Your Talent is Mine

Chapter 23: Yue Ling's Gift

"I'm not dead?"

Yue Ling slowly regained consciousness from her stupor, her first thought filled with confusion. Given the circumstances, she had been almost certain of her demise. Yet, here she was, conscious, which meant someone had saved her.

"Could any of my guards have survived?" Yue Ling wondered subconsciously.

But she immediately dismissed the idea. Facing a top-tier beast, it was impossible for her guards to have survived.

Opening her eyes, she found her surroundings somewhat dark, but her keen senses told her someone was nearby.

"You're awake," a somewhat youthful voice said.

Although she couldn't see the person's face, Yue Ling recognized the voice. "Ye Tian, did you save me?"

She tried to stand but was too weak; she could only manage to sit up.

"Yes, I happened to see you lying on the ground and brought you to this small cave," Ye Tian responded.

"Thank you for saving me," Yue Ling said gratefully.

"It's nothing, I just happened to come across you," Ye Tian said with a slight smile.

In truth, he had considered not saving Yue Ling. He could have even taken her valuables and money. But that would have gone against his nature. Moreover, Yue Ling was inherently good; her lack of an extreme reaction when he had refused to join the Martial Pavilion had revealed that much. If it had been someone like Mo Shaobei, not only would he leave him to die, but he would actively attempt to kill him.

Suddenly, a soft light emanated from Yue Ling's hand. It was a stone that lit up the dark cave like a light bulb.

"What is this?" Ye Tian was somewhat surprised.

He had carried Yue Ling all the way to the cave and hadn't noticed this stone. If it had been there, he felt he would have sensed it.

"This is a Light Stone. It can store light and is quite rare. Even in large bases, only a few people have them," Yue Ling explained without hiding anything.

She wasn't afraid that Ye Tian would covet the Light Stone. After all, although it was rare, it wasn't valuable. If Ye Tian wanted it, she wouldn't mind giving him one.

Yue Ling placed the Light Stone on a nearby rock and then produced a bottle of healing liquid. After taking a sip, she quietly waited for her injuries to heal.

"It appeared out of nowhere!" Ye Tian was certain that Yue Ling had suddenly produced the bottle of healing liquid. Creating something out of nothing was impossible.

That meant Yue Ling must have some legendary storage equipment. Moreover, the grade of her healing liquid was much higher than his own Qing Yuan liquid.

He had given her a bottle of Qing Yuan liquid while she was unconscious, but it had only alleviated her injuries. In contrast, Yue Ling's healing liquid was visibly restoring her skin at an astonishing rate.

Seeming to notice Ye Tian's gaze, Yue Ling smiled and said, "You've never seen a storage bag, have you? It's made from the spatial pouch of a Space Kangaroo, refined by a Martial Warrior with spatial talents. It can be used by Martial Warriors after some refining."

"What's a Space Kangaroo?" Ye Tian asked curiously.

From Yue Ling's explanation, Ye Tian finally understood the origins of the Space Kangaroo. It was a high-level beast, fast, powerful, and intelligent, making it a difficult creature to hunt. The pouch of the Space Kangaroo had spatial properties, allowing it to store many items. Once a Space Kangaroo was hunted, its pouch could be refined by a Martial Warrior with spatial talents to create a storage bag. While other items with spatial properties could also be used, the pouch of the Space Kangaroo was the most practical and easiest to find.

"I've learned something new," Ye Tian couldn't help but marvel internally.

It wasn't surprising that he didn't know; after all, he came from a small base like Linhai, and couldn't compare to Yue Ling, who hailed from a large base.

For the next two days, Ye Tian stayed with Yue Ling. Since her injuries hadn't fully healed, he couldn't leave on his own to search for the Immortal Jellyfish. Although it was a bit of a time waste, he gained much knowledge from Yue Ling, such as the realm above the Great Martial Warriors.

In Linhai Base, Great Martial Warriors were the strongest, and there were only a handful of them. But in large bases, Great Martial Warriors were considered mid-tier. Above them were the Grandmaster-level Martial Warriors. A Grandmaster could easily defeat a group of Great Martial Warriors and had a lifespan far exceeding that of ordinary people, living up to 200 years.

When Ye Tian learned that Grandmaster-level experts could live up to 200 years, he was utterly stunned. Thus, he set another goal for himself: to reach the Grandmaster level. Unfortunately, becoming a Grandmaster was extremely difficult. Even those with high-level cultivation talents had less than a 10% chance, and only those with top-level cultivation talents had a 100% chance.

"Ye Tian, I'm preparing to return to the large base," Yue Ling said after her injuries had mostly healed.

"Then take care on your journey," Ye Tian replied.

Before leaving, Yue Ling tossed Ye Tian a package. "You should find the items inside useful. Consider them a gift."

Before Ye Tian could refuse, Yue Ling had already left, moving so quickly that he couldn't react in time. Seeing this, Ye Tian could only smile wistfully.

He opened the package and found a secret manual, ten bottles of beast blood, and ten gold cards inside. "Wow, an Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique, ten bottles of high-level beast blood, and ten gold cards equivalent to 10 million yuan. This gift is incredibly generous!" Ye Tian was genuinely shocked.

The most valuable item was the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique. He didn't know if the major families in Linhai Base had it, but ordinary Martial Warriors couldn't obtain it, no matter how much money they had.

"With the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique and ten bottles of high-level beast blood, I'm confident I can advance to the Elite Martial Warrior level within three months," Ye Tian was extremely confident.

Originally, he had planned to go to the Lake of Death immediately to look for the Immortal Jellyfish. But now, he changed his mind. He decided to wait until he advanced to the Elite Martial Warrior level before going to the Lake of Death, as it would be safer.

Actually, now was not a good time to go to the Lake of Death. Yue Ling and her team had caused quite a commotion there, and the beasts might be on high alert for foreign Martial Warriors. Going there now would be tantamount to seeking death.

Three months might be enough time for the Lake of Death to calm down, making it the best time to go. So, Ye Tian prepared to return to Linhai Base.

Chapter 24: Elite Martial Warrior

Without any incidents along the way, Ye Tian safely returned to Linhai Base. The day after his return, he visited the black market and purchased numerous vials of intermediate beast blood, spending nearly all of the 10 million he had.

He could have easily paid off his debts if he had used the 10 million for that purpose, but Ye Tian chose to buy intermediate beast blood instead. Although he had ten bottles of high-level beast blood, relying solely on them for cultivation wouldn't last him three months. The most effective method was to occasionally use high-level beast blood for cultivation and use intermediate beast blood to supplement his practice at other times.

In the small courtyard of his villa, Ye Tian began practicing the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique. This technique had only nine movements, but each was far more intricate and complex than those in the basic Elemental Body Forging Technique. As he executed the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique, a rich flow of elemental energy surged into his body at a rate much faster than the basic technique.

"It's three times more effective than the basic Elemental Body Forging Technique!" Ye Tian was astonished.

This was just the result of practicing the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique alone. If he used beast blood to aid his cultivation, the effects would be even faster because the intermediate technique could utilize the beast blood more effectively.

"Let's try the effects of high-level beast blood," Ye Tian couldn't resist taking a sip.

Boom!

A surge of immense energy erupted from within his body, as if he were being torn apart. "I underestimated the energy of the high-level beast blood," Ye Tian thought, alarmed.

He immediately began practicing the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique, repeating it over and over until he finally absorbed the energy from the high-level beast blood.

"Thank goodness for the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique; otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to absorb the energy from the high-level beast blood. Yue Ling must have known this, which is why she gave me both," Ye Tian pondered.

After some calculations, he estimated that the high-level beast blood could increase his cultivation speed by six times. Coupled with the Intermediate Elemental Body Forging Technique, that would be eighteen times. Given his high-level cultivation talent, which was at least three times better than intermediate-level talents, his cultivation speed

would be fifty-four times faster compared to the average intermediate-level talents in Linhai Base.

Ye Tian was amazed. Even though those with intermediate-level talents could also use intermediate beast blood to aid their cultivation, increasing their speed by at least two or three times, his cultivation speed was still twenty times faster. One month of his cultivation was equivalent to nearly two years for those with average talents.

"The only downside is that I have only ten bottles of high-level beast blood," Ye Tian thought, somewhat greedily.

With abundant resources and no external disturbances, Ye Tian devoted himself fully to his cultivation. Soon, three months passed.

"I've finally reached the level of an Elite Martial Warrior!"

"I'm so excited!" Ye Tian exclaimed.

His skin, muscles, and bones had been tempered to an extraordinary level of strength, and his power had broken through the limit of 10,000 catties. He had just entered the realm of Elite Martial Warrior, but he was not yet in the early stages of being a true Elite Martial Warrior. To reach that level, he needed to temper his blood.

The process of becoming an Elite Martial Warrior involved refining one's blood. Only when the blood was tempered to a sufficient level of strength could it nourish the body, supporting its evolution to higher levels. Cultivation was a process of evolution!

Ye Tian had not yet begun to temper his blood, a process that was quite complicated. It involved repeatedly purifying the blood to remove impurities and refine what remained. This process consumed a large amount of blood, and if one couldn't keep up with the nutritional needs, the blood could be depleted, leading to death.

The best way to replenish blood was to use beast blood. This process required a massive amount of beast blood. Although high-level beast blood would be better, Ye Tian had already run out. Even if he had some, it wouldn't be enough.

The scarcity of beast blood in Linhai Base was due to Elite Martial Warriors consuming over ninety percent of it. The amount they used daily would astonish ordinary Martial Warriors.

Additionally, during these three months, he didn't waste the opportunity to use his talent for duplication. He secretly copied several intermediate cultivation talents into his identity. Unfortunately, this didn't cause his high-level cultivation talent to transform, but he felt that his high-level cultivation talent had already reached a peak. Perhaps with the addition of just one more high-level cultivation talent, his talent could transform into an apex-level cultivation talent!

After spending another three days, Ye Tian had initially tempered his blood and stepped into the early stage of being an Elite Martial Warrior. With a strength of 13,000 catties, he prepared to head to the Lake of Death once again. He was determined to obtain the talent of the Immortal Jellyfish.

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Returning to the Lake of Death, Ye Tian felt slightly nervous. Although his cultivation had improved many times over the past three months, and even his blade intent had reached a minor completion realm, he still didn't dare underestimate the dangers of the Lake of Death. This place was home to apex-level beasts; provoking one would mean certain death.

It was evening, and Ye Tian didn't enter the Lake of Death immediately but waited quietly for nightfall. The darkness would make it easier for him to use his Shadow Talent. While it wouldn't fool high-level beasts with psychic abilities, it could deceive low and intermediate-level beasts. Moving at night was much safer than during the day.

Night quickly fell, and the entire Lake of Death became eerily terrifying. Coupled with the pervasive aura of beasts in the area, an ordinary person would likely be too frightened to even walk here.

Suppressing his discomfort, Ye Tian entered the Lake of Death. "Shadow Talent!" he whispered, blending into the darkness and moving slowly under the surface of the lake.

As an Elite Martial Warrior, he could stay underwater for an hour without breathing. He had to find the Immortal Jellyfish within that time, or he would have to surface, which would be too risky.

"It's so dark underwater. Thank goodness for my duplication talent; otherwise, I'd never find the Immortal Jellyfish," Ye Tian thought to himself.

Soon, under the influence of his duplication talent, he sensed the first aquatic beast.

Species: Tiger Claw Fish

Bloodline Talent: Intermediate