

Talent 141

Chapter 141: Dawn-level Cultivation Talent!

Ye Tian, once reaching the pinnacle of the King level, would have a physical strength of 10,000 elephant power. With Yuan force amplification, it would be 20,000 elephants of force. His pseudo-mystic-level strength talent would amplify it by 30 times, and his silver-level blade technique, Heavenly Extreme Slash, would add another 12 times. Combining all these, Ye Tian's maximum attack power would reach 7.2 million elephants, which translates to 7.2 Dragon Power.

"I'll only have 7.2 Dragon Power after reaching the pinnacle of the King level. How did the Battle Axe Emperor reach 8.2 Dragon Power at the King level?" This was the first time Ye Tian felt outclassed in terms of talent.

However, he wasn't disheartened but rather excited. If he could copy the Battle Axe Emperor's talent, his strength would skyrocket. He speculated that the Battle Axe Emperor must possess a pseudo-mystic-level, perhaps even a mystic-level strength talent by now, and a top-tier battle axe talent, considering his fame for using an axe.

Ye Tian then checked the King-level Strongest Defense Record and realized he couldn't break it either.

[The strongest King-realm defense record. Proven to withstand the power of 2 dragons without being seriously injured: Qin Feng!]

A King-level peak martial artist could withstand an attack of their own strength level, which is 20,000 elephant power. With Ye Tian's 50 times amplification from his pseudo-mystic-level defense talent, he could withstand 1 Dragon Power. If he also had the pseudo-mystic-level Bone Talent, he could potentially withstand 1.5 times the attack without serious injury. But to break the record, he would need to replicate another powerful pseudo-mystic-level defense talent.

Ye Tian found he couldn't break the other records either. "There are quite a few freaks in the Zhonghai Super Base. This is good; it means more excellent talents for me to copy!" He laughed, planning to copy these talents and eventually break these records. But he decided not to be too ostentatious and break only two or three records to save others' face.

With no immediate way to break any records, Ye Tian left the War God Tower. "The cooldown for my copy talent has ended. I can copy two more talents now. It's a waste of time to wait outside the War God Tower; I should head directly to the Loose Cultivators Alliance headquarters. There should be some good talents there."

Arriving at the Loose Cultivators Alliance headquarters, which wasn't far from the War God Tower, Ye Tian began his search. The Loose Cultivators Alliance headquarters was a massive complex, occupying over ten square kilometers and comprising ten floors.

While exploring the first floor, Ye Tian sensed two Moonlight-level talents but only copied one, as he needed just one more to upgrade his own. After about half an hour, he finished exploring the Loose Cultivators Alliance headquarters, finding only two Moonlight-level talents.

"Morning Star-level cultivators have a 70-80% chance of reaching the Saint level. With a perfect foundation, it's almost guaranteed. Moonlight-level cultivators have a similar chance of reaching the Emperor level. With my perfect foundation and Moonlight-level talent, I have a one in ten chance of reaching the Emperor level. The strongest in the Zhonghai Super Base are just Emperors, likely without Dawn-level cultivation talents. Thus, the best cultivation talent in the Zhonghai Super Base is probably only at the Moonlight level."

From this, Ye Tian deduced that Moonlight-level cultivation talents were extremely rare in the Zhonghai Super Base, with even the Loose Cultivators Alliance having very few. Even accounting for the branches and those outside, the total number wouldn't exceed double digits.

"Having said that, after my recent venture, I have fused with the Moonlight-level cultivation talent. Now, my talent must have suddenly become the strongest at the Zhonghai Super Base!" Ye Tian thought to himself with quiet elation.

This was a record in itself, a pity that the War God Stele didn't keep such records. Even if it did, he wouldn't dare reveal his talent!

"There's still one more chance to copy!"

Ye Tian decided to look further, ideally for a pseudo-mystic level talent. However, he only found two pseudo-mystic level talents that he didn't need.

One was a pseudo-mystic level Fire Domain talent, and the other was a pseudo-mystic level Water Dragon talent.

Neither of these pseudo-mystic level talents were of much use to him; he wasn't very satisfied. "Well, I'll just copy the pseudo-mystic level Fire Domain talent. Consider it an extra skill," he thought.

With a single thought, the pseudo-mystic level Fire Domain talent was copied by Ye Tian.

"Time to head home!"

Ye Tian didn't linger at the headquarters of the Loose Cultivators Alliance. There were indeed many treasures here, but they were out of his trading range, which was quite embarrassing.

Once home, Ye Tian first integrated the pseudo-mystic level Fire Domain talent and quickly understood its nature.

This talent was quite impressive; it was an area-of-effect attack that could turn dozens of kilometers around into a fiery domain. Any living being within it would be subjected to relentless fire attacks.

"It's a decent talent, covering one of my weaknesses, and it's a three-fold pseudo-mystic level talent at that!" Ye Tian mused.

He then began integrating the Moonlight-level cultivation talent.

Boom!

Unbearable pain engulfed him, yet Ye Tian reveled in it.

"Bring it on, Dawn-level cultivation talent!" he shouted in his heart.

Wave after wave of pain hit him, turning his skin as red as a boiled lobster.

After an unknown duration, Ye Tian finally regained consciousness. He had actually fainted.

"A bit embarrassing, I thought I could endure it!" Ye Tian's face blushed, but it was already red.

Nonetheless, fainting didn't affect the integration of the talent, which was a success.

[Cultivation talent: Dawn level]

Looking at the Dawn-level cultivation talent, Ye Tian laughed excitedly.

"Hahaha, I'm finally on the same level as Xiao Xue! Otherwise, it would be embarrassing for me, the master, to be only at Moonlight-level while Xiao Xue is at Dawn-level!" Ye Tian laughed.

Sadly, he couldn't share this glory with Xiao Xue, who was in slumber.

According to Xiao Xue, it was about to transform from its juvenile phase to its youth phase. Only then would its Dawn-level bloodline talent start to unfold, increasing its cultivation speed by who knows how much.

"I can't wait to try out the cultivation speed of the Dawn-level talent!" Ye Tian was eager to start.

Chapter 142: Third-Rate Top-Level Energy Cultivation Secret Technique!

Ye Tian entered the advanced cultivation chamber, drank a sip of king-level ferocious beast blood, and began practicing the Purple Blood Body Refining Technique. Boom! A far greater amount of heavenly and earthly energy surged into his body than ever before, which could be timely refined into energy to assist Ye Tian in impacting his acupoints.

A day passed.

Ye Tian sensed his progress and said, "My cultivation speed has tripled. At my current pace, I can open up 45 acupoints in a month."

Such a cultivation speed was heaven defying. If he were to cultivate in a top-level cultivation chamber, his speed could increase even more. But for now, Ye Tian was quite satisfied with this pace.

"My cultivation level is still too low. I'll focus on cultivating and improving my level during this period," Ye Tian decided.

Days went by, and Ye Tian opened one acupoint after another in the advanced cultivation room, his bodily strength soaring at an incredible rate. This rapid increase in strength felt exhilarating, like being enlightened!

Finally, after a month, Ye Tian opened another 45 acupoints, adding to the 25 he had previously opened, bringing his total to 63 acupoints. His physical strength had nearly reached 1800 elephant strength units, and his maximum attack power reached 1,296,000 elephants, equivalent to 1.3 dragon power!

"My attack power has finally entered the threshold of dragon strength. Although it's still far from the Battle Axe Emperor's record of 8.2 dragon power, it's not too far off!" Ye Tian was quite pleased with this.

With his talent copying ability ready to be used again, Ye Tian planned to visit the vicinity of the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall headquarters. If he encountered the Battle Axe Emperor, that would be a huge gain.

Thus, Ye Tian set out, heading straight for the headquarters of the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall.

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The headquarters of the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall covered an area of about a hundred miles, with a large number of king-level individuals coming and going, and occasionally, even saint-level figures appeared.

Ye Tian had been there for about three hours, but couldn't even enter the main gate of the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall headquarters. He learned that the headquarters was not open to ordinary people; only core members of the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall and mercenaries of silver rank and above could enter.

Since he wasn't even a mercenary, Ye Tian thought, "I might as well register as a mercenary. Most people from the Zhonghai Super Base have registered, and I'll have to do so sooner or later."

The registration for mercenaries wasn't at the headquarters but at various branches. Ye Tian returned to the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall branch in Jinghu District, registered as a mercenary, and quickly obtained a black iron-level mercenary card.

Mercenary ranks were divided into black iron, bronze, silver, and gold levels, each with one to nine stars. Ye Tian was currently a one-star black iron-level mercenary, the lowest rank. To raise his mercenary level, he had to take on missions. Some missions required a certain mercenary level, while others only required certain cultivation levels or strengths.

Although Ye Tian was just a one-star black iron mercenary, his cultivation had reached the king level, allowing him access to quite a few substantial missions. Constant hard cultivation wasn't good either, as it could lead to mental strain. Ye Tian decided to look for a mission to take on, hoping to copy some impressive talents in the process.

There were many types of missions, including setting up formations, hunting ferocious beasts, exploring maps, and even entering the other side of spatial rifts.

The mission to enter the other side of a spatial rift offered exceptionally high rewards and a substantial amount of points due to its extreme danger. Ye Tian learned a bit about a 5-star level spatial rift: "It's located 700,000 kilometers southwest of the Zhonghai Super Base. Although it can't be sealed, it was forcibly suppressed by the powerful individuals of the Super Base. There was a temporary suppression of the other side, but the two sides have been battling across the rift for a hundred years. Sometimes humans invade the other side of the rift, and sometimes they are counterattacked. Currently, humans have once again entered the rift, but control only about 10,000 kilometers inside it, and beyond that, nothing is known."

This was all the information Ye Tian had. The so-called exploration missions involved venturing beyond the 10,000-kilometer mark to gather important information, which was obviously very dangerous. Ye Tian, still unfamiliar with the Zhonghai Super Base, naturally wouldn't take on such a mission.

Suddenly, a particular mission caught Ye Tian's attention:

[Assistance in subduing a fierce beast.

Mission issuer: Holy Maiden Xiyue of the Moon God Sect.

Requirements: King-ranked powerhouses with high-level beast control talents.

Rewards: A choice between a third-rate top-level energy cultivation secret technique or the use of a top-level cultivation room, or payment in equivalent monetary value.]

"Third-rate top-level energy cultivation secret technique!" Ye Tian admitted he was tempted. He was currently practicing an advanced energy body refining secret technique. In the Zhonghai Super Base, such a technique was quite common, used by many warriors at the start of their cultivation journey. King-ranked powerhouses often cultivated top-level energy cultivation techniques.

However, independent cultivators found it difficult to access these top-tier techniques as they relied on equivalent exchanges, and even if the higher-ups possessed them, they were not easily traded without something of equivalent value. In other top forces, core members practiced these top-level techniques, which were not available for trade or teaching.

Ye Tian was in an awkward position where he couldn't obtain a top-level energy cultivation technique and couldn't afford to trade for one, nor did he want to join any other top forces. But now, an opportunity had arisen. Not just any top-level energy cultivation technique, but a third-rate one, which was not just ordinary!

The Zhonghai Super Base further categorized top-level energy cultivation techniques into five levels, from fifth-rate to first-rate. A third-rate technique could potentially triple his cultivation speed, a boost equivalent to enhancing one's talent by a whole level.

"I must obtain it," Ye Tian resolved, clenching his fist. He knew that such rich rewards meant the mission was very dangerous, but he was qualified for it. He was on the King-ranked list and possessed high-level beast control talent, meeting the mission's requirements.

"The Moon God Sect Saintess probably wants to subdue a fierce beast but lacks the necessary talent. What kind of fierce beast is it that requires such a high price to subdue?" Ye Tian wondered, intrigued by the potential of copying the beast's extraordinary talents. And the Moon God Sect Saintess herself might also possess impressive talents.

"Accepted," Ye Tian decided.

Chapter 143: The Three-Star Secret Realm!

Holy Maiden Xiyue had issued a task that did not require a specific mercenary level. It only required candidates to possess advanced beast control talent and the strength of a King's List powerhouse. Thus, Ye Tian submitted an application to the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall and demonstrated his advanced beast control abilities. In less than half a day, the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall confirmed Ye Tian's qualifications, and he successfully accepted the task.

The Battle Axe Mercenary Hall promptly notified Holy Maiden Xiyue of the Moon God Sect that someone had accepted her task. The Moon God Sect was a major force in the Zhonghai Super Base. While not one of the top four powers, it was still among the elite. Shui Qianyue, ranked eighth on the Saint List, was also one of the high-ranking members of the Moon God Sect.

The Moon God Sect, established by modern humans, only recruited female disciples with exceptional talents. Even if a female disciple married and had a male child, the boy, upon reaching adulthood, could not join the Moon God Sect but could only become a member of its peripheral forces. Such was the tradition of the Moon God Sect!

Inside the Moon God Sect, in a pavilion, a woman dressed in green was reading a message from the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall.

"Someone has accepted my task?" she mused. This woman was Holy Maiden Xiyue!

"Come here!" she called out.

Several King-level women appeared beside Holy Maiden Xiyue, bowing respectfully and asking, "Saintess, what are your instructions?"

"A person with King's List-level advanced beast control talent has accepted my task. We can depart now!" declared Holy Maiden Xiyue.

"Yes!" the women replied in unison.

In the Mirror Lake District, at the Moonlight Restaurant, one of the properties under the Moon God Sect, Ye Tian was waiting according to the task's meeting location. Soon, a group of women arrived, led by Holy Maiden Xiyue herself. Ye Tian did not recognize Holy Maiden Xiyue, but her arrival caused a stir among the onlookers, signaling her fame.

Hearing the exclamations of the crowd, Ye Tian recognized her identity and approached her.

"Holy Maiden Xiyue, I presume? I have accepted your task," Ye Tian said calmly.

Holy Maiden Xiyue looked at Ye Tian and remarked, "So you are Ye Tian, who recently made a name for himself in the Zhonghai Super Base. I didn't expect you to possess advanced beast control talent. You have seen the task requirements, right? If you help me subdue the beast and extract its Soul Light for me, I will reward you as promised, and your task will be complete."

"I would like to know exactly what kind of beast it is," Ye Tian inquired.

Holy Maiden Xiyue glanced around and then whispered, "You will know once we get there. For now, I can only tell you it's a King Beast."

After a few seconds of silence, Ye Tian nodded, "Alright."

"Then let's go," said Holy Maiden Xiyue.

Ye Tian followed her, leaving the restaurant and heading towards the outskirts of the Zhonghai Super Base.

On the way, Ye Tian observed the talents of Holy Maiden Xiyue and her group of maidservants.

"The talent of Holy Maiden Xiyue is indeed formidable!" Ye Tian thought to himself with a hint of surprise. He had previously met Fairy Yueling, whose talent was also impressive. She was of Morning Star level talent and was also incredibly beautiful, on par with Holy Maiden Xiyue, yet her talent still fell short in comparison.

Human: Wang Xiyue

Cultivation Talent: Moonlight

Moon Body Talent: High

Speed Talent: Pseudo-Mystic (10%)

Swordsmanship Talent: Top

Strength Talent: Intermediate

Defense Talent: Pseudo-Mystic (30%)

"Having two Pseudo-Mystic level talents, she must have used treasures to forge a perfect foundation. Coupled with top-level swordsmanship talent and intermediate strength talent, such talents are truly worthy of the Moon God Sect's Saintess!"

Ye Tian clearly remembered that the 27th ranked King-level figure on the Kings List was named Wang Xiyue, affiliated with the Moon God Sect. It must be her.

In terms of strength, Ye Tian was not yet a match for Wang Xiyue. However, with his current rate of progress, he would soon surpass Holy Maiden Xiyue. Aside from her, the talents of the other women were also strong; each was extraordinary, possessing one or two special talents, clearly ordinary geniuses.

Now, Ye Tian was uncertain whether to use his two remaining copy opportunities. He greatly desired the Pseudo-Mystic level speed talent and Pseudo-Mystic level defense talent. However, once used, he wouldn't be able to copy other talents for a month. If the beast that Holy Maiden Xiyue wanted to subdue had extraordinary talents, wouldn't he miss a great opportunity?

"Let's copy one first, and decide on the other after determining the beast's talent."

Thus, Ye Tian copied Holy Maiden Xiyue's Pseudo-Mystic level speed talent. He chose to copy this talent because his speed talent was only top-level and comparatively weaker than his

other talents. As for the Pseudo-Mystic level defense talent, he already possessed it, and even if he copied Holy Maiden Xiyue's Pseudo-Mystic level talent, it probably wouldn't successfully transform into a full-fledged Mystic level talent. Therefore, there was no rush; he could always copy it next time.

After successfully copying, he acquired the Pseudo-Mystic level speed talent. It wasn't the right time to integrate it; Ye Tian would wait for an appropriate opportunity to do so.

Before long, Ye Tian and Holy Maiden Xiyue's group left the Zhonghai Super Base.

"Where is our destination?"

Ye Tian curiously asked.

"A secret realm!" Holy Maiden Xiyue answered truthfully: "That secret realm is only a three-star level, allowing only King-level individuals to enter. The beast we are going to subdue is hard to capture alive. Otherwise, I would have directly captured it and found a powerful beast control talent in the Zhonghai Super Base to tame it for me, and there would be no need to issue a task. Unfortunately, there are not many with advanced beast control talents in the Zhonghai Super Base, and those at the King's List level are even rarer. Now, only you meet the requirements."

Ye Tian nodded, grateful for such a coincidence; otherwise, he would have missed the opportunity for a third-rate top-level elemental force cultivation manual. With the speed of Kings, Ye Tian and the others flew swiftly, unafraid of attacks from beasts. The powerful beasts near the super base had been mostly cleared, and humans had the upper hand near the five-star spatial rift, so there was no need to worry.

After a few hours, a massive floating fortress appeared before them, bearing three large characters – Moon God Fortress!

"This is a secret realm occupied by our Moon God Sect, and that three-star space rift is inside the Moon God Fortress!" Holy Maiden Xiyue explained.

Ye Tian was genuinely surprised, "The Moon God Sect actually occupies a secret realm!"

But then he thought, if the Demon Sea Base occupied a secret realm, even a single core genius of the Moon God Sect would be enough to sweep the Demon Sea Great Base. Hence, it wasn't strange for such a powerful force to occupy a secret realm.

The group entered the Moon God Fortress and soon arrived at the three-star spatial rift. The fortress didn't have any Saint-level guardians, only some King-level ones, and not a single genius with Morning Star level cultivation talent, indicating this place wasn't given much importance.

Without hesitation, Ye Tian and Holy Maiden Xiyue's group passed through the three-star spatial rift, entering the three-star secret realm.

Chapter 144: The Time-Space Silver Mouse! The Time Talent!

"The spiritual energy is sparse!"

Upon entering the secret realm, Ye Tian frowned.

This was a three-star secret realm, yet its spiritual energy was much thinner than the one-star secret realm at the Demon Sea base.

"This secret realm's resources have been nearly exhausted by my Moon God Sect. With the resources depleted, the spiritual energy naturally thins, but the rules of the realm remain unchanged. Even an emperor can't alter the rules of a secret realm, so this place is still a three-star realm!" explained Holy Maiden Xiyue.

"I see." Ye Tian understood.

"Holy Maiden Xiyue, can you now tell me about the beast in question?" asked Ye Tian.

"Of course."

Holy Maiden Xiyue began to explain, "Initially, this secret realm had little value due to its scarce resources. However, when I was promoted to the position of the Holy Maiden of the Moon God Sect, the master gave me control over this realm for 50 years. I didn't care much about this realm at first, but I accidentally discovered a beast here. It's only a king-level beast,

but even I can only suppress it and not capture it. I don't know its name, but it possesses a powerful innate talent. It seems to be a legendary talent."

After a pause, Holy Maiden Xiyue continued, "I can tell you, but you must not reveal this to anyone else, at least not for ten years. The beast's ability seems to be a time talent!"

"Time talent!"

Ye Tian was visibly shaken and somewhat incredulous.

Time talent was rare, often spoken of in the same breath as the equally esteemed space talent. While instances of weaker space talents in beasts were common, time talent was unheard of and scarcely documented.

A beast with time talent, no wonder Holy Maiden Xiyue was intrigued.

Then, Holy Maiden Xiyue described the time abilities of this beast: it could accelerate or decelerate time.

The ability to accelerate time allowed it to speed up the flow of time around itself, making its movements extremely fast.

On the other hand, decelerating time was often used on enemies, slowing their perception of time and making their movements appear drastically slower.

During her encounter with the beast, Holy Maiden Xiyue struggled under the influence of its time talent. The fluctuating states of accelerated and decelerated time even affected her thoughts, making it challenging to attack, let alone capture the beast.

After some research, Holy Maiden Xiyue believed that if a high-level beast control talent could subdue the beast while she assisted in suppression, there would be a high chance of capturing it.

"Ye Tian, I know you are capable, and you should be able to keep yourself safe, but I need you to fully utilize your beast control talent. Your goal is to subdue it, not to fight it. Leave the battle to me," Holy Maiden Xiyue instructed.

"Understood."

Ye Tian nodded, but his thoughts were already fixated on the time talent.

Internally, he was ecstatic: "Haha, I'm so brilliant! I kept a copy opportunity, and now the beast's time talent will be mine!"

At that moment, he couldn't wait to see the beast.

Holy Maiden Xiyue had left a special scent on the beast, difficult to dispel. A maid with tracking talent took out a bit of the scent, sniffed it, and began to use her talent, pointing in a direction: "Over there!"

Ye Tian, who had previously copied a tracking talent, also sniffed the scent and secretly activated his talent, sensing a faint aroma coming from that direction.

"Let's go straight there!"

Holy Maiden Xiyue commanded in a firm tone.

Swish, swish, swish!

The group quickly flew toward the location and soon encountered the beast.

It was a mouse the size of a calf, covered in silver-white fur, appearing somewhat timid.

When they were about 1500 meters away from the mouse, Ye Tian used his copy talent to check its abilities.

Species: Time-Space Silver Mouse

Bloodline Talent: Morning Star Level

Space Talent: Weak

Time Talent: Basic

Strength Talent: Basic

Golden Fur Talent: High-Level

"Having both time and space talents, the strongest talents, this Time-Space Silver Mouse is truly exceptional. Its space talent is weak, limited to spatial perception only, which is why Holy Maiden Xiyue wasn't aware of it," Ye Tian thought to himself.

The mouse's basic level time talent was impressive in its own right, not to mention its basic level strength talent and high-level golden fur talent.

"Be careful, the fur of this beast can be launched as a powerful attack, impenetrable by anyone without the strength of the King's List. You all retreat and don't get close. Set up a formation around the perimeter. If the beast tries to flee, activate the formation to intercept it!" Holy Maiden Xiyue instructed her maids.

"Yes, Holy Maiden!" responded the maids.

They withdrew, setting up a formation covering a large area, but they didn't activate it yet. Activating it would alert the Time-Space Silver Mouse, making it flee and impossible to capture.

Meanwhile, Ye Tian secretly copied the basic level time talent of the Time-Space Silver Mouse, waiting for Holy Maiden Xiyue's command.

Whoosh!

Holy Maiden Xiyue was the first to charge, battling the mouse. Her pseudo-mystic level speed talent made her much faster than Ye Tian.

"So fast!" Ye Tian's pupils contracted. He couldn't even see Holy Maiden Xiyue's shadow, a testament to her ultimate king-level strength combined with pseudo-mystic level speed talent.

Suddenly, he saw her slow down considerably, as if some force was decelerating her speed.

Ye Tian guessed this was the time deceleration ability, slowing down time around her while elsewhere it remained unchanged, explaining why Holy Maiden Xiyue appeared so slow to him. Still, her speed was much faster than his.

"Ye Tian, use your beast control talent!" Holy Maiden Xiyue telepathically instructed.

Without hesitation, Ye Tian activated his high-level beast control talent.

Boom!

A wave of energy instantly enveloped the Time-Space Silver Mouse. Sensing Ye Tian's high-level beast control talent, the mouse tried to slow down time, but it was still affected due to Holy Maiden Xiyue's interference.

Ye Tian's talent penetrated deep into the soul of the Time-Space Silver Mouse.

"Yaaa~"

The mouse shrieked, obviously in pain.

Seizing this opportunity, Holy Maiden Xiyue swiftly struck the mouse with her sword. The mouse couldn't evade and was hit hard, flying back with severe injuries.

Enraged, the mouse activated its golden fur talent. Its golden fur shot out like needles, covering the surrounding space.

Holy Maiden Xiyue used her pseudo-mystic level talent to withstand these golden needles. Ye Tian, nearby, also activated his pseudo-mystic level defense and bone talents, avoiding injury from the needles.

In a bold move, Holy Maiden Xiyue suddenly embraced the Time-Space Silver Mouse tightly.

Chapter 145: Second-Rate Top-Level Cultivation Secret Art The Azure Energy Secret Art!

"Quick, fully control this ferocious beast!" shouted Holy Maiden Xiyue. This was a rare opportunity, and if the Time-Space Silver Mouse hadn't been injured or its soul impacted, she wouldn't have been able to grasp it under the influence of its time talent.

At that moment, Holy Maiden Xiyue clutched the neck of the Time-Space Silver Mouse, refusing to let go. In terms of strength, the mouse was not very powerful, and its high-level golden fur talent couldn't break through her pseudo-mystic level defense talent, making it impossible for the mouse to shake off Holy Maiden Xiyue.

Ye Tian was stunned by this scene. Holy Maiden Xiyue, a figure of elegance, had cast aside her dignity in a move that seemed desperate. He didn't dwell on this for long, focusing instead on fully activating his high-level beast control talent and influencing the Time-Space Silver Mouse.

The mouse, sensing its life in danger, began to activate its bloodline talent. Its golden fur radiated a terrifying chill, as if channeling the power of time and space.

"Bad news, Ye Tian, get away quickly!" Holy Maiden Xiyue exclaimed in alarm. The mouse, having activated its bloodline power, surged in strength, and its golden fur needles seemed capable of piercing through space. Holy Maiden Xiyue, with her invincible king-level strength and pseudo-mystic level defense talent, bore the brunt of the attack, although she worried about Ye Tian withstanding the power of the needles.

In reality, Ye Tian could have escaped using teleportation, but he chose not to, as the needles couldn't kill him. His top-level healing talent quickly repaired the damage to his body, even healing his punctured organs.

Ye Tian was secretly shocked. The golden fur talent, merely high-level, had become terrifyingly powerful upon the activation of the bloodline power. The mouse's bloodline was daunting, containing a hint of time-space power. Even this faint power was enough to enhance its attack, piercing through Ye Tian's pseudo-mystic level defense talent. His pseudo-mystic level indestructible bone talent protected his bones, but the needles still penetrated his flesh.

Luckily, it was a close call without any serious harm. Soon, the Time-Space Silver Mouse began to lose its will to resist, and Ye Tian extracted its soul light, placing it into a control card he had prepared.

Holy Maiden Xiyue took the control card from Ye Tian and refined it. "It's done!" With the mouse subdued, she began to communicate with it telepathically. Whatever she said, the mouse soon complied, becoming a willing beast pet.

"Eat this," she said, feeding the mouse a medicinal pill, quickly healing its injuries.

Observing the pill, Ye Tian thought about the profession of an alchemist. Like array masters, alchemists required specific talents and were even rarer. They could use various ingredients to create pills with effects far surpassing mass-produced healing liquids. However, Ye Tian didn't plan to learn alchemy. Given the limited time a person has, it's not feasible to delve into everything. His true profession was a warrior, and improving his martial abilities was his priority. He would consider studying alchemy only if he found himself with an abundance of time.

After a while, the Time-Space Silver Mouse had mostly recovered and obediently followed Holy Maiden Xiyue.

"It's time to leave," she said.

"What reward would you like? A second-rate top-level energy cultivation secret art, a top-tier cultivation chamber, money, or some other treasure? Name it, and if I find it reasonable, I can give it to you."

Holy Maiden Xiyue was in high spirits and did not limit what Ye Tian could ask for as a reward. His assistance had been invaluable, and he had even faced a life-threatening situation. If it weren't for Ye Tian's healing talents, the outcome could have been dire. She did not inquire how Ye Tian so easily recovered from his injuries, but she took note of his contribution.

"A third-rate top-level energy cultivation secret art!" Ye Tian declared his desired reward.

"Are you sure you want this?" asked Holy Maiden Xiyue.

"Yes!" Ye Tian replied with certainty.

"Here you go," Holy Maiden Xiyue casually handed over a book. "This is a second-rate top-level energy cultivation secret art I came across by chance, called the Azure Energy Secret Art. It's four times more effective than advanced energy body refining arts."

"Why are you giving me such a valuable second-rate top-level energy cultivation secret art? I only asked for a third-rate one," Ye Tian expressed his surprise.

"The mission almost led to a life-threatening situation; I don't want to owe you anything. Besides, giving away a secret art doesn't really cause me any actual loss," explained Holy Maiden Xiyue.

"Thank you very much!" Ye Tian expressed his gratitude.

"Let's go," said Holy Maiden Xiyue softly.

They left the secret realm and returned to the Zhonghai Super Base. After entering the base, Ye Tian parted ways with them.

Back at home, Ye Tian couldn't help but laugh heartily by himself. The rewards from this venture were immense; it was like picking up treasure for free.

Pseudo-mystic level speed talent, basic level time talent, and a second-rate energy cultivation secret art. "Today is indeed my lucky day," Ye Tian sighed deeply.

Without hesitation, Ye Tian began to integrate the pseudo-mystic level speed talent. Boom! The integration process started and, after ten minutes, his speed talent underwent a transformation.

[Speed Talent: Pseudo-Mystic Level (10%)]

After successful integration, Ye Tian sensed a mystic force within him, the mystic force of speed, which he seemed to have comprehended himself.

"60% in pseudo-mystic defense talent, 10% in pseudo-mystic speed talent; I now possess two types of mystic forces. It's a pity that the pseudo-mystic level indestructible bone talent, pseudo-mystic level strength talent, and pseudo-mystic level bloodthirsty talent haven't resulted in any mystic force comprehension, effectively at 0%. Otherwise, I would have mastered five mystic forces. Well, I'll just copy someone else's pseudo-mystic level talents in the future," Ye Tian muttered to himself.

Next, he began to integrate the long-desired time mystic force.

"Integrate!"

The power of the time talent began to merge with Ye Tian's soul and body, bringing a peculiar and uncomfortable sensation, painful and awkward. This was the influence of the power of time on Ye Tian.

After ten minutes, the integration was complete. Ye Tian gasped for breath, his clothes soaked with sweat.

"Is it done?" He quickly checked his talent status.

Upon seeing the status of his time talent, Ye Tian finally relaxed.

[Time Talent: Basic Level].

Chapter 146: Time Acceleration Cultivation! Terrifying Effect!

Ye Tian was extremely curious about the specific effects of the basic level time talent. He communicated with the time talent mark in his consciousness and quickly learned about its abilities.

The basic level time talent had three abilities: time perception, time acceleration, and time deceleration. Time perception allowed one to sense the flow of time in a location. This might seem trivial, but in areas where time flowed differently, this ability was invaluable. It prevented one from entering an area with a significantly slower passage of time, unwittingly spending days inside while years passed outside.

Time acceleration could speed up time in a specific area. With the basic level time talent, Ye Tian could accelerate time by up to three times. Similarly, he could also decelerate time by three times. If used in combat, slowing down the time in the enemy's area by three times would effectively reduce their thought process, reaction, and speed by the same amount, a truly fearsome prospect.

However, the true value of time acceleration lay in cultivation.

"Accelerating time by three times during cultivation means three days of my training is equivalent to one day for others (damn wtfff). Doesn't that mean my cultivation speed can increase by three times? And with the second-rate top-level energy cultivation secret art, which increases effectiveness by four times, my cultivation speed will skyrocket!"

Elated by this revelation, Ye Tian began studying the Azure Energy Secret Art. After half a day, he fully understood it and commenced his cultivation.

"Time acceleration!"

He activated the 3x time acceleration, but soon noticed a problem. Maintaining the time acceleration consumed his own energy. Without a time array design, he could only use his own energy to sustain the threefold time acceleration.

"Cultivation can replenish energy, but this way, the amplification effect won't reach three times," Ye Tian pondered with a frown.

Moreover, using time acceleration had a drawback: it consumed three times his lifespan. However, this was not a significant issue for Ye Tian, with a lifespan of 800 years and still being young.

He proceeded with cultivating the Azure Energy Secret Art. After a day, he found that his cultivation speed had increased by eightfold in reality. The original 12x effectiveness (3x from time acceleration and 4x from the secret art) was reduced to 8x due to the need to replenish his energy with the spiritual energy of the world.

Even so, an 8x increase in cultivation speed was astonishing.

"Normally, I could increase 45 acupoints in a month. Now, with an 8x increase, that means..."

Ye Tian laughed heartily. In less than a month, he could advance to the ultimate king level, probably becoming the fastest cultivator in the Zhonghai Super Base.

"I'll exit seclusion once I reach the ultimate king level!" he set his short-term goal.

After more than twenty days, Ye Tian concluded his secluded cultivation and deactivated his time acceleration ability.

"My physical strength has reached the ultimate king level with 10,000 elephants, and I can't improve further. My speed has also increased manyfold, and with the pseudo-mystic level speed talent, my speed is now on par with Holy Maiden Xiyue!" Ye Tian mused.

By his calculations, his attack power had reached 7.2 dragon force.

Now, Ye Tian realized there were only two ways to increase his attack power and break the Battle Axe Emperor's record at the king level. The first was to cultivate a gold-level blade technique, which was a difficult task since gold-level techniques were highly secret in the Zhonghai Super Base and beyond his means to acquire, even through trade with powerful individuals in the Loose Cultivators Alliance.

The second method was to copy a pseudo-mystic level strength talent, a somewhat simpler approach. There were definitely possessors of such talent in the Zhonghai Super Base, with the Battle Axe Emperor being one of them. However, the emperor might not be in the base, so copying his talent would depend on luck.

"Copying someone else's talent seems the best approach. Those ranked high on the King's List must have pseudo-mystic level strength talents," Ye Tian speculated.

Thus, over the next few days, Ye Tian began to inquire about the whereabouts of those ranked at the top of the King's List. Five days later, he received news that Qin Zhantian, ranked second on the list, was currently in the War God Tower and had already been there for two days.

Upon hearing this, Ye Tian immediately headed to the War God Tower, blending into the crowd and waiting patiently. He believed Qin Zhantian wouldn't stay in the tower for long, as

he was probably there to comprehend the War God Stele. It was unlikely for someone to stay there indefinitely unless they had an abundance of resources.

As expected, on the fourth day, Qin Zhantian emerged, and Ye Tian, who had been waiting, caught sight of him. His copy talent had just finished its cooldown period and was ready for use again.

Casting his copy talent over Qin Zhantian, he revealed the latter's talent status:

Name: Qin Zhantian

Cultivation Talent: Morning Star Level

Strength Talent: Pseudo-Mystic Level (50%)

Spear Technique Talent: Intermediate

Defense Talent: Pseudo-Mystic Level (20%)

Speed Talent: Pseudo-Mystic Level (10%)

Ye Tian was taken aback by Qin Zhantian's incredible talents. Although his cultivation talent was only Morning Star Level, lower than Holy Maiden Xiyue's Moonlight Level, his other talents were monstrous. He possessed three pseudo-mystic level talents in the fundamental areas of speed, strength, and defense, without a single flaw, and even had an intermediate spear technique talent. If his spear technique had been top-level, he could have broken the Battle Axe Emperor's attack power record.

Ye Tian realized such talent was not innate but rather cultivated, likely at a great cost. Qin Zhantian was a grandson of the founder of the Qin Sect, who was a top-ranked martial Emperor. Despite his ordinary innate talent, he had been nurtured into the second-ranked warrior on the King's List. However, it seemed even the Zhonghai Super Base couldn't enhance a talent above the Morning Star Level.

Fortunate for having the copy talent, Ye Tian could copy any talent, even cultivation talents, an advantage no genius possessed.

"Copy pseudo-mystic level talents, copy defense talent!" Ye Tian copied Qin Zhantian's two talents and then left the War God Tower to return home.

"Integrate pseudo-mystic level strength talent!" he said, full of anticipation.

Soon, the integration was complete.

[Strength Talent: Pseudo-Mystic Level (50%)]

Testing his strength, Ye Tian found that the 50% pseudo-mystic level strength talent increased his power by 40 times.

Chapter 147: Seven-Star King Level! Breaking the Record!

Ye Tian calculated his strongest attack power. His physical strength was the power of 10,000 elephants, which after amplification became the power of 20,000 elephants. His talent for fifty percent pseudo-mystic level strength amplified it by 40 times, and the stacking amplification of Tianji Slash added another 12 times. All together, his attack power reached 9.6 million elephant power, equivalent to 9.6 Dragon Strength!

"Broken!" Ye Tian was thrilled. He had finally broken the strongest attack record left by Emperor Battle Axe at the King level. As long as he went to test at the War God Tower, he could obtain the cumulative rewards.

"Let's copy the pseudo-mystic level defense talent again, maybe I can even break the strongest defense record!" Ye Tian looked forward to it. Thus, he began to merge the two parts of pseudo-mystic level defense talent copied from Qin Zhantian.

Boom!!! The copying began! Ten minutes later, the merging finished, and Ye Tian's defensive talent underwent another change. [Defensive Talent: Pseudo-Mystic (Seventy Percent)]

His defensive talent increased from sixty percent pseudo-mystic level (previously written incorrectly, now corrected) to seventy percent pseudo-mystic level, significantly boosting his defense.

Ye Tian tested it, and his defensive ability was amplified by 60 times. His mere physical defense could withstand 1.2 million elephant power, equivalent to 1.2 Dragon Strength without injury. If he added the pseudo-mystic level Bone Talent, he could probably withstand 1.8 Dragon Strength without injury.

"The pseudo-defense level talent is still a bit short, let's break the strongest attack record first and get some cumulative points. Then go to challenge the War God Tower and break the sixth floor, and get some more cumulative points!" Ye Tian planned so.

Thus, Ye Tian once again arrived at the War God Tower.

"Let's challenge the sixth floor of the War God Tower first!" Ye Tian thought.

Thereupon, his soul once again arrived at the sixth floor of the War God Tower. The black-clad warrior, who seemed incredibly fast to him before, now appeared very slow to him.

"Die!" With just one strike, Ye Tian killed the opponent in a second. He passed the sixth floor! 32 cumulative points in hand!

Outside the War God Tower, Ye Tian's passing of the sixth floor caused his ranking to surge, shooting up to 33rd place. Originally, there were 32 people who had passed the sixth floor, and with Ye Tian, it became 33.

"Good heavens, Ye Tian has passed the sixth floor, advancing to 33rd place, defying the heavens! How long has it been?"

"Incredible, how strong is Ye Tian's talent, he must not have opened many acupoints before, so each increase in an acupoint greatly boosts his strength. This time he must have had a huge increase in cultivation, and his strength surged a lot, allowing him to pass the sixth floor!"

"Does that mean he had just broken through to the King level when he challenged the War God Tower before?"

"Probably so, he is a true monster!"

"Do you think he can pass the seventh floor? In our Zhonghai Base, there are only six geniuses who have passed the seventh floor, maybe he will be the seventh!"

"Pass the seventh floor? Are you kidding? Absolutely impossible!"

While these people were arguing and discussing, Ye Tian arrived at the seventh floor. On the seventh floor, Ye Tian was fighting with the black-clad warrior. The warrior's speed was not inferior to Ye Tian, but his strength was far less. Ye Tian's attack power had broken Emperor Battle Axe's record, who could compare with his attack power?

Therefore, the black-clad warrior was quickly slain by Ye Tian. Passing the seventh floor, 64 cumulative points in hand! At this moment...

Ye Tian faced a dilemma: whether to challenge the eighth floor of the War God Tower or not. He was confident he could pass it, especially with his spatial and temporal talents, but doing so would undoubtedly cause a major upheaval in the Zhonghai Super Base.

"Never mind, better to keep a low profile. If I had a strong backing, I would definitely challenge the eighth floor, but there's no need now. I'm not too eager for the War God Stele; it's just for comprehending sword intent. And right now, I don't have a golden-level sword technique, so there's no need to rush to perfect my sword intent." Thinking this, Ye Tian temporarily abandoned the idea of challenging the eighth floor.

Just after leaving the virtual world, Ye Tian checked his cumulative points and was surprised to find that they had reached 198. "How did this happen? Didn't I only earn 98 points for passing the fifth and sixth floors? Why is it now 198 points?" he wondered.

"Ling, why do I have 198 cumulative points?" Ye Tian asked his spiritual AI, Ling.

Ling replied truthfully, "The War God Tower detected that you broke the strongest attack record and automatically updated the record, awarding you an additional 100 points."

"So that's it!" Ye Tian realized.

He then opened the strongest attack record, and indeed, it had been updated with his name. [King Level Strongest Attack Record: 9.6 Dragon Strength, Record Holder: Ye Tian] Seeing this record, Ye Tian felt very satisfied.

Meanwhile, the outside world was boiling over Ye Tian's feat of passing the seventh floor, ranking seventh on the King Level List. In an instant, all major powers learned of Ye Tian's achievements. Many powers wanted to recruit him, some even wanting to force him to join them, but several emperors of the Loose Cultivator Alliance intervened, warning them not to make any moves.

"Are you kidding? It's not easy for a seven-star king-level genius to emerge among the loose cultivators, and with such rapid cultivation progress, he might even have a Moonlight-level talent. The first seven-star king-level of our alliance is only at the Morning Star level and can't step into the emperor level, not really helping the alliance's influence. But Ye Tian could possibly lead the Loose Cultivator Alliance to gain more influence," they thought.

So, they wanted to tie Ye Tian to the Loose Cultivator Alliance's side and wouldn't allow other powers to snatch him away.

At the Moon God Sect, Holy Maiden Xiyue was playing with a space-time silver mouse when a maid hurried over.

"Holy Maiden, there's big news!" the maid said urgently.

"What's the big news?" Xiyue frowned.

"Look at this," the maid handed over a piece of intelligence to Xiyue. The Holy Maiden was shocked upon reading it, "This can't be. We just met Ye Tian a month ago. His strength wasn't even comparable to mine. How could he have reached seven-star king-level power? I've only just stepped into six-star king-level!"

"Miss, what if Ye Tian hid his true strength? Maybe he let the space-time silver mouse injure him to gain your sympathy," suggested the maid.

Xiyue pondered, finding it possible. But then she smiled, "We haven't lost anything. Besides, using a second-tier top strength cultivation secret technique to ask for the help of a seven-star king-level expert, could anyone else do that?"

"No seven-star king-level genius would care for a mere second-tier top strength cultivation secret technique; they mostly have first-tier top ones," the maid shook her head.

"Exactly, but Ye Tian is a genuine seven-star king-level. Even if he just reached it, we're not at a loss! Even if he did it for sympathy, being connected with such a genius only benefits us. Don't complain!" Xiyue said.

"I understand, Holy Maiden," the maid nodded.

However, what the maid didn't see was the envy in the depths of Xiyue's heart. A seven-star king-level talent! Even the Moon God Sect couldn't cultivate her to that level; getting her to six-star king-level had already drained a lot of resources.

"But I have the space-time silver mouse, a beast with the highest spatial and temporal talents. With proper nurturing, it will definitely be my greatest aid!" With this thought, Xiyue no longer envied Ye Tian. Little did she know that Ye Tian also possessed the supreme spatial and temporal talents, which would have only deepened her envy and possibly even led to jealousy.

Chapter 148: The Secrets of the King Level!

In a tower within the Zhonghai Super Base, Wang Yan stared at the newly received information, utterly stunned. This was the fifth time she had received news about Ye Tian, each time more shocking than the last. Not long ago, Ye Tian was ranked 62nd on the King's List, which she could hardly believe, attributing it to his strong talent. Yet now, in such a short time, Ye Tian had achieved seven-star king-level combat power, completely beyond her expectations.

Even now, she doubted the authenticity of this information, but after several inquiries, she finally confirmed its truth. "Seven-star king-level, huh? That opportunity suits him perfectly. It's useless for me. Ye Tian is an outsider here in the Zhonghai Super Base with no significant backing. He definitely can't get that opportunity on his own. If I give it to him, it'll be a huge favor!" Wang Yan muttered to herself.

"Once Ye Tian comes out of the War God Tower, I'll go find him!" she decided firmly.

In the War God Tower, after Ye Tian passed the seventh floor, Ling, the AI, said to him, "Ye Tian, you've passed the seventh floor. Anyone who passes the sixth floor of the War God Tower can become an official member, enjoying privileges not available to ordinary kings."

"Official member?" Ye Tian was curious. "What kind of privileges?"

Ling explained, "Due to the damage to the War God Tower, many functions are lost. Currently, there are only two privileges – the War God Ring and member cumulative points. The War God Ring is a special artifact that allows one to enter a virtual world for combat training, refining battle skills, and even testing one's attack power, speed, defense, etc. As long as you are within a hundred thousand kilometers of the War God Tower, you can use the War God Ring. Member cumulative points are a benefit for official members; you can collect one point each month, which can be accumulated!"

"Really?" Ye Tian was surprised. The War God Ring was incredibly convenient, allowing instant access to a virtual world for combat and testing abilities. And the monthly cumulative point was also a great perk – accumulating 12 points in a year, which could be used for contemplating in front of the War God Stele. Who wouldn't want such extra rewards?

Ye Tian also learned from Ling that the War God Tower was damaged; the seemingly normal tower was actually incomplete. If it were complete, the benefits for official members would be even greater.

"If the War God Tower were complete, wouldn't the benefits for official members be even better?" Ye Tian imagined. But getting such benefits now was already good enough; being too greedy wouldn't be right.

"Ling, I want to enter the War God Stele space!" Ye Tian said.

After being transported into the War God Stele space, Ye Tian began contemplating sword intent. A month passed in the blink of an eye. One day, Ye Tian opened his eyes, "It's too hard. A month ago, my sword intent was at 70%, but now it's only at 75%. It seems I might barely reach 80% after using all my cumulative points."

He decided not to continue and left the space. This time, he not only wanted to copy two good talents but also to find a golden-level sword technique; otherwise, his high level of sword intent would be wasted.

Leaving the War God Tower, Ye Tian headed home. Along the way, he used his talent copying ability to scan the talents of those around him but didn't see any particularly good talents.

Returning home, Ye Tian was preparing to make something delicious to eat when suddenly someone came to visit. Surprised, he saw Wang Yan standing outside his villa.

"May I come in?" Wang Yan asked.

"Please!" Ye Tian quickly invited her in. He was grateful to Wang Yan, who had given him the Turtle Breathing Technique, saving him a lot of trouble at the beginning and providing some introduction to the Zhonghai Super Base, which, although not very valuable, helped him understand the base more quickly.

Ye Tian was impressed by Wang Yan's gesture.

"Ye Tian, you've really surprised me. In such a short time, you've gained seven-star king-level strength. I thought it was a fake message when I first heard it!" Wang Yan said with a smile.

"It's just a bit of talent," Ye Tian replied modestly.

"It's not just a bit, it's a lot!" Wang Yan said with a laugh, yet her tone didn't show too much awe towards Ye Tian's seven-star king-level status. A typical king-level would have trembled in front of Ye Tian, but she spoke quite casually.

"Wang Yan, do you know why there are so many kings on the King's List? Many of them have reached the pinnacle of the king level, including those with Morning Star-level cultivation talents. Such talents, especially those who have forged a perfect foundation, could easily enter the saint level, but they remain at the king level. Do you know why?" Wang Yan suddenly asked.

Ye Tian fell silent for a few seconds, then shook his head: "I don't know!"

He had thought about this question but hadn't pondered it deeply. Now, it seemed like a significant issue. For example, Holy Maiden Xiyue had been famous for a long time and had a Moonlight-level cultivation talent. It should be easy for her to break through to the saint level, but she remained at the king level, which was strange.

"There are a few reasons," Wang Yan explained. "One is the issue of talent quantity. Even those who have forged a perfect foundation find it hard to add more talents through artifacts once they enter the saint level. For example, geniuses who lack speed talents might want to use artifacts to add such talents. True geniuses want to fill their talent gaps before entering the

saint level, ideally having all three basic talents, but artifacts that add talents are rare, and most only add low-level or mid-level talents, which many geniuses don't value."

"The second reason is the comprehension of mysteries. You must have comprehended mysteries, so I don't know how many you've mastered, but even if a genius has comprehended mysteries, most of their talents are only at the pseudo-mystic level and hardly reach the true mystery level. Once they have a mystic-level talent, they can control the power of laws. Such mysteries are called law mysteries, and their power is far beyond what pseudo-mystic talents can compare to. It is said that when one ascends from the king level to the saint level, the soul undergoes a transformation, and the comprehension ability at that time increases many times. If one can contemplate a pseudo-mystic talent to the seven-point realm, they can use the breakthrough moment to comprehend all the way to a true mystic-level talent. So, true geniuses want to comprehend their pseudo-mystic talents to the seven-point realm before ascending, and that's why they stay at the king level."

Ye Tian had a moment of realization. This secret might be common knowledge among the top echelons of the Zhonghai Super Base and some top geniuses, but it hadn't spread outside, and ordinary kings were unaware of it. With no background, no one had told Ye Tian about it.

"Why are you telling me all this?" Ye Tian asked, puzzled.

Wang Yan smiled, "Ye Tian, when I first saw you, I thought you were the disciple of some old monster, but then I realized you weren't because you knew so little. If you were truly taken as a disciple by an old monster, they would have taught you this knowledge. When you quickly rose to be a strong contender on the King's List, I was even more certain you weren't someone's disciple, because your talent is too high. If you were, they would have done everything to help you step into the saint level and wouldn't dare let you leave just after reaching the king level. At this stage, without guidance, it's easy to go astray. For example, what I just told you, if you didn't know, you might recklessly rush into the saint level and miss the chance to elevate your talents to the mystery level. You don't have much background or opportunity, so I can invest in you. Now there's a great opportunity I think you need. Would you be willing to let me invest in your opportunity?"

Chapter 149: Ancient Civilization Relic!

"Invest?" Ye Tian looked at Wang Yan in surprise, not expecting this proposition from her. And Wang Yan guessed correctly - he indeed hadn't been taken as a disciple by any old monster and had no significant background. His only advantage was his high talent, which in this era was the most crucial, more important than any legacy.

But high talent didn't mean he didn't need opportunities, knowledge, or guidance. If Ye Tian hadn't received the cultivation insights from Typhoon King, he wouldn't have attempted to forge a perfect foundation, nor would he have been able to copy someone else's pseudo-mystic level talents. Without a perfect foundation, it would be difficult for him to break through the 100 times amplification limit.

Copying talents wasn't omnipotent; it couldn't help him break the 100 times amplification limit. Only those with a perfect foundation could achieve this breakthrough. Therefore, seizing any chance for such opportunities was essential.

"What do you want to invest in me?" Ye Tian asked directly.

"An ancient civilization relic similar to the War God Tower. I have a quota for it, but I know my strength is not enough. If I go in, I might not only fail to get the treasures but also possibly lose my life. Many geniuses from large forces want this quota, but I haven't given it to anyone. I want to give this quota to you. The only requirement is that you bring back an item that can refine spiritual power," Wang Yan revealed her intention.

"Ancient civilization relic?" Ye Tian was surprised and asked, "What is an ancient civilization relic?"

Wang Yan wasn't surprised that Ye Tian didn't know about ancient civilization relics. Even in the Zhonghai Super Base, only the core disciples of the top powers knew this secret.

"The War God Tower is a treasure left by an ancient civilization," Wang Yan explained. "You can understand ancient civilization relics as relics left from a very long time ago, possibly tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, or even more years ago."

"There were civilizations before humanity?" Ye Tian was shocked. He had also wondered how such a groundbreaking treasure like the War God Tower came into existence, and now he understood. The War God Tower was a treasure from an ancient civilization, dating back to a very long time ago. The civilization that owned the War God Tower must have been incredibly advanced and powerful.

"What happened to those ancient civilizations?" Ye Tian asked.

"Perhaps they perished, or maybe they left Earth. Who knows?" Wang Yan shrugged, indicating her own ignorance.

Ye Tian didn't press further on this topic, and Wang Yan continued to talk about the ancient civilization relic: "The relic is a temple, and within the temple is a space containing many treasures, including items that can increase talents and even condense spiritual power into divine consciousness. The Zhonghai Super Base's ability to produce so many high-talented individuals relies on these treasures; otherwise, the base's strength and talent level would drop by one or two grades."

"Are there any sword techniques inside?" Ye Tian asked casually.

Expecting a negative answer, Ye Tian was surprised when Wang Yan confidently said, "Yes. Most of the strength manuals, sword techniques, spear techniques, etc., in the Zhonghai Super Base are not created by martial artists but brought out from such relics. There are indeed sword techniques in that temple, even golden-level sword techniques, but they are very hard to obtain."

"Even golden-level sword techniques?" Ye Tian repeated, his interest piqued.

Ye Tian was genuinely tempted by the offer. He was very eager to acquire a golden-level sword technique, knowing that possessing one would significantly boost his strength.

"Are you really willing to give this opportunity to me?" he asked. Although he wasn't sure how many quotas there were for entering the temple, he understood that each quota was extremely precious.

"Of course!" Wang Yan confirmed confidently. "I believe in your strength, and this is an equal exchange, which is what your Loose Cultivator Alliance always pursues, right? I give you the quota, you enter the temple, and if you can bring out an item that refines spiritual power, you give me one. It's a fair trade. My cultivation talent is only extraordinary, and relying on my talent to refine spiritual power is out of the question; it's too slow. To step into the saint level, one must refine their spiritual power into divine consciousness. I can only rely on external items to refine my spiritual power and advance to the saint level. My chances of success are quite high, at least 50-60%. But items that can refine spiritual power are very rare. Even as a descendant of a saint-level figure in the Battle Axe Mercenary Hall, I can't get one, and the only hope is from the relics."

"Alright, I agree!" Ye Tian accepted the offer. Why wouldn't he agree to something that was beneficial for both parties?

He then received more information about the temple from Wang Yan. What caught Ye Tian's attention was that warriors from another super base also had quotas to enter the relic. This super base, called the Long River Base, was established near the Yangtze River. The warriors from Long River Base fought daily with the fierce beasts in the Yangtze River, and with two five-star level spatial rifts nearby, they were less populous but stronger in combat compared to the Zhonghai Super Base, as their warriors were constantly battling fierce beasts.

Wang Yan warned him at the end, "Be careful of other warriors. In the temple space, for the sake of treasures, even people you know might turn on you, let alone strangers."

Ye Tian nodded; he was well aware of this. Selfishness and greed were part of human nature. True noble warriors were rare and not suited to survive in this era. The law of the jungle prevailed: the strong survived, and the weak were eliminated.

Even with Wang Yan, Ye Tian maintained a certain level of vigilance. As she left, she gave him a token, one of the keys to enter the temple. The temple had a total of 365 keys, of which the Zhonghai Super Base only possessed 108. Given the many top forces in the Zhonghai Super Base and only 108 keys to enter the temple, the quotas were extremely precious. Ye Tian would never have obtained this key if it weren't for Wang Yan's investment in him.

"The temple opens once every ten years, and there are two months left. What Wang Yan didn't mention is that the top fighters on the King's List who remain at the king level are probably also waiting for this chance at the temple relic," Ye Tian speculated.

Knowing this, he decided not to rush into the saint level. He could easily advance to the saint level, but learning about the significant boost in comprehension during the breakthrough changed his mind. Though he could copy others' talents, mystic-level talents were exceedingly rare; he hadn't seen any so far, not even in Water Thousand Moon, ranked eighth on the Saint's List.

His defensive talent had already reached the level of seventy percent pseudo-mystic. During his breakthrough to the saint level, he could contemplate it into a true mystic-level talent. He aimed to acquire more mystic-level talents.

"Next, my goal is to copy a pseudo-mystic level talent to the realm of seventy percent pseudo-mystic level," Ye Tian set another small goal for himself.

Chapter 150: Xiao Xue Awakens, Slightly Arrogant!

For two months, Ye Tian couldn't enhance his cultivation level any further. He had already reached the peak of the King level, and the next step was the Saint level.

Unable to break through to the Saint level and unable to enhance his cultivation, he had no choice but to improve in other areas.

Such as blade intent, or by copying other talents.

In the next two days, Ye Tian frequented various divisions of the Loose Cultivators Alliance and numerous Battle Axe Mercenary Halls, in an attempt to find exceptional talents.

Finally, he succeeded!

In the San Shan Area, at a Battle Axe Mercenary Hall.

Ye Tian discreetly observed a seventy-year-old martial artist. This man had the appearance of a monkey with a sharp mouth and thin cheeks, and a blood-red eye in the center of his forehead, a member of the Tri-eyed Human Race.

His appearance was quite strange, and his cultivation level wasn't high, merely at the level of a Grandmaster.

However, his talent caught Ye Tian's attention.

Tri-eyed Human Race: Gu Tong

Cultivation Talent: Extraordinary

Speed Talent: Beginner

Disguise Talent: Advanced

This Tri-eyed Human named Gu Tong, although only having an extraordinary level of cultivation talent, possessed a talent for disguise.

“This person has extraordinary talent; he can't possibly be just a Grandmaster at the age of seventy. His actual age must be quite young. Could it be that he used his disguise talent to appear as an old man?” Ye Tian was greatly surprised.

Upon closer inspection, the man did indeed appear to be an old man in every aspect, whether it was skin, eyes, or even the aura of life, all matched that of an elderly person, leaving no clue to the contrary.

Had it not been for his ability to copy talents, Ye Tian wouldn't have suspected that the man was actually young.

“The talent for disguise, this is a really good talent. In two months, when I enter the temple, I might be able to use this disguise talent to transform into another person. That way, even if I offend someone inside, they won't know my real identity.” Ye Tian was secretly thrilled.

Thus, he stealthily copied Gu Tong's disguise talent.

Afterwards, he visited some other places, approaching the headquarters of some major forces, but since he couldn't enter, and his talent copying couldn't cover a wide range, he was unable to copy the talents of core members of those major forces.

In the end, not wanting to waste more time, Ye Tian randomly copied a top-tier shadow talent.

Originally, he also had a shadow talent, but it was only basic. Now that he had copied a top-tier shadow talent, it was a decent gain.

Returning home, Ye Tian then merged the top-tier shadow talent with the advanced disguise talent.

At this moment.

Ye Tian discovered that the advanced disguise talent wasn't as simple as he thought; it allowed him to disguise himself as other creatures.

“I can even disguise myself as a ferocious beast!”

Ye Tian was genuinely astonished.

He had thought that the disguise talent was just a simple human face swap, but after touching the mark of the disguise talent, he realized the magical aspects of the disguise talent.

However, the advanced disguise talent couldn't disguise him as any beast, only humanoid beasts like monkeys.

Meanwhile, the disguise talent could also transform him into a woman, even perfectly mimicking a woman's voice.

But the thought of disguising himself as a woman made Ye Tian feel too awkward, and he quickly dismissed the idea.

Arriving at the War God Tower.

Ye Tian prepared to start a closed-door meditation to comprehend blade intent. There was no use in holding onto his points, so he planned to use them all to comprehend blade intent. If he could raise his understanding of blade intent, it would be of great use should he obtain a golden-level blade technique in the temple space.

In the War God Stele space.

Ye Tian began to comprehend blade intent. As days passed, his realm of blade intent steadily improved.

77% Blade Intent!

77% Blade Intent!

78% Blade Intent!

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Unbeknownst to him, Ye Tian had already been in seclusion for nearly two months. He only left once, following a Saint-level practitioner. After that Saint-level practitioner left the War God Stele space, Ye Tian followed suit. The moment he left the War God Tower, he copied Pseudo-Mystic strength talent from him, enhancing his own Pseudo-Mystic strength talent to 60%. Additionally, he copied a single-layer Pseudo-Mystic speed talent from the same individual, elevating his own speed talent to 20%, reaping considerable rewards.

Aside from this, he had been continuously staying in the War God Stele space, comprehending blade intent.

"Phew~"

Ye Tian opened his eyes, filled with joy.

"I've done it, 80% Blade Intent!" he thought to himself.

However, he had cheated. Indeed, he had secretly activated a time acceleration talent, but only covered himself with it, keeping others unaware of his use of the time talent. Under the thrice-accelerated time, he had effectively meditated for six months, which allowed him to comprehend the Eight-layer realm of blade intent. This kind of cheating was something only he could do, as others didn't possess the capability of time acceleration. Although maintaining this ability consumed a significant amount of his energy stones, it was well worth it.

"It seems the War God Tower isn't omnipotent. It didn't stop me from using time acceleration; probably it didn't detect it!" Ye Tian speculated.

With the Eight-layer Blade Intent achieved, and the Ancient Civilization Relic Temple about to open, he decided not to linger any longer.

"It's time to leave!" he thought as he left the War God Stele space and headed home.

Upon arrival, he was surprised to find that his pet, Xiao Xue, had awakened.

"Xiao Xue, you're finally awake. You've been asleep for so many months!" Ye Tian said, patting Xiao Xue's head.

"Master, I've found something new in my mind," Xiao Xue excitedly said.

"What is it?" Ye Tian asked nervously, concerned about his beast companion.

"It seems like a legacy. I had a simple one when I was born, but now there are cultivation methods and something about comprehending mysteries," Xiao Xue casually remarked.

"What!" Ye Tian's eyes widened in disbelief, staring intently at Xiao Xue.

He soon understood. It was the legacy of the War Blood Sky Dragon race, which awakened in stages to ensure steady progress in cultivation. Unfortunately, the War Blood Sky Dragon race's secrecy was so strict that even Xiao Xue could only comprehend it by itself, unable to share it due to something akin to a vow.

With no other choice, Ye Tian could only encourage Xiao Xue to cultivate diligently. After all, once Xiao Xue comprehended any mysteries, he could just copy them, so there was no envy.

"Xiao Xue, you're going to be my mobile mystery treasury!" Ye Tian thought, looking at Xiao Xue.

Poor Xiao Xue had no idea that its shameless master viewed it as a treasure trove; otherwise, it would surely have complaints.

"Xiao Xue, I'm planning to go out for a while. You stay in my advanced cultivation room and cultivate. Your current strength is too weak; I could crush you with just a finger," Ye Tian taunted Xiao Xue.

"Hmph, master, wait until you come back, I'll definitely be stronger than you!" Xiao Xue retorted, feeling somewhat inflated after receiving the powerful dragon race legacy.

Little did it know that no matter how strong it became, it could never surpass Ye Tian. After all, Ye Tian could copy all its talents, making any comparison futile.