

# **Your Talent is Mine**

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"Sis, this is the Basic Body Forging Technique. Watch closely as I demonstrate it for you," Ye Tian stood in the courtyard, personally showing his younger sister Ye Yu the basics of body forging.

Ye Yu was a quick learner. In just seven or eight days, she had fully grasped the Basic Body Forging Technique. After that, she was free to cultivate on her own. Initially, Ye Tian didn't provide her with any beast blood. He wanted her to build a solid foundation first. Only after she had reached the level of a martial disciple did he give her low-level beast blood to aid her cultivation.

While Ye Yu was cultivating, Ye Tian didn't waste any time either. After this period of cultivation, his strength had increased significantly, reaching 35,000 jin. With the amplification of his high-level strength talent, this was equivalent to 350,000 jin. His rate of progress was enough to make countless martial warriors blush with shame.

Yet, Ye Tian was still not satisfied. He knew he only had high-level cultivation talent. What about those with top-level or even higher talents? Wouldn't their progress be even more exaggerated? Therefore, he had to quickly enhance his abilities, replicate more talents to enrich himself. Sooner or later, his talents would be unparalleled on Earth, and even in the entire starry ocean.

"Almost there. In a few more days, I'll be able to replicate another talent," Ye Tian said, somewhat expectantly.

That day, Ye Tian went to the wilderness, preparing to hunt another batch of mid-level beasts. He needed mid-level beast blood for his cultivation, a resource that was incredibly scarce. Even in the black market, it was rarely seen, and if it did appear, it was quickly bought by martial warriors from large families. Ye Tian could occasionally buy mid-level beast blood, but the quantity was too small. His high-level cultivation talent allowed him to refine mid-level beast blood at an extremely fast rate, consuming far more than other elite martial warriors. Naturally, he needed to go to the wilderness to replenish his supply.

However, as he walked on the streets, he noticed many martial warriors walking in groups, carrying large and small bags. He could vaguely see various supplies and daily necessities. The key issue was that these martial warriors were quite unfamiliar, not like those from Linhai Base.

"So many elite martial warriors!" Ye Tian observed one of the teams and found more than a dozen elite martial warriors, expressing his surprise.

The key was that there was more than one such team. Along the way, he had encountered at least three such teams.

"These must be martial warriors from other bases," Ye Tian speculated.

So many martial warriors suddenly entering Linhai Base indicated that something significant had happened. Although Linhai Base had trade relations with Tieya Base, it was unlikely that they would send so many elite martial warriors. These teams didn't look like merchant groups; they seemed more like they had come to settle.

Ye Tian didn't think much of it and left the base to hunt beasts.

Meanwhile, at the Lin family residence, Lin Wanli and Lin Ze, along with several other top martial warriors, were all frowning deeply.

"Big Brother, is the information accurate?" Lin Ze asked with a furrowed brow.

Lin Wanli sighed, "The information was sent by our undercover agents in Tieya Base; it's definitely true. I've long felt that Tieya Base's actions were abnormal. They couldn't be helping Linhai Base so selflessly. As expected, they've fallen into such a dire situation that they're considering moving into our Linhai Base."

When he first received the news, he couldn't believe it was true.

After multiple confirmations, the information was found to be accurate. Although Tieya Base was a medium-sized base with two grandmasters and dozens of elite martial warriors, it was still at the bottom of the medium-sized bases. This time, a massive beast horde was discovered near Tieya Base. The leader of this horde was on the verge of evolving into a king-level beast. Once that happened, the horde would inevitably expand, and Tieya Base would be the first to bear the brunt.

If they could stop this beast horde, the crisis at Tieya Base could naturally be averted. However, the problem was that Tieya Base was no match for this horde. As for seeking help from stronger individuals from other large bases, that was also hopeless. Tieya Base had tried but failed to enlist their aid.

To protect the people of their base, Tieya Base prepared to move to the nearest Linhai Base. However, they were concerned that Linhai Base might not be willing to accept them, which led to the proposal of a trade cooperation route.

The other elite martial warriors of the Lin family were also full of worries. Once the martial warriors from Tieya Base moved into Linhai Base, the balance of power in Linhai

Base would inevitably be disrupted. The Lin family might even lose its control over Linhai Base.

"Big Brother, why don't we refuse to let the martial warriors from Tieya Base enter Linhai Base?" Lin Ze suggested.

"It's too late for that," Lin Wanli shook his head. "We've already signed a contract with Tieya Base. If we go back on our word, they'll have an excuse to take action against our Lin family. They're using trade as a pretext to gradually send a large number of martial warriors into Linhai Base. Once a large number of martial warriors and civilians from Tieya Base arrive, Linhai Base will no longer be our Linhai Base."

Everyone pondered for a long time and concluded that they were helpless.

"We can only take it one step at a time," Lin Wanli said.

By evening, Ye Tian returned with some mid-level beast materials and a large amount of mid-level beast blood. After inquiring about the situation, he learned that a large number of people from Tieya Base had moved into Linhai Base. They were not doing business but were renting entire buildings and villas, as if planning to stay here long-term.

In the following days, news spread that people from Tieya Base were leaving their base to move into Linhai Base. They were even building houses on the outskirts of Linhai Base, planning to expand the base to accommodate more people. The Lin family couldn't stop this, as the land outside Linhai Base was not part of the base but belonged to the wilderness area. Building houses there didn't break any rules.

The reason for Tieya Base's move also came out: they were threatened by beasts and were on the brink of destruction. When Ye Tian heard this news, he was shocked. That was a medium-sized base with even two grandmasters. If such a base couldn't hold on, then Linhai Base was relatively lucky to be in a safe area. But if Tieya Base fell, who knew when that beast horde might come to Linhai Base, putting it at risk of destruction as well.

"I must become stronger as quickly as possible. Only greater strength can ensure the safety of both myself and my sister," Ye Tian urgently thought.

So, he redoubled his efforts in cultivation, and his rate of strength increase accelerated. One day, while reading a large amount of information on various beasts at home, he prepared to find a super-fast beast and replicate its talent. Suddenly, his eyes stopped on the information of a particular beast.

"Black Panther Wolf!"

## Chapter 42: Advanced Speed Talent?

The Black Panther Wolf was a low-level beast, but its speed surpassed that of most mid-level beasts. What was even more important was that people had spotted the Black Panther Wolf near Linhai Base. However, due to its incredible speed, even elite martial warriors couldn't catch up with it, so they had given up on hunting it.

"Xiao Qianye Forest," Ye Tian muttered as he looked at the information. This was where the Black Panther Wolf had been spotted!

Ye Tian didn't know much about Xiao Qianye Forest, only that it was vast, reportedly stretching for thousands of miles. The part near Linhai Base was just a small section or perhaps a branch of it. Located 18 kilometers west of Linhai Base, few martial warriors ventured into Xiao Qianye Forest. The main reason was that the outskirts of the forest had few beasts, mostly just ferocious animals. Only when one went several miles deep into the forest would they encounter beasts, including mid-level and even high-level ones. The deeper one went into Xiao Qianye Forest, the more dangerous it became. However, the beasts in Xiao Qianye Forest rarely ventured out, so they posed little threat to Linhai Base.

"My cultivation speed has slowed down considerably. Xiao Qianye Forest is indeed a good place for training. If I can find the Black Panther Wolf, I'll achieve my goal. If not, I can still replicate any suitable talents I come across and cultivate there for a while," Ye Tian thought.

In fact, he had long wanted to venture out. After all, Linhai Base was just a small base with limited resources, making it difficult to find suitable talents to replicate. Staying here would only hinder his cultivation speed. Previously, he had been concerned about his sister, but now that she had started cultivating and the threat from the Mo family had been eliminated, everything should be fine as long as he hired a few bodyguards to protect her.

"Who should I get to protect my sister?" Ye Tian pondered.

Suddenly, he thought of someone—Feng Lang. Feng Lang was the leader of the Feng Lang Hunting Squad, which mostly stayed within the base to maintain order. The squad was quite capable, and as long as no elite martial warriors took action, they could handle the situation. Moreover, he didn't need the Feng Lang Hunting Squad to protect his sister Ye Yu all the time, just to covertly keep an eye on her and intervene if she ran into trouble. They had plenty of members, so sending one or two would suffice. It was a minor matter.

So, Ye Tian personally went to find Feng Lang and offered ten vials of mid-level beast blood as compensation. Feng Lang naturally agreed immediately.

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Xiao Qianye Forest.

Ye Tian arrived here and as soon as he entered the forest, he saw towering trees that were incredibly large, reaching heights of tens of meters, some even over a hundred meters. Each tree had a diameter of two to four meters. After walking for several hundred meters, Ye Tian found that the information was accurate. The outskirts had almost no beasts, just some ferocious animals. It was as if Xiao Qianye Forest had a strict hierarchy: ferocious animals could only live in the outskirts, while beasts lived deeper inside but couldn't casually enter the area of the ferocious animals. Of course, this was just speculation and had not been verified.

After running for several miles and passing numerous giant trees, he finally began to see some beasts and stopped. He had to be cautious here, as he could occasionally encounter high-level beasts. Some powerful high-level beasts and those with special talents were not something he could handle at the moment.

For several days, Ye Tian searched this area for the Black Panther Wolf but found nothing. However, he did manage to hunt several mid-level beasts and obtained a good amount of mid-level beast blood, so he didn't have to worry about that for a while.

"If only I had a talent for wide-range sensing, I might be able to find the Black Panther Wolf quickly," Ye Tian fantasized.

As he walked, Ye Tian was thrilled to discover tracks resembling those of leopards or wolves. Not just one or two, but a whole group.

"Black Panther Wolves are somewhat like wolves but are actually a type of leopard. Their paw prints look very similar to these tracks on the ground. Maybe it's a group of Black Panther Wolves," Ye Tian speculated.

Whether it was true or not, he had to check it out.

So, Ye Tian activated triple speed and followed the paw prints. After sprinting for several miles, he stopped. At that moment, he felt a strong surge of elemental energy.

"There's a battle ahead!"

Ye Tian's expression turned serious. It was unlikely to encounter humans here, so it must be beasts. It was normal for beasts to fight each other; after all, there were many different groups of beasts, and they couldn't all coexist peacefully. Even within the human race, there were conflicts and fights.

He moved forward several hundred meters, and the sounds of battle grew louder, accompanied by strange cries.

"That is..."

Ye Tian saw a clearing where numerous giant trees had already fallen. About a thousand Black Panther Wolves were attacking a large gorilla, but the one with the upper hand was the gorilla.

"A high-level beast, and not just any high-level beast. It's one with combat power comparable to a peak-level martial warrior!"

Ye Tian dared not reveal his presence and did his best to hide, even activating his Shadow Talent to blend into the shadows of the giant trees. This gorilla's combat power was similar to Qing Lao's, whom he had met before, and was much stronger than he was. He was not a match for it, and his speed was a disadvantage. If he were to fight this gorilla, he wouldn't be able to escape. His Shadow Talent wouldn't be able to deceive a high-level beast; he could only rely on his top-tier Healing Talent to save his life.

But if he couldn't escape, being continuously beaten by the gorilla might actually kill him.

"Can't mess with that gorilla," Ye Tian decided, shifting his focus to the Black Panther Wolves.

These Black Panther Wolves were his target, but they were faring very poorly. Hundreds had already been killed in battle, yet they hadn't fled and were still attacking the gorilla fearlessly.

"Ah, these Black Panther Wolves are so foolish. If you can't win, just run. Why fight to the death?" Ye Tian shook his head, thinking the Black Panther Wolves were irrational.

Suddenly, Ye Tian's eyes lit up as they landed on one of the Black Panther Wolves.

No, it should be called a Golden Panther Wolf because its entire body was golden, making it look incredibly noble.

And it was indeed noble. It was a mid-level beast, and its speed was even faster than the gorilla's. The gorilla couldn't catch it, but this Golden Panther Wolf couldn't break through the gorilla's defense either.

"Wow, this Golden Panther Wolf's speed talent must be higher than that of the regular Black Panther Wolves. Otherwise, it wouldn't be so extraordinary. It's a mid-level beast but is faster than a high-level peak beast like the gorilla. It's unbelievable. Could it be an advanced speed talent?"

The thought made Ye Tian's breath quicken.

If he could acquire this talent, his strength would undoubtedly skyrocket!

## Chapter 43: Golden Silk Panther Wolf, Top-tier Speed Talent!

Ye Tian continued to observe from the shadows, waiting for the outcome of the battle between the two sides. About half an hour had passed, and the number of Black Panther Wolves had dwindled to just two or three hundred. The ground was littered with their corpses.

Such a heavy toll had already struck at the very foundation of the Black Panther Wolf clan, yet they still hadn't retreated. After such a long period of fighting, the gorilla was severely drained, both in terms of speed and strength, and its reactions had slowed.

Suddenly, the gorilla let out a miserable scream.

Ye Tian saw it clearly. The Golden Panther Wolf had seized the opportunity when the gorilla's reactions had slowed. It accelerated instantly and, before the gorilla could react, clawed out one of its eyes.

Having lost an eye, the gorilla panicked and began to flee. However, it was far too slow compared to the Golden Panther Wolf, and the other Black Panther Wolves fearlessly blocked its path. Eventually, the Golden Panther Wolf clawed out its other eye when it was off guard.

Blinded and severely weakened, the gorilla was overwhelmed. A large number of Black Panther Wolves bit and clawed at its wounds, using sheer numbers to overpower it.

Finally, the gorilla fell, its life gradually fading away.

In this battle, the Black Panther Wolf clan had lost over a thousand members, but they had managed to kill a high-level beast like the gorilla. Whether it was worth it or not was debatable.

But Ye Tian knew that the credit for this victory mainly belonged to the Golden Panther Wolf. Its strength was not weak, almost reaching the level of a high-level beast, and its speed was incredibly fast. That's how it managed to blind the gorilla; otherwise, no amount of Black Panther Wolves would have been able to harm it.

"It's my turn now," Ye Tian said, a bit excited.

He wasn't afraid of these Black Panther Wolves, not even the Golden Panther Wolf. The gorilla had been defeated because it was severely drained and had its eyes clawed out by the Golden Panther Wolf.

But he was different.

He had top-tier healing talent. Even if he was severely injured, he could quickly heal and recover, so he wasn't worried that the Golden Panther Wolf could kill him.



Whoosh!

Ye Tian charged forward, instantly killing a Black Panther Wolf.

At that moment, the Golden Panther Wolf, which was feasting on the gorilla's corpse, noticed Ye Tian's presence and roared angrily. This area was its territory, and any creature that intruded had to die.

So, the Golden Panther Wolf took action itself.

It sensed that Ye Tian's aura was far weaker than the gorilla's. A creature like this could be killed with a single swipe of its paw.

"So fast!"

Ye Tian's eyes couldn't even catch the shadow of the Golden Panther Wolf. He only felt a pain in his body as a claw slashed across him.

"Heal!"

In the blink of an eye, his wound healed, and he recovered.

Not far away, the Golden Panther Wolf looked at Ye Tian in shock.

It had clearly slashed open Ye Tian's body and even saw his stomach ripped open.

How could it be that in the blink of an eye, Ye Tian's stomach was as good as new?

"What a pity!" Ye Tian thought.

Ye Tian looked at the Golden Panther Wolf and sighed. In that split second earlier, he had tried to scan the beast's talents, but its speed was too fast, exceeding his cognitive reaction time. As a result, he only managed to catch a fleeting glimpse of its talents and didn't have time to copy them.

However, Ye Tian had to admit that the talents of the Golden Panther Wolf were extraordinary, even more terrifying than he had anticipated. Its real name wasn't even Golden Panther Wolf; it was actually called Golden Silk Dragon Panther.

Species: Golden Silk Dragon Panther

Bloodline Talent: Top-tier

Speed Talent: Top-tier

Stamina Talent: Medium



## Healing Talent: Basic

Among these, the stamina talent was related to physical strength. The Golden Silk Dragon Panther had been able to fight the gorilla for so long without showing signs of weakness thanks to its medium-level stamina talent, which made it incredibly robust.

"What an incredible set of talents. With a top-tier bloodline talent, this Golden Silk Dragon Panther is destined to become a top-tier beast in the future if it doesn't die young. And with so many talents, once it grows up, it could slaughter a whole clan of masters," Ye Tian suddenly thought.

He really wanted to eliminate this Golden Silk Dragon Panther, but his strength was far inferior. He could only rely on his healing talent to survive.

Soon, the Golden Silk Dragon Panther launched another attack on Ye Tian. Again, Ye Tian didn't have time to react; his neck was almost clawed off. Fortunately, his healing talent didn't let him down, and he survived. At this moment, Ye Tian finally succeeded in copying the creature's top-tier speed talent.

"I must fight back. If it claws my head off, I might not survive," Ye Tian thought.

So, he drew his knife, displaying a series of shadow-killing moves, forming a wall of blade energy around him. The blade energy was strong enough to pose a threat to the Golden Silk Dragon Panther.

Even if the Golden Silk Dragon Panther was incredibly fast, as long as it couldn't break through the wall of blade energy, it couldn't harm him. If it tried to force its way through, it would injure itself.

"Retreat! Retreat! Retreat!"

Ye Tian kept retreating, fleeing to another location. The Golden Silk Dragon Panther tried to attack a few times but collided with the blade energy, almost breaking its own claws.

"Knife techniques can indeed counter speed. Otherwise, I might not have been able to escape," Ye Tian thought, still shaken.

After running a certain distance, he found that the Golden Silk Dragon Panther had given up the chase.

"Phew, finally got away. Luckily, the Golden Silk Dragon Panther gave up. Otherwise, my physical and elemental energy wouldn't have lasted much longer, especially since continuously using shadow-killing moves drains so much energy," Ye Tian sighed in relief.

He had to admit that he had been a bit reckless this time. He had thought he had nothing to fear from the Golden Silk Dragon Panther, but he had underestimated its terrifying capabilities. Watching a battle and actually fighting were two completely different experiences. If not for his multiple trump cards, he wouldn't have escaped today.

Of course, the risk had brought significant rewards.

"Top-tier speed talent, hahaha! Once I integrate it, why would I need to fear the Golden Silk Dragon Panther? I won't even have to fear top-tier beasts like the gorilla!" Ye Tian was full of confidence.

Afterward, he found a towering tree, carved a hole in it, and hollowed out a small wooden room. Then he sealed the hole and began to seclude himself inside the tree to integrate the top-tier speed talent.

"Let the integration begin!"

Chapter 44: The ferocious beast surrenders!

Every time Ye Tian integrated a new talent, it was a transformative experience for him. Although painful, the benefits were more than enough to make the pain worthwhile. Having integrated many talents before, the process of integrating the top-tier speed talent wasn't as painful as he had imagined.

Soon, the integration was complete.

Ye Tian immediately checked his talent status, a habit of his and also the most exhilarating moment.

Human: Ye Tian

Cultivation Talent: High-level

Speed Talent: Top-tier

Blade Talent: Medium-level

Shadow Talent: Basic

Healing Talent: Top-tier

Strength Talent: High-level

Seeing the top-tier healing and speed talents, Ye Tian couldn't help but smile. He wondered how great it would be if all his other talents could also reach the top-tier level.

"Let's test this top-tier speed!"

Ye Tian stepped out of the giant tree, activated his speed talent, and gave it a try.

Whoosh!

In an instant, Ye Tian covered a distance of a hundred meters. He felt as if he had broken through some kind of barrier in the air.

"Speed of sound!"

The term popped into Ye Tian's mind. The speed of sound in air is about 340 meters per second. But Ye Tian's speed was far beyond that, many times faster than the speed of sound.

After several tests, Ye Tian finally had an understanding of his speed—ten times the speed of sound!

"My speed has reached 3,400 meters per second, while my previous speed was at most 170 meters per second. According to this ratio, the speed increase from the top-tier speed talent is twenty times!" Ye Tian thought to himself.

A twenty-fold increase was already quite exaggerated, especially since this increase ignored any cultivation levels. By Ye Tian's estimation, even among human grand warriors, the limit should only be five or six times the speed of sound. Yet, his speed had already surpassed the limit for grand warriors.

"If I reach the level of a grand warrior, my speed will be even more outrageous," he thought.

"With my current strength, dealing with peak grand warriors shouldn't be a problem!"

Ye Tian was extremely pleased. He had been far from reaching the peak grand warrior level, but now a single top-tier speed talent had made up for the gap in combat power. For him, copying powerful talents was a shortcut to rapidly increasing his strength. However, such opportunities were not easy to come by. This time, it was a combination of good luck and daring that allowed him to copy the Golden Silk Dragon Panther's speed talent, resulting in such a transformative boost in his abilities.

"It's time to deal with the Golden Silk Dragon Panther!"

Ye Tian was no longer afraid of the creature. In terms of speed, he was not much slower than the Golden Silk Dragon Panther. Perhaps because of its higher cultivation level, the creature's speed might reach twelve or thirteen times the speed of sound. However, the gap between ten times and twelve or thirteen times the speed of sound was not so large that he couldn't react.

Ye Tian's advantages were significant. His top-tier healing talent ensured rapid healing, and his attack power exceeded that of an average grand warrior, something the Golden Silk Dragon Panther couldn't match. In terms of overall strength, Ye Tian had completely surpassed the Golden Silk Dragon Panther and naturally had nothing to fear.

So, Ye Tian retraced his steps.

"Found them, they haven't left!"

Ye Tian saw a group of Black Panther Wolves surrounding the Golden Silk Dragon Panther.

At that moment, the Golden Silk Dragon Panther was asleep, lying beside the half-eaten corpse of the gorilla.

"The Golden Silk Dragon Panther must be digesting the gorilla's body. It seems that consuming the flesh of other beasts can increase its strength, much like how we humans refine beast blood to enhance our abilities," Ye Tian speculated.

With the Golden Silk Dragon Panther's talents, fully absorbing the gorilla's body would likely give it a slight boost in strength. While it wouldn't suddenly break through to a higher level, it would still gain a considerable amount of power. Ye Tian didn't want to give it that opportunity.

"Golden Silk Dragon Panther, let's have another round!"

Ye Tian jumped out and shouted loudly, waking up the Golden Silk Dragon Panther. Its ferocious face and murderous eyes seemed to say, "Human, you're as good as dead!"

Whoosh!

The Golden Silk Dragon Panther disappeared. Had Ye Tian not integrated the top-tier speed talent, he wouldn't have been able to perceive it. But now, he saw it clearly. Just as the Panther's claws were about to touch him, Ye Tian dodged in the nick of time.

At the same time, Ye Tian slashed with his blade.

With the boost from his top-tier speed talent and the speed of his Shadow Strike technique, Ye Tian's attack was faster than one could imagine.

A splattering sound!

Caught off guard, the Golden Silk Dragon Panther couldn't dodge Ye Tian's Shadow Strike, and a gash was cut into its back.

It was injured!

The Golden Silk Dragon Panther retreated, its large eyes incredulously staring at Ye Tian, as if asking, "How can you be so fast?"

It remembered that it could easily attack Ye Tian before. But now, Ye Tian had dodged its attack and was almost as fast as it was. This was the first time it had encountered a creature weaker than itself in terms of cultivation but nearly as fast.

The Golden Silk Dragon Panther didn't back down and charged at Ye Tian again.

"Shadow Strike!"

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"Shadow Strike!"

Ye Tian repeatedly executed Shadow Strikes, causing the Golden Silk Dragon Panther to sustain continuous injuries. After all, the Panther's attack power hadn't reached the level of a high-tier beast, so it was no match for Ye Tian. Each collision resulted in injuries, and only its sturdy body saved it from worse.

Had Ye Tian possessed a better weapon, he might have split the Golden Silk Dragon Panther in half with a single strike.

After about a dozen moves, the Golden Silk Dragon Panther was covered in blood and its condition had deteriorated significantly. Initially determined to fight to the death, it now considered fleeing.

It didn't want to die!

Whoosh!

The Golden Silk Dragon Panther turned to run, even abandoning its own pack.

"You're injured and slower than before. Where do you think you're going?"

Ye Tian chased after it. After only about ten miles, he caught up with the Golden Silk Dragon Panther and almost cut it in half with a fierce slash.

The Golden Silk Dragon Panther fell not far away, its breath extremely weak, clearly unable to escape any further.

Just as Ye Tian was about to deliver the killing blow, the Golden Silk Dragon Panther suddenly did something that shocked him.

It actually made a gesture of kneeling and kept kowtowing towards Ye Tian.

Its meaning was clear: it was submitting to Ye Tian.

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#### Chapter 45: My First Beast Pet!

"Are you submitting to me?" Ye Tian looked at the Golden Silk Dragon Panther with interest.

However, he didn't let his guard down, fearing that the panther might be feigning surrender to launch a surprise attack. But the likelihood of that was low, given the panther's severe injuries.

The Golden Silk Dragon Panther nodded, apparently understanding Ye Tian's words.

Ye Tian had long known that some special beasts were highly intelligent and could understand human speech, but they were rare. He hadn't expected to encounter one today.

"I'm not entirely sure I can trust you. What if you change your mind after you've healed?" Ye Tian said coldly.

Suddenly, a faint light appeared on the forehead of the Golden Silk Dragon Panther. The light instantly broke through the air and entered Ye Tian's mind.

At that moment, Ye Tian's first reaction was that he had been ambushed. But then a childlike voice rang out.

"Master!"

The voice sounded like that of a three-year-old child, but Ye Tian knew who it belonged to.

"Golden Silk Dragon Panther, was that you calling me just now?" Ye Tian was surprised.

"Yes, Master!" The Golden Silk Dragon Panther nodded.

Soon, Ye Tian understood what that strand of light was. It was the Light of the Soul. When a beast willingly submits, it offers its Light of the Soul for the human to control. If the human dies, the beast dies too. Conversely, if the beast dies, the human remains unaffected.

To save its life, the Golden Silk Dragon Panther willingly accepted Ye Tian as its master. It didn't feel humiliated; after all, it didn't have human concerns about face. Living was what mattered most.

Suddenly acquiring a beast pet left Ye Tian a bit dumbfounded, but it was undoubtedly a good thing for him at the moment. The Golden Silk Dragon Panther had top-tier bloodlines and talents, making it a high-quality beast.

Moreover, it was the leader of a beast pack. Having such a pack in the Xiao Qian Ye Forest would save him a lot of trouble.

"Do you have a name?" Ye Tian asked.

"Master, I don't have a name," the Golden Silk Dragon Panther shook its head.

"From now on, I'll call you Xiao Jin," Ye Tian decided after some thought.

Upon receiving a name, Xiao Jin seemed extremely happy, as if it had forgotten all about its injuries.

Ye Tian looked at the injured Xiao Jin and quickly fed it some healing elixir. Under the dual effects of the elixir and its initial healing talent, Xiao Jin's injuries healed rapidly.

An hour later, Xiao Jin had fully recovered. Returning to its pack, it ordered the Black Wolf Panthers not to attack Ye Tian.

At this point, Ye Tian truly had a pack of beasts under his command.

"By the way, Xiao Jin, do you know where we can find treasures?" Ye Tian asked with some anticipation.

The Xiao Qian Ye Forest was vast and contained countless resources, some of which were extremely useful for martial warriors, such as medicinal herbs and items that could enhance talents.

Usually, when he went hunting, Ye Tian would occasionally collect some herbs and sell them on the black market. But searching for treasures by himself was too inefficient, so he hadn't found many valuable items.

Xiao Jin had lived in the Xiao Qian Ye Forest and led a pack, so it undoubtedly knew a lot.

"Master, I do know of a treasure. The reason I'm different from the others in my pack is that I consumed that treasure," Xiao Jin honestly said.

Ye Tian was thrilled. From Xiao Jin's words, he guessed that the treasure must be something that could enhance talents. The value of such a treasure would be incredibly high!

"Xiao Jin, take me there!" Ye Tian commanded.



Without any hesitation, Xiao Jin immediately led Ye Tian to the location. This was the benefit of having a tamed beast. If Xiao Jin hadn't submitted, it would probably not be so loyal and might even betray him. But once a beast submits, it becomes loyal and considers its master's interests.

Xiao Jin didn't bring its pack along. According to Xiao Jin, only it knew about this place; even its pack was unaware. It didn't want to create another Golden Silk Dragon Panther like itself, as that would mean competition for the leadership position.

In a short while, Ye Tian followed Xiao Jin to a cave. After navigating through winding passages, they finally reached their destination. What appeared before Ye Tian was a small golden tree with a single fruit on it. The fruit was mostly golden but had a hint of green.

"Master, there were originally two fruits on this tree. I ate one, and this is the only one left. This fruit is not yet ripe; you can't eat it now," Xiao Jin warned.

Ye Tian nodded lightly, but his eyes never left the fruit. A voice in his heart told him he must consume that fruit.

"Could this fruit enhance my talents?" Ye Tian wondered.

He felt that his talents could be improved by continuously copying others' talents, so there was no need to rely on a treasure. That would be somewhat wasteful. But sensing the desire in his heart, he became indecisive.

"I'll eat it!" Ye Tian finally decided.

Even if it was wasteful, he wouldn't regret it. As his power continued to grow, wouldn't he be able to obtain even better treasures?

"Xiao Jin, how long do you think it will take for this fruit to ripen?" Ye Tian asked Xiao Jin, the expert on the matter.

"Master, it will take about twenty days and nights!" Xiao Jin calculated by scratching its claws back and forth.

"Twenty days, huh? Let's wait here then. It's a good opportunity to focus on cultivation," Ye Tian muttered to himself.

Over the next twenty days, Ye Tian diligently cultivated. With a large supply of beast blood, he didn't have to worry about the pace of his cultivation. Meanwhile, Xiao Jin, under Ye Tian's arrangement, continued to hunt beasts to provide him with more beast blood.

In this way, Ye Tian's cultivation progressed rapidly.

"I've reached a strength of 45,000 jin!" Ye Tian sensed his power and exclaimed excitedly.

Such rapid advancement in cultivation was mainly due to his consumption of countless amounts of beast blood. He had no idea how much he had used, but even a large clan wouldn't be able to afford such expenditure.

He glanced at the fruit on the golden tree; the last hint of green was about to turn gold.

It was almost ripe!

At this moment, the desire in Ye Tian's heart grew stronger and stronger.

Boom!!!

A surge of energy flooded into the golden fruit on the golden tree, aiding it in its final transformation.

Under the watchful eyes of Ye Tian and Xiao Jin, the golden fruit finally ripened.

#### Chapter 46: Talent Duplication Transforms

Ye Tian stepped forward and plucked the golden fruit. It wasn't large, just enough for one bite. After a moment of hesitation, he decisively swallowed the golden fruit in one gulp.

The golden fruit transformed into a torrent of energy that flowed into his body. A massive surge of power erupted and flooded into Ye Tian's mind, causing him to lose consciousness.

What Ye Tian didn't know was that, during his unconscious state, various points of light appeared deep within his mind. These points of light came in various colors, but at the center was a golden point. This golden point represented his most important talent: the ability to duplicate talents. The golden fruit's energy flowed into this deep part of his mind, and the golden point rapidly absorbed it. The golden point visibly grew larger, brighter, and its fluctuations became stronger.

It was evolving, or perhaps transforming.

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"I actually passed out!" Ye Tian was somewhat surprised and also a bit scared. Fortunately, he was in a safe place. Had he been in a dangerous area while absorbing the golden fruit, he might have encountered danger while unconscious.

Standing up, he saw Xiao Jin lying nearby, keeping watch.

"Xiao Jin, did you pass out when you ate the fruit?" Ye Tian asked.

"I did," Xiao Jin answered truthfully.

"Why didn't you warn me?" Ye Tian rolled his eyes in blame.

"Master, you didn't ask," Xiao Jin felt somewhat wronged.

Ye Tian chuckled. He really couldn't blame Xiao Jin; although it was intelligent, it wasn't a human after all.

"Check talents!" With a thought, Ye Tian's talent status appeared before his eyes.

Human: Ye Tian

Cultivation Talent: High-level

Speed Talent: Top-level

Blade Talent: Mid-level

Shadow Talent: Basic-level

Healing Talent: Top-level

Strength Talent: High-level

"Huh, my talents didn't change?" Ye Tian was both surprised and disappointed.

He had thought that his talents would undergo a transformation. After all, that golden fruit looked extraordinary. Even Xiao Jin had elevated its talents to a top-level bloodline. Logically, his high-level cultivation talent should easily upgrade to a top-level cultivation talent!

"Could it have enhanced other talents?" Ye Tian wondered.

But upon closer inspection, his other talents remained the same, unchanged.

Subsequently, Ye Tian carefully examined his body and found a few differences. First, his mental state had improved significantly, and he even developed psychic power. His psychic power could cover a ten-meter radius. Although it wasn't as extensive as the twenty-meter range of a great martial warrior, it was still a breakthrough.

He had never heard of anyone possessing psychic power at the elite martial warrior level, and this was something to be proud of.

However, when he asked Xiao Jin and found out that its psychic power could now cover a radius of thirty meters, he felt utterly defeated.

Of course, Ye Tian understood that this was because Xiao Jin had a higher level of cultivation. Once he reached the peak of the elite martial warrior realm, his psychic power would naturally grow as well.

Apart from this, Ye Tian noticed another change in himself. The range of his talent-duplication ability had expanded, allowing him to scan talents within a fifty-meter radius. This meant he could more easily check the talents of others or beasts.

But still...

"Ah, it's a bit frustrating. Xiao Jin became a lot stronger after eating the golden fruit, while all I got was some psychic power and a slightly extended range for my talent-duplication ability. My gains are nothing compared to Xiao Jin's," Ye Tian expressed his extreme disappointment.

However, there was some change, and since the treasure came for free, he didn't lose anything.

"Only ten more days until I can duplicate talents again. I'll stay here for ten more days before going back," Ye Tian decided.

During these ten days, Ye Tian and Xiao Jin went out to hunt high-level beasts. According to Xiao Jin, each area in the Xiao Qian Ye Forest had a ruler beast, so finding high-level beasts wouldn't be difficult.

Working together, Ye Tian and Xiao Jin easily killed high-level beasts. As they had agreed, Ye Tian took the blood of the high-level beasts, while Xiao Jin took their bodies.

Soon, ten days passed.

"1600 portions of high-level beast blood, enough for a long period of cultivation!" Ye Tian looked at the small pool of blood in front of him, excited.

But soon, he became troubled.

He couldn't carry all this beast blood; his water bottle couldn't hold much. In the end, he could only take a small portion.

"Ah, if only I had a storage bag, it would be so much more convenient," Ye Tian sighed.

Another day passed, and Ye Tian's talent-duplication ability was finally ready to be used again.

He planned to duplicate Xiao Jin's stamina talent. It wasn't that he didn't want to duplicate other talents; he just hadn't encountered any good ones.

Just as Ye Tian was walking towards Xiao Jin, he froze.

"This..."

His retina displayed Xiao Jin's talent status. Besides the top-level speed talent, there was a 'duplicate' button next to the other talents.

He was familiar with this situation; it meant he could duplicate.

The key issue was, he hadn't touched Xiao Jin yet!

"Could it be..."

Ye Tian suddenly started breathing rapidly.

He finally understood why his talents didn't seem to transform after eating the golden fruit. It wasn't that they hadn't transformed; he just hadn't noticed.

His talent-duplication ability had evolved or transformed.

"Yes, the talent to duplicate is also a talent!" Ye Tian realized.

From what he could see, his talent-duplication ability had evolved to the point where he could duplicate talents without physical contact.

This was much more convenient than before. For example, when duplicating human talents, sometimes he would encounter an impressive talent but couldn't duplicate it because he couldn't touch the person. What a pity that used to be!

Now, everything was much easier.

"Since I can duplicate from a distance, there's no rush to duplicate Xiao Jin's stamina talent, which isn't that useful anyway. If I can encounter someone with a high-level cultivation talent at Linhai Base, like Lin Wanli from the Lin family who has a high-level cultivation talent, I can duplicate it without even touching him. Just being somewhat close would be enough," Ye Tian thought.

So, Ye Tian prepared to abandon duplicating Xiao Jin's talent.

## Chapter 47: Changes in Linhai Base

"Xiao Jin, stay here. If you have time, help me collect more medicinal herbs and beast blood. Remember to separate the high-level beast blood from the mid-level beast blood and store them in the blood pool," Ye Tian instructed before leaving.

"Master, I understand!" Xiao Jin responded.

Ye Tian wanted to bring Xiao Jin back to Linhai Base, but given its large size and the fact that it was a beast, it would attract too much attention. While Linhai Base did have some domesticated beasts belonging to large families, bringing a special beast like a Golden Silk Dragon Leopard would cause him unnecessary trouble. Moreover, Xiao Jin's strength was not yet on par with his own, so it was better for it to stay in Xiao Qian Ye Forest and collect beast blood for him.

After packing up, Ye Tian took about 100 portions of high-level beast blood and a large bag of medicinal herbs. With all these items on his back, he left Xiao Qian Ye Forest under Xiao Jin's escort.

About eight miles outside Linhai Base, a hunting squad was cautiously searching for beasts. Each member looked quite serious. The squad wasn't particularly strong; the most powerful among them was only in the late stage of the martial warrior realm.

"Boss, I've spotted a young martial warrior. He's carrying a lot of stuff!" one of the members pointed out, looking at a figure approaching them.

The leader looked over and saw a young man, obviously a martial warrior.

"Should we rob him?" someone asked.

The leader hesitated. He didn't think Ye Tian was particularly strong. A young man like him was probably just entering the martial warrior realm.

"Boss, are you worried he has a strong background? We basically know all the martial warriors from our Tieya Base, and he's not one of them. He must be from Linhai Base. With our background, what's there to fear from a small martial warrior from Linhai Base?"

"Boss, let's do this. As long as we don't kill him, no one can do anything to us. Besides, we haven't gained anything today; we can't go back empty-handed."

Persuaded by his subordinates, the leader finally gritted his teeth and said, "Fine, let's do it!"

They had done this kind of thing before, always carefully picking easy targets. Although this time was a bit risky, the rewards would be great if they succeeded.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh!

The members of the hunting squad ran over and quickly surrounded the young man.

"Hand over all your stuff!" the leader threatened.

This young man was Ye Tian.

At this moment, he was somewhat dumbfounded. How bold were these people to actually try to rob him?

With his psychic power, Ye Tian immediately assessed the strength of these martial warriors. They were all at the martial warrior level, similar in strength to the Feng Lang hunting squad. To him, they were nothing but ants.

"Do you really want to rob me?" Ye Tian said coldly.

"Stop talking nonsense. If you don't want to suffer, hand over all your stuff!" The leader threatened again, his knife faintly glowing. It was a sign that he was channeling his elemental energy into his weapon.

Clearly, the leader was about to make his move.

Just then, Ye Tian's knife moved.

These martial warriors couldn't see Ye Tian's actions clearly. They only felt a pain in both hands, and their weapons fell to the ground.

Then, screams filled the air.

"Ah, ah, ah, my hand!"

"My hand is almost broken!" "I don't want to be disabled!"

Ye Tian hadn't crippled their hands; he had merely severed their tendons and even shattered some of their wrist bones. In his previous life, such injuries would have been considered disabling. But in this world, as long as there were healing medicines, one could recover; it would just take time.

Given the injuries of these martial warriors, they wouldn't be able to engage in combat for several months.

The leader of the hunting squad, enduring the intense pain in his hands, looked at Ye Tian with fear. He finally realized that the young man before him was not an ordinary martial warrior but a much stronger one, so fast that he couldn't even see his movements. Such a martial warrior was terrifying.



"What's the current situation in Linhai Base?" Ye Tian asked.

He had been away for over a month and wanted to quickly understand the situation in Linhai Base, which these people should know.

The hunting squad didn't dare not to answer and quickly told Ye Tian what he wanted to know. After listening, Ye Tian frowned.

A lot had changed in Linhai Base over the past month.

And there was one crucial piece of information—Tieya Base was gone!

Yes, gone, wiped out by beasts, with hundreds of thousands dead. Only about a hundred thousand had survived and come to Linhai Base.

Among these hundred thousand, nearly ten thousand were martial warriors. The rest were mostly families of martial warriors. The true civilians of Tieya Base had no chance to escape.

Now, these hundred thousand people from Tieya Base had settled in Linhai Base and were even constructing new buildings outside the base, including an outer wall. Clearly, they were planning to make this their new home.

Moreover, the Lin family of Linhai Base had reached an agreement with the higher-ups of Tieya Base, allowing their people to join Linhai Base, but the Lin family would retain control.

"The Lin family in control?" Ye Tian chuckled upon hearing this.

This was control in name only. The Lin family's strength was far inferior to that of Tieya Base. How could they control the grand martial warriors and even grandmasters from Tieya Base? This agreement was merely a matter of saving face; in reality, the true power now undoubtedly lay with the higher-ups of Tieya Base.

Of course, this didn't affect Ye Tian.

He had no intention of getting involved in their competition. Perhaps before long, he would take his sister Ye Yu to a larger base and would not stay in this small Linhai Base.

"Get lost!" Ye Tian coldly ordered.

The hunting squad scrambled away, quickly disappearing from sight, fearing that Ye Tian might change his mind.

The rest of the journey was uneventful, and Ye Tian calmly returned to Linhai Base.

As soon as he entered Linhai Base, he noticed the differences. There were more martial warriors and more ordinary people; the streets were bustling.

When he got home, "Brother, you're finally back!"

Ye Yu saw Ye Tian and immediately rushed over, her little face full of longing.

## Chapter 48: Sword Skill Betting

"Little sister, have you been slacking off lately?" Ye Tian stroked Ye Yu's little head, asking with a doting tone.

Ye Yu answered earnestly, "I haven't been slacking off. I've been practicing hard and now have a strength of 300 jin!"

Having achieved a strength of 300 jin in just over a month was quite remarkable even among those with medium-level cultivation talents. Ye Tian knew that most of this was due to the beast blood. Without enough beast blood, Ye Yu couldn't have progressed so quickly.

"Have you run into any trouble lately?" Ye Tian asked again.

Ye Yu shook her head, "No one has bothered me, but someone did come looking for you."

"Who?" Ye Tian asked, frowning.

"I don't know them, but they were very arrogant. According to their own introduction, they seemed to be some genius from Tieya Base, named Sun Feng," Ye Yu recalled.

"Tieya Base, Sun Feng!" Ye Tian mentally noted the name.

Afterward, he placed the medicinal herbs and high-level beast blood he had brought back inside the house and then went out alone.

"Come out!" Ye Tian spoke to a corner.

Whoosh! A figure emerged from around the corner. It was a martial warrior from the Wind Wolf hunting squad.

"Greetings, Master Ye Tian!" The martial warrior greeted respectfully.

"Take me to your captain. I have some questions for him." Ye Tian mainly wanted to know about Sun Feng from Tieya Base. He didn't know Sun Feng, but Sun Feng had come looking for him, and his attitude was quite arrogant.

Soon, Ye Tian met Wind Wolf.

"Ye Tian, you're finally back!" Wind Wolf sighed in relief upon seeing Ye Tian. He had been worried that something had happened to Ye Tian since he had been gone for so long.

"Wind Wolf, I heard that after I left, a guy named Sun Feng came looking for me?" Ye Tian asked directly.

Wind Wolf frowned and nodded, "Yes, Sun Feng was originally from Tieya Base and is considered a genius there. He's far superior to the talents in Linhai Base. He has a high-level cultivation talent and has reached the mid-stage of elite martial warriors. After the people from Tieya Base integrated into Linhai Base, Sun Feng started challenging the young generation here. He has easily defeated many talents with medium-level cultivation talents and even some older elite martial warriors. He heard about you from somewhere and came to challenge you, but you weren't home, so he left."

"I see!" Ye Tian understood.

He had initially thought it was some kind of grudge, but it turned out to be a simple challenge.

"Ye Tian, be careful. Sun Feng is known for being ruthless in his challenges. Those who have been challenged by him have been seriously injured and will need several months to recover. Moreover, he has the backing of a peak-level grand martial warrior. Even those stronger than Sun Feng dare not challenge him; otherwise, they would offend him," Wind Wolf warned.

"I'll be cautious," Ye Tian said nonchalantly.

He understood Wind Wolf's concerns. People like Sun Feng were essentially 'martial second generations.' Those who could beat Sun Feng didn't dare to, and those who couldn't had to endure his arrogance.

Others might fear Sun Feng, but he didn't. Even if the peak-level grand martial warrior behind Sun Feng were to challenge him, they wouldn't be his match.

After parting ways with Wind Wolf, Ye Tian returned home.

Cultivate!!

With ample high-level beast blood, Ye Tian didn't have to worry about resources. He could feel his strength growing rapidly with each day of practice.

The rapid increase in his strength had Ye Tian utterly captivated. For him, nothing was more interesting than enhancing his own abilities. However, someone decided to disturb him.

"Ye Tian, I know you're back. Come out and fight me now!" An extremely arrogant voice echoed from outside the villa.

Annoyed, Ye Tian stopped his cultivation and walked outside. "Who are you?" he asked, his tone far from friendly, as he looked at a young man not far away.

"I'm Sun Feng, one of the four geniuses from Tieya Base. You're Ye Tian, right? I heard you also have a high-level cultivation talent. Let's see who's stronger," Sun Feng said, full of arrogance.

Ye Tian knew the nature of people like Sun Feng. If he refused the challenge, Sun Feng would not only not leave but would also become even more annoying, perhaps even resorting to excessive measures. So, he decided to accept the challenge and beat Sun Feng so badly that he wouldn't dare to provoke him again.

"A challenge is fine, but a simple one is boring. If there's a wager, I might be interested," Ye Tian said with a smile.

"A wager?" Sun Feng showed some interest. "What do you want to bet?"

"A bronze-level knife technique. Dare to bet?" Ye Tian suddenly proposed.

"Bronze-level knife technique!" Sun Feng's eyes lit up. He was naturally interested in acquiring more knife techniques.

"Fine, I agree. I'll also wager a bronze-level knife technique!" Sun Feng quickly agreed, afraid that Ye Tian might change his mind.

What Sun Feng didn't know was that after he agreed, the corners of Ye Tian's mouth lifted in a sly smile. He had a reason for wagering a bronze-level knife technique. He had seen Sun Feng's talent profile.

Human: Sun Feng

Cultivation Talent: High-level

Knife Talent: Medium-level

Sun Feng had a medium-level talent in knife techniques, which meant that a bronze-level knife technique would be very useful to him. And given Sun Feng's status, he should be able to offer a bronze-level knife technique as well.

"Since you've agreed to the bet, let's talk about our respective wagers," Sun Feng began, introducing his bronze-level knife technique first. "My bronze-level knife technique is called Qing Feng Slash. It can amplify attack power. When mastered, it can amplify attack power by six times, and even at a proficient level, it can triple the attack power. What's your bronze-level knife technique?"

Ye Tian was inwardly excited. He had been searching for such a technique for a long time but had never found one. Acquiring this technique would significantly boost his combat abilities.

"My bronze-level knife technique is called Shadow Kill. It amplifies knife speed, up to five or six times. This technique focuses on delivering a fatal blow that's hard to defend against," Ye Tian explained.

"Amplifying knife speed, that's a fast knife technique, something I don't have. I've hit the jackpot!" Sun Feng already considered Ye Tian's knife technique as his own. Extremely confident people never think they'll lose.

"When do we start?" Ye Tian asked.

"My bronze-level knife technique manual isn't with me, and fights between elite martial warriors can be quite destructive. How about we have our duel at Hui Ming Square tomorrow morning at 10?" Sun Feng suggested.

"Fine," Ye Tian agreed.

## Chapter 49: Talent UpgradeTop-Level Cultivation Talent!

As Ye Tian watched Sun Feng walk away, he couldn't help but think of Sun Feng as a bringer of wealth. Not only had Sun Feng gifted him an attack-type bronze-level knife skill, but he had also provided him with a high-level cultivation talent. While conversing with Sun Feng, Ye Tian had secretly copied Sun Feng's high-level cultivation talent.

Ye Tian had also been interested in copying the medium-level knife skill talent, but when choosing between the two, he naturally preferred the high-level cultivation talent. His high-level cultivation talent was already at its peak, very close to the top-level cultivation talent. If he copied the medium-level knife skill talent, there was no guarantee that it would evolve and upgrade. However, once he copied the high-level cultivation talent, it would definitely evolve to a top-level cultivation talent. Ye Tian knew where his priorities lay.

Back in his room, Ye Tian began to integrate the newly copied high-level cultivation talent. The process was painless this time, easily completed with just a bit of sweat.

Human: Ye Tian

Cultivation Talent: Top-Level

Speed Talent: Top-Level

Knife Talent: Medium-Level

Shadow Talent: Basic-Level

Healing Talent: Top-Level

Strength Talent: High-Level

Seeing his cultivation talent upgraded to top-level, Ye Tian couldn't contain his excitement. This was a top-level cultivation talent! With continuous cultivation, he was 100% certain he could reach the Grandmaster realm. High-level cultivation talent only offered a slim chance of advancing to Grandmaster, and even if one did, further progress would be difficult.

However, with top-level cultivation talent, reaching the early, middle, or even late stages of the Grandmaster realm would be easy. Only when attempting to break through to the next realm would he encounter a bottleneck, but even then, there was a small chance of breaking through to higher levels.

"With this top-level cultivation talent, I don't have to worry about my aptitude before reaching the Grandmaster realm!" Ye Tian thought.

After testing the effects of the top-level cultivation talent, Ye Tian found it to be twice as effective as the high-level one. Combined with intermediate elemental body training and high-level beast blood, the overall effect could be tripled. The higher the talent, the more effective the use of beast blood.

According to the effects of the top-level cultivation talent, Ye Tian was confident that he could reach the limit of elite martial warriors, which was a body strength of 100,000 jin, within two months.

The next day, before 10 a.m., Ye Tian arrived at Hui Ming Square. Hui Ming Square was a shopping plaza at Linhai Base, quite large in size and also hosting an entrance to the black market. When Ye Tian arrived, he saw many people, most of whom were martial warriors.

"Ye Tian, you're finally here!" Sun Feng walked up to Ye Tian, smiling.

"Why are there so many people?" Ye Tian looked around curiously.

Normally, there shouldn't be this many people here, and the gathering of so many martial warriors must be related to Sun Feng.

"It's nothing. I just promoted our duel a bit," Sun Feng said casually.

What he wanted was fame. Otherwise, he wouldn't go around challenging people, as it fed his vanity. Although it was somewhat unfair to the martial warriors of Linhai Base, he didn't care. In his eyes, the talents of Linhai Base were just namesake, not even meeting the threshold of talent at the Tieya base.

Defeating the talents of Linhai Base and demoralizing its martial warriors would be beneficial for the people of the Tieya base in controlling Linhai Base. He had already swept through most of the other talents at Linhai Base; only Ye Tian remained.

Therefore, this battle had to be grand!

"Bring out the stakes!" Sun Feng hastily spoke before the duel began, fearing that Ye Tian might not have a bronze-level knife skill.

"Here it is!" Ye Tian took out the secret manual for the bronze-level knife skill, Shadow Kill.

Sun Feng also produced the secret manual for his bronze-level knife skill, Qing Feng Slash.

Both men briefly examined each other's manuals. A quick glance wouldn't allow one to steal the knife skill, as the techniques were complex and accompanied by many illustrations. Each illustration contained the essence of the bronze-level knife skill, and one couldn't simply memorize it; constant comprehension of the manual was required. This is why creating each knife skill manual was difficult and why such skills were not widespread.

"The manuals are genuine. Let's begin!" Ye Tian and Sun Feng stood in the center of Hui Ming Square, and the crowd dispersed.

At this moment, many martial warriors began to discuss among themselves.

"Who is Ye Tian? Is he also an elite martial warrior?"

"I heard that Ye Tian has a high-level cultivation talent and is already an elite martial warrior. He's just been very low-key, so we didn't know."

"Both Ye Tian and Sun Feng have high-level cultivation talents, but Sun Feng is obviously much older and should be stronger. This duel should be a foregone conclusion, right?"

"I also think Sun Feng will win. After all, he has a knife skill talent and has cultivated his bronze-level knife skill, Qing Feng Slash, to a high level. He can unleash triple the attack power! Do you know what triple attack power means? A strength of 50,000 jin



can burst out with an attack power of 150,000 jin. None of the elite martial warriors at our Linhai base can match Sun Feng, and the grand martial warriors are too embarrassed to make a move. I guess no one can defeat Sun Feng!"

"Yeah, Ye Tian's chances of winning are too low!"

Almost everyone was not optimistic about Ye Tian, except for a few who held some hope. These people were members of the Wind Wolf Hunting Squad.

"Captain, do you think Mr. Ye Tian has a chance of winning?" a member of the Wind Wolf Hunting Squad whispered.

"He might, but even if he wins, it will be a hard-fought victory. Sun Feng has an attack power comparable to a grand martial warrior. Although Ye Tian has speed talent and strong knife skills, the advantage is not significant. It will be a narrow win," the captain of the Wind Wolf Hunting Squad estimated.

He made this estimate based on his understanding of Ye Tian, but he had no idea that Ye Tian's true strength had already exceeded the limits of a grand martial warrior.

Soon, the duel began!

Whoosh!

Sun Feng turned into an afterimage and charged at Ye Tian, raising his knife for a fierce slash. A wind blade aimed at Ye Tian, its attack power reaching 300,000 jin with the aid of elemental force. Although the blade wasn't fast, it was almost impossible for martial warriors below the grand martial warrior realm to dodge it.

However, something incredible happened.

Ye Tian's figure disappeared. The sure-hit wind blade struck the ground, creating a huge crack more than ten meters long, and shattered a large number of green stone slabs.

"Not good!" Sun Feng realized something was wrong.

But when he prepared to dodge, a knife was already at his throat.

"When did this happen?" Sun Feng broke into a cold sweat. He hadn't noticed Ye Tian's movements at all and had no idea when Ye Tian had gotten so close to him.

It was terrifying!

Sun Feng clearly understood what had just happened. If Ye Tian had wanted to, he could have killed him with a single stroke.

"He must have a very high-speed talent!" Sun Feng realized.

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Chapter 50: The Furious Sun Feng!

"Do you concede?" Ye Tian held his knife to Sun Feng's throat and asked.

"I concede!" Sun Feng said reluctantly.

He was just an elite martial warrior. Although his attack power had reached the level of a grand martial warrior with the aid of his knife skill, his defense was still at the level of an elite martial warrior. His elemental body shield would not be able to withstand Ye Tian's strike. Moreover, the neck is one of the weakest parts of the human body, naturally unable to resist a weapon imbued with elemental force.

"Hand over the bronze-level knife skill—Qing Feng Slash manual!" Ye Tian demanded.

Sun Feng's face turned ashen as he glared at Ye Tian. "You really want to take my bronze-level knife skill? You'll regret it!"

A bronze-level knife skill was not cheap. Martial Warriors without knife skill talent might not care, but those with knife skill talent would value it highly, even willing to spend tens of millions to purchase it. Sun Feng didn't care about losing a bronze-level knife skill to Ye Tian; it was equivalent to losing some money. However, the real loss was not about money but face.

He had been thoroughly humiliated this time, losing not just his own face but also that of the Tieya base. A genius from a medium-sized base had come to a small base and been defeated by a genius of that small base. If word got out, where would his prestige be? Even his family would lose face in front of other families.

Therefore, he despised Ye Tian.

"Hand it over!" Ye Tian's voice turned cold.

"Here!" Sun Feng threw the Qing Feng Slash manual at Ye Tian, then glared at him with murderous eyes, as if to say, "Just you wait!"

Ye Tian got the Qing Feng Slash manual and was in high spirits. As for Sun Feng's threat, he didn't take it seriously. If Sun Feng dared to cause trouble, he would be the one to regret it.

The duel ended, and the other martial warriors dispersed, spreading the news of the event. One could imagine that the entire Linhai base would be discussing the duel

between Ye Tian and Sun Feng the next day, and Ye Tian's fame would surely resound throughout Linhai Base.

One battle made him famous, and that was Ye Tian.

"Ye Tian!" Wind Wolf and his team approached.

"Wind Wolf, you guys came too!" Ye Tian greeted with a smile.

"Ye Tian, be careful. Sun Feng is not someone easy to deal with. You've made him lose a lot of face; he might seek revenge," Wind Wolf warned.

"Don't worry, I have plans," Ye Tian nodded.

Wind Wolf didn't say much more; a warning was enough. After all, he couldn't help much.

After parting ways with Wind Wolf and his team, Ye Tian went home and began studying Qing Feng Slash. It was a bronze-level knife skill and very difficult to comprehend. With his medium-level knife skill talent, Ye Tian could at most cultivate Qing Feng Slash to the same level as Sun Feng.

To cultivate Qing Feng Slash to the perfect realm would be too difficult unless he had a great opportunity to comprehend the essence of the knife or improve his knife skill talent.

Next, Ye Tian had one more primary cultivation task—Qing Feng Slash.

While Ye Tian was diligently cultivating, news of his achievements spread throughout Linhai Base.

Defeating Sun Feng in seconds!

Such an achievement was probably difficult even for a grand martial warrior, but Ye Tian had done it.

Lin Manor.

Upon hearing the news from his clan members, Lin Wanli's first reaction was disbelief.

"Ye Tian's speed is so fast; it seems I've underestimated his speed talent. Perhaps Ye Tian has medium-level or even high-level speed talent," Lin Wanli speculated.

With such talent, Ye Tian's strength had already surpassed that of elite martial warriors and was not inferior even when compared to grand martial warriors.

"Unfortunately, the Sun family is not a family to be trifled with easily. It remains to be seen whether Ye Tian can withstand the Sun family's retaliation," Lin Wanli sighed.

Ye Tian was a genius of Linhai Base, and logically, Lin Wanli should support him against the Sun family. However, he dared not do so. The Sun family's strength far surpassed that of his Lin family. Although the Sun family had no grandmasters, they had two peak grand martial warriors and eight grand martial warriors. Moreover, those two peak grand martial warriors were far stronger than he was. He had once sparred with a peak grand martial warrior from the Sun family and was defeated in a single move.

Many martial warriors in the Sun family had knife skill talent. It was said that this was because the Sun family rarely married outsiders; they mostly married within their own branches to ensure the purity of their bloodline, which also increased the chances of giving birth to clan members with knife skill talent. Rumor had it that because of inbreeding, many members of the Sun family were born mentally challenged or disabled and were secretly executed.

Such a ruthless family like the Sun family would definitely not let Ye Tian off easily. In the Tieya base, the Sun family was also one of the top five major families. With the Sun family's strength, how could the Lin family dare to oppose them? One could even say that a single peak grand martial warrior from the Sun family could sweep the entire Lin family.

On the other side, the Sun family.

At that moment, Sun Feng was venting his anger in his residence, smashing many pieces of furniture. Even some servants were severely beaten by him to vent his frustration.

"Feng'er!" A middle-aged man walked in, glanced at the broken furniture scattered on the floor, and frowned, "Are you still angry about losing the duel?"

The middle-aged man was Sun Feng's father, Sun Qinghe, also a grand martial warrior but only in the early stages. However, he also had knife skill talent, making his strength comparable to late-stage grand martial warriors.

"Father!" Sun Feng calmed down a bit, walked up to Sun Qinghe, and called out.

"It's just one loss; there's no need to be so disheartened," Sun Qinghe said.

"Father, I want Ye Tian dead. Can you help me?" Sun Feng requested.

He was self-aware, knowing that he couldn't kill Ye Tian with his own strength and couldn't mobilize the Sun family's grand martial warriors. His only option was to seek help from his father.

"No," Sun Qinghe flatly refused.

"Why?" Sun Feng was puzzled.

"Because it's a critical time now," Sun Qinghe explained. "Although we've become part of Linhai Base, many people here still consider us outsiders. Our foundation here is not yet stable. If we kill Linhai Base's top genius at this time, even if the Lin family doesn't trouble us, what will the other martial warriors of Linhai Base think? They might cause us problems in various ways, severely affecting the family's development."

"So, we're just going to let Ye Tian go?" Sun Feng was very unwilling.

"No, Ye Tian has made our Sun family lose a lot of face. We can't let him go. But we can't act against him at this time. In a few months, when our family has completely stabilized its foundation in Linhai Base, we can then take action to eliminate Ye Tian," Sun Qinghe assured.

"Fine, let Ye Tian live a few more months," Sun Feng's face darkened.

A few months was not a long time, and basically, nothing would change. Neither Sun Feng nor Sun Qinghe believed that Ye Tian could grow to the level of a peak grand martial warrior in just a few months.

And so, time slowly passed, and the entire Linhai base remained very peaceful.

"The Sun family hasn't troubled me?" Ye Tian, who had been cultivating for about ten days, found it strange.