

# **I Pick Up Talents on the Interstellar Battlefield**

*Chapter 26: Chapter 26: Enhancement—Sword Heart Clarity*

An outdoor training ground has been set up at the temporary camp of the 319th Corps.

The training ground is not small; it has more than a dozen small arenas and is equipped with a lot of training weapons and equipment.

As dusk approached, there weren't many people at the training ground.

The vast majority of soldiers in the 319th Corps were indulging themselves at the base, relieving the long-standing tension, and the higher-ups allowed this behavior as long as the troops didn't cause trouble. They let them have their fun during this period.

Arriving at an empty arena, Xiao Yunlong took an unsharpened battle sword from the weapon rack, twirled it deftly, and said:

"You just said you're most interested in swordsmanship, so I'll first demonstrate the basic moves of swordsmanship for you. Watch closely."

Xiao Yunlong's eyes changed instantly, becoming sharp.

"First move, chop!"

The blade swung downwards, creating a sharp slicing sound through the air.

"Second move, slash!"

The blade swung quickly from the side, leaving a streaking shadow.

"Third move, stab!"

"Fourth move, swipe!"

"Block, sweep, flick, smear, slice, hook, point... head wrap, back cut..."

Xiao Yunlong combined swordsmanship with footwork, as if there was truly an enemy before him, his attitude very serious.

Qin Tian held another unsharpened training sword in his hand, mimicking the demonstration done by Xiao Yunlong.

He had a talent called [Lesser Blade Sense], though it was a white talent, it gave him considerable insight into swordsmanship.

After completing a set of demonstrations, Xiao Yunlong's forehead was slightly damp with sweat. He looked at Qin Tian and asked:

"So, did you remember it?"

Qin Tian recalled it carefully, the basic moves demonstrated earlier flashed like slides in his mind, though the details remained to be discussed.

With this in mind, Qin Tian decisively decided to upgrade the talent [Lesser Blade Sense].

After that night battle, his evolution points surged to over 5000 points, with more than 4000 contributed by the Tier Four Shadow Catman.

To evolve a white talent to green, it required roughly a few hundred evolution points, which was no issue at all.

"Invest 300 evolution points to strengthen [Lesser Blade Sense]."

In his mind, the white light orb vibrated violently and within a second turned pale green, after which the green deepened somewhat.

Currently, Qin Tian classified talents of the same level into light, medium, and deep tiers.

For instance, [Steel Bones and Iron Flesh] was enhanced from [High tier Strength], and it's now pale blue.

While talents like [Shadowbone Physique] and [Shadow Jump], after killing the Tier Four Shadow Catman, transformed from pale blue to deep blue.

[Purple Thunder Bloodline] was also deep blue like that.

The deeper the color, the greater the effect on the host, and likewise, the fewer evolution points required for further enhancement to the next stage.

[Name] Sword Heart Clarity (Green)

[Type] Passive Talent

[Introduction] The possessor of this talent aligns the sword with the heart, connects the heart with the intent; when wielding the sword, no thought is needed, the sword follows

the heart, and moves adapt fluidly. They have an astonishing comprehension and mastery of swordsmanship, able to learn any sword technique easily on the first try.

A faint sense of realization welled up in Qin Tian's heart, and he slowly said: "Could you do it again?"

"Sure, I knew you wouldn't remember it the first time."

Xiao Yunlong laughed, and redemonstrated the basic sword skills in front of the three people.

"Chop, slash, stab, swipe..."

This time beside him, Qin Tian felt a distinctly different sensation. Xiao Yunlong's movements became exceptionally clear in his eyes, catching even the subtle wrist movements exerting force.

Every move was deeply engraved in his mind, and he was confident he could replicate them almost perfectly.

Hu~

After completing the last move, Xiao Yunlong stood upright with the sword and looked at Qin Tian.

"So, how much did you remember this time?"

"Don't be fooled by the simplicity of these movements, any advanced swordsmanship is composed of the most basic moves. So, the foundation must be solid. Back in the day, I practiced the basics for three years before becoming proficient, but once I mastered them, I became unbeatable among my peers and even earned the name Gale Saber at our school."

"Even if you don't remember, it's no problem. The grandmaster here can teach you each move step by step, and you'll master them perfectly."

Xiao Yunlong crossed his arms behind his back with his chin slightly raised, looking like a true swordsmanship master.

Swordsmanship was one of the few things he could proudly boast about; he indeed had some talent in this aspect.

Seeing Xiao Yunlong's self-assured demeanor, Qin Tian, careful not to hurt his pride, tactfully said: "I remembered about nine... eight-tenths."

"Eight-tenths?"

Xiao Yunlong chuckled, "Qin Tian, I dare say, this eight-tenths is probably just form without intent, these basics aren't that simple, they're full of details."

Qin Tian raised an eyebrow, "Why don't I demonstrate it?"

"Alright, let me see how well you have mastered this eight-tenths."

Xiao Yunlong gave the arena to Qin Tian, stood by Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao, watching with folded arms as if about to enjoy a show.

Young people, it's better to be modest~

In a moment, let me, Grandmaster Xiao, give you a good lesson.

Qin Tian stood in the center of the arena, gripping the sword handle. It was his first time using this kind of battle sword, yet he felt a familiarity akin to practicing swordsmanship for over a decade, the blade seemed to fuse with him, blood and veins connecting.

"This is Sword Heart Clarity~"

Qin Tian's eyes suddenly changed, as sharp as a blade's edge. He stepped forward and sliced straight down.

"Chop!"

Woom!!!

The force was fierce, like thunder striking down, creating an ear-piercing explosion.

Hiss!

At this moment, all three members of the Earth Dragon Team trembled, and Xiao Yunlong's eyes were filled with intense shock.

"Slash!"

The sword edge turned, cutting in from the side, with movements extremely standard, like a textbook example.

"Stab!"

"Swipe!"

As Qin Tian demonstrated each move, Xiao Yunlong's mouth opened wider and wider, nearly enough to fit an egg.

Every move was impeccably executed, almost as if he was cut from the same mold.

Buddy, are you telling me this is a beginner?

You're messing with me, aren't you?

Hu~

After dropping the last move, Qin Tian sheathed his sword and turned, asking Xiao Yunlong:

"So, how was it, alright?"

"Alright... ?"

Xiao Yunlong was utterly speechless, "Qin Tian, be honest, did you practice before?"

"How could I have done that?"

Liu Zhaozhao answered for Qin Tian, "Qin Tian has always been with us, where would he find the time to practice swordplay?"

"But his swordsmanship... hmm~"

Xiao Yunlong held it in for several seconds, then said: "It's only slightly worse than mine, doesn't seem like it's his first time handling a sword."

"That means Qin Tian has a very high talent in swordsmanship."

Qin Dadi laughed, "Just like his shooting talent, he mastered it the moment he picked it up."

"Aah, the heavens are so unfair!"

Xiao Yunlong lamented to the sky in sorrow and anger. Someone mastering the basics for three years, yet having a person learn it just by watching once, this feeling of disparity, who could understand it!

Just then, Xiao Yunlong seemed to think of something, approached Qin Tian's face with suspicion, "Qin Tian, I'm now suspecting you might be a product of some super soldier program; otherwise, how could you be so skilled at everything?"

"You sure think a lot."

Qin Tian laughed and casually pushed away Xiao Yunlong's big face.

Super soldier, my foot

I'm a noble transmigrator

With a cheat code at that

*Chapter 27: Chapter 27: Swordsmanship Soars*

Qin Tian's talent in swordsmanship made Xiao Yunlong both frustrated and envious, he believed that it wouldn't be long before Qin Tian would surpass him.

So he figured he should quickly give him a few beatings now, otherwise, there wouldn't be a chance in the future.

"Qin Tian, practical combat is the only standard to test training."

Xiao Yunlong put on a serious face, "No matter how strong the training, if it can't be applied to actual combat, it's all useless."

"How about it, want to have an exhilarating actual combat match? Don't worry, I won't use Spiritual Energy, let's just have a regular swordsmanship spar."

Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao both saw through Xiao Yunlong's little scheme and couldn't help but find it amusing.

"Alright."

Qin Tian nodded in agreement; what he currently lacked most was actual combat experience, so Xiao Yunlong's proposal was exactly what he wanted.

"Then let's begin."

Xiao Yunlong chuckled, putting some distance between him and Qin Tian by a few meters, gripping his battle sword tightly in his palm.

"You go first!" Xiao Yunlong said.

"Okay!"

Without another word, Qin Tian kicked off the ground and surged up, his battle sword howling toward Xiao Yunlong's neck. Although he only used fifty percent of his strength, the swift sword momentum still startled Xiao Yunlong.

Xiao Yunlong nimbly sidestepped, flicked his wrist, and his battle sword stabbed like a spirit snake toward Qin Tian's abdomen.

Before the blade's edge reached, Qin Tian instinctively twisted his body. The movement looked awkward but still managed to dodge Xiao Yunlong's thrust.

Xiao Yunlong changed his sword move, executing an upward diagonal slash.

Qin Tian raised his head, letting the blade skim past the tip of his nose.

Swoosh~ swoosh~ swoosh~

Xiao Yunlong continuously changed his sword moves, the battle sword relentless and ferocious, yet Qin Tian, like a spirit cat, always managed to dodge Xiao Yunlong's attacks with seemingly twisted but cleverly executed movements.

"Here it goes again."

Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao widened their eyes, very familiar with this scene, wasn't it exactly a repeat of when Qin Tian fought the Tier Two Spirit Cat~

Only the opponent had changed from the spirit cat to Xiao Yunlong.

"Damn it, stop just dodging, think about how to use swordsmanship to block and counter-attack."

Xiao Yunlong stopped, saying with a helpless look.

This kid is slipperier than a fish, can't even touch him.

"Okay."

Qin Tian also realized his problem, just now he completely relied on instinct to dodge, neglecting the application of swordsmanship.

"I'll slow down a bit, you try to use those sword moves."

Xiao Yunlong said, then charged forward again, sweeping his battle sword out, but it was noticeably less intense than before.

Qin Tian did not abandon his advantage of agile body technique, lightly leaping backward to dodge the sweeping sword. As the sword momentum was not yet retracted, he immediately stepped forward and slashed towards Xiao Yunlong's neck.

Xiao Yunlong wasn't one to be underestimated either; he lowered his body, in a half-squat state, held the sword with both hands, and chopped at Qin Tian's leg.

Qin Tian quickly leaped, slicing down with his sword.

"Haha, not bad."

Xiao Yunlong laughed loudly, raising his sword to block above his head.

The two blades clashed, emitting a crisp, resonant sound.

"Qin Tian, next I will gradually increase the intensity."

Seeing Qin Tian getting into the groove, Xiao Yunlong seized the opportunity, waving his sword to gradually quicken his strikes.

Qin Tian met every attack, initially still somewhat unaccustomed, getting hit a few times by the blunt-edged sword, but as he became more proficient in the application of swordsmanship, he gradually felt more at ease.

Ding ding ding~~

In the arena, the two engaged back and forth, sword glints flashing, dazzling spectators, with each attack and defense executed just right, seemingly as if it had been rehearsed beforehand.

"What an incredible perception."

Xiao Yunlong slashed with a look of intense astonishment in his eyes.

Qin Tian's improvement was simply too rapid; from the initial unfamiliar stiff moves to the now free-flowing ease, in just a few minutes he had transformed from a novice to a visible swordsmanship elite, integrating basic sword techniques seamlessly.

Such terrifying talent and perception were practically unbelievable.

Beside them, Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao were also stunned by Qin Tian's performance.

"He's truly a monster~"

Qin Dadi smiled wryly, feeling clumsy like a mere amoeba compared to Qin Tian, as if they weren't even the same species.

"Captain, I suddenly think that what Yun Long said isn't without reason now."

Liu Zhaozhao watched the two figures fiercely battling on the arena and murmured: "Qin Tian really might be a super warrior."

Mastering spear techniques without a teacher

A touch of swordsmanship teaches him everything

Along with a body technique more agile than a spirit cat

And physical ability surpassing a Spiritualist

With all these clues, she increasingly felt Qin Tian's background was anything but simple.

"Maybe."

Qin Dadi looked towards the arena, his eyes containing a gentle light: "Whether he's an ordinary soldier or a super warrior, for us, Qin Tian is just our teammate."

"An outstanding and very trustworthy teammate."

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"Qin Tian, I'm going to use Spiritual Energy!"

As the battle continued, Xiao Yunlong found that relying only on swordsmanship could no longer suppress Qin Tian, even starting to feel a bit strained.

To uphold the dignity of the swordsmanship teacher, he decided to unleash his restraint and face Qin Tian in his best state.

No matter how the future may be, at least he can't be defeated by a student in the first day of teaching, right?

That would be too embarrassing.

"Alright!"

Qin Tian was also getting excited, his tone carrying an unusual vigor and combative spirit.

Feeling the change in Qin Tian's mood, Xiao Yunlong grinned, a faint blue halo appearing on his blade edge.

"Watch out!"

A flash of blue light beneath his feet, Xiao Yunlong dashed in close, his speed several times faster than before, slashing his battle sword down diagonally, as swift as a gale.

Good timing!

Qin Tian's eyes sparkled, quickly lifting his sword to block.

Xiao Yunlong had pulled back his strength, and how could he not?

In terms of physical constitution, with talents like [Steel Bones and Iron Flesh] and [Shadowbone Physique], he easily outclassed Xiao Yunlong.

Had he not held back just as much earlier, two strikes could have forced Xiao Yunlong to his knees.

Ding~~~

The metallic ringing was particularly sharp.

Xiao Yunlong retreated two steps, his wrist uncontrollably trembling slightly, his eyes filled with shock.

Qin Tian's strength...

Xiao Yunlong only knew Qin Tian had agile body techniques but didn't expect his strength to be so terrifying as well.

"Continue!"

The more Qin Tian fought, the more exhilarated he became, his battle sword emitting a clear, melodic resonating sound.

Ding ding ding~~

The two engaged in a fierce flurry of exchanges, with heavy sword shadows, even the air around them stirred by the duo.

Under the augmentation of Spiritual Energy, Xiao Yunlong's sword momentum was as if a storm, wild and swift.

Qin Tian currently had sparse Spiritual Energy and did not know how to mobilize it for practical combat.

However, his formidable physical qualities compensated for the gap in Spiritual Energy between him and Xiao Yunlong, and in mastering the basic swordsmanship, he was catching up to Xiao Yunlong and gradually showed signs of surpassing him.

"Damn it, is this kid even human, could he have beastman genes in his body."

Xiao Yunlong gritted his teeth, a numbness beginning to emanate from his arm, he knew, unless he used Spiritual Martial Techniques, it would be hard to defeat Qin Tian as he was now.

But once Spiritual Martial Techniques were used, he might not control the power well, and if he accidentally hurt Qin Tian, it would be troublesome.

Then that's that, no more fighting, anyway I struck him with a few blows earlier, so let's say I won.

Xiao Yunlong jumped high back, retreating to the side of Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao, waving his hand and said:

"Alright, that's it for today, if we continue, I'm afraid your body won't hold up."

Qin Tian raised an eyebrow:

"I feel like I could still go on."

"Oh come on, you don't understand, you can't overdo it in first training, you must be moderate, moderate, you get me~"

Xiao Yunlong placed the training sword back on the rack, turned around, and headed towards the dormitory.

"Today Teacher Xiao just taught you this much, sum up the mistakes from earlier, and we'll fight again tomorrow if there's a chance~"

Watching Xiao Yunlong's somewhat hurried steps, Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao couldn't help but laugh.

A smile also flickered in Qin Tian's eyes.

*Chapter 28: Chapter 28: Military Points Credited, Surprise*

For three consecutive days, the Earth Dragon Team basically spent their time in the dormitory, cafeteria, and training ground.

After teaching swordsmanship, Xiao Yunlong trained Qin Tian's hand-to-hand combat abilities together with Qin Dadi.

What comforted them was that Qin Tian's talent in this area wasn't exceptional, far inferior to his swordsmanship and shooting skills, giving them a bit of confidence.

The Earth Dragon Team's impressive performance on the training ground caught the attention of other special forces teams of the 319th Corps.

Many battle enthusiasts were thrilled by the challenge and applied to join, engaging in mutual sparring to learn from each other.

Among them were Spiritualists and Superpower Users, some were skilled with swords, others with blades.

In the process of sparring with these individuals, Qin Tian's combat abilities improved rapidly, especially his unpretentious yet profound swordsmanship, which drew deep admiration and amazement.

And when they learned about Qin Tian's true identity, they were even more speechless with shock.

Who could have imagined that the Clone Soldiers manufactured by their Legion would awaken to become a Spiritualist and possess such formidable swordsmanship.

People have always held certain prejudices against Clones.

But strength is always the best way to earn respect.

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"Qin Tian, there's news from the Special Warfare Management Office."

Qin Dadi, smiling brightly, walked up to Qin Tian, "Your identity documents have been processed, and your Military Points have been credited smoothly. Now the Special Warfare Management Office has notified us to retrieve your documents."

Hearing this, Qin Tian's eyes lit up.

Three days, faster than he expected.

It seems the Empire's administrative efficiency is quite high.

"The identity documents are processed? Haha, Qin Tian, let's go, let's see how many Military Merit Points you've actually earned." Xiao Yunlong said with a laugh.

"Let's go!"

The group quickly headed to the Special Warfare Management Office, where the previous staff, Meng Feng, was waiting for them at the entrance.

"Come with me."

Meng Feng led them to an office.

"This is our director, Jia Xiu, Director Jia."

After the introduction, Meng Feng quietly stepped aside.

"You are Qin Tian."

Jia Xiu seriously scrutinized Qin Tian, his expression stern, his figure tall and poised, with a hint of calmness in his dark eyes. Even with this director before him, his gaze remained unchanged.

"Yes~"

Qin Tian nodded slightly.

Jia Xiu didn't beat around the bush, picking up a card from the desk and handing it to Qin Tian.

"This is your Empire identity card, already connected to the Royal Military Department system. Next, you just need to download a software to check Military Merit Points, or exchange them for resources."

Looking down, Qin Tian noticed the card's unique material, feeling like smooth jade, with simple information on it, just his photo and certificate number.

"Thank you." Qin Tian said softly.

"You're welcome, the Empire won't let any warrior who fights for the Empire be shortchanged."

Jia Xiu smiled and continued, "Qin Tian, you've triggered Article 23 of the Empire's 19th Codex Management Ordinance. Next, the Military Department will have other arrangements for you, but this isn't within the scope of our Special Warfare Management Office, so you'll have to wait a bit. Once arrangements are made, I'll contact you."

"Okay, thank you."

Qin Tian nodded slightly.

To be honest, he was quite curious how the Empire would arrange his future.

Would he be transferred to another Legion as an officer, or enter a special department for secret training?

Regardless, he must enhance his strength during this period to gain a firm foothold in the new environment.

"Director Jia, there's something I'd like to inquire about."

At this moment, Xiao Yunlong asked, "Earlier, I heard from Meng Feng that if Qin Tian triggers special management ordinances, he can receive a free Bronze Level Technique, is that true?"

Jia Xiu glanced at Meng Feng, then smiled faintly:

"I initially wanted to surprise you, but since you asked, let's reveal the surprise ahead of time."

"Yes, Qin Tian can indeed receive a Bronze Level Technique, once he's connected to the Military Department system, he'll see the notification in his personal dashboard, after that he can redeem the technique from the online Military Treasury."

It's true!!!

The Earth Dragon Team's eyes lit up, all of them delighted for Qin Tian.

Cultivation Techniques are crucial for Spiritualists.

Starting out able to cultivate a Bronze Level Technique, that's definitely a high starting point.

"Moreover, the techniques are just part of the talent development benefits."

Jia Xiu's words immediately drew attention from the group.

"Director Jia, what do you mean?" Qin Dadi asked joyfully.

Jia Xiu chuckled lightly, "Besides techniques, Qin Tian can also select any two Black Iron Level Martial Techniques or Spells from the online Military Treasury."

What!!!

The three members of the Earth Dragon Team widened their eyes, their envy almost spilling over.

Ah ah ah, a Bronze Level Technique, two Black Iron Level Martial Techniques

What kind of treatment is this?

He's definitely the Military Department's favored child!

Wow, such generosity~

Qin Tian blinked, a hint of delight flashing in his eyes.

This reward was like a timely rain for him, critically important.

Because lacking cultivation techniques, after awakening Spiritual Energy he couldn't proceed to the next level of cultivation, only honing his swordsmanship and martial arts.

But the foundation for Spiritualists is always Spiritual Energy.

With the techniques and martial skills, he can truly enter the world of Spiritualists.

"Go back and choose wisely."

Jia Xiu laughed, "Let them help you think it over."

"We will!"

Xiao Yunlong nodded firmly.

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Back at the dormitory, Qin Dadi immediately handed over the smart wristband he had prepared for Qin Tian.

"Qin Tian, this is the smart wristband, enter your identification number after logging in, then complete the facial recognition."

The smart wristband is the most commonly used communication device for Empire citizens, not only convenient to wear but also incorporates holographic projection technology, capable of video calls, recreational entertainment, and various functions.

However, to access the normal interface of the smart wristband, personal information must be inputted, which is why Qin Dadi hadn't given the wristband to Qin Tian earlier.

Following the instructions on the smart wristband, Qin Tian quickly entered his personal information and completed the verification.

"Quick, download the Royal Military Department APP, let's first see how many Military Merit Points you have."

Xiao Yunlong urged expectantly.

After downloading the Military Department APP, Qin Tian registered and logged in, then viewed his Military Points on his personal dashboard.

"2725, slightly higher than our prediction."

Qin Dadi said with a smile, "Qin Tian, are you planning to choose a Rune Spear first, or check the techniques and martial skills?"

"Let's look at the Rune Spear first, one step at a time."

Qin Tian opened the Military Treasury, found Alpha 7 Star, and entered Rune Spear.

Soon, more than a dozen types of Rune Spears appeared before him.

These are the Rune Spears in Alpha 7 Star's inventory, if he desires other styles, he must wait until traveling to other stars for exchange.

Not wanting to bother, Qin Tian chose from these available Rune Spears.

*Chapter 29: Chapter 29: Rune Sniper Rifle—Shadowstrike, [Shadow Thunder Prison Technique]*

Among these dozen or so rune guns, there are four that cost over 5000 military points and five that are between 1500-2000, none of which are within Qin Tian's consideration.

Therefore, he can only choose from four options.

Desert Rose, Frost, Blazeblast, Stealthkill

Desert Rose is a gold revolver with a lavish design, built-in armor-piercing and super-speed runes, known for its fast firing rate. Each bullet comes with an armor-piercing effect, and when shot, a rose phantom appears at the muzzle.

In the introduction video, a heroic young woman wields the Desert Rose, maneuvering among several wolf beasts, her steps agile, as if dancing like a butterfly, easily dodging the wolves' pouncing bites.

With her slender fingers pulling the trigger, vibrant rose phantoms blossom with the howling of the wolves, blood and roses intertwining, creating an unusual aesthetic.

"Forget about the Desert Rose, it's just for show. Reloading is an issue. I reckon only some rich girls would fancy such flashy but impractical things," Xiao Yunlong pointed out the truth with one sentence.

"Hmm."

Qin Tian nodded and continued to look down.

Frost is a rune laser gun with built-in Rapid Freeze and super-speed runes that can shoot freezing rays capable of reaching below two hundred degrees Celsius, and it also has considerable penetration power.

Blazeblast is a close-combat hand cannon with built-in Blazeblast and shocking runes. Although its range is quite short, its power is immense, with bullets like cannonballs, delivering substantial destruction.

Frost and Blazeblast both have their own characteristics, and both are priced around 2000 points.

But Qin Tian was most drawn to the last gun.

### Stealthkill

This is a sniper rifle with a pure black design, with a sleek and smooth body, every line seems meticulously crafted, embodying ultimate craftsmanship and a cold aesthetic.

Stealthkill, valued at 2600 military points, has built-in stealth, armor-piercing, and acceleration runes. The bullet undergoes a second acceleration via the acceleration rune, greatly enhancing kinetic energy, and comes with an inherent armor-piercing effect. Most importantly, the bullet makes no sound when fired or in flight.

Not only that, Stealthkill is also equipped with an over the horizon scope, infrared scanner, and various other devices, achieving a perfect fusion of technology and runes.

However, this gun has a flaw, which is its extremely high control difficulty.

Sniper rifles are weapons that only experts in spear techniques can master.

And Stealthkill, being a rune sniper rifle, has its operational difficulty increased by more than tenfold.

To activate the runes, one needs to inject spiritual energy, but the amount and stability of spiritual energy injected greatly affect shooting balance.

This results in a problem.

Only sharpshooters with the most exceptional gun skills have the right to master this gun.

However, among the sniper community, spiritualists are almost nonexistent.

Those who can become spiritualists either develop toward martial artists or mages; who would explore their sniping talents.

This contradiction leads to Stealthkill seldom being noticed.

Normally, a gun with three runes should require over 4000 military points for exchange, but due to Stealthkill's unique characteristics, the points directly dropped to 2600.

Even so, this gun has always been sitting in the warehouse gathering dust, as 2600 military points is no small number, and no one would waste their precious military points on a rune gun they cannot master.

But for Qin Tian, Stealthkill seems tailored just for him.

He himself is both a spiritualist and a sharpshooter. The combination of [Shadowbone Physique] + [Shadow Jump] ensures his agility and stealth in the dark, and [Burning Embers Critical Strike] can further enhance Stealthkill's destructiveness.

If he's lucky enough to trigger a high critical hit multiplier, even a Tier Four High-rank Spiritualist might not withstand a headshot from him.

"This is it, Stealthkill."

Qin Tian decisively made his decision.

"Stealthkill, huh, I also think it's the best fit for you."

Xiao Yunlong agreed with Qin Tian's choice, then added, "By the way, 2600 points only get you the rune gun itself, special bullets require additional military points."

Qin Tian opened the exchange interface for Stealthkill, and sure enough, special bullets needed to be exchanged separately, 1 military point for 1 bullet.

Without further hesitation, Qin Tian clicked confirm on the exchange, exhausting all his military points.

One Stealthkill Rune Sniper Rifle, 125 special bullets.

"The rune gun and bullets are in the warehouse, it will take some time to deliver them here."

Xiao Yunlong's eyes gleamed, "Quick, check out the cultivation techniques and martial techniques."

Qin Dadi and Liu Zhaozhao also displayed curiosity and anticipation.

"Okay."

Qin Tian had just seen in his personal backend that he could choose any Bronze Level cultivation technique and two Black Iron Level martial techniques from the Military Department's online treasury without consuming military points.

First, he opened the cultivation technique section, filtering for Bronze Level techniques, and entered the keywords—Dark Element, Thunder Element

Soon, seven techniques appeared on the screen.

Several people read through the techniques' introductions and searched online forums for information about these techniques. Considering Qin Tian's needs and characteristics, they finally chose one technique.

"Shadow Thunder Prison Technique"

This technique focuses on the stealth properties of the Dark Element and the destructive attributes of the Thunder Element. Once mastered, it allows one to move like a shadow, silently and swiftly like lightning, unsurpassed in explosiveness, making it highly compatible with Qin Tian's abilities.

"Actually, I think that 'Thunder Tribulation Dark Devouring Technique' is good too, since it can devour others' spiritual energy," Xiao Yunlong said.

"What isn't yours will always have hidden dangers,"

Qin Dadi said seriously, "Qin Tian's choice is correct. The best technique is the one that's most suitable."

"Alright then."

Xiao Yunlong shrugged, "I was just saying, now let's take a look at the martial techniques. Qin Tian, have you decided on what kind of martial techniques you want to exchange? Sword technique? Fist technique? Or body technique? Or maybe a spell?"

In terms of martial technique choices, Qin Tian had given it some thorough thought.

First, a sword technique is definitely necessary, as it will become his primary attack method in the future.

But as for the second martial technique, he was quite torn between choosing fists or body technique.

However, after careful consideration, he made a decision.

To choose a body technique martial technique.

The reason being twofold.

Firstly, with the talent of having a spatial bag, he could carry several swords with him, ensuring that he would never be unarmed in combat, thereby reducing the priority of fist and foot martial techniques.

Secondly, martial techniques for body techniques at the same level are much more expensive than those for fists and feet, with prices often several times higher, so if the conditions allow, naturally one should choose the more expensive.

Fist and foot martial techniques can be considered later.

"Choose a Thunder Element swordsmanship, then a Dark Element or Thunder Element body technique," Qin Tian said.

"Yes, it makes sense. Body techniques are more important than fists and feet." Everyone agreed with Qin Tian's choice.

With the direction set, everyone helped Qin Tian select the martial techniques suitable for him.

After detailed discussion and analysis, two martial techniques were finally decided upon.

Swordsmanship—"Thunderbolt Saber."

Body Technique—"Ninefold Thunder Flash" partial manuscript

*Chapter 30: Chapter 30: Thunderbolt Saber, Ninefold Thunder Flash*

"Thunderbolt Saber" is a Black Iron Level swordsmanship that is exceedingly fierce and powerful, breaking through myriad techniques with sheer speed. The blade springs out like a sudden clap of thunder, tearing through the sky.

There are five major sword techniques, namely — Thunder Shadow Assault, Vortex Thunder Slash, Thunder Moon Slash, Thunderbolt Flash, and Furious Thunder Break.

"Ninefold Thunder Flash" is a Silver Level body technique martial arts skill, emphasizing one word: speed.

By compressing powerful thunder elements beneath the feet, it achieves short-distance rapid advances or long-distance strikes.

With each fold of the Ninefold Thunder Flash being faster than the previous, at the peak of the ninth fold, a martial artist moves as if stepping on wind and thunder, as swift as lightning.

However, this body technique requires a high level of physical strength and control over the thunder elements. If the physical strength is insufficient, the legs and feet won't withstand the terrifying explosive power of the Ninefold Thunder Flash, and the practitioner will end up injuring themselves.

Qin Tian redeemed only the first three folds of the "Ninefold Thunder Flash," which is equivalent in value to Black Iron Level martial techniques.

In fact, Qin Tian also considered several Dark Element body techniques, such as "Dark Night Ghost Step," "Shadow Escape," "Night Travel," and others. However, the effects of these body techniques overlap with [Shadow Jump], and in terms of stealth and suddenness, they're not as good as [Shadow Jump].

After careful consideration, Qin Tian decided to choose a Thunder Element body technique focused on speed, which not only complements the swordsmanship "Thunderbolt Saber" but also enhances his ability for long-distance assaults.

And the "Ninefold Thunder Flash" perfectly fits his requirements. Moreover, it's a high-ceiling Silver Level martial technique. Although he can only redeem the first three folds now, he can exchange for the full version once he earns more Military Merit Points later.

"Have you made up your mind, just these three?" Qin Dadi asked.

"Yes!"

Qin Tian nodded, the cultivation technique "Shadow Thunder Prison Technique," and the martial techniques "Thunderbolt Saber" and "Ninefold Thunder Flash" partial Chapters will establish the foundational structure of his spiritual ability system.

"Then let's redeem them."

The three watched as Qin Tian clicked the confirm button. Subsequently, his personal dashboard added three cultivation techniques, with detailed written and video explanations.

The retention period for the cultivation techniques is one month. After one month, the information on these three techniques will be deleted from the personal dashboard, meaning Qin Tian must memorize all key points of the three techniques within a month.

"Qin Tian, I must remind you."

Xiao Yunlong's face rarely displayed a stern expression, "The cultivation techniques exchanged with Military Merit Points cannot be privately disseminated. Violators will be severely punished, spending the rest of their lives in prison."

"Understood."

Qin Tian replied seriously. To him, this rule is very reasonable. If everyone could disseminate cultivation techniques and martial arts privately, this military merit exchange system would collapse immediately.

"However..."

Xiao Yunlong's tone shifted, suddenly smiling, "If you buy the techniques with money, you can teach whoever you want. In this aspect, the Empire is relatively lenient. If you become successful in the future, don't forget to look after me a bit~"

Qin Tian's mouth slightly curved upward, "Sure."

"Thanks, then."

Xiao Yunlong chuckled. He had high hopes for Qin Tian's future — with his astonishing talent and calm demeanor, what was originally a disadvantageous clone background had turned into an advantage, allowing him to enjoy the special talent training program.

Perhaps one day, Qin Tian will rise with the tide and be transferred to the Imperial Capital to join Marshal Lin's command.

At that time, Xiao Yunlong plans to cling to Qin Tian tightly.

"Qin Tian, the Shadowstrike Rune Spear is in another base's warehouse. It will take about a day to be delivered here," Qin Dadi said, "Now you should thoroughly research these cultivation techniques. We won't disturb you further."

"Right, right, remember to focus on the cultivation techniques first. You can explore the martial techniques later," Xiao Yunlong suggested.

"Got it!"

Qin Tian nodded. Once he had the techniques in hand, his curiosity and anticipation reached their peak.

After the three left, he immediately opened the "Shadow Thunder Prison Technique," studying it word by word, watching the explanation video three times to ensure no details were missed.

In his previous life, he would've needed three views to memorize a delivery number, but now his memory is exceptional.

In just two hours, he mastered the "Shadow Thunder Prison Technique" by heart.

"I can start now."

Qin Tian assumed a special sitting posture, closed his eyes, and cleared his mind.

Soon, he sensed the omnipresent spiritual ability factors around him. His body emitted a hungry call, urging him to absorb spiritual energy quickly.

Qin Tian mobilized the sparse spiritual energy within him, following the "Shadow Thunder Prison Technique" pathways, letting the spiritual energy circulate in the meridians while pairing it with specific breathing techniques.

Gradually, the spiritual ability factors around him became denser and flooded into his body through breathing.

Among them, Thunder and Dark Element factors dominated.

The two types of factors were like water droplets, merging one by one into the spiritual energy stream, continuously growing stronger.

This way, Qin Tian immersed himself in cultivation, unaware of how much time passed until an engorged sensation spread inside, as if he had overeaten, which made him slowly open his eyes.

After introspection, he was delighted to find that the dark purple spiritual energy in his dantian had more than doubled in size.

Qin Tian stood up, raising both hands. The next moment, his left hand burst with purple lightning, and his right hand emitted black mist.

Thanks to the presence of the "Purple Thunder Bloodline," the thunder elements he absorbed condensed directly into high-grade Purple Thunder Spiritual Energy, while the "Shadowbone Physique" made the Dark Spiritual Energy even more solid.

Now, he had officially stepped into the Tier One realm.

However, this Tier One was not complete.

Only after he opened his first star acupoint would he truly become a Tier One, One Star Spiritualist.

To open all nine star acupoints, he'd then break through to Tier Two and form the Star Vortex.

"A long road ahead~"

Qin Tian couldn't help but sigh. Despite being able to hold his own against a Tier Two Extraordinary now, in the path of spiritual energy, he was still a complete novice.

The night was deep and quiet, with stars scattered across the sky outside the window.

Qin Tian had no inclination to sleep, so he opened the martial technique "Thunderbolt Saber" and began studying this Black Iron Level swordsmanship.

The principle of spiritual martial techniques is simple.

It involves mobilizing the spiritual energy within and resonating with the external spiritual ability factors, using the augmentation of spiritual energy to make each move more varied and powerful.

However, although it sounds simple, practicing is not that easy.

Spiritual energy control is a delicate task. If not controlled well, violent spiritual energy can damage meridians and organs.

This means during training, martial artists must be extremely careful, only employing the martial technique in actual combat once it's practiced to a fairly proficient level.

Otherwise, not only would you fail to harm the enemy, but you might injure yourself first.

Due to the existence of "Sword Heart Clarity," Qin Tian grasped numerous key points in "Thunderbolt Saber" by just watching once, though currently, his spiritual energy is sparse, at most allowing him to attempt the first move, Thunder Shadow Assault.

This is a fast-advance followed by a direct slash technique, used to open with a starter move, quickly closing the distance.

But the current environment is not suitable for practicing this move.

Qin Tian could only temporarily suppress his inner excitement and enthusiasm, turning to study another body technique martial arts skill, "Ninefold Thunder Flash."