Your Talent is Mine

Chapter 19: The Girl with High-Level Talent

At one of the entrances to the black market, Ye Tian looked at the two Martial Warrior guards at the gate and walked straight in. The guards scrutinized Ye Tian and found him somewhat unfamiliar, but sensing the aura of a Martial Warrior on him, they didn't stop him.

Entering through the gate, a stone staircase led downward. Soon, Ye Tian arrived at the actual underground black market. The area was vast, at least as large as a big square, with many shops and numerous Martial Warriors walking around.

Ye Tian found a shop that purchased fierce beast materials. He sold the materials he had gathered from his hunts, making a total of 200,000 yuan (Chinese currency)—a modest gain.

"The Martial Pavilion!" Ye Tian arrived at the entrance of this shop and carefully examined it. Judging by its size and scale, this shop was undoubtedly the largest in the black market.

Upon entering the Martial Pavilion, a female apprentice clerk approached Ye Tian and respectfully said, "Honored Martial Warrior, may I assist you with any purchases? Our Martial Pavilion sells a variety of items; you can find most things here."

"Do you have cultivation manuals for Martial Warriors?" Ye Tian asked.

The female clerk smiled and said, "Are you referring to Elemental Body Cultivation Methods? We only have low-level ones here. For higher-level methods, you'd have to go to a larger base."

Elemental Body Cultivation Methods! This was the first time Ye Tian had heard this term. It wasn't his fault for being unaware; the higher-ups at Linhai Base had strict control over information related to Martial Warriors. Apprentices and ordinary people had limited access to such knowledge.

"Do you have a list of items? I'd like to take a look before making a purchase," Ye Tian thought for a moment and said.

"Yes, we do," the female clerk nodded and quickly fetched an item list.

The list contained many items, including Elemental Body Cultivation Methods, beast blood, healing potions, weapons, secret techniques, and various rare treasures. Some of the precious items were worth millions of yuan.

Initially, Ye Tian thought he was wealthy, but after seeing these items, he realized his money wasn't that much after all. It was barely enough to support his cultivation at the Martial Warrior level.

"I'll take one low-level Elemental Body Cultivation Method, one Martial Warrior information guide, three portions of mid-level beast blood, one beast atlas, and three bottles of Clear Origin Liquid," Ye Tian listed.

The female clerk calculated, "A low-level Elemental Body Cultivation Method is 50,000 yuan, he Martial Warrior information guide is 10,000 yuan, three portions of mid-level beast blood are 500,000 yuan, the beast atlas is 20,000 yuan, and three bottles of Clear Origin Liquid are 1,000,000 yuan. The total is 1,580,000 yuan."

Spending 1,580,000 yuan all at once made even Ye Tian wince a bit. Fortunately, he had inherited the wealth of Shadow Li, so he could afford such a purchase.

After paying, Ye Tian collected his items. Just as he was about to leave, the female clerk spoke, "Honored Martial Warrior, our Martial Pavilion manager would like to meet you. Do you have time?"

"The manager of the Martial Pavilion wants to see me?" Ye Tian frowned slightly, somewhat reluctant, but after thinking it over, he decided it would be better to meet.

He was also curious about what the manager of the Martial Pavilion wanted with him.

Led by the female clerk, Ye Tian arrived at the second floor of the Martial Pavilion. Here, he met the manager of the Martial Pavilion.

"A girl!" Ye Tian was somewhat surprised.

He had initially thought that the manager of the Martial Pavilion would be a middle-aged man or an old man. He hadn't expected it to be a young girl, who looked to be no more than eighteen or nineteen years old.

Subconsciously, Ye Tian checked the manager's talent status. The moment he saw it, he was utterly shocked.

Human: Yue Ling

Cultivation Talent: High-level

Swordsmanship Talent: Mid-level

Speed Talent: Low-level

A genius! A true genius!

This was the first real genius Ye Tian had encountered since his arrival in this world. Compared to Yue Ling, people like Mo Shao Bei were simply insignificant.

"She has high-level cultivation talent, mid-level swordsmanship talent, and low-level speed talent. Given her age and background, she must already be an Elite Martial Warrior," Ye Tian thought.

Immediately, he became excited. He wasn't too concerned about the mid-level swordsmanship talent, as he already had mid-level blade talent. Even if he copied the swordsmanship talent, it wouldn't significantly improve his abilities. However, he wanted to copy both the low-level speed talent and the high-level cultivation talent.

His copy ability could be used again, but he could only copy one talent at the moment. Although the low-level speed talent was useful, it wasn't as crucial as the high-level cultivation talent. Especially since he might not have another opportunity to encounter Yue Ling.

So, Ye Tian extended his right hand with an innocent smile, "Hello, my name is Ye Tian."

Yue Ling hesitated a bit but still extended her jade-like right hand to lightly shake Ye Tian's, immediately pulling it back afterward. What Yue Ling didn't know was that the moment Ye Tian touched her hand, he had copied her high-level cultivation talent.

"Success!" Ye Tian was overjoyed, his heart practically bursting with happiness.

"Hello, I am Yue Ling, the manager of the Martial Pavilion," Yue Ling introduced herself and then signaled the female clerk to leave with a glance.

"Manager Yue, what did you want to see me about?" Ye Tian got straight to the point.

Yue Ling sat down, looked intently at Ye Tian, and asked, "Ye Tian, you've just advanced to the level of a Martial Warrior, haven't you? Do you know the background of our Martial Pavilion?"

"I have indeed just advanced to the level of a Martial Warrior. As for the Martial Pavilion's background, I'm not sure, but I assume it's a major force in Linhai Base," Ye Tian said.

"No!" Yue Ling shook her head. "The Martial Pavilion is not a force from Linhai Base. Although Linhai Base is a minor power and has limited contact with other bases, some larger bases have established branches here due to Linhai Base's unique geographical location. These larger bases are concerned about any incidents occurring in Linhai Base. For them, Linhai Base serves as a gateway, so even if Linhai Base is weak, they will station people here. The Martial Pavilion comes from one of those larger bases." "From a larger base!" Ye Tian showed a look of understanding. No wonder the Martial Pavilion could sell so many treasures. He had already guessed Yue Ling's identity; she must come from a larger base and hold a very noble status. But what was Yue Ling doing in Linhai Base? This was just a small base, after all.

"Manager Yue called me here because...?" Ye Tian asked, increasingly puzzled.

"Would you like to join the Martial Pavilion? I see that you're at most sixteen or seventeen years old and have already advanced to the level of a Martial Warrior. More importantly, you're not from one of the major families in Linhai Base, which makes you even more valuable. Therefore, I would like to invite you to join the Martial Pavilion," Yue Ling candidly said.

"Manager Yue, I don't wish to join any forces for the time being," Ye Tian immediately refused without giving it a second thought.

Chapter 20: Cultivating the Elemental Body Technique

Joining the Martial Pavilion would bring him only disadvantages, not benefits. If Ye Tian only had mid-level or high-level cultivation talent, he would definitely join the Martial Pavilion. The organization had vast resources and could offer him the best cultivation environment. However, his ability to continuously improve his talents might make him the most talented person on Earth.

Joining the Martial Pavilion would inevitably involve talent testing. How would he explain his continuously improving talents in the future? Would he keep claiming that he had obtained a treasure that could enhance his talents? Such an excuse might work once, but not repeatedly. Even if the Martial Pavilion valued him highly, they would become suspicious of his secrets, and his talent-copying ability would be exposed.

Ye Tian was well aware of his situation. He wouldn't join any organization, as that would only bring trouble. However, he could consider establishing his own force in the future.

"You actually refused!" Yue Ling was shocked. "Do you know how massive the Martial Pavilion is? Any individual we dispatch could easily annihilate the entire Linhai Base."

She couldn't understand why Ye Tian would pass up such a golden opportunity. Even in larger bases, countless geniuses wanted to join the Martial Pavilion but had no chance.

"I really don't want to join any forces," Ye Tian reiterated.

"Fine, then," Yue Ling finally gave up on persuading him to join the Martial Pavilion.

After a brief conversation, Ye Tian left. Once he was gone, an old man walked in from the next room.

"Young lady, why did you invite a Martial Warrior from a small base? Even if he's young, how talented can someone from Linhai Base be? At most, he would have mid-level cultivation talent, which doesn't count as genius in a large base unless he has some special talents," the old man asked, puzzled.

"It's nothing. I just thought it would be nice to recruit such a young Martial Warrior from a place like Linhai Base. I initially planned to take him on as an attendant, but since he's not even willing to join the Martial Pavilion, he obviously wouldn't want to become my attendant," Yue Ling said indifferently.

To Yue Ling and the old man, Ye Tian was an insignificant individual. However, for Ye Tian, this encounter was a small but significant opportunity. He was destined to stay in Linhai Base for a long time and had thought it would be a while before he could copy high-level cultivation talent. Now, he had met a genius from a large base and successfully copied her high-level cultivation talent.

Originally, Ye Tian thought it would take him quite some time to advance to the level of an Elite Martial Warrior. But now that he had high-level cultivation talent, he felt that he could reach that level in just one or two years.

Back at home, Ye Tian was alone as Ye Yu had gone to school. Without any hesitation, he began the fusion process.

Boom!

A long-absent intense pain surged into his mind, as if his entire body was being torn apart.

Ten minutes passed.

Ye Tian felt a sudden relief throughout his body and let out a long sigh.

With a thought, he checked his talent status.

Human: Ye Tian

The information that followed would reveal the fruits of his labor, the newly acquired high-level cultivation talent.

Cultivation Talent: High-level

Speed Talent: Low-level

Blade Talent: Mid-level

Shadow Talent: Low-level

"My high-level cultivation talent is a combination of my original mid-level cultivation talent and Yue Ling's high-level cultivation talent. In terms of talent, I'm even stronger than Yue Ling," Ye Tian thought to himself.

He then took out the Elemental Body Technique manual and studied it carefully, along with the Martial Warrior information he had. After a while, Ye Tian gained a general understanding of Martial Warrior cultivation.

In fact, the body cultivation technique for Martial Disciples is called the Basic Body Technique. For Martial Warriors, the body is the foundation of everything. The Elemental Body Technique for Martial Warriors differs from the Basic Body Technique. The latter focuses on unlocking the body's potential, while the former involves absorbing elemental energy from the environment and storing it in the dantian. This energy then helps in refining the body.

In the early stage, Martial Warriors refined their skin; in the middle stage, they refined their muscles; and in the late stage, they refined their bones. Once all these stages are completed, one would be at the peak of the Martial Warrior realm, possessing immense strength.

"According to the Martial Warrior information, 10,000 jin (catties) is the limit for Martial Warriors, and 100,000 jin is the limit for Elite Martial Warriors. The limit for Grand Martial Warriors wasn't mentioned, but even 100,000 jin is terrifying!" Ye Tian gasped.

It was only now that he truly understood the strength of Martial Warriors, which was far beyond his imagination. He was still very weak, possessing only a little over a thousand jin of strength. He hadn't even started practicing the Elemental Body Technique and didn't have elemental energy yet, so he couldn't be considered a true beginner Martial Warrior.

"Time to start cultivating!"

Following the nine movements described in the Elemental Body Technique, Ye Tian began to absorb elemental energy from the environment.

Boom!

Streams of elemental energy flowed into his body through his pores, transforming into strands of elemental force that entered his dantian under the guidance of the Elemental Body Technique. Then, the elemental force spread to his skin, beginning the process of refining it.

Immediately, a tingling sensation spread across his skin, accompanied by a slight pain. Ye Tian knew this was the process of refining his skin, which needed to be incredibly strong to withstand weapons.

While refining his skin, Ye Tian could clearly feel his strength increasing, much more noticeably than when he was a Martial Disciple.

"People with poor talents find it difficult to absorb elemental energy even after becoming Martial Warriors. For example, those with basic cultivation talent can only absorb a strand of elemental energy after a long time, advancing at a snail's pace. Those with low-level cultivation talent are even more unable to absorb elemental energy, losing their path forward after becoming Martial Warriors. Even using mid-level beast blood doesn't help them. But with my high-level cultivation talent, I can absorb so much elemental energy. The difference in talent is too obvious," Ye Tian thought as he cultivated.

After a while, Ye Tian tried using mid-level beast blood to assist in his cultivation. The blood contained powerful energy that could better refine his skin and muscles, making the cultivation process much faster than practicing the Elemental Body Technique alone. And with his high-level cultivation talent, his absorption of mid-level beast blood was far superior to those with mid-level cultivation talent.

He quickly tested it out.

"A threefold increase in cultivation speed; this is quite good!" Ye Tian said, very satisfied.