

## Talent 121

Chapter 121: Beastly Body, Entering the Beast Realm!

Yun Mengli, Qing Wang, Xue Wang and others led the majority of the King-class experts, along with a portion of array mages, to leave the area.

What remained were a minority of King-class individuals and array mages. After all, the spatial rift did not require that many people to guard it. Moreover, a top-tier array had already been set up, ensuring that there would be no significant issues.

"Two months!"

That was the time Ye Tian had applied to guard the area. In a few months, the top-tier array would be completely stabilized, and the spatial rift would be suppressed to a point where it couldn't expand any further.

At that time, only one or two King-class experts would be needed for its protection, negating the need for a large number of guards. By then, even if Ye Tian wanted to guard the area, he probably wouldn't get the chance.

At the moment, high-level beasts as well as mid to low-level beasts were still sporadically emerging from the spatial rift. The King-class experts were not in a rush to hunt these beasts down. If they did, when would they find time for their own cultivation?

Only when the number of beasts reached a certain level would they harvest and clean up the area, getting rid of all the beasts.

This was a cyclical process. Completely preventing the beasts from coming over was unrealistic. After all, the spatial rift was still there. Beasts would inevitably come through, and people had to be stationed to guard and clear out the area, until the day humanity could launch a counter-offensive.

Ye Tian built a house 1000 meters away from the spatial rift. Although he appeared to be cultivating, his talent-copying ability was actually encompassing the beasts, observing their talents. He had a plan!

High-tier Soul Transfer Talent!

He wanted to use this talent to control a high-level beast, and then enter the part of the world connected by the spatial rift to see what it was like there. He was incredibly curious about it.

"First, integrate the high-tier blade skill talent!"

With that thought, Ye Tian began the integration.

Soon enough, the integration was complete.

[Blade Skill Talent: Top-tier]

"Finally, I've upgraded my blade skill talent to top-tier. Once I leave, I can actively look for a Silver-level blade technique. With my current mastery in blade skill talent, I can quickly comprehend the essence of the blade to a higher level and fully cultivate a Silver-level blade technique, which would significantly increase my combat power," Ye Tian said, filled with anticipation.

Then, he began to cultivate his "Purple Blood Body Refining Technique," all while keeping an eye on the high-level beasts. He wanted to find a high-level beast with a high bloodline talent, preferably at the peak of high-level beasts. If he could occupy such a body, he could rapidly advance to a top-tier beast with the help of its bloodline talent. With his current talents, that beast's body would become a powerful top-tier beast, allowing him to venture into many more places.

Otherwise, occupying a weak body would limit him to the high-level beast tier, and he'd only be able to stay in one area, not daring to venture elsewhere.

Three days passed quickly.

Suddenly, a high-level beast appeared within the range of Ye Tian's talent-copying ability.

Species: Tianlin (TL Note: Some sort of Sky Qilin?)

Bloodline Talent: Extraordinary

Defensive Talent: High-tier

Strength Talent: Elementary

"This Tianlin has decent talents. It's the one!" Ye Tian exclaimed with joy.

However, before executing his Soul Transfer Talent, he first notified the other King-class experts that he would be in seclusion for a month and would emerge after that. The others had no objections, as there was nothing much happening here, and cleaning up the beasts was an extremely simple task. Ye Tian's absence wouldn't make a difference.

Before implementing his plan, Ye Tian called Xiao Xue over, "Xiao Xue, I'm going to use a talent to transfer my soul into another beast's body to investigate the other side of the spatial rift. Guard my body; don't let anyone come near it, understand?"

Ye Tian gave his instructions solemnly, repeating them several times.

"Master, Xiao Xue will definitely guard your body well!" Xiao Xue promised.

"Xiao Xue, I'm counting on you for my body," Ye Tian patted Xiao Xue's head and whispered.

Although Xiao Xue could sometimes be mischievous and liked to take small advantages, it never slacked off on important matters. With that, Ye Tian was completely reassured.

"Soul Transfer Talent!"

Ye Tian activated the talent.

Buzz!!!

Ye Tian's soul turned into a ray of light, breaking through the void, and instantly arrived at the Tianlin.

The next moment, Ye Tian's soul entered the soul sea of the Tianlin.

"Who is it?"

The Tianlin roared, sensing that someone had entered its soul.

"Die!"

With a single slash of his Soul Sword, Ye Tian completely obliterated the Tianlin Beast's soul in just one hit.

Usurping the nest!

Ye Tian successfully executed his Soul Transfer talent and gradually took control of this new body.

Suddenly.

The eyes of the Tianlin Beast opened once more, a newfound glint of wisdom flashing within them.

The Tianlin Beast Ye Tian was born!

"It feels a bit odd."

Ye Tian maneuvered the body of the Tianlin Beast, making a series of peculiar movements.

Ten minutes later, Ye Tian had essentially become capable of using this body for combat.

"We must leave quickly!"

Ye Tian dared not waste any time. He was unaware of when the next cleanup operation by these king-level beasts would be. If they acted quickly and he remained here, wouldn't he be killed by these king-level beasts?

Currently, he was only at the level of a high-tier ferocious beast, vastly inferior to king-level ones.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Ye Tian controlled the Tianlin Beast's body and rapidly dashed toward the space rift. Within a few breaths, he entered the space rift.

Spatial transfer.

Ye Tian felt the world shift around him, and the next moment, he found himself in an unfamiliar place.

Boom!

A tremendous pressure descended, making Ye Tian struggle for a moment.

"The gravity here is heavy, likely about ten times that of Earth."

Ye Tian estimated after adjusting.

At this moment.

He looked around and noticed he was in a forest. From time to time, ferocious beasts jumped into the space rift above with great curiosity.

"Let's move!"

Ye Tian distanced himself from the space rift.

He was fully aware that even if the king-level beasts were no longer entering Earth, they would still be watching this rift.

Especially the owner of those golden eyes, who might be monitoring the space rift at all times.

So, Ye Tian did not want to linger near the rift.

He didn't know how far he had run before he finally stopped.

"I need to aim for the peak-level ferocious beast rank!"

Ye Tian made up his mind.

But before making the leap, he instinctively checked his talent status.

Whoa!

His talent status appeared on his retina.

Evidently, his Copy Talent could also be applied to this body—a good piece of news.

Human: Ye Tian

Bloodline Talent: Extraordinary

Speed Talent: High-level

Swordsmanship Talent: High-level

Strength Talent: Top-level

Defense Talent: Top-level

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A series of talents were noticeably present in this beastly body, but Ye Tian noticed a significant issue.

"All my talents have been downgraded!"

Ye Tian frowned.

Just as indicated in the Soul Transfer talent's soul imprint, using the Soul Transfer talent wouldn't perfectly transfer his original talents; they would be downgraded.

This was a normal phenomenon. Once he returned to his original body, his talents would revert back to their original levels.

"Nevermind, top-level strength is sufficient. As for the swordsmanship talent, I can use these claws as swords. Although the effect won't be as good, it's still enough to dramatically boost my combat power."

Ye Tian comforted himself with these thoughts.

## Chapter 122: The Mighty Tianlin Beast Clan!

Up ahead, a high-tier beast roamed aimlessly. Ye Tian dashed toward it and, with a swipe of his claw, killed the high-tier beast. He then activated his Blood Sucking Talent, consumed the beast's blood, and absorbed the power within the blood to rapidly enhance his own strength.

"Alas, it's a shame that the Purple Blood Body Refining Technique cannot be applied to these beasts; otherwise, I could have advanced to the top-level beast tier even faster!" Ye Tian lamented.

He continued his search for more beasts to slay. At first, Ye Tian didn't aim for particularly strong beasts; his targets were mainly high-tier-level beasts and some weaker top-level beasts. After a frenetic hunting spree spanning three days, Ye Tian finally ascended to the top-level beast tier, significantly increasing his strength.

"Let's fly up and have a look!"

Taking control of the beast's body, Ye Tian used his Flying Talent and soared into the sky. However, the higher he flew, the greater the resistance became, revealing how strange this beast world truly was. After reaching approximately 3000 meters in altitude, Ye Tian looked down below and into the distance. It was endless; he couldn't grasp the full extent of this beast world.

He had to admit, this beast world was immensely powerful. Top-level beasts were everywhere, and king beasts were not rare. He could hear their roars from time to time. Moreover, the resources in this world were extremely abundant. In just a few days, Ye Tian had already discovered numerous medicinal herbs that were thousands of years old, scattered around as if no one wanted them.

Furthermore, the concentration of the world's vital energy was incredibly dense, at least three times that of Earth's.

"The beast world must have existed for a long time," Ye Tian speculated. "With such rich vital energy, it's not surprising that so many thousand-year-old medicinal herbs have been born. However, the beasts don't seem to value these herbs, probably because they don't use them efficiently."

If humans could conquer this beast world, the available resources would be virtually unlimited. Unfortunately, the beast world was too strong, and Ye Tian had only scratched the surface of what it had to offer. He had two primary objectives for coming to the beast world: to see what it was like, and to look for useful talents.

Ye Tian could stay in the beast world for a month, and it wouldn't take him that long to replicate a talent. If he could find a truly extraordinary talent, he could certainly replicate it. This place was the stronghold of the beasts; it would be easier to encounter remarkable talents here. All he needed was to search patiently.

After several more days, Ye Tian was searching for beast talents when he suddenly encountered another Tianlin beast. This one was far stronger than Ye Tian; it was, in fact, a king-level Tianlin beast.



Among the beasts, different clans would often fight each other, but within the same clan, conflicts were rare, and they were generally more united than humans.

Upon discovering the king-level Tianlin beast, Ye Tian didn't avoid it; instead, he moved closer. He wanted to make contact with this king-level Tianlin beast, as doing so might provide him access to the upper echelons of the beast world.

Soon enough, Ye Tian and the king-level Tianlin beast met face to face.

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The king-level Tianlin beast spoke a series of vibrations, not a real language, but rather a form of wave-like communication. Yet, Ye Tian understood the meaning behind these waves—

"Who are you, young one? The Sacred Beast Mountain is about to open, and you're still wandering outside!"

That was the message from the king-level Tianlin beast.

"Sacred Beast Mountain?" Ye Tian was somewhat curious. He emitted a series of waves by instinct, expressing the thoughts in his mind: "I got lost!"

That was Ye Tian's intended message, and, to his relief, the other beast seemed to understand.

"Having reached the top-level beast tier and still getting lost? Poor child, you must have had some issues at birth. Come with me; I'll take you to Sacred Beast Mountain," said the king-level Tianlin beast, looking at Ye Tian with a compassionate gaze.

"Yie!" Ye Tian responded.

Immediately after, he honestly followed the King-tier Tianlin Beast and left. From the conversation just now, he had discovered that the King-tier Tianlin Beast possessed considerable wisdom, second only to humans. Clearly, within the realm of mystical beasts, the Tianlin were considered a rather noble race, more so than most other creatures.

After running for a bit, the King-tier Tianlin Beast found Ye Tian's speed too slow and picked him up in its mouth, running at an incredibly fast pace.

It must be said that the King-tier Tianlin Beast was indeed extremely fast. It soared swiftly through the sky, so much so that even Ye Tian's own speed paled in comparison. Because this King-tier Tianlin Beast was incredibly powerful, it undoubtedly held a high standing within the realm of mystical beasts, also possessing medium-level speed talents.

However, even with such immense speed, it took a full five hours to reach their destination.

"Holy Beast Mountain is so far away!" Ye Tian exclaimed.

If he were to fly at his current speed, it would likely take half a month to get there.

"What is that..." Ye Tian's gaze fixed on an incredibly massive mountain that soared into the clouds. It was estimated to be 100,000 meters tall, and its majestic presence seemed to suppress the very air itself, making Ye Tian, who was miles away, feel short of breath.

"Little guy, Holy Beast Mountain doesn't allow King-tier and above mystical beasts to enter, so I won't go in. You go in by yourself!" The King-tier mystical beast tossed Ye Tian into Holy Beast Mountain and flew away.

"This King-tier mystical beast is too rude; it just threw me in like that!" Ye Tian climbed out of a large pit in the ground, expressing his dissatisfaction.

However, he had no intention of quibbling with a mystical beast over this.

As he walked into Holy Beast Mountain, Ye Tian saw numerous Tianlin Beasts, all of which were either top-tier or high-tier mystical beasts. Their numbers were plentiful. From this, it was clear that the Tianlin race was a significant group within the mystical beast world.

"Extraordinary-tier!"

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Ye Tian employed his talent-detection abilities within a radius of a kilometer. All he found were extraordinary-tier bloodline talents.

"This is horrifying! If this were the human world, it would mean an entire large family was full of individuals with extraordinary-tier cultivation talents. How terrifying!"

"No wonder humans have always been at a disadvantage when contending with mystical beasts. The advantage mystical beasts have in talents is too great. However, the potential of humans is also terrifying. It's just that they have risen for a shorter period. Once humans grow to their full potential, the talents of future generations will only increase. Someday they will surpass the mystical beast clan!" Ye Tian was very confident in humans, and in himself as well.

Tianlin Beasts were flocking toward the peak of Holy Beast Mountain. Not knowing what was happening, Ye Tian also followed them upward. For some reason, flying was not allowed on Holy Beast Mountain. Even when Ye Tian tried to use his flying talents, he couldn't. The gravity was too strong, and his speed was reduced to an extreme low. It took him half an hour just to reach halfway up the mountain.

At this point, Ye Tian encountered even more Tianlin Beasts.

Suddenly, Ye Tian sensed a Tianlin Beast with an extremely high talent—

Species: Tianlin Beast

Bloodline Talent: Morning Star

Defensive Talent: Medium

Although this Tianlin Beast only had one special talent—defensive talent—its bloodline talent was so high that it reached the Morning Star tier, making it an entity that could definitely ascend to King-tier status.

Such talent within the Tianlin clan could be considered a prodigy. However, in comparison, the mystical beast body he now possessed was only average.

Of course, since he had occupied this mystical beast body and possessed more than a dozen powerful talents, he was more than capable of crushing this genius with Morning Star level bloodline talent.

#### Chapter 123: Comprehending the Enlightenment Stele, Creating New Techniques!

On top of the Sacred Beast Mountain, Ye Tian walked slowly. The pressure here had reached 100 times that of Earth's gravity, a limit that only a great martial artist could endure. Although Ye Tian's current beastly body was that of a top-tier fierce beast capable of withstanding 100 times the gravitational force, his walking speed was incredibly slow.

Still, he was faring much better than some of the high-level fierce beasts like the Tianlin beasts, which were merely inching along—what they were doing could barely be called walking; it was more like crawling.

Even so, they all yearned to reach the peak of Sacred Beast Mountain.

"What exactly is at the top of the mountain?" Ye Tian was immensely curious. His spatial perception was unable to extend to the mountain's summit, as if a mysterious power was obstructing his senses, preventing him from ascertaining the situation at the peak.

Half an hour later, Ye Tian finally arrived at the summit. There, he saw a massive stele that seemed as if it had existed since the dawn of time, emanating an ancient and powerful aura. The stele stood a hundred meters tall and was twenty meters wide. Intricate patterns covered its surface—patterns that weren't array arrays but still contained profound mystical truths.

Before investigating the stele, Ye Tian used his talent-copying ability to examine the abilities of the surrounding Tianlin beasts. To his surprise, he discovered four Morning Star-level bloodline talents.

Although taken aback, he quickly dismissed his surprise, considering the overall strength of the Tianlin beast race. If he were to copy a Morning Star-level bloodline talent, his current beastly body would gain that talent.

Unfortunately, this body could only last a month, and after that, his soul would return to his original body. Therefore, he wouldn't waste the opportunity to copy such a talent. Instead, he continued scanning the abilities of the other Tianlin beasts, focusing on any special talents they might have.

Among the hundreds of thousands of Tianlin beasts gathered on the mountain's summit, he refused to believe he couldn't find a talent that was more impressive. As Ye Tian wandered around, a particular talent suddenly caught his eye: [Substitute Death Talent: Mid-tier].

"This talent... is quite interesting," Ye Tian was genuinely intrigued. While it was only a medium-level talent, some special talents had significant utility. In some cases, their utility surpassed even top-level talents. For instance, Ye Tian considered a high-level soul-transfer talent much more useful than a wind-blade talent. The utility of a talent mattered just as much as its power level.

"Substitute Death Talent should be a life-saving type of talent. Judging by the name, it should help one survive a lethal situation by dying once?" Ye Tian speculated. While he couldn't copy this talent for the time being, he could at least mark it. Using his spatial talent-marking ability, he marked the Tianlin beast possessing the Substitute Death Talent.

As more Tianlin beasts continued to arrive on the summit, they began chatting in pairs or small groups. Since Ye Tian was currently in the form of a Tianlin beast, he could understand their conversations. Soon, he learned what Sacred Beast Mountain was all about.

Sacred Beast Mountain was a holy mountain to the Tianlin beasts and lay within their territory. Other fierce beasts seldom ventured here, and if any were found, they would be killed without mercy.

The most precious object on this mountain was the stele, known as the Enlightenment Stele, a treasure formed naturally by the heavens and the earth. It had remained here because it was intrinsically connected to Sacred Beast Mountain and was difficult to move. Consequently, the Tianlin beasts had claimed the mountain as their holy ground, largely because of this Enlightenment Stele.

The stele had many utilities, and Ye Tian gleaned several of them from the conversations among the Tianlin beasts.

The first benefit was the ability to enhance intelligence. Once the Enlightenment Stele was truly activated, those in its vicinity would gradually be influenced by it, leading to a slow

increase in intelligence. This was also one of the main reasons for the high intelligence of the Tianlin Beast clan.

The second benefit was the potential for the mutation of special talents, such as transforming a basic speed talent into an intermediate one. However, the probability of success was low, and only a few Tianlin Beasts could accomplish it. Those that could were considered geniuses.

The third benefit was the aid it provided to Tianlin Beasts with battle-magic talents in comprehending fierce-beast battle techniques. Once such a technique was understood, one's power would surge manyfold. However, fierce beasts with battle-magic talents were exceedingly rare.

"Battle-magic?" Ye Tian surveyed the area and found that indeed a few Tianlin Beasts had battle-magic talents. Initially unsure what this talent entailed, he started to speculate after hearing discussions among the other Tianlin Beasts.

"Could battle-magic be similar to human spellcasting and swordsmanship talents? Does this mean the Enlightenment Stele can help me understand spellcasting techniques?" Ye Tian was astonished.

This was staggering! It wasn't just about understanding an existing technique, but about creating one!

"Could it be that things like spellcasting and sword techniques are comprehended this way?" Ye Tian looked at the Enlightenment Stele, a thought emerging in his mind. Perhaps, or more likely, this was a significant opportunity.

Ye Tian was exceedingly excited in his heart.

Regrettably, the Enlightenment Stele was still inactive. It had been sealed by the higher-ups of the Tianlin Beast clan and would only be activated at specific times. It would open once every ten years, and each period of comprehension would last for about a month.

A humming sound resonated. A mysterious wave spread as the Enlightenment Stele began to emit an ancient aura. The patterns on its surface gradually lit up.

Boom!

The entire mountaintop was instantly covered in light.

All Tianlin Beasts found themselves in a peculiar realm. In this realm, there was no Sacred Beast Mountain, no sun or moon, no grass or trees, and not even other Tianlin Beasts. It was as if they were alone in the universe.

"The Enlightenment space!" The thought crossed Ye Tian's mind.

"Start comprehending, no time to waste!"

Ye Tian hastily took out a high-tier magical stone, released his magical intent, and began attempting to comprehend spellcasting techniques.

A mysterious aura enveloped Ye Tian, as if his comprehension had been heightened manifold. All his feelings about spellcasting were amplified many times.

The intricacies of techniques like Qingfeng Slash and Shadow Kill slowly flowed through the bottom of Ye Tian's heart. His understanding of spellcasting techniques soared at an unbelievable pace.

"There are so many flaws in Qingfeng Slash!"

Ye Tian suddenly realized.

Before, he had thought that Qingfeng Slash was nearly perfect, but now he saw it was full of errors.

Modify!

Recreate!

Ye Tian gradually altered Qingfeng Slash until it was unrecognizable, even integrating some quick-movement concepts from Shadow Kill.

One day passed, then two...

In the blink of an eye, Ye Tian had been comprehending for several days.

On this day, Ye Tian burst into wild laughter. However, in his beast form, he couldn't make human laughter but instead emitted an excited, strange cry unique to Tianlin Bea

He had finally created a spellcasting technique!

Chapter 124: The Defense Secret: Understood!

"Silver-tier blade technique!"

Ye Tian was incredibly excited. The silver-tier blade technique he had so desperately yearned for turned out to be of his own creation.

If anyone were told that a grandmaster had created a silver-tier blade technique, no one would believe it.

Of course, this achievement was not solely due to the Enlightenment Stele; Ye Tian's top-tier talent in blade techniques also played a significant role.

Without that elite talent in blade techniques, even if he had the talent for enlightenment, he wouldn't have been able to create a silver-tier blade technique. In fact, even with average talent, creating a bronze-tier blade technique would be highly unlikely.

It took exceptional talent combined with the extraordinary Enlightenment Stele to create this silver-tier blade technique.

"I have a feeling that given enough time, I could even create a gold-tier blade technique. A month is far from enough, even a year might not suffice!" Ye Tian speculated.

Therefore, he abandoned the idea of developing a gold-tier blade technique.



For this self-created silver-tier blade technique, Ye Tian chose a name—Heavenly Extreme Slash!

According to Ye Tian's calculations, the Heavenly Extreme Slash was a perfect fit for him and would boost his strength far more than it would for others. The entry-level Heavenly Extreme Slash could amplify the attack by eight times, the intermediate level by nine times, the advanced level by ten times, and the perfected level by twelve times.

Typically, a silver-tier attack-type blade technique would offer an amplification of around eleven times at most.

However, it wasn't just the twelve-fold amplification of attack power that made Heavenly Extreme Slash formidable. It could also double one's speed when mastered to the perfect level.

If word got out about such a silver-tier blade technique, it would certainly incite fierce competition among those with blade talents, even to the point of life and death struggles.

"Mastering blade techniques isn't the real purpose of the Enlightenment Stele. The real benefit lies in improving one's comprehension. It's because my comprehension has improved that I've been able to create a silver-tier blade technique. As for the so-called increase in intelligence, that's merely the residual effects of the Enlightenment Stele. How ridiculous it is for these heavenly kirin beasts to consider this a benefit! I can't waste the remaining twenty or so days; I should focus on comprehending blade intent," Ye Tian thought.

Ye Tian believed that only by using blade techniques effectively could the true purpose of the Enlightenment Stele be realized.

His current understanding of blade intent was only 21%. But with the help of the Enlightenment Stele, he could definitely improve quickly.

Comprehending!

Countless complex mysteries of blade intent flickered through Ye Tian's mind as he started to absorb the essence of blade intent.

Gradually, his understanding of blade intent soared.

21%!

22%!

23%!

24%!

25%!

His understanding was improving every moment. This rate of improvement was unachievable in the outside world; a day of hard practice here was equivalent to a month or even two in the outside world.

Given his top-tier blade talent, the rate of improvement was simply staggering!

Ten days had passed.

"60% blade intent!"

Ye Tian opened his eyes, filled with excitement.

Achieving 60% blade intent meant that he could master a silver-tier blade technique to its perfected state. If he were to improve further, reaching 70% blade intent, he would qualify to practice gold-tier blade techniques.

The higher the blade intent, the harder it is to improve. Ye Tian calculated that with the remaining days, he could not bring his blade intent to 70%, and even if he did, mastering a gold-tier blade technique would be out of the question.

Thus, Ye Tian was in no hurry to continue comprehending blade intent.

"Maybe I can try improving my special talents," Ye Tian considered.

Other Tianlin beasts could improve their unique talents, and naturally, so could he. Although the probability was low, what if he really could make that improvement? Wouldn't that be a great gain?

Ye Tian chose to comprehend defensive talents.

Deep within his soul...

Deep within his soul, Ye Tian activated his innate talent for defense, combining it with his enlightenment talent. His talent mark was a pseudo-mystery level, yet when manifested in this ferocious beast's body, it was merely top-tier. However, this didn't mean that his talent mark had also been downgraded.

So, Ye Tian was comprehending a pseudo-mystery-level defensive talent. Influenced by the aura of the Enlightenment Stele, he remained motionless, as calm as an ancient bell, with an increasingly mysterious aura enveloping

Three days passed, and suddenly Ye Tian felt as though he had gained some insight. "Why is it 'pseudo'? Because I haven't yet grasped the true mystery. A top-tier talent is the limit of a talent; the so-called mystery talents are actually just top-tier talents, combined with the mystery to form a stronger talent. And only those with top-tier talents have the qualification to comprehend mysteries; top-tier talents are the threshold for understanding mysteries."

Although Ye Tian had this insight, he hadn't yet comprehended the mystery. A mystery is a manifestation of the law, also called the "Law of Mystery," which Ye Tian didn't yet know. He only knew that mysteries existed in the universe and in all things. Only a talent that has comprehended the mystery is a perfect talent that truly belongs to oneself!

Comprehending a mystery was extremely difficult, even for Ye Tian, whose comprehension ability had been enhanced many times under the Enlightenment Stele.

With only about ten days left, could he comprehend it? Ye Tian didn't know, but he was unwilling to give up.

Comprehend! Comprehend! Comprehend!

Ye Tian's whole body and soul were immersed in defensive mysteries. Time ticked away, and there was only one day left before the Enlightenment Stele's period would end.

On the last day, Ye Tian had a flash of insight and numerous realizations flooded his mind. "So this is the mystery of defense!" Ye Tian laughed.

He activated his defensive talent, and its power began to fully integrate with his body. A strange fluctuation emanated from him; it was the power of mystery. Contrary to his expectations, even after grasping the defensive mystery, his talent did not reach the mystery level.

Defensive Talent: Pseudo-Mystery (30%)

The so-called 30% meant that Ye Tian's defensive talent had integrated 30% with his body, compared to zero before. This indicated that he had taken a big step on the road to mystery-level defensive talent; when the integration reached 100%, his defensive talent would completely transform into a mystery-level defensive talent—a truly game-changing talent!

Ye Tian tested it out; his pseudo-mystery-level defensive talent was no longer boosted 30 times, but 35 times. Although it was only a minor improvement, it was a good start.

He had already gained a trace of insight into the defensive mystery. As long as he continued to comprehend, he would inevitably reach the level of mystery-level defensive talent, which was far better than others who had no hope at all. "More importantly, I also have the copy talent. If I encounter a pseudo-mystery-level talent, I can copy it, and the degree of integration will progress quickly!"

Ye Tian looked forward to this day, but also knew that the chance of encountering another pseudo-mystery-level defensive talent, or any other pseudo-mystery-level talents, was extremely small.

It was because he had laid the perfect foundation that he could step into the realm of pseudo-mystery-level talents. Others, if they couldn't lay a perfect foundation, wouldn't be able to step into the realm of pseudo-mystery-level talents unless they had special opportunities.

"Not thinking too much, let's continue to comprehend!"

Ye Tian prepared to use the last day to comprehend the defensive mystery and elevate his understanding of it. However, something unexpected happened...

## Chapter 125: High-tier Spatial Talent

Boom, boom, boom!!!

A terrifying attack struck, shattering the enlightenment space.

"What's going on?"

The Tianlin beasts became alarmed, clueless about what had happened.

Ye Tian looked up to the sky and saw towering figures appear among the clouds.

Ten enormous Tianlin beasts, each several hundred meters long, were engaged in fierce combat with a ten-meter-tall, blood-red, three-eyed divine monkey. The battle between them shook the void, obliterating countless dark clouds as beams of light pierced the sky.

The sheer might of the struggle left Ye Tian in awe.

This was certainly not the power of a king-tier; it was something even greater!

Ye Tian initially thought it was an evenly matched battle, but he was wrong.

The divine monkey sent a Tianlin beast into a mist of blood with a single palm strike, its body colliding with another Tianlin beast and sending it flying. The moment that Tianlin beast flew out, it lost all its vitality.

The other Tianlin beasts burned their blood essence in a futile attempt to stop the monkey, but at that moment, the monkey's third eye released a blade of spatial energy that instantly pierced the bodies of three Tianlin beasts, killing them outright.

"Spatial talent, and even a spatial blade. It has to be high-tier spatial talent at the least!"

Ye Tian grew excited; this was the first time he had seen high-tier-level spatial talent.

"Copy it!"

"I must copy it!"

Ye Tian thought to himself.

But he knew he couldn't fly up directly. Otherwise, his opponent could kill him from tens of thousands of meters away; there was no way to approach within a kilometer.

Soon enough.

The Tianlin beasts above were all killed, and the monkey, seemingly ignoring the prohibition of the sacred mountain, flew directly in. Its gaze was fixed firmly on the Enlightenment Stele.

The Enlightenment Stele was its goal!

"Kwah, kwah, kwah~"

The divine monkey let out a loud cry. A spatial blade slashed the ground beneath the Enlightenment Stele, causing the earth to crack and the stele to wobble.

Tianlin beasts closer to the impact were killed by the shock, but those farther away were unharmed.

Ye Tian was also affected, but his healing talent, although only high-tier in this body, saved his life; he was just severely injured.

"Almost there, just 1,500 meters left!"

Ye Tian grew anxious.

But the more pressing the situation, the calmer he needed to be.

He knew he might not survive this time, so he first copied the Death Substitute talent from a Tianlin beast, which calmed his mind.

Next was whether or not he could copy the high-tier spatial talent.

It all depended on luck now!

The monkey obviously wanted to sever the Enlightenment Stele from its roots, so as to take it away. It was evidently fearful of the Tianlin clan, as their true powers hadn't yet arrived; the ten Tianlin beasts just now were merely the guardians here.

If the true powerhouses of the Tianlin clan arrived, it would have no chance.

Its spatial blade was extremely terrifying; it had even almost severed the connection between the Enlightenment Stele and the sacred mountain. If given time, it could really take away the Enlightenment Stele.

Just then, a gigantic Tianlin beast flew in from the distant horizon, thousands of meters long. Its terrifying aura dimmed even the sun's light.

The divine monkey looked very apprehensive, glanced at the far distance, and hastened its actions. It came under the Enlightenment Stele and worked to sever its connection with the sacred mountain while also trying to pull the stele out.

At this point.

It was within 1,000 meters of Ye Tian.

Ye Tian's copying talent enveloped the monkey as he immediately scrutinized its talents.

Type: Three-Eyed Divine Monkey

Bloodline Talent: Morning Star Level

Spatial Talent: High-tier

Speed Talent: Medium

Blood Eye Talent: High-tier

Based on the talents, this divine monkey was extremely formidable, easily slaughtering peers.

"Copy!"

Without saying another word, Ye Tian immediately copied the high-tier spatial talent, not even glancing at the other talents.

Spatial talent was the real game-changer; it was one of the two highest talents alongside time talent. Even if it was just high-tier spatial talent, the damage it could inflict far surpassed other top-tier or even pseudo-mystic-level attack talents.

Spatial attacks—though not highly potent, who could possibly withstand them? Even if Ye Tian was merely at the Grandmaster realm, the moment he unleashed his spatial blade, even powerful beings at the King-level would find it hard to resist!

Once he copied the high-tier spatial talent, he would possess a trump card—a truly formidable trump card. In the blink of an eye, Ye Tian successfully copied the high-tier spatial talent.

Just then, a furious roar echoed from the distance: "Damn you, Three-Eyed Divine Monkey!" This was not human language; it was the resonant language of the Tianlin Beast.

The next moment, a massive claw tore through the void, suppressing the Three-Eyed Divine Monkey. The void solidified; even Ye Tian couldn't move an inch. This was an entity horrifying enough to rival the golden eyes that initially split the space.

Under this terrifying force, the Three-Eyed Divine Monkey's teleportation was suppressed; it couldn't escape for the time being.



"Roar!"

The Three-Eyed Divine Monkey was not conceding defeat. A huge spatial blade clashed with the massive claw of the Tianlin Beast. A terrifying shockwave swept through, affecting Ye Tian and the other Tianlin Beasts that hadn't escaped. Their bodies were instantly torn into countless pieces; they died on the spot.

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Back on Earth.

A soul pierced through the void and entered a house. Ye Tian opened his eyes; his mind was excruciatingly painful.

He was back! However, he hadn't stayed the full three months; he had been blasted back.

"My soul is damaged; it will take at least three months to recover. During this time, I can't comprehend array patterns or spells, but compared to what I've gained, it's all worth it!" Ye Tian's face was flushed with excitement and eagerness.

Substitute Death talent, high-tier spatial talent, defensive mysticism, newly realized techniques—a Silver-level technique known as Sky-Extreme Slash. Any one of these gains was enough to drive anyone mad, and he had acquired them all.

Suddenly, he recalled the moment when he was killed. The Tianlin Beast, which was less than a kilometer away from him, was still vivid in his mind.

Type: Tianlin Beast

Bloodline Talent: Moonlight

Strength Talent: Medium

Speed Talent: Medium

"Moonlight-level bloodline talent? Could it be that talents above Morning Star are Moonlight-level talents? My Xiao Xue's Dawn-level bloodline talent must still be above Moonlight-level!" Ye Tian pondered.

Morning Star, Moonlight, Dawn—Ye Tian was currently at the Morning Star level. But for those in the Demon Sea Base, Morning Star-level cultivation talent was already legendary.

"It won't take long; once I break into the King level, I'll head to the Super Base. By then, copying two Morning Star-level talents should get me to Moonlight-level cultivation talent. Upgrading my cultivation talent won't be hard for me!" Ye Tian confidently declared.

"First, let's integrate the two newly acquired talents; only by integrating them can I rest easy." Ye Tian hurriedly began the integration process.

Perhaps due to his damaged soul, the pain during this integration was several times worse than before. Half an hour later, Ye Tian successfully integrated the Substitute Death Talent and High-tier Spatial Talent.

"Substitute Death Talent!" Ye Tian closed his eyes to sense the situation of his Substitute Death Talent, and quickly learned of its benefits.

"This talent is incredible!" Ye Tian opened his eyes, overjoyed.

## Chapter 126: Substitute Avatar, Wham!

The talent for substitution was indeed as Ye Tian had speculated—it could be used to cheat death once. However, it wasn't unconditional. Materials for a substitute were needed, such as the corpses of fierce beasts or humans. Utilizing the power of the substitution talent, he could modify these corpses into a substitute avatar.

Afterward, this avatar would be hidden somewhere. If Ye Tian were killed in the outside world, he could instantaneously activate the talent for substitution. His true body and the substitute avatar would swap places instantly, letting the substitute die in Ye Tian's stead. (TL Note: O:)

Because the substitute avatar and the true body were nearly indistinguishable, as long as the enemy didn't inspect carefully, they would think they had killed the real deal.

Such an against-the-heavens talent had its restrictions, however. It could be used only once every three years, and there were distance limitations—the true body couldn't be farther than a million meters from the substitute avatar, otherwise, the talent would become ineffective.

Perhaps if he were to advance his medium-level death substitution talent to a higher level, the distance limitation would increase considerably and the time interval would also reduce. But for now, Ye Tian could only make do with the medium-level talent.

"I should take some time to create a substitute avatar. It's basically like having an extra life," Ye Tian muttered to himself.

Shortly after, his attention shifted back to his spatial talent.

[Spatial Talent: High-tier]

"The medium-level spatial talent grants spatial perception, spatial markings, portable space, and teleportation. After upgrading to high-tier, my portable space has increased tenfold, equivalent to a small plaza. Additionally, my other abilities have also greatly improved. Truly deserving of being a high-tier spatial talent," Ye Tian was quite satisfied.

What he valued most, however, was the skill called Spatial Blade!

"Spatial Blade!"

With a mere thought, a black blade materialized in front of Ye Tian, formed entirely from spatial forces. It looked like a crack in space, but its shape resembled that of a blade.

"Disperse!"

Ye Tian deactivated the Spatial Blade talent. He didn't dare test it here; otherwise, the other Kings would come to know of it. How would he explain it then?

He couldn't expose his high-tier spatial talent just yet.

"I better focus on cultivation," Ye Tian murmured to himself.

His soul was damaged, which would affect his comprehension of runes, intentions, and techniques. However, it would not affect his cultivation of the Purple Blood Body Refining Technique.

Thus, Ye Tian began to cultivate like mad, consuming the blood of King-level fierce beasts to cultivate the Purple Blood Body Refining Technique daily.

The next vein he aimed to refine was the Yang Wei Vein, and he was not far from completing it.

In just ten days, Ye Tian successfully refined the Yang Wei Vein, reaching a physical strength of 21 elephants.

The third meridian he chose was the Yin Qiao Meridian from the Eight Extraordinary Meridians.

Days that followed were monotonous—cultivating, cultivating, and occasionally clearing out some fierce beasts.

In this manner, Ye Tian had been guarding the spatial rift for two months.

"26 units of strength, that should be enough," Ye Tian packed up his things and walked out of the room with Xiao Xue.

Today was the day to leave the top-grade array. Not only him, but other Kings and Array Masters were also leaving, leaving behind just one Array Master and one King to guard the place.

The top-grade array had stabilized, as had the spatial rift, so there was no need for multiple people to guard it.

Wham!

An airship flew in.

"Hahaha, people have come to take over, let's all prepare to leave," said a King-level individual.

Soon enough, a group of people disembarked from the airshi

"So many people?" Ye Tian frowned.

Wasn't it said that there would only be one Array Master and one King? Why were there so many people, and aside from two men, all were women!

Suddenly, he had an epiphany and smiled wryly.

The King and the Array Master who would be stationed here would surely be here for more than two months. Long-term guarding would inevitably be boring. Bringing along some maids could occasionally satisfy emotional and other needs.

The king-level mage and the array master assigned to this location would certainly stay for more than two months. A long-term deployment was bound to be tedious, so bringing along some maids could occasionally meet their basic and other needs. Ye Tian would not judge their lifestyle

After completing the mission, Ye Tian and the other king-level mages and array masters returned to the Demon Sea Base in a flurry. Riding on Xiao Xue, Ye Tian returned home swiftly.

Once he was home, it was already afternoon. Ye Tian saw Ye Yu, his younger sister, who was cultivating. She had already reached the Great Warrior realm and graduated from the Martial Arts School.

"Big Brother, you're back!"

Upon seeing Ye Tian, Ye Yu, who had been missing him for months, quickly threw herself into his arms.

"Good girl, I'll cook tonight. Let's have a feast!"

Ye Tian patted Ye Yu's head and smiled.

"Mmm, yes!"

Ye Yu nodded her head, her eyes full of anticipation and her face brimming with cuteness.

Consequently, Ye Tian personally prepared a sumptuous meal with various beast meats, vegetables, and fruits. The siblings ate happily, and Ye Tian relished the warm family gathering.

"To protect this home, I need even greater strength. In this era, to stagnate means potential obliteration at any moment."

Staring at Ye Yu's smiling face, Ye Tian silently vowed.

After dinner, Ye Tian resumed his intense cultivation. He aimed to reach the king-level realm as quickly as possible. Only by ascending to that level would he qualify to compete in this wondrous age of talents.

He would go to that super base and contend with numerous prodigies.

Time flew, and days passed.

In the basement of his villa, Ye Tian was tinkering with a corpse of a high-level peak beast. He planned to transform this corpse into a death-substitute clone.

At that moment, a mere corpse was insufficient; he also needed some auxiliary materials, along with his own blood. These past days, he had people acquire the materials. Though not precious, gathering them took several days.

Finally, everything was in place.

Eagerly, he wanted to create a death-substitute clone to give himself an extra life. He divided the materials, ground them into powder, dripped in his own blood, mixed it, and then applied it to the beast corpse.

"Let's begin!"

Ye Tian channeled his moderate death-substitute talent's power into the beast corpse.

Thud, thud, thud!

The beast corpse began to transform, gradually shrinking into a flesh sphere. After a while, it started morphing into a humanoid shape.

Eventually, the beast corpse became an identical human form to Ye Tian, albeit devoid of life force, like a dead person.

"My death-substitute clone is done!"

Ye Tian sighed in relief.

He could sense the connection between himself and the clone. Once a year, he could activate his death-substitute talent to switch places with the clone.

Subsequently, Ye Tian sealed the underground chamber, even setting up defensive and concealment arrays.

Three months quietly passed by.

After these three months, Ye Tian's soul injuries were fully healed, leaving no aftereffects or impairments. Moreover, during this period, he was mostly in the home's intermediate-level Qi cultivation chamber, increasing his strength by 27 elephants, taking his body's power to 53 elephants.

Additionally, with the healing of his soul injuries, he could now comprehend new techniques and cultivate the Silver-level technique—Heavenly Extreme Slash!

#### Chapter 127: A Three-Eyed Human, a Three-Meter-Tall Human!

The Silver-level Martial Technique called "Heavenly Extreme Slash" was created by Ye Tian. For others, it would take considerable time to comprehend this Silver-level Martial Technique. However, Ye Tian didn't have such hassles. His understanding of martial intent had already reached the sixth level. He could quickly master the Silver-level Martial Technique to perfection.

In the following days, Ye Tian devoted himself to comprehending the Heavenly Extreme Slash.

On the first day, he grasped the basics of the Heavenly Extreme Slash.

On the third day, he achieved the minor level.

On the sixth day, he attained the major level.

By the tenth day, he mastered it to perfection.

It took him just ten days to master a Silver-level Martial Technique to perfection—a feat considered impossible by other martial artists. Even those with top-level martial talent, whose martial intent had reached the sixth level, would require at least a year to fully master a Silver-level Martial Technique. Ye Tian achieved it in a mere ten days. Such is the advantage of creating one's own Martial Technique!

After mastering the Heavenly Extreme Slash to perfection, Ye Tian's strength had increased manifold.

His physical strength had reached the level of 53 Elephants, and with the enhancement from his vital energy, it was equivalent to 106 Elephants. His pseudo-mystic-level strength talent could amplify his attack thirty times, and the Heavenly Extreme Slash could stack another twelve times onto that.

By these calculations, Ye Tian's strongest attack could reach a force of 38,160 Elephants.



"My one strike has reached 38,160 Elephants of force, even though I'm only at the Grandmaster level!" Ye Tian couldn't help but feel immensely proud of himself. The crucial point was his capability to exert such enormous power. Ordinary people, lacking a perfect foundation and unable to break the limits of Heaven and Earth, wouldn't be able to exert over a hundred times their attack power, regardless of how strong their talents were.

Ye Tian calculated, "The minimum physical strength at the King level is 150 Elephants, and at its peak, it's 10,000 Elephants. With enhancements, that becomes 20,000 Elephants. In this regard, my attack power has already surpassed that of King-level beings without special talents!"

One could say that among those at the King level, Ye Tian was exceedingly powerful. Furthermore, he also possessed top-tier speed talents. His speed was not significantly inferior to that of mighty King-level beings, although it paled in comparison to those at the Invincible King level.

"However, I still have the trump card of 'Spatial Blade.' Once I reach the peak of the Grandmaster level, I might even possess the combat power of an Invincible King!"

The Invincible King! This was the combat level Ye Tian had longed for in his dreams, and he was almost there. Given his rate of cultivation, it would only take a few more months.

Soon, he would have to prepare to leave the Demon Sea Base and head to the Super Base. For better talents, he had to move. During these months at the Demon Sea Base, he hadn't even managed to copy any superior talents. He had only copied some average ones like top-tier Wind Blade Talent from Yun Feng, high-level Thunder Talent, etc., which didn't significantly aid him in combat.

Of course, he also copied one decent talent, a medium-level Illusion Talent. While not especially useful in combat, it was quite effective for interrogating enemies.

But what Ye Tian truly desired weren't these talents; he was looking for Dawn Star-level cultivation talents, pseudo-mystic-level talents, or higher-level spatial talents and abilities similar to Life-Exchange or Soul Transfer. These were what he really wanted, yet he couldn't find them at the Demon Sea Base. Therefore, he was eager to leave the Demon Sea Base as soon as possible.

On this day, Ye Tian visited the Yue family. He wasn't there to see Yue Ling; instead, he came to pay his respects to the Yue family's only King-level ancestor— Lord Yue Ling!

Deep within the Yue family compound stood a classical small courtyard. This was where Lord Yue Ling resided. He preferred a quieter environment, which was why his living space was designed this way.

"Brother Yue, I apologize for disturbing you today," Ye Tian began.

"Not at all, young friend Ye. Your visit is an honor for me," Lord Yue Ling responded graciously.

Lord Yue Ling's face was filled with joy.

"Brother Yue, how did it go last time when you were investigating the matter for me?" Ye Tian asked expectantly.

Lord Yue Ling knew exactly what Ye Tian was asking about. The last time they had parted, Ye Tian had asked him to investigate a super-base, particularly how to gain entry into it.

"I've found some information," Lord Yue Ling said, his expression turning serious. "Getting into the super-base is not easy. They have high requirements for outsiders. If you just want to stay there for a few days, it might not be an issue, but if you want to become a resident, it's not just about having money; you need strength. Even those at the king-level often do not qualify to become residents of the super-base."

"The requirements are that high?" Ye Tian frowned.

"Indeed, they are. This is to maintain the dignity and talent level of the super-base. If a large number of people with low talent were to flood the super-base, although the population would indeed increase, the overall quality would decline," Lord Yue Ling explained.

Ye Tian nodded, accepting this reasoning. But what Lord Yue Ling said next shocked him.

"Ye Tian, strength is just one aspect. The real issue is that the internal dynamics within the super-base are incredibly complicated. It seems..." Lord Yue Ling hesitated, as if he were reluctant to say or even believe what he was about to share.

"Seems what?" Ye Tian urged.

"It seems that it's not just humans from our time who are there!"

Lord Yue Ling took a deep breath.

"What do you mean?" Ye Tian's face changed.

"I'm not entirely sure myself. I heard it from a powerful king-level individual, who in turn heard it from other king-level individuals. Apparently, someone in a super base saw people who were three meters tall, and humans with three eyes. But how can humans have three eyes or be that tall?"

Lord Yue Ling seemed to imply that this was impossible, but he also knew that there must be some basis for such outrageous claims to circulate.

Ye Tian pondered. Whether the super-base really harbored such strange, unmodern humans, he would only find out after he went there himself.

"Do you have a map to the super-base?"

That was what Ye Tian was most concerned about. With a map, he could make his way into the super-base. Without one, searching for it in the vast wilderness was tantamount to seeking his own death.

"I do, but only a rough location," Lord Yue Ling replied, pulling out a hand-drawn map. It marked a super-base—Zhonghai Super-Base, which was the same base that Yun Meng had gone off to explore.

"Thank you!" Ye Tian gratefully took the map. Then, to Lord Yue Ling's surprise, he tossed over a secret manual.

"This manual is my payment for your help. I have other matters to attend to, so I won't stay here any longer," he said, and left.

Lord Yue Ling initially wanted to return the manual to Ye Tian, but when he picked it up, he froze: "Silver-level Technique—Heavenly Extreme Slash!"

Upon closer inspection, he saw that the Heavenly Extreme Slash could simultaneously boost both attack and speed. When mastered, it could augment one's attack elevenfold and nearly double the attack speed (only Ye Tian could augment it twelvefold; others could only go up to eleven).

"This silver-level manual is truly priceless!" Lord Yue Ling trembled a bit.

Although the Yue family rarely had talents with an affinity for techniques, techniques and sword skills were essentially two sides of the same coin. Talents in sword skills could also cultivate techniques by making slight modifications, and still unleash about 80-90% of a technique's power.

Moreover, this silver-level technique would be extremely valuable to the Yue family, as they only possessed one incomplete silver-level technique manual.

"This payment is too generous!" Lord Yue Ling thought to himself, filled with gratitude.

## Chapter 128: High-Level Array Master

Lord Yue Ling wasn't someone to feign courtesy. If the reward had no value to the Yue family, he would return it. However, this Silver Level Sword Technique indeed meant a lot to the Yue family, so he couldn't bear to return it.

"I'll find a way to repay Ye Tian in the future!" Lord Yue Ling thought to himself.

However, he also knew that the chance might be slim, as he guessed that Ye Tian would soon head to the Zhonghai Super Base. Whether they would have the chance to meet again was uncertain.

At home.

Ye Tian spread out the map, meticulously examining each point marked on it. There weren't many notable locations. It included the three big bases and Zhonghai Base, along with a few medium-sized bases and some iconic landmarks.

"The map is indeed simple, but it marks the position and approximate distance to the Zhonghai Super Base. 1 million kilometers, this distance is indeed far!" Ye Tian murmured.

In his previous life, 1 million kilometers would be extremely exaggerated, but in this world, it was a normal distance.

This was because the Earth had expanded too much!

"It seems that the Earth has expanded far more than just a few hundred times. If it had only expanded a few hundred times, the distance between the Demon Sea Base and the Zhonghai Super Base couldn't be 1 million kilometers!" Ye Tian pondered.

The entire map didn't even have the coastline drawn, probably because they had never been to the seaside. Rumors were that there were great horrors by the sea, but what exactly those horrors were, Ye Tian didn't know. Even king-level individuals dared not approach the seaside.

For this reason, people only knew that the three large bases were near the sea, yet they had never even seen the sea.

"From the southwest direction of the Demon Sea Base, cross 500,000 kilometers, pass a huge river, said to be a branch of the Yangtze River, but now it has turned into a river with a width of thousands of kilometers. This stretch is the most dangerous, without great strength, one simply can't cross the river, even ordinary king-level individuals would perish!"

This was the brief introduction on the map about this stretch of river, and the only introduction.

"No wonder many king-level individuals from the Demon Sea Base dare not go to the Super Base. It's probably because they fear this river!" Ye Tian speculated.

However, he was determined to go. Originally, he planned to take Ye Yu, Xiao Xue, Xiao Jin, and Xiao Zi with him, but not anymore.

It's not that he didn't want to take them, but it was better to wait for a while.

According to Yue Ling, without king-level strength, the Zhonghai Super Base would not accept them.

Ye Yu was only at the peak of the Great Martial Realm, and even if she went to the Zhonghai super base, they wouldn't accept her.

So,

Ye Tian planned to go alone first, then find a way to secure a spot for Ye Yu in the Zhonghai Super Base, and come back to take her later.

"Once I reach the pinnacle of the grandmaster level and breakthrough to the king level, I'll head straight to the Zhonghai Base..." Ye Tian made up his mind.

In the following time, Ye Tian began to practice hard, hardly ever going out, and only occasionally going out with his sister for a stroll.

As Ye Tian progressed, Ye Yu also advanced. With the massive supply of top-tier beast blood provided by Ye Tian, and her decent talent, she was progressing step by step towards the pinnacle of the Great Martial Realm.

Ye Tian also thought about purchasing an item that could elevate Ye Yu's talent to the extraordinary tier, but such items were not available for purchase. Even the Yun family couldn't obtain them, otherwise, there wouldn't be so few with transcendent level cultivation talents.

Items that could enhance talents above the top-tier were extremely rare. Once one reached the Morning Star level of cultivation, it was estimated that no such items could be found for further enhancement.

"There should be some in Zhonghai Super Base!" Ye Tian mused, looking forward to the prospects and the resources that the Super Base could offer.

Ye Tian planned to purchase items that could elevate talent to extraordinary-tier in Zhonghai Super Base, regardless of the cost. After all, he only had this one sister, whom he cherished very much.

Time flew, and another month passed.

In this month, Ye Tian increased his strength by 9 elephants, reaching a strength of 62 elephants, and also copied two talents: a high-level tracking talent that could discern the residual scent in the air to track enemies, and a high-level ice talent.

He chose the high-level ice talent because it could freeze rivers, which could be advantageous during combat.

Considering this, he replicated this talent to prepare for the day he would cross the ten-thousand-kilometer wide river, so as not to be at a disadvantage on the river.

Meanwhile, Ye Tian began to continue contemplating arrays. He possessed top-level array talent, and it would be a waste not to study arrays.

Moreover,

The cultivation room where Ye Tian was currently closed-door cultivating only had a mid-level Qi Gathering Array. However, he knew of high-level Qi Gathering Arrays, which could gather more than ten times the elemental energy/qi.

With his Morning Star-level cultivation talent and the Purple Blood Refining Technique, cultivating in an environment with ten times the elemental energy would undoubtedly increase his cultivation speed significantly.

Therefore, to achieve an increase in cultivation speed, Ye Tian occasionally studied array patterns, aiming to elevate his array formation talent to the level of a senior array master. Whether he could acquire a high-tier Qi Gathering Array would be a concern for the future.

Two months later, Ye Tian's physical strength had increased to 80 elephants. He had tempered all his meridians except one. By this time, he had mastered 120 array patterns, reaching the level of a senior array master.

Subsequently,

He made a trip to the Array Master Association, wanting to obtain the high-level Qi Gathering Array, but only after careful inquiry did he learn that indeed the Array Master Association had the high-level Qi Gathering Array, but it was not easily accessible, being only in the possession of a top-level array master.

And that top-level array master was not selling the high-level Qi Gathering Array, even king-level individuals could not purchase it, as that top-level array master was also of king-level.

People are selfish, wanting to keep the good things for themselves, unwilling to share with others.

Ye Tian understood this very well.

Left with no choice, Ye Tian could only give up.

"There is only one place where the high-level Qi Gathering Array design can be obtained!"

Ye Tian thought of the Shanghe Array Tower.

King Shanghe was also a top-level array master back then, and he should have the design of the high-level Qi Gathering Array, but obtaining the design from the Shanghe Array Tower was somewhat difficult.

Because each time one passed a level in the Shanghe Array Tower, only one design could be obtained, and what design it was depended on luck. Repeating the tower yielded no reward, so everyone had limited opportunities.

"Nine levels of assessment, passing the nine levels one could become a disciple of King Shanghe, but everyone gave up the assessment after passing the eighth level. It's estimated that



becoming a disciple of King Shanghe has some hidden secrets, otherwise, no one would be uninterested in King Shanghe's legacy."

Ye Tian speculated.

Therefore, he could only obtain eight designs, but he had already passed three levels, obtaining three array designs, leaving only five chances.

But the design of the high-level Qi Gathering Array couldn't possibly appear on the fourth or fifth level. It's estimated that only after the seventh or eighth level assessment would there be a chance for the Qi Gathering Array to drop, making the probability even lower.

"Let's leave it to luck!" Thought Ye Tian.

## Chapter 129: High-level Qi Gathering Array with Ten Times the Elemental Energy!

Normally, to challenge the Shanghe Array Tower assessment, one could only take on the tasks from the Array Master Association one by one. However, in reality, it wasn't necessary to complete one to take on another.

Ye Tian spent a little money, used some connections, and easily obtained the opportunity to enter the Shanghe Array Tower assessment.

Initially, he could have sneaked into the assessment, but to avoid unnecessary trouble, he chose not to do so.

Why sneak around when he could enter openly and uprightly?

Shanghe Array Tower.

Ye Tian started challenging from the fourth level.

With his high-level array master status, he easily passed through the fourth level, then onto the fifth level...

Half an hour later.

Ye Tian arrived at the seventh level.

The array of the seventh level was quite complex, a kind of fire and ice coexisting superposition array, akin to two array spaces combined together, a dual-attribute offensive high-level array.

Although the power of such an array was indeed good, its weakness was also quite apparent. One only needed to find the point where the fire array space and ice array space were connected, shatter it, and the array would be broken.

With the aid of top-level array talent, it took him less than ten minutes to find that point. With one strike, he shattered it and broke the seventh level's array.

Wow!

An array appeared, a high-level array design, but not the high-level Gathering Array design he wanted.

"High-level Fire Serpent Array design, no use!"

Ye Tian was disappointed, but still kept the design. He could sell it after all!

Eighth level.

Ye Tian arrived here, seemingly entering a world of thunder and lightning.

"Thunder and Lightning Array; a good array. Among all the arrays, it belongs to the relatively powerful category!"

Ye Tian murmured.

Boom boom boom!!!

Massive thunderbolts as thick as water buckets bombarded Ye Tian, but he didn't even need to dodge. Merely holding up a pseudo-mystic level defense talent easily blocked the thunder and lightning attacks.

King Shanghe was merely at king-level, his real strength was not as good as Ye Tian's. How could the array he arranged harm Ye Tian?

In fact, if Ye Tian wanted, he could forcefully break the array, but King Shanghe seemed to have considered this point. Once a king-level strong individual forcefully breaks the array, the entire Shanghe Array Tower's power would gather to confront that king-level individual.

If he really wanted to forcefully break it, there would be only two results: one was failure to break, and the other was the collapse of the Shanghe Array Tower.

Ye Tian didn't want to destroy the Shanghe Array Tower, otherwise, all the array masters of the Demon Sea Base would resent him. He could leave, but his sister still had to live in the Demon Sea Base for a long time.

Therefore, he didn't want to take this step yet.

"Top-level array talent!"

Ye Tian's eyes looked into the world of arrays, where the world of thunder and lightning was revealed before him.

Node!

Node!

Ye Tian slowly searched for nodes. Anyhow, the array could not harm him, so he could research for as long as he wanted.

Ye Tian's array skill was still somewhat lacking, and this thunder and lightning array needed a highly skilled high-level array master to break, while Ye Tian had just barely reached the high-level array master level.

An hour later.

Ye Tian finally let out a sigh of relief, he found an array node.

Although only one was found, as long as this node was broken, the array would become unstable, other nodes would reveal flaws, and thus would be easily discovered.

"Break!"

Ye Tian shattered this node with one strike, and the entire thunder and lightning space shuddered.

In Ye Tian's eyes, a few more nodes appeared in the world of thunder and lightning, fleeting, but he caught them.

"Over there!"

Ye Tian attacked those nodes, shattering them.

In this way, after another five minutes, the entire thunder and lightning space was finally broken open by Ye Tian.

At that moment.

A design blueprint appeared before Ye Tian's eyes.

Ye Tian opened it and was thrilled instantly.

"High-level Qi Gathering Array blueprint!"

“I can’t believe my luck, there must have been many high-level array masters who passed the eighth level, but none acquired the High-level Gathering Array blueprint, yet I got it!”

Ye Tian was very happy.

With the High-level Gathering Array blueprint in hand, his goal was achieved.

Yet, he was quite curious about the ninth level, so he proceeded to it.

However, upon reaching the ninth level, there wasn’t an assessment, but a message left by King Shanghe.

“Successor, regardless if you are a high-level or top-level array master, if you wish for my inheritance, you must vow to slay an invincible king-level individual named Shui Qianyue. Kill this damned woman. As long as you vow to do so, I will present all treasures, array designs and even three high-level elemental body forging secret techniques. You must promise to kill her within fifty years by any means necessary. If you can’t do it, you shall perish with your spirit and body obliterated!”

“Remember, Shui Qianyue is from the Zhonghai Super Base!”

Reading these words, Ye Tian was rendered speechless.

Now he understood why other high-level array masters didn’t complete the ninth level assessment—it was because the so-called assessment was a vow.

But only a fool would make such a vow!

It was clear that King Shanghe harbored deep hatred towards Shui Qianyue from the Zhonghai Super Base, though who was right and who was wrong remained unclear.

But judging from such a venomous vow by King Shanghe, he wasn’t a benevolent person. Demanding someone to kill Shui Qianyue within fifty years, and obliterating his spirit and body if unsuccessful: could a kind-hearted person leave such words?

Perhaps it was King Shanghe who brought about his own demise due to his deeds.

Without a second thought, Ye Tian turned around and left.

The treasures of King Shanghe held no allure for him, and he wouldn't seek revenge on behalf of King Shanghe, especially since he had already achieved his goal.

Ye Tian didn't return to the Array Master Association to report the task, instead, he went straight home.

Upon reaching home, he took a look at the High-level Qi Gathering Array design blueprint.

“Three array spaces!”

Ye Tian was astounded.

The so-called High-level Qi Gathering Array was essentially three intermediate-level Gathering Arrays overlaid to form three array spaces. Of course, a lot of array patterns were added to stabilize the operation and connection of the three intermediate Gathering Arrays.

Although he understood the principle now, without the design blueprint, Ye Tian wouldn't be able to set it up.

“At least 125 array patterns are required to set it up. Let's start collecting materials!”

Thus,

Ye Tian cultivated while collecting materials for the High-level Gathering Array.

The so-called materials were not just array disks; various rare materials were needed to set up an array altar. On this vast array altar, array patterns needed to be engraved to set up the High-level Gathering Array.

This was also one of the distinctions between high-level arrays and mid to low-level arrays!

Ten days later, Ye Tian collected all the materials and began secretly constructing the array altar in a certain underground chamber beneath his villa.

Another ten days passed, Ye Tian's array attainment reached 125 array patterns, and the array altar was also completed.

“Engrave!”

Ye Tian, holding the engraving pen, meticulously engraved each array pattern onto the array altar.

Finally, after half a day, the engraving of array patterns was completed.

Ten elemental energy stones were placed in the array holes, activating the High-level Gathering Array.

Boom!!!!

Countless elemental energies rushed in, forming a tidal wave of elemental energy.

Soon, the elemental energy stabilized.

“Ten times the elemental energy, it’s a success!”

Ye Tian was somewhat exhilarated.

Chapter 130: Opening Acupoints, Advancing to King Level!

Having set up the High-level Qi Gathering Array capable of amassing ten times the elemental energy, he could cultivate here and the speed of his cultivation could reach more than five times!

Originally, cultivating within the Intermediate Qi Gathering Array could only augment his cultivation speed by three times, enabling an increase of 9 elephants of force in a month. Now with a cultivation speed of five times, he could gain at least 15 elephants of force in a month!

15 elephants of force in a month, what did this imply?

“In a little over a month, I can step into the pinnacle of Grandmasters, possessing the qualification to challenge the King realm!”

Ye Tian murmured to himself.

Thus, Ye Tian moved his cultivation spot to his underground cultivation chamber.

He didn't inform Ye Yu about the high-level cultivation chamber, deciding to tell her before leaving the Demon Sea Base. After all, the intermediate cultivation chamber was sufficient for Ye Yu at the moment. She was only at the Great Martial Realm, and cultivating too quickly wasn't good either. It was better to cultivate steadily and solidify her foundation.

With a five-fold increase in cultivation speed, Ye Tian became more diligent in his cultivation.

Day after day of cultivation passed. During this time, Yue Ling also visited Ye Tian, but they only exchanged a few words. When Yue Ling learned that Ye Tian was about to head to the Zhonghai Super Base, she was nothing but envious.

For her, spending a lifetime in the Demon Sea Base was the reality. If lucky, she could step into the King level. If not, she'd remain at the pinnacle of Grandmasters forever.

This was her fate, as well as the fate of many talents in the Demon Sea Base.

Ye Tian felt helpless about this, as he couldn't possibly help Yue Ling with all his might.

For Ye Tian, striving to enhance Ye Yu's talents and aiming for higher realms was already extremely challenging. Yue Ling, after all, was an outsider and couldn't compare to Ye Yu.

Although their relationship was good, it was merely friendship. (damn)



“Perhaps a quiet life in the Demon Sea Base is more suitable for her!” Ye Tian thought.

The Super Base wasn’t necessarily safer; the competition there might be even fiercer, and life there might not be as comfortable as in the Demon Sea Base.

Yue Ling wasn't cut out for the Super Base. Even if her talent fortuitously advanced to the extraordinary level and became a powerful martial King, she might just be in the lower echelons within the Super Base.

Without sufficient talent, there was no need to force entry into that circle.

Ye Tian craved entry into the Super Base because he could replicate talents. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be in such a hurry to go there.

40 days later.

Ye Tian had been in seclusion for 40 days. Besides daily meals and sleep, he spent the rest of his time in the high-level cultivation chamber.

Now,

He had reached the pinnacle of Grandmasters.

“A physical strength of 100 elephants of force is the limit, even with a perfect foundation. Unless, I break through the bottleneck to advance to the King level.”

“Grandmasters cultivate meridians, while King level cultivates acupoints. The human body has 365 main acupoints. Opening all 365 main acupoints allows entry into the pinnacle of King level, possessing 10000 elephants of force. However, this process is very, very hard!”

This was what Ye Tian learned from Typhoon King's cultivation experiences.

In reality, opening all 365 main acupoints was exceedingly difficult. Many at the King level could only open just over 300 acupoints and couldn't continue further, not only due to their lack of talent, but also because of resource constraints.

The resources consumed to open each acupoint were immense. If one cultivated step by step, even exhausting the lifespan of a martial King might not be enough to open all acupoints needed to reach the pinnacle of King level. In the Demon Sea Base, only one individual had reached the pinnacle of King level — Yun Mengli.

He had the backing of his enormous family, the Yun Clan, and nearly depleted most of the Yun Clan's resources to reach the pinnacle of King level, taking close to sixty to seventy years.

How could ordinary King-level individuals have such abundant resources?

Based on Ye Tian's understanding, among the top King-level powerhouses in the Demon Sea Base, most had only unlocked over two hundred acupoints. There were fewer than five individuals who had unlocked three hundred acupoints.

Yue Ling was among the weakest King-level individuals, having unlocked merely three acupoints. Had it not been for the Fire Spirit Talent Herb he obtained last time, which granted him a low-level fire talent, boosting his combat power dramatically, he might've currently been one of the weakest martial Kings in the Demon Sea Base.

If Ye Tian were to stay in the Demon Sea Base, even with the high-level cultivation chamber and Morning Star-level talent, he wouldn't be able to advance to the pinnacle of King level within ten years.

This was an outcome he couldn't tolerate.

"I am already at the pinnacle of Grandmasters now, and I only need to unlock one acupoint to advance to the King realm. The key to unlocking acupoints is to sense the location of the acupoint, assault the acupoint, and open a space in the acupoint location. The acupoints in a human body are fixed and do not possess an acupoint space; this requires us to open it up. Top cultivation talents find it difficult to advance to King level because they struggle to unlock the acupoints, with too low of a success rate. If the attempt to unlock fails, their foundation will be damaged and they won't be able to challenge King level again!" Ye Tian pondered.

He wasn't worried about failing the attempt; he just needed to follow the cultivation method outlined in the Purple Blood Body Refining Secret Technique.

“Purple Blood Rushing Acupoints Technique!”

This was a cultivation method recorded in the Purple Blood Body Refining Secret Technique.

Ye Tian sat cross-legged, gulping down a large amount of King-level fierce beast blood, and immediately, his consciousness entered his body, beginning to operate the Purple Blood Rushing Acupoints Technique.

Instantly, a vast amount of elemental energy from heaven and earth surged into his body.

The King-level beast blood and the elemental energy transformed into pure energy, which, following the Purple Blood Rushing Acupoints Technique, began to assault the Yunmen acupoint on the Lung Meridian of Hand Taiyin (weird cultivation lingo? just ignore it). This was the first acupoint to be unlocked according to the technique.

Boom! Boom! Boom!!!

After just a few attempts, the Yunmen acupoint was opened, slowly expanding to form an acupoint space.

Initially, the acupoint space was small, but with Ye Tian continuously refining the acupoint space, it began to stabilize.

It took a few days to stabilize the acupoint space from the time it was opened. Ye Tian spent several days without eating or drinking, constantly refining it.

For him, who was on the verge of stepping into King level, going without food for a month was nothing, even a year without eating or drinking would only be slightly uncomfortable. After all, at this level, the energy supply of the body could be entirely replaced by elemental energy. However, humans, being living beings, still needed to eat; it was a habit.

Three days passed.

Ye Tian's Yunmen acupoint was fully opened, and the energy within his body began to flow into the Yunmen acupoint, gradually filling it up.

King-level energy could not only be stored in the Dantian but also in the acupoints. The energy at King level was so vast that running out of energy rarely occurred, unless during prolonged battles.

This was also why the endurance of King-level combat was much stronger than Grandmasters.

Once the Yunmen acupoint was filled with energy, Ye Tian's first acupoint was truly opened.

It was at this moment, the transformation began!

Boom!!!

An immeasurable amount of elemental energy surged into Ye Tian's body, refining every part of him, evolving his body towards the King level.

Every moment, Ye Tian could feel his body changing; it was an evolution on the biological level.

The increase in strength was secondary. The vitality within his body was skyrocketing crazily.

Under normal circumstances, Grandmasters could have a lifespan of 200 years, while King level could live for 500 years. However, due to Ye Tian's perfect foundation, he could live for 300 years even at the Grandmaster level.

Now, as he reached the King level, his lifespan would undoubtedly be more than 500 years...