

## Talent 131

### Chapter 131: Arrival at the Zhonghai Super Base!

After an indeterminate amount of time, Ye Tian's body finally completed its metamorphosis. At this moment, he truly became a king-level entity.

"Lifespan..." Ye Tian carefully sensed and discovered that his lifespan had reached at least 800 years or more. The thought of such a prolonged and vast lifespan was staggering, yet Ye Tian was still not satisfied. He yearned not for 800 years, but for eternal life, an endless lifespan.

It wasn't easy. Before dying a hundred years ago, he had traveled through time to this era and even acquired the talent of copying others' abilities, which was akin to cheating. If he didn't pursue eternal life, wouldn't it be a waste of his time-travel and his unique talent?

"It's time to leave," Ye Tian murmured to himself. He planned to stabilize his realm before immediately heading to the Zhonghai Super Base.

In the following days, Ye Tian visited Yue Ling and Yue Ling. He informed them about his imminent departure from the Demon Sea Base, requesting that they help Ye Yu if she encountered any trouble. Yue Ling and Yue Ling readily agreed, assuring him that no one would dare trouble Ye Yu within the Demon Sea Base.

At the villa, Ye Tian stored his substitute body in his personal space and then took Ye Yu to the underground advanced cultivation chamber. "Xiao Yu, this is an advanced cultivation chamber. You will practice here in the future. Remember, do not reveal its secrets. The existence of an advanced cultivation chamber could bring many troubles," Ye Tian advised.

"Okay, brother, I understand!" Ye Yu replied, not with excitement but with a sense of loss and reluctance. She already knew that her brother was leaving and for how long was uncertain. Now, she would have to live alone.

Reluctantly very reluctant. In the past, even when her brother went hunting in the wild, he would return in a few months. But now, he couldn't guarantee when he would return.

"These storage bags contain a large amount of resources. All your cultivation resources are inside. Try not to go hunting in the wild!" Ye Tian handed the storage bags to Ye Yu, who silently accepted them, understanding her brother's concern for her safety.

Afterwards, Ye Tian made many arrangements. He didn't take Xiao Jin and Xiao Zi with him, as they were already Ye Yu's beast companions. On that day, Ye Tian left the Demon Sea Base, heading southwest.

At this moment, Ye Tian sat on the back of Xiao Xue, looking back at the Demon Sea Base, which soon disappeared from sight. Along the way, no flying beasts dared to provoke Ye Tian, as Xiao Xue had become a king-level beast.

In reality, this cultivation speed was quite slow. According to Ye Tian's estimate, the Dawn-level bloodline talent should have been much faster. However, Xiao Xue said that it was still in its juvenile phase and its growth was slow. Once it reached its growth phase, its cultivation speed would truly explode.

Ten thousand kilometers! Twenty thousand kilometers! Thirty thousand kilometers! Forty thousand kilometers! ...

Xiao Xue flew at a steady pace, encountering several king-level flying beasts along the way, but before they could get close, Xiao Xue annihilated them with a burst of dragon flame.

Finally, Ye Tian and Xiao Xue arrived at a river 100,000 kilometers away. The boundless river was comparable to the seas of the past. "A tributary of the Yangtze River, now known as the Ling River, is 10,000 kilometers wide. With Xiao Xue and my speed, we can cross it quickly, but the river is full of fierce beasts, including many king-level beasts and even more terrifying ones beyond the king-level!"

Ye Tian spoke softly, his expression showing some apprehension. With his current strength, he was not invincible even at the king level, let alone against beings above the king level. He needed to remain low-key. "Xiao Xue, cross over as fast as possible!" Ye Tian commanded.

"Yes, master," Xiao Xue responded.

Xiao Xue was extremely solemn. Despite being a dragon, supreme among beasts, Xiao Xue was wary of the dangers of this river. It sensed many presences it could not contend with. Even some beasts with rubbish bloodlines had grown strong, while Xiao Xue was still in its juvenile

phase and naturally not a match for them. Flying swiftly to avoid these terrifying beasts was also its intention.

Whoosh! Xiao Xue's speed accelerated to its utmost, like a beam of light piercing through the void. However, its speed, no matter how fast, still attracted the attention of the powerful beasts lurking beneath the waters.

Boom! The surface of the river erupted over ten thousand miles, reaching the skies. Countless beasts surged towards the sky, surrounding Ye Tian. Among them were top tier and king level beasts.

"Die!" Ye Tian wielded his high-level Yuan force (elemental energy) blade, his blade intent bursting forth. Countless blade lights pierced the void, slaying beast after beast, causing them to fall into the Ling River.

1000 kilometers! 2000 kilometers! 3000 kilometers! As they neared the other side of the river, the number of beasts increased...

Just as Ye Tian and Xiao Xue were about to reach the other side, a 300-meter-long giant fish surged out. Its massive mouth was like a black hole, seemingly capable of swallowing the sun, moon, and stars. Of course, this was just an illusion; the fish was merely a king-level beast, but quite formidable among its peers.

"Heavenly Extreme Slash!" Ye Tian executed this silver-grade sword technique against an enemy for the first time. The sword light slashed through the air with incredible speed, seemingly tearing through space-time. This strike was too fast, surpassing the limit speed of a typical king-level entity.

With a splatter, the sword light bisected the giant fish. Its body fell into the river, causing hundred-meter-high waves. This deterred many aquatic beasts, causing a stir among them.

Ye Tian finally landed on the opposite bank of the river. "Crossing the Ling River is indeed not something an ordinary martial king can accomplish. In the Demon Sea Base, no more than five king-level entities can make it through!" Ye Tian assessed.

Xiao Xue continued to fly. The journey afterwards was relatively calm, with no significant dangers. Even the occasional king-level beasts they encountered didn't dare to provoke Xiao Xue.

Soon, they were getting closer to the Zhonghai Super Base. However, not knowing its exact location, it took Ye Tian and Xiao Xue three full days to find it.

"Found it!" Ye Tian looked at a massive base ahead and sighed in relief.

This base was ten times larger than the Demon Sea Base, and various flying boats hovered in the sky above it. From time to time, flying boats from afar landed at the designated docking area of the base. Each of these boats was many times more impressive than the Wind-Controlling Ships of the Demon Sea Base, like the difference between a small boat and an aircraft carrier, incomparable.

"This must be Zhonghai Super Base without a doubt!" Ye Tian was certain.

Swoosh! Ye Tian rode Xiao Xue towards one of the gates of the Zhonghai Super Base.

Soon, they arrived at the gate. This gate was enormous, a tower hundreds of meters tall, engraved with dense and intricate array patterns. As a high-level array master, Ye Tian could tell that the tower gate was equipped with multiple top-tier large arrays, impervious even to invincible king-level entities.

"Identity card!" One of the king-level guards at the gate demanded.

## Chapter 132: Wang Yan's Gift

Like the Demon Sea Base, every resident of the Zhonghai Super Base also had an identity card, but obviously, the identity card from the Demon Sea Base would be useless here. "I am a warrior from the Demon Sea Base and would like to become a member of the Zhonghai Super Base. What procedures are needed?" Ye Tian inquired.

"A warrior from the Demon Sea Base?" The king-level guard looked at Ye Tian with a bit of surprise. Warriors from major bases were rare sights.

"It's simple," the guard explained. "First, you need to have king-level cultivation. Second, you must leave an inch-long mark on the Heavenly Array Stele. Then you can become a member of our Zhonghai Super Base."

"I wish to undergo the test to join," Ye Tian stated.

"Go to the third floor of the tower gate and say you want to undergo the test to join the base. Someone will take you to the test," the guard instructed.

"Thank you," Ye Tian expressed his gratitude with a fist salute.

Besides the main door, the tower gate had many floors. Ye Tian took the Yuan force elevator to the third floor, while Xiao Xue waited outside for him. At that moment, Ye Tian encountered an unusual person—a human three meters tall.

"So, what Yue Ling said was true. There really are three-meter-tall people," Ye Tian thought to himself, surprised, but he didn't show any reaction on his face. In his view, a three-meter-tall human might be odd, but it could be quite normal in the Zhonghai Super Base. Showing surprise might be interpreted as provocation and bring unwanted trouble, which was not his intention.

"Check!" Ye Tian's copy talent enveloped the other person, revealing their talent clearly on his retina.

Witchman: Saka

Cultivation Talent: Extraordinary

This was an extraordinary cultivation talent without any special abilities, but the individual was described as a witchman, not a human.

"A witchman, is it a branch of humans?" Ye Tian wondered to himself. Perhaps once he entered the super base, he would understand more about this.

Soon, a human martial grandmaster appeared in front of Ye Tian.

"What can I do for you?" The grandmaster didn't show much respect to Ye Tian, making him realize that king-level individuals didn't hold very high status in the Zhonghai Super Base, unlike in the Demon Sea Base, where grandmasters would address a king-level with respect.

"I want to take the test to join the base. Can you take me there?" Ye Tian asked.

"Certainly!" The grandmaster led Ye Tian to a large room with a huge stele inside, presumably the Heavenly Array Stele.

Not long after, a king-level woman appeared before Ye Tian. She was a middle-aged woman with strong cultivation, almost at the pinnacle of the king level.

Human: Wang Yan

Cultivation Talent: Extraordinary

Swordsmanship Talent: High

Speed Talent: Medium

"Very strong!" That was Ye Tian's first impression of Wang Yan. She possessed high-level swordsmanship talent. Given her age, she might have comprehended several levels of sword intent and likely practiced silver-level sword techniques. Coupled with her cultivation, her combat power was undoubtedly second only to invincible king-levels, comparable to his own strength.

"Little guy, so you're the one who wants to join our Zhonghai Super Base?" Wang Yan smiled at Ye Tian and asked.

"How do you know I'm young?" Ye Tian felt somewhat displeased with her address.

After all, both were at the king level, and casually addressing someone as "little guy" seemed somewhat impolite.

"Your life energy is too vibrant and not concealed, unlike older king-level individuals. I guess you're in your twenties? I am already over eighty, so it's okay to call you a little guy, right?" Wang Yan responded.

"Life energy..." Ye Tian's expression changed as he realized that Wang Yan's life energy was very faint, not because she was close to death, but because it seemed hidden. "Are there secret techniques in the super base to hide life energy?" he curiously asked.

"Indeed, although somewhat rare, a king-level can still learn it at a price. Little guy, if you can make a ten-inch mark, I'll gift you a secret technique to hide your life energy. How about that?" Wang Yan proposed cunningly.

"Really?" Ye Tian was somewhat tempted. Being identified by Wang Yan and having his robust life energy noticed, he indeed felt a bit uneasy and was very interested in acquiring a technique to conceal it.

"Really!" Wang Yan affirmed.

"What strength is required to leave a one-inch mark?" Ye Tian asked, looking at the Heavenly Array Stele.

"The Heavenly Array Stele is made from a special material and inscribed with a top-tier array. It can withstand power beyond king-level. To leave a one-inch mark, you need a strength of 1000 elephants," Wang Yan explained.

"1000 elephants?" Ye Tian calculated silently. His physical strength had reached 150 elephants after breaking through to the king level and 200 elephants after stabilizing his realm. With the amplification of Yuan force, it could reach 400 elephants, but his pseudo-mystical strength talent could amplify it to 12,000 elephants.

He couldn't reveal his silver-level techniques, as the accumulated attack power would be too overwhelming. "Then I'll just use the amplification of my pseudo-mystical strength talent! 12,000 elephants should be enough to leave a 12-inch mark!" Ye Tian planned.

Immediately, he struck the Heavenly Array Stele, activating his pseudo-mystical strength talent.

Boom! The sword light struck the stele, leaving a clear mark. Wang Yan checked it and said, "A 12-inch mark, congratulations on joining the Zhonghai Super Base. Here, this is your reward!" She handed Ye Tian a secret book.

Ye Tian didn't examine it immediately but accepted it with thanks. "Let's go, I'll take you to complete the formalities."

Wang Yan quickly processed the procedures, and soon, Ye Tian held a new identity card for the Zhonghai Super Base.

After entering the super base, Wang Yan looked at Ye Tian's personal information and murmured, "Perfect foundation... Even in the super base, not many can forge a perfect foundation. This young man must be a disciple of some old monster. To forge a perfect foundation, even the great families of the super base struggle to cultivate one. This guy, if he really comes from the Demon Sea Base, shouldn't belong to any family, since they aren't able to gather resources for forging a perfect foundation. Unless an old monster passing by took him as a disciple. So young, yet already at king level and with a perfect foundation, his cultivation talent must be at least at the Morning Star level, or even the Moonlight level. Hehe, giving him a small gift should gain his favor, and befriending a future powerhouse is a good investment."

After entering the super base, Ye Tian encountered many witchmen and another type of human race—the Three-Eyed Human Race, among others. Curious about all this, he found a hotel, rented a room, and settled in for the time being.

In his room, Ye Tian examined the secret book Wang Yan gave him. It was titled "Turtle Breath Technique," but this technique only occupied one page, followed by much information about the Zhonghai Super Base, various human races, and the history of the super base.

"Why is Wang Yan so kind to me?" Ye Tian wondered. Clearly, she realized he was a novice to the super base and thus gave him this gift. He needed to integrate into the super base quickly, and this gift was indeed very valuable. He acknowledged that he now owed Wang Yan a favor.

## Chapter 133: Ancient Humans and Modern Humans

The Turtle Breathing Technique, though not overly complex, involved manipulating the Eight Extraordinary Meridians to conceal one's aura. Once one had refined these meridians, they could practice this technique. Ye Tian spent half an hour mastering it, successfully concealing



his aura. “Now others can't discern my age and life energy. Finally, I won't attract unwanted attention!” he sighed in relief.

He then continued to peruse the information about the super base, growing increasingly shocked and incredulous as he read. After several hours, he had absorbed all the content. “So this is the origin of the super base!” Ye Tian took a deep breath.

The super base wasn't established by humans over a century ago, but with the help of humans from a mysterious realm. A century ago, when spatial rifts appeared and ferocious beasts descended, human conventional weaponry lost its effectiveness, causing humanity to nearly go extinct. That's when the mysterious realm emerged.

Connected to Earth by spatial rifts, this realm also harbored humans. Long ago, Earth too had some Qi energy, albeit much less than now. Some humans had entered this realm by chance or were drawn into it, seeking refuge from various disasters. Gradually, they settled there, isolated from the outside world.

With Earth's transformation and the emergence of spatial rifts a century ago, the barriers between the mysterious realm and the outside world were bridged. Thus, humans who had undergone mutations and evolutions in the realm appeared.

Like how humans in Earth's uninhabitable regions evolved into different races with varying skin colors, humans in the mysterious realm also mutated and evolved under different environmental conditions. These humans from the mysterious realm, different from modern humans, came to be known as ancient humans.

Ancient humans often possessed special talents. For instance, many of the Three-Eyed Humans had pupil technique talents in their third eye, though such cases were rare. Another example was the witchmen, rumored to be descendants of the Jiuli tribe from the Yan and Huang era, who entered a mysterious realm and continued to thrive till now. Originally robust, they evolved over generations in the realm and eventually became the three-meter-tall witchmen.

After Earth's transformation, sensing the rich vital energy and abundant resources of ferocious beasts outside, many ancient humans emerged from the mysterious realm (actually, the realm's resources had been gradually depleted over generations) and joined modern humans to establish super bases to resist the beasts.

Initially, modern humans relied heavily on ancient humans to repel the beasts. From the beginning, ancient humans had warriors, elite warriors, and great warriors, even grandmaster-level powerhouses, making it easier to withstand the beasts, thus preserving a large population in the super bases. For instance, the Zhonghai Super Base had a population of 30 million, three times that of the Demon Sea Base.

The Zhonghai Super Base was not the only one; there were other super bases, just more distant and with little communication between them. In these super bases, ancient humans held leadership roles, but their numbers were ultimately fewer than modern humans, whose talents grew stronger over generations.

Nowadays, the strength of modern humans was comparable to, and even subtly surpassing, that of ancient humans.

But there was something more...

"Wang Yan mentioned something in the document, that among the ancient humans, there seem to be some terrifyingly powerful beings who have lived for many years. No one knows exactly how long they've been alive or how powerful they are, as they rarely make public appearances," Ye Tian murmured to himself.

He smiled slightly, "The super base is even more fascinating than I thought!"

In the information provided by Wang Yan, there was also a ranking of the major forces within the base. The top-ranked power was the Battle-Axe Mercenary Hall, a loosely organized group with far-reaching influence. Most of the residents of the Zhonghai Base were members of this guild, registering as mercenaries and taking on tasks for rewards.

The second-ranked power was the Qin Sect, a sect-based force whose upper echelons were entirely composed of the Qin people, descendants of a group from the Qin dynasty who had entered the mysterious realm and thrived there. The Qin people resembled modern humans, but both men and women sported long hair, making them easily recognizable.

The third place was occupied by the Witch God Temple, established by the witchmen. It was an organization that strictly didn't accept non-witchmen, as they worshiped Chi You, a real witch figure who was killed by the Yellow Emperor. The witchmen had retreated into a mysterious realm after Chi You's death and only emerged recently to integrate with other humans. They tended to be wary of non-witchmen and did not welcome them into their

temple, unlike the Qin Sect, which was open to people of all races except for their top leadership.

The fourth-ranked power was the Loose Cultivators Alliance. This was a force beyond sects and families, attracting warriors without affiliations. The Loose Cultivators Alliance facilitated free trade among its members and even allowed seeking help from higher-ups, but always adhered to the principle of equivalent exchange. The Alliance did not give anything for free; everything required an equal trade. Thus, it attracted even king-level loners and grew rapidly.

These four major forces controlled half of the Zhonghai Super Base's power, while the other half was dominated by various large families. When these families united, even the disciples of the four major powers dared not provoke them.

"The Loose Cultivators Alliance seems like a good fit for me. It facilitates trading for resources and treasures as long as you have something of equal value to offer. Even transactions between warriors and king-level individuals must follow the principle of equivalent exchange, or they would be judged by the Alliance!" The more Ye Tian read, the more he liked this power.

Moreover, the Alliance didn't restrict personal development of private forces, as long as they didn't grow to rival the major powers.

"My next goal is to buy a decent property and then join the Loose Cultivators Alliance," Ye Tian planned.

Over the next few days, Ye Tian first obtained a silver-tier card and then sold some materials to acquire a significant amount of money. The currency value in the Zhonghai Super Base was different from that of the Demon Sea Base; one unit of currency in Zhonghai was equivalent to ten in the Demon Sea Base.

After selling his goods, Ye Tian acquired 30 billion in Zhonghai currency, equivalent to 300 billion in Demon Sea Base currency. The Zhonghai Super Base was divided into many districts, some predominantly inhabited by ancient humans. Ye Tian naturally didn't opt for those areas, instead choosing the Jinghu District, mostly inhabited by modern humans, where he bought a large villa for about 20 billion.

After settling down, he purchased some living essentials and also got a pet certificate for Xiao Xue.

With all these arrangements, Ye Tian was truly settled in the Zhonghai Super Base.

#### Chapter 134: Just a Poor Guy!

At the Jinghu branch of the Loose Cultivators Alliance, Ye Tian arrived to trade some items. Upon entering, he felt as if he had stepped into a marketplace, with many shops set up by grandmasters and even king-level practitioners, selling a variety of treasures.

The branch also featured a huge screen displaying information about various treasures for sale, complete with contact details for those interested in direct transactions.

"Interesting!" Ye Tian glanced at the screen, noting numerous treasures, including high-level Yuan force (elemental) body refining techniques, which could bolster an entire family in the major bases but were casually sold here. This underscored the vast gap between major bases and super bases.

After browsing around and purchasing some array materials for setting up an advanced qi-gathering array to accelerate his cultivation, Ye Tian utilized his copy talent within a 1500-meter radius, increased from 1000 meters after his ascent to king level.

He encountered many with extraordinary cultivation talents, some with top-level and high-level talents, showcasing the high caliber of individuals in the super base. But even here, Morning Star-level talents were rare, indicative of exceptional genius.

Ye Tian's attention was caught by a young man with a Morning Star-level cultivation talent, likely a high-ranking member of the Loose Cultivators Alliance, possibly above king level. Without hesitation, Ye Tian copied his talent.

Armed with the materials for his array and having traded some items without losing money, Ye Tian didn't need too much cash. After all, some of the best items in the Alliance required barter, not purchasable with money.

Wondering if there was an item in the Alliance that could elevate a practitioner's talent to the extraordinary level, Ye Tian had his sister in mind, hoping to ease her path to king level. He indeed found such an item, the "Willow God Liquid," capable of elevating a practitioner's

talent to the extraordinary level. However, the trade requirement was a treasure that could bestow a medium-level fire talent, a rare find.

Despite not being able to afford the top-tier Yuan force body refining techniques and other expensive treasures aiding in breaking through meridians, all of which required barter, Ye Tian realized he was still quite poor compared to the wealth displayed in the Alliance.

Returning home, Ye Tian began setting up the advanced qi-gathering array, finally establishing his own high-level cultivation chamber in the Zhonghai Super Base.

Ye Tian pondered for a moment. "I'll pause my cultivation for now and focus on exhausting my copy opportunities. I just need one more Morning Star level cultivation talent to transform my own. There are numerous powerhouses at the Zhonghai Super Base; surely, it can't be that difficult to find a Morning Star level cultivation talent, right?"

With that thought, he left his home to search for the talent he needed. The intermediate super base was vast, akin to the size of a province (damn), and sparsely populated, making his search within a 1500-meter radius less effective than he'd hoped. Finding a Morning Star level talent was not going to be easy.

Suddenly, Ye Tian heard a commotion.

"Let's go! Fairy Yueling from the Moon God Sect and Qin He, a young genius of the Qin Sect, are about to spar at our Jinghu District's Battle Axe Dueling Arena."

"Fairy Yueling and Qin He are going to face off? This is a major event, let's hurry over. We might miss it if we dally!"

"Fairy Yueling, my goddess! I must see her. Hmph, my goddess will surely win!"

Hearing these titles, Ye Tian grew interested. He wasn't going to watch for the sake of admiring beauty, but rather to observe their talents. Those hailed as geniuses would likely possess Morning Star level talents. So, he followed the crowd to the venue.

Soon, Ye Tian arrived at the Battle Axe Dueling Arena, a part of the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall's properties, designed specifically for sparring and resolving conflicts. It was the only place where unrestricted combat was allowed, a rule similar to that of the Demon Sea Major

Base. Given that humans were far outnumbered by ferocious beasts, constant infighting would only hinder human population growth and development. Therefore, security measures were even stricter in the Zhonghai Super Base, with even covert assassinations being uncovered.

Inside the arena, Ye Tian saw two young individuals engaged in a duel, protected by a massive defensive barrier. This was a defense formation that even King-level practitioners couldn't break, ensuring the safety of the spectators.

"Copy talent!" Ye Tian focused on their talents.

Qin He:

Cultivation Talent: Extraordinary

Strength Talent: High

Combat Will Talent: Medium

Spear Technique Talent: Medium

Li Yueling:

Cultivation Talent: Morning Star Level

Moon God Talent: Medium

Sword Technique Talent: Top Level

Water Curtain Talent: Low

"Qin He only has an Extraordinary talent?" Ye Tian was surprised. He had expected both to be of similar talent levels, but the disparity was vast: one was Extraordinary, and the other Morning Star Level. However, he quickly realized the reason. Qin He's combat talent was formidable. His high-level strength and medium-level spear technique talents combined to

make him overwhelmingly powerful in battle, easily crushing his peers. This more than compensated for his lesser cultivation talent, earning him the reputation of a genius.

#### Chapter 135: The Moonlight Cultivation and Star Level Kings!

"First, I'll copy the Morning Star level cultivation talent!" With a thought, Ye Tian instantly copied Li Yueling's Morning Star level cultivation talent. Then, he turned his attention to the ongoing battle.

Li Yueling had a significantly higher level of cultivation than Qin He. Although both were at the King level, the number of acupoints they had opened differed greatly. Ye Tian estimated that Li Yueling had opened nearly 200 acupoints, while Qin He had only managed about thirty. This disparity was why Li Yueling's combat strength was not inferior to Qin He's.

"This battle should be won by Li Yueling," Ye Tian concluded.

He noted that Li Yueling's Moon God talent, though only of medium level, was extremely potent. Upon activation, a Moon God phantom would appear behind her, enhancing her speed, reaction, strength, and recovery rate - an all-around boost. However, Ye Tian found it too mundane for his interest, as an all-around improvement also meant it was average in nature.

Additionally, Li Yueling practiced a powerful Silver-level sword technique to perfection, amplifying her attack power by eleven times.

After a long battle, Li Yueling finally sent Qin He's spear flying with her sword, securing a narrow victory.

"Haha, as expected, Fairy Yueling won!" the crowd cheered.

"Why does Qin He keep challenging her when he's never won?" someone wondered aloud.

"It's precisely because he's never won that he wants to," another replied.

Qin He, his face dark with frustration, declared, "Li Yueling, I will defeat you next time!"

"You won't have the chance. You're just an Extraordinary talent, while I possess a Morning Star level cultivation talent. The huge difference between our talents is clear. With my talent, there's a 70-80% chance I'll break through to the Saint level, but you hardly have even a one percent chance. In the entire Zhonghai Super Base, there are hardly a handful who can ascend to the Saint level from the Extraordinary level. Do you think you can be one of them?" Li Yueling stated matter-of-factly, without a trace of disdain.

"The future is unpredictable. Besides, with my talent, I have hopes of reaching a Five-Star King level, comparable to a weaker Saint level. Can you reach the Five-Star King level?" Qin He retorted.

"Five-Star King level!" This was a concept Li Yueling dared not claim, but she responded, "What does it matter? By the time you reach Five-Star King level, I'll already have stepped into the Saint level. Your strength will still fall short of mine. Arguing further is pointless. Why do you keep challenging me?"

With that, Li Yueling left, leaving behind a resentful Qin He.

In the spectator stands, Ye Tian silently noted the terms they mentioned - "Saint level and Five-Star King level." He had vaguely heard of the Saint level, a realm beyond the King level, but the Demon Sea Mega Base had no Saint level powerhouses. As for the Five-Star King level, he had no idea about it, guessing it to be a subdivision of the King level.

"It seems I need to learn more about the Zhonghai Super Base, or else I won't even fully understand what others are talking about," Ye Tian mused.

Having successfully copied the Morning Star level talent and achieved his goal, he went to a store and bought a comprehensive encyclopedia on the Zhonghai Super Base, thicker than any Chinese dictionary he had seen before.

Back home, before delving into the encyclopedia, Ye Tian began the process of integrating the Morning Star level talent.

"Integrate!"

He braced himself for the familiar pain, more intense this time as it signified his transformation to the Moonlight level cultivation talent. After enduring the agony for ten minutes, his talent finally evolved.



Looking at his upgraded cultivation talent, Ye Tian felt a surge of excitement.

Immediately, Ye Tian tested his cultivation speed. "It's increased by three times!" he exclaimed in surprise. He estimated that in the advanced cultivation chambers of the Zhonghai Super Base, without using any special treasures to break through acupoints, he could now open 15 acupoints in a month, compared to 5 previously. Each acupoint increased his physical strength by about 25 to 26 elephants' power, meaning he could now gain nearly 700 to 800 elephants' strength every month.

"Just a bit more to reach the pinnacle of the King level," Ye Tian thought, astounded by the capabilities of the Moonlight level talent. Such a talent was rare, even in the vast Zhonghai Super Base.

After calming his excitement, Ye Tian delved into the comprehensive encyclopedia. Two days later, he had a clear understanding of the Zhonghai Super Base. "So, the Five-Star King level is a classification of King level combat power!" he realized. The Star level King combat power starts from the peak of the ordinary King level. For example, a King level without any special talent, once reaching the peak, would have a One-Star King level combat strength, known as a One-Star King.

The classification ranged from One-Star to Nine-Star Kings, with Eight and Nine-Star levels being more mythical, and it was uncertain if anyone had reached them. The Zhonghai Super Base maintained a list of kings ranked three stars and above, with the rankings and Star level King strengths determined by the War God Tower standings.

Anyone who fought in the War God Tower could receive a Star level rating and ranking. Those who didn't participate wouldn't be ranked and would lack fame. However, the encyclopedia didn't detail the benefits of these rankings, and Ye Tian was curious about what they entailed.

"War God Tower!" he murmured, intrigued by this so-called tower. According to the encyclopedia, the tower employed virtual reality technology, allowing human consciousness to enter and fight without the risk of death—a seemingly epoch-making artifact.

"It's fascinating. I must try the War God Tower," Ye Tian said excitedly. However, he planned to cultivate for a while to enhance his strength before attempting the tower.

After a month of intensive cultivation in the high-level cultivation chamber at home, his physical strength reached 980 elephants' power. With his pseudo-Mythical level strength talent and the Silver-level sword technique, his attack power could reach 705,600 elephants' power, 35 times that of an ordinary King at their peak.

While his attack power was exceptionally high, his speed and defense were relatively weaker. However, his space talent, a bug-like ability, compensated for many shortcomings.

"I wonder what Star level King rank I could achieve?" Ye Tian pondered with anticipation.

### Chapter 136: War God Tower! The Three Leaderboards!

The War God Tower stood proudly in the Zhonghai District of the Zhonghai Super Base, marking the central location of the base. Towering a kilometer high, the tower shimmered in gold, radiating special waves that prevented flying within a ten-mile radius. Even King-level individuals could not fly here and had to enter through the tower's main gate.

A huge screen outside the tower displayed three leaderboards: the "King Board," the "Saint Board," and the "Emperor Board." People always watched these boards, discussing eagerly whenever a new name appeared or someone dropped off the lists.

Ye Tian also observed the leaderboards with interest. The King Board's top rankers were mostly disciples of the three major powers: the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall, Qin Sect, and Witch God Temple. The Battle Axe Mercenary Hall, while appearing as a loose organization, was actually a serious institution for nurturing disciples and core members.

Many names on the board belonged to members of the Loose Cultivators Alliance and major family clans, indicating the presence of numerous talents within their ranks.

Ye Tian's attention then turned to the Saint Board. Those listed were generally talents with Morning Star level cultivation or higher, including some with Moonlight level talents. He noticed that the Saint Board listed only the top 100.

A name on the Saint Board caught his attention: "Shui Qianyue, 8th on the Saint Board!"

He remembered the oath in the Demon Sea Major Base's Shanghe Formation Tower: anyone accepting the inheritance had to vow to kill Shui Qianyue within ten years or face obliteration.

Ye Tian mused that the Demon Sea Base lacked anyone capable of fulfilling such a vow against a Saint level powerhouse, especially one ranked eighth on the Saint Board.

Shifting his focus, Ye Tian then looked at the Emperor Board, understanding that those who reached the Emperor level were called Great Emperors, capable of founding top-tier forces. The number of Emperors indicated the strength of a force, with the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall having the most and strongest Emperors, hence its status as the top force in the Zhonghai Super Base. Only thirty-six Emperors were listed, known as the "Thirty-Six Emperors of Zhonghai," with the last one achieving their status three years ago. The top-ranked Emperor was the founder of the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall.

"Emperor level, I will definitely reach it!" Ye Tian clenched his fist, full of confidence.

Approaching the War God Tower, a virtual figure appeared before him, invisible to others. It seemed each person had their own virtual guide. The figure spoke, "I am one of the billions of spirit avatars of the War God Tower. You are not yet registered. Would you like to register to enter and challenge?"

Ye Tian was surprised at the mention of a spirit avatar, a concept he thought only existed in novels. Now, it seemed to be a reality in this world.

However, Ye Tian quickly rationalized the presence of a spirit avatar in this era, which bore little difference from the fantasy worlds of novels. The concept of a spirit avatar was no longer extraordinary; it was just new to him.

"Alright, I'll register," Ye Tian agreed.

He quickly filled out the registration form provided by the spirit avatar:

Name: Ye Tian

Race: Modern Human

Cultivation Level: King Level

Affiliation: Loose Cultivators Alliance

The registration was simple and straightforward, avoiding any sensitive or secretive information. Ye Tian certainly would not have registered if it required details about his cultivation talent.

Suddenly, a light shone on Ye Tian's right wrist, leaving behind a mark. "This is the War God Mark," the spirit avatar explained. "You can communicate with it using your mental power to know your ranking and points."

"Points?" Ye Tian asked curiously. The comprehensive encyclopedia he had read earlier had not mentioned this, leaving it a gap in his knowledge.

The spirit avatar patiently explained, "Points are a unique reward system of the War God Tower. Every King level starts with zero points. The tower has thirty-three levels, and you earn points by clearing each level. For example, clearing the first level gives you one point, the second level two points, and so on, with the number of points doubling for each additional level you clear... These points can be used to comprehend the War God Stele, which assists in understanding the essence of swordsmanship, spearmanship, and even deeper mysteries, and helps in breaking through acupoints. Moreover, reaching the Six-Star King level brings even more surprises."

"War God Stele!" Ye Tian thought excitedly, reminded of the Enlightenment Stele he had seen in the beast world. The two might be similar in nature. The prospect of accessing something like the War God Stele, which he had believed was beyond his reach, thrilled him.

"I must earn points!" he resolved, his excitement palpable.

However, he didn't forget his other objective of finding Moonlight level cultivation talents and other powerful talents. Suddenly, he realized that his talent-copying ability couldn't penetrate the War God Tower's mysterious energy field, limiting his range to a mere three meters.

"Never mind, for now, I'll focus on the challenges. When they come out of the tower, I can check their talents one by one," Ye Tian thought.

He then prepared to challenge the tower to earn points. "Spirit avatar, I want to challenge the first level of the War God Tower," he declared.

"Follow me, Ye Tian," the avatar responded, leading him to a room with a helmet-like device. Once inside, the door closed, ensuring no interruptions.

"Put on the helmet, and your soul will enter the virtual world's first level. There, you will face your opponent. Defeat them to clear the first level and earn one point," instructed the spirit avatar.

Ye Tian sat down and donned the helmet.

Boom!

The world around him shifted, and when he next saw light, he found himself on a vast expanse of land, ready to face the challenge of the War God Tower's first level.

Chapter 137: Rapid Rise in the King's Ranking!

Whoosh!

A black-clad martial artist appeared in front of Ye Tian.

This person had a cold and emotionless face.

"Copy Talent!"

Ye Tian initially wanted to check the other's talent, but found he couldn't. However, he thought that even if he could, it probably wouldn't reveal much about the talent, as this person was fictitious, a created character.

Swoosh!

The black-clad martial artist moved, attacking Ye Tian.

Pfft!

Ye Tian struck him down effortlessly, concluding the fight in an instant.

"Too weak, probably equivalent to the weakest one-star King-level!"

Ye Tian assessed.

After passing the first level, Ye Tian's points increased by 1. As for ranking, he had none yet, as only three-star King-levels were eligible to enter the King's leaderboard.

His soul returned, and the spirit standing before him asked, "Ye Tian, will you continue to the second level?"

"Yes!"

Ye Tian responded.

Boom!

Ye Tian's soul once again entered a different realm, the second level of the War God Tower.

Similarly.

Ye Tian encountered another black-clad martial artist here, much stronger than the previous one in terms of speed, strength, and 25 defense, incomparable to the first level's martial artist.

Yet, Ye Tian defeated him with just two moves, successfully passing the second level and earning 2 points.

Third level.

This time, the black-clad martial artist he encountered was not slower than Ye Tian, even faster. Fortunately, Ye Tian's Heavenly Extreme Slash could amplify his attack speed by twice, allowing his attacks to be faster than his opponent's reaction speed. Otherwise, it would have been difficult to land a hit.

Ye Tian seized the opportunity well, defeating his opponent in three moves.

After passing the third level, Ye Tian earned 4 points, making his total points 7. It seemed small, but each point was definitely precious.

Outside the War God Tower.

The last name on the King's leaderboard appeared as a new entry.

The King's leaderboard, most intriguing for its top few and the last ranks. The last rank was prominent, while the middle ranks went unnoticed.

At this moment, Ye Tian entered the last rank of the King's leaderboard, immediately drawing much attention.

"Ye Tian, who is this person, a completely unfamiliar name? Do we have a genius named Ye Tian in our Zhonghai Super Base?"

"I do know of a Ye Tian, but his talent is mediocre, so it's definitely not him."

"There are many Ye Tians, but none at the genius level. Who exactly is this Ye Tian, suddenly becoming a three-star King-level powerhouse?"

"Guess how much Ye Tian can rise in rank?"

"I guess he could enter the top 1000. After all, he just passed the third level and hasn't had the chance to try the fourth. Even if he doesn't pass the fourth level, the ranking will be based on how long he lasts, definitely within the top 1000."

"Heh, maybe he could even get into the top 500?"

"Top 500? That's a joke. Isn't everyone who gets into the top 500 someone who has passed the fourth level, a top genius? Ye Tian probably just luckily gained some opportunity and rose suddenly. How could he possibly jump into the top 500?"

As everyone was discussing, Ye Tian reached the fourth level.

The black-clad martial artist in this level was much faster than Ye Tian. Although Ye Tian had a top-level speed talent amplifying his speed by twenty times, his realm was too low. Having entered the King level not long ago, he was at best comparable to a three-star King in speed, much slower than this four-star King-level warrior.

Of course...

Ye Tian had a trump card up his sleeve – his spatial talent. However, he decided not to use it, choosing instead to see if he could defeat the weakest four-star King-level opponent without it.

"Heavenly Extreme Slash!"

"Heavenly Extreme Slash!"

"Heavenly Extreme Slash!"

Ye Tian repeatedly executed his silver-grade skill, Heavenly Extreme Slash. However, it was challenging to hit the black-clad martial artist, and the occasional hits were mere grazes, barely breaking the opponent's skin.

Dodging the opponent's attacks was difficult for Ye Tian. Fortunately, he possessed a pseudo-mystic level defense talent that could negate part of the attack. Furthermore, his pseudo-mystic level Bone talent acted as another layer of defense. Additionally, Ye Tian's top-tier healing talent allowed him to recover from injuries repeatedly, making it very hard to kill him.

As time ticked by, the outside world assumed that Ye Tian couldn't pass the fourth level, probably getting killed instantly upon entering, which is why he was ranked last on the King's leaderboard. However, no one dared to mock Ye Tian. To be listed on the King's leaderboard meant one was a true combat genius. Talents like Li Yueling and Qin He were comparable only to one-star King-levels, and were still far from three-star King-levels.



Becoming a three-star King-level was extremely difficult. It wasn't just about having high attack power. At the very least, one needed to significantly increase their speed or possess strong defensive talents to withstand the black-clad martial artist's attacks and be able to counterattack.

If one only had a single offensive talent, it was tough to become a high star-level King.

Of course, every top force had treasures that could enhance speed or defensive talents, or there wouldn't be so many three-star or higher Kings. However, even top forces couldn't raise defensive or speed talents too high, as the cost was enormous.

In a blink of an eye, three hours passed. Ye Tian's clothes were slightly torn, but he had no injuries, all healed by his top-tier healing talent. The black-clad martial artist, however, was severely injured. Because Ye Tian's attack power was much higher, the occasional hit resulted in serious injury. Due to the severe injuries, the black-clad martial artist's speed was affected.

Finally.

With a whoosh, Ye Tian's Heavenly Extreme Slash decapitated the black-clad martial artist, who then vanished.

Fourth level cleared!

Ye Tian earned 8 points!

Outside the War God Tower.

Suddenly, someone noticed Ye Tian's name disappear from the last place, causing a stir. "Heavens, look, Ye Tian's name is gone! We couldn't see him at the back, he couldn't have fallen, could he?"

"Fell your head! How could someone fall in the War God Tower? He must have advanced. Once you pass the fourth level, your rank jumps significantly. Of course, you can't find him in the back ranks!" someone reminded.

Many began searching around the 500th rank and quickly found Ye Tian's name.

This ranking spoke volumes. Ye Tian indeed had passed the fourth level, achieving four-star King-level strength.

"Heavens, how did it take him so long to pass the fourth level?"

Someone exclaimed in surprise.

"He must just barely have the strength of a four-star King-level, which is why he fought the black-clad martial artist for so long and luckily killed his opponent in the end."

"That must be it. In that case, Ye Tian's rank should stop here!"

"That's still very impressive, a four-star King-level. There are only 504 in the entire Zhonghai Super Base!"

However, before they could finish their conversation, someone was shocked to discover that Ye Tian's name had disappeared again from the 504th position, and even searching down to the 400th rank, they couldn't find Ye Tian.

Chapter 138: Ranked 62nd on the King's List, Making Waves at the Super Base!

"How did that happen?"

Many people were greatly puzzled.

It had only been a short while since Ye Tian's name disappeared from the list. Could there have been some sort of problem?

As for the news of Ye Tian passing the fifth level, they hadn't even considered it. After all, Ye Tian had struggled for so long on the fourth level before he passed. How could he possibly have passed the fifth level so quickly?

That just seemed unrealistic!

"Ye Tian's name has appeared at the 86th rank!"

Someone exclaimed in shock.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!

Numerous eyes turned to the 86th position on the King's List, and everyone was stunned.

[King's List, 86th Rank: Ye Tian (Loose Cultivators Alliance), Five-Star Combat Power!]

The words "Five-Star Combat Power" shone brilliantly, and the name Ye Tian was destined to become renowned on the King's List.

Five-Star Combat Power was equivalent to weaker Saint-Level combat power. The difference between Saint-Level and King-Level was significant, the gap too vast.

When a Grandmaster steps into the King-Level, their strength doesn't increase much. Many geniuses can easily defeat King-Level opponents despite being at a lower level. However, the possibility of a King-Level defeating a Saint-Level is incredibly slim. Once one enters the Saint-Level, their body undergoes a transformation into a Holy Body, increasing their strength and speed tenfold.

That's why many talented individuals who could fight across levels found it extremely difficult to contend with newly advanced weak Saint-Level opponents. However, a King-Level with Five-Star Combat Power could battle against Saint-Level opponents.

Moreover, once a Five-Star King-Level steps into the Saint-Level, they are bound to be among the strongest, crushing lower-level Saints.

Therefore, any King-Level who reaches Five-Star Combat Power is invariably respected by countless people as a true combat genius.

But they were very puzzled. How did Ye Tian pass the fifth level?

One minute earlier.

Ye Tian had reached the fifth level of the War God Tower.

A flash of black light, and although Ye Tian dodged in time, one of his arms was still severed.

"The speed is many times faster than mine!"

Ye Tian lamented helplessly.

If he were to fight an enemy like this, he had no chance of hitting them, let alone defeating them. Besides, even the top healing talent was not invincible. If the damage was too severe, or if his head was completely obliterated, he would be doomed.

Of course, in the virtual world, one wouldn't actually die, but failure in the challenge was certain.

For Ye Tian, who was very eager for the War God Stele, naturally, he wanted to score more points, so he could spend more time comprehending the Stele.

As for revealing his strength?

There was no need. Even if he passed the fifth level, so what? There were others on the King's List who had passed the seventh level.

His little bit of strength would definitely not attract too much attention, at most being recognized as a combat genius.

In the next instant.

The black-clothed warrior attacked again, but this time Ye Tian activated his spatial talent, teleporting away in time.

Teleportation didn't require reaction ability. As soon as the thought occurred, he could instantly leave, and even the black-clothed warrior, whose speed far exceeded Ye Tian's, couldn't attack him.

After several teleportations, Ye Tian began to counterattack.

Finally.

Ye Tian seized the opportunity and killed the black-clothed warrior in one strike, not even needing to use the spatial blade.

Passing the fifth level, Ye Tian earned 16 points, bringing his total to 31 points.

The sixth level.

When Ye Tian challenged the black-clothed warrior here, he was severely injured before he could even start teleporting as soon as the opponent appeared. Subsequently, Ye Tian failed to dodge the attacks several times. The black-clothed warrior's speed surpassed Ye Tian's mental reaction. After all, teleportation also needed mental activation. If it exceeded the mental reaction time, one could be attacked before teleporting.

Ye Tian's virtual body lasted only a minute in the challenge before being decapitated, dissipating in the virtual world.

Upon returning to reality, Ye Tian was shocked to find his soul unharmed. He wondered why, despite being killed in the virtual world, his soul suffered no damage. "Could it be that the War God Tower protected my soul, teleporting it away in time?" he pondered, growing even more curious about the origins of the War God Tower.

Outside the War God Tower, Ye Tian's challenge had concluded, and his final ranking was confirmed:

[King's List, 62nd Rank: Ye Tian (Loose Cultivators Alliance), Five-Star Combat Power]

Five-Star Combat Powers varied in strength, and rankings were determined based on the duration of combat on the sixth level. Many with Five-Star Combat Power were almost instantly defeated, placing them behind Ye Tian in the rankings.

Of course, Ye Tian's healing talent played a significant role, but this was also considered a natural ability and factored into his combat capabilities.

As the rankings were confirmed, the news caused a sensation. Ye Tian's name spread rapidly, as reaching the 62nd position on the King's List in his first attempt was exceptionally rare. Many found it hard to believe.

"Oh my, I initially thought he would be at most the last on the King's List, but he's so powerful, climbing all the way to the 62nd rank. This ranking is extremely high, enough to place him among the top few in any of the four major forces. In the Loose Cultivators Alliance, there are only three or four stronger than him."

"Who exactly is this person? Is he really just an independent cultivator?"

"Haha, you really think he's just an independent cultivator? Without extraordinary combat talents, how could one achieve Five-Star Combat Power? And just an offensive talent isn't enough; while it might be invincible at lower levels, it's unrealistic for battling higher levels. The flaws are too great. It's almost impossible for someone to naturally possess various combat talents without any flaws. Many enhance their talents using treasures, which requires strong backing. This Ye Tian must have powerful support behind him."

"Could he be a disciple or secretly nurtured genius of a major figure in the Loose Cultivators Alliance?"

"Haha, who knows? But the name Ye Tian will certainly resonate throughout the Zhonghai Super Base!"

News of Ye Tian being ranked 62nd on the King's List quickly spread, and many soon learned of his name. Some major forces also received information about Ye Tian.

At the Loose Cultivators Alliance, several leaders hastily convened a meeting.

"Ye Tian, whose disciple is he?"

"I don't recognize him. Haven't heard of any old friends taking disciples lately. He might be a genuine genius who joined the Loose Cultivators Alliance by chance!"

"Should we try to recruit him?"

"Gentlemen, let's not forget, the Loose Cultivators Alliance values freedom and non-interference. We must not break this rule, or the Alliance will fall apart. You're not seriously considering using the Alliance as your personal force, are you?"

"No, no! It's just that seeing a genius in the Loose Cultivators Alliance is intriguing. Ye Tian passed the fifth level on his first try and might even pass the sixth level. Our Alliance only has one genius at that level!"

"Well, since Ye Tian has joined the Independent Alliance, if other forces move against him, we should intervene, but there's no need to contact him directly."

"Agreed!"

"Agreed!"

The meeting concluded, and the leaders of the Independent Alliance dispersed.

At the Zhonghai Super Base, in a certain tower office, Wang Yan sat in her office, looking at a freshly delivered King's List.

"Ye Tian, 62nd on the King's List!"

Wang Yan stared at Ye Tian's name on the list, lost in thought for several seconds.

Chapter 139: Shui Qianyue's Incredible Talents!

"Is it that kid?" Wang Yan was somewhat uncertain, as the difference in their strengths seemed too vast. She remembered Ye Tian, who could only exert a force of 12,000 elephants in his attacks. Such an attack strength wouldn't even qualify as a one-star king-level, whereas on the

King's List, Ye Tian was ranked as a five-star king-level warrior. However, upon closer inspection, she confirmed that the Ye Tian on the King's List was indeed the same Ye Tian she had seen before.

According to the information, Ye Tian had just arrived at the Zhonghai Super Base, appearing very light-hearted, and the timing of his arrival matched the time she knew. Could there really be such a coincidence where the same name and timing of entering Zhonghai Super Base matched, but not the person?

In reality, the truth was that Ye Tian had concealed his true strength.

"I underestimated this kid," Wang Yan murmured to herself. Her guess was that the opponent had forged a perfect foundation and was an absolute genius with the power to break limits. He possessed pseudo-mystic-level strength talents and had only recently broken through to the king-level. It was impossible for him to have grown to such an extent in such a short time, unless...

"Could it be that this kid's cultivation talent is at least of the Moonlight level? In that case, training in a high-level or top-tier training room for a month could significantly increase his physical strength, and his progress would be extremely rapid. Plus, if he has more than just pseudo-mystic-level strength talents, it's indeed possible for him to ascend to a five-star king-level warrior!" Wang Yan analyzed.

"Interesting, interesting. Let him grow for a while longer. That opportunity could be given to him, to someone with good karma. Maybe my hope of stepping into the saint level in the future lies with him," she said quietly to herself.

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War God Tower.

Ye Tian didn't leave but instead inquired of the spirit, "Spirit, I want to comprehend the War God Stele. How much does it cost?"

"One point per day!" the spirit introduced.



"One point per day?" Ye Tian calculated. He had 31 points, meaning he could comprehend for 31 days, which was equivalent to a month. A month was not a short time, but what should he use it to comprehend? Pseudo-mystic-level defensive talent? Or some other pseudo-mystic-level talent?

"Not worth it!" Ye Tian immediately dismissed the idea. Talents like these could be completely replicated using his Copy Talent ability. If he encountered a warrior with pseudo-mystic-level defensive talent, he could easily copy it. There was no need to waste War God Tower points to comprehend the War God Stele. It would be a complete waste! He regretted spending so much time in the Beast World comprehending pseudo-mystic-level defensive talents and gaining a bit of defensive mystique. Now, to think of comprehending it was foolish.

"I should either create sword techniques or comprehend sword intent!" Ye Tian decided. Creating a gold-level sword technique was not easy, and a month was definitely not enough. Besides, gold-level sword techniques could probably be purchased in the Zhonghai Super Base, albeit at a higher price.

"Let's comprehend sword intent then!" Ye Tian thought. Sword intent was an essential for cultivating sword techniques, and it was also time-consuming. Ye Tian, who was usually busy practicing the Purple Blood Chongxue Technique, did not have enough time to comprehend sword intent.

"Spirit, I want to comprehend the War God Stele!" Ye Tian said to the spirit.

"Follow me!" The spirit led Ye Tian to a room with a formation altar.

"This is..." Ye Tian sensed spatial power from the altar.

"This is a teleportation array!" the spirit introduced.

"Teleportation array!" Ye Tian was surprised. He hadn't expected the War God Tower to have a teleportation array. As far as he knew, the Zhonghai Super Base didn't have one either; it seemed to be unique to the War God Tower.

Ye Tian stood on the teleportation array, and immediately the spirit activated it. With a flash of light, Ye Tian teleported away and arrived at another array in the next moment. He was in a vast space with no land, no sun, moon, or stars, just faint light illuminating the entire area.

In the center of the space was a huge stele, about 70 meters high. Though not as grand as the Enlightenment Stele in the Beast World, it was still quite extraordinary.

The War God Stele emitted a unique vibration that filled the entire space, surrounded by small floating stone platforms. Many of these platforms were already occupied by martial artists in deep contemplation of the Stele.

"Are these the geniuses from the Kings' Ranking? No, there must be strong figures from the Saint and Emperor Rankings as well," Ye Tian speculated. Unfortunately, his copy talent was heavily suppressed here, preventing him from viewing their talent status, or else he could have copied a couple of Moonlight-level cultivation talents.

Swiftly, Ye Tian moved to an unoccupied floating stone platform and sat down cross-legged to begin his comprehension. His arrival went unnoticed. People were constantly coming and going, too engrossed in the War God Stele to pay attention to another person joining them.

However, Ye Tian soon frowned in his comprehension.

"The effect is not as good as the Enlightenment Stele from the Beast World, only about forty-three percent as effective. It seems the War God Stele is slightly lower in grade," he thought. Despite this, having some resources was better than none, so he continued his comprehension.

After a day of cultivation, Ye Tian left, not because he had given up, but because he planned to use up his copy opportunities first. Otherwise, wasting a month would mean losing two chances.

Outside the War God Tower, Ye Tian blended into the crowd, waiting. He was hoping to encounter a genius with Moonlight-level talent to copy. After three days of waiting, many talents emerged, mostly with extraordinary or Morning Star-level cultivation talents. Moonlight-level talents were incredibly rare in the Zhonghai Super Base.

Suddenly, a strikingly cold and elegant woman appeared, causing the crowd to exclaim, "It's Saint Shui Qianyue!"

Ranked eighth on the Saint Ranking, Shui Qianyue caught everyone's attention, including Ye Tian's. However, it wasn't her beauty that captivated him, but her talents.

Human: Shui Qianyue

Cultivation Talent: Moonlight-level

Ice Talent: Top-level

Speed Talent: High-level

Defense Talent: Pseudo-Mystic (Four-fifths)

"What incredible talents!" Ye Tian was astonished. Besides her Moonlight-level cultivation talent, she possessed a pseudo-mystic-level defense talent, a top-level ice talent, and a high-level speed talent, almost flawless. No wonder she was ranked eighth on the Saint Ranking.

"Pseudo-mystic-level defense talent, and it's four-fifths defense mystique. She must have a perfect foundation, but surely different from how I achieved mine. Perhaps she used some special treasures to forcibly create it?" Ye Tian speculated.

Without hesitation, he copied Shui Qianyue's Moonlight-level cultivation talent and her pseudo-mystic-level defense talent.

"Such a good person," he remarked, grateful for the two excellent talents she unwittingly provided.

Unaware of Ye Tian's silent gratitude, Shui Qianyue left amidst the admiring and respectful gazes of the crowd.

"Time to go home and integrate these talents, then come back to comprehend the sword intent," Ye Tian thought as he headed home.

Chapter 140: Dragon Power!

Returning home, Ye Tian began to integrate the Moonlight-level talent and the pseudo-mystic-level defense talent he had copied. Soon, drenched in sweat, he completed the integration

process. He noticed that his Moonlight-level cultivation talent remained the same; advancing it would require copying another Moonlight-level talent, which he was confident of achieving later.

The change was more significant in his defense talent. Initially, his pseudo-mystic-level defense talent was:

[Defense Talent: Pseudo-mystic (30%)]

Now, after integrating Shui Qianyue's talent, it had become:

[Defense Talent: Pseudo-mystic (60%)]

"Sixty percent pseudo-mystic-level talent, even stronger than Shui Qianyue's, but unfortunately, it's not seventy percent," Ye Tian sighed. However, he was still quite satisfied since integration doesn't simply add up talents but involves some loss.

Testing the augmented effect of his sixty percent pseudo-mystic-level talent, Ye Tian found it increased his defense by fifty times, a significant jump from the previous thirty-five times.

"Haha, my defensive ability has greatly increased!" Ye Tian was extremely pleased. After resting for a few hours, he returned to the War God Tower to continue comprehending sword intent with the help of the War God Stele.

Thirty days passed in the blink of an eye. Opening his eyes, Ye Tian exhaled deeply, his eyes brimming with joy.

"Seventy percent sword intent!" This was the result of a month's comprehension of the War God Stele. Achieving seventy percent sword intent comprehension meant he was now eligible to cultivate gold-level techniques, a threshold many with martial arts talents couldn't reach, yet he had.

Normally, it would have taken him an unknown amount of time to reach this level on his own, but with the War God Stele's aid, he achieved it in just one month.

"I'll find a gold-level technique to cultivate when I have the chance," Ye Tian thought to himself.

Having used up all his points, Ye Tian couldn't stay in the War God Tower anymore. Exiting the War God Stele's space, he asked the spirit, "Apart from completing the thirty-three levels of the War God Tower challenge, is there any other way to earn points?"

He was curious because many people seemed to use the War God Stele space for comprehension, suggesting there must be another way to earn points besides the challenges.

"Yes, points can be transferred," the spirit explained. "Each person can transfer their points to someone else. You can ask others to transfer points to you."

"So, points can be bought and sold?" Ye Tian asked, intrigued.

The spirit shook its head. "The War God Tower doesn't deal in points, but whether someone is willing to transfer points to you depends on your abilities."

Ye Tian realized that this meant the transaction of points happened privately and was unrelated to the War God Tower.

This system allowed disciples of powerful factions to easily obtain points, such as by training a large number of one-star king-level warriors to challenge the first level of the tower. Even if each person earned only one point, the total could be substantial, especially if they had an agreement to give these points to their faction.

Of course, trading valuable items for points was also possible, but this required high status and the right items of interest to others. As for someone like Ye Tian, this method was not feasible. This path was effectively closed to him.

"Is there any other way to earn points?" Ye Tian asked again.

"The last method is setting records. This is the War God Stele's hidden points system. Any martial artist who breaks a certain record of the War God Stele will receive corresponding points, and the amount is quite substantial," the spirit revealed.

"A hidden points system?" Ye Tian was intrigued, sensing an opportunity to earn points from this system.

"What records are there?" he asked curiously.

A virtual screen appeared before Ye Tian, displaying various records:

"King-level Strongest Attack Record!"

"King-level Strongest Defense Record!"

"King-level Fastest Speed Record!"

"King-level Fastest Progress Record!"

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Ye Tian randomly clicked on the "King-level Fastest Progress Record" and saw the details of a record-holder:

Ye Tian was astounded. "Completed the entire King-level realm in just 80 days? Is this record real?"

"Is this Wang Ze's record accurate? Did he really achieve this in 80 days?" he asked the spirit, skeptical.

"It's true. However, he didn't cultivate normally. He was forcibly enhanced through special methods by others, exhausting his potential. He hasn't been to the War God Tower in decades," the spirit replied.

Ye Tian understood. This record was likely set by top-tier forces, sacrificing a King-level martial artist's potential for points. This didn't necessarily mean cruelty; the person might have agreed to it and possibly received substantial benefits. However, Ye Tian admitted he couldn't break this record.

"Lin Zhan!" Ye Tian immediately recognized this person as the founder of the Battle Axe Mercenary Corps, the Battle Axe Emperor, Lin Zhan. "No wonder he is considered the first Emperor of the Zhonghai Super Base."

Curious, Ye Tian wondered what this unit of 8.2 Dragon Power represented.

"What does 8.2 Dragon Power mean?" he asked the spirit.

"Dragon Power is not the strength of an actual dragon but a unit of measurement. Dragons and other intelligent species among mythical beasts use Dragon Power to describe their strength. Nowadays, beings above the Saint level typically use Dragon Power instead of elephant power. The reason is that elephant power is too low-end and inconvenient for them. The ratio is: 1 Dragon Power equals 1 million elephants of force!" the spirit explained.

"1 Dragon Power equals 1 million elephants of force? Does that mean I don't even have 1 Dragon Power yet?" Ye Tian was astonished.

He calculated his own physical strength, trying to estimate how much Dragon Power he would have if he reached the pinnacle of the King level. The result left him utterly shocked!