting point is too low after all. Your future brain development will not exceed 50% if you continue like this. It will be difficult for you to cross over the threshold of a high-level cultivator!" Xiao Hongyue was also barefooted and cross-legged in her training gear. "Time is too short at this point. Meditation would be of little help to you, so you can only use brain development drugs!"

Xiao Hongyue switched her projection screen on. Three funnel-shaped medicine bottles appeared, containing red, yellow, and purple medications.

"Brain development drug!" Fang Yuan's eyes glittered.

"Yes... After countless experiments and hundreds of millions of people proving it personally, brain development drugs are the only things that can increase the development of your brain with minimal

side effects!” Xiao Hongyue nodded. “There are three versions. Even the lowest-tier brain development drug is worth hundreds of thousands of star dollars, and... there’s a market!”

“I know...” Lin Meng had looked up quite a bit of information about this previously because he was interested. “Also, your body will develop resistance toward this drug immediately after you ingest it. There will be no effect the second time. That means you only have three chances in your lifetime!”

“That’s right!” Xiao Hongyue stretched her hand into the screen and grabbed the funnel with the red medicine. “This is the low-tier stage brain development drug. It’ll improve your development by 0.3% to 3%! Some studies have shown that the effect will be better when you inject it during meditation.”

“What about the mid-tier and high-tier versions?” Fang Yuan looked at the screen, his voice a little hoarse.

“The mid-tier brain development drug’s effect is about 1% to 5%, and the high-tier one is 3% to 9%!” Xiao Hongyue replied.

“In that case, if I’m lucky, I’ll be able to increase by more than 5% by using the low-tier one first and then the mid-tier and high-tier one subsequently? I’ll then be able to reach East Dragon University’s cut-off point?” Fang Yuan asked with feigned excitement.

“Dream on!” Xiao Hongyue rolled his eyes. “I only have this low-tier one. I swallowed the mid-tier drug long ago, and I don’t have the high-tier drug!”

She said in a dignified voice after a pause, “There are only a few of these high-tier brain development drugs, so the price is terrifying. The entire Flying Rainbow City may not be worth that much!”

Brain development would represent the ultimate achievement after the spiritual roots formed.

Many methods, such as meditation and low-tier and mid-tier drugs, would become useless in the cultivator phase.

Therefore, the high-level cultivators who felt their foundation lacking were eager for anything that could help brain development.

The high-tier brain development drug was, without a doubt, the truest representation of this!

Fang Yuan would not be surprised if there were cultivators who would kill for it even in the current lawful society.

“Hu...” Fang Yuan took the funnel and looked at Xiao Hongyue seriously. “I will definitely repay your kindness and the medical bills!”

Do not underestimate the promise of a Demon God. Fang Yuan had secretly decided that he would need at least a high-tier brain development drug in the future to repay her.

“Okay, I’ll wait!”

Xiao Hongyue continued, “I’ll teach you a meditation technique now... This is the foundation of a cultivator. Different meditation techniques have different features, but the more advanced the

meditation method, the greater the range of improvement for your development. ‘Six Point Mental Demon’ and ‘Red Dust Meditation’ for example. Many Undead Immortals relied on them to form their spiritual roots and set their foundation before they became cultivators!”

Brain development would become more difficult when they became cultivators. It was prudent to start as early as possible and minimize the cost.

Fang Yuan’s eyes sparked. “Teacher, can you teach me a top-tier meditation technique?”

“No!

“I signed many non-disclosure agreements when I obtained the technique. I can’t teach it... Moreover, you won’t be able to improve that much even with meditation techniques over the next few days... I’m imparting a meditation technique to you to give you an elementary glimpse into them and to increase the efficacy of the drug. Don’t waste it.”

“All right!”

Fang Yuan knew he was asking too much, so he listened carefully.

“The meditation technique I’m about to impart to you is called ‘Forget!’ This is something I found during an expedition! Its effect is comparable to that of a mid-tier meditation technique!”

Xiao Hongyue snapped her fingers. Picture and text explanations appeared on the walls of the room.

There was also plenty of research data below it.

This was using scientific methods to guide cultivation, allowing Mystics to take fewer detours.

“According to my understanding, ‘Forget’ is to try and forget all kinds of trivial matters, calm the brain, and stimulate the pineal gland to improve development. If this meditation technique were complete, it would at least be a high-tier technique!” Xiao Hongyue sighed.

“Of course... there’s a huge risk in cultivating it. You have to be careful not to forget too much and become an idiot.

“Speaking of which... this technique is similar to Red Dust Meditation. Perhaps it came from Zen as well, but Red Dust requires you to cut three thousand troubles and forget emotions. The ‘Forget’ meditation technique, however, is to get rid of miscellaneous thoughts and keep the original intentions. You’ll finally come face-to-face with Buddha...”

Xiao Hongyue was a teacher after all. This meditation technique was explained in great detail and was easy to understand.

Fang Yuan’s eyes widened, but he had long filtered her words. This meditation technique isn’t the style of Zen at all... In fact, it seems to have traces of a foreign world. Could this be something another higher existence left behind? Also... it can complement the incompleteness of the meditation techniques!

Xiao Hongyue thought that this meditation technique might have originated from Zen, so she used the essence of Buddhism to complement it and brought it to a mid-tier technique.

On the other hand, Fang Yuan's experience was a few planets greater than hers and thus had higher comprehension.

For this meditation technique, the thing that complements it the most for mortals is the Meditative Tea Ceremony!

Of course, this was not the best method, but only this method was suitable for mortals.

Fang Yuan's eyes shone and started calculating with his True Spirit. Meditate and become one with Dao. Forget all worries and become one with Mother Earth...

Chapter 942: Compel

Mind of Tranquility!

Fang Yuan seemed to have a moment of enlightenment. His hands clasped while he sat cross-legged. Shutting his eyes gently, he entered a complete state of meditation.

"Hmm?" Xiao Hongyue's eyes widened while looking at Fang Yuan, who had slipped into a deep sleep. "He's entered this state so quickly? No... this only happens in deep meditation!"

The human brain was full of mysteries. If one could enter deep sleep, they could fulfill a day's worth of rest in two to three hours.

On top of that, obtaining a deep state of meditation was something one could discover but not seek.

In this state, people could gain a lot of benefits. Furthermore, it was his first time meditating, and he even managed to enter this state. It was Xiao Hongyue's first time witnessing something like this.

"Could Lin Meng be a genius at meditation?" she mumbled while looking at Fang Yuan. She steeled her heart. "It's your first time meditating, and you managed to enter such a premium state. It'll be a waste not to use any drugs."

Xiao Hongyue's long and white slender fingers were swift. She injected the low-tier brain development drug into Fang Yuan's neck.

The red fluid drained instantly, entering his veins and circulating throughout his entire body.

In an instant, Fang Yuan's veins popped up, as if a red worm were traveling through his body. It was truly a gruesome sight.

Xiao Hongyue did not even bat an eye. Instead, she monitored every change in his body.

Without realizing, an entire night passed.

"Ah..." Fang Yuan opened his eyes, stretched lazily, and yawned. He was full of energy. "Huh? Teacher, didn't you sleep?"

“Sleep? What are you talking about? Do you know what you did yesterday? You entered deep meditation during your first time, and it even lasted the entire night!”

Xiao Hongyue’s face looked haggard. However, her enthusiasm overpowered that. “So? How did it feel? When you entered meditation, what happened?”

“It felt... amazing!”

Fang Yuan allowed Xiao Hongyue to check him. She let out a scream. “Brain development of... 35%! You exceeded the limits of the low-tier brain development drug! This means that you fully utilized the effects of the drug, increasing your development by 3%! This also means that you managed to get one year’s worth of meditation within a single session! You raised the development by 2%!”

“Tell me now!” She grasped Fang Yuan’s collar like a fierce mother lion. “What happened during your meditation?!”

“Last night, I followed your instructions and meditated! I believe Teacher injected the drug into me, right?”

Fang Yuan did not know much.

Meditation relied entirely on a person’s heart and spirit. It was more mysterious than memories.

The Human Alliance had still not completed their research on the human mind. As long as Fang Yuan insisted that he did not know anything, even Xiao Hongyue could not do anything.

After a series of explanations, Fang Yuan said happily, “So, my brain development is at 35%? Doesn’t that mean I can enter East Dragon University?”

In reality, his gains from yesterday were far beyond Xiao Hongyue’s imagination. His current advancements were just an act.

“That’s right. Your brain development has reached the minimum requirement...”

Xiao Hongyue’s expression turned dark. “However, you still need to work harder in your other subjects. After you reach 270 points, it’ll become challenging to earn even a single point after that. Right, didn’t you want to repay me? Why don’t you head to Fengwu Nine Heavens Academy? With your current grades, you can definitely make it. Even if you can’t, I’ll contact the school to help you out!”

I can tell you’re a graduate of Feng Wu Nine Heavens. Why would I head there just to be a guinea pig? Fang Yuan rolled his eyes. “I apologize... Teacher, going to East Dragon University is my dream. However, I’ll put Fengwu Nine Heavens Academy as my second choice.”

“Hmph!” Xiao Hongyue snorted and pulled up a screen. “Your tutoring session is complete. You don’t have to come over these days. Sign the bill!”

“No problem!”

Fang Yuan looked at the projected screen, and his eyes twitched.

The low-tier brain development drug costs five hundred thousand star dollars on the market. However, teaching the meditation technique, a night of practice, and the materials actually cost the same.

However, he did not condemn Xiao Hongyue's money-grubbing nature. Since she chose to invest in him, what else could he say?

As such, he used an electronic pen to sign and left his virtual fingerprint.

"Great... you may leave!"

Xiao Hongyue waved her hand.

"Teacher... aren't you going to send me off?" Fang Yuan felt wronged. After spending a night like that, her attitude turned so cold. It was as if he had taken advantage of her.

However, this did seem to be the case. Fang Yuan had indeed taken massive advantage of her.

But not a single one of Xiao Hongyue's plans had succeeded.

"Send you off?! I'm still single. How can I let anyone know that a man slept in my house overnight?"

"..."

That made a lot of sense, so Fang Yuan had no rebuttals. Thus, he took public transport and left by himself.

At the entrance of Flying Rainbow High.

Since it was a long way, Fang Yuan had changed buses several times, and he was almost late.

After some time, he finally rushed into the school's main gate on the dot.

Several students formed a human wall before him. Of which, there was the blond from before. He glared coldly at Fang Yuan. "Brat... you're good at running!"

"What? Are you picking a fight in school?" Fang Yuan asked fearlessly.

As an elite student, he would suffer a little if others ganged up on him. However, the school would not let the perpetrators off easily and might even expel them.

This was the special treatment that top students had over school bullies. Even if they fought, teachers would still be biased and offer protection.

"We're not that dumb. We just want to get to know our schoolmates better!"

The blond wrapped his arm around Fang Yuan's shoulder. He pointed at the shade under a tree. "Brat... you got home fine yesterday, right? However, let's not talk about this now. You see that place there? Boss Jarvis wants to have a few words with you!"

"A few words? Sure!"

Fang Yuan shrugged his shoulders and pushed the blond aside. He walked to the tree shade on his own, and he saw the mixed-blood Jarvis.

"Lin Meng, Flying Rainbow City citizen. Eighteen years old, graduated from Southern Hill Kindergarten. Your teacher then was..."

Jarvis had his arms crossed while reciting the profile, wanting to create immense pressure on Fang Yuan. Honestly speaking, this method was indeed effective on inexperienced youths. However, in front of Fang Yuan, it was nothing more than a colossal joke.

“All right, you don’t have to investigate me. I’m just a poor student without any background. The only thing I have is my grades...” Fang Yuan shrugged. “I’ve told your lackeys... I’m not interested in Ling Fei’er at all!”

“What about Xiao Hongyue? You stayed in her villa last night!” Jarvis laughed, revealing his white teeth.

“You followed me?” Fang Yuan feigned shocked. “No... you followed a teacher. How audacious! Aren’t you afraid I’ll tell Xiao Hongyue?”

“You don’t have to use her to scare me...” Jarvis replied leisurely. “As a teacher, allowing a student to stay overnight is a complete scandal! Even if nothing happened, there’s no way she would expose this to the public! It’s impossible to clear up!”

That was true. Fang Yuan felt that if that meditation ‘accident’ had not happened, Xiao Hongyue would have kicked him out of her villa immediately.

However, he managed to get away because of that. Otherwise, these hooligans would have captured him for a beating.

“Then, what do you want? I have to head to class!”

Fang Yuan pretended to look like he was in tremendous turmoil.

“Haha, relax. I’m not concerned about your relationship with Xiao Hongyue. However, I’ve heard that you recovered your brain development level. Since you’re so talented, why don’t you become one of my subordinates?”

Jarvis extended his right hand. “You just have to report Xiao Hongyue’s movements to me and execute my orders. Then I’ll sponsor a portion of your university expenses. You’ve been working part-time to supplement your expenses, right? But once you enter a cultivation university, the expenses aren’t something a small household can undertake.”

“No way!”

Fang Yuan stepped back, causing Jarvis’s expression to darken. “You dare reject me? Reject my good intentions?”

“We’re all going to be adults soon. After the college entrance exam, we’ll be going our separate ways. Why are you doing this? At most, I’ll promise to keep your secret...”

Fang Yuan walked out of the shade and looked at the school’s security camera. His smile was bright like the sun.

“It’s pointless. Do you think I can’t make a move on you in school?”

Jarvis’s back was against the camera. He smiled. “All right... even if you’re relying on this, are you planning to stay in school every single day? Don’t you know how terrifying it is to offend someone like

me? For example, you might run into a small accident and suffer from some injuries. It might even hold you back from taking your college entrance exam. When the time comes, who's going to protect you? Your entire life will be in my hands!"

"Is it?" Fang Yuan's voice turned ice-cold.

Jarvis was not a simple person. He had been stirring up some problems and setting up his net to capture his prey.

If the past Lin Meng were still around, what could he have done against a threat like this?

The most he could have done was to succumb. Even if he made it to a cultivation university, he would have been controlled by various methods. He would be nothing more than a puppet.

Furthermore, the fact that Jarvis dared to say something like this meant that he was doing the same to others!

As he thought about this, Jarvis did seem terrifying.

If I were him, I would sign an agreement once my victim agrees. But I'd set down some harsh conditions. Even though I'd provide support, it'd be nothing more than a formality. However, I'd obtain a cultivator that serves me for life in return!

Since it was an official contract, even if the conditions were ruthless, it was legally binding. The entire Human Alliance would turn into Jarvis's backing. Even if someone wanted to leave, it was nearly impossible.

"I reject!" Fang Yuan's voice was steady after thinking it through. "I don't have any plans to sell my future!"

Chapter 943: Exam

"Great... I guess I've thoroughly offended Jarvis today. Maybe I'll run into an accident the moment I step out of the school gates!"

Looking at Jarvis and his lackeys leave, Fang Yuan shrugged and returned to the classroom.

Within the school grounds, Jarvis would not make obvious moves. At the very least, he would not do it personally and leave himself vulnerable.

In this world, there was also a dark side. Injuring a high school student so that he would not be able to take his college entrance exam was not a big deal.

"Only... they target people like me..."

Fang Yuan was helpless regarding this.

Just like how bullies chose their victims, Jarvis's victims were people like Fang Yuan. They had no family but were outstanding students.

Even if they died, nobody would be concerned, giving him control over them.

If they were students with families, he would be warier. After all, communication was high-speed now, and he could be exposed anytime. That was not something to joke about.

“Unfortunately... the past Lin Meng was the type of person to be forgotten if he died in a ditch! Hmm... but that’s not the case now. I still owe Xiao Hongyue one million star dollars. If she doesn’t want to lose this sum of money, she can’t just leave me to die, nor can she watch my ability to pay her back be lost!”

Fang Yuan walked into the classroom. He decided to make a deal with Xiao Hongyue after class.

As for a woman’s innocence and purity? Haha, Fang Yuan did not care at all.

The longer one lived, the more they would know that in the face of life, that tiny bit of pride was meaningless.

The classroom was very quiet. Many students started putting on their goggles, doing simulation exams and studying.

Fang Yuan went to his seat but did not start studying. After all, he had an overclocked brain, and this bit of high school content was nothing more than child’s play for him.

As for crafting and practical combat ability, it would be a massive joke if he lost to any of these high school students.

“Stats window!”

He leaned on the chair and pulled up his stats window.

As he watched the familiar screen appear, Fang Yuan could not help but feel a surge of warmth in his heart.

This cheat that accompanied him was the only reason he had managed to climb so far. Even up until this point, it had never disappointed him.

A screen only he could see surfaced before him.

“Name: Fang Yuan (Lin Meng)

Profession: Student

Cultivation: None

Brain Development: 170%

World Seal Breaking: 23.77%”

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“Have I unlocked this much? I can finally see my stats. This speed is far beyond my imagination...”

Fang Yuan took a deep breath. His eyes were tranquil. “I wonder how the Abominable Lord is progressing?”

He had a massive conflict with the Abominable Lord. If he used his Dream Dao as he liked, both parties would be able to sense each other’s presence.

Of course, Fang Yuan had not been prepared for him at all. He would be at a disadvantage. However, in this world, they had the same starting point. And that changed everything.

The Abominable Lord was sly and cunning, so he would not expose himself easily. He had to be recovering his power quietly while exploring this world.

He might even be planning to reach the peak of his power.

If he were to do that, he would be able to mobilize many resources in this world, making it much easier to find Fang Yuan.

"I'll use the Dream Master techniques as little as I can. He's a Netherheaven Demon God, and I don't know what he has planned..."

Fang Yuan blinked. "Since I can't use the Dream Dao or the Dream Divination Technique... the material for the Heaven Devouring Mystic Technique must be very close before I can sense it."

This was the main reason why he wanted to enter a cultivation university no matter what.

Remaining on Planet Blue Ray was pointless. Furthermore, cultivation universities were the epitome of human intelligence. They had the best technologies and resources from the entire galaxy.

These universities probably had items related to the Heaven Devouring Mystic Technique.

On top of that, Fang Yuan was very interested in this world's extraordinary techniques.

"If I want to cultivate the Scientific Cultivation Method and the Arcane concurrently, I must be able to overclock my brain to 200%! It isn't as simple as one plus one. Rather, it's a qualitative change... 170% isn't enough!"

That's right! Fang Yuan's brain development had reached 170% after using the Mind of Tranquility and injecting the low-tier brain development drug last night!

It was a number that would have scared Xiao Hongyue into a heart attack.

Even the Undead Immortals might not know that the human brain could overclock to this extent!

"By using this world's meditation techniques and drugs, you can rapidly increase your brain development. If I coordinate them with my True Spirit technique as well, I can attempt concurrent cultivation!"

"Using meditation, I can push my brain development to 190%! If Xiao Hongyue's words are true, this world has another opportunity to increase brain development at extraordinary advancement. Since I'm planning to dual advance, I should be able to push overclocking to 200%!"

Fang Yuan started calculating rapidly. "Hmm, what's left is to score well in the college entrance exam, enter East Dragon University, and obtain information on the Scientific Cultivation Method..."

As for Jarvis?

He was nothing more than a pebble on the road that Fang Yuan was not much concerned with at all.

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Of course, he had to despise the enemy strategically, but take him seriously tactically.

When class ended, Fang Yuan went to look for Xiao Hongyue and reported Jarvis's behavior.

"He's enslaving students by using contracts?" Xiao Hongyue remained silent for a while. "All right, Student Lin, you've provided me with a good piece of evidence... Unfortunately, as long as both parties have agreed, even if the conditions are unfavorable, there's nothing we can do..."

"It's just something I'm mentioning..." Fang Yuan scratched his head. "The main point is... after I rejected his offer, Jarvis was enraged. I'm scared that he'll find someone to come after me..."

"Oh?" Xiao Hongyue hmped as if it were none of her concern.

"So, I would like to request some tutoring from you for a few nights..." Fang Yuan smiled. "If I die or lose a limb, I don't think I can pay back that one million..."

"Quit dreaming!" Xiao Hongyue rolled her eyes. Soon after, her expression turned serious. "An important guest will be coming to my villa tonight. I can't take any more guests!"

Hmm? Who could it be to make her have such an expression? Is it her boyfriend or her father?

Fang Yuan's eyes lit up. However, he tactfully chose not to ask.

Otherwise, with the quality of his current body, he would be beaten into a pig.

"Then, what about Jarvis?"

Fang Yuan gave a distressed look.

Currently, his stats window was not completely unlocked. It was indeed his weakest moment as a Demon God.

"Relax. I'll give him a sound warning... He won't dare make a move at this time!"

Xiao Hongyue seemed a little distracted and in a different state of mind than earlier.

"All right!" Fang Yuan agreed even though he was still perplexed.

However, he had already decided not to return to that dorm. He would not leave his fate in the hands of someone else. That was not a smart move at all.

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Time passed quickly.

Soon, it was time for his college entrance exam.

Fang Yuan had put on a new school uniform and walked into school energetically.

"Brat... good job!"

Jarvis blocked Fang Yuan's path with a vicious expression. This brat was really good at hiding! Once school was out, he disappeared immediately. He was very sly and did not return to his dorm, nor did he leave any information about his whereabouts. This had rendered many of his tactics useless.

“Do you think this is over?” He laughed coldly. “You better pray you get a good score... But I’m afraid that even if you enter a cultivation university, you won’t live long enough to get there!”

For matters to have extended this far, this was also far beyond Jarvis’s expectations.

An accident involving a high school student and one involving an enrolling student of a cultivation university were two completely different concepts.

“I...” Fang Yuan was exasperated. “There isn’t any feud between the two of us, right? Why do you insist on coming after me like this?”

“I don’t have a choice...” Jarvis shrugged. “I thought you were just a small figure at first. But it seems like you have the potential to rise to the top. Sadly, I’ve offended a person like you. If you make it into a cultivation university and become successful, will you choose not to take revenge? To eliminate this possibility, I can only do this!”

“That’s some logic...” Fang Yuan’s lips curled up. “I understand...”

He turned to leave. However, the look in his eyes turned icier with each passing moment.

Jarvis’s stubbornness had exceeded his expectations. Perhaps he considered Lin Meng as one of his mental demons.

It began with a small dispute. However, the two turned into enemies that had to fight to the death. The way matters escalated was simply laughable.

Jarvis probably intends to kill me even if he has to pay a huge price... Fang Yuan was equally determined*. In that case, I have no choice but to take care of him. Also, I want to obtain a protective talisman during the college entrance exam!*

A student admitted to a top university was treated differently from a top scholar of the college entrance exam.

Fang Yuan believed that if he emerged as the top scholar in Flying Rainbow City, there was no way Jarvis could make a move on him no matter how much he hated him.

For the old Lin Meng, he might have prioritized maintaining a neutral position, but Fang Yuan enjoyed going for the top. Their preferences were completely different.

“All students, please proceed to the exam hall! Keep quiet!”

Suddenly, many men dressed in black stood around the circumference of the school. They carried a dangerous air.

“The college entrance exam is a big matter for the Alliance. Planet Blue Ray’s headquarters has sent machines and the military to oversee the event...”

Fang Yuan stepped forward casually, accepting the examination as he walked into the exam hall.

The inspection was rigorous. Fang Yuan sensed three different types of energy waves interacting. There was a cultivator’s spiritual will, an Arcanist’s arcane investigation, and the scan from the machine.

There were small disturbances at the other entrances. They consisted of students who wished to cheat by some method but got exposed anyway.

When the final student entered the exam hall, the entire school was in lock-down. A vast protection array sealed the whole school.

Flying Rainbow City's Year 20099 college entrance exam began!

Chapter 944: Revenge

Planet Blue Ray's college entrance exam ended quickly in one morning.

On top of that, the AI graded the exams, which meant that the scores came out instantly. After that, what was left was organizing and reviewing the results. The students could see their ranking in the afternoon.

After the exam finished, none of the students left. Instead, they had their lunch quietly while waiting for their results.

A person's entire life depended on this moment.

'Ding! Planet Blue Ray's Year 20099 college entrance exam review is complete. Announcing the rankings now!'

At 1 pm, a robotic female voice circulated within the campus grounds.

In an instant, all the students stirred to life. They gathered on the school field, staring at the largest electronic screen.

On the first row, in bold letters: "Lin Meng, Student ID: FH1997, Results—Academics: 100, Crafting: 100, Practical Combat: 100! Total Score: 300, Brain Development: 35%! Flying Rainbow City: Rank 1! Planet Blue Ray: Rank 3!"

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The crowd immediately fell silent. Soon after, it erupted in discussion.

"I can't believe it... It's a full score! Heavens! How did this Lin Meng suddenly do it?"

Many students were in disbelief. "Cheating? Impossible. The exam uses the best technology in the entire alliance. There is simply no way he could have cheated. Did he simply perform beyond his abilities? Isn't this way too lucky?"

"College entrance exams rank students by their scores. Brain development is nothing more than an additional factor. There are two people in front of him who scored full marks as well. In reality, their grades are the same. Lin Meng lost to them in his brain development score! That's why he's third!"

"If he lowly, then what are people like us? Brain development of 35%! He can even apply for East Dragon University, right?"

Their discussions continued endlessly. Jealous gazes shot at Fang Yuan, their fiery glares nearly lighting him into flames.

“Brat, were you faking your scores in the previous exams?”

Seeing this result, Xiao Hongyue glared viciously at Fang Yuan. She was so angry, she was grinding her teeth.

“Top scholar! Flying Rainbow City’s top scholar, Planet Blue Ray’s third is from our Flying Rainbow High. Wonderful. Make arrangements to take a picture with this Lin Meng and preparations for him to give a speech to the students. We need to publicize this to the media!”

Flying Rainbow High’s principal could not stop smiling after seeing this result.

Flying Rainbow City’s top scholar was from Flying Rainbow High. This was within reason. However, being able to make it to the top three on Planet Blue Ray was shocking.

Furthermore, he knew that Lin Meng’s results were not any worse than the first and second place scores. Instead, it was because of his family background. He did not have the appropriate meditation and training. Otherwise, his brain development would have been at a higher level.

“However, I remember that his brain development was only at 30%. He even suffered from a small accident. It looks like Hongyue has her eye on this kid. Did she give him a mid-tier brain development drug?”

The principal was glowing with joy. He rubbed his bald head as he tossed this question to the back of his mind.

“Lin Meng...”

Ling Fei’er looked at the electronic screen, her expression turning complex.

Even though she could have entered by early admission, she still decided to take part in the college entrance exam. Furthermore, she had done her very best. Her total score was 283, ranked second in the entire city!

Unfortunately, she was seventeen points away from Lin Meng. The difference was vast.

“Lin Meng?” Ling Fei’er mumbled his name as a memory from the past surfaced.

At a particular lake, a red-faced boy had confessed to her.

His blurry face immediately became clear to her.

If she had a vague impression of Lin Meng and Xiao Hongyue leaving together, the release of the results truly solidified her impression of him. This planted a seed deep within her heart while its roots grasped tightly on to it, growing steadily.

Not good... the backlash from Red Dust Meditation!

Ling Fei’er’s complexion changed.

Red Dust Meditation required one to be free from complex thoughts. If the user had impure thoughts, it would lead to complications. The price to pay might even lead to a deterioration in brain development!

This was the terrifying truth of a top-tier meditation technique!

Even if one obtained it, if they could not maintain and keep up with the technique, their spirit and brain would regress accordingly!

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“Son of a bitch!” Jarvis glared at the electronic screen. He gritted his teeth so hard, he was about to bleed. “How did that brat become so amazing? Was he just pretending before?”

Even if he had designed many schemes, his target was no longer a student preparing to enter college. Instead, his target was actually a top scholar. These were two very different types of targets.

Jarvis understood this clearly. With Fang Yuan’s current fame, the media would be monitoring him closely. If anything happened to him, the police would also pull out all the stops to investigate the matter. There was no way he could escape.

If that happened, all of Planet Blue Ray and society would find justice for him. Even his backer would not be able to save him.

“Damn it! Damn!” He cursed angrily, his eyes revealing frustration. “My scores barely made the mark. I can only enter the lowest-ranking cultivation universities. But Lin Meng can attend East Dragon University. If the higher-ups find out my relationship with him, they’ll give up on me!!!”

Cultivators that graduated from East Dragon University were absolute elites, the cream of the crop.

Even if they graduated with average results, the connections they made at East Dragon University and the knowledge they gained would be completely different. They could suffer fifty years less!

Jarvis was terrified of the consequences. His eyes glazed in fear. Suddenly, they turned to animosity again. “No! I can’t just sit here and let this happen!”

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“Teacher Hongyue!”

Fang Yuan was utterly indifferent to his score. Instead, he was more concerned that two other students managed to score full marks like him. This left him feeling a little shocked.

However, being able to attain the status of the top scholar in Flying Rainbow City was sufficient. Numerous reporters were waiting outside the school.

From Fang Yuan’s perspective, they were his protective talismans.

As he watched Xiao Hongyue walk toward him, he could not help but smile and greet her.

“Good job, brat...” Xiao Hongyue pinched Fang Yuan’s cheeks brutally. “So you’ve been holding back all along. I was wondering why you were so confident of getting into East Dragon University!”

No matter how much he explained, he would never be able to clarify the issue. Fang Yuan could only respond awkwardly, “Sorry...”

“Forget it...” Xiao Hongyue stretched her hands out. “You’d better prepare yourself. The media will be waiting for you outside. After that, you have to make a speech for the school and take part in some

promotional activities. After that, you'll fill in your application, and you can continue with your life. East Dragon University is on Planet East Dragon. It's a long journey there!"

"Understood!"

This world's college entrance exams were a little different from Fang Yuan's memories.

For example, summer break was practically non-existent. High school sophomores or first-year students could relax a little. However, for the Human Alliance, students who intended to enter cultivation universities would be shamed if they wasted even a single day. As such, once they put down their application, they would be admitted on the spot and had to report to school within ten days.

Putting it this way, I don't have much time left. I need to settle my grievances now! Fang Yuan thought quietly.

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Late at night.

The day passed by in a flash. The entire Flying Rainbow City indulged in celebrations.

Fang Yuan put on a black coat. With some make-up, he looked more mature. Most importantly, his build and aura had changed. Even people who knew him well would not be able to recognize him.

Even though I've put on make-up, if Xiao Hongyue uses her spiritual will, there's a decent chance she might recognize me. But I have no choice... I'm just an ordinary person. No matter what techniques I use, I don't have the power. There are still limits!

Fang Yuan pulled his cap down. Even so... Jarvis is also just an ordinary person. He stays in Starry Village. The security there isn't tight...

For the past few days, he did not merely spend his time hiding. He was looking up information on Jarvis. This time, he was going to take care of him once and for all.

After all, it was irritating to have a fly buzzing around your ear.

Soon, the car stopped in front of a small district. Fang Yuan got off the car as he assimilated with the darkness.

Since my stats window isn't fully unlocked, my power isn't any stronger than the peak of an ordinary person...

His True Spirit allowed him to control every muscle and skin fiber within his body. In his previous life, he would be like a super soldier king.

Of course, most important was how he had developed a technique to hypnotize ordinary people!

Playing with someone's psyche was child's play for a Dream Master's Dream Dao.

Although there was no way Fang Yuan could use Dream Master techniques, it was still possible to use used some gestures and words to hypnotize an ordinary person.

"Who are you?"

He chose not to climb the walls to infiltrate the district. After all, this was a high-end district with astonishing defensive measures such as a surveillance system using infrared scanners and so on.

"I'm a buyer. I just bought a new house here, so I'm here to see it!" Fang Yuan's muffled voice said slowly, and he pulled out something that looked like identification.

"Hmm, all right. Please enter!"

The security guard's mind was blurry. For an instant, he felt like the face before him seemed familiar while moving aside.

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In a bedroom, on the bed.

Jarvis was in a deep sleep. His forehead was covered with sweat, as if he had had a nightmare.

"Ahh!" he yelled loudly. He woke up and sighed. "As expected... I have to take care of Lin Meng. Otherwise, he'll destroy me in the future!"

"You're right!"

A dark shadow flashed by, and Fang Yuan walked out from the curtains.

"Who are you?"

Jarvis narrowed his eyes into slits. He thought he was still dreaming.

However, in the next instant, he grabbed on to the bed frame, terrified.

"Stop struggling. I've already taken care of your hidden card. Also, I've turned off your wristband. Inside this house, there's no way you can send a single message!"

"Impossible... to turn these things off, you need the password!" Jarvis exclaimed in shock.

"You told me, in your sleep..." Fang Yuan laughed. "Thank you for telling me everything. You can go ahead and die now!"

"Wait, which organization are you from? Dark Python? Did the upper brass send you to eliminate me?"

Jarvis laughed in despair.

"None of that is important..."

Fang Yuan scattered a handful of powder. At the same time, he began chanting a strange spell.

Jarvis's face froze. All of a sudden, he clasped his chest, his face warping in pain before he fell over.

He had scared himself to death!

Chapter 945: Ambition and Mental Demon

Dark Python and Red Tarantula. Interesting!

After taking care of the loose ends, Fang Yuan left the room and re-entered the darkness.

Earlier, he had used a mixture of powders, hypnosis, and spells to induce a heart attack on Jarvis. With the police's current power, there was no way they could find any clues. They could only conclude that it was an unexpected death.

Besides, even if someone suspected that it was a homicide, they would never trace it back to him.

After all, he was nothing more than an ordinary student. Furthermore, his future was bright. Why would he disappear in the middle of the night to murder someone?

Even if they found any evidence, it would point to a person in a black coat. Furthermore, it was highly likely they would think that an Extraordinary had done it. They would not suspect an ordinary person at all.

However, he did manage to obtain a lot of information from Jarvis's sleep talking.

For instance, within the Human Alliance, there was also the dark side, and its power spanned across many planets.

Jarvis was an informant of Red Tarantula. On top of that, there was also Dark Python, Red Tarantula's most significant enemy.

Within Red Tarantula, Jarvis was nothing more than a lackey, equivalent to an expendable pawn in Flying Rainbow City. His only job seemed to be chasing Ling Fei'er and finding a way to enter the Ling Corporation.

A person like this was easily replaceable, which explained why Jarvis had many insecurities. He desperately wanted to achieve something to establish his presence. Eventually, Fang Yuan entered his life and ended it all.

My stats window hasn't unlocked yet. I have to become an Arcanist and cultivator as soon as possible to become a true Extraordinary...

Fang Yuan felt a certain pressure in his heart.

No matter how perfect his methods were, those high-level Arcanists and cultivators might be able to trace it to him.

Of course, he was merely being cautious. In the short-term, this was impossible.

However, he still wanted to make preparations for the worst-case scenario.

Hmm... if Red Tarantula decides to deploy a high-level cultivator to investigate this, it would be a complete waste of resources. They'd be insane to do that. However, they'd still send someone to look into it. Maybe if my luck is good, I can just get away with it...

Fang Yuan thought carefully, When I get to university, I can learn the Scientific Cultivation Method and come into contact with all sorts of precious and strange things. After researching all of this, I won't have anything left to do here...

He was a Demon God from the outside world after all. He did not plan to stay in this world for the rest of his life. Those people's goals meant nothing to him.

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The next day, Fang Yuan opened his browser. After searching the web, he found a piece of news. "Flying Rainbow City student found dead at home. The cause of death was a heart attack. The mayor calls for students to take care of their physical and mental health..."

"The news only tells a cover story, but the general tone is set!"

Fang Yuan nodded. He knew that a case like this would result in the conclusion of an unexpected death. Otherwise, it would stir public opinion. The death of an enrolling university student in their home was not a simple matter.

As for whether there would be an ongoing investigation on the matter, he could not tell.

"However, I didn't leave a single trace when I killed him. I even used normal powders. Even if they perform an autopsy, they won't find a thing. Unless they send a high-level cultivator, there's no way they'll figure it out..."

As he ran through these thoughts, Fang Yuan put on his school uniform and went to school to fill in the application form.

Naturally, he put down East Dragon University as his first choice. On top of that, he did not choose a major. According to what he knew, cultivation universities taught introductory courses to the Scientific Cultivation Method at the start. After reaching the later stages, they'd start to draw distinctions.

Fang Yuan liked the way they organized the curriculum. After all, high school seniors used meditation techniques most and had not learned much about cultivation. How would they know what they wanted to major in?

Nearby, Xiao Hongyue looked at him strangely. Finally, she could not help asking, "Do you know that Jarvis is dead?"

"What?" Fang Yuan responded. "What happened?"

"A forensic specialist concluded that it was a heart attack..." Xiao Hongyue looked at Fang Yuan suspiciously, then used her spiritual will. Finally, she mocked herself, What am I thinking?

"I see..."

Fang Yuan looked a little shocked, as if a tremendous burden had left his shoulders.

"You should take care too..."

Xiao Hongyue said a few words of little substance and then sent Fang Yuan on his way. She returned to her office and turned on a screen. "Father! I've verified that Lin Meng is still an ordinary person!"

"An ordinary person?" Within the screen, a middle-aged man with bright eyes replied, "It seems like we can rule out school grievances. It was probably Dark Python or Red Tarantula who made a move to silence the boy."

“Dark Python? Red Tarantula?” Xiao Hongyue’s eyes revealed her disbelief. She seemed wary.

“I’ve seen Jarvis’s body. There was nothing unusual about it. This is the most unusual thing about it! The forensic specialist couldn’t find a single trace even after performing an autopsy. A top-class assassin must have done it!” the middle-aged man replied gruffly.

“However, Jarvis is just one of their pawns. It’s unlikely that Dark Python would have done this... I presume Red Tarantula must have sent someone to finish him off because Jarvis’s actions have crossed the line recently. Hmph, to think that he wanted to enslave cultivators. Does he think university is a playground? Even if this didn’t happen, he wouldn’t have had a good end!” he said coldly in the tone of someone used to commanding others. Evidently, he was in a high position of power.

“Jarvis is just an insignificant pawn. These two organizations are my real goal!”

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“High school, huh...”

After filling in his application, Fang Yuan walked around the school grounds leisurely.

If it were the past Lin Meng, he would have felt emotional while he reminisced over every item in the school.

But for Fang Yuan, these students’ attitudes were the most interesting.

After taking the college entrance exam, they wrote down their aspirations in their applications. It was indeed a place where they felt that their lives would change, their intentions laid bare. It gave Fang Yuan a different type of revelation.

“I wonder what that Abominable Lord is up to now? Is he walking the paths of this world?”

Fang Yuan came to a lakeside. He gazed at the surface of the water, looking contemplative.

“Did you... come here on purpose?”

All of a sudden, a spring-like voice came from the side. Fang Yuan turned and saw Ling Fei’er.

Flying Rainbow High’s top beauty wore a simple white dress. She looked fresh and beautiful, like an unreachable exotic beauty.

“On purpose?”

Fang Yuan tilted his head in silence. Suddenly, he remembered something.

Damn! Isn’t this the place where Lin Meng confessed to Ling Fei’er? Does she think that I still like her?

Hold on. There’s something not right about her!

He felt perplexed as he scanned Ling Fei’er again. Suddenly, he realized that something was different.

“No... I’m just reminiscing about my high school life. Anyway, I won’t be coming back for a long time!”

Fang Yuan turned to leave, ignoring the hesitant Ling Fei’er, who appeared to want to say something.

“W-why did it turn out like this?”

Ling Fei’er froze on the spot.

Suddenly, she understood that Lin Meng was the cause of the flaw in her meditation. He was one of her mental demons.

To get rid of this obstacle was simple. The first method was for Ling Fei’er to raise her spiritual cultivation and cut it off. Unfortunately, she was unable to do this.

The second method was to make some move in reality. For instance, Ling Fei’er could offer Lin Meng an ounce of hope so that he would fall for her again. Then, by rejecting him harshly, she could destroy these fleeting thoughts in her mind and reveal his true nature.

She felt that Lin Meng was mysterious and powerful. As such, it moved her feelings. If he started to fall for her again, she would have the impression that he was nothing more than any other man. That would strengthen her spirit, allowing her to cut off this feeling.

However, before her plan could begin, it was destroyed!

“What do I do? The backlash from the Red Dust Meditation is terrifying. If this doesn’t work, do I have to do that? No! No way! He’s a person admitted into East Dragon University. No matter what, that’d be the worst...”

Ling Fei’er bit her red lip, her heart in complete turmoil.

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“It seems like Ling Fei’er has run into problems in her meditation. After all, she is practicing spiritual cultivation!”

Fang Yuan walked out of the school grounds while recalling Ling Fei’er’s state. He chuckled. “Anyway... a person who used to ignore Lin Meng is talking to him now? Is it related to me? Red Dust. To practice this technique, you have to remove all impure thoughts. Have I become a worry for her? Interesting.”

He was not running a charity, nor did he have any intention of helping another person remove their mental demons. Instead, he enjoyed watching her suffer a bit.

Anyway, this person was the perpetrator of Lin Meng’s death. The fact that he did not try to throw her into a ditch was a good deed on its own.

“That meditation technique uses an ordinary person’s mind to control their spirit. Problems occur all the time. Anyway, if I’m her mental demon... Hehe... if I recover a portion of my techniques, I’d be fully capable of making her wish that she were better off dead!”

Fang Yuan snickered. He felt the remaining feelings from this body trickle out. Then he brought it under control and closed his eyes. “Soon... soon, I will absorb this body fully.”

He had stolen this body by force. Even though the owner was dead, there were still some lingering thoughts and emotions.

For instance, a particular first love that he refused to forget.

Fang Yuan had capitalized on this to stimulate the body, and then he brought his emotions under control again.

After doing this three times, he had more or less removed it.

“However, this Lin Meng is an idiot. Now that things have progressed to this point, he still wants to protect her. Unfortunately, it will end with me. Naturally, I will settle this my own way.”

Fang Yuan returned to his dormitory. He sat down cross-legged and used the Mind of Tranquility.

After he supplemented this meditation technique, its effectiveness was not any weaker than top-tier meditation techniques. He could push his brain development to a higher level before he went to East Dragon University.

“When that time comes, my foundations will be better than any other person. I’ll break through the barrier that nobody in this world can overcome!”

A bright flame seemed to light up in his eyes.

Chapter 946: Journey

“Fellow passengers, welcome to Eastern Star. I am your captain, Zhao Jingyu. I am delighted to be serving you today. Our flight uses the newest technology in the Alliance. Along the way, we will be passing through two wormholes. The entire journey will take three days, and our destination is Planet East Dragon...”

Fang Yuan sat on a padded seat inside the interstellar ship.

After he had registered and received the notification from East Dragon University, he left for his destination immediately.

He looked around his surroundings with interest.

The humans in this era were blessed, as they could enjoy intergalactic travel. Currently, he was sitting in a budget cabin. There was no personal space other than a seat, but he could extend it, spreading it into a bed. Furthermore, there were curtains for privacy. The various delicate designs were very elaborate.

“Ah... what a shame. Lin Meng’s savings were only enough to purchase the cheapest ticket. After buying one, I don’t have a single cent left. If it weren’t for my university admission, I wouldn’t have even obtained a discount...”

Fang Yuan shook his head. “It looks like I need to start earning some cash.”

No matter what a world’s cultivation path was, money was still an important concept. Fang Yuan would not neglect this at all.

Since the ship had not taken off, the atmosphere inside remained lively. His surroundings drew his attention, and he saw many students like him.

“Planet East Dragon is the technological capital of the Human Alliance. Not only is East Dragon University there, but there are also several other well-known institutions and research institutes. The students traveling here must be the top students of Planet Blue Ray...”

Fang Yuan scanned his surroundings but failed to spot a single familiar face.

“Hi! Are you heading to Planet East Dragon, too?” To his right, a girl with a ponytail smiled at him. “My name is Marianne. I’m from Tianhuang City!”

“Hello! My name is Lin Meng!” Fang Yuan responded as he examined the technology around him. He was a little excited. “The Human Alliance’s technology has a ship like this. Too interesting. I wonder if the wormholes are artificially-created or natural. If it’s the former, that’d be amazing!”

This world suppressed Demon Gods as well. However, he speculated that when he broke the seal and recovered his strength completely, he could survive in space or even perform interstellar travel.

As for whether or not he could destroy a star to attain the achievement of ‘Star Destroyer’, he needed to test it out.

Suddenly, the entire Eastern Star began to vibrate. Every student experienced a sudden increase in gravity.

An exuberant robotic female voice reminded the passengers, “Our ship is taking off! Entering the acceleration state. Passengers, please put on your seatbelts!”

Next to Fang Yuan and Marianne, a fatty grumbled, “Damn... I knew there would be a problem with this budget cabin! Even the anti-gravity magnets are so old... If I hadn’t booked the tickets too late and the VIP seats were sold out, I wouldn’t be sitting in a seat like this!”

“Huang Tianba, why don’t you keep quiet?” Marianne’s face revealed irritation.

“Huang Tianba?!”

Fang Yuan looked at this little fatty. His body was well-rounded, and his cheeks had a red glow. However, his tiny eyes were sharp. He looked fat but was cunning, not a simple person at all.

His Heavenly Eye Seer Spell allowed him to observe the three states of man. Upon meeting a person, he did not have to use his magical powers at all, and he could tell their status with one look. A person’s experiences will ultimately leave behind a trace. This Huang Tianba must have come from a wealthy family. He has guts of steel but is as cunning as a fox. The only child of the family, but he knows kindness. Hmm, he’s even interested in Marianne. He said that intentionally to attract her attention.

“Hey! Brother, which school were you from?”

Huang Tianba laughed loudly while unfastening his seatbelt casually. Leaning forward, he greeted Fang Yuan. “I barely made it through the exam, so I can only be a monk at Vajra Meditation University. Thankfully, monk cultivators don’t have to shave their heads anymore, and they can also get married in the future. My family’s three generations can’t end with me! Hold on, doesn’t the name Lin Meng ring a bell?”

"Of course, he's the top scholar from the neighboring city, third on the planet!" Marianne rolled her eyes.

"So, you're that Lin Meng. You're my idol!" Huang Tianba slapped his thigh. "Damn... you're amazing. A perfect score. To think that I struggled so hard, selling my soul to my studies, but only scored a mere 270. Big Bro, what's your secret?"

Even though he looked rough, he did not arouse hatred at all.

Fang Yuan smiled a little. He was about to speak when he suddenly felt gravity disappear. In an instant, he became 'weightless'.

He gazed at the view outside the window. "This is... outer space!"

"Fang Yuan, is this your first time traveling through space?" Huang Tianba looked in a different direction. "When I was seven, my father took me to Planet Rainbow for fun. You probably don't know how fun that place is. The entire planet is like a huge playground! You can spend your entire life exploring the place!"

"Stop it!" Marianne exposed him immediately. "All you did was to buy the cheapest tickets and take a few pictures there before you returned. You didn't even spend a single night there. Planet Rainbow is also known as the Gold-Spending Heaven. Staying there overnight would cost you billions of star dollars."

"Hehe. Marianne, why do you expose me all the time?" Huang Tianba rubbed his head, embarrassed. Then he looked at Fang Yuan. "Big Bro Lin, you're the best. You were admitted into East Dragon University, right? You must be the first one who made it from our side."

The reputation of East Dragon University was no small matter.

Fang Yuan furrowed his brow, feeling numerous curious and searching gazes landing on him at once.

"It's just luck!" he replied modestly. "That's right, do you know anything about Planet East Dragon? Also, is the wormhole we're passing through artificial or natural?"

Lin Meng was just a high school student. He had not traveled through the galaxy in his life, so he did not pay attention to these matters.

"The wormhole is natural... However, I heard that a Grand Arcanist and an Undead Immortal from an elite research institute managed to create a temporary wormhole..." Marianne seemed very knowledgeable about this. "My goal is to become a research-type cultivator. I will enter one of those top laboratories and work there!"

"That's right! Leave the fighting to others!" Huang Tianba added shamelessly. Then he boasted a little. "My father wants me to join combat department. It seems Vajra Meditation University's expertise is in this! However, what I want to do is construct research!"

Construct research referred to mechas in this world! Of course, it included cultivation's puppetry and the Arcane's spiritual awakening. It was high-end technology with terrifying combat power.

A top-tier mecha pilot was equivalent to a small squad of space battleships. Furthermore, they had exceptional mobility and concealment. They were often mobilized to infiltrate behind enemy lines.

"I'm sorry, but Vajra Meditation University doesn't offer those courses!" Marianne attacked him mercilessly. "On the other hand, East Dragon University is the top in this area of research..."

With that, she looked at Fang Yuan.

"Me?" Fang Yuan rubbed his nose. "I haven't thought about what my major will be. I want to become a cultivator before I think about it..."

"That's right!" Huang Tianba nodded continuously, his expression containing excitement. "Planet East Dragon, huh... I haven't been there before. But since it's a gathering spot for cultivation universities, it's probably full of heaven and earth spiritual energy, singing birds and fragrant flowers everywhere. It's a blessed paradise..."

"Since it's a place where lots of cultivation universities have gathered, there's something special!" Fang Yuan nodded. He glanced at the tablet on his palm. "But... it seems like I can't find any information on it."

"That's obvious. It's the place with the best technology in the Alliance! Of course, it'd be top secret!" Marianne seemed used to this. "On top of that, we have our enemy as well!"

"That's right. The Human Alliance's opponent, the Cosmic Lifeform Alliance! Of course, it'd be more accurate to call them the Monster Alliance!"

Huang Tianba sighed.

The humans in this world had entered the stars to plunder planets and resources. Naturally, they would meet resistance.

Within that entire process, they met all sorts of human races. Even though they had slight variations, most were human-like. Thus, they allied and became the Human Alliance.

Their greatest enemy was all types of space lifeforms and alien civilizations. In terms of life, forms, or societal structures, they were inherently different from humans. In the past, they would be known as demons and monsters, so it would not be wrong to call them the Monster Alliance.

Of which, one symbolic life form was the Zerg. Many of these parasites manifested as opponents in the college entrance exams.

"No matter how big the universe is, there is always a limit to its resources. Just like our ancestral planet, they searched the entire galaxy but failed to find another planet that could sustain life..." Fang Yuan responded.

"So, all of this is because of the pressure of survival and expansion... In reality, the Human Alliance and the Cosmic Lifeform Alliance are nothing more than a part of the universe's whims. Compared to fighting each other here, they should split their territory and focus on expansion. However, if even we can think of something like this, the people in power must have considered this before. Is the reason they're not doing this because of feasibility, technological limits, or another reason they can't give up?"

“Lin Meng, that’s deep...”

Marianne and Huang Tianba exchanged glances.

“I’m just voicing my thoughts!”

Fang Yuan smiled gently before shutting his eyes. He began to meditate deeply again.

Even though he was only going to travel for a few days, he could not afford to waste any time.

When he opened his eyes again, Planet East Dragon was within sight!

Chapter 947: Planet East Dragon

“Fellow passengers, we are about to arrive at our final destination, Planet East Dragon. Please remember to take all your belongings with you and disembark in an orderly manner. We hope to see you again!”

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The captain’s voice reverberated continuously during the broadcast.

“This is Planet East Dragon, humanity’s number one blessed paradise?”

Huang Tianba leaned against the window, staring wide-eyed as if he had received a substantial psychological shock. “How can this be? Heavens, my dream...”

“This is Planet East Dragon?”

Fang Yuan looked out. Within the vast darkness of space, a dark-red planet emerged.

Not only did it not have a single ounce of greenery, but the landscape was full of the distinct feeling of desolation and suffering. It looked like a terrible place, filled with emptiness and despair.

“Heavens... is the place where cultivation universities gathered like this? Shouldn’t it be full of heaven and earth spiritual energy, and blessed paradises?” Huang Tianba mourned.

On the walkway, a bearded middle-aged man heard what he said and laughed aloud. “Haha, brat. Do you know what heaven and earth spiritual energy is? No matter how much a planet can absorb, how can it compare to the vastness of space?

“According to the research done with the Scientific Cultivation Method, ancient cultivation’s spiritual energy is actually radiation from the universe! Of course, it doesn’t consist purely of that. It interacts with the atmosphere and the planet itself. In sum, cosmic rays go through the atmosphere and undergo a mysterious change that interacts with the planet, forming the core structure of spiritual energy!

“Now, the alliance has spent lots of resources and finally found a planet like this. It has a thin atmosphere, but its gravity is ten times that of our planet. After some calculations, the spiritual energy here, or rather, the cultivation potential here is a hundred times more than our planet!”

“Atmosphere, gravity?” Huang Tianba and Marianne exclaimed in shock.

Since they were able to make it to a cultivation university, they were top students as well. However, they realized something was not right. "Then how did we survive at first? Wear protective suits every day?"

"You're knowledgeable. I can see you've thought about this, so I'll give you a warning. If you're a new student, don't leave the safe zone!"

The bearded man picked up his suitcase. He seemed to be a researcher.

As the ship landed gradually, everything on the planet fell within their sights.

On the surface of the brown and dark red planet, there were glowing golden spots. Many places were bare and empty. If not, there were weirdly-shaped black plants that looked like demon arms.

Only at the places where ships landed were there signs of civilization. A large protective barrier covered the entire city, ensuring that not a single dangerous organism passed through.

"Heavens... this can't be real..." Huang Tianba nearly fell to the ground in shock. "This isn't university. It's hell!"

"Of course. Did you think that this place was like a regular university? Since you're going to be a cultivator or Arcanist, you have to carry on the responsibility of humanity!"

The middle-aged researcher left these words before picking up his bags and heading to the exit.

Suddenly, the ship stopped at its landing spot and put down the walkway. He waved his hands while walking out of the door.

"Responsibility?!"

Huang Tianba and Marianne clenched their fists, a little shocked.

"Then I'll be leaving too!"

Fang Yuan picked up his luggage and walked out of the ship. In an instant, he sensed that something was different.

The sky was a multi-colored brightness, and he could even see huge stars. Bright, hot lights shined down like burning fire.

On top of that, his body felt more oppressed, as if he had put on a weight vest.

"Gravity? And cosmic radiation! Even with protection, they intentionally chose not to adjust these things to a level suitable for ordinary people. Or rather, living on Planet East Dragon is a form of training too."

Fang Yuan had a realization.

After he walked out of the platform, he saw a huge landing before him. Lots of people were swarming this area, with many young men and women raising boards to pick up people.

This scene left him with a warm and familiar feeling.

He walked to East Dragon University's gathering spot.

“You are...” A girl who looked like a student did a scan with the tablet in her hand. “Planet Blue Ray, Lin Meng? Welcome, first-year. The two people before you have just arrived as well. With you, we have everyone. Let’s head to the school now.”

“Thank you!”

Fang Yuan bowed modestly. He sensed the aura of cultivation from this girl.

This senior of his had begun cultivation. She was a Mystic.

He stepped into a gravitating pod. He immediately spotted other young men and women in their seats. They were people like him who had a brain development of 35% and above—geniuses with practically perfect scores.

“All right, first-years. We’re heading to East Dragon University now!”

The gravitating pod was sturdy with some scars on it. Evidently, Planet East Dragon was not very peaceful.

When it sped forth, that senior began to speak. “My name is Sun Mengmeng. I’m a second-year student. First, I would like to welcome you to the East Dragon University family. As the top cultivation university of the alliance, we have the best resources on our hands, and the responsibilities we take on are heavy. I hope that you will be able to live up to this investment. All right, now I’ll talk about the most important thing. No matter what you do, do not leave the safe zone. With your current state, you will die immediately!”

A bespectacled young man raised his hand and asked, “Senior, there are dangerous places within East Dragon University too?”

“Of course... the school has a total of ten districts. For students like you, you can only stay in district one. Once you begin cultivation, you can move within the first five districts. You need to know that the gravity and cosmic radiation in each district increases each time. Once you reach district five, you will be under Planet East Dragon’s original atmosphere and conditions! Of course, that goes the same for spiritual energy.”

“What about the other districts?” another student asked this immediately.

“Those are the research grounds for instructors, graduate students, and professors. If you have yet to reach a certain level of cultivation, I advise you not to head there,” Sun Mengmeng responded accordingly.

“... what exactly is the Scientific Cultivation Method?”

Fang Yuan gazed at the warped, uneven ground outside. The environment looked desolate. Occasionally, a lifeform would flash past the landscape.

Sun Mengmeng replied, “The so-called Scientific Cultivation Method is the use of science to direct cultivation! The ancient cultivators’ understanding of heaven and earth was not as in-depth as ours. They didn’t know that above the high heavens, there was the vast concept of space. Furthermore, they didn’t know the origins of spiritual energy. The earth constrained them. As such, they knew the nature of life but did not understand it! The Scientific Cultivation Method utilizes the power of logic to guide

cultivation and the current cultivation system. The speed of cultivation is definitely ten times faster than ancient cultivation! Even a hundred times faster!”

That means that it prioritizes speed and efficiency... Fang Yuan’s eyes lit up. It seems lacking compared to the Western Arcane system!

The Eastern cultivation system did not change much. However, its efficiency and techniques improved.

On the other hand, the Western Arcane system had undergone earth-changing development. As long as rational thinking is condensed, the brain would transform and obtain various abilities, and they could install arcane spell models into their minds. Furthermore, each discovery and thesis could give an Arcanist a terrifying increase in combat ability and progress.

Of course, it’s possible that science has perfectly shaped Eastern cultivation, so it doesn’t need any changes. On the other hand, the Western arcane spell model had flaws and had to change. Anyway, once I’ve obtained both, I can find the differences between the two.

Fang Yuan was deep in thought.

After numerous experiments, the Eastern cultivation system was established. Fundamentally, there was not much change. Instead, it was guided by science, which increased the efficiency of absorbing spiritual energy or improved battle techniques.

On the other hand, because the Western system had flaws, it went through multiple revamps. The new Arcanist system seemed to be a level higher than cultivation.

Blindly cherishing the old isn’t the way to go! However, the Eastern cultivation system did see some improvements. For instance, those Undead Immortals neither age nor die. They are real immortals, and they give me the feeling of being perfect lichess!

Phylacteries limited lichess, and their bodies originated from dead spirits. As long as their phylacteries were not destroyed, their bodies would never die, and they would have long lives.

On the other hand, Undead Immortals took it another step further. Not only did they have ordinary people’s sensations and desires, but they also did not have the limitation of a phylactery, which was obviously a huge improvement.

However, this was nothing more than some information that Fang Yuan had found and his conjectures.

As for the truth, he still had to experiment before he would know.

“Senior, Senior!” While Fang Yuan was deep in thought, several girls lifted their hands excitedly. “When can we come into contact with the Scientific Cultivation Method?”

“If you are willing to, you can start now. However, I need to inform you of one thing!”

Sun Mengmeng’s voice was solemn. “Brain development is critical to your future. After you start cultivation, you have another chance to increase it, and it might be the last! The higher your brain development, the greater your future achievements. Therefore, I advise those of you from ordinary family backgrounds and have not meditated much, or those who haven’t used brain development drugs before, to hold off and wait! You should head to your public lectures and learn high-level meditation

techniques first, then get the drug with a loan from the school. After you've established your foundations well, you can start your cultivation. Even if it is a 1% increase, you will thank me in the future!"

Fang Yuan nodded silently. That was the power of the top institution. These secrets that were hidden by families were taught clearly to you. On top of that, you could buy these drugs with a loan.

However, how many people could hold themselves back? How could they watch others start cultivating while they continued meditating and expanding their brain development?

As he thought about this, he suddenly asked, "Is it possible to obtain mid-tier drugs from the school?"

"No, you can only obtain low-tier development drugs!" Sun Mengmeng shook her head. "However, the school loan is interest-free as long as you pay it off before you graduate!"

Chapter 948: Promotion

After finishing the admission procedures, Fang Yuan returned to his dormitory.

Although it was very small, Fang Yuan felt relieved to have his own room.

Lin Meng had stayed at a welfare dormitory previously. The quality of this place was similar.

He sat in silence for a while, then activated his wristband and entered Planet East Dragon's network.

A screen appeared and started scanning.

'Ding! Identity confirmed!'

'Welcome to the school intranet, Lin Meng!'

'Ding! You have received the first-year rules, your timetable, and other documents in your mailbox. Please check them as soon as possible!'

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Fang Yuan did not care about any of that. Instead, he started browsing other categories. "Not bad... not bad at all. The East Dragon University's school intranet is rich with all kinds of information."

He glanced at his wristband. This was the newest model. It even had a strange emblem of a dragon coiling around a planet, which was East Dragon University's logo.

"As long as you are a student of East Dragon University, you can receive this piece of equipment and enter the school intranet... There's a lot of good stuff inside."

Fang Yuan browsed casually and found the low-tier brain development drug. He could even buy it with a loan.

"Although the intranet here also accepts star dollars, the prices are slightly higher. The real universal equivalent is still credits! You can obtain large amounts of credits through completing courses, improving your cultivation, as rewards from teachers, and various other methods, and then use the credits to purchase a plethora of rare ingredients, even specialized services... It's even possible to request personal teaching from the Undead Immortal, but the cost is astronomical."

He looked through the database and felt that it was so massive that not even a couple of libraries could store all that information.

There were even some online courses. Some were free, while others required payment.

“Hmm... rewards await those who labor for it. This is the truth of the world. Charging for information is understandable... However, some courses, including those that provide videos and even 3D projections, lack a certain kind of atmosphere. As such, you still need to go to class for those advanced cultivation courses!”

Fang Yuan browsed the school rules and his timetable briefly. He immediately realized that East Dragon University’s education system was very lax. At the very least, there were almost no graded exams in the first year.

As long as they attended their required courses, they could do anything they wanted.

They could meditate, develop their brain, or choose other courses to study. They could even go to the wilderness to hunt star beasts if they sought thrills.

Of course, they could not blame anyone if they met their end doing so.

There was only a single year-end exam at the end of the first year. Those that failed would be expelled.

“All in all, strict in admission and graduation, huh?”

Fang Yuan changed into his school uniform and left the dormitory. He was ready to attend the first public class.

“The Scientific Cultivation Method! Taught by Lü Songyang, level eight Mystic!”

He looked at his wristband and contemplated. “The spiritual energy of this world’s cultivation is actually the energy of the universe. It has completely different nomological rules compared to that of the Spiritual Realm. Naturally, the system is completely different as well. Neither is there a distinction between Essence Soul and Stellar Malignance. It is a simple system of numbers. The higher the number, the deeper the cultivation?”

After entering the classroom, he found that the lecture hall, which had a sitting capacity of a thousand, was almost full. The majority were first years.

It appeared that many students were very interested in the Scientific Cultivation Method even if they did not plan on advancing in the near future.

“Welcome students! I am Lü Songyang!” A voice came from the podium as soon as the lesson began.

Lü Songyang appeared to be in his thirties. He was wearing red clothes and had heavy facial features. However, not a single student saw how he had entered the room.

“I shall explain the Scientific Cultivation Method to you today... In ancient times, if you wanted to cultivate, you had to possess ‘spiritual roots’. These so-called ‘spiritual roots’ in today’s terms would be brain development. A high development means high-quality spiritual roots, while a low development means just an idiot, or even a mortal. Therefore, spiritual roots are extremely important before you

begin cultivation! I advise those whose development levels are below 40% to not break through for now...”

Lü Songyang went on to explain in great length the relationship between the ancient times’ spiritual roots and today’s brain development. His key message was that one should not attempt to advance recklessly and had to establish a solid foundation.

Naturally, after seeing all kinds of expressions from the students below, he sighed in his mind. “The Scientific Cultivation Method uses science as a guide for cultivation. The cultivators of ancient times absorbed the auspicious Qi in the morning and weathered the hardships of nature. Their progress was so slow that it took them a year or more for a tiny amount of progress. And from the perspective of the Scientific Cultivation Method, they had wasted a great deal of things!”

At this point, he projected a screen that displayed a semi-transparent human body with meridians visible on the body. “We all know that the acupoints and meridians of ancient legends can’t be observed in the human body. Their existence was unable to be unconfirmed. As a result, they could only use various clumsy methods to guide themselves slowly. It was extremely inefficient. For us, we start with condensing brain development into spiritual roots and then constructing acupoints and meridians with the Eight Trigrams Technique. Watch...”

Next, he talked about converging spiritual roots at the start, absorbing the energy of the universe, and then constructing a special structure within the body.

“Brilliant!” Fang Yuan was excited. “Adding an entire circulatory system inside the human circulatory system. The ancient cultivation concept of meridians pales in comparison!”

In order words, if the ancient cultivation method was a public transport network, then the modern Scientific Cultivation Method was high-speed trains, airplanes, and even rockets!

The immense difference in fundamentals naturally resulted in a thousand-fold difference in efficiency.

“In summary... the Scientific Cultivation Method is vastly superior to ancient cultivation in terms of efficiency. According to records, the ancient cultivation geniuses cultivated to the thirteenth level of Qi Refinement. The fastest was Dong Hezi of the Heaven Mystic Sect at eight years and six months. It was unprecedented at the time. However, we can reach level five Mystic using an average of two years! The fastest was Wu Wudi, who used a mere twenty-seven days!”

Lü Songyang saw a female student raise her hand and asked, “Yes, what questions do you have?”

A round-faced girl stood up. “Teacher, I am still unclear about the divisions in the ancient cultivation realms and their counterparts in the modern world! Could you please explain?”

“Sure. The realm distinctions of ancient cultivation begin with Qi Refinement. Then comes Foundation Establishment, forming the Golden Core, cracking the core to achieve the Nascent Soul, transforming the soul, and transcending the tribulations to immortality!”

“However, you must be aware that the so-called ‘transcending the tribulations to immortality’ has been proven false by science. Those Soul Transformation old monsters did not ascend to the Immortal Realm. Instead, they assimilated into the universe! This was another drawback of ancient cultivation—you eventually ended up in a dead-end. Of course, some cultivators believe that they advanced into another

form of life that is merely very hard to observe... If you're interested in the exact research, you can search for the papers in that field!"

Lü Songyang continued smoothly, "In modern times, regardless of whether we choose cultivation or the Arcane, the levels are standardized! Starting at level one, it is equivalent to the first to second levels of Qi Refinement. Level five is equivalent to the final level of Qi Refinement! Level ten is equivalent to the Golden Core stage, level fifteen the Nascent Soul stage, and level twenty the Soul Transformation stage! Of course, it's a rough equivalence at best... In terms of true combat strength, modern cultivation beats ancient cultivation senseless. The times are always advancing.

"Beyond level twenty, it is known as Grand Arcanist in the West and Undead Immortal in the East. This is a realm that even I can not understand. Also... they can continue to advance without limit!" Lü Songyang's eyes were full of longing.

"All right. Class dismissed!"

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"The Scientific Cultivation Method... and the Arcane? How interesting!"

In the dormitory, Fang Yuan sat cross-legged, ready to start his breakthrough.

Although a senior and a teacher had reminded him over and over not to do it, his brain development was not 35%. After this period of training, he could reach a terrifying 180%!

"It is my limit to raise it to this level. I suspect that even the mid-tier brain development drug would fail to have any effect... The only possibility is during the breakthrough of the two paths!"

Fang Yuan's eyes flashed, and his brain started churning swiftly. He reached 100% in an instant!

Brain development of 100%! The ability to use every part of the brain was already extraordinary and divine! He now had the foundation to become an Undead Immortal!

His eyes flashed red, and the True Spirit technique activated immediately. "Overclock 150%!"

Buzz buzz!

In the sealed-off dormitory, there seemed to be a light breeze.

"This is the disruption of matter caused by the psyche! The human psyche alone can do such things without even cultivating any techniques!"

Fang Yuan's eyes were suddenly full of blood vessels. "180%!"

At this stage, he could feel this body overloading. It was obvious that if he did not seal the overclock mode under normal circumstances, he could very well die from cell failure!

However, his brain was spinning wildly, and everything was crystal clear. Anything and everything in his past appeared. He passed ten million thoughts in a mere half a second. Like a supercomputer, he could predict the future based on all kinds of clues with an accuracy of 60%!

“The ability to see the past and the future with the mere thought of a mortal. This was the horror of an overclocked brain!”

Fang Yuan opened Elementary Olympiad Math.

The tough questions were child’s play to him, and he solved them incredibly quickly.

At the same time, he multi-tasked. Using the method taught by Lü Songyang, he formed the spiritual roots and started constructing an entire new circulatory system in his body.

“The Scientific Cultivation Method does not have a messy collection of cultivation techniques, but it is a set! Rumor has it that it is the fusion of ten thousand ancient cultivation techniques compiled by supercomputers. Afterward, Grand Arcanists and Undead Immortals revised it. You simply need to follow it step-by-step... at least until level five Mystic. At the later stages, different majors have different cultivation techniques. But their fundamentals are the same!”

Rumble!

Fang Yuan’s body shook, and the internal circulatory system formed.

Imperceptibly but inexorably, he could feel his spiritual roots absorb the energy of the universe greedily.

At the first cultivation, his brain development spiked again!

At the same time, with the unraveling of the last Olympiad math question, the many rational thoughts in his brain converged and formed a core!

Cultivation spiritual roots; Arcane Smart-Brain!

The two powers converged at the same time. Immediately, they were agitated. It was as though they could not tolerate each other!

Chapter 949: Immortal Technique

“Despite solving the age-old problem of concurrently practicing the Arcane and cultivation, they are still in conflict with each other after occupying the brain!”

Fang Yuan’s expression was solemn. By overclocking his brain to 200%, coupled with the Arcane Smart-Brain, he immediately took out the plan that he had considered earlier. “Ha! Life and death co-exist. Everything is impermanent!”

In his sea of consciousness, there was a converged core. It was the amalgamation of arcane rational thoughts, similar to a smart-brain. It greatly boosted the rational reasoning and calculating powers of Arcanists.

Outside the adjunct smart-brain, root-like spiritual roots converged, gathering around the brain. A few of the roots entered the core of the smart-brain.

The intertwining of the two powers managed to preserve a delicate balance.

“Arcanists focus on inner thoughts, whereas cultivators focus on techniques. They are like the two sides of the same coin and can complement each other!”

As he was at East Dragon University, he was destined to use many cultivator techniques in the future.

Fang Yuan was now using the Arcane Smart-Brain as the essence to utilize cultivation techniques. He also had his Demon God True Spirit to make sure that the two did not run into any problems.

“Concentrated psyche, is this the feeling of an Arcanist? As well as cultivators controlling spiritual power...”

Fang Yuan closed his eyes and started checking his data:

“Name: Fang Yuan (Lin Meng)

Profession: Student

Cultivation: Mystic (Level 1), Arcanist (Level 1)

Brain Development: 200%

World Seal Breaking: 43.99%

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“The progress of breaking the seal had exploded. It must be because of becoming extraordinary?”

Fang Yuan was quite happy with the situation. “The first goal has been roughly completed. Now, I must think of ways to observe and study the rare materials of this universe... It’s a pity that I can’t use the Dream Dao to sense them. I’ll have to rely on myself and at least see them to obtain accurate feedback...”

“The place where I can find top materials and curious objects must be the various new materials research labs...”

This work was extremely important now. After all, be it battleships, constructs, or mechas, or even the magical weapons of cultivators, their quality relied on the materials used to make them.

“Okay. Now to check if there’s a job similar to a research assistant in the school...”

Fang Yuan opened the wristband screen.

‘Ding!’

Immediately after his spiritual will entered the screen, an anomaly happened.

‘Detected that Student Lin Meng has become a cultivator. The system will upgrade automatically. Please wait for three seconds!’

Three seconds later, the blue screen dimmed before immediately returning to normal, much like restarting a computer.

“Welcome, Mystic Lin Meng! After becoming an Extraordinary, you are now a human elite. You must shoulder the responsibility of protecting human civilization...”

A message appeared. Fang Yuan realized that the alliance had sent it.

Of course, with the smart-brain, anyone who became an Arcanist or cultivator would probably receive this message.

'Update complete. New cultivation and combat areas added! East Dragon Leaderboard!'

With the robotic female voice, Fang Yuan saw additional modules.

"After becoming a cultivator, I can control the screen by spiritual will alone. It's even more convenient now." Fang Yuan browsed through swiftly. "Before level five, there's no need to exchange cultivation techniques. Even Undead Immortals cultivated this before. I need to check out the spiritual techniques and magic artifacts..."

He searched, and a few videos immediately popped up. It was a university mentor explaining magic artifacts. "The magic artifacts and magical weapons of ancient times wasted a lot of materials. In addition, only those in the Foundation Establishment stage could make magic artifacts, and only those in the Golden Core stage could make magical weapons. It was inefficient, too inefficient... The magic artifacts that are in use today is a standardized memory metal. Every person has one piece and will put it in their dantian to nourish. Although the makeup of the memory metal is simple, it can evolve into anything in the future. Its potential is limitless. If we start to nourish the magic artifact from the equivalent of the Qi Refinement stage, after reaching the higher stages, it's power will be astounding. It will be like an extension of your body..."

"Memory metal?"

Fang Yuan understood now. Memory metal was a seed that could continuously grow. As the cultivator progressed, they could add things to the magical weapon at will, eventually forming their own unique personal weapon.

"Standardization, standardized magical weapon seed. Interesting!"

A smile broke out across his face. "I suspect that they borrowed this idea from the Western Arcanist. Their adjunct rational brain's connection with the arcane spell model is akin to hardware and software, able to be installed or uninstalled at will, and extremely convenient!"

Driven by curiosity, Fang Yuan checked out the price of the memory metal, the seed of magical weapons. To his surprise, it was very cheap. Furthermore, after advancement, the school would issue them to everyone. He immediately felt that he understood the wealthy ways of East Dragon University a bit more.

"I can't use my Demon God techniques. To obtain combat strength as soon as possible, I must follow the extraordinary path of this world. On top of that, I can't use the Arcanist techniques. The most I can do is to use the adjunct brain to assist Scientific Cultivation!"

Discounting the protection on arcane spell model copyrights, even if East Dragon University had the relevant information regarding Arcanists, Fang Yuan did not dare to read about them now.

Otherwise, he would not be able to explain himself.

“I need to endure for the time being. After accumulating enough credits, I’ll start practicing Eastern spiritual techniques. Then, I’ll have justification to search for relevant information and understand them!”

Fang Yuan stretched leisurely. He felt that he needed to change his mindset as well.

Back on Planet Blue Ray, everyone knew each other thoroughly. He could only choose to endure.

However, no one knew of his past in East Dragon University. Besides, the higher-ups had to worry about the fate of the Human Alliance. On the lowest level, they still needed to think about the direction of East Dragon University. Furthermore, everyone here was a genius. As such, it was well within reason to have a secret.

If they tried to find out all the students’ secrets, then the Human alliance should be almost decimated by the Cosmic Lifeform Alliance by the time they were done.

“I hope that Mystic techniques don’t cost anything. I can’t even afford to shell out a hundred star dollars now! Wait... after becoming a cultivator, it seems that there’s a credit reward...”

Fang Yuan stroked his chin and searched for Eastern spiritual techniques.

Gloomily, he immediately discovered that all the techniques had a price. Every single one had to be purchased.

However, there were some public classes on an overview of spiritual techniques. Although they did not explain spiritual techniques in detail, they gave a general introduction to the spiritual techniques of this world.

“Ancient cultivation was a mess. Either it came with its own cultivation techniques, was passed down from master to disciple, or you had to research techniques on your own. Truly a mess...”

In the video, a young female teacher wearing spectacles appeared. She looked to be from a wealthy family and was explaining in detail. “After the Scientific Cultivation Method was raised, Myriad Technique University’s first principal, previously the Myriad Technique Sect Master, spearheaded the initiative to collect all the cultivation techniques in the cultivation world. The collection was then passed to a photon computer for processing and compiling. It managed to sort out a complete system that included 33 immortal techniques, 289 magical powers, 2927 dao arts, and 6751 spiritual techniques. It is known as the ‘Myriad Scroll Dao Scripture’!”

“Immortal techniques, magical powers, dao arts, spiritual techniques...”

Fang Yuan’s eyes glowed.

“Only immortals are able to use immortal techniques. Their powers are earthshaking. Look. This is a painting of Immortal Red Leaf using the Nine Flaming Heavenly Dragons Immortal Technique! Its power matches the West’s legendary arcane spell Eternal Blazing Sun!”

The female teacher started playing a video. The background was a planet, and an Undead Immortal was riding the wind. With a wave of his hand, nine flaming dragons crashed down and destroyed everything.

Another video showed a Western Arcanist using the Eternal Blazing Sun. From afar, it looked exactly like a hydrogen bomb explosion.

“By the same principle, magical powers are exclusive to Soul Transformation and Nascent Soul cultivators. Don’t even think about using them if you are not above level fifteen!

“Dao arts are the mainstream techniques. All those above level five Mystic can train in them. They are the most common techniques. Also... true Mystics can use the least amount of energy to create the biggest effect, and they do not limit themselves to dao arts or spiritual techniques!”

The female teacher continued steadily, “What I mean to say is that with the inheritance of immortal techniques... students should pay attention to which techniques they train in. It is best to choose spiritual techniques that have clearly outlined steps to train in all the way to the end. For instance, the Nine Flaming Heavenly Dragons Immortal Technique’s former version consists of the Six Flame Dragons and the Heavenly Flame Meteor magical powers. The Six Flame Dragons Magical Power can further separate into the Flame Dragon Dao Art and the Soul Division Secret Technique. As for the Flame Dragon Dao Art, it is derived from the likes of the Flame Serpent Spiritual Technique, Dragon Claw Spiritual Technique, and so on... If you choose the correct spiritual technique, it is half the work with twice the effect. Otherwise, you would need to change the spiritual techniques that you cultivate once you reach a higher level, which is extremely exhausting!”

Some students were still rather confused, whereas Fang Yuan understood instantly.

“The structure of this world’s Eastern spiritual techniques is root-shaped! Only a portion of magical powers and dao arts can eventually combine to form immortal techniques. As for the other spiritual techniques, the most they can achieve is being on the same level as magical powers, or even just dao arts. While it feels no different when cultivating as low-level Mystics, once at a higher level, things will be totally different. Of course, among these spiritual techniques and magical powers, some stand-alone techniques exist. They are pure secret techniques!”

The cultivators in ancient times did not have the luxury of choice. They could only train in what they could get their hands on.

However, now all kinds of spiritual techniques had systematically turned into something like a skill tree.

“Of course, for normal students, focusing on one or two immortal technique systems is enough! However, the fundamental spiritual techniques for immortal techniques are rather difficult to cultivate, so I suggest picking those for the top magical power systems. Although they aren’t immortal techniques, it’s enough.”

The female teacher concluded with that final sentence. It was apparent that she did not think that anyone in her class would be capable of reaching the Undead Immortal level.

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“The spiritual techniques and the magical weapon seed is the most basic standard of the modern Mystic!”

Fang Yuan finished the video and heaved a long sigh. “I must get things ready immediately!”

Chapter 950: Guide

‘Ding! Student Lin Meng, you have become a cultivator and have received one hundred credits!’

“The cultivation of a Mystic is a whole new world. The school will send you a guide to assist you in getting familiar as soon as possible.”

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Fang Yuan checked his mailbox and grinned. “Only a hundred. That’s really too little. The cheapest spiritual techniques cost thirty credits in the spiritual technique exchange area. The slightly more advanced ones are sixty, seventy... Dao arts start at a couple hundred. I couldn’t even find magical powers. They must require higher jurisdiction.”

Even without the power of his Demon God True Spirit, his cultivation speed would be outstanding with the aid of the Arcane Smart-Brain.

If possible, he would like to cultivate all the spiritual techniques, especially the ones for the thirty-three immortal techniques. As the underlying foundation of the Scientific Cultivation Method was the fusion of the merits of various techniques, comprehensive development would not cause conflict between any technique, and he could cultivate as many as he pleased.

If he had time, he could even go through old techniques and comprehend his own magical power or even immortal technique.

It was a pity that nothing came free in this school.

“I heard Arcanists frequently update their arcane spell models and then sell them. Those that want to study the updated models have to pay... I can do that too!”

Fang Yuan browsed the spiritual techniques area and saw many newly-updated spiritual techniques. Each was full of things to take note of, as well as experiences.

Sadly, not many bought them.

After all, Mystics did not have the brain of Arcanists. Besides, even Arcanists might not be comparable to a photon computer’s simulations. The Myriad Scroll Dao Scripture was almost perfect.

“In other words, it’s the most balanced. Improvements come by adding pros in certain areas, but cons in other areas will surface. In this way, spiritual techniques will become more focused... There’s still something to do here, but the target group will become narrower...”

Fang Yuan sat cross-legged while pondering over his money-making scheme and continuing to cultivate.

In Planet East Dragon’s special environment, he felt his body turn into a black hole, greedily devouring the energy around him.

His spiritual roots captured large quantities of particles, brought them into his body, and rapidly circulated them through his channels. The progress was going very smoothly.

Shoulder structure is slightly tired, need to rest!

Focusing your will on the dantian will increase your efficiency by one percent!

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Large amounts of information passed to him from the Arcane Smart-Brain. Through Fang Yuan's supreme intellect and experience, coupled with the calculating power of the smart-brain, his cultivation progress was absurd.

A while after, Fang Yuan had to stop. "The particle density in this area has dropped noticeably... Is the safe zone the most unsuitable for cultivation?"

Planet East Dragon's gravity and radiation were different from other planets. Strictly speaking, it was downright unfit for human survival. However, it was like heaven to cultivators.

For instance, East Dragon University had ten districts of different levels. The lower the level, the safer the district. However, the energy particle density would be lower as well.

"I've become a Mystic now. At the least, I can cultivate in the first three districts. Or perhaps I should challenge the fifth?"

District five was exactly like the surface of the planet.

After becoming a Mystic, Fang Yuan now had the protection of spiritual power. He was eager to try.

"Junior Lin Meng, are you there?" Knocking came from the door. "I am the guide assigned to you by the school, Sun Mengmeng!"

Fang Yuan opened his door and greeted her with a smile. "Senior! You came fast!"

"I just happened to see this mission, so I accepted it. After all, there's a lot of credits rewarded..." Sun Mengmeng sized up Fang Yuan. "Among the first-years, you must be the fastest one to break through."

She did not ask anything about the situation of his brain development. After all, it was a very personal matter.

"So it's a mission! Can I undertake them in the future as well?"

Fang Yuan now knew of a method to gain credits.

"Of course. However, given your current cultivation, there aren't many missions suitable..." Sun Mengmeng shook her head. "I will now show you around the school and familiarize you with the special districts that ordinary students are unable to enter. But since you're a Mystic now, there shouldn't be any problems..."

"I will then explain in detail how the mission module operates and upgrade the functionality of your wristband. After that, I will try to find you a mentor. I want to settle it all of this in a day. Junior, remember to give your senior a good review!"

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Settle it in a day? Okay... a cultivator's time is valuable and can't be wasted!

Fang Yuan nodded. "All right. Let's start now!"

He followed Sun Mengmeng and left the district where the first-years stayed. He passed through a certain film of light amid astonished looks and arrived at district two.

Once he set foot inside, the gravity doubled. At the same time, a rich wave of energy particles hit him. Fang Yuan breathed in deeply with satisfaction.

"Eh?" Sun Mengmeng was planning to see Fang Yuan make a fool of himself and laugh at him, but now she was stunned. "Junior, your body is very strong. Have you specially trained your body before?"

Ordinary people would definitely not adapt to this district's double gravity.

"Hmm, I did train for a couple of years!"

Fang Yuan asked calmly, "If I want to cultivate in the higher-level districts, can I apply to change dormitories?"

"Of course..." Sun Mengmeng was slightly stunned. "As long as you have credits, you can do almost anything in East Dragon University! In district five, there's even a specialized cultivation chamber. However, since you just broke through, the safe zone should be able to fulfill your needs. It's best to consider moving after you break through to the second level!"

So the first five levels of the safe zone correspond to the first five levels of Mystic?

Fang Yuan contemplated and made his decision.

After all, he was a special case. Not only were his spiritual roots at one hundred percent, but he also had the help of his True Spirit and the smart-brain. His cultivation speed was incredibly fast. Even Wu Wudi was an amateur in comparison.

The energy particle density in the safe zone would not meet his needs at all.

"Right. After district five, do the districts have even higher gravity?" Fang Yuan asked.

"Not necessarily!" Sun Mengmeng shook her head. "The environments are adjusted according to research needs. Some of them have normal gravity, while others have their gravity turned up to several tens of times, even several hundreds of times! It's best not to wander. Otherwise, you might meet a gruesome death!"

"I understand!" Fang Yuan nodded. Those that could conduct research in the districts with a hundred times gravity could not possibly be scientists. They had to be high-level Mystics at the peak of their strength!

"Actually, the most practical thing for us students is the mission board. You can accept and publish missions on it as long as credits are involved. Welcoming first-years was one of the missions I took!" Sun Mengmeng said. "There's also the East Dragon Leaderboard, which is the overall ranking of all the students in the university. Sigh... If only I could squeeze into the list before I graduate. Even if I were at the bottom, I would be overcome with joy."

“Leaderboard?” Fang Yuan immediately searched for the ranking and saw number one. “Wu Wudi? The genius that took twenty-seven days to advance to level five Mystic? He’s a student too?”

“Yes, Wu Wudi is the greatest genius in East Dragon University history. He’s already been recommended to continue for his Ph.D. Of course, he is still in school. However, he rarely accepts missions. On the contrary, he spends his credits employing juniors to help him with research!”

Sun Mengmeng looked smitten. “Also... he is extremely handsome!”

“What about his cultivation level? It must be over ten?”

No matter the age, cultivation became more difficult the further one advanced. Even geniuses were no exception to this rule.

“Level fourteen. He is on the verge of breaking through to level fifteen, also known as the Nascent Soul stage in ancient cultivation. However, Senior Wu can defeat Nascent Soul ancient cultivators as he is now!” Sun Mengmeng said with confidence.

“Mmmm!” Fang Yuan was expressionless, but he was thinking to himself. For Masters studies, according to the rules of East Dragon University, perhaps it’s possible to start at year two or three. In other words, Wu Wudi has only cultivated for four to five years... Four to five years to Nascent Soul? Ancient cultivators wouldn’t take that well in the slightest!

“All right. We’ll head to the academic affairs office and collect your magical weapon seed. It’s valuable and won’t be replaced if lost. You must nourish it carefully, and it would be best to let it devour various rare ingredients frequently. Only then will you be able to cultivate it to the way you want!

“Lastly, you need a mentor!” Sun Mengmeng was leading the way. “High-level Mystics come to teach as well, and those with credits can attend the lessons. However, it’s still different than being a disciple to someone. The most obvious difference is that the mentor can give private lessons on various spiritual techniques and knowledge to his students, free of charge! They could even teach their disciples high-level cultivation techniques beyond level five! This is closely tied to your choice of major in the future and even more important...”

“I understand!” Fang Yuan nodded. “It’s like the difference between ordinary disciples and those that are taught personally in the ancient sects!”

“Exactly. Although the majority of the cultivation sects have become universities, some traditions are still preserved...”

The two soon arrived at the academic affairs office.

It was a colossal building situated in district three. The energy particle concentration was even greater here. Of course, the gravity was stronger as well. Green plants disappeared, and only black and red vines that could survive covered the building.

Noticing that Fang Yuan was still behaving as though nothing had happened, Sun Mengmeng’s eyes were full of shock for a moment.

Ding!

“Welcome, two students. What matters do you need to settle?”

After entering the main door, they heard a robotic voice.

Fang Yuan was not the least bit surprised and answered directly, “Lin Meng, here to collect the magical weapon seed!”

“Ding! Identity confirmed. Mystic confirmed. Proceed to window twenty-two!”

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They went through the procedure, and Fang Yuan acquired a silvery-white piece of metal.

This was the memory metal, which was also living. It could be considered half alive, and it was the best material to agglomerate magical weapons.

According to the research of modern scientists, it was easy to produce Weapon Spirits using this kind of memory metal once the magical weapon formed. The success rate was as high as sixty percent! Ancient cultivators would be incredibly envious.

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“All right!” After leaving the academic affairs office, Fang Yuan looked at the sky. “There’s just one thing left. Are there any mentors that you would recommend?”

“Dream on!” Sun Mengmeng rolled her eyes. “You’re on the begging end when it comes to choosing a master. It is up to the mentors to decide if they want to take you in. Only Teacher Lü Songyang and Teacher Lei Lisi are currently willing to take in first-years, but Teacher Lei Lisi only accepts female students. I’ll take you to Teacher Lü Songyang. Let’s try your luck!”