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"Hey beautiful, don't go just yet, us guys want to chat with you."

The big man with a stubbly beard, dressed in a military uniform, grabbed Liu Zhaozhao's arm, his gaze was drunken and his mouth carried a smirk.

Beside him stood another big bald man, his head shining under the light and a cigarette dangling from his mouth, looking quite roguish.

"Let go!"

Liu Zhaozhao frowned slightly, her voice clear and cold.

Qin Dadi and Xiao Yunlong immediately stood by Liu Zhaozhao, glaring at Stubby Beard and angrily admonished:

"Let go!"

"Hah, a few stray dogs dare to shout in front of your Master Dai."

Stubby Beard sneered disdainfully, he had noticed this table's situation for a while now. Spending so much time at the base surrounded mostly by men, they were almost ready to explode. Seeing a beautiful lady appear was like setting them on fire.

But he wasn't a fool either, knowing there were some people at the base who were untouchable, such as high tier Spiritualists or those from big families.

To be cautious, he specifically observed for a while, and from the military number on the young guy's chest, did some digging and learned of this table's situation.

Turns out these folks were from the 319th Corps, a defeated battalion that had just returned to Lieyang Valley after losing a battle.

Although he hadn't figured out these people's exact identities, truly powerful individuals wouldn't belong to such a trashy unit.

Seeing Stubby Beard still not letting go, Liu Zhaozhao's face turned cold, and a ball of flame suddenly emerged from her arm.

"Hiss~"

Stubby Beard quickly released his grip. He was a Tier Two Spiritualist, and couldn't be hurt by a mere flame, but being treated like this by Liu Zhaozhao made him feel slightly humiliated.

"Yo, didn't expect this woman's character to be so fiery."

The bald man stepped up, a wicked smile on his lips. "Brother Dai is a Bauhinia Medal recipient, having slain hundreds of Beastmen, a bona fide war hero. Inviting you for a drink is showing you face, you're not happy?"

Bauhinia Medal

The eyes of Qin Dadi and the others flickered; anyone who earned this medal was undoubtedly a good warrior on the battlefield.

But just because someone can win battles doesn't mean they are good people.

Some soldiers strictly discipline themselves using good morals as a yardstick.

And some are fierce tigers on the battlefield but become blatant rogues off it.

Qin Dadi pulled Liu Zhaozhao behind him, speaking calmly:

"Gentlemen, I don't care who you are, don't forget this is a military base, not a place for drunken antics."

"Hah, a waste teaching me a lesson now."

Stubby Beard breathed out alcohol fumes, his face filled with disdain. "Your 319th Corps couldn't even take the Golan Heights, now you've got the nerve to retreat back to Lieyang Valley."

"Let me tell you, Master Dai is a vanguard soldier in the Battle of Lieyang Valley, every inch of this land was fought for bit by bit by us veterans. Without us, would you lot be here drinking and enjoying yourselves?"

"Why can't I have her drink two cups with me?"

Stubby Beard's words were like steel spikes, stabbing into the hearts of Qin Dadi and the others. For the 319th Corps, failing to take the Golan Heights and having to retreat

to Lieyang Valley was indeed humiliating. When this wound was exposed so brutally, their mood worsened immensely.

"Whatever contributions you have made, the Military Department will reward them. Though we've lost, the Beastmen we've killed might not be less than yours."

Xiao Yunlong coldly said, "Move aside, if not, I'll report to the patrol team."

Upon hearing the words "patrol team," Stubby Beard noticeably shook, the drunkenness faded slightly from his eyes. He coldly snorted and said:

"Stray dogs sure have some temper, fine, I'm in a good mood today and won't bother with you, but from now on, I don't want to see you lot in this tavern."

"This is a tavern for heroes and warriors, not for cowards!"

After he said this, other patrons cheered and applauded.

Seeing this, Stubby Beard's grin grew even more smug, waving his hand, "Da Chao, let's go."

"Sure thing."

The bald guy made a thumbs down gesture towards the Earth Dragon Team, and then swaggered out of the tavern with Stubby Beard.

"Damn it, they're too much."

Xiao Yunlong was so mad his face turned blue and white alternatively, wishing to rush up and smash the two.

Luckily, Qin Dadi held him back, shook his head and said:

"We're new here, try not to cause trouble."

Xiao Yunlong's chest heaved, angrily said: "If there's a chance in the future, I'll definitely punch their faces until they swell like pig heads."

Qin Dadi knew Xiao Yunlong was just venting. Anyone who could earn the Bauhinia Medal probably had strength above Xiao Yunlong's.

"Let's go too."

Qin Dadi waved his hand, his previously good mood ruined, feeling somewhat disheartened.

"Hold on, I want to go to the bathroom."

At this moment, Qin Tian spoke.

"Alright, you go ahead, we'll wait at the entrance." Qin Dadi said.

"Okay."

Qin Tian nodded, heading towards the bathroom, an eerie glint flashing in his eyes.

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Night was like water

In the alley, two men were staggering forward, arm in arm.

"Brother Dai, that girl was quite a stunner just now, should've groped her too, taken some advantage."

"That's why you're not as smart as your brother. That chick's arm was soft as water, so fine and smooth, thinking back, still kind of high; should have groped a bit longer or picked another place to touch."

"Haha, Brother Dai, where would you want to touch then?"

"Where else but... hehe."

The men talked all sorts of crude words, occasionally bursting out into sleazy laughter.

"Hey."

Just then, a faint voice came from behind.

The men hadn't noticed anyone behind, hair stood on end instantly, yet before they could turn, a sharp pain hit the back of their heads, and in the next moment, blackness took over, passing out.

Under the night, a straight figure stood behind them, then disappeared into the shadows like sinking into a bog.

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"Why did you take so long?" Xiao Yunlong questioned with curiosity.

Qin Tian replied coolly, "Crowded restroom, had to wait."

"Thought you got harassed too."

Xiao Yunlong put an arm around Qin Tian's shoulder, earnestly advised: "Qin Tian, something you may not understand, most men like women, but some men only take interest in other men."

"Though your handsomeness is slightly inferior to mine, we're all good-looking; out here, be wary not only of women but of men with unclean thoughts too."

Hearing this, Qin Tian couldn't help but roll his eyes.

Beside him, Qin Dadi chuckled, Liu Zhaozhao scoffed:

"Qin Tian is a hunk, unlike you, forget it."

"Wow, Zhao zhao, saying that hurts me, am I not handsome? How about you take another glance?"

The moonlight was gentle, as the group chatted and laughed, walking towards their dormitory, the warm yellow street lamps stretching their shadows together, creating a cozy scene.

On the other side, the two men slowly got up, touching their bulging backs of the head, first filled with fright, then shouting furiously:

"Ahhh! Damn it, I will find you!"

*Chapter 22: Chapter 22: Spirit Awakening*

At noon the next day, the Earth Dragon Team gathered in the canteen.

"I slept so well last night."

Xiao Yunlong took a big bite of a chicken leg, his mouth shiny with grease as he said, "I wonder what the base will arrange for us. Captain, have you heard anything?"

Qin Dadi shook his head, "I haven't received any notice yet."

"Ah, I really hope we can stay here and not be assigned any other tasks," Xiao Yunlong wished aloud.

"Have you saved enough military points?" Liu Zhaozhao asked.

"Yep, I have."

Xiao Yunlong chuckled, "Thanks to Qin Tian, I've now saved enough military points to exchange for a Black Iron Bloodline Potion. As soon as we return to Alpha 1 Star, I can receive the bloodline injection."

Upon hearing this, both Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao showed envious expressions.

With the enhancement of the Black Iron Level bloodline, Xiao Yunlong's strength will surely progress rapidly, possibly reaching Tier Four or even Tier Five in the future.

"Don't look at me like that. You two must have also saved enough military points for the Superpower Enhancement Potion, right?" Xiao Yunlong asked.

"Yes, we have."

Qin Dadi nodded and added, "But even with the Superpower Enhancement Potion, my strength won't exceed Tier Three, so I can't compare with you."

Superpower users, unlike Spiritualists, don't have a well-established cultivation system.

All superpower users can only gradually enhance their mastery of superpowers through repeated training and attempts, just like ordinary people building muscle in a gym. Growth is rapid during the initial benefit period for beginners, but as they progress, every further step becomes increasingly difficult.

This is when external help is needed—the Superpower Enhancement Potion.

The Superpower Enhancement Potion can help superpower users break through bottleneck periods and enter a second growth spurt until they encounter another bottleneck.

Every superpower user can only inject the enhancement potion twice in their lifetime.

Those with excellent talent can use these two chances to soar to Tier Four, Five, or even Six.

While those with mediocre talent will remain stagnant at Tier Two or Three.

Qin Dadi is very aware that he's not a talented person; his superpower is only average, and reaching Tier Three would already be quite satisfying in this lifetime.

"I've also saved enough. I plan to get the injection after we return," Liu Zhaozhao said.

"Hehe, that's right. Each of us has a bright future ahead," Xiao Yunlong grinned.

"Ahem~"

Just then, Qin Tian coughed gently and then nonchalantly continued to eat.

Xiao Yunlong glanced at him and suddenly realized something, quickly saying:

"Oh, I almost forgot the most important thing. Qin Tian, I'll teach you the Spirit Awakening Technique later."

Qin Tian, with food in his mouth, mumbled, "No rush."

Xiao Yunlong looked at him suspiciously, slowly raising an eyebrow:

"Did you cough on purpose just now? Just to remind me?"

Qin Tian wiped his mouth with a calm expression:

"You're thinking too much."

Xiao Yunlong seemed to have discovered something amusing and laughed:

"Haha, it definitely was. You've learned that trick now."

"Qin Tian, you're getting more and more..." Liu Zhaozhao struggled to find an appropriate word for a moment before finally saying: "...adorable."

"That's right." Qin Dadi nodded with a smile.

Qin Tian: ...

Adorable?

What the ghost!

It's all about the image!

I can't just shamelessly beg Xiao Yunlong.

That would completely ruin my cool image.

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"And that's all the details of the Spirit Awakening Technique. Did you get it?"

In the room, Xiao Yunlong explained the Spirit Awakening Technique in detail, emphasizing many of the details.

Qin Tian silently recalled it. This body not only had a strong physique but also a much better memory than in his previous life.

After Xiao Yunlong explained it and demonstrated it in person, he was able to commit the entire process to memory.

"I've got it."

Qin Tian nodded.

"Alright, give it a try then."

Xiao Yunlong advised, "Be careful not to rush. Entering the meditation state is a big hurdle for most people. I also failed several times before I managed it."

"Okay, I understand."

Qin Tian took a deep breath and then slowly closed his eyes.

Xiao Yunlong stepped back two steps, standing together with Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao.

Inhale~ Exhale~ Inhale~ Exhale~

The rhythmic breathing sound filled the room as Qin Tian's eyes closed, his chest heaving, his consciousness gradually emptying as if entering a new world.

"It's started."

Qin Dadi's lips moved slightly, his eyes showing a mix of complexity and melancholy.

Becoming a Spiritualist was his lifelong dream. He had practiced this Spirit Awakening Technique countless times.

Unfortunately, limited by his talent, his body could not interact with the Spiritual Ability Factor, and he had to settle for becoming a Superpower User, enduring a 70% awakening death rate.

Qin Tian, do your best. I hope you can successfully awaken.

Only by becoming a Spiritualist can you break free from the shackles of your original identity and embrace a brighter future.

"Qin Tian, you can do it."

Liu Zhaozhao pursed her lips, silently wishing Qin Tian well.



Inhale~ Exhale~ Inhale~ Exhale~

Gradually, Qin Tian entered a mysterious state. His brain wasn't consciously controlling it, yet his breathing maintained a very unique and stable rhythm.

His mind seemed to be pulled by an invisible hand, continuously falling until it finally entered a strange world.

This was a colorful world filled with multi-colored light particles.

The particles twirled like lively elves, sometimes intertwining to form different colors.

Qin Tian realized that he had successfully entered the meditation state.

Next step, absorb the Spiritual Ability Factor.

Ssss~~

His thoughts turned into a black hole, attracting nearby Spiritual Ability Factors.

Some factors greatly resisted him, moving further away.

But most factors drew closer to him, with two particular colors being the most numerous.

One was blue-purple, and the other was black.

"These should be the Thunder Element and Dark Element," Qin Tian thought to himself.

[Shadowbone Physique] and [Purple Thunder Bloodline] increased his affinity for the dark and thunder elements. Comparatively, the Thunder Element was more close to him, with the largest number approaching.

"It's done!"

Qin Tian felt a burst of joy.

In the process of spiritual awakening, entering meditation is the first hurdle that blocks more than seventy percent of people. Absorbing the Spiritual Ability Factor is the second hurdle, even harder than the first.

However, successfully absorbing the Spiritual Ability Factor indicated he was already halfway into the realm of a Spiritualist.

I suck! I suck! Keep sucking!

Qin Tian was like a glutton, pushing himself to absorb as much of the Spiritual Ability Factor as possible. The more he absorbed during the awakening process, the stronger his talent would be, benefiting him when consolidating the Star Acupoint later.

After a long while, when Qin Tian felt he was about to burst, unable to absorb any more Spiritual Ability Factor, he ended this state, returning his thoughts to reality.

The moment he opened his eyes, Qin Tian saw three shocked and excited faces.

"Brother, you succeeded!!!"

Xiao Yunlong grabbed Qin Tian's shoulders and shook them vigorously, his face flushed with excitement.

Successfully awakening Spiritual Energy on the first try

Qin Tian's talent almost matched that of Bloodline Martial Artists.

"Congratulations!"

Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao said with smiles, genuinely happy for Qin Tian.

Qin Tian blinked, sensing an unfamiliar power flowing through his body, and couldn't help but raise the corners of his mouth.

"Thank you~"

*Chapter 23: Chapter 23: Special Talent Policy, Marshal Lin*

"Qin Tian, how does it feel becoming a Spiritualist?"

Xiao Yunlong asked with a smile.

Qin Tian: "It feels like there's a new energy within my body that's under my control. It's a very peculiar feeling."

Upon hearing this, Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao couldn't help but show a hint of envy.

Spiritual Energy

This is the biggest distinction between Spiritualists and Superpower Users.

Superpower Users have no energy within them. Using their powers is as instinctive as raising a hand or blinking an eye.

The advantage of Superpower Users lies in their natural and free execution of abilities. If their power is strong, their combat effectiveness in early stages can surpass that of Spiritualists.

However, due to the lack of energy, Superpower Users heavily consume physical strength and spiritual power, so their endurance is poor. Moreover, in terms of variety of methods and destructive power in later stages, they are far inferior to Spiritualists.

Spiritualists are the primary profession in the Empire and the entire cosmos.

"Haha, this is what Spiritual Energy is about."

Xiao Yunlong laughed and said, "After your Spirit Awakening, you will need to choose a cultivation technique that suits you. But when choosing a technique, you need to consider many factors, such as whether you prefer being a Spirit Martial Artist or a Spirit Mage. Additionally, the affinity of your Spiritual Energy will also dictate the direction of your technique choice. For example, I have a high affinity for Wind Attribute, so I ultimately chose a Wind Element Technique."

Qin Tian knew his highest affinity would definitely be Thunder Element and Dark Element Spiritual Energy, yet he still asked:

"How do you test affinity?"

"It's simple," Xiao Yunlong said. "Just go to the Special Warfare Management Office to get tested. Oh, and every Spiritualist needs to be registered there. Since you just awakened, you also need to register."

At this point, Qin Dadi added:

"Qin Tian, after registering your identity as a Spiritualist, you'll enjoy many benefits like medical exemptions, family schooling, rank promotions, etc. But for you, the most important is that it helps speed up getting your Empire identity card."

The identity card is extremely important to citizens of the Empire.

Without an identity card, you virtually become an unregistered resident, with no access to any welfare or upward mobility.

Take Qin Tian, for instance, despite his recent military achievements, killing hundreds of Beastmen, his military points couldn't be issued due to the lack of an identity card. As a result, he couldn't get rank promotions or medal awards.

"Understood." Qin Tian nodded.

"It's still early, so why not go register now?" Xiao Yunlong suggested.

"Alright."

Qin Tian was also eager to get his ID card quickly and claim his due military points.

With military points, he could exchange for a Rune Spear or a suitable cultivation technique.

"Let's go, move out!"

The group got on a shuttle bus and soon arrived at the Special Warfare Management Office.

The Special Warfare Management Office was in a two-story building. The first floor was the service hall, with over a dozen counters. Right now, a few Spiritualists or Superpower Users were handling related businesses at the counters.

Qin Tian went to an empty counter and sat down, while the other three stood behind him.

"What business do you need to handle?"

A young staff member inside the window asked.

Before Qin Tian could answer, Xiao Yunlong replied on his behalf.

"We are from the 319th Earth Dragon Squad, and this is our member, Qin Tian, who just awakened as a Spiritualist and is here for registration."

"Is that so~"

The staff member glanced surprisingly at Qin Tian. Cases of awakening as a Spiritualist on the battlefield were rare, at least in his experience.

"Alright, give me your ID card number."

Xiao Yunlong added: "He doesn't have an ID card."

No ID card?

The staff member's eyes turned sharp instantly, "What's going on? You're an unregistered resident?"

At this, Xiao Yunlong stayed silent, thinking it was time for Qin Tian to speak for himself.

Under the staff member's gaze, Qin Tian slowly said:

"I am a Clone."

What!!!

The staff member's face suddenly showed astonishment. In public perception, Clones were merely cannon fodder on the battlefield, with a status similar to that of guns and ammunition in a warehouse—disposable.

Statistics show the average life span of a Clone is 32 days, meaning the vast majority will die in their first battle.

Less than 10% survive two battles, and less than 1% survive three.

Essentially, Clones are purely consumables, not particularly valuable ones, suitable only for low-intensity warfare.

However, once a Clone defies fate and survives several battles, they get a chance to access Spiritual Energy.

Once their Spirit Awakens, their life will immediately change.

This is all due to a special law.

"Wait here, I'll report upstairs now."

The staff member suddenly stood up, leaving behind a message before quickly rushing upstairs.

"What's going on, why so excited?" Xiao Yunlong asked, puzzled.

"It seems that rumor is true," Qin Dadi pondered.

"What rumor?"

Xiao Yunlong, Liu Zhaozhao, and Qin Tian all turned to Qin Dadi.

Qin Dadi replied seriously: "A rumor about a special management regulation for Clones. I don't know the specifics, but Marshal Lin initiated it."

"Marshal Lin!!!"

Upon hearing the name, Xiao Yunlong and Liu Zhaozhao were taken aback, but then they both nodded as if it suddenly made sense.

If Marshal Lin established it, then it must be legitimate.

Qin Tian noticed the change in their expressions and couldn't help but ask, "Who is Marshal Lin?"

"Marshal Lin is one of the most legendary figures in the Empire."

Xiao Yunlong's eyes gleamed with admiration. "He rose from a mere grunt on the battlefield to become one of the Empire's top ten marshals, commanding numerous historic interstellar battles."

"Marshal Lin is the epitome of rising from the bottom, an idol in the hearts of countless people."

"Most importantly..."

Xiao Yunlong looked at Qin Tian, his tone carrying an indescribable implication:

"Marshal Lin, like you, is also a Clone."

What!!

This time, the calm and aloof demeanor on Qin Tian's face was completely shattered, his inner world turned upside down with overwhelming shock.

He knew full well that his survival until now was entirely due to the built-in cheat ability he gained from traversing.

Without it, he would likely have ended up just like other Clones, doomed to the fate of being cannon fodder.

Therefore, he couldn't fathom how a Clone could possibly survive through brutal and bloody battles, endure ridicule and disdain, and ultimately ascend to the esteemed position of one of the Empire's top ten marshals.

To him, it seemed like a fantasy, something no novel would dare to write.

For the members of the Earth Dragon Team, it was the first time seeing such a look of shock and surprise on Qin Tian's face, but they weren't surprised by his reaction.

Anyone, upon learning about Marshal Lin's deeds, would react the same way.

Marshal Lin, Lin Xuanqing

truly is a God-like figure.

*Chapter 24: Chapter 24: Spiritual Energy Test*

Special Warfare Management Office Supplies Room

Knock knock knock~~

An urgent knocking sounded on the door outside.

Director Jia Xiu put down the teacup, frowned slightly, and said:

"Come in!"

The door was pushed open.

Jia Xiu's voice deepened slightly:

"Xiaomeng, what's the matter?"

Meng Feng noticed a hint of displeasure in the director's tone and quickly explained, "Director, there's a clone downstairs who claims to have just awakened his spiritual energy."

"What!"

Jia Xiu was taken aback and immediately asked, "Are you sure? Which unit is he from? Can you confirm his clone identity?"

Meng Feng: "Director, his name is Qin Tian, from the 319th Corps' special ops team called the Earth Dragon. I can't completely confirm his clone identity, but he said he doesn't have an Empire ID card."

"No ID card, huh."

Jia Xiu's eyes twitched slightly. A normal person wouldn't claim to be a clone, as clones are seen by the public as the lowest class, a war weapon without thoughts but indoctrinated with partial memories.

Moreover, without an Empire ID card, it pretty much confirms his clone identity.

"Director, does he fall under the special management regulations for clones?" Meng Feng asked.

Jia Xiu nodded, "If his clone and spiritualist identity can be confirmed, then he indeed falls under this regulation, but..."

Jia Xiu had a doubt in his mind; actually, every year, a small number of clones meet this regulation, but their situations are completely different from Qin Tian's.

Those clones have endured several battles and shown outstanding performance before the military department recognizes them as clones with special talents.

Afterward, they are gathered together for unified spiritual energy education.

Those who successfully awaken will trigger the special management regulation and proceed to the next stage of training.

Those who fail will be thrown back into the battlefield to continue their cannon fodder mission.

But a wild spiritualist like Qin Tian, it was the first time he encountered one.

"You said he's from the 319th Corps' special ops team?" Jia Xiu asked.

"That's right." Meng Feng nodded.

"I see~"

Jia Xiu's eyes narrowed slightly; it seemed that this special ops team helped him awaken his spiritual energy.

This clone is not simple at all, managing to have others willingly teach him the Spirit Awakening Technique.

"Xiaomeng, bring him up for a spiritual energy test in the room next door. I'll call the 319th Corps to verify his identity."

"Yes!"

Meng Feng quickly ran downstairs.

Jia Xiu picked up the phone and dialed a number.

"Hello, this is Jia Xiu."

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A few minutes later

"This is the Spiritual Ability Detection Stone."



Meng Feng picked up a silvery white stone, with a couple of patches connected to a black machine.

"In a moment, inject your spiritual energy into this. The machine will analyze the elemental composition of your spiritual energy. The higher the element content, the higher is your affinity for that element. You should choose a cultivation technique in that direction in the future."

"Okay."

Qin Tian nodded, taking the detection stone from Meng Feng's hand.

"Are you ready? If so, I'll start."

Meng Feng placed his hand on a button.

"I'm ready."

Qin Tian gripped the stone, controlling his spiritual energy with his mind, slowly channeling it to his palm.

"Let's begin then."

Meng Feng pressed the button.

Beep beep beep~~~

The display suddenly lit up; Qin Tian immediately mobilized his spiritual energy, directing it along his arm, to his palm, then into the detection stone.

As viewed, the silvery white stone emitted a faint light, like a stream of stardust flowing inside.

Shortly afterward, the display showed pillars of various colors, some rising slowly, some rapidly, and after a dozen seconds, they stopped changing.

The other people of the Earth Dragon Team immediately gathered to look.

On the bar chart, the blue-purple pillar stood out, the tallest, while the black pillar next to it was slightly shorter but still much higher than the others.

"Thunder element content 42%, dark element content 37%."

Meng Feng read out the test results.

"Wow, Qin Tian, you're actually a dual-element spiritualist, and with such high affinity," Xiao Yunlong exclaimed in surprise.

Qin Tian looked at him and asked, "Dual-element, is that a good or bad thing?"

Xiao Yunlong explained, "Single-element, dual-element, and multi-element each have their pros and cons. Single-element is more focused, possibly leading to faster cultivation speed in a particular element, while dual-element and multi-element spiritualists have more varied attack methods, offering more choices in martial techniques and magic."

"Generally, though, spiritualists focus only on cultivating two elemental domains, as more would slow down the cultivation progress."

"Your advantage is clear; the thunder and dark element contents add up to nearly 80%. Your affinity is very high, unlike me, even though I'm skilled in the wind element, the wind element content in my spiritual energy is only 25%."

"When your military merit points come through, I suggest choosing a cultivation technique that combines thunder and dark elements. Don't worry, the Empire is well-founded, with all kinds of techniques, there's bound to be one that suits you."

"No need to rush on the cultivation technique just yet."

Meng Feng suddenly spoke up, "If your clone identity is confirmed, then you can trigger a special management regulation. I remember it states that a clone can freely choose one Bronze Level Technique from the military technique library."

"What, Bronze Level?"

Xiao Yunlong's jaw dropped, looking incredulous: "Are you sure it's Bronze Level?"

Meng Feng nodded: "Yes, I shouldn't be mistaken."

"Ahhhhh, Qin Tian, you're so lucky!"

Xiao Yunlong grabbed Qin Tian's shoulders, gritting his teeth, "A Bronze Level Technique, that's a Bronze Level Technique, worth at least 5000 military merit points."

What, 5000 military merit points!

Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao exchanged glances; the two of them, not being spiritualists, hadn't realized how expensive a spiritual cultivation technique could be.

military merit points, it's a number they dared not even imagine.

So generous~~

Qin Tian's brows raised slightly; to get a Bronze Level Technique for free, without any effort, was, of course, a huge boon for him, enabling him to use his military merit points to exchange for a rune spear instead.

At this moment, Qin Tian suddenly felt very grateful to the Marshal Lin, whom he had never met. It was precisely because of this legendary marshal's extraordinary example that following clones had the chance to escape their tragic fate and embark on a different life path.

"Bro, Qin Tian has already proven he's a spiritualist, so can the processing speed for his Empire ID card be accelerated?"

Xiao Yunlong said, "The sooner his military merit points arrive, the sooner we can convert them into combat power. Otherwise, if another war breaks out before his military merit points are finalized, wouldn't that be too frustrating?"

"I know you're anxious, but no need to worry just yet."

Meng Feng calmly assured, "As I've said, once he triggers that management regulation, all processes will be expedited. Also, your worry is unnecessary; big battles are unlikely to occur shortly. You'll all stay safely at the base, waiting for the war to end and go home."

Upon hearing this, Xiao Yunlong, Qin Dadi, and Liu Zhaozhao exchanged looks, their eyes gleaming with excitement and joy.

No more upcoming wars

We can return home safely!

*Chapter 25: Chapter 25: Shockwaves Among the High Command*

"Okay, okay, I got it. I'll verify it right away."

The adjutant hung up the phone, ran to the temporary office of the 319th Corps, knocked on the door, and walked in.

"Raymond, you're here too, perfect."

The adjutant glanced at Raymond beside Dai Xianghe and said, "The Special Warfare Management Office just informed me that someone in our 319th Corps, a clone, has successfully awakened psychic abilities, and they require us to verify this person's identity."

Upon hearing this, Dai Xianghe paused for a moment, then exclaimed in surprise:

"A clone awakening psychic abilities? Are you sure they haven't made a mistake? As far as I know, our corps hasn't had any clones selected out, right?"

"Not a selected person, that individual is still in our 319th Corps, his name is..."

The adjutant was about to mention the name when Raymond suddenly interrupted, "Is it Qin Tian, from the Earth Dragon Team?"

"That's right, it's Qin Tian."

The adjutant raised an eyebrow, "Raymond, you're an instructor of the Clone Legion, you must know Qin Tian's situation better than anyone, tell us, what's his story?"

Recruit No. 89757, who would have thought you could come this far.

Raymond wore a complex expression on his face and slowly said:

"Qin Tian is one of the last batch of cloned soldiers our corps produced, having just emerged from the incubation chamber a few days ago."

"Wait a minute!"

Dai Xianghe raised his hand, eyes filled with disbelief: "Are you saying he has just come out of the chamber a few days ago? Within a few days, this cloned soldier named Qin Tian managed to awaken psychic abilities?"

"Yes, I couldn't believe it myself either."

Raymond gave a bitter smile: "After the last batch of cloned soldiers emerged from the chamber, I led them on shooting training as usual. In the first training, Qin Tian stood out with an extremely excellent shooting talent, and after a few attempts, he passed the Spirit Bird test with nearly perfect scores."

The Spirit Bird test!

Dai Xianghe and the adjutant displayed looks of shock. As military leaders, they knew very well how challenging the Spirit Bird test was. Across Alpha 7 Star, fewer than two handfuls of individuals had ever passed it.

A newly emerged cloned soldier managing to pass the Spirit Bird test after just a few attempts demonstrated an insane level of shooting talent.

"Considering Qin Tian's uniqueness, I directly assigned him to the Earth Dragon Team to replace the previous sharpshooter, Huang Xun," Raymond continued.

Dai Xianghe and the adjutant both knew Huang Xun, as he was the most formidable sharpshooter in the 319th Corps, unfortunately sacrificing himself in an accident.

Positioning Qin Tian as Huang Xun's replacement in the Earth Dragon Team was appropriate both logically and emotionally.

Raymond: "Afterward, I kept an eye on Qin Tian's movements. In the final assault on the Golan Heights, Qin Tian sniped over 200 beastmen, one skyborne dromabeast, and one Tier Two Spirit Cat."

At this point, Dai Xianghe and the adjutant couldn't help but be amazed by Qin Tian's shooting skills. However, what was even more astonishing was yet to come.

"During the subsequent beastmen night raid, Qin Tian once again shot over 200 Shadow Cats, dozens of Spirit Cats, and two Shadow Feline people. Among these Shadow Feline people, one was a Tier Four Beast Spirit Warrior, the one who killed Yang Ling, and Qin Tian avenged Yang Ling."

"I recall now."

Dai Xianghe suddenly realized: "Indeed, someone reported this incident to me at the time, but I had to accompany Su Yunyi, so I never got the chance to meet this hero. It turns out he is Qin Tian."

Raymond nodded: "Yes, that's Qin Tian."

Speaking to this point, Raymond seemed to recall something, a smirk appearing at the corner of his eyes: "Here's a fun fact: the captain of the Earth Dragon Team is named Qin Dadi."

"The captain is called Qin Dadi, while he's... Qin Tian."

Dai Xianghe chuckled, "I guess that name wasn't given to him by Qin Dadi, huh? This kid has quite the personality."

"Indeed."

Raymond smiled: "He is the most unique cloned soldier I've ever seen, so when the Special Warfare Management Office mentioned someone in our corps having awakened psychic abilities, he was the first person I thought of."

"It must have been the members of the Earth Dragon Team who taught him the Spirit Awakening Technique. It seems they have a good relationship, agreeing to teach him the Spirit Awakening Technique after just a few days together."

"They did go through two battles together, after all."

The adjutant sighed: "The battlefield is the fastest place to foster deep bonds."

"Yes, indeed."

Dai Xianghe and Raymond echoed this sentiment with deep understanding.

Soldiers don't play mind games; after sharing guns in battle, they become the closest comrades, and in the heat of the moment, they might even take a bullet for each other.

"Since Qin Tian's identity checks out, you should inform the Special Warfare Management Office directly."

Dai Xianghe said: "I recall that once a cloned soldier awakens psychic abilities, a special talent management regulation can be triggered, allowing them to enter military academy for high-level military training."

"With the war nearing its end, I hope all our corps' soldiers can find a good future."

"Yes!"

The adjutant walked out of the office and immediately returned the call to the Special Warfare Management Office.

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"He's actually a new recruit who emerged less than ten days ago."

Jia Xiu hung up the phone, a hint of surprise in his eyes.

Awakening psychic abilities within ten days must be the fastest among all cloned soldiers who've triggered management regulations, right?

Who would have thought I could handle such a unique case?

Interesting~

Jia Xiu arranged for his subordinates to compile Qin Tian's data and send it to another department.

His office, the Special Warfare Management Office, was only responsible for information registration. As for Qin Tian's future training plans and arrangements, that would be handled by another special department.

And the top superior of that department was Marshal Lin himself.

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Exiting the Special Warfare Management Office, Xiao Yunlong glanced back and said, "I hope they can expedite things and get Qin Tian's identity card done soon."

"They said it will take a maximum of one week or as quick as three days for the identity card to be processed."

Liu Zhaozhao looked at Qin Tian and smiled, "By then, Qin Tian, you'll be able to see how many military points you've earned."

"Definitely a lot."

Xiao Yunlong chuckled, "I racked up over 200 military points just tagging along with Qin Tian; I estimate his military points are no less than 2000, maybe even higher."

"Yes, I also think it might be between 2000 and 2500."

Qin Dadi made a rough estimate based on past experience and added: "Those military points are enough to exchange for a good Rune Spear."

"Qin Tian, we'll help you choose one that's most suitable for you then."

Xiao Yunlong's eyes lit up, "Once you get the Rune Spear, let me try it out too."

"Sure."

Qin Tian nodded, a gleam of anticipation in his eyes.

He was eager to see the differences between a Rune Spear and regular firearms.

"Thanks."

Xiao Yunlong chuckled: "It's still early. How about we hit the training ground? I promised to teach Qin Tian some hand-to-hand combat and swordsmanship; otherwise, he'll keep hopping around, using his head to butt people, and that would be embarrassing for our Earth Dragon Team."

At this mention, Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao recalled the assault on the Golan Heights, where Qin Tian, with his agile yet bizarre and twisted body technique, battled a Tier Two Spirit Cat for a long time, finally winning with a headbutt.

It was quite a shocking sight at the time, but thinking back, it was indeed rather amusing.

Seeing them snicker, Qin Tian felt both speechless and helpless.

However, Xiao Yunlong was right; he indeed needed to improve his close-combat skills.

All of his numerous talents were best suited for close combat.

"Training ground, let's go!"