

## Chapter 2281 – Going Too Far?

Shi Feng's voice echoed throughout the quiet meeting room for a long time. No one dared to question or complain about his presence. Even Nine Dragons Emperor, who had wanted to silence the man, couldn't find the strength to open his mouth.

While Shi Feng might not have 100 Bronze Speedboats right now, he could produce them without a problem with the Bronze Speedboat Design in his hand. Even if securing the necessary materials were a challenge, crafting the Bronze Speedboats would be much easier than questing or grinding powerful Field Bosses for them.

With the necessary materials, one was guaranteed to obtain a Bronze Speedboat. In comparison, quests that awarded Bronze Speedboats were extremely rare, and their drop-rate from Field Bosses was abysmally low.

To the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion, 100 Bronze Speedboats were immeasurably valuable. With another 100 Bronze Speedboats, the Pavilion could instantly become a top-ranked superpower in the Sea of Death.

Would the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion dare to slight Shi Feng when he had such a card?

Nine Dragons Emperor was very familiar with the Pavilion's upper echelons and Elders, and God's Domain only respected the strong. It was far more important to grow stronger as an individual, rather than rely on others.

Blue Phoenix and her companions, who sat opposite of Nine Dragons Emperor, only snapped out of their daze after losing themselves to the holographic projection. They immediately turned to Shi Feng with an intense excitement in their eyes.

“Black Flame is too awesome, Big Sis Rain! Not even Starlink and War Blood’s support can help Nine Dragons Emperor now,” Blue Phoenix whispered to Phoenix Rain.

Blue Phoenix had never thought that Shi Feng would have such an amazing trump card. The Storm Speedboat Design was a priceless treasure that could strongly influence the status quo in the Sea of Death.

If the Storm Speedboat Design hadn’t been in Shi Feng’s bag space, essentially reducing its chances of dropping to zero, Blue Phoenix had no doubt that everyone in the room would’ve pounced on him.

“Don’t get too excited. We still need to hear the Great Pavilion Master and Guild Elders’ thoughts on this. I don’t think they would’ve chosen Nine Dragons Emperor as the next Great Pavilion Master so quickly simply because he’s gained Starlink and War Blood’s support,” Phoenix Rain quietly replied.

The Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion wasn’t as powerful as Starlink, and its naval strength was no match for War Blood. However, it was still a super-first-rate Guild. Moreover, the Pavilion had been growing stronger recently. Hence, Nine Dragons Emperor’s alliance with Starlink and War Blood wasn’t that surprising. If the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion wanted to, it could easily form alliances with various Super Guilds, let alone these two organizations. Ku Rong knew that.

Phoenix Rain could only assume that Nine Dragons Emperor had revealed some reason or item that forced Ku Rong to make such a hasty decision.

There was also the fact that Cloudy Moon had joined them to show her support for Nine Dragons Emperor. Cloudy Moon had never cared about who would become the next Great Pavilion Master. The decision simply wouldn’t affect her standing in the Pavilion, especially since she’d reached the Domain Realm. Her position in the Guild was practically unshakable.

“But not even the Great Pavilion Master can ignore how tempting 100 Bronze Speedboats are, right?” Blue Phoenix said. Phoenix Rain’s statement had helped her realize how peculiar this meeting was, but she couldn’t help her excitement.

Shi Feng had clearly stated that if Ku Rong chose Nine Dragons Emperor as the next Great Pavilion Master, the matter of the 100 Bronze Speedboats was moot. This was an opportunity for the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion to rise to the top out at sea. There was no way the offer wouldn’t tempt Ku Rong.

After the silence stretched on for a moment, Ku Rong, who hadn’t said a word, finally spoke.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, as an invited guest and the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s ally, of course, you qualify to express your opinions in this meeting. Since Martial Dragon was unaware of our rules, I ask that you forgive him,” Ku Rong stated, giving Shi Feng a friendly smile.

The Guild Elders and upper echelons stared at their Great Pavilion Master in astonishment.

None of them had thought that Ku Rong would admonish Martial Dragon.

Martial Dragon was Nine Dragons Emperor’s capable and trusted aide, as well as the commander of Nine Dragon Emperor’s main force. He took care of the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion Master’s normal affairs. As a Domain Realm expert, he was also a pillar of strength in the Guild. Martial Dragon would know the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s rules more intimately than most people in the Guild.

Ku Rong’s statement only proved how much he valued the 100 Bronze Speedboats.

“I see, so he didn’t know of the rules. If that’s the case, I can understand.” Revealing a faint smile, Shi Feng turned to Martial Dragon and said, “I’ll forgive him with an apology.”

Shi Feng hadn’t minded Martial Dragon’s rudeness, but he wanted the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s Elders and upper echelons to understand what Zero Wing was. Otherwise, these people continue to take his Guild lightly, and they wouldn’t recognize the significance of Zero Wing’s alliance with Phoenix Rain.

Martial Dragon had just made himself the best tool to get this point across.

“Don’t go overboard, Black Flame!” Martial Dragon bellowed as veins popped across his forehead. The room’s temperature dropped several degrees as his cold killing intent swept toward Shi Feng.

Martial Dragon commanded the War Dragon Legion, the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion’s main force. He was also a Domain Realm expert. Only the Great Pavilion Master, the Guild Founders, and the two Pavilion Masters held a higher position than he did in the Guild. A public apology to Shi Feng would ruin his reputation in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion. He would not be able to show his face in the Guild ever again.

Even the Pavilion’s Guild Elders and upper echelons thought that Shi Feng was going a little overboard.

The Great Pavilion Master had taken a step back and acknowledged Shi Feng’s qualifications to express his opinion in this meeting, yet Shi Feng refused to let the matter rest, pushing the envelope.

Even Ku Rong’s expression darkened slightly.

Phoenix Rain wanted to advise Shi Feng against this tactic. Since Ku Rong had recognized Zero Wing's position, this meeting would likely conclude without a victor. There was no need to arouse everyone's disgust and aversion.

But Shi Feng didn't give her the chance.

"Going too far?" Shi Feng could not help but chuckle. Looking at Martial Dragon, his gaze turned cold as he said, "You know you've erred, yet you refuse to apologize. Do you think I, Black Flame, am a pushover? Or does the Dragon- Phoenix Pavilion think that Zero Wing's Guild Leader is of no importance?"

Shi Feng then released his horrific aura, which spread throughout the room as if some primordial beast had woken from its slumber. Everyone in the room felt an immense pressure bear down on them, resulting from the considerable difference in Life Rating and Basic attributes.

This pressure felt even more powerful than that of a Grand Lord of the same level. Some of the Refinement Realm experts even felt their legs tremble. Fortunately, everyone was currently seated. Otherwise, many of them would've caved in, collapsing.

Furthermore, Shi Feng exposed his true level for all to see.

Level 100!

When they saw the eye-catching number, the room's occupants felt as if a mountain had fallen on their heads.

## Chapter 2283 – Power of Level 100 “What is Black Flame trying to do?”

“Is he trying to start a war?”

“Is he insane? Doesn’t he know who Blood Oath is?”

The Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s upper echelons and Elders couldn’t bring themselves to look at Blood Oath. None of them had thought Shi Feng would go so far as to provoke the man.

Even Nine Dragons Emperor, who sat across from Phoenix Rain, stared at Shi Feng in shock.

They were all aware that Blood Oath had targeted Blue Phoenix.

Ku Rong, in particular, must’ve watched the battle multiple times, but what difference did that make?

It was common for the various powers to attack their rivals in the fields. With War Blood supporting Nine Dragons Emperor, its assault against Phoenix Rain’s aid wasn’t unusual.

However, there was a limit to how far the various powers would go. As long as they kept the situation in the dark, everyone involved would turn a blind eye.

And yet, Shi Feng had brought the attack into the light. He refused to conform, and because of this, the Pavilion’s and War Blood’s members wore ugly expressions.

It would've been fine if Shi Feng had simply insisted on an apology from Martial Dragon. He was, after all, a Guild Leader, while Martial Dragon was merely an upper echelon. It was understandable to expect Martial Dragon to apologize, but it was an entirely different story to demand an apology from Blood Oath.

Setting aside War Blood's attack on Blue Phoenix, very few people on Dragonheart Island dared to disrespect Blood Oath. Even Ku Rong feared the man in the Sea of Death.

Yet, not only did Shi Feng demand an apology from Blood Oath, but he also wanted Blood Oath to apologize to Blue Phoenix, not the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion. Not even Melancholy, Thirteen Thrones' Guild Leader, would dare to do such a thing.

The meeting room was frighteningly silent, and the temperature seemed to drop steadily. Even the Void Realm experts in the room felt stifled, not to mention the Refinement Realm experts.

Their reactions weren't a result of the powerful pressure in the room, but because the meeting room's atmosphere had become oppressive. There had no doubt that the slightest movement would spark a fight.

After a long period of silence, Blood Oath opened his mouth and asked, "What if I refuse? What will you do about it?"

Blood Oath's questions were simple and straightforward. Not only did his statement blatantly provoke Shi Feng, the smile he wore and his frosty tone made the room feel even colder.

Even the Guild upper echelons around Phoenix Rain struggled to breathe, their vision fading. Their heartbeats grew increasingly louder as if their hearts would jump out of their chests. The killing intent and pressure they felt from Blood Oath was almost ten times stronger than that of Mythic monsters.

Ku Rong's expression twisted into something unpleasant. He had never thought that Shi Feng would be this bold.

Blood Oath was a murderous god in the Sea of Death. He didn't even respect Super Guilds' Guild Leaders, let alone the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion. Trying to force a public apology out of this murderous god was suicidal.

Even if Ku Rong stepped forward to ease the tension, he'd be powerless to calm Blood Oath's fury.

"It's simple." Shi Feng could not help his grin after hearing Blood Oath's statement. "I'll just drag you over here to apologize."

The room's occupants nearly collapsed with shock after listening to Shi Feng's reply. They stared at him in astonishment, with no idea of what he was trying to accomplish.

That was War Blood's commander they were talking about!

As an individual, Blood Oath was the third-ranked Berserker on Dragonheart Island. Not only did he wear six pieces of Epic Equipment, but he also wielded the Magic Dragon Spear, a well-known Magic Weapon in the Sea of Death. Moreover, he had a special Bloodline related to the Sea God. He was basically invincible at sea.



On top of that, at least one Vice Guild Leader and three bodyguards were constantly by his side. Although the bodyguards couldn't rival Domain Realm experts, they had a mysterious item that allowed them to manifest a special Domain. This Domain could suppress their enemies in every aspect, as well as form a barrier around specific targets. This barrier could even withstand Mythic monsters' attacks.

Blood Oath was practically impossible to kill, much less capture.

"Good! Very good!" Blood Oath laughed, his killing intent so intense that it even made Phoenix Rain shudder. "It's been a long time since anybody has dared to joke with me in the Sea of Death. If you don't mind, Great Pavilion Master Ku Rong, I'd like to take Guild Leader Black Flame to War Blood's headquarters and teach him the rules on Dragonheart Island!"

Ink Feather and Blood Oath's three bodyguards moved as soon as the words left their commander's mouth.

Dragonheart City's NPC soldiers would kill anyone who attacked another player within the city, but the Guild Residences, which were private property, were an exception. Players were free to do whatever they wished within their own Guild Residence.

Ku Rong's expression darkened when he heard Blood Oath's 'request.' The commander might sound like he was asking for permission, but he was merely notifying the room of his intentions.

Each of Blood Oath's bodyguards retrieved a crystalline totem from their bags, sacrificing 1,000 Magic Crystals to the items. The crystalline totems then formed a Domain that enveloped the meeting room, and everyone felt as if a weight had dropped on their shoulders.

Not only had the Domain reduced their Basic Attributes by 15%, but their physiques had also weakened by 20%. To make matters worse, the gravitational force they experienced had significantly increased, making movement inconvenient.

The moment the Domain took form, Ink Feather squeezed and shattered a Deification Crystal, forcibly upgrading herself to Tier 3. She then pulled multiple purple, crystalline arrows from her bag.

Many of the players in the room gasped when they saw the arrows.

Starburst Arrows!

These arrows had been created by an ancient civilization that had lived in the Gravity Mountain Range. Each arrow contained incredible power and could elevate its user's attack by one tier to a maximum of Tier 4. Because of this, the Starburst Arrows cost an exorbitant sum on the market. One could even trade 20 Starburst Arrows for a piece of ordinary Epic Equipment.

What truly surprised the meeting room's occupants was the act that Ink Feather had 12 of these arrows!

"Don't think that you're unstoppable just because you're Level 100! I will ensure that you suffer the consequences for provoking War Blood!" Ink Feather said, her lips curling slightly as she glared at Shi Feng. She pulled back the string of her ancient bow and activated the Tier 3 Skill, Heartseeking Arrow.

Heartseeking Arrow gave players full control over the arrow they fired during the Skill's activation and allowed the player to control a maximum of 36 arrows at once. Although Ink Feather couldn't yet control all 36 arrows, she'd have no problems controlling 12 with perfect precision.

Twelve Starburst Arrows flew toward Shi Feng, each with enough power to knock back a Mythic monster. All 12 arrows could even instant-kill a true Tier 3 player.

Everyone in the room squeezed their eyes shut as the arrows flew. A Level 100 player might be very strong, but not all fights in God's Domain required a frontal confrontation. One could use tools to end a fight.

However, just before the 12 arrows found their target, Shi Feng brandished Killing Ray.

Shadow Blade!

Immediately, 12 sword lights flashed as Shi Feng achieved a 100% Completion Rate with Shadow Blade. Each sword light slammed into one of Ink Feather's Starburst Arrows, altering their trajectories.

"You have quite a bit of power behind your attacks. Unfortunately, raw power isn't enough to win all battles in God's Domain," Shi Feng said, glancing at the Starburst Arrows as they brushed past him. Although he was not a Tier 3 player, the difference between a Level 100 player and a lower-leveled player wasn't easy to make up. Shi Feng then activated Wind Blade and charged at Blood Oath.

"Don't think I'll let you get close to the commander so easily!"

As Shi Feng approached, the three bodyguards formed a barrier before Blood Oath, separating the two.

In response, Shi Feng swung Killing Ray again.

Lightning Slash!

A massive thunderbolt tore through the magic barrier, stupefying the bodyguards.

At the same time, Blood Oath reacted, lifting his Magic Dragon Spear to counterattack. Unfortunately, he wasn't fast enough to keep up with Shi Feng, even with the Domain suppressing the Swordsman. Shi Feng's Twilight Blade pushed aside the spear, and his Sacred Sword stopped right before it touched Blood Oath's throat.

Less than three seconds had passed since Ink Feather had attacked...

## **Chapter 2284 – Confounding the Venue**

When Shi Feng's Killing Ray stopped at Blood Oath's throat, astonished silence filled the meeting room, and not a single player could pull their eyes away from the sight.

None of them could have dreamed that this meeting would turn out like this.

Despite War Blood's Vice Guild Leader and three bodyguards by his side, Blood Oath had ended up at the end of Shi Feng's blade. Nobody would believe them even if they retold this tale to others.

"This is some trick, right? Blood Oath couldn't actually stop Black Flame?"

“So strong! How high are Black Flame’s Basic Attributes? Even with a Domain suppressing him, he still pushed away Blood Oath’s two-handed weapon so easily!”

“No! Black Flame’s reaction speed is far more frightening than his Basic Attributes! If it weren’t, Blood Oath would’ve been able to use a Defensive Skill and wouldn’t have had to rely on his weapon.”

None of these players were ordinary experts. Some of them had even reached the Void Realm. Although Shi Feng was very fast and imperceptible to the naked eye, his movement couldn’t escape a Void Realm expert’s notice. Thus, many of the room’s occupants had caught a clear glimpse of what had just happened.

Of course, witnessing that exchange was the very reason for their shock.

The Domain Realm experts in the room evaluated Shi Feng with a far more serious gaze than before. They had watched the recording of Shi Feng killing Autumn Plant, and they had assumed the Swordsman only had high Basic Attributes, combat techniques, and reaction speed. They had assumed that these factors were the only reason that Shi Feng had been able to instant-kill Autumn Plant.

However, this display made it clear that they had been severely mistaken.

The fluidity of Shi Feng’s movements was the true reason that he was so frightening.

They had no doubt that even if Shi Feng’s Basic Attributes were on par with Blood Oath’s, the result of this exchange would’ve been the same. If not even Blood Oath was a match for Shi Feng, they, who were weaker than the War Blood’s commander, had no hope against Zero Wing’s Guild Leader.

“Stop messing around, Black Flame! Blood Oath is the War Blood adventurer team’s commander!” Ink Feather coldly warned Shi Feng, watching him hold Blood Oath captive.

Shi Feng’s strength was far beyond her expectations. She had never expected an outcome like this.

God’s Domain was a virtual reality game that mimicked reality to a frightening degree.

Although players could view details that weren’t available in the real world, there was little difference between the two. Unlike monsters, players didn’t have thick hides and powerful life forces, and because of that, players had to don armor to protect their vulnerable bodies.

Even an ordinary Tier 2 player could deal an absurd amount of damage if they attacked Blood Oath’s unprotected neck, not to mention Shi Feng, who had incredible Basic Attributes and wielded an Epic Weapon.

With Shi Feng’s blade against his throat, Blood Oath’s life was in Shi Feng’s hands.

Although a player would only lose one level if they died in God’s Domain, the significance of one leveled differed from player to player. An ordinary expert would have no problem coming back from the loss. They couldn’t catch up to God’s Domain’s frontline players, to begin with, and they weren’t strong enough to contest for resources in new, unexplored maps. However, dying and losing a level was an immense loss to a frontline player like Blood Oath.

With Ink Feather’s warning, the meeting room fell silent again as everyone stared at Shi Feng. Even Phoenix Rain was extraordinarily tense.

Shi Feng might have control of Blood Oath's life, showing off his strength before every player in the room, but he had also grievously offended the War Blood adventurer team.

For War Blood, allowing its commander to be taken captive in such a public setting was immensely embarrassing. To save its reputation from this blow, the adventurer team couldn't allow Shi Feng to get away with this.

You really know how to dig your own grave, Black Flame! I won't even need to lift a finger to deal with you now! As Lu Xingluo watched Shi Feng, he silently celebrated the Swordsman's folly.

After all was said and done, War Blood's relationship with Starlink was only one of cooperation. Lu Xingluo didn't have the authority to command the adventurer team, but now that Shi Feng had humiliated War Blood, the adventure team would find a variety of ways to kill the man.

If War Blood were hellbent on killing someone, even a Super Guild's Guild Leader would have a headache trying to stop the adventurer team.

"Messing around? Why would I be messing around?" Shi Feng laughed. "I told Commander Blood Oath that if he's unwilling to apologize, I'll have to drag him to Commander Blue Phoenix and make him do it."

Shi Feng extended a hand to grip the back of Blood Oath's neck.

"Black Flame!" Blood Oath understood what Shi Feng intended the moment the Swordsman moved. He immediately activated his Berserk Skill, disregarding the blade pressed against his throat.

However, Blood Oath did not stop with just one Berserk Skill. Following which, he activated his Legacy Berserk Skill, the intensity of his aura instantly skyrocketing to the standard of a Mythic monster of the same level.

Tier 2 Taboo Skill, Storm Rage!

With the power to rip apart space itself, Blood Oath thrust his Magic Dragon Spear at Shi Feng. However, golden, divine runes began to appear across the Swordsman's body, and his aura's intensity skyrocketed.

Heavenly Dragon's Power!

Shi Feng then pulled back Killing Ray, swinging it at the incoming spear.

Boom!

The collision's shockwave was so powerful that it threw the spectating players back against their chairs. The Magic Dragon Spear, which had far more power than Ink Feather's Starburst Arrows, came to an abrupt halt, unable to harm Shi Feng in the slightest.

Blood Oath's expression darkened. He hadn't expected that, even after activating Twofold Berserk, he'd still be helpless against Shi Feng. He quickly activated another Skill to put some distance between him and Shi Feng.

Unfortunately for Blood Oath, Shi Feng was a step ahead. Tugging Killing Ray sharply, he dragged the Magic Dragon Spear, and Blood Oath with it, forward. Taking advantage of the momentum, he snatched



the back of Blood Oath's neck. Blood Oath had seen Shi Feng's movements, yet he failed to react in time.

The instant he felt Shi Feng's hand on the back of his neck, Blood Oath felt as if a Dragon had grabbed him. He couldn't move at all.

Shi Feng jumped into the air with his burden, dodging Ink Feather's attacks and landing before Blue Phoenix. He then tightened his grip on the back of Blood Oath's neck and pressed down.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Shi Feng smashed Blood Oath's head into the ground three times, the marble floor shattering and shaking the meeting room with his strength. Blood Oath rapidly lost HP before it eventually hit zero.

The scene even dumbfounded Nine Dragons Emperor and Lu Xingluo, not to mention the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's upper echelons and Elders. Ink Feather, who had been preparing to launch another attack, was utterly dazed.

As if time had stopped, everyone in the room froze. For a moment, they even forgot to breathe...

## **Chapter 2285 – Dragonheart Shaken “Blood Oath's dead...”**

“How dare he...”

As they stared at Shi Feng, everyone felt a chill crawl down their spines. He stood nonchalantly before the meeting table with Blood Oath at his feet, the man's head buried in the broken marble floor.

Blood Oath's death didn't shock the meeting room's occupants overmuch. What truly shocked them was the method Shi Feng had used to kill him.

Shi Feng had dragged Blood Oath to Blue Phoenix and forced War Blood's commander to kowtow and apologize...

Not even Nine Dragons Emperor and Lu Xingluo had thought the Swordsman would be so vicious, let alone Blue Phoenix.

He's definitely crazy! War Blood definitely won't rest until Zero Wing is destroyed! Nine Dragons Emperor thought, flabbergasted as he watched Shi Feng.

Had Shi Feng simply killed Blood Oath out of rage, War Blood would, at most, target Shi Feng, but since the situation had devolved, the adventurer team would become a laughingstock if it didn't annihilate Zero Wing as a whole.

Even the major corporations that supported War Blood would support their vengeance, and there would be no hope for reconciliation between the two organizations.

In an era where every second mattered, two powers would suffer tremendous losses if they went to war against each other, regardless of who won in the end. Only a lunatic would start a war with a superpower like War Blood.

“You’re dead, Black Flame! Our adventurer team won’t let this matter rest! So what if you’re strong? From this moment, War Blood declares war against Zero Wing! We will hunt Zero Wing’s members relentlessly if they set foot in the Sea of Death!” Ink Feather bellowed when she saw her commander’s corpse with such powerful killing intent that even the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s members shuddered. It felt as if some hellish curse had echoed throughout the room.

Ink Feather and Blood Oath’s bodyguards stormed out of the room. Clearly, she intended to relay these events to War Blood’s other upper echelons and prepare to move against Zero Wing.

This is going to be troublesome. Phoenix Rain watched Ink Feather and her companions leave with a heavy expression. She felt that Shi Feng had been too impulsive.

Unlike on land, the status quo between adventurer teams and Guilds had more balance in the Sea of Death. Naval travel was incredibly inconvenient, and because of this, Guilds couldn’t rely on their large armies. That wasn’t the case for adventurer teams, however. Adventurer teams were small organizations that operated in multiple locations. 他们 would be able to take out an adventurer team regardless of the provocation. Naval adventurer teams had many methods to deal with small groups of players, as well.

This was especially true for an adventurer team like War Blood. As one of the top ten adventurer teams on Dragonheart Island, many adventurer teams had subjected themselves to War Blood’s rule. One word from War Blood was all it would take to ensure that Zero Wing’s members had no place in the Sea of Death.

Moreover, War Blood had Starlink’s support. Starlink’s progress in the ancient civilization’s ruins in the Gravity Mountain Range was impressive, and as a result, both the Guild and War Blood’s naval prowess grew with each passing day. This was the reason Ku Rong had chosen Nine Dragons Emperor as his successor.

In comparison, Zero Wing's naval strength was infantile. Even with the Bronze Speedboat Design, Zero Wing would need a lot of time and materials to construct a full fleet. Furthermore, adventurer teams supplied 80% of the naval resources on the market, and after today, not a single adventurer team would dare sell their resources to Zero Wing.

With one of Zero Wing's main supply lines severed, War Blood and Starlink would occupy a large number of Shops and resources in Dragonheart City by the time Zero Wing developed its naval forces. If they purchased Dragonheart City's Large Shipyard, they'd become unimaginably powerful at sea.

How, exactly, was Zero Wing supposed to fight War Blood?

Zero Wing wasn't even guaranteed to survive this war, let alone prosper in the Sea of Death.

However, Phoenix Rain had to admit that Shi Feng's performance had been effective. The Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's upper echelons and Elders had a newfound respect and fear of Zero Wing.

Shi Feng had followed through with his threat of dragging War Blood's commander to Blue Phoenix and forcing him to apologize. Not even a Super Guild's Guild Leader would dare to pull such a stunt.

For a time, everyone in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion re-evaluated their opinions of Phoenix Rain.

Shi Feng might be a lunatic, but he was a powerful lunatic. Moreover, he had a Bronze Speedboat Design.

Because of this, Ku Rong decided to postpone the matter of his successor. At the very least, he'd wait to announce a decision until the war between Zero Wing and War Blood had reached a conclusion. Fortunately, this meant that Nine Dragons Emperor's plans had gone to waste.

"It seems Black Flame is quite capable after all," Cloudy Moon, who was about to leave the meeting room, said, smiling gently as she glanced at Shi Feng.

"His good luck will only last a short moment," Nine Dragons Emperor hissed with a sneer. "You're new to the Sea of Death, so you might not understand what kind of power War Blood is. Not even Starlink is a match for the adventurer team's naval prowess, much less the Pavilion. Not only has War Blood secured a stable source of Naval Legacies, but it has also acquired a source for hidden Bloodline Legacies. It can nurture experts with horrific combat power at sea.

"Moreover, I've heard that War Blood has gained a large number of Deification Crystals and ancient contract scrolls that allow players to tame sea monsters as Mounts due to its partnership with Starlink. Even Thirteen Thrones shows War Blood some respect at sea. Why else would the Great Pavilion Master choose me as his successor so quickly?

"Black Flame doesn't realize who he just provoked. He thinks everything will be fine just because he's so powerful as an individual. If War Blood goes all-out, Dragonheart City will tremble at its might. There's no guarantee that Zero Wing will even be able to enter Dragonheart City, much less gain any standing."

Nine Dragons Emperor's explanation surprised Cloudy Moon. She hadn't thought that an adventurer team could be so powerful, even having the ability to tame sea monsters as Mounts. It was no wonder why Ku Rong had been so lenient about Blood Oath's disrespect and arrogance.

Although her main activities were on land, she knew a little about sea monsters. With a sea monster as a Mount, a player's combat power at sea would be impressive. If a power had enough sea monster Mounts, it would usher in a new era in the Sea of Death.

Despite the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's efforts to keep the incident quiet, news quickly reached Dragonheart City's various major powers. It caused an uproar in the city.

"Is Zero Wing trying to dig an early grave?"

"This is going to be an interesting show!"

Meanwhile, Phoenix Rain worried as she read the report on War Blood's declaration of war in an office in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Guild Hall.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, I'm afraid that War Blood is already on the move. If you need any resources, I'll try to get you as many as I can from the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion," Phoenix Rain offered, watching Shi Feng as he prepared to leave the office.

Shi Feng had only started a war with War Blood on her behalf, so she couldn't just sit aside and do nothing, but she couldn't help but feel powerless with their opponent being the War Blood adventurer team.

"That's wonderful. In that case, I'd like to borrow some of your people," Shi Feng said, nodding. He wouldn't refuse the help. Zero Wing's foundations in Dragonheart City were just too fragile.

"Borrow some of my people? What are you planning?" Shi Feng's request confused Phoenix Rain.

"I want to capture the Gravity Mountain Range's Northern Fortress," Shi Feng calmly stated.

## Chapter 2286 – Size Upgraded

“Capture the Northern Fortress?” Phoenix Rain stared at Shi Feng with wide eyes.

There were quite a few fortresses in the Gravity Mountain Range, with over a dozen of varying sizes scattered across the map. The Northern Fortress was a Medium Fortress in the map’s northern region, the largest in the area.

Even working together, Thirteen Thrones and Starlink had gone to great lengths to capture a Small Fortress. While that might not seem like a great feat, they were the only superpower to capture a fortress in the Gravity Mountain Range.

And Shi Feng intended to capture a Medium Fortress. No matter how Phoenix Rain considered the idea, she had little hope of the operation succeeding. Even if the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion and Zero Wing went all out, working together, their chances of capturing a Small Fortress were less than 10%.

“That’s right. Zero Wing isn’t quite strong enough to succeed, so I’d like to borrow 30,000 elites and experts for the operation,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “Of course, I won’t borrow them for free. If we succeed, I’ll give you 20% of the fortress’s shares.”

The majority of Zero Wing’s forces were stationed in the Bottomless Abyss and Ore Empire. There were barely any members in Dragonheart City. Although the Guild could gather its members here, it would take a long time to do so, and he couldn’t afford to wait.

The main reason that the Gravity Mountain Range's fortresses were so difficult to capture was the Level 100-plus Mythic monsters that guarded each of them. The fortresses were also full of Level 100-plus Great Lords and Grand Lords. Medium Fortresses, in particular, were guarded by significantly more monsters, and these monsters operated like a well-trained army.

Zero Wing hadn't previously had the strength to capture a Medium Fortress, but that had changed.

While Shi Feng had been in the Tower of Four Gods, both Anna and Kite had reached Level 100 and completed their Tier 3 Promotion Quests. Including the Level 100-plus Demons Shi Feng could summon with the Bible of Darkness,

Zero Wing qualified to challenge a Medium Fortress.

It would be less risky to challenge a Small Fortress, but the Northern Fortress was near the Gravity Mountain Range's vein area. Not only could the rare ores in the area be used when crafting ships, but they would also be useful for producing Level 100-plus weapons and equipment.

After Level 100, the system reduced equipment drop-rates even further. One would already be quite lucky to obtain a piece of Mysterious-Iron Equipment from a Great Lord, and Lord ranked monsters had practically no chance of dropping Level 100-plus Bronze Equipment.

Hence, demand for player-made weapons and equipment would skyrocket after Level 100.

Since no one was paying attention to the Northern Fortress, he had to secure it as quickly as possible. If he waited until this fortress attracted attention, not only would he have to deal with the monsters that guarded the Northern Fortress, but he'd also have to deal with player interference, which would significantly reduce his chances of capturing it.



“Is 30,000 enough?” Phoenix Rain gave Shi Feng a skeptical look.

Although gathering 30,000 elites and experts on Dragonheart Island would be difficult, it wasn’t impossible for her.

However, Thirteen Thrones and Starlink had sent a massive, 150,000-player army to capture a Small Fortress, and over 70% of their forces had been slaughtered by the end of the battle. And yet, Shi Feng only asked for a fraction of that...

“They’ll be enough, but we’ll need to move quickly,” Shi Feng said.

The most important factor when attempting to capture a fortress in the Gravity Mountain Range was whether or not one could hold their ground against the monsters. If an army could stand strong, even 10,000 players would be enough to capture a fortress, not to mention 30,000. However, they would need a lot more time to succeed.

“That won’t be a problem. I’ll contact them immediately. I should be able to get 30,000 players here within a day,” Phoenix Rain said. She knew that Shi Feng was no fool. If he thought it was possible to capture a Medium Fortress, she had to take the risk.

Starlink and Thirteen Thrones had gained massive advantages in Dragonheart City due to the Small Fortress they had captured. If she could get her hands on a Medium Fortress’s shares, Nine Dragons Emperor would have an extremely difficult time shaking her position in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion in the future.

Phoenix Rain and Blue Phoenix got to work contacting the necessary players. They called in the Pavilion's various elite and expert players scattered in the Sea of Death and various countries on the main continent.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng headed toward the Wanderer's Shop after leaving the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Residence.

Since he had been stuck in the Tower of Four Gods, he hadn't been able to manage the Wanderer's Shop, allowing it to operate itself. After so many days, the Shop should have accumulated a fortune. According to Shi Feng's estimates, his share should amount to at least 10,000 Ancient Gold. More customers had been visiting the Shop, and as a result, its sales continued to improve, especially those of the Black Market's entry slots.

With 10,000 Ancient Gold, Shi Feng could purchase a plot of Land and construct an ordinary Guild Residence in Dragonheart City's outermost area. This would allow Zero Wing's members to rest and recover in the Residence for free, rather than waste their money on hotels.

But as soon as Shi Feng stepped out of the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Residence, an uproar rose through the crowd outside.

"He's out!"

"And here I thought he would hide in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion for the rest of his life. I didn't expect him to show himself so soon. Keep an eye on him, everyone! The higher-ups have announced that we'll earn three pieces of Epic Equipment if we can kill Black Flame!"

"Notify the boss! Black Flame has left the Residence!"

By now, everyone had heard of Blood Oath's death, and War Blood's declaration of war had caused a sensation in Dragonheart City. Moreover, War Blood had offered the highest bounty ever seen in God's Domain for Black Flame's head.

Three pieces of Epic Equipment!

An ordinary player's strength would undergo a qualitative transformation if they acquired three pieces of Epic Equipment, let alone an expert's strength. Thus, every player in Dragonheart City was going mad over the news.

Even if they had killed Shi Feng before this, he wasn't guaranteed to drop his Fragmented Legendary item, but now, they were promised Epic Equipment if they killed the Swordsman. Not a single player in the Sea of Death could ignore such temptation.

Shi Feng finally reached the Wanderer's Shop after half an hour, utterly ignoring the crowd of experts and War Blood members that followed him. None of them would dare attack him in Dragonheart City.

However, when he saw the Wanderer's Shop, Shi Feng had wondered if he had gone to the wrong place.

The originally tattered Wanderer's Shop looked completely different. Now, it was a four-story-tall building with an extravagantly decorated exterior. An endless stream of players entered and exited the building, and they were all Level 85-plus experts.

The Wanderer's Shop looked more like a Guild Hall than a Shop.

The Shop's size upgraded automatically? Shi Feng could not help his shock. Just how popular is the Wanderer's Shop right now?

It wasn't particularly unusual for independent Shops to upgrade automatically, but fulfilling the conditions for such an upgrade was immensely difficult. Not only did the Shop require enough popularity and traffic, but it also needed to reach a certain sales volume.

Shi Feng entered the Shop, only to find that the first-floor hall had more than doubled in size. There were also more than 100 types of items available for sale, and they were all treasures that were rarely seen on the market.

However, Shi Feng didn't pay these details much mind. He immediately opened the Shop's interface to learn how much Ancient Gold he had earned.

Is this real?! Shi Feng couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the numbers.

27,615 Ancient Gold!

## **Chapter 2287 – Special Area**

Shi Feng had earned a lot more Ancient Gold than he had expected from the Wanderer's Shop. He still couldn't shake off the shock after staring at the numbers for a long time.

It's no wonder why the powers that secured a Wanderer's Shop in the past developed so rapidly. This Shop is a goldmine! Realization dawned on Shi Feng after seeing his share of the profits.

Many first- and second-rate Guilds had mingled in independent cities in Shi Feng's previous life, and despite not occupying high-resource maps, they had established themselves among the many superpowers, with some eventually becoming superpowers themselves. Meanwhile, a large part of the reason for these Guilds' success was likely the Wanderer's Shops they had owned.

Shi Feng had only spent a little over 20 days in the Tower of Four Gods, yet he had earned over 27,000 Ancient Gold through the Wanderer's Shop. This meant that the Shop generated more than 1,000 Ancient Gold per day. No Shop in Dragonheart City earned as much income. Only the fortresses in the Gravity Mountain Range could surpass the Wanderer's Shop's profits.

Moreover, the Wanderer's Shop had earned so much income despite being a 2-star Shop. Once he promoted it to 3-star status, the Shop would sell items that would even tempt superpowers.

Most importantly, the Wanderer's Shop would undergo a qualitative transformation upon reaching 3-star status, periodically hosting a Miniature Black Marketplace. The items available in this marketplace couldn't compare to those in the actual Black Market, but there were looser entry restrictions. Players could participate as long as they had the Wanderer's Shop's customer membership. The Wanderer's Shop's income would significantly increase.

After withdrawing the 27,615 Ancient Gold, Shi Feng made his way to the City Hall.

He had originally planned to construct a Guild Residence for Zero Wing's members on Dragonheart Island, but since he had more Ancient Gold than he had expected, his plans had changed.

Dragonheart City was split between its inner and outer areas, but there was also a special location within the city.

It was the area closest to the World Tower!

Not only did this special area provide more convenient access to the World Tower, but the Mana density there was also incredible. Moreover, this secret area had a hidden secret-the World Power Tolerance Value.

As players roamed the World Tower's first underground floor, they might not notice a difference, sensing an ever-present malicious energy in the underground world. This malicious energy was World Power, and it discriminated against and rejected all outsiders.

Not only would this World Power weaken players' physiques, but it would also interfere with their five senses, severely affecting their combat power.

Of course, one could counter these negative effects by consuming the food and drink available in Dragonheart City, but doing so carried a high price. Even ordinary experts would blow through their savings if they relied on this method.

However, after a long investigation, some players had discovered that one could reduce the World Power's suppression by resting in an area near the World Tower. It wouldn't make them immune to the World Power's effects, but it could reduce them by half.

With this reduction, players could continue to explore the World Tower without relying on Dragonheart City's expensive consumables.

Because of this, the Shops around the World Tower had been incredibly popular in the past. The various superpowers had spared no expense to purchase these Shops, modifying them into hotels. If players had been allowed to construct Guild Residences in the area, such buildings would've surrounded the World Tower in the past.

Even so, the area around the World Tower had become something of a famous tourist spot during Shi Feng's previous life due to its many hotels.

Unfortunately, first-rate Guilds hadn't had a chance to build a hotel of their own. In fact, many superpowers had gone without, as well. There were only 34 plots of Land around the World Tower, and these plots' sizes were fixed. Guilds didn't have the option of expanding their hotels, regardless of their desire to do just that.

Since none of Dragonheart City's various powers had figured this out yet, Shi Feng couldn't miss this opportunity.

When he had first visited Dragonheart City in search of a Shop, he had only had 10,000 Ancient Gold on hand. It hadn't even been enough to purchase the Shops in the city's outer area, much less those near the World Tower. Now that he had over 27,000 Ancient Gold, however, he should be able to afford a Shop around the World Tower.

After waiting for some time in one of the City Hall's second-floor reception rooms, Shi Feng watched an Elven beauty with a crescent-moon insignia enter the room.

Unlike the City Hall's ordinary administrators, this female Elf was the City Hall's senior administrator and responsible for selling the Shops around the World Tower. She was a Level 180, Tier 4 Great Wizard. Ordinary players wouldn't even have the chance to meet and speak with this senior administrator, much less purchase the Shops near the World Tower.

Fortunately, Shi Feng was a Bronze Legatee, so his rank was high enough to earn her attention.

“Lord Bronze Legatee, here is the information on the 34 Shops around the World Tower. May I know which one you wish to purchase?” Senior Administrator Irene Lauren asked.

Shi Feng fell speechless as he read down the list he had been given. Although he had known that these Shops and Lands would be very expensive, he hadn’t expected them to cost this much.

Even a barren plot of Land cost 24,000 Ancient Gold, and it was a considerably small plot. A medium-sized plot of Land cost 45,000 Ancient Gold, and of the Lands that already had Shops, the cheapest was a small-size, 1-star Restaurant, costing a total of 40,000 Ancient Gold. To purchase a medium-size, 2-star Hotel, Shi Feng would have to pay a whopping 128,000 Ancient Gold!

Suddenly, Shi Feng felt like a pauper in Dragonheart City, even with the Wanderer’s Shop...

“I want this small-sized Land,” Shi Feng said, gritting his teeth as he chose the small-sized plot closest to the World Tower.

These Shops and Lands were no less rare than the Wanderer’s Shop. Not only could one earn a fortune though one of these plots of Land, but it would also help accelerate a Guild’s growth.

Very well. That will be 26,500 Ancient Gold Coins,” Irene Lauren said, nodding.

Shi Feng struggled with the decision as he handed the money over, leaving him with little over 1,000 Ancient Gold.



Irene Lauren, however, didn't care about Shi Feng's struggles, and as soon as she received the payment, she handed Shi Feng an ancient contract.

Shi Feng felt his chest tighten for a moment when he saw the information on the contract.

Although the plot of Land had nothing on it, he was required to pay 10,000 Ancient Gold in monthly maintenance fees. The monthly fees were even more exorbitant than the Wanderer's Shop's.

Forget it. You can't make money without losing money. Besides, the various superpowers in the past were willing to pay over a million Ancient Gold to purchase a plot near the World Tower. After giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng felt that he had still gained a huge advantage. Next, I'll have to collect 4,000 Ancient Gold to construct an Advanced Hotel. Then, I can open for business.

After signing the contract and preparing to leave the City Hall, Shi Feng received a call request. He answered the call as soon as he saw it was from Gentle Snow.

"Guild Leader, we've arrived in Dragonheart City," Gentle Snow reported.

## Chapter 2288 – Zero Wing's Team

"You guys sure are fast!" Shi Feng was a little surprised to see Gentle Snow's smile so soon.

He had only notified Gentle Snow and the others to travel to Dragonheart City a few hours ago. He hadn't expected them to reach the city so quickly.

The Tidal Vortex was located in the Sea of Death's core region. Even with a Flying Mount, it would take some time to return to Dragonheart City. Furthermore, there were 100 players in Zero Wing's main force. Gentle Snow would need several trips to fly everyone back to the city.

"It would've taken a few more hours to get everyone back to Dragonheart City, but the last Level 95 Mythic Boss we killed dropped a Twin-headed Flying Dragon. Cola won the bid for the Mount, and it substantially reduced our travel time," Gentle Snow said excitedly.

She had already enjoyed the benefits of having a Flying Mount, and now that another Zero Wing main force member had one, the team's overall strength and leveling speed had significantly increased.

"A Twin-headed Flying Dragon? Aren't you guys a little too lucky? That thing only has a 1% drop-rate." The news stunned Shi Feng.

The Tidal Vortex's Mythic Bosses did have a chance of dropping Flying Mounts. Grinding these Bosses was one of the few ways players could obtain an Extraordinary Flying Mount, but the 1% drop-rate made it incredibly difficult. Shi Feng had never thought that Gentle Snow and her team would acquire one on their first trip.

"We have to thank Blackie's luck to thank for it," Gentle Snow said, smiling. "Guild Leader, I've heard that the War Blood adventurer team has declared war on Zero Wing. Should we prepare for an offensive?"

Dealing with the War Blood adventurer team would've likely given her a huge headache before they had explored the Tidal Vortex, but now, Cola had the Twin-headed Flying Dragon, bringing Zero Wing's total to three Flying Mounts.

Flying Mounts already had a massive advantage at sea, and if three Flying Mounts worked together, their team could take on any fleet. Three Flying Mounts could carry up to 60 players, and with such a force, annihilating players on three Bronze Speedboats wouldn't be a problem.

Most fleets currently in the Sea of Death only had a few Bronze Speedboats. They could easily destroy any fleet's core combat power with a few rounds of attacks.

Zero Wing might not be able to establish itself in the Sea of Death, but they wouldn't give the War Blood adventurer team an easy time, either.

"No. Our current priority is to capture the Gravity Mountain Range's Northern Fortress," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Make your way to the World Tower's entrance for now. I'll meet you there."

Although they could rely on the Flying Mounts' mobility to cause trouble for War Blood, doing so would slow their development speed. It wasn't a worthwhile trade.

The struggle between powers required resources and experts. Securing the Northern Fortress was the best way to defeat War Blood.

"We're capturing a fortress?" Shi Feng's statement stunned Gentle Snow, but after a moment, a grin spread across her face. Everyone on the team, including her and Cola, were eager to show Shi Feng how strong they had grown. "Alright, we'll head over immediately."

Shi Feng then disconnected the call and made his way to the World Tower.

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World Tower's underground first floor:

Due to Phoenix Rain's summons, a large number of Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion experts had gathered near the first underground floor's entrance. Visiting players were shocked to see so many experts.

"Why are so many of the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's experts here?"

"Amazing! Even the lowest-leveled player among them is Level 86. Our adventurer team has several thousand members, but fewer than 10 have reached such a high level, yet the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion has more than 7,000 of them!"

"That's nothing. Look at their equipment. They're all wearing Level 85 equipment. Moreover, even the lowest-quality piece is Secret-Silver rank. Some of them even have Level 85 Dark-Gold Equipment. I thought I've been doing quite well in my Guild, but I only have a few pieces of Level 85 Secret-Silver Equipment, while the rest is Level 80 equipment."

"I wonder why the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion has gathered so many experts? Are they planning to complete a quest, maybe?"

The various players nearby couldn't help but wonder why so many of the Pavilion's experts had gathered. They rarely saw so many in one place.

"Big Sis Rain, 9,000 people have arrived thus far. It'll take another two or three hours for the rest to get here," Blue Phoenix reported as Phoenix Rain examined the supplies she had prepared for the

operation. Worriedly, she continued, “However, Nine Dragons Emperor has found out about the operation.”

“So be it. How could such a large-scale operation escape the notice of Nine Dragons Emperor’s men?” Phoenix Rain nodded. The news didn’t affect her in the slightest. “We just need to take down the Northern Fortress before Nine Dragons Emperor can gather enough players to do anything about it.”

It was too easy for information about such large-scale operations to reach other powers. There was no way to ensure that there weren’t any spies among their people. Now, they were in a race against time.

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Meanwhile, a report stating that Zero Wing and Phoenix Rain intended to capture the Northern Fortress sat on the Guild Leader’s desk in Thirteen Thrones’ Dragonheart City Residence.

“Black Flame never ceases to surprise me,” Melancholy said, smiling at the report before him. He then turned to Happy Art and asked, “Art, what do you think of this matter?”

His favorable opinion of Shi Feng was the reason he had invited Zero Wing to participate in the mission to capture a Small Fortress. Unfortunately, he was forced to go back on his word.

“Zero Wing should have some confidence in succeeding,” Happy Art said, uncertain.

While capturing the Northern Fortress might be extremely challenging, she didn’t think that Shi Feng was foolhardy. Since he had decided to attempt the capture, he was confident of succeeding.

“Confidence? Do you think capturing a fortress is so easy?” the masked woman beside Elder Wu commented disdainfully. “In my opinion, this is simply the Guild’s death throes. It’s run out of moves. After all, Black Flame so foolishly provoked War Blood.”

Thirteen Thrones had gone all out, even cooperating with Starlink, to secure a Small Fortress. What, exactly, did Zero Wing have to rely on to capture the Northern Fortress, a Medium Fortress?

“Little Melancholy, are you planning to help this Zero Wing?” Elder Wu, who sat quietly in a corner, asked.

“I had considered it. Zero Wing has a lot of potential. It could become a formidable ally in the future,” Melancholy answered truthfully. He had no reason to hide his thoughts.

More major corporations continued to invest in God’s Domain, and as a result, the competition between the game’s powers grew more intense. Even a Super Guild like Thirteen Thrones would have to consider alliances if it wished to continue its smooth development in God’s Domain.

Meanwhile, Zero Wing’s development speed had been quite impressive. It was an optimal candidate as an ally.

Moreover, if Thirteen Thrones lent aid during Zero Wing’s time of need, the Guild would have a more friendly view of Thirteen Thrones.

“I understand what you’re thinking. That kid certainly knows how to get things done, but you need to understand that War Blood isn’t the only power Zero Wing has provoked. Starlink is hell-bent to see the Guild destroyed. If you help Zero Wing, our relationship with Starlink will become complicated,” Elder Wu said calmly. “Moreover, we already have plans to capture another fortress with Starlink, and the Guild has something crucial for the siege. As Thirteen Thrones’ Guild Leader, you need to consider the Guild’s benefit carefully.”

With Elder Wu's warning, Melancholy had no choice but to dismiss the thought. Elder Wu was one of the Thirteen Thrones' founders, and the old man had immense influence in the Guild. He wasn't wrong, either, and Melancholy didn't have a good enough reason to move against the old man's advice.

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While the various superpowers in Dragonheart City discussed the news, Shi Feng and the rest of Zero Wing's main force arrived in the main hall of the World Tower's first underground floor.

The instant Shi Feng appeared, a commotion erupted throughout the hall.

"Is Black Flame stupid? He actually dares to visit the Gravity Mountain Range. Doesn't he know how many experts want his head?"

"He's probably betting on the fact that no one will mess with him with so many of the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's members here."

"I guess you're right, but the moment he wanders off from the Pavilion's group, he's dead."

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The players in the main hall watched Shi Feng with admiration and ridicule. They all wondered what the Swordsman would do next. Once he left the main hall, he wouldn't have a safe zone to protect him.

Many people would likely try to take his life to claim War Blood's bounty, and not even the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion could guarantee his safety.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, over 23,000 of the 30,000 players you've requested have arrived. The rest should be here in another hour or so. How are the preparations on your side coming along?" Phoenix Rain asked as Shi Feng entered the main hall. "Based on the information I've received, several thousand players are camped outside the main hall, all aiming for your life. Although they won't dare attack with so many of the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's members around you, more people will gather as time passes. Once there are enough players, I can't be sure that they won't make a move."

Completing this mission as quickly as possible was crucial. The various major powers' experts were targeting Shi Feng, and if the battle dragged on for too long, there was a high likelihood that other powers would try to interfere, and the operation would fail.

"All of my players have arrived already," Shi Feng said, smiling as he gestured to Gentle Snow and the others behind him.

"A 100-man team?" Phoenix Rain was stunned when she saw the cloaked figures of Gentle Snow and the rest of Zero Wing's main force.

Although she had known that Zero Wing couldn't dispatch a lot of players for this operation, she hadn't expected Shi Feng to only bring a 100-man team to capture the Northern Fortress. This had to be a joke.

While Phoenix Rain was silent, Aqua Rose spoke up.

"These people dare to target you, Guild Leader. If we don't teach them a lesson, they'll likely think that Zero Wing is just a pushover," Aqua Rose coldly stated as she glanced at the players outside the main hall.



“That’s right! We might as well take care of these fools since we’re still waiting on some of the others; it’ll save us some trouble,” Cola insisted.

“Alright, let’s take care of them first, then,” Shi Feng agreed, nodding after giving the matter some thought.

He did not want to deal with unceasing stalkers, either. They’d constantly pose a problem.

“You guys shouldn’t mess around. Those aren’t ordinary players. There are quite a few Refinement Realm experts among the group, including some experts from Dragonheart Island’s top adventurer teams,” Phoenix Rain interjected.

Phoenix thought that Aqua Rose and her companions were insane. Naturally, Shi Feng was even more mad to agree to the suggestion...

Although Phoenix Rain was aware that Aqua Rose and the others were incredibly powerful. Even her forces would have a hard time taking down these experts. Even if her forces won the battle, they’d suffer grievously for it. Furthermore, there were only 100 of these experts.

As Phoenix Rain was about to continue, Aqua Rose and the other removed their Black Cloaks, revealing they every one of them had reached Level 95 and 96...

The instant Aqua Rose and the others removed their Black Cloaks, the players in the hall, who had been busy talking about Shi Feng, gasped in shock. They stared at Zero Wing's players as if there were horrifying monsters.

"Level 95?! How is that possible?!"

"How are they so high-levelled? Haven't the superpowers' peak experts just reached Level 87? Are they monsters in disguise?"

Everyone was confused over Aqua Rose and her companions' levels. The fact that Shi Feng had already reached Level 100 was shocking enough. They all knew how difficult it was to level up from such a high level.

The fact that Shi Feng had reached Level 100 wasn't entirely unbelievable. God's Domain had many special opportunities to offer, and it wasn't strange for these opportunities to grant players tremendous amounts of EXP.

Now, however, Zero Wing revealed that it had 100 players at Level 95 and 96. How were they so powerful?

After a brief moment of shock, a terrifying pressure washed over them. Even Phoenix Rain, who stood near Aqua Rose, shuddered, not to mention the ordinary experts in the room.

After this display, Phoenix Rain gave up trying to dissuade Aqua Rose and her companions from attacking the group of hostile players. She could only smile bitterly about the situation.

Just how many secrets does Zero Wing possess?

This thought echoed in Phoenix Rain's mind for a long time. She couldn't understand how Shi Feng had helped Aqua Rose and the rest of his main force level up so quickly.

Of course, she also understood why Shi Feng had so fearlessly provoked the War Blood adventurer team in the Dragon- Phoenix Pavilion's Residence.

Although Shi Feng had previously revealed his level, there was a limit to how much an individual could accomplish, especially when exploring new maps. Shi Feng could only secure so many resources by himself, and he could clear Team Dungeons alone, which were one of the largest resource sources for a Guild. However, he wouldn't have that problem with a 100-man team that was almost as high-leveled as he was.

After Aqua Rose and the other exposed their levels, many of the players in the hall that had considered targeting Shi Feng abandoned the idea. Teams with fewer than 50 members, in particular, immediately abandoned their plans to move against Shi Feng.

If Shi Feng were the only powerhouse they had to worry about, they could rely on special tools to restrain him, preventing him from exhibiting his full strength, but since such a group of high-leveled experts guarded him, what was the point in restraining Shi Feng?

They couldn't even get close to the Swordsman, much less attack him.

“I hadn’t thought that Zero Wing had hidden so much of its strength. Targeting Black Flame will no longer be possible. With so many high-leveled expert guards, even assassination experts will be powerless against him.”

“That’s right! I doubt War Blood expected Zero Wing to have a card like this. The adventurer team’s plan to send everyone in the city after him is likely moot.”

“That might not necessarily be the case. Small teams like ours might not have a chance, but those large adventurer teams could succeed. Zero Wing’s members might be very high-leveled, but a team can bridge that gap by outnumbering them. With enough experts, the various adventurer teams might be able to suppress Zero Wing’s members long enough to kill Black Flame.”

“I guess you’re right. Ordinary experts won’t have high enough Basic Attributes to make a difference, but peak experts could do it if they rely on external items. Besides, even if they have high levels, it means nothing if their weapons and equipment can’t keep up.”

“I heard that the Heavenly Beast adventurer team has dispatched all of its experts to kill Black Flame and steal his Fragmented Legendary item. Heavenly Beast is quite famous among the dark forces. I don’t think it’s a match for Dragonheart Island’s top ten adventurer teams in an open battle, but its ability to kill individual players is lightly even stronger than those adventurer teams.”

“Heavenly Beast is powerful, but Black Flame is no fool. As long as he sticks with the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s army, Heavenly Beast’s members won’t get near him.”

“At this point, only the various major powers have any hope of taking out Black Flame.”

Many of the independent players in the hall sighed and turned to leave after seeing Zero Wing’s high-level team. With such powerful players around him, a small team didn’t have a chance of taking Shi Feng down.

The various major powers' experts, on the other hand, chose to stay and continue stalking after him. Unlike independent players, major powers would have no problems sending several thousand experts after the Swordsman.

"A Level 95,100-man team? Black Flame sure has a lot of trump cards."

"So, this is why Black Flame's so confident?"

"Remember to keep a close eye on Black Flame! Report back as soon as you see him leave the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's protection! I refuse to believe that the Pavilion is willing to protect him forever!"

It took no time for every major power on Dragonheart Island to hear about the levels of Zero Wing's main force members, but although they were shocked by the news, they had no intention of giving up on the bounty.

A Fragmented Legendary item was simply too tempting, not to mention the three pieces of Epic Equipment and War Blood's favor.

However, they had decided to avoid taking direct action against Shi Feng for now. He was, after all, protected by the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's army.

When the major powers' experts received the commands from their upper echelons, they prepared to follow Shi Feng further into the World Tower.

However, they were shocked by what they saw as they passed through the main hall's exit.

Corpses littered the ground outside the main hall, every one of them a slain expert. Many experts from Dragonheart Island's well-known and top adventurer teams lay among them. These players had all planned to ambush Shi Feng as soon as he left the main hall.

What shocked the newcomers more, though, was Aqua Rose's team, which was busy fighting several thousand players.

A 10-level difference wasn't insurmountable, yet Zero Wing's 100-man team slaughtered the several thousand players before them as if they were slicing vegetables.

Despite facing dozens of experts' frenzied attacks, Cola, who led Zero Wing's team in the battle, didn't even try to dodge. He took every hit with his shield, and none of the attacks from the enemy Tier 2 experts dealt more than -500 damage. To Cola, who had a total of 520,000 HP after reaching Level 95, the damage was practically negligible. A single Healing Spell was more than enough to restore his lost HP.

Meanwhile, Aqua Rose, Zhao Yueru, Alluring Summer, and Violet Cloud acted as mobile turrets. Every Spell they cast claimed at least a dozen experts' lives. Sometimes, their Spells even blew apart several dozen experts at once. One of Zhao Yueru's Spells even took out a Level 87 Shield Warrior with an Epic Shield and two pieces of Epic Equipment in an instant ...

The two forces' Basic Attributes were on entirely different levels.

Gentle Snow's team hadn't just gained EXP while they were grinding in the Tidal Vortex. They had also acquired plenty of high-level items. The Tidal Vortex's Bosses all dropped Level 90 and 95 equipment, and as a result, they were all armed with Level 95 Secret-Silver and Fine-Gold Equipment.

Gentle Snow and the others had frequently hunted the Tidal Vortex' Mythic Bosses, as well. In addition, the team had been the first players to slay these Mythic Bosses, which increased the Bosses' drop-rates. Overall, Zero Wing's main force members had also acquired quite a few pieces of Epic Equipment.

Even the weakest piece Gentle Snow and her companions wore was Level 95 Fine-Gold Equipment. Their combat power was on an entirely different level compared to the Level 85-plus experts they fought. Moreover, Gentle Snow and the others had improved their combat standards.

Most of the players attacking them hadn't even reached the Refinement Realm yet. To Zero Wing's main force, these players were easier to defeat than the Level 95 sea monsters in the Tidal Vortex.

Over 95% of the 4,000-plus experts that had planned to ambush Shi Feng outside the main hall were dead in less than 15 minutes, while the rest tried to escape with special tools. The valley's ground was dyed red with blood, and weapons and equipment littered the ground. In contrast, Zero Wing's team hadn't lost a single player. They had only lost a little Stamina and Concentration...

## Chapter 2290 – Fame Spreads Across Dragonheart

The various major powers' experts, who had intended to follow Shi Feng, came to a halt when they saw the remains of the army that had tried to ambush the Swordsman. As if the main hall's exit were the entrance to hell, none of them dared to cross the threshold.

"They killed so many players so easily? Are they even human?"

“This won’t do. I need to report this to the boss immediately.”

They had assumed that Zero Wing wouldn’t dare retaliate since they had such a massive numerical advantage. Hence, they had boldly followed after Shi Feng, but seeing the thousands of corpses on the ground, none of the various major powers’ experts dared to leave the main hall. If Zero Wing’s members could kill several thousand experts so effortlessly, then they, with only several hundred players, would only meet their doom by leaving.

They needed to reevaluate their plans. As long as Shi Feng had Zero Wing’s main force by his side, several thousand players wouldn’t be enough to take him down. They would need, at least, an army of 10,000 players, perhaps even several tens of thousands, to take him down. Otherwise, they’d merely be giving their equipment to Zero Wing.

However, Phoenix Rain was even more shocked by the results than the major powers’ experts.

They’ve already obtained Level 95 equipment?

Phoenix Rain was no ordinary expert. Not only was she the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s Phoenix Pavilion Master, but she was also very nearly a Domain Realm expert. She could discern a lot of information that ordinary experts could not.

Although Aqua Rose and the others had considerably high combat standards, their incredibly high Basic Attributes were a larger part of the reason for their overwhelming victory.

The experts that had tried to ambush Shi Feng weren’t weaklings. Many of them were even experts from Dragonheart Island’s various well-known and top adventurer teams. Their equipment standards were quite high, with even the weakest piece they wore at Level 85 Fine-Gold rank. If Aqua Rose and the others had worn Level 90 Dark-Gold Equipment, they wouldn’t have achieved such a one-sided victory.



The only explanation was that Aqua Rose and her team wore Level 95 Fine-Gold Equipment or better.

Upgrading one's weapons and equipment was far harder than leveling up. A team could only raid Team Dungeons, obtaining weapons and equipment that corresponded to their levels, after reaching a high enough level, and although it was possible to grind for higher-level weapons and equipment, the cost was so immense that it wasn't worth the effort. Most of the time, players' weapons and equipment couldn't keep up with their levels. In some cases, players would wear items that were of a far lower level.

However, not only had Aqua Rose and her companions reached Level 95 or higher, but their weapons and equipment were also Level 95 Fine-Gold rank or better. Their equipment standard was at least two realms higher than the various major powers' experts.

Meanwhile, news of the slaughter soon spread throughout Dragonheart Island.

"Zero Wing is amazing! Not even the various major powers will dare target Black Flame now."

"I know, right? I've heard that many adventurer teams have already given up the hunt. War Blood will likely have to act on its own to deal with Black Flame and Zero Wing."

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The various major powers had been shocked to learn that Zero Wing's main force members had reached Level 95 and 96, but after hearing about the slaughter of several thousand experts in the Gravity Mountain Range, that shock transformed into fear.

Many of them had given up on Shi Feng's Fragmented Legendary item after witnessing the incident. After this display, Zero Wing had proven that it could no longer be taken out by a few major powers working together.

Even some of Dragonheart Island's ordinary superpowers grew wary of Zero Wing.

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Meanwhile, in one of the lounges of Thirteen Thrones' Guild Residence...

"Elder Wu, according to our estimates, Zero Wing's main force members should be wearing Level 95 Fine-Gold Equipment," the masked, middle-aged man beside Elder Wu reported after examining the data a subordinate had sent him.

Not even Thirteen Thrones could fully gear a 100-man team in such high-quality equipment.

"So, is this why that kid is so confident?" Elder Wu muttered as he shut his eyes. "Zero Wing is indeed impressive if it has such solid foundations. Unfortunately, Starlink's foundations are much sturdier. Notify our teams that we'll be raiding another fortress with Starlink soon. Have them prepare."

"Understood. I'll get it done immediately," the masked, middle-aged man said, nodding. He then left the lounge.

As Melancholy had said, Zero Wing was an excellent choice for an ally, but in God's Domain, nothing was more important than resources. Securing a fortress in the Gravity Mountain Range offered far more benefits than having a Level 95,100-man team.

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While the various major powers discussed Zero Wing, Shi Feng and his army had arrived at the Gravity Mountain Range's Northern Fortress.

As the most important fortress in the Gravity Mountain Range's northern region, not only was the Northern Fortress situated at the top of a mountain range, which made it easy to defend, but it also had far more powerful defenses than a Small Fortress.

Over 30 Defense Turrets and Heavy Ballistas had been lined up along the fortress's walls, and plenty of Level 90-plus Lord ranked Undead Soldiers stood guard beside the war weapons. Not only were these Undead Soldiers Lord ranked monsters, but they also had weapons and armor that had been enchanted with magic runes. These Undead Soldiers' Defense and destructive power could even rival that of Great Lords of the same level.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, four Defensive Magic Towers have formed a magic barrier around the Northern Fortress.

Do you have any ideas on how to take it down?" Phoenix Rain asked with a grim expression as she read the scouts' report.

She had known that the Northern Fortress would be difficult to capture, but after seeing the details on the fortress's defenses, she finally understood how difficult it would be.

Ignoring the number of Undead monsters inside the fortress, her forces were incapable of overcoming the magic barrier around it.

Four Defensive Magic Towers created that barrier, and not only did these towers have a massive reserve of Mana, but they could also reform the magic barrier in a short time after it had been destroyed. Unless they could destroy the four Defensive Magic Towers quickly after destroying the magic barrier, the fortress would gain another barrier.

If they relied on Tier 4 Magic Scrolls and war weapons, they could destroy the Northern Fortress's magic barrier, but it would cost an astronomical number of resources to destroy the barrier once. It would also require a lot of time. By doing so, they'd risk losing their war weapons under the bombardment from the fortress's Defense Turrets and Heavy Ballistas.

To make matters worse, all four Defensive Magic Towers were located within the well-fortified fortress and protected by Guardian Bosses. Those Guardian Bosses were Level 100-plus Mythic monsters...

"Simple. We just need to destroy the magic barrier as quickly as possible and charge into the fortress to destroy the Defensive Magic Towers," Shi Feng casually responded.

Phoenix Rain stared at Shi Feng, speechless.

She knew that they could take down the barrier by destroying the towers, but how were they supposed to do that?

This problem wasn't one that could be solved with enough players and war weapons.

However, while Phoenix Rain wracked her brain to come up with a plan, Shi Feng took out the Hero's Tome and sacrificed 50,000 Magic Crystals to it. He then began to chant the summoning incantation.