

Chapter 2441 – Zero Wing’s Tyranny

Stone Forest City’s public opening had shaken the Cold Spring Forest. Many expert players and teams within the area had dropped what they were doing and ran toward the city. As a result, a long line had formed outside of the city’s entrance. At a glance, one could easily spot over 10,000 players lined up, and the line continued to grow as time passed.

Many of the players in line were here to witness the rumored ‘sacred leveling ground’ in Cold Spring Forest, while a small number were waiting to verify if Stone Forest City had truly opened to the public.

Although the system would not lie, nobody was certain that Zero Wing wouldn’t just close its city again. After all, Stone Forest City offered a massive number of benefits.

A struggle ensued between the various major powers and wealthy players every time Zero Wing held a leasing auction for the city’s private houses, and as a result, every house was rented for astronomical sums.

If Zero Wing had really opened Stone Forest City to the public, players wouldn’t have to rely on renting private houses to enter the city. As long as they paid the entrance fee, they could rest within the city’s walls, which would drastically reduce the value of Stone Forest City’s private houses.

The powers Zero Wing had allied with also paid a certain price to access Stone Forest City, and now that the city was open to the public, those powers wouldn’t have to continue paying the Guild.

Most importantly, by opening Stone Forest City to the public, Zero Wing would be sharing its leveling advantage with outsiders, greatly reducing the advantage the Guild held. Hence, closing the city again wouldn’t exactly be possible for Zero Wing.

“Zero Wing’s gone mad with greed! It’s charging 10 Silver per person to enter the city! That’s practically daylight robbery!” a Tier 3 female Cursemancer radiating a dark aura complained, frowning. She wanted nothing more than to slay the Tier 2 NPC Knight that collected the entrance fees.

Ordinary Guild Cities only charged several dozen Copper as entrance fees. Even the Guild Cities that had been established near Level 100 neutral maps only charged 2 Silver per person.

Yet, Stone Forest City charged five times that!

Although current players had already reached very high levels and found more avenues to earn money, they also had to bear more expenditures.

When players fought Level 100-plus monsters, in particular, their equipment lost durability at an alarming rate, even if they were fully geared in top-tier equipment. As a result, the repair fees were excruciating. Furthermore, players had to purchase potions and tools for grinding. Once these costs were deducted, players could only save a small number of Coins each day.

Currently, even Level 100, Tier 2 experts only made a net profit of 40 or 50 Silver per day, and that was limited to ranged experts. Melee experts would be lucky to earn 30 Silver each day in net profit. Unless players were extremely lucky and obtained a precious item or material, they wouldn’t make much money.

Although players could grind low-level monsters for materials and earn more money, doing so was putting the cart before the horse. If the various major powers’ experts removed themselves from the frontline, they’d quickly be left behind. Catching up would be incredibly difficult, and they might even miss some fortuitous opportunity as a result.

Hence, no matter how poor frontline players were, they wouldn't walk away from the frontline just to earn a little money.

At the moment, players were only entering the city, not renting hotel rooms, yet they had to pay 10 Silver per person.

If the city charged each player so much to enter the city, it would earn 100,000 Gold for every 1,000,000 players.

One hundred thousand Gold!

At this stage of the game, not even first-rate Guilds could earn that much money in a day. Of course, Zero Wing would only earn that much if 1,000,000 players visited the city on a daily basis, but with the advantages Stone Forest City had to offer, attracting two or three million daily visitors should be a piece of cake. In other words, Stone Forest City could generate two or three hundred thousand Gold per day in entry fees alone...

Moreover, as more players visited Cold Spring Forest, this number would increase.

"Flower! Now isn't the time to take action! Entering the city is our first priority!" Stubborn Heart reminded the female Curse-mancer from beside her. "Once the superpowers, combined army arrives, you can fuss all you want."

The Curse-mancer, Flower Rain, exasperated Stubborn Heart.

Flower Rain had already reached Tier 3, and 10 Silver was insignificant to an expert of her caliber. She could join any random team and earn several dozen Gold, yet she complained about 10 Silver Coins.

If not for this operation, Stubborn Heart wouldn't have recruited an independent expert like Flower Rain.

However, he had to admit that Stone Forest City was tyrannical. Just by existing here, the city could earn enough income to sustain several first-rate Guilds.

"Relax; I'm aware of our priorities. That being said, I want 50% more in remuneration," Flower Rain demanded. Despite the fact that Stubborn Heart was the Guild Leader of the Black Dragon Empire's number one Dark Guild, she showed him no respect. On the contrary, she demanded a higher price.

In response, several of Grim Reaper's Tier 3 experts gave Flower Rain cold glares.

"Fine. As long as you can maintain your Domain as agreed, I'll increase your pay," Stubborn Heart said, assenting. Interestingly, he didn't seem angry in the least.

None of the other major powers' experts were surprised, however.

Flower Rain was the only player in the Black Dragon Empire to possess a Tier 3 Domain Skill. She was also a bona fide Void Realm expert, and when she activated her Domain Skill, even the empire's first-rate Guilds were helpless against her.

This was precisely the reason that Stubborn Heart had enlisted Flower Rain's help.

Although every member of his team was a Tier 3 expert, Stone Forest City was full of Level 115-plus, Tier 2 NPC Knights, which would be a challenge to get through. Hence, they needed Flower Rain's help. With a Tier 3 Domain Skill to suppress the Knights, defeating the NPCs wouldn't be a problem. Even if a large number of Zero Wing's Tier 3 experts joined the fray, they could complete their task and capture the City Lord's Mansion.

Once Stubborn Heart agreed to her price, Flower Rain stopped wasting time and gave the Tier 2 Knight her 10 Silver.

As Flower Rain entered the city, a Tier 3 Berserker beside Stubborn Heart spoke up, "Boss, that's 50%! If you give her that much, we'll have significantly less profit!"

"It's fine. As long as Nine Dragons Emperor's negotiations with Starlink are successful, and we're the first group to capture the City Lord's Mansion, we can negotiate for more. With Stone Forest City under our control, Nine Dragons Emperor and Starlink won't be able to refuse our demands," Stubborn Heart said, grinning as he looked at the long line of players behind him.

He had known for a long time that Stone Forest City was a goldmine, but after seeing it for himself, he realized how limited his imagination had been.

How was this a goldmine? This was basically a diamond mine!

The city could collect over 300,000 Gold in entrance fees alone. Once the various superpowers took over, even a small share would greatly benefit Grim Reaper.

The other powers' Tier 3 experts couldn't help but think the same as they gazed at Stone Forest City with hungry eyes. At the same time, they felt their hatred for Zero Wing grow.

Normally, their Guilds had to go to great lengths to earn a few thousand Gold more than usual, but despite its lack of backers and a short history of less than a year, Zero Wing earned more income than their Guilds could dream of. Moreover, Zero Wing earned so much without having to lift a finger.

“Alright, let’s head inside,” Stubborn Heart commanded as the players behind him urged their team to move.

Stubborn Heart and his team then paid their entrance fees and entered Stone Forest City.

However, as they crossed the threshold into the city, they found Flower Rain standing stiff as a statue in the middle of the road.

“Flower, what’s wrong?” Stubborn Heart asked.

When he made it to her side, however, he, too, was stunned. His expression shifted to one of horror when he saw the two rows of NPC Knights before him.

“Tier 3?! This... How is this possible?”

Chapter 2442 – Frightening City

“Guild Leader Heart?”

Stubborn Heart's words and his subsequent pause confused the various major powers' Tier 3 experts behind him. They could not understand what had made him stop.

So what if there was a Tier 3 NPC guarding the gate? Was that really such a major issue? Currently, every Guild City had a few Tier 3 NPCs as guards.

Tier 3 NPCs might be very powerful and practically invincible against Tier 3 players one-on-one, but if dozens of Tier 3 experts worked together, they could even take down Level 100 Mythic Bosses, not to mention Tier 3 NPCs.

However, when the various major powers' Tier 3 experts caught up to Stubborn Heart, they, too, were stunned.

"What's going on?"

"Why are there so many Tier 3 NPCs?"

Two hundred Tier 3 Knights stood in two neat rows at the end of the road, all wearing pitch-black armor and radiating incredibly powerful auras. The Tier 3 Knight Captain in the lead radiated such a powerful aura that it felt stifling to the players.

The moment these Tier 3 experts appeared, the Knights promptly turned toward them, the NPCs' piercing gaze sending chills down the experts' spines.

They won't attack without reason, right?" a Tier 3 Assassin nervously muttered. "We haven't done anything yet."

Their team had nearly 100 Tier 3 experts and was a force that could even threaten God's Domain's superpowers, but they were nothing before the 200 Tier 3 NPCs. Those Knights could quickly and effortlessly annihilate every one of them.

As the various major powers' anxiety spiked, someone shouted at them.

"You bunch! Why are you just standing there?! This is the city entrance! Players aren't allowed to loiter!"

The voice shook Stubborn Heart and his companions from their daze, and they spun toward the player shouting at them. They all wanted to know who would be so bold.

They spotted a Level 102, Tier 2 Berserker wearing Zero Wing's Guild Emblem. Tier 3 experts like them would have no issues destroying a Tier 2 Berserker.

And yet, despite sensing Stubborn Heart and his team's killing intent, the Tier 2 Berserker didn't back away. He actually grinned and asked, "What? You want to start a fight here?"

The moment the Berserker asked that, the Tier 3 Knights unsheathed their weapons and scrutinized every move Stubborn Heart's group made. The intensity of their auras more than doubled as they did.

“This punk...” A Tier 3 Ranger radiating intense bloodlust gnashed his teeth as he glared at the arrogant Tier 2 Berserker. However, when the Ranger saw the Tier 3 Knights readying, his scalp went numb. “If we were anywhere else, I’d teach him a lesson!”

As a Dark Player, he had slain plenty of experts in the fields, including several dozen peak experts from first-rate Guilds. With his strength, even the various superpowers had to tread lightly.

And yet, a Tier 2 Berserker from Zero Wing dared to look down on him. It was humiliating!

“Alright, enough. Let’s head inside. This isn’t the place for a fight!” Stubborn Heart warned the Ranger softly, his gaze glued on the Tier 3 Knights.

They had nearly 100 Tier 3 experts, but if they picked a fight with those Knights, the NPCs would annihilate them in under a minute. They had only recently reached Tier 3, while the Tier 3 NPCs had them outmatched in weapons, equipment, and Tier 3 Skills and Spells.

“It seems you’re morons, after all! Remember, this place is Stone Forest City! This is no place for your shenanigans!” the Zero Wing Berserker said, nodding in satisfaction as Stubborn Heart obediently led his team into the city.

“Amazing! Zero Wing’s patrol member is so awesome! He even dares to berate Tier 3 experts!”

“It seems Stone Forest City is a different world. If that had happened in any other Guild City, that Berserker would’ve died for treating Tier 3 experts so disrespectfully.”

“Of course, Stone Forest City is different! Don’t you see those Tier 3 NPCs? If those Tier 3 experts had attacked, none of them would leave the city alive. It seems we won’t need to worry about Tier 3 bullies in Stone Forest City.”

The Tier 2 experts new to Stone Forest City couldn’t help but gape after seeing Zero Wing’s Tier 2 Berserker scold Stubborn Heart’s group. They had never thought that Stone Forest City would be that safe.

Tier 2 players had to be extremely careful around Tier 3 experts in other Guild Cities and most NPC cities. Accidentally provoking a Tier 3 expert would seal their fate. It didn’t even matter if they had done so in the middle of the city.

In Stone Forest City, however, Tier 3 experts couldn’t act so arrogantly. They would have to follow the city’s laws accordingly. At this stage of the game, Stone Forest City was likely the only Guild City in God’s Domain with such stability and security.

This incident gave many Tier 2 players a more optimistic view of the city. Many of them even considered making Stone Forest City their new home and focusing their development around it. No one wanted to reside and develop somewhere unsafe, constantly having to worry about losing whatever treasure they’d obtained, after all.

“Zero Wing certainly knows how to get the upper hand. It has stationed 200 Tier 3 NPCs at the gate to shock people.

It’s even used us Tier 3 players as a promotional tool!” Flower Rain growled as she glanced back at the Tier 3 Knights by the city gates. She then turned to Stubborn Heart, smiling bitterly as she said, “I’m afraid our plans have been foiled, Guild Leader Heart.”

By stationing so many Tier 3 NPCs by the city's gate, Zero Wing had essentially warned Tier 3 players like them from misbehaving in the city, and there was nothing they could do about it.

Those were 200 Tier 3 NPCs they were talking about. Not even 1,000 Tier 3 experts had a chance against such a force.

"That's not necessarily true. These 200 Tier 3 Knights are pretty scary, but the superpowers' combined army has several thousand Tier 3 experts. A measly 200 Tier 3 NPCs can't stop that force," Stubborn Heart said, sneering. "Once the army begins the siege, Zero Wing will send its Tier 3 NPCs to defend the city. We can use that opportunity to attack the City Lord's Mansion."

"That's right. Even if Zero Wing sends Tier 3 NPCs to defend the mansion, it won't send many. We still have a chance." The several first-rate Guild Leaders around Stubborn Heart nodded.

"Since everyone thinks that the plan is still viable, let's scout the City Lord's Mansion. Once the army arrives, we can make our move," Stubborn Heart said. Even after seeing the 200 Tier 3 Knights, he refused to give up. They wouldn't get another opportunity like this. Even if Zero Wing was more powerful than he had expected, it couldn't stop the various superpowers' combined might.

With their discussion finished, Stubborn Heart and his comrades made their way toward the City Lord's Mansion.

However, the shock and anxiety they had felt upon entering the city only grew on the way to the mansion. They constantly spotted patrol squads led by more Tier 3 NPCs. These patrol squads might not have been very large, with only three Tier 3 Knights among the 12-man squads, but they had encountered more than 30 patrol squads...

Once they reached the City Lord's Mansion, Stubborn Heart and his team fell into utter despair.

They found another 200 Tier 3 Knights guarding the City Lord's Mansion and surrounding area. Moreover, the several Tier 3 Knights leading the patrol were no weaker than the Tier 3 Knight Captain they had seen by the city gate.

"Guild Leader, are we still proceeding with the plan?" a Tier 3 Assassin asked when he saw Stubborn Heart's dazed look.

"Are you stupid?! Tell Nine Dragons Emperor he can do whatever he wants, but Grim Reaper is out!" Stubborn Heart snapped, rolling his eyes.

Stone Forest City had over 500 Tier 3 NPCs and over 200 high-leveled Tier 2 NPCs. How were they supposed to fight such a force?

Chapter 2443 – Unshakable Zero Wing

Dark Night Empire, Dark Night City:

Starlink's Residence, which should've been prosperous and lively, was extraordinarily quiet.

A large number of Starlink's experts stood guard outside the Guild Hall. There were even Tier 3 experts among them. Not even Guild members were allowed in the Guild Hall, much less outsiders. It was an unprecedented level of security.

Only three people were currently in the Guild Hall: Lu Xingluo, Nine Dragons Emperor, and an unknown player wearing a cloak. Since the third member of the group had hidden their identity with a Black Cloak, it was even impossible to tell whether the player was male or female.

Not only was Nine Dragons Emperor unhappy about the third member's concealment during such a crucial meeting, but he was also shocked by how respectfully Lu Xingluo treated the third member of their party.

Lu Xingluo led Starlink, a Guild that had the power to develop on both main continents simultaneously. Although Starlink wasn't as powerful as a Super Guild, it had even more potential than ordinary Super Guilds.

And yet, Lu Xingluo was letting someone lord above him. It was unbelievable.

"Now that we've concluded our discussion, does your side have any problems?" Lu Xingluo asked Nine Dragons Emperor.

"None. Those people should be inside Stone Forest City by now. Once the combined army lays siege to Stone Forest City, they'll use everything they have to secure the City Lord's Mansion. Once they've done their job, our alliance will have an advantage in the negotiations with the various superpowers," Nine Dragons Emperor confidently replied.

To capture Stone Forest City and topple Phoenix Rain from her pedestal, Nine Dragons Emperor had invested much in this upcoming operation. He had even offered huge concessions to the Black Dragon Empire's dark forces and gathered nearly 100 Tier 3 experts.

He had vetted the experts thoroughly, ensuring that they were in no way connected to other superpowers. With this, he wouldn't have to worry about Zero Wing stopping the group outside of Stone Forest City. Zero Wing's relationship with the various superpowers was quite tense, after all. No one would be surprised if the Guild denied entry to members of non-allied superpowers.

However, Zero Wing would lose public favor if it didn't allow these Tier 3 experts, who weren't associated with the various superpowers, into the city. By doing so, it would upset the various ordinary powers' Tier 3 experts and independent Tier 3 experts. If that happened, the Guild's situation would become even more precarious. Not only would it have to face the various superpowers, but it would also have to worry about the game's ordinary powers and independent experts.

As Nine Dragons Emperor finished his statement, the mysterious player beside him received a message. Nine Dragons Emperor watched the cloaked player's atmosphere change as they read it. Although he couldn't see the mysterious person's appearance, he was more than capable of sensing someone's emotional shifts as a peak expert.

"Dragon Pavilion Master, you've worked hard for this, but I'm afraid that Starlink will be withdrawing from the operation!" the mysterious person declared without bothering to discuss the situation with Lu Xingluo.

"What do you mean?" The declaration confused Nine Dragons Emperor. "Have you given up on Stone Forest City?"

They had already laid the groundwork to cut off Stone Forest City's profits. They were only waiting for the various superpowers' combined army to siege the city, yet this mysterious person had suddenly decided that Starlink would stay out of the fight. This cloaked player had to be toying with him.

The announcement stunned Lu Xingluo, as well. He couldn't understand why the mysterious person had chosen to forsake the opportunity to secure a goldmine like Stone Forest City.

“No, I simply doubt this operation’s chances of success,” the mysterious person explained, shaking their head.

“How can it fail? I admit that Zero Wing is very strong, but it’s nothing compared to the various superpowers’ joint army. Once my people secure the City Lord’s Mansion, Stone Forest City will be ours for the taking!” Nine Dragons Emperor snarled, furious. “I don’t mind allying with the other superpowers if Starlink intends to give up, but you’d better not regret your decision.”

“Regret?” The mysterious person could not help but chuckle. “If you think you can find a new partner, Dragon Pavilion Master, feel free, but I’m sure that no superpower in God’s Domain will want to work with you.”

You...”

Just as Nine Dragons Emperor was about to argue, he received a message from Martial Dragon. The message was simple; Stubborn Heart and the others have abandoned their partnership.

Nine Dragons Emperor could only stare at the message, dumbfounded.

What, exactly, had happened?

As soon as Starlink gave up on their alliance, Stubborn Heart’s group had informed him of the same.

Was Zero Wing so heaven-defyingly powerful that it had bought off both groups?

Nine Dragons Emperor couldn't think of another explanation for the sudden development. This was an excellent chance to capture Stone Forest City. Why would anyone ignore such temptation?

"Don't overthink things. The reason we've decided against this operation is simple." As if the mysterious person had read Nine Dragons Emperor's mind, they calmly continued, "No power in God's Domain can do anything against Stone Forest City."

"How is that possible?" Nine Dragons Emperor instinctively refuted the idea. "Even if Black Flame and the Secret Pavilion are protecting the city, they can't stop several thousand Tier 3 experts."

"Ah, but what if the city is protected by 500 Tier 3 NPCs?" the mysterious person asked.

"Five hundred Tier 3 NPCs? That... Impossible. How can Zero Wing possibly have so many Tier 3 NPCs? Not even kingdoms' capital cities are protected by so many Tier 3 NPCs!" Nine Dragons Emperor shouted. He was now sure that this mysterious player had to be messing with him.

"If you don't believe me, take a look for yourself," the mysterious person said, and they sent Nine Dragons Emperor a recording from inside Stone Forest City.

By the time Nine Dragons Emperor finished the video, he was dazed.

The recording included two segments. The first half showed 200 Tier 3 NPCs guarding Stone Forest City's entrance, while the second half displayed the 200 Tier 3 NPCs patrolling around the City Lord's Mansion. Although he wasn't there in person, Nine Dragons Emperor could sense the NPCs' incredible pressure. Those Knights could even eliminate an army of several thousand Tier 3 experts.

Meanwhile, news quickly reached the various superpowers, including Twilight City's Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion.

"A Guild City that's protected by over 500 Tier 3 NPCs? Isn't Guild Leader Black Flame a little too impressive? Who would dare attack Stone Forest City now?" Blue Phoenix's jaw dropped when she heard about Stone Forest City's Knights.

Not even an NPC kingdom's army could stand against 500 Tier 3 NPCs.

"It's no wonder why he didn't mind revealing the Twelve Elemental Pillars. The various superpowers will have to consider their next move carefully. If they act rashly, they'll be the next to be eliminated from the competition," Phoenix Rain said, a bitter smile forming on her face as she read her subordinate's report.

Not only did Zero Wing possess the Twelve Elemental Pillars, but it had also proven strong enough to safeguard the Advanced Ancient Barrier Scrolls. As of today, the eastern continent's status quo would undergo a huge shift.

As Phoenix Rain marveled at Zero Wing's foundations, a Tier 3 Assassin knocked on her office door and entered the room. The Assassin then reported, "Phoenix Pavilion Master, the Great Pavilion Master requests your presence to discuss an important matter."

As the sun began to set, players flocked to the streets of White River City, with some players choosing to set up or browse through street stalls and some meeting up with friends to visit bars and restaurants. Everyone was merely going through their daily life.

The only thing different today was that practically everyone in the city was discussing the same topic—Stone Forest City.

“Hey, have you heard? Stone Forest City actually has over 500 Tier 3 NPCs guarding it,” a Level 101 Guardian Knight enjoying a glass of beer in a bar said to his companion beside him.

“Who wouldn’t know that? The video showing the city’s internal situation has long since gone viral on the official forums,” a Level 102 Elementalist retorted as he rolled his eyes at the Guardian Knight.

“Hehe, I’m not referring to that,” the Level 101 Guardian Knight said, waving his hand. “I have a good friend who managed to become the core member of a superpower, and he told me a juicy secret. Originally, the superpowers were planning to launch a joint attack on Stone Forest City. However, because of those Tier 3 NPCs, they all decided to give up on the endeavor. Now, some of these superpowers are even thinking of partnering with Zero Wing.

“Although the current Zero Wing is not comparable to actual superpowers in many aspects, due to the advantages of Stone Forest City, some superpowers are already acknowledging Zero Wing as a superpower. If Zero Wing really gains a few more superpowers as partners after this incident, I believe it won’t be long before it actually becomes a superpower in God’s Domain.

“My friend also said that now is a good time to join Zero Wing. If we wait until Zero Wing becomes an actual superpower, it will be much more difficult to join then. My friend is planning to withdraw from his Guild and has invited me to join Zero Wing together with him. After giving the matter some thought, I decided to go with him. Why don’t you come with me? With your strength, once we join Zero Wing, we’ll definitely have a great time there. We might even become one of Zero Wing’s main force members.”

“Really?” the Level 102 Elementalist asked.

At this moment, let alone this Elementalist, even the other experts inside the bar who had overheard the Guardian Knight’s words were tempted.

The conditions to join a superpower were extremely stringent, and the conditions to rise through the ranks in a superpower were more stringent. Moreover, the various superpowers generally had their important positions reserved for particular people already. Even if players had the required strength and talent for a specific position, they wouldn’t have the opportunity to get promoted to said position. However, it was a different story for Zero Wing.

Although Zero Wing wasn’t a superpower yet, it had already gained the recognition of many superpowers. With the massive advantages Stone Forest City provided, it was only a matter of time before the Guild became a superpower.

In other words, Zero Wing’s influence would still expand rapidly in the future. After all, the amount of territory Zero Wing currently held was only at the standard of first-rate Guilds. There would be plenty of empty positions to fill in the future. Now was the best time for independent experts like themselves to join Zero Wing.

“Of course. Why would I lie to you? According to my friend, quite a few superpowers have sent representatives to negotiate a partnership with Zero Wing already. Once the actual negotiations are over, this piece of news will become impossible to hide. While not many players know about this matter, we should use this opportunity to join Zero Wing.

If we’re lucky, we might get assigned directly to a good team,” the Level 101 Guardian Knight said earnestly. “Truthfully, if not for our close relationship and you being strong enough, I wouldn’t have asked you to come with me.”

Zero Wing's recruitment standards had always been very high. Its requirements for becoming a core member were even higher: the Half-step Refinement Realm standard.

Meanwhile, although the Level 102 Elementalist was an independent player, he served as the vice commander of one of the Twin Towers Kingdom's top adventurer teams. As for his strength, he had already reached the Refinement Realm standard and would be considered an absolute expert in first-rate Guilds. He would have no problem joining the main force of first-rate Guilds. However, as he wished to join the main force of superpowers and not first-rate Guilds, he had only been mingling with adventurer teams all this time.

"Alright, I'll contact my commander afterward. Once I've settled my affairs, we'll apply with Zero Wing," the Level 102 Elementalist said, nodding after seeing the earnest look on the Guardian Knight's face. At the same time, desire and anticipation also surfaced in his eyes.

After overhearing the Level 102 Elementalist agree to the Guardian Knight's suggestion to join Zero Wing, the other experts inside the bar were tempted by the proposition as well.

Zero Wing's strength and foundations had already received the recognition of many superpowers. This was an excellent opportunity for independent experts like themselves to elevate their position in God's Domain. If they seized this opportunity, they could become famous individuals in kingdoms and empires. They might even get to become the ruler of a city; at which point, their lives would thoroughly change. After all, many major corporations were investing astronomical sums into God's Domain right now. Moreover, God's Domain had also started affecting the various industries in the real world.

Meanwhile, during the time White River City's expert players were gravitating toward joining Zero Wing, a and heroic woman was currently observing Zero Wing's Residence from an Advanced Restaurant nearby.

“Vice Guild Leader, those people have stated that they are powerless over this matter. Unless we have some way of dealing with those Tier 3 NPCs, they aren’t willing to take action,” a tall man exceeding two meters in height reported after entering the private room the beautiful woman occupied.

“How interesting. It seems Zero Wing really has kept a lot of secrets hidden.” When Cold Shadow heard her subordinate’s report, not only did she not react in rage, but she even smiled. “Since that is the case, we’ll shift to Plan B. We’ll give up on purchasing Zero Wing for now and search for a replacement on the eastern continent to fulfill the Guild’s task first. At the same time, notify the old instructor about this matter. Have him figure out a way to deal with Zero Wing in Fenglin City. Even if he can’t deal with Zero Wing in God’s Domain, I refuse to believe that he can’t do anything in the real world, either.”

Although she did not know how Zero Wing managed to secure so many Tier 3 NPCs, no power in God’s Domain was capable of stopping Mythology’s progress—not Super Guilds, much less Zero Wing.

Moreover, although many superpowers had chosen to partner with Zero Wing after this incident, even more superpowers had secretly started taking action against Zero Wing. After all, Zero Wing had touched upon their profits.

Meanwhile, during the time Zero Wing’s position and the number of experts the Guild possessed were continuously rising, Shi Feng was frantically producing the Twelve Elemental Pillars in the Candlelight Trading Firm.

Due to Stone Forest City’s display of strength, Giant’s Heart, Unyielding Soul, and Thirteen Thrones, which were originally planning to buy only a small number of the Advanced Ancient Barrier, decided to place huge orders instead. Including the Secret Pavilion’s order, Shi Feng now had to supply a total of 700 sets of Twelve Elemental Pillars—far beyond his expectations.

As a result, Shi Feng had become rich overnight. Including the income Stone Forest City generated, only a few superpowers in existence could rival the liquid funds he currently had on hand. This was especially true in regard to Magic Crystals. Currently, Shi Feng had 4,000,000 Magic Crystals on hand. Even after expending some on the Twelve Elemental Pillars’ production, he would still have a frightening amount left.

“Guild Leader, thus far, three superpowers have come to seek a partnership with us. They’re willing to use a portion of their Realms of Refinement Legacies to exchange for the Twelve Elemental Pillars. Moreover, during this period, a large number of experts have applied to join the Guild. Currently, we have accepted over 2,000 experts, among which, over 30 are in the Refinement Realm. A few Tier 3 experts have also joined us. At this rate, it won’t be long before we have more than 100 Tier 3 experts and 200 Refinement Realm experts,” Aqua Rose reported excitedly as she looked at Shi Feng.

Two hundred Refinement Realm experts!

This number might not be comparable to what superpowers possessed, but this many Refinement Realm experts would resolve Zero Wing’s manpower shortage. Moreover, the Guild could also field many more exploration teams in Level 100 neutral maps.

“We have so many already?” Shi Feng was surprised to hear Aqua Rose’s report. He never thought that revealing his Knight Division’s strength would bring such excellent results to the Guild.

Originally, he had only planned to use the Knight Division as a deterrent against the various superpowers. After all, if Zero Wing truly fought against the various superpowers’ joint army, the best result would be a Pyrrhic victory since Tier 3 NPCs were not invincible. Moreover, they were as difficult to resurrect as Personal Guards.

Players, on the other hand, were different. Even if players died, they would be as good as new in less than an hour. At worst, they would lose some combat power. However, they would still be Tier 3 players, and their combat power would still triumph over Tier 2 players. This was also the reason why expert players were the true representation of a Guild’s foundations and strength, while NPCs only served as a supporting tool and could never become a Guild’s true power.

Meanwhile, if the number of Refinement Realm experts Zero Wing had reached 200, then Zero Wing would have the capital to truly contest with the various superpowers over hegemony in God’s Domain.

“However, just like you’ve anticipated, the various superpowers have also started taking joint action in Level 100 neutral maps. Not only have they started targeting our people, but they’ve also placed restrictions on materials for high-level potions and tools. This situation has forced us to purchase materials from the Secret Pavilion at a high price,” Aqua Rose said, frustrated.

Although Zero Wing had won the war without shedding any blood and received acknowledgment as an equal from many superpowers, it had also become an eyesore for many other superpowers. Now, these superpowers no longer treated Zero Wing as a negligible existence but as a competitor.

“They sure have moved quickly.” Shi Feng smiled bitterly, shaking his head. “Have Fire Dance and the others get ready. Once I’m done making the Twelve Elemental Pillars, we’ll head over to the western continent.”

Shi Feng was not surprised by the actions the various superpowers took. After all, there was only so much profit to go around in God’s Domain. It was only natural for Zero Wing to face heavy resistance when trying to get a larger cut of the cake.

However, he did not pay much heed to this matter—because he had a much more worrisome problem to deal with, which he had been ignoring due to the Guild’s inadequate strength.

Now that Zero Wing possessed a city in a Level 100 neutral map and he had become a Lord himself, he had no choice but to worry about the aggression of the dark forces. When that time arrived, Dark Players would thoroughly shed all pretenses with normal players.

The dark forces were still inactive right now only because Dark Players had yet to truly start exploring Level 100-plus neutral maps. However, as more Dark Players reached Tier 3 and explored the various Level 100-plus neutral maps, they would come across dark forces that had been banished by the various kingdoms and empires to Level 100-plus neutral maps. At that time, Dark Players’ development would

skyrocket, and city sieges and territorial battles between Dark Players and normal players would become commonplace. Without sufficient strength, Guilds wouldn't even be able to survive out in the fields. This was also the reason why some superpowers had gone out of existence after mainstream players started reaching Level 100 and beyond.

To ensure Zero Wing's continued development in Level 100-plus neutral maps, he had to nurture a large number of Tier 3 experts as soon as possible. Moreover, the Guild also had to be capable of mass-producing Level 100-plus top-tier weapons and equipment. Simply relying on Field Bosses and Team Dungeons would not keep the Guild alive. Hence, sufficient materials were necessary.

"I'll notify them right away." Upon hearing Shi Feng's words, Aqua Rose could not help rejoicing. She had always been very curious about the western continent.

Following which, Shi Feng spent the next few days working in his Special Forging Room and ended up producing as many as 1,300 sets of Twelve Elemental Pillars. At the same time, his efforts had also brought him to Level 110, his leveling speed not the slightest bit slower than that of players grinding out in the fields. Of the 1,300 sets, 800 sets were meant to fulfill the orders from the Secret Pavilion and Zero Wing's other partners, while the remaining 500 sets were reserved for Zero Wing's expert teams.

During the time the various superpowers were making use of their Twelve Elemental Pillars to achieve extraordinary results in Level 100 neutral maps, Shi Feng led Aqua Rose and other members of Zero Wing's core upper echelon to the Demonwolf Mountain Range's teleportation gate.

After spending 20,000 Magic Crystals, Shi Feng's team of 10 transformed into streaks of light and disappeared into the silver gate.

The intercontinental teleportation took several minutes to complete. When everyone opened their eyes again, what appeared before them was a desert completely devoid of life.

“So, this is the western continent?” Aqua Rose was surprised as she looked at the endless desert around her.

The reason for her surprise was the scarcity of Mana in this place; the ambient Mana was actually thinner than even the Mana in the eastern continent’s forbidden lands. She could tell that she would have great difficulty casting Tier 3 Spells here despite her high-ranking Mana Body. Weaker Tier 3 players might not even be capable of using their Tier 3 Skills and Spells and might be limited to Skills and Spells of weaker tiers.

Sure enough, the Mana density here is much lower than on the eastern continent. When Shi Feng sensed the ambient Mana, he was similarly overwhelmed by a sense of discomfort. It had already been a long time since he had experienced such a low-Mana density environment.

However, he did not dwell on the matter, just immediately recorded the coordinates of the teleportation gate here and summoned his Thunder Eagle. He then took a look at the system map and brought everyone toward the nearest NPC city.

The desert that housed the teleportation gate was much larger than Shi Feng initially expected, taking more than two hours of flight to exit. During their journey, they had discovered plenty of Level 100-plus Great Lords and Grand Lords and even Level 120 Mythics. Fortunately, the Thunder Eagle was sufficiently fast, so they were able to escape these Mythics’ attack range in time. Had they been using Land Mounts, they would’ve most definitely suffered annihilation.

“Guild Leader, there’s a battle involving tens of thousands of players over at that Demonic Silver mine,” Aqua Rose said, curiosity gleaming in her eyes as she gazed at a nearby mine from the Thunder Eagle.

A Demonic Silver mine was merely a Grade 3 vein, yet it had actually incited a battle between tens of thousands of players. Moreover, not only were the participants of this war Level 105-plus experts, but there were even 100-odd Tier 3 experts among them. This was practically a war between two superpowers.

The Azure Chamber of Commerce?”

When Shi Feng studied the players fighting below, he noticed that the commander of the mine’s defenders was someone he was familiar with—Yan Xiaoqian, a genius on the Azure Chamber of Commerce’s fast track.

Chapter 2445 – You Have Two Choices

“Guild Leader, is it someone you’re familiar with?” Aqua Rose asked curiously when she saw Shi Feng muttering to himself.

The western continent was utterly foreign to eastern continent players like themselves. Although the distance separating the two main continents was not as great as the distance between the main continents and the various Otherworlds, in God’s Domain, it was as if a barrier existed between the two main continents.

Not only was information on the two main continents segregated, but even the cultures of the two continents differed significantly. For example, players of the same class would give the impression that they possessed a completely different class depending on which continent they played on; their combat styles would be quite dissimilar.

On the eastern continent’s side, battles were fought using mainly a combination of combat techniques and Skills or Spells, with Mana control playing only a supporting role. Meanwhile, on the western continent, battles were fought using mainly a combination of Mana control and Skills or Spells, while combat techniques were only for support.

Aside from the difference in combat styles, the greatest contrast between the eastern and western continents was the management styles that the various kingdoms and empires adopted.

On the eastern continent, NPC kingdoms and empires relied on their national armies to manage their cities. On the western continent, however, NPC cities were managed by the Adventurer's Association; the various kingdoms' and empires' armies only served to maintain the safety of their respective countries' borders and fend off the main forces of the Demonic Creatures.

As there existed many Demonic Creatures on the western continent, armies of Demonic Creatures regularly invaded kingdoms and empires. In fact, these Demonic Creatures would launch attacks on towns and cities once every two or three days—which was much more frequent than the monster sieges on the eastern continent—and sometimes even capture those on the borders.

If the various kingdoms and empires failed to reclaim those captured towns and cities, the players' range of activity would shrink significantly. Conversely, the more demonic towns and cities the various kingdoms and empires captured, the larger the players' range of activity would become. The western continent did not have any clearly defined neutral maps, and the territory the various kingdoms and empires possessed was in constant flux.

Hence, the western continent was labeled the "Demonic Creature Continent," and battles on a national scale occurred here much more frequently than on the eastern continent. It wouldn't even be surprising for a kingdom that had faded out of existence to reappear.

If the ten from Zero Wing could have someone familiar with the western continent guide them, it would save them a lot of trouble. After all, the western continent's situation was ever-changing, and players not familiar with the western continent would most likely have a very difficult time mingling here.

"We're not familiar with each other, just acquaintances," Shi Feng replied, shaking his head as he looked at Yan Xiaoqian, who was fighting while commanding the battle.

He had come to know Yan Xiaoqian only because of the Azure Chamber of Commerce's alchemy competition.

Although he had heard that Azure would be sending Yan Xiaoqian to the western continent to receive priority grooming, he never thought that he would encounter the woman here.

Currently, Yan Xiaoqian was already a Level 106, Tier 3 Great Mage. She was also equipped in quite a few pieces of Level 105 Fine-Gold Equipment, and the purple crystalline staff she wielded even radiated the glow unique to Epic items. At a glance, it was obvious that the staff was a Level 100-plus Epic Weapon. At this stage of the game, her equipment standard definitely ranked at the peak of God's Domain.

Moreover, her Mana control had improved by a significant margin since Shi Feng last saw her. Now, she was actually capable of casting her Spells at a Completion Rate of 95% or above. The power her Spells exhibited could rival the attacks of Grand Lords of the same level.

While Shi Feng's group was quietly observing the battle below, the players fighting inside the mine had similarly noticed Shi Feng's group.

"Who are those people? Don't they know that this is a battle between Azure and Divine Tribe?" a Tier 3 Berserker King, who was an Elder of the Azure Chamber of Commerce, muttered, a frown forming on his face as he looked at the players atop the Thunder Eagle.

At this point, even the various superpowers of God's Domain still couldn't afford to underestimate Tier 3 experts. Meanwhile, from what the Berserker King could tell, Shi Feng's group of 10 were all Tier 3 experts. To ordinary superpowers, they would indeed pose a significant threat.

However, to superpowers like the Azure Chamber of Commerce and Divine Tribe, a force of 10 Tier 3 experts was nothing to worry about.

Nevertheless, on the western continent, what the various powers found most troublesome was when other people suddenly appeared in a battle between two powers. This was because nobody could guarantee whether this third party would simply spectate and do nothing, or try to take advantage of the situation. Hence, whenever a third party appeared, the two combatant powers would first take care of this unknown factor before resuming the battle.

The Azure Chamber of Commerce and Divine Tribe were superpowers that everybody on the western continent knew of. Now, however, someone had actually ignorantly barged into their battle.

Black Flame?! Why is he here?! Yan Xiaoqian revealed an astonished expression when she spotted Shi Feng sitting on the Thunder Eagle. Doesn't he operate on the eastern continent?

Yan Xiaoqian had a very strong impression of Shi Feng. After all, Zero Wing was responsible for her loss to Silent Wonder during Azure's alchemy competition, which, in turn, lost her family the ruling rights to the Chamber.

Aside from that, Shi Feng's identity as a Tier 3 player had also shaken the entire competition venue.

Back then, not a single superpower had managed to produce a Tier 3 player, yet Shi Feng had succeeded in becoming one himself. Even Long Xianglong, one of Azure's Grand Elders, had taken the initiative to acknowledge defeat against Shi Feng. This was something unprecedented.

Moreover, she had previously inwardly ridiculed Shi Feng for being so foolish as to give up on partnering with Azure and toss away an excellent opportunity to obtain the western continent's resources. Hence, she never thought that Shi Feng would actually appear on the western continent now!

"Xiaoqian, do you know them?" the Berserker King Elder asked when he noticed the shock on Yan Xiaoqian's face.

At this point, Yan Xiaoqian was a future Grand Elder that the Azure Chamber of Commerce was nurturing vigorously. Although she was currently only an ordinary Elder, her position, combined with her identity, granted her a status that was far superior to ordinary Elders'. She was well within her authority to argue with even the Chamber's Vice Guild Leaders.

If Shi Feng's group were Yan Xiaoqian's acquaintances, then the Azure Chamber of Commerce would overlook the group's transgressions. However, if they weren't acquainted, then Azure definitely wouldn't let the group off the hook.

"We're somewhat acquainted. To be precise, they are Silent Wonder's friends," Yan Xiaoqian said after giving the matter some thought.

If possible, Yan Xiaoqian really did not wish to acknowledge her acquaintance with Shi Feng. After all, Silent Wonder was her rival, and Zero Wing was Silent Wonder's supporter.

"Wonder's friends?" When the Berserker King Elder heard Yan Xiaoqian's words, the hostility in his eyes disappeared. "However, this matter will be problematic. Divine Tribe's side definitely won't let them off the hook."

The Long Family had already acknowledged Silent Wonder as its future heiress. Since the Long Family now held the ruling rights for Azure, Silent Wonder's position in the Chamber was higher than even the Chamber's Grand Elders'.

Hence, any friend of Silent Wonder's was naturally Azure's friend as well.

Only, as they were currently busy defending the mine, they could not spare any manpower to rescue Shi Feng's group.

Just as the Berserker King Elder finished speaking, Divine Tribe's army dispatched a force of several hundred players to intercept Shi Feng's group. Among these players, as many as 20 were Tier 3 players. And leading this detachment was Macaffrey, the vice commander of one of Divine Tribe's trump card legions.

Due to his special Legacy, Macaffrey possessed a gigantic body three meters tall, which earned him the nickname "Mourning Giant." Even Tier 3 Domain Realm experts couldn't last very long in a fight against him.

In the next moment, the giant bat Macaffrey rode arrived before Shi Feng's group. As he glared at Shi Feng's group, the dark aura enveloping his body made the surrounding space uncomfortably hot.

"I don't know who you people are, but since you dared set foot into Divine Tribe's battlefield, then don't think you can leave easily," Macaffrey said in a rough and deafening tone. "You all have two choices. The first is to apologize and hand over 10 pieces of Level 100-plus Fine-Gold Equipment as compensation. As for the other option, believe me, you will not like it very much."

Upon hearing Macaffrey's words, the Divine Tribe members around him sneered as they looked at Shi Feng's group. At the same time, they also took out Magic Scrolls to seal the surrounding space and track the souls of Zero Wing's members.

It was obvious from the actions of Divine Tribe's members that they were proficient in fighting against players that possessed Flying Mounts.

However, to the surprise of Divine Tribe's members, Shi Feng and his companions remained indescribably calm even after hearing Macaffrey's "friendly warning." In fact, there was even a hint of pity in their eyes.

What's going on?

For a moment, Divine Tribe's members were confused as to which side was stronger and which was weaker in this confrontation.

"I'll give you two choices as well, then. The first is to apologize and pay compensation. I don't want much, just 100 pieces of Level 100-plus Fine-Gold Equipment will do. As for the other option, I believe you won't like it very much, either," Shi Feng retorted, his mouth curving in a calm smile as he swept his gaze over Divine Tribe's members.

Chapter 2446 – Repent!

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, silence fell over the area as Divine Tribe's members gawked at Shi Feng, their eyes wide in shock.

Shi Feng had not spoken very loudly; ordinary players standing 20 yards away from him wouldn't have been able to make out his words. However, everyone present was an expert. Their five senses were far superior to ordinary players', so they heard Shi Feng's words just fine.

Despite that, however, Divine Tribe's members still could not help but wonder if they had heard wrong.

After all, how could there possibly be anyone that would dare speak to Divine Tribe in such a manner?

Not even the Azure Chamber of Commerce's Guild Leader would dare speak to Divine Tribe in such an arrogant manner, yet a random Tier 3 player like Shi Feng actually had?

"Did you guys not hear what our Guild Leader said? If you apologize quickly and hand over 100 pieces of Level 100-plus Fine-Gold Equipment as compensation, then we will let this matter slide. Otherwise, the consequences definitely won't be something you'd be willing to bear." Cola repeated Shi Feng's words as he looked at the stunned Divine Tribe members.

Unlike Shi Feng, Cola had shouted, and his words echoed throughout the entire mine below. Let alone the several Divine Tribe members before him, even the tens of thousands of players in the mine below heard him loud and clear.

"Who are these people? They actually dare spout such nonsense against Divine Tribe?"

"Although I don't know who they are, they are definitely dead now."

They won't die just once today. Now that they've provoked Divine Tribe in such a manner, Divine Tribe will surely kill them back to Level 0!"

The Azure Chamber of Commerce's members were stunned as they looked at Shi Feng's group on the Thunder Eagle. Even their Chamber's Guild Leader did not dare behave so arrogantly before Divine Tribe.

Divine Tribe was a top-ranking super-first-rate Guild. When God's Domain first launched, Divine Tribe was already very close to becoming a Super Guild. Moreover, due to God's Domain's growing popularity, Divine Tribe had received capital injections from several major corporations. At this point, Divine Tribe's strength already rivaled Super Guilds'. In fact, it was even stronger than some of the ordinary Super Guilds. This was why Divine Tribe dared to contest with the Azure Chamber of Commerce for the Demonic Silver vein.

"Xiaoqian, are these people insane?" the Berserker King Elder from Azure asked, similarly stunned by this situation. He had thought that Shi Feng's group might turn around and flee, or that Shi Feng's group might seek help from Azure. What didn't occur to him was that Shi Feng might actually provoke Divine Tribe without hesitation.

At this moment, even if Azure's Guild Leader showed up, it would still be impossible to dissuade Divine Tribe from taking action against Shi Feng's group.

Yan Xiaoqian was likewise confused by this situation. If possible, she really wished to ask Shi Feng what he was thinking.

He can't be thinking that this place is like Demonstone Town and that nobody can do anything to Tier 3 players, right?

As Yan Xiaoqian looked at Shi Feng, the only explanation she could think of for this situation was that he believed that no superpower would dare to touch him just because he was a Tier 3 player. After all, the various superpowers had shown the Swordsman great respect back at Demonstone Town.

However, the situations now and then were completely different!

Back then, Shi Feng could indeed act arrogantly as a Tier 3 player, as none of the various superpowers could do anything to him.

Now, however, every superpower had at least several dozen Tier 3 experts under their command. Let alone Tier 3 peak experts, even Tier 3 apex experts no longer had the qualifications to act arrogantly before the various superpowers.

This was especially true on the western continent, which was infested with Demonic Creatures. Players living here had much more combat experience than players living on the eastern continent. The Legacies and various items used by the western continent's players for combat were also much stronger than those found on the eastern continent.

Let alone dealing with Tier 3 players, the various superpowers wouldn't have trouble dealing with even Tier 3 NPCs. After all, the armies of Demonic Creatures had commander-level monsters that could rival NPCs when it came to intellect. In the end, however, the various superpowers had still slain those intelligent monsters.

While Yan Xiaoqian and the other members of Azure were stunned by Shi Feng's crazy actions, Macaffrey suddenly smiled on the giant bat's back.

"Very good. It seems you didn't come here in ignorance. Otherwise, you wouldn't have the guts to provoke Divine Tribe," Macaffrey said, a cold glint flashing in his eyes as he looked at Shi Feng. "This will make things simple. Repent of your provocations! Otherwise, only eternal hell awaits you all!"

As soon as Macaffrey said so, the several Divine Tribe experts around him activated the Magic Scrolls in their hands, not only sealing the surrounding airspace but also placing a tracker on the souls of Shi Feng's group. This way, even if Shi Feng's group died and resurrected somewhere else, they could still track down the group.

At the same time, the several hundred Divine Tribe Tier 2 experts positioned on the ground beneath the Thunder Eagle formed multiple magic arrays and cast large-scale Combination Spells.

Several fire pillars and lances of light immediately emerged from the ground and flew straight at Shi Feng's group, the power of these Spells not the slightest bit weaker than the Tier 3 Spells of actual Tier 3 players. In fact, some of these Spells could rival even Tier 4 Spells in terms of power.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

For a moment, the airspace the Thunder Eagle occupied turned into a sea of flames. The shockwaves from the explosions were palpable even over a hundred yards away.

"What a waste. Originally, these Spells were supposed to be used on Azure's Tier 3 peak experts. Now, we're actually squandering them on these people," a Tier 3 red-haired, female Elementalist standing behind Macaffrey said, clicking her tongue.

Ten days ago, Tier 3 players were indeed existences that the various superpowers could not afford to underestimate.

However, the situation was different now. The various superpowers had secured not only the means to resist Tier 3 players but also the means to kill Tier 3 players.

In the face of a Combination Spell cast by 30 Tier 2 players, even monstrously strong Tier 3 players would fall if they were careless. Not to mention, they had used seven of such Combination Spells this time.

“Alright, get ready to use the Raise Dead Scrolls and resurrect them! I want to let them know how foolish it is to provoke Divine Tribe!” Macaffrey said, gesturing at the players holding Raise Dead Scrolls to move forward.

The Raise Dead Scroll was a precious tool that could be found only in ancient ruins. The scroll’s original function was to resurrect comrades that had fallen in battle. However, it was also useful when they wanted to repeatedly kill enemy players.

Yet, after the Divine Tribe members holding the Raise Dead Scrolls tried to resurrect Shi Feng’s group, they could not help staring at their scrolls in confusion.

“What’s wrong? Why aren’t you resurrecting them?” Macaffrey demanded after seeing that the Raise Dead Scrolls remained in his subordinates’ hands.

“Vice Guild Leader, for some reason, these Raise Dead Scrolls can’t resurrect them. The scrolls might be broken,” a Tier 3 Ranger reported.

“Broken?”

Macaffrey was a little surprised at this situation. He then returned his gaze to the sea of flames before him.

The Raise Dead Scrolls had never failed to activate before. If the resurrection failed, then that could only mean one thing.

The target of resurrection was still alive!

In the next moment, the flames started scattering, and the perfect figure of the Thunder Eagle appeared hovering amidst the remnant flames. Surrounding the Thunder Eagle was a barrier that thoroughly isolated the Flying Mount from the inferno.

This barrier was the product of Shi Feng's Absolute Domain.

"Since you're done attacking, it's my turn now!" Shi Feng declared. He then raised his arm and started incanting, casting Flame Domain on MacAffrey's group.

Chapter 2447 – Seven Luminaries Ring's True Power

As Shi Feng started chanting, a twofold magic array with a 60-yard radius appeared above MacAffrey and his several hundred members.

"A large-scale destruction Spell? Not bad." When MacAffrey saw the two gigantic, crimson magic arrays above him, he was slightly surprised. He had never thought that a Swordsman like Shi Feng would possess such a rare Spell. He immediately shouted to his subordinates, "Everyone, use Instantaneous Movement Scrolls and get out of here!"

Large-scale destruction Spells were no longer foreign to God's Domain's various powers. Such Spells were commonly used during Guild Wars as they were the most effective in large-scale combat.

Hence, the various powers had thought of an appropriate countermeasure; they'd use Instantaneous Movement Scrolls to escape the Spell's AOE as quickly as possible.

Although large-scale destruction Spells were frighteningly powerful, they had very long cast times. Once one noticed a player casting a large-scale destruction Spell, they could easily flee the attack with an Instantaneous Movement Scroll.

Of course, large-scale destruction Spells still had massive effects. Guild wars were generally chaotic, involving extremely large numbers of players. Some players were bound to fail their escape attempts due to enemy interference or lack of Instantaneous Movement Scrolls. Large-scale destruction Spells would still hit quite a few players, proving effective regardless.

However, MacAffrey only had several hundred subordinates with him, and they were all Divine Tribe experts. Every one of them had a few Tier 2 Instantaneous Movement Scrolls, not to mention the Tier 1 version. They had all prepared these Scrolls on the off chance that they were attacked with large-scale destruction Spells or war weapons like Gnome Cannons.

Following their orders, Divine Tribe's experts pulled the scrolls from their bags. Meanwhile, MacAffrey steered his Flying Mount out of Flame Domain's range.

However, just as everyone began to flee, the twofold magic array above them completed and began to absorb Mana from its surroundings. Like a black hole, the array drained all of the Mana within a 500-yard radius.

Now, not only was the area around the magic array devoid of Mana, but the array's rapid Mana absorption had also created spatial distortions within the area. For a moment, the sky darkened, and all players within Flam range felt stifled as if they had just fallen into a bottomless swamp.

"What's going on? Why has the sky gone dark?!"

"It's so hard to breathe or move!"

"My Instantaneous Movement Scroll won't activate?!"

"No, that's not right! It's not just Instantaneous Movement Scrolls! I can't even use my Tier 2 Blink Spell! What kind of large-scale destruction Spell is that!?"

The Divine Tribe members within Flame Domain's AOE panicked, losing their composure.

Before they could regain their senses, however, Mana began to gush out of the twofold magic array above the battlefield.

In the next moment, towering pillars of fire rose from the ground.

Every Divine Tribe member within range was instantly incinerated. Even some of the weapons and equipment they dropped scorched to black, turning into nothing more than scrap metal. The flaming pillars' intense temperature melted the dirt under their feet to white-hot magma. Players could even feel the pillars' heat waves from several hundred yards.

As if time had frozen, the tens of thousands of players in the mine stared at the rising pillars of fire in stunned silence.

What did he do? Shock and curiosity swam in Yan Xiaoqian's gaze as she glanced at Shi Feng, who remained standing on the Thunder Eagle's back.

From what she could tell, Shi Feng had only used one large-scale destruction Spell, but aside from MacAffrey and the Tier 3 players on his Flying Mount, every player from Divine Tribe had lost their minds. They had all pulled Instantaneous Movement Scrolls from their bags, yet they stood to watch Shi Feng's Spell erupt...

It almost looked like Divine Tribe were performing with Zero Wing for the Azure Chamber of Commerce.

However, Divine Tribe was a top-ranked super-first-rate Guild that could even rival Super Guilds, and they were currently on the western continent, not the eastern continent. There was no way Divine Tribe would go to such lengths to show respect for a Guild Leader from a pseudo-superpower like Zero Wing.

Yan Xiaoqian and Azure's members weren't the only surprised players. Even Shi Feng was taken aback by his results.

Casting Flame Domain with a Mana Body is actually this powerful? Shi Feng could not help but glance at the Seven Luminaries Ring on his finger after watching several hundred Divine Tribe members turn into ash.

Although he had known that Skills and Spells would become considerably more powerful when players reached Tier 3 and acquired their Mana Bodies, he hadn't thought that the Seven Luminaries Ring's Activatable Skills would become this strong.

He had only intended to use Flame Domain to scatter Divine Tribe's members. Their team's Combination Spells were a challenge to deal with, and if he allowed Divine Tribe's Tier 2 experts to use those Spells freely, even he would struggle against them.

He hadn't actually expected to annihilate all of those Tier 2 experts with one Flame Domain.

And the Spell had even absorbed all available Mana within a 500-yard radius!

He had only seen such fearsome Spells a handful of times, even during his previous life.

Robbing an area of its Mana was a terrifying ability in God's Domain. Mana was the foundation of everything in the game. It was both the source of life and the source of power. Exposing a player to an area devoid of Mana was even more torturous than sending someone into the vacuum of space.

Not only couldn't players use Skills and Spells in an area empty of Mana, but even survival would be a problem, especially for players that hadn't yet obtained a Mana Body. Exposure to such an area was practically fatal.

While Shi Feng stared at his Seven Luminaries Ring, MacAffrey gave the Swordsman a grim look.

This was the first time he had encountered a Spell that could eliminate several hundred of his Tier 2 subordinates without giving them the chance to flee.

“Vice Commander, the Spell that player just used is too powerful. It had devoured all Mana within its range. Tier 3 players like us might be fine in such an environment, but Tier 2 players are sheep for the slaughter,” the red-haired, female Elementalist behind MacAffrey said as she watched Shi Feng’s group with a serious expression.

The other Tier 3 experts from Divine Tribe began to observe Shi Feng’s group carefully, as well. They no longer dared to write off the strangers as ignorant challengers.

With Shi Feng’s large-scale destruction Spell, they wouldn’t be able to rely on Tier 2 experts in an attack against Shi Feng’s group. They could only rely on Tier 3 experts like themselves.

Unfortunately, Tier 3 experts were still incredibly rare. Gathering enough of them to defeat Shi Feng’s 10 Tier 3 experts would be a major challenge, especially if Shi Feng and his companions focused on fleeing.

Suddenly, Shi Feng looked up at MacAffrey and asked, “Do you want to continue?”

His goal in visiting the western continent wasn’t to start a war with Divine Tribe. He had merely come across these players by chance. If Divine Tribe’s team hadn’t picked a fight, he would’ve already left this godforsaken place.

Chapter 2448 – Divine Tribe Shocked

Although Shi Feng hadn’t spoken very loudly, MacAffrey and his companions had heard him clearly, and the question enraged them.

They had been confident that they could make Shi Feng's group pay for foolishly provoking Divine Tribe, yet in the blink of an eye, the Swordsman had slain several hundred of Divine Tribe's Tier 2 experts.

They had been able to bear the events up until now, but Shi Feng had just gone too far.

Shi Feng's tone had contained sympathy and compassion for those he saw as weaker than himself. He wasn't even treating them as enemies, but as a negligible distraction that he had no interest in.

This was humiliating, an absolute embarrassment!

Insane! Black Flame must be insane! Yan Xiaoqian, who watched through a Magic Mirror, stared with wide, shocked eyes. She couldn't fathom how Shi Feng had become Zero Wing's Guild Leader with his personality. Rather, she was surprised that Shi Feng had survived this long in God's Domain.

It was a fact that Shi Feng had shocked MacAffrey with the power of his Flame Domain. The Spell's effects had even surprised Yan Xiaoqian.

Meanwhile, the Swordsman and his team had had more than enough time to leave the area via his Flying Mount. Had Shi Feng done so, the stunned Divine Tribe members might have let him and his team go.

Yet, not only hadn't Shi Feng left, but he had also proceeded to provoke Divine Tribe further...

Was Shi Feng unaware that there were more than 7,000 Divine Tribe members in the mine, with more than 60 fully-armed Tier 3 experts?

Shi Feng's large-scale destruction Spell was certainly powerful, but all of such Spells had very long Cooldowns. Players would be lucky if they could use the same large-scale destruction Spell twice in one battle.

The watching players had only been stunned because it had been so long since a single large-scale destruction Spell had slain hundreds of Tier 2 experts on the western continent. Once Divine Tribe's experts regained their senses, they could easily destroy Shi Feng and his Tier 3 experts.

The army that Divine Tribe had sent to siege the mine was one of its reorganized trump card legions, which was powerful enough to capture a Guild City on its own. The army had more than one way to defeat Tier 3 players in their way; it wasn't limited to Combination Spells.

However, what truly surprised Yan Xiaoqian was Aqua Rose and the others' behavior from behind Shi Feng. Despite Shi Feng's rampage, none of them had tried to stop him. They had merely watched as if they weren't involved at all...

She even wondered if Aqua Rose and her companions were from Shi Feng's Guild.

"Continue? Punk, you must be suicidal! You've only cast a powerful large-scale destruction Spell, yet you think you can behave as you wish before Divine Tribe?!" a Tier 3 Ranger bellowed, enraged, from behind MacAffrey. Without even waiting for a command, the Ranger retrieved three crystalline arrows, decorated with runes, from the quiver on his back and fired them at Shi Feng.

The instant these three crystalline arrows flew from the Ranger's bow, they broke the sound barrier, releasing a sonic boom that rocked the area. Space itself began to destabilize from the arrow's power. These three projectiles were more than capable of heavily injuring a Grand Lord of the same level, and they were so fast that they became invisible to the naked eye.

“I don’t know who you people are, but since you’ve dared to provoke Divine Tribe, you will all die here today!” the red-haired, female Elementalist coldly hissed as she began to wave her fiery staff, casting the Tier 3 Spell, Manifold Illusions, without chanting an incantation.

The three crystalline arrows split into a dozen copies, all locked on to Shi Feng. Not only were the arrows impossible to differentiate, but they also became more powerful.

“What?! That Crimson Witch has mastered the Spell Combination technique?!” Yan Xiaoqian exclaimed when she saw the 12 arrows in her Magic Mirror.

All magical class players dreamed of mastering Spell Combination at this stage of the game. Mastering the technique was even more difficult than mastering double speed-casting, rivaling Bronze Combat Techniques. Not even Yan Xiaoqian had managed to unravel the technique’s introductory concepts.

Throughout Azure, only the Chamber’s Chief Elementalist had mastered the technique, but the Elementalist was a true, old monster. Even Duan Hanshan, from the Duan Family, had to treat the old monster with respect. Ordinary Domain Realm experts simply couldn’t hope to compare.

And yet, the Divine Tribe’s Crimson Witch, who had only recently reached the Domain Realm, had mastered the Spell Combination Technique...

If players could pull the technique off, combining a Spell with another Spell or Skill, the resulting attack would undergo a qualitative transformation and become powerful enough to transcend tiers. This was why all magical class players fought to master the technique.

Just as the 12 arrows were about to reach their mark, Shi Feng unsheathed Killing Ray and brandished the Sacred Sword at the incoming projectiles.

Shocked Secret Technique, Lightning Flash!

Peng... Peng... Peng...

As if the arrows had slammed into an impenetrable wall, they exploded and fell out of the sky just short of their target. They hadn't even made it within five yards of Shi Feng, much less injured the Swordsman...

"Impossible!" Crimson Witch's eyes bulged as she watched the arrows fall to the ground.

That attack had been the combination of a Tier 3 Spell and a Tier 3 Skill. Although the combination hadn't been perfect, the attack had enough resulting power to rival a blow from a Grand Lord ranked Archaic Species of the same level.

Even if the attack couldn't instant-kill a Tier 3 player, it should've been enough to send one flying.

What, exactly, had just happened?

Everyone watching was dumbfounded, especially Divine Tribe's Tier 3 experts. None had a better idea of how powerful Crimson Witch's Spell Combination technique was than they did.

Even MacAffrey, their legion's vice commander, would have to activate a Berserk Skill to defend himself against that attack. However, Shi Feng hadn't even used a Skill or Spell to counter the arrows, much less a Berserk Skill.

“A peerless monster?” MacAffrey’s expression darkened when he saw Shi Feng unscathed.

The title of ‘peerless monster’ had only come into fashion after many expert players had reached Tier 3. Many powers still weren’t sure of what the title meant or referred to, but a superpower like Divine Tribe was fully aware of what it meant.

Divine Tribe had witnessed the strength of peerless monsters before.

Peerless monsters were extraordinarily strong experts that could single-handedly defeat a team of 100 Tier 3 experts, the strongest team the various superpowers could currently field.

MacAffrey couldn’t think of another explanation for how Shi Feng had stopped Crimson Witch’s Spell Combination without taking any damage.

How is this possible? Is he really a peerless monster?

When they heard their vice commander’s muttering, the Tier 3 experts in the area turned to stare at Shi Feng in astonishment. Yan Xiaoqian’s jaw dropped at the revelation. She couldn’t bring herself to believe that Shi Feng was truly one of the rumored peerless monsters!

Chapter 2449 – Shi Feng’s Frightening Team

Since MacAffrey had acknowledged the possibility that Shi Feng was a peerless monster, everyone looked at the Swordsman in a different light. Divine Tribe's members, in particular, no longer radiated their prior killing intents.

Now, they only gazed at him in fear and awe.

None of Azure's members were surprised, and they didn't ridicule Divine Tribe's members for being cowards. They were just as aware of how powerful Tier 3 peerless monsters were. Peerless monsters could stand on an equal playing field with God's Domain's various superpowers, addressing these superpowers as individuals. They were undoubtedly the strongest experts that currently existed in God's Domain.

Experts could only look up to these peerless monsters for their raw power and techniques. Tier 3 experts were especially aware of how massive the gap was between them.

To experts, peerless monsters were like Heroes to NPC humans. Heroes' strength was beyond common sense; they were simply out of normal people's reach.

Silent Wonder has actually forged a friendship with such an expert? It seems I'll have to speak with those old fellows.

As Azure Chamber of Commerce's Berserker King Elder watched Shi Feng from his Magic Mirror, his impression of Silent Wonder substantially improved.

Although the Long Family currently had the right to rule Azure, a majority of the Chamber's resources remained under the control of the Chamber's various shareholder families. These families were roughly on par in terms of strength, and no one would accept someone's rule when they were just as powerful. To gain more power, these shareholder families would try to convince unaffiliated Guild Elders like him, which were the Chamber's main combatants, to support them.

Naturally, this gave the Guild Elders a plethora of options.

Generally, this Berserker King Elder maintained a neutral stance in Azure, but a few of his close friends had chosen a side. One of them refused to support the Long Family and tended to vote against its wishes.

Before today, he had never cared about what that friend did. The Long Family's hold on Azure wasn't exactly secure. However, now that he had discovered that Silent Wonder, the Long Family's heiress, had a relationship with a peerless monster, his friend would have to consider the Long Family's directives carefully, particularly Silent Wonder's interests.

Killing Tier 3 experts was an effortless task for a peerless monster. Such players wouldn't need traps or ambushes to kill Tier 3 players, and unless his friend had the protection of another peerless monster, he would dig his own grave by acting against the Long Family.

While Azure's Guild Elders secretly planned on how to build a closer relationship with the Long Family's Silent Wonder, Crimson Witch stared at Shi Feng with a grim expression from the back of MacAffrey's giant bat.

"You must be mistaken, Vice Commander. How can he possibly be a peerless monster? Everyone is aware of the peerless monsters on the western continent, and that guy doesn't match any of their descriptions," Crimson Witch argued, refusing to believe MacAffrey's assumption. Confidently, she continued, "He must've consumed some kind of potion that skyrocketed his Strength before he came here. Fortunately, those potions' effects don't last long. As long as we drag this fight out, he'll expose his weakness."

She instinctively refused the idea that Shi Feng was a peerless monster. There weren't that many in God's Domain, after all, and most of them were from Super Guilds, while the rest were from super-first-rate Guilds.

However, she had never seen the six-winged Guild Emblem Shi Feng wore. How could he possibly be a peerless monster?

“No, I don’t think he’s just consumed a potion. Any potion that can increase a player’s strength would make the Mana around the player unstable. Regardless of how good his control over Mana is, there’s no way he could conceal berserk Mana. I saw no sign of the Mana around him going berserk when I observed him with my Mana Eyes. In fact, the Mana he’s radiating is even denser than yours,” MacAffrey said, shaking his head. His fear finally began to show as he watched Shi Feng.

“How is that possible? Crimson’s Mana Body is at Peak Gold rank with a 97% Completion Rate. With the addition of her Fire Demon Bloodline, only the Guild Leader and Elders have denser Mana than hers. How can that guy possibly surpass Crimson?” the Tier 3 Ranger beside Crimson Witch said. Crimson Witch’s Mana Body was one of the best available in God’s Domain. Matching hers would already be impressive; surpassing her would be almost impossible.

“I wondered if I had misinterpreted what I saw, too, but I checked him with Mana Eyes multiple times, and the results were all the same. Moreover, the gap between him and Crimson is distinct,” MacAffrey insisted with a bitter smile.

From what he could tell, the Mana radiating off of Shi Feng was nearly twice as dense as Crimson Witch’s.

Although MacAffrey was reluctant to acknowledge this, his Mana Eyes had never failed him, and such a huge error in judgment was impossible.

A strong Mana Body wasn’t proof of one’s strength, but anyone that could create a Mana Body as powerful as Shi Feng’s couldn’t be weak. A Mana Body’s construction was an immensely difficult task, and without sufficient strength, doing so was impossible.

There was something else that MacAffrey hadn't revealed to his comrades; of the nine players that accompanied Shi Feng on the Thunder Eagle's back, three had Mana Bodies that rivaled Crimson Witch's, and one was even stronger than his Elementalist...

Not even Divine Tribe could muster a force of such caliber.

"Vice Commander, what should we do? We can't simply apologize and offer compensation, can we?" the Tier 3 Ranger asked.

They were members of Divine Tribe, a super-first-rate Guild that rivaled Super Guilds. If word got out that they had apologized and offered someone compensation, the Guild's reputation would suffer.

"It seems we have no choice but to fight with everything we have. Prepare to use that Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll," MacAffrey said after taking a deep breath.

The Guild Leader went to great lengths to persuade the various Grand Elders to give that to us, Vice Commander. If we use it here..." Crimson Witch grew anxious upon hearing MacAffrey's command.

The Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll in their possession was the only one Divine Tribe possessed. The Guild Leader would never have fought to acquire it for them if not to ensure that they captured the Azure Chamber of Commerce's Demonic Silver vein. It was a trump card that could destroy or protect a city. Using it against Shi Feng's group would be a huge waste.

"We have no other options," MacAffrey growled in frustration. He didn't want to resort to using the Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll, either, but he had no choice. "Once we use the scroll, they will flee. We'll use the opportunity to withdraw."

When MacAffrey finished speaking, he gritted his teeth and took an ancient scroll inscribed with purple-gold divine runes from his bag. The moment he revealed the scroll, the Mana density around him rapidly increased.

“You really want to continue this?” Shi Feng’s gaze hardened when he saw the Magic Scroll. He couldn’t tell what kind of scroll it was, but his instincts informed him that it was a massive threat. That scroll was even more dangerous than Level 100-plus Mythic monsters.

It may have felt dangerous, but of course, he wasn’t afraid of it. He had plenty of Magic Crystals on him right now. If worse came to worst, he could use the Hero’s Tome and summon a Tier 4 Hero to protect him.

As everyone waited for the battle to break out in the sky, a deep, resonant voice spoke up.

“Affrey, let’s forget about this issue. Compensate this traveling expert with 100 pieces of Level 100-plus Fine-Gold Equipment!”

Suddenly, a teleportation portal opened in the air, and a Twin-headed Pterosaur emerged.

This Twin-headed Pterosaur was colossal, even larger than the Thunder Eagle.

An old man in clean, white robes stood on the Pterosaur’s back, and despite his elderly appearance, he felt as formidable as a mountain. The pressure he exuded felt stifling to those in his presence.

“Light Saint Adolf?!”

“The Great Elder?”

Both Divine Tribe’s members and the players from the Azure Chamber of Commerce were stunned when they saw the old man. MacAffrey’s group was about to speak up, but the old man silenced them with a glare. His intense pressure shut them up, and they obediently handed over 100 pieces of Level 100-plus Fine-Gold Equipment.

The situation utterly stupefied Shi Feng. He had never expected the Divine Tribe to act so decisively.

His comment had been in passing. After all, they were talking about 100 pieces of Level 100-plus Fine-Gold Equipment. With so many top-tier items, they could transform a 20-man team. Moreover, purchasing Level 100-plus Fine-Gold from the market was currently impossible. One could only barter for a trade.

“Out of blows, friendship grows. May I know if you might be interested in visiting Divine Tribe’s Silver Lion City in the Silvermoon Empire?” Adolf politely asked Shi Feng.

“That won’t be a problem. I’d be more than delighted to,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

He had no qualms with Divine Tribe, and since the Guild was willing to go out of its way to show him respect, he wouldn’t behave boorishly. Moreover, his primary goal in visiting the western continent was to visit the various NPC cities and gain an understanding of the western continent’s situation. If Adolf were willing to guide him, he wouldn’t refuse the wonderful offer.

“Please, follow me,” Adolf said before leading Shi Feng’s group toward the nearest NPC city and leaving MacAffrey and Divine Tribe’s other dumbfounded members behind.

Azure’s members were just as flabbergasted by the development.

“What’s going on?”

“Who are those people?”

A moment ago, Shi Feng had annihilated several hundred Tier 2 experts from Divine Tribe, yet not only had Divine Tribe willingly compensated Shi Feng with 100 pieces of Level 100-plus Fine-Gold Equipment, but Adolf, one of the Guild’s Great Elders, had also personally invited Shi Feng to visit Divine Tribe’s main headquarters. Not even superpowers’ Guild Leaders received such generous treatment.

The situation even confused MacAffrey and his subordinates, let alone Yan Xiaoqian and the rest of Azure’s members. Even if Shi Feng were a peerless monster, was it necessary to go to such lengths to please him?

Chapter 2450 – A City

Shortly after Shi Feng’s group left, the situation in the Demonic Silver mine quieted down as everyone wondered about the identity of the group of strangers.

He actually got an invite from Divine Tribe’s Grand Elder? That guy must be extraordinary. It seems the Long Family will rise through the ranks in the next annual competition, the Berserker King Elder from the Azure Chamber of Commerce thought as he gazed in the direction Shi Feng’s group had disappeared in. He also felt an urgent need to deepen his relationship with the Long Family.

If players wanted to grow rapidly in God's Domain, resources were an absolute necessity.

However, items such as weapons, equipment, Skill Books, and combat techniques required a lot of time to obtain, especially for players that worked alone. If players wished to keep up with those on the frontline while collecting these items, they'd need to accomplish everything, even if it meant working themselves to death. Hence, all expert players that wanted to grow stronger needed the support of a power, which would allow them to focus on leveling and improving their combat standards.

Because of this, outcompeting experts with a power's support became very difficult for independent players.

The Chamber's several main families controlled most of the Azure Chamber of Commerce's resources, and although Guild Elders, such as himself, controlled a small portion as well, it simply couldn't compare to the stock the main families had access to. These families were responsible for founding Azure, after all, and they held a large portion of the Chamber's shares. It was only natural that most of Azure's resources were allocated for them.

In reality, the annual competition between the shareholder families' younger generation was a means to determine how those resources should be allocated. The upcoming annual competition would be particularly fierce since the main families were planning to go all-out. God's Domain was gaining more influence in the real world with each passing day. The profits Azure could reap from the game would be magnitudes greater than what they had earned from past virtual reality games.

Now that he learned that Silent Wonder had the support of a peerless monster like Shi Feng, he could tell that her performance in the next competition would be extraordinary. This meant that the Long Family would secure even greater resources from Azure than it received currently.

So what if Black Flame came to the western continent? I will defeat Silent Wonder in the next family competition! Yan Xiaoqian glanced at the Berserker King Elder, overcome with disdain. Judging by his expression, he was considering sucking up to the Long Family.

Although she had neither expected Shi Feng to be able to travel to the western continent, nor had she expected his impressive display of strength, he couldn't help Silent Wonder defeat her. The next family competition wouldn't be one of alchemy standards or equipment standards. Rather, it would be a competition of individual combat standards. Strength was everything in God's Domain, and combat standards would determine whether or not one could acquire better resources.

Not only was combat far more intense on the western continent than in the east, but it also had more effective Legacies and resources that improved combat standards. Fighting the invading Demonic Creature armies was particularly helpful when training one's combat standards. Even if Zero Wing poured everything it had into Silent Wonder's development, she had no hope of matching Yan Xiaoqian and the other geniuses from Azure, who fought and trained constantly in the west.

This was exactly the reason that Long Xianglong had tried to bring Silent Wonder to the western continent after the last competition, but Shi Feng had laughably insisted that Zero Wing would be of more help to Silent Wonder than Azure, a power that could travel between the two continents.

After Shi Feng's group left, Azure and Divine Tribe ceased their fighting. MacAffrey, who was responsible for commanding the battle on Divine Tribe's behalf, was no longer in the mood for combat, and his troops had relaxed into a mild chaos. He had ordered everyone to retreat while he had returned to Silver Lion City with Crimson Witch and the others. He wanted to speak with the Great Elder and demand an explanation.

Shi Feng might be a peerless monster, but Divine Tribe wasn't some ordinary superpower. After offering such a major concession to a stranger, the Guild would become a laughingstock among the western continent's various superpowers.

Silvermoon Empire, Silver Lion City:

Several bright flashes illuminated the city's Teleportation Hall as Shi Feng's group entered Silver Lion City, the Silvermoon Empire's second-largest NPC city, alongside Great Elder Adolf.

The instant Shi Feng and his entourage emerged from the Teleportation Hall, they realized that the western continent's NPC cities were vastly different than those in the east. Even the city's atmosphere was different.

"So, this is a city on the western continent?" Surprised, Aqua Rose spun in a slow circle as she looked around her.

On the eastern continent, NPC cities generally had a peaceful atmosphere, but the energy in Silver Lion City was extraordinarily tense. It felt as if everyone, including NPCs, were constantly on guard and battle-ready.

Moreover, the group was surprised to see that the city streets weren't patrolled by NPC soldiers. Rather, Divine Tribe's members and NPCs from the Adventurer's Association were maintaining order. Players working for the Association were even responsible for collecting the city's entrance fees. It seemed as if the city were managed by players, employed by the Adventurer's Association.

As Shi Feng and the others followed Adolf through the city, they could sense nearby players' high combat standards. These players even had greater Mana control than those on the eastern continent. That was clear based on the Magic Scrolls available in the city's Shops and street stalls.

Although eastern players sold Magic Scrolls as well, those were often low-quality items, mostly only Tier 1 Magic Scrolls. Tier 2 and 3 Magic Scrolls were still exceedingly rare.

In Silver Lion City, however, Tier 2 Magic Scrolls were common items in Shops on stalls. Some Shops even sold Tier 3 Magic Scrolls and Intermediate Barrier Scrolls, which were at least 50% cheaper than in the east.

Of course, none of this surprised Shi Feng.

The western continent had been embroiled in an endless battle against tides of Demonic Creatures since ancient times. Thus, its magic research was far more advanced than in the east, especially when it came to Mana utilization. In fact, there were quite a few methods here that could improve a player's Mana control and help players learn how to control Mana.

Mana control was especially important to Magicians. The greater a Magician's Mana control was, the easier creating magic arrays would be. Due to the western continent's research, there were far more Magicians here than on the eastern continent. Shi Feng even thought that the west's superpowers likely possessed Master Magicians at this stage of the game.

With so many players taking up the Magician subclass, there was no lack of manpower to create Magic Scrolls and Magic Array Scrolls. In addition, slain Demonic Creatures generally dropped Attributed Magic Cores and other materials necessary for creating these scrolls. It was only natural that Magic Scrolls and Magic Array Scrolls would cost much less than on the eastern continent.

Taking advantage of this fact, the eastern continent's powers that were capable of visiting the western continent always purchased Magic Scrolls and Magic Array Scrolls in bulk before their return trip, trading a portion of the scrolls, while keeping the rest for themselves. This enabled them to make a profit while increasing their members' development speed.

However, after following Adolf to Silver Lion City's main street, even Shi Feng was shocked by what he saw. The city was home to a large number of Tier 3 independent experts, and although there weren't as many as in Stone Forest City, there were a frightening number based on the typical players in the

eastern continent's NPC cities. Moreover, many of these Tier 3 independent players' Life Ratings were just as astoundingly high.

Shi Feng had gained the same impression from MacAffrey's forces, although they were Divine Tribe's Tier 3 experts. There was nothing unusual about them possessing special Bloodlines. However, Shi Feng now realized that the same could be said for the west's independent experts.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you seem quite curious about our independent players' high Life Ratings," Adolf said, smiling when he noticed Shi Feng's confusion.

"Indeed, I am very curious. Logically, tools that can improve a player's Life Rating should be incredibly rare; only the various superpowers should have the ability to acquire such items. Even exceptionally powerful independent players should have a hard time acquiring those tools, yet here, so many of these independent players have accomplished the feat. It's truly surprising." Shi Feng nodded.

"Honestly, this is why I stopped MacAffrey and invited you here," Adolf said, chuckling. "Divine Tribe wishes to negotiate a long-term business arrangement with you, Guild Leader Black Flame. One of the aspects we intend to offer is the special Bloodline, which can increase a player's Life Rating. May I know if you are interested?"

"A business arrangement? It seems you have done your research, Great Elder Adolf," Shi Feng said, smiling.

"I have. Even before MacAffrey reported your appearance to our main headquarters, I had investigated you and your Guild thoroughly. There aren't many Guilds that can outbid Mythology, after all," Adolf agreed, nodding. "I had never thought that you'd be capable of visiting the western continent, as well. If Mythology learns about this, it'll likely be astonished."

"So, you stayed MacAffrey's hand to invite me to negotiate a partnership?" Adolf's explanation surprised Shi Feng slightly. He hadn't expected news from the eastern continent to make it to the west so quickly.

There shouldn't be much contact between the two main continents at this stage of the game. Neither side had conducted any in-depth research on the other. Everyone was still busy with the goings-on on their own continent. How would anyone have enough time to care about something unrelated?

"Indeed. Very few powers in God's Domain have the ability to travel between the continents. Divine Tribe has constantly been trying to send players to the east to develop, but we've failed to find an appropriate method of travel. Although we've considered working with other superpowers that can do so, their asking prices are too steep," Adolf said. "Which leads us to you; your arrival is wonderful news for Divine Tribe. I also believe that Zero Wing will require a powerful partner in the west. Even if you're capable of supplying a large amount of resources, you don't have the required connections to sell or trade them."

As Adolf had revealed, he had investigated Zero Wing thoroughly. Although Zero Wing appeared prosperous on the surface, it was plagued by many crises. Right now, the Guild urgently needed a large number of peak or Tier 3 experts to protect it. Otherwise, it would only be a matter of time before the Guild crumbled under its own weight.

Fortunately, Divine Tribe could offer Zero Wing the solution to this problem.

"You are correct. Zero Wing does need a powerful partner on the western continent, and Divine Tribe seems to fit the bill. However, I have one request," Shi Feng said. He very much agreed with Adolf's estimation.

Initially, he had considered allying with the Azure Chamber of Commerce, but it already had the ability to travel between the main continents. Even if Silent Wonder negotiated the alliance for him, he'd only obtain limited benefits. "Request?" Curiously, Adolf continued, "Please, tell me, Guild Leader Black Flame."

“It’s simple. I need to establish a city on the western continent. If Divine Tribe is willing to assist in this regard, it will be Zero Wing’s sole ally in the west,” Shi Feng earnestly promised.

Chapter 2451 – Western Continent’s Situation

“Establish a city?”

Shi Feng’s request stunned Adolf for a moment. He even wondered if this Guild Leader was pulling his leg.

If Yan Xiaoqian had heard Shi Feng, she would assume the Swordsman had either lost his mind, or he was dreaming.

As on the eastern continent, players could establish Guild Towns and Cities in the west, but because of a few differences, there were far fewer Guild Towns and Cities on the western continent.

One difference was the fact that the various NPC kingdoms and empires left the management of almost all of their towns and cities to the Adventurer’s Association, which, in turn, entrusted matters of security to the various Guilds in the form of quests. This forced the various Guilds to invest tons of manpower in the NPC towns and cities’ management, ensuring their authority. Hence, the western continent’s various powers severely lacked manpower, and very few were capable of establishing Guild Towns or Cities of their own.

There was another major difference that contributed to the various powers’ unwillingness to establish Guild Towns and Cities.

The Demonic Creature armies!

The invading Demonic Creatures' attacks weren't limited to towns and cities within a country's borders. Occasionally, they would also besiege towns and cities deep within kingdoms and empires. Regardless of where the various powers established their Guild Towns or Cities, they'd still have to deal with the Demonic Creatures' invasion.

These Demonic Creature armies weren't like the monster sieges on the eastern continent. They operated like kingdoms and empires' well-trained NPC armies. They could even use war weapons against towns and cities.

Meanwhile, Guild Towns and Cities didn't have the support of a large number of NPCs like NPC towns and cities. Guilds would have to hire a limited number of NPC soldiers and rely on their own members to stop these Demonic Creatures. It was easy to imagine how much manpower would be necessary to protect a Guild Town or City.

This was why so few powers had established their own Guild Town or City on the western continent, and those that managed the feat were undoubtedly powerful. At the very least, a power would need to be on par with a first-rate Guild to maintain a single Guild Town or City. Only those that ranked among the top of first-rate Guild could maintain two Guild Towns or Cities. It'd be no exaggeration to call them pseudo-superpowers.

And yet, Shi Feng wanted Divine Tribe to help him establish a Guild City on the western continent. If he were asking this of any other superpower's upper echelon, they'd likely throw him out the door.

This wasn't a partnership; it was daylight robbery!

“Guild Leader Black Flame, are you aware of the situation on the western continent? Establishing a Guild City here is even more difficult than you imagine. Even now, Divine Tribe only has the power to maintain five Guild Towns and Cities,” Adolf explained after taking a moment to calm himself.

Constructing a Guild City on the western continent wasn't difficult, but protecting it was. No ordinary power could afford the amount of manpower and resources it would require.

Zero Wing only had 10 players on the western continent right now. Even if Shi Feng were heaven-defyingly strong, he couldn't defeat an entire army of Demonic Creatures by himself. It would be up to Divine Tribe to dispatch a player army to protect Zero Wing's city, and in doing so, Divine Tribe would likely have to invest more in the endeavor than it would gain from its alliance with Zero Wing. Zero Wing was only a pseudo-superpower in the east right now; it didn't have much influence, and it could only secure a limited amount of resources.

Moreover, the manpower Divine Tribe would have to invest would be manpower the Guild couldn't use in the future. It simply wasn't a worthwhile trade.

“I understand how difficult it is to establish a Guild City on the western continent, which is why I'm asking for Divine Tribe's help.” Shi Feng nodded while chuckling. “If your Guild can agree, I am willing to purchase 3,000,000 Magic Crystals of rare materials from Divine Tribe at market price!”

Shi Feng knew a little about the western continent's situation, so he knew that establishing a Guild City here would be a major challenge, especially for Zero Wing, a Guild that didn't even have a hint of a foundation in the west.

However, a Guild City was necessary for Zero Wing's future development. Without one, the Guild wouldn't have a foothold in the west and would be subjected to the local powers' suppression.

This was why the various powers, who could travel between the continents, always established strongholds in both places. The Azure Chamber of Commerce's Demonstone Town, which stood outside of the Fire Dragon Empire, was one such example. With its own trade hub, Azure didn't have to worry about superpowers' suppression, even if they grew jealous.

He also needed a Guild City to deal with an even greater problem.

More powers would establish routes between the two main continents as time passed, and when they did, Zero Wing would face even more competition. Even Divine Tribe might find a way to the eastern continent, and when it did, it would sell its resources in the east rather than rely on Zero Wing as a middleman, earning more profits as a result.

Thus, it was imperative that Zero Wing have its own Guild City on the western continent.

"Three million Magic Crystals?" Adolfs eyes grew wide as he stared at Shi Feng in shock, and his breathing grew labored. He had never dreamed that Zero Wing was so frighteningly wealthy. "Are you telling me the truth, Guild Leader Black Flame?"

Magic Crystals were hard currency on the western continent. Players could easily buy certain rare materials with Magic Crystals, while they couldn't do the same with Coins. Vendors even offered discounts if players were willing to pay with Magic Crystals.

The western continent wasn't like its eastern counterpart. Not only were Magic Crystals scarcer, but demand for them was higher, as well. Take the Combat Runes the various powers used, for example. Magic Crystals were the main material to craft these Combat Runes.

This was precisely why Divine Tribe had sent one of its trump card legions to capture Azure's Demonic Silver mine, despite it only being a Grade 3 vein. The mine dropped Magic Crystals.

Three million Magic Crystals!

It was an astronomical amount to any of the western continent's superpowers.

Not only would securing 3,000,000 Magic Crystals allow Divine Tribe to surpass other superpowers when exploring Level 100 neutral maps, but it would also resolve the Guild's lack of materials for its Combat Rune research, allowing Divine Tribe to craft Tier 3 Combat Runes. Divine Tribe would be able to truly stand among the various superpowers. It might even have the potential to grow stronger than the continent's existing Super Guilds.

"Of course, but my offer does depend on your sincerity in our negotiations, Great Elder," Shi Feng replied. When he saw the burning passion in Adolfs eyes, he could not help but marvel at the Magic Crystals' effects.

Although Shi Feng had been aware of how valuable Magic Crystals were on the western continent, he had never expected the continent's powers to be this desperate for them. Adolf was on the cusp of becoming a peerless monster himself, yet even he seemed intensely excited at the prospect of so many Magic Crystals.

After a moment of hesitation, Adolf gritted his teeth and said, "Deal. I can represent Divine Tribe in agreeing to your demands. However, Divine Tribe can only dispatch 80,000 elites and 20,000 experts to help you defend your city. Whether or not these players will be successful will depend on your arrangements."

"An army of 100,000 is sufficient, but I will need to borrow one of your trump cards to capture a city," Shi Feng agreed, nodding.

An army of 80,000 elites and 20,000 experts was essentially the limit that any first-rate Guild in the east could dispatch to a Guild Town or City. Unfortunately, maintaining the western continent's NPC towns and cities needed too much manpower.

"That won't be a problem. I'll send MacAffrey's legion to assist you. However, I must warn you; if our legion loses more than 30% of its players, they will retreat."

Shi Feng's additional request didn't surprise Adolf. Capturing an existing, hostile NPC city was the fastest way to establish a Guild City in the west.

Shi Feng and Adolf then signed a contract, solidifying their agreement. The contract stipulated that Divine Tribe would gather the rare materials Shi Feng requested within seven days and grant Shi Feng access to a 100,000-man army to help him protect Zero Wing's city for three months. In exchange, Shi Feng would pay Divine Tribe 3,000,000 Magic Crystals. Divine Tribe would also become Zero Wing's sole ally in the west, and any materials Zero Wing required from the western continent would be purchased from Divine Tribe, unless another party could offer the materials at a lower price.

Once the contract was signed, MacAffrey was instructed to return with his legion to Silver Lion City. Shi Feng was then given full authority over the legion.

Silver Lion City, Divine Tribe's Guild Residence:

"Guild Leader Black Flame, may I know what your plans are? With our current combat power, there are only a few resource cities in Level 90 maps that we can capture. Considering the difficulty of protecting the city, I suggest we capture a resource city in a Level 80 map instead," MacAffrey recommended as he pointed to areas on the map he held.

Capturing a resource city in a Level 90 map would be quite difficult due to the Level 100-plus NPCs or monsters that protected the cities. They would also encounter Level 100 Mythic combatants.

Capturing a city in a Level 80 map would be far less of a challenge. Although these areas were a lower level, Guild Cities could be transferred to a different location once they met the requirements. Moreover, Zero Wing was merely trying to secure a foothold on the western continent, not contest for hegemony. Capturing a resource city in a Level 80 map would more than serve its purposes.

“No, I’m not interested in these cities. I want Star Valley’s Starlight Fortress!” Shi Feng declared, shaking his head as he pointed to a location several kingdoms away from the Silvermoon Empire. To be precise, he indicated a fortress in Star Valley, a forbidden land in the southern region of the western continent. Securing this fortress was his main goal in visiting the west.

Chapter 2452 – Steel Giant Reappears

As soon as Shi Feng finished his statement, the meeting room full of several dozen players fell deathly silent as Divine Tribe’s members turned to give Shi Feng disdainful looks.

“This guy’s really ambitious!”

“Crap! Star Valley? Does he think we’re his personal subordinates? He actually wants us to go on a suicide mission!”

The western continent’s various superpowers were very familiar with Star Valley. They all dreamed of owning a town or city in the map. Not only was Star Valley rich in ores, but it was also home to plenty of ancient ruins.

In addition, Star Valley housed one of the only two known God Mod Regional Dungeons on the western continent. It was everyone's target for exploration and capture.

And Shi Feng wanted to capture the Starlight Fortress in Star Valley.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, that area is a Level 100-plus forbidden land. I'm afraid you overestimate the Silver Lion Legion. Even if with the Great Elder's 100,000-man army, I doubt we'll even get through the Starlight Fortress's gate, much less capture it," MacAffrey insisted. Rather than get angry at Shi Feng's goal, he offered a bitter smile.

If Divine Tribe had the power to capture the Starlight Fortress, it would've done so long ago. There were too many benefits to owning a fortress in Star Valley to ignore. No superpower could ignore the temptation.

However, not a single superpower had successfully captured one of Star Valley's fortresses.

MacAffrey acknowledged that Shi Feng was incredibly strong, beyond the reach of ordinary apex experts, but a handful of players wouldn't be enough to capture a fortress, especially one in a forbidden land. One would need an extremely powerful army to succeed.

"I understand your concerns, Vice Commander Affrey. I've done my own research on the Starlight Fortress. I am sure, with the Silver Lion Legion's help, we can capture it," Shi Feng explained.

During his previous life, Star Valley had been extremely famous on the western continent due to its abundant resources. The fortresses in the forbidden land were goldmines, and the various powers had investigated them thoroughly. Even a second-rate Guild like Shadow had learned plenty about these fortresses.

After considering the Silver Lion Legion's strength, Shi Feng had decided that the Starlight Fortress was their best option.

The Starlight Fortress was also one of the few fortresses that they had any chance of capturing. Star Valley was indeed a Level 100-plus neutral map, and as such, it was a dangerous location, even to veteran Tier 3 players.

However, that was precisely the reason that Shi Feng wanted it.

Star Valley's fortresses had survived since ancient times, so they contained legacies that were far stronger than anything from the current era.

The human race had had far more Tier 3 individuals than it did now. In fact, completing their promotion to Tier 3 hadn't been nearly as difficult during ancient times, but the human race had eventually lost many of their legacies in the countless wars since, making it far more of a challenge to reach Tier 3.

If he could capture the Starlight Fortress, Zero Wing's Tier 3 experts would gain a massive boost in strength.

"Since you've made up your mind, I suppose I have nothing more to say, Guild Leader Black Flame. We can set out once the Silver Lion Legion has rested," MacAffrey conceded. Seeing Shi Feng's confidence, he gave up trying to dissuade the Swordsman. Divine Tribe had already forged an agreement with Shi Feng, and it was up to him which town or city they attacked. Whether or not they succeeded was none of his concern.

Following which, the Silver Lion Legion's 8,000 members prepared for their expedition to Star Valley.

After the meeting, MacAffrey gave his report to Adolf.

"He wants to capture one of Star Valley's fortresses? Doesn't he realize that Star Valley is a special forbidden land, in which Berserk Skills are prohibited?" Adolf was a little surprised when he heard the news.

Players couldn't rely on their Berserk Skills in the Star Valley, which was why the various superpowers had so little hope of capturing its fortresses. Those fortresses strengthened the Mythic monsters in the area, giving them far greater combat power than ordinary Mythic monsters of the same level.

Without Berserk Skills, not even Tier 3 players had a chance against those Mythic monsters. Furthermore, each of Star Valley's fortresses contained more than one Mythic monster.

Based on the various superpowers' reports, each fortress was guarded by at least three Mythics; some even had five. A ton of Great Lords and Grand Lords had also garrisoned these fortresses. Just thinking about fighting all of those powerful monsters made Adolfs skin crawl.

Even with Divine Tribe's trump card, the Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll, they couldn't capture a fortress of that caliber. Shi Feng, however, insisted on accepting the challenge...

"He is adamant that he's done his research, and he's confident that we can capture the Starlight Fortress," Crimson Witch explained from beside MacAffrey, her tone dripping with contempt.

At this stage of the game, the various superpowers had barely scratched Star Valley's surface. They had barely begun to exploit the forbidden land's resources. To truly capture one of the Star Valley's

fortresses, the various superpowers would have to wait until they had several thousand Tier 3 experts under their command. Without those numbers, killing the fortress's Great Lords and Grand Lords would be a problem, not to mention the Mythic monsters.

"I want all of you to be careful. If you lose over 20% of your forces, retreat immediately," Adolf instructed after giving the matter some thought. The various superpowers have already begun to raid Level 100 Team Dungeons, and they will conduct many more large-scale operations in the future. We can't afford to suffer serious losses at this crucial moment. Level 100 Team Dungeons are our Guild's top priority!"

"Understood!" MacAffrey replied. He shared a similar opinion with the Great Elder. It was far better to focus their attention on raiding Level 100 Team Dungeons than aim for an unrealistic goal like capturing the Starlight Fortress.

Level 100 Team Dungeons had the weapons and equipment they needed to boost their strength by a large margin. That equipment would also help the Guild's Tier 2 experts complete their Tier 3 Promotion Quests much sooner. Their Guild would only grow stronger as a whole if they had more Tier 3 players.

Following which, MacAffrey met up with Shi Feng's group at the Teleportation Hall with the Silver Lion Legion in tow. They teleported to the Golden Sands Kingdom, the closest country to the Star Valley. The Golden Sands Kingdom was also a desolate country, with 80% of its territory comprised of desert.

Once they had reached the Golden Sands Desert, the group continued for another 10 hours or so on Mounts to reach the Star Valley's outer region.

When the group arrived, the mighty Silver Lion Legion stunned the various major powers' experts in the area. Although the legion members had concealed their identities with Black Cloaks, their intense auras drove off any Tier 3 experts in their way.

Finally, after another three hours of travel, Shi Feng and his small army reached the top of a forested hill a short distance from the Starlight Fortress. From this vantage point, they could all see the massive tower in the middle of the forest and the sturdy walls that surrounded it.

“Oh? People have made it here already?” Shi Feng was a little taken aback to see a group of players fighting a short distance away from the fortress.

Star Valley was a Level 100-plus forbidden land, and very few players had the strength to grind in its outer region, much less near the Starlight Fortress.

The Starlight Fortress was situated on the boundary between the Star Valley’s inner and outer regions. Even the weakest monster here was a Level 105 Lord, and the strongest was a Level 110 Mythic Boss. Not even the various superpowers’ main forces dared to approach this area casually.

And yet, a group of players fought near the fortress’s entrance. It was astounding!

There were only 500 members of the team, and every one of them was an independent player...

“What a powerful adventurer team! They have over 30 Tier 3 players on a 500-man team, and the lowest level among them is Level 105. This team can practically rival a top-ranked first-rate Guild’s main force,” Crimson Witch commented.

Of course, when Shi Feng’s group had noticed the adventurer team, the members of that team had noticed Shi Feng and his small army.

“There’s so many of them, Boss. What should we do?” a Level 106, Tier 3 Ranger asked the robust man tanking a Level 110 Grand Lord ranked Archaic Species.

Although this robust man only wore leather armor and wielded a pair of gauntlets as weapons, a layer of strange energy enveloped his form, which drastically reduced the amount of damage he took from the Grand Lord’s attacks. Even when the Grand Lord successfully landed a hit, the man only lost around 20,000 HP. To Tier 3 players, this amount of damage was practically negligible.

“This Quest Boss is already in the red. Ignore them for now. If they dare try to steal our kill, we’ll drag them down with us!” the robust man growled. His gaze contained no fear, even after he noticed the Silver Lion Legion’s overwhelming numbers.

“I agree. I have checked their Mana signatures. They might have more players, but only 70 of them are Tier 3 players. If it comes down to a fight, we’ll make them suffer!” A ruthless man, who wore similar leather armor and wielded a greatsword, agreed with a sharp nod.

Any other adventurer team would’ve likely fled if they encountered the Silver Lion Legion, but they were different. They’d never back down from a fight, even if they faced an army of 8,000 players with several hundred Tier 3 experts.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, should we make them leave?” MacAffrey asked as he turned toward Shi Feng.

They were here to capture a fortress. Even if they were merely a slightly powerful adventurer team, outsiders could affect the outcome of their operation.

However, as Shi Feng was their commander this time, and MacAffrey decided to seek his guidance, rather than take action immediately.

“That won’t be necessary. We’ll just do our own thing,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. He had no intention of clearing out the area.

“If we don’t force them to leave, Guild Leader Black Flame, we won’t be able to besiege the front gate,” MacAffrey insisted, exasperated.

The Starlight Fortress only had one entrance, and it was the least protected area. Thick walls that were 12 meters high surrounded the fortress on every other side, and they were treated with special magic that prevented players from vaulting over them. In addition, many Level 110 Great Lord and Grand Lord ranked Elemental Guards paced atop the walls. Not only could these Elemental Guards launch long-range attacks, but they also had AOE Spells.

Those monsters would likely bombard them to smithereens before they could destroy the fortress’s walls.

Before MacAffrey could continue, however, Shi Feng retrieved a steel giant that blotted out the sky.

The Crimson Dragon Flying Ship!

Chapter 2453 – Crimson Dragon Flying Ship’s Might

■ ‘A Flying Ship?!’

When Divine Tribe's members saw the gigantic Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, their eyes nearly fell out of their sockets, including MacAffrey and Divine Tribe's other upper echelons.

The Crimson Dragon Flying Ship was massive. They had previously thought that Flying Mounts dwarfed Land Mounts, but compared to this, Flying Mounts were little more than children standing before an adult.

"So, this is the rumored Flying Ship?"

MacAffrey could not help but marvel at the crimson giant and its glowing runes and magic arrays engraved on the hull. Even the ship's Mana mesmerized him.

As one of Divine Tribe's upper echelons himself, he had heard about Zero Wing's flying war weapon, but seeing the real thing in person still shocked him.

Before a steel giant like this, monsters and player armies were meaningless.

When the adventurer team fighting in the distance saw the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, some even forgot about the monsters they fought for a moment. Only after the monsters' attacks threw them did they recover their senses.

"What is that?"

"Crap! Is it really necessary to go that far?!"

The members of the adventurer team felt stifled and afraid as they gazed at the Flying Ship. The confidence they had held on to began to wane.

“Boss, what should we do? Look at those bastards! We are only a team of 500, yet they’ve revealed that thing to intimidate us!” the ruthless, greatsword-wielding man cursed as he stared at the distant Flying Ship.

With the weapons they had on hand, the idea of fighting the steel giant was a joke. It would be akin to fighting a tank or fighter jet with sticks. The two sides’ combat power was on entirely different levels.

Meanwhile, the robust man, this adventurer team’s commander, watched the ship with a grim expression.

Even if he had to face several dozen Tier 3 experts all by himself, he would still have the courage to put up a fight. He was even confident he could escape with his life even if he couldn’t win. However, faced against the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, he wasn’t even confident in being able to escape.

At this stage of the game, any player that spent considerable time in a major NPC city knew what a Flying Ship was, and although most didn’t know exactly how powerful they were, it was easy to guess. Flying Ships could fire Magic Cannons from the air, and even the weakest Magic Cannon had peak Tier 3 power. Moreover, Magic Cannons’ attacks were AOE’s. Players who couldn’t fly would be nothing more than moving targets for such a vessel.

Right now, their team was at the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship’s complete mercy. If the players piloting the ship wanted them dead, they wouldn’t even get a chance to flee...

While the adventurer team panicked, Aqua Rose and her comrades boarded the ship while Divine Tribe's members watched.

Vice Commander Affrey, I'll try to open a break in the wall as quickly as possible. I'd like you to form a defensive line below the ship to clear out the monsters that will flood out of the fortress and help protect the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship from the fortress's flying monsters," Shi Feng addressed MacAffrey, who was still in a daze.

Any other power would have to enter the fortress through the front gate, but with the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, it didn't matter where Shi Feng's army attacked from.

Hearing Shi Feng's instructions snapped MacAffrey out of his daze, and pulling his gaze away from the Flying Ship, he turned to Shi Feng, advising, "Do you really want to go in through the wall, Guild Leader Black Flame? That fortress has survived since ancient times, and its walls are much stronger than those of a modern fortress. Even with a Flying Ship, I'm afraid it'll be a challenge to break down the wall."

He had still dismissed Shi Feng's intentions of capturing the Starlight Fortress, but now, he began to believe that this Swordsman had the means to pull it off.

Opening a hole in the fortress's defenses was the most difficult aspect of trying to capture one. All fortresses had an auto-repair feature. If players couldn't exploit that weakness before the wall began to repair itself, there would be no hope of success.

Naturally, the weakest point in the fortress's outer defense was its front gate. The walls were far sturdier and had much higher durability in comparison.

"Relax. We should have enough time. As long as the Silver Lion Legion can keep the flying monsters off the ship, we'll be fine," Shi Feng said, chuckling at MacAffrey's concern. "Can your legion accomplish that?"

Destroying the front gate was the simplest method of creating a weakness in the fortress's defense, but if players opened a path by destroying a section of the wall, the monsters within would be far easier to deal with.

The fortress's walls were reinforced by magic arrays, which were linked to form a complete array that enveloped the entire fortress and strengthened its allied forces. This was why the monsters within were so much more challenging to defeat than monsters in the fields.

If players could destroy a section of the walls, however, they could damage the magic array engraved onto it. This, in turn, would weaken the strengthening effect the array had on the monsters within.

Unfortunately, destroying the walls was normally incredibly difficult for players, many times more difficult than destroying the gate. Teams that struggled to capture a fortress wouldn't resort to attacking the more fortified walls.

This was precisely the reason that Shi Feng dared to challenge the Starlight Fortress. Without current players' strength, capturing it would've been impossible.

Even the weakest fortress in Star Valley was garrisoned by hundreds of thousands of monsters, of which several thousand were Great Lords, and several hundred were Grand Lords. Moreover, these monsters would respawn after a certain amount of time. If players didn't have the DPS to slay them all quickly, these monsters could even outlast a superpower's army.

Of course, players didn't necessarily have to clear out the monsters to capture a fortress. They only needed to defeat the fortress's Guardian Boss, but until they cleared out a certain fraction of the monsters, those monsters would become a problem during the Guardian Boss fight.

Fortunately, only low-grade Elemental Creatures occupied the Starlight Fortress, and they weren't very intelligent, not even the Mythic ranked Elemental Creatures. They operated almost purely on instinct.

If the fortress were occupied by creatures like Magic Elves, no one would have a hope of capturing it before players reached Tier 5.

That won't be a problem. As long as we don't have to deal with the Mythic monsters, there's no way the monsters without the fortress's buff will break through the Silver Lion Legion's line," MacAffrey confidently declared. However, he still preferred that they attack the front gate instead. If they could actually capture the Starlight Fortress, they would have performed a miracle on the western continent. Their names would go down in history.

"Wonderful. Then, I'll leave the legion's commands to you, Vice Commander Affrey," Shi Feng said, nodding in satisfaction. He then boarded the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship and left the rest to MacAffrey, who was more familiar with the Silver Lion Legion.

Crimson Witch and MacAffrey's close companions were speechless as they watched Shi Feng board the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship. It was clear now that they had a high chance of capturing the Starlight Fortress, yet Shi Feng chose the most difficult method of doing so...

However, they had no say in the matter. The Crimson Dragon Flying Ship belonged to Zero Wing, and Shi Feng had absolute authority over this operation.

"Let's see if he can continue his willful act once his plan fails," Crimson Witch said, clicking her tongue. Even as she said that, she couldn't help but gaze at the ship in envy. If she had such a Flying Ship, she could even trample on peerless monsters.

While the distant adventurer team hesitated on what they should do, and the Silver Lion Legion gradually moved into formation, one of the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's Mana Pulse Cannons began to gather energy.

The ship's Bronze Engine powered the Mana Pulse Cannons, and the instant the cannon began to absorb the ambient Mana, even players within 1,000 yards sensed the Mana around them go berserk.

Before the legion had even finished forming its defensive line around the Flying Ship, a black-white beam of light shot from the cannon, slamming into the Starlight Fortress's west wall.

Boom!

The wall exploded, and the intense shockwave rocked every player within several hundred yards of the fortress. The Mana Pulse Cannon's might was utterly incomprehensible.

Once the dust settled, it revealed a massive crack in the west wall, and the Great Lord ranked Elemental Guards on the wall had lost more than one-third of their HPs from the attack...

"How is that Mana Pulse Cannon so powerful?" Crimson Witch gaped in shock.

She had seen Mana Pulse Cannons before, but they had never been powerful enough to devour one-third of a Level 100-plus Great Lord's HP...

Before anyone could recover from the shock, the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's 11 other Mana Pulse Cannons began to charge.

After a moment, 11 black-white beams bombarded the Starlight Fortress's west wall...

Chapter 2454 – Domain-class

When the 11 Mana Pulse Cannons bombarded the Starlight Fortress's west wall, everyone in the vicinity felt as if Armageddon had begun as the world around them trembled.

Destruction!

Shock!

Helplessness!

Everyone gaped as they watched the beam attacks destroy the west wall, tearing space as they passed.

“Isn't this Flying Ship a little too strong?!” Crimson Witch wondered.

Not only was the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's Mana Pulse Cannon extraordinarily powerful, but the ship also had 12 of them in total. It was practically a flying fortress.

Inwardly, she was relieved that she hadn't started an all-out battle against Shi Feng's group by the Demonic Silver mine. If a battle had truly started, none of her legion would've left the mine alive, even if they had used their Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll.

Crimson Witch and the other Silver Lion Legion members weren't the only ones shocked. The adventurer team fighting not far from the Starlight Fortress's front gate was also stunned.

A single shot from those Mana Pulse Cannons had dealt a devastating blow across a 50-yard-radius area. If all 12 Mana Pulse Cannons fired together, one round would be enough to annihilate a 5,000-man team, much less their 500 team members.

"Who are those people?"

Aside from shock and fear, the adventurer team's members were overcome with curiosity about the identity of Shi Feng's group.

They were members of the Storm Heart adventurer team, a top adventurer team that had survived multiple large-scale battles with Demonic Creatures. Storm Heart was quite famous in the Golden Sands Kingdom and its several neighboring kingdoms. Once, a superpower had even approached them for help to capture a Demonic Creature town.

Of all of the opponents Storm Heart had faced before, however, none could hold a candle to the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship. Not even the various superpowers had such a powerful weapon.

"Could those players be trying to capture the Starlight Fortress?" the ruthless man muttered incredulously as he watched the Flying Ship hover in the sky.

Star Valley was a forbidden land, and its fortresses were considered forbidden lands within a forbidden land. Current players simply didn't have the strength to venture to such places. On average, the monsters within these fortresses were Level 110-plus, and there were usually easily more than 200,000 of them. The fortresses were even home to Level 110-plus Mythic monsters. For these Mythic monsters, killing current Tier 3 experts would be child's play.

Even now, the various superpowers were only capable of exploring the areas around Star Valley's fortresses. They'd have to wait until they had several thousand Tier 3 players to have even a chance of capturing a fortress.

The monsters weren't even the most difficult part about capturing Star Valley's fortresses. Opening a hole in the fortress's defenses was the true challenge. If a team failed to do so, they'd never be able to send players into the fortress, making it impossible to kill the Guardian Boss and secure the Fortress Token.

"That seems to be the case. Why else would they attack the Starlight Fortress directly?" Storm Heart's commander replied, similarly watching the flying ship with fear and awe. He had assumed that Shi Feng's group had simply come to grind in the area and had only revealed the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship to scare away their adventurer team. He had never thought that those players actually intended to capture the fortress, which not even the various superpowers dared to try.

Before everyone could overcome their shock over watching the Mana Pulse Cannons' bombardment, the brilliant light enveloping the Starlight Fortress began to fade, revealing massive cracks in the wall. The Great Lord ranked Elemental guards stationed on the wall had also been obliterated.

"What power! One round of attacks was enough to cause so much damage?" MacAffrey couldn't help his growing excitement when he saw the cracks.

He had assumed that the power of one Flying Ship wouldn't be enough to destroy the Starlight Fortress's wall quickly, and if he had been right, their chances of capturing the fortress would've been dismal. They wouldn't have had enough time to clear out the fortress's monsters and find the Guardian Boss before the wall repaired itself.

However, it seemed that he had been wrong, and they actually had a high chance of success.

Although he didn't know how much durability the west wall had lost, he had enough experience in sieging Demonic Creatures' cities and fortresses to know what kind of power it took to crack one of those walls.

Based on his experiences, he calculated that the Starlight Fortress's wall had lost at least 2% of its durability, which meant the wall would fall after 50 rounds of attacks. A fortress normally needed around two days to repair a destroyed wall. If they could destroy the wall with 50 rounds of attacks, not only would they have enough time to clear out the fortress's monsters, but they'd also have enough time to kill the Guardian Boss multiple times over.

Zero Wing's members aboard the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, however, had a different opinion.

"Guild Leader, this fortress's wall is formidable. One round of our attacks was only enough to crack it. It's practically as solid as the walls around major NPC cities," Aqua Rose said, astonished when she saw how little damage the west wall had taken.

She was very familiar with the power of the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's Mana Pulse Cannons. Every one of their attacks was at the Tier 4 standard, even stronger than ordinary Mythic monster's attacks. One blast was enough to deal significant damage to a Guild City's walls.

And yet, the wall around the Starlight Fortress had barely taken any damage after 12 Mana Pulse Cannons had fired.

The wall was almost as tough as the wall around White River City.

White River City had already been promoted multiple times. Even if Mythic monsters attacked, the city wouldn't take any damage.

They'd likely have to attack for a long time to open a hole in the Starlight Fortress's wall.

Every time they fired the Mana Pulse Cannons, it cost them money. Although the cannons weren't as expensive as the Mana Pulse Cannons in Guild Towns and Cities, each shot still cost 100 Magic Crystals...

"I'm satisfied with this outcome. If the fortress activates its defensive magic array and reinforces the wall, we won't break through even after two solid days of attacking," Shi Feng said, chuckling and shaking his head.

The Starlight Fortress had survived since ancient times, standing even after numerous battles. How could an Advanced Flying Ship possibly destroy it that easily?

If the Starlight Fortress were so fragile, it wouldn't have lasted this long.

He didn't particularly mind the Magic Crystals they spent. He had plenty to spare. If he had needed Magic Crystals so badly, he wouldn't have tried to capture a fortress in the first place.

While Shi Feng and his party waited for the Mana Pulse Cannons' Cooldowns to end, they heard a deafening roar from within the Starlight Fortress. Even from several thousand yards away, they could hear it clearly.

The Starlight Fortress's gate then opened, and swarms of Elemental Creatures flooded out. Flying Elemental Creatures launched themselves from the fortress. At a glance, there were easily over 50,000 monsters, and every one of them charged at the Silver Lion Legion and the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship...

"Why are there so many?" MacAffrey felt his scalp tingle as he watched the incoming swarm.

Even in the worst-case scenario, there should've only been 10,000 or so monsters spilling out of the fortress, according to his initial estimates. But more than 50,000 charged toward them, including more than 100 Grand Lords. The Grand Lords alone outnumbered the Silver Lion Legion's Tier 3 experts...

Before MacAffrey could issue a command, however, a thirty-meter-tall Starlight Behemoth flew from the fortress.

The instant the Starlight Behemoth emerged, the ambient Mana seemed to submit to its control.

"What?! A Domain-class Mythic?!" Crimson Witch exclaimed, paling when she saw the flying monster.

Expert players like her were no longer strangers to the concept of Domains. Almost all Tier 4 NPCs had one, and while within their Domains, NPCs could move and fight in a world that was tailored to them. This was why Tier 4 NPCs were so powerful; Tier 3 NPCs couldn't defeat such a being, even with a numerical advantage.

Fortunately, monsters were dumb, unlike NPCs. They relied on their physical prowess in battle, but even so, they could contend with NPCs of the same tier. Monsters that had reached the Tier 4 Mythic standard were particularly hardy, powerful enough that even Tier 4 NPCs of the same level would struggle to defeat them.

Domain-class Mythic monsters had their own Domain. Even Tier 4 NPCs would have to flee from a group of Domain-class Mythics.

She had never dreamed that such a powerful monster would dwell within the Starlight Fortress, and it had just flown out of the fortress to greet them...

Chapter 2455 – World Descends

“I thought only mobs were supposed to come out!”

“Why is the fortress’s Guardian Boss out here, too?”

“Why is this Guardian Boss so powerful? Shouldn’t Domain-class Mythics be World Bosses?”

The Starlight Behemoth’s appearance shocked the Silver Lion Legion. The joy they had felt after seeing the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship’s might vanished when they saw the Starlight Behemoth’s gigantic, translucent body. Now, only fear swam within them.

Thus far, the various superpowers had only discovered a handful of Domain-class Mythic monsters, and every one of them was on par with a natural disaster. Those monsters could even guard an entire map.

In fact, some Level 90-plus World Bosses were merely Domain-class Mythics, and the various superpowers' forces had proven ineffective against them. Even after relying on special items, they had been annihilated.

A Domain was simply unstoppable!

This was why Tier 3 NPCs were no match for their Tier 4 counterparts, even when they outnumbered the stronger NPCs.

Within another's Domain, one's overall performance would suffer significantly. Just casting Spells and activating Skills became excruciatingly difficult within a hostile Domain. One would be fortunate to exhibit 50% of their normal combat power in such a fight. To make matters worse, the Domain would strengthen its user's overall performance, as well.

Even in a fight between a Tier 3 NPC and a Tier 4 NPC of equal strength, the difference would be qualitative with a Domain active. Needless to say, the difference would be even greater between Tier 3 players and a Domain-class Mythic.

"Commander, we need to retreat! Nobody can stop that Domain-class Mythic Boss! If we don't run now, it'll slaughter us!" the ruthless man from Storm Heart shouted at his commander, Krow, when he saw the Starlight Behemoth.

Not only was the Starlight Behemoth individually powerful, but its Domain would also strengthen the army of 50,000 monsters. Such a force would have no issues taking down a Guild City, much less the Silver Lion Legion's 8,000 members.

With the fortress's Elemental Creatures focused on the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, they had a chance to escape. If they waited until these monsters destroyed the ship and massacred the legion, they'd be next.

"It seems our raid is impossible. Inform everyone to retreat!" Krow commanded as he gazed at the Starlight Behemoth.

He had wanted to linger to witness the historical moment the Starlight Fortress was captured, but that no longer seemed like a wise idea. Of the various superpowers he knew of, none could even defeat a Level 90-plus Domain-class, Mythic ranked World Boss, not even the Five Great Super Guilds. Meanwhile, the Starlight Behemoth was a Level 113 Domain-class Mythic Boss.

[Starlight Behemoth (Torriande)] (Realm Lord[I], Starlight Creature, Mythic) Level 113

HP 4,000,000,000/4,000,000,000

Aside from the Starlight Behemoth's Basic Attributes, its four billion HP alone would be enough to inspire despair.

With 4 billion HP, the Starlight Behemoth would regain 40 million HP every five seconds with its battle recovery. If players couldn't deal 8 million damage each second, their attacks would be utterly worthless against the monster.

Tier 2 experts had a hard time dealing more than -10,000 damage to a Level 100-plus Mythic monster, and their attacks would be even less effective against a Domain-class Mythic. Only Tier 3 players could deal more than -10,000 damage to such a monster.

Assuming that a Tier 3 player could deal -20,000 DPS to the Starlight Behemoth, a team would need over 400 Tier 3 players to overcome the Guardian Boss's battle recovery. Where was a power supposed to find 400 Tier 3 players at this stage of the game?

Not even the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship would make much of a difference. Flying Ships were war weapons; they might be useful against dumb mobs, but against a Mythic monster that could fly, the ship would even struggle to land a hit. Furthermore, the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's Mana Pulse Cannons had very long Cooldowns. To put it simply, it would only be limitedly effective against a Domain-class Mythic Boss.

While the Storm Heart adventurer team fled, panic overwhelmed the Silver Lion Legion as they watched the Starlight Behemoth fly toward them.

"The Starlight Behemoth is too fast, Vice Commander. We won't have enough time to get everyone out of here safely. We'll have to leave some players behind to slow it down. Please, issue the command," Crimson Witch begged MacAffrey as she watched the Guardian Boss approach.

None of them had expected the Starlight Fortress to house a Domain-class Mythic. Shi Feng had doomed them all.

Since the situation had already become desperate, the only thing they could do now was figure out a way to reduce the legion's losses as much as possible. The Silver Lion Legion was Divine Tribe's strongest force; if it were annihilated, the Guild would suffer.

"It seems we have no choice." Hearing Crimson Witch's pleas, MacAffrey reluctantly pulled the Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll from his bag.

Current Tier 3 players had no hope of stopping a Level 113 Domain-class Mythic. If none of them could stop the Starlight Behemoth, the Silver Lion Legion would be slaughtered.

He had no choice but to rely on the Tier 4 Hero to pin the Guardian Boss down, buying enough time for everyone to escape.

It might be possible to rely on the Tier 4 Hero to raid the Starlight Behemoth if it were alone, but it wasn't. Not only did the Guardian Boss have the support of 50,000 monsters, but its Domain even strengthened the monsters around it.

Not even four Tier 4 Heroes could defeat this horde-

while MacAffrey prepared to use the Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll, Shi Feng walked onto the Flying Ship's deck and quietly watched the Starlight Behemoth's army.

"Crap! He's not even going to run?!"

"Does he assume he can use his Flying Ship to get away?"

"Maybe he's in denial. He was clearly hoping to capture the Starlight Fortress, but now that there's a Domain-class Mythic, his hopes have been dashed."

The Silver Lion Legion's Tier 3 experts, who were panicking on the ground, were confused when they saw Shi Feng on the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's deck, appearing relaxed.

The ship could fly and quickly, but its speed was nothing compared to the Domain-class Mythic's. Once the Flying Ship, which relied on Mana to remain in the air, was within the Starlight Behemoth's Domain, its Movement Speed would plummet.

If Shi Feng turned the Flying Ship around and fled now, he'd have a chance of getting out of there alive, but if he waited until the ship got caught in the Guardian Boss's Domain, neither he nor his ship would escape.

However, while the Silver Lion Legion's members wondered if the sudden development had dealt too much of a mental blow for Shi Feng to handle, the Swordsman pulled a golden ring from his bag. He raised the golden ring and began to chant an incantation.

When Shi Feng finished the chant, he revealed a faint smile as he glanced at the Starlight Behemoth's approaching Mana Field. He then sacrificed 5,000 Magic Crystals to the Ring of Gospel and activated Miniature World.

The sky began to tremble as the phantom of a new world appeared above them all, separating the sky from the land.

Everyone immediately sensed that their connection to the outside world had been severed, and a frightening pressure overwhelmed them. This pressure didn't originate from a single point, but assaulted them from all directions. They all felt as if they had just been plunged into a hostile plane of existence.

As Miniature World activated, the Starlight Behemoth's Mana Field began to visibly recede. The Mana that had previously submitted to the Guardian Boss began to rebel. Rather than strengthen the Starlight Behemoth, it began to suppress the Realm Lord.

The Starlight Behemoth's Basic Attributes decreased rapidly.

5%... 7%... 10%...

In just three short seconds, the Guardian Boss's Basic Attributes had been reduced by 20%. As for the Elemental Creatures following it, not only had they lost 30% of their Attributes, but their Movement Speeds and reaction speeds had also significantly decreased...

"Impossible! He shattered a Mythic ranked Realm Lord's Domain?!" Crimson Witch exclaimed, her jaw hanging open as she watched the Starlight Behemoth's Mana Field vanish completely.

Chapter 2456 – Flying Ship Versus Starlight Behemoth

"He destroyed the Boss's Domain and suppressed it?"

"What did he do?"

Crimson Witch wasn't the only player shocked to watch the Starlight Behemoth's Domain shatter. No one could believe their eyes. They had never thought that Shi Feng had such an ability.

Current players were no match for a Tier 4 being's Domain. Some superpowers had tried to use Tier 4 Domain Scrolls against true Tier 4 Domains, but they had barely been a match for the beings they had

fought. Some Tier 4 Domain Scrolls were even weaker, and the superpowers that had relied on them had been suppressed by their enemy's Domain.

In contrast, not only had Shi Feng shattered the Starlight Behemoth's Domain, but he had also suppressed the Guardian Boss. It was unbelievable!

When Miniature World activated, the Starlight Behemoth paused for a moment mid-flight. However, it then bellowed angrily, and its entire body began to radiate dazzling starlight. It was trying to expand its Domain again and break free from Miniature World. Unfortunately, no matter how much the Starlight Behemoth struggled, it couldn't escape the Skill's effect.

Mana control even has such a huge effect on magical items? Miniature World's results even stunned Shi Feng. He hadn't actually expected the Ring of Gospel's Skill to suppress a Realm Lord to such an extent.

All tools were ineffective against World Bosses; players had to rely on their own power. However, the Starlight Behemoth was not a World Boss, and thus, tools could be used against it. This was certainly a benefit since players couldn't use Berserk Skills in Star Valley.

He had used Miniature World to suppress other Mythic monsters, but until he had gained his Mana Body, he hadn't been able to use the Mana concentrated within the Ring of Gospel.

Now that he was a Master Magician as well, he, more or less, understood how the Ring of Gospel's magic arrays operated. He could now guide some of the concentrated Mana into those arrays.

Even so, he had never thought that the results would be this powerful!

His only aim had been to destroy the Starlight Behemoth's Domain. He hadn't dared to hope that Miniature World would suppress the Guardian Boss, as well. The Ring of Gospel proved far more effective than when he had used it blindly before.

Of course, after giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng found it reasonable.

He had already upgraded the Ring of Gospel to the Fragmented Legendary rank, and World Power was already stronger than Domains. Now that he could use some of Miniature World's true power, even if it were only a fraction, a Tier 4 Domain was no match for him. Not even the Starlight Behemoth could resist this power, and could only watch as the ability suppressed its Basic Attributes.

After this discovery, Shi Feng snapped back to the battle and glanced down at MacAffrey below the Flying Ship.

"Vice Commander Affrey, prepare to greet the enemy. Try to slow those mobs down as much as possible, especially the monsters that can fly. I'll deal with the Boss," Shi Feng shouted.

"This..." MacAffrey could not help but hesitate as he turned back to the Elemental Creatures' army.

Disregarding the horde of Lord ranked monsters, the army had over 100 Level 110-plus Grand Lords. Even without the Starlight Behemoth's Domain strengthening these Elemental Creatures, stopping so many high-level Grand Lords would be very difficult for the Silver Lion Legion's 8,000 members. Only Tier 3 players could tank those monsters, and the legion only had 60 Tier 3 players...

Before MacAffrey could say more, however, Shi Feng sacrificed more Magic Crystals to the Ring of Gospel and activated Ring of Brilliance.

Suddenly, everyone within a 2,000-yard radius felt a pleasant, empowering sensation spread through them. Their Basic Attributes and physiques improved by 20%, increasing their overall strength by a large margin.

He has a Strengthening Domain tool, too? Crimson Witch was flabbergasted when she noticed the buffs the Silver Lion Legion had received.

She found it simply unbelievable that Shi Feng had both a Suppressing Domain tool and a Strengthening Domain tool. Normally, superpowers would be fortunate to have just one of these tools, yet Shi Feng had both...

“Will that help?” Shi Feng asked.

Not even Shi Feng had a good solution for facing the 50,000-strong army of Elemental Creatures, and he still had an agreement with Divine Tribe that the Silver Lion Legion could retreat if they lost more than 30% of their manpower.

However, if MacAffrey realized that they had no hope of winning this battle, he would give up before that, which wasn't the outcome Shi Feng wished to see.

“I can't make any guarantees, but we'll try our best to stop those mobs,” MacAffrey agreed. Feeling the Ring of Brilliance's effects, he decided to grit his teeth and fight.

If the Silver Lion Legion retreated without putting up a fight after Shi Feng had gone to such lengths to help them succeed, both the legion and Divine Tribe would be humiliated. Even if he had to risk severe losses, he would try his best to stop the approaching Elemental Creature army.

“Good! I’ll leave the rest to you! Just leave that Guardian Boss to us!” Shi Feng was satisfied once he saw that MacAffrey was committed to this battle. He was already fortunate that the Silver Lion Legion, one of Divine Tribe’s trump card legions, was willing to help.

Shi Feng then piloted his Crimson Dragon Flying Ship straight toward the Starlight Behemoth.

“What? Do they really intend to challenge the Starlight Behemoth?”

Everyone was dumbfounded as they watched the ship approach the Realm Lord.

In the air, a Flying Ship had superb combat power, but that was only true against immobile objects and players. Flying Ships weren’t built to fight monsters.

And yet, Shi Feng’s group was going to use the Flying Ship against the Domain-class Mythic. They had gone insane!

Even stripped of its Domain and with 20% less Basic Attributes, the Starlight Behemoth was far stronger than ordinary Mythic monsters. It’s 3.2 billion HP was more than enough to cause despair.

While the Silver Lion Legion members considered the ship’s odds of surviving, Aqua Rose raised her staff from the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship’s deck and began to chant an incantation.

Dark-blue, twofold magic arrays began to appear around the Starlight Behemoth, one after another.

Tier 3 Super Spell, Sea God's Grasp!

Under her command, shackles of water closed around the Realm Lord, binding the Starlight Behemoth and holding it in place.

"Good! Fire the main cannon!" Shi Feng commanded.

As soon as he did, the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's Magic Elven Cannon began to gather an astonishing amount of ambient Mana. It then fired a searing-hot, white beam, with a 200-yard radius, at the Guardian Boss's head.

Boom!

As the shot collided with the Starlight Behemoth's face, the forest below shook violently. The Silver Lion Legion's members almost lost their footing due to the shockwaves, even from several hundred yards away.

As the white beam's light faded, it revealed a colossal crater in the previously dense forest. Flowers, grass, trees, even the Elemental Creatures that had been in that area left no trace of their presence, utterly obliterated.

After a short moment, a gigantic figure fell from the sky and crashed into the crater's center, causing such an impact that it sent dirt and debris into the air.

That gigantic figure was none other than the immobilized Starlight Behemoth.

Chapter 2457 – The Behemoth Falls

“How is that possible?!”

The Flying Ship injured the Boss with just one attack? How powerful is that thing?”

“Are Flying Ships really this strong?”

Both the Silver Lion Legion and the fleeing Storm Heart team fell silent as they stared at the fallen Starlight Behemoth. They had no idea of how to express the shock they felt.

Ordinary Mythic monsters couldn't compare to a Mythic ranked Realm Lord, even after the Starlight Behemoth had lost its Domain. Its Defense should be particularly high. Tier 2 players might deal around 5,000 damage to an ordinary Mythic, but when they attacked a Realm Lord like the Starlight Behemoth, they'd only deal around 3,000 damage.

Exceeding a monster like the Starlight Behemoth's damage tolerance to injure it would be absolutely impossible for current players, yet the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship had accomplished the feat...

When Shi Feng saw the Guardian Boss on the ground, however, he wasn't surprised. On the contrary, he had expected this outcome.

The Magic Elven Cannon dealt peak Tier 4 divine damage. The cannon's power was nearly at the Tier 5 standard. Although the Starlight Behemoth was a Realm Lord, it was not a Higher Lifeform. Its Life Rating was roughly the same as ordinary Mythic monsters; it was merely tougher. Compared to the mutated Sunset King Shi Feng had encountered in the Sea God's Realm, the Starlight Behemoth was an infant.

If the Magic Elven Cannon could even deal significant damage to the Sunset King, what chance did the Starlight Behemoth possibly have against it?

"Good! Bombard it with ranged attacks!" Shi Feng shouted, gesturing to the heavily injured Realm Lord.

Not only would God's Domain's monsters lose a significant amount of their combat power when heavily injured, but their Defense would decrease as well. A Level 100-plus Mythic monster had incredible recovery speed, and if they didn't take advantage of this opportunity, they'd have to wait another five minutes before they could fire the Magic Elven Cannon again.

"Roar!"

Before Shi Feng and his entourage could attack the Guardian Boss, however, it released a deafening roar, which was so powerful that it stirred up a storm around the monster.

The Starlight Behemoth then stretched open its massive maw, gathering a horrifying amount of Mana within.

Tier 4 Spell, Starlight Roar!

A brilliant beam of starlight shot from the Starlight Behemoth's mouth, and as it did, it shattered space around it. The attack was so fast that the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship didn't have time to dodge.

The blood drained from everyone's faces. That beam attack had even more power than the Flying Ship's Mana Pulse Cannons. It would annihilate any Tier 3 player it struck.

"Magic Shield, activate!" Taking no risks, Shi Feng activated the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's Magic Shield immediately.

Boom!

When the beam collided with the Magic Shield, it transformed space around the ship into a sea of fire as another thunderous boom echoed throughout the area.

As everyone expected to see the Flying Ship severely damaged, the flames died down, and the Flying Ship remained in one piece. However, cracks had formed along the barrier around it.

As expected of a Realm Lord. It devoured over 20 million points from the shield's energy reserved with one attack. Shi Feng was astounded when he saw that nearly half of the Magic Shield's energy was gone.

The Crimson Dragon Flying Ship had Upper-rank Tier 3 Defense, which was even higher than most Mythic monsters, yet it had taken over -20 million damage. The Starlight Roar clearly had the power to approach the Tier 4 Upper-rank. The attack would even shatter a minor NPC city's defensive magic array.

After its attack, the Starlight Behemoth flapped its wings and flew toward the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship. It intended to down the ship before it did anything else. The Flying Ship was, after all, a long-distance war weapon and, as such, was weak against close-combat attacks.

Shi Feng, however, had no intention of letting the Realm Lord get close to his Flying Ship. Before the Starlight Behemoth had even ascended, he had driven the ship toward the rear of the Silver Lion Legion. Since the Starlight Behemoth was so injured, the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship easily outran it.

“The Starlight Behemoth’s speed has decreased?” MacAffrey’s eyes glowed as he watched the Flying Ship kite the Guardian Boss around the Silver Lion Legion.

MacAffrey had been relatively surprised to see the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship injure the Starlight Behemoth, but injuring a Guardian Boss and killing it were two different things. The Starlight Behemoth might look miserable, but it hadn’t lost a significant amount of HP. The Magic Elven Cannon had only dealt a little over -50 million damage, which was nothing to the Starlight Behemoth.

The Realm Lord would tear the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship to shreds long before they could kill it. It had an incredible recovery rate, after all. The Flying Ship, on the other hand, was a war weapon, and as such, it didn’t have an automatic recovery ability. Every point of durability it lost in this battle would be permanent until repairs could be made.

If the ship could kite the Starlight Behemoth, however, it would be a different story. As long as Shi Feng’s group kept the Guardian Boss distracted, the legion could spare some of its Tier 3 experts to help attack the Starlight Behemoth once it had finished off enough of the Elemental Creature army, slowly whittling the Realm Lord to death.

But before MacAffrey could finish his thought, the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship stopped moving.

“What is he trying to do? Does he still plan to face the Starlight Behemoth head-on?”

The Silver Lion Legion's members were confused when they saw the ship come to a halt. They couldn't fathom what Shi Feng was trying to do.

Since the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship was currently faster than the Starlight Behemoth, it had the opportunity to increase the distance between it and the Guardian Boss, buying time until the Magic Elven Cannon's Cooldown had ended. However, Shi Feng instead chose to let the Mythic monster catch up. The Swordsman was clearly mad.

With how fast the Starlight Behemoth's recovery rate was, its injuries would heal completely in a matter of minutes.

While the Starlight Behemoth grew closer, and the Silver Lion Legion grew more nervous, Shi Feng revealed the Bible of Darkness and activated Demon Summoning.

A colossal pair of doors suddenly appeared before the Flying Ship, and as they parted, dense dark energy flooded through, transforming a 100-yard radius into a bubble of darkness.

Once the doors were fully open, an eight-meter-tall One-horned Demon flew through them. It wore a suit of pitch-black armor and was supported by two pairs of leathery, dark-black wings.

The instant this One-horned Demon emerged, every member of the Silver Lion Legion shuddered.

"A Level 125, Tier 4 Great Demon?"

"Why has a Great Demon come here?"

“We’re doomed... There are actually two Tier 4 monsters...”

This wasn’t the first time they had seen a Tier 4 Great Demon, but the one before them was a Level 125 Great Demon. Every five levels was a turning point in God’s Domain, and the difference was especially prominent after Level 100.

At most, the Silver Lion Legion could deal with Level 110 monsters. If they tried to take down a Level 125 Great Demon, they’d be digging their own graves. A Level 125 Great Demon was even more frightening than the Level 113 Starlight Behemoth.

As they all began to plan their funerals, Shi Feng pointed at the Starlight Behemoth, shouting at the One-horned Demon, “Go! Kill it!”

“Yes, my lord!” the One-horned Demon spoke in the human tongue before lightly bowing to Shi Feng.

Suddenly, the One-horned Demon vanished, and by the time everyone noticed it again, it hovered within 200 yards of the Realm Lord.

Tier 4 Spell, Advanced Instantaneous Movement!

Once the Great Demon was within range, it swung its shadow-black, steel trident.

A threefold magic array then appeared above the Starlight Behemoth’s head.

Tier 4 Spell, Dark Lightning!

Boom... Boom... Boom...

Black arcs of lightning descended from above, striking the heavily injured Realm Lord, and each pulled an agonized cry from the Mythic monster. Each lightning strike also dealt over -10 million damage, and after suffering nine consecutive attacks, the Starlight Behemoth had lost nearly 100 million HP...

Everyone was stupefied.

Just how many cards does he possess? Shock and confusion flashed in Crimson Witch's eyes as she watched Shi Feng control the One-horned Demon.

First, he had revealed the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship; then, he showed off his ability to summon a Level 125 Great Demon.

Shi Feng was practically a one-man army!

The Storm Heart adventurer team's members, who watched from a distance, could not help but gape at the scene. This was the first time they had ever seen anyone beat a Level 100-plus Realm Lord into submission.

The Level 125 Great Demon continued to tank the Starlight Behemoth, while the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship bombarded the Realm Lord with attacks, rapidly depleting its HP. Although the Starlight Behemoth tried to use a variety of Skills to retaliate, it only dealt a little damage to the One-horned Demon.

Compared to how quickly the Starlight Behemoth's HP drained, the amount of HP the Great Demon lost was nothing.

In less than 10 minutes, before the Silver Lion Legion could even kill one Grand Lord, the Starlight Behemoth, one of the Starlight Fortress's Guardian Bosses, fell...

Chapter 2458 – Unexpected Loot

When the gigantic Starlight Behemoth crashed into the ground, the Silver Lion Legion members watched their experience bars rapidly fill. Each of them had earned even more EXP than when they normally slew Level 100-plus Mythic monsters as 100-man teams. Some players even leveled up, reaching Level 106.

"It's dead?"

For a moment, the Silver Lion Legion's members, who were in the middle of their battle with the Elemental Creature army, were stunned after the Starlight Behemoth had hit the ground. None of them had expected a Level 113 Domain-class Mythic ranked Realm Lord to go down so easily. For a moment, they even wondered if the Starlight Behemoth had actually been a Level 110 Grand Lord.

However, the Silver Lion Legion members were all experts, and they knew that weakness wasn't the reason the fight with the Starlight Behemoth had gone so smoothly. Rather, Shi Feng's group was just that ridiculously strong.

Meanwhile, the Starlight Behemoth began to disintegrate into countless particles of light, and a moment later, streaks of golden light escaped the Realm Lord's fading corpse, scattering around it.

Upon landing on the ground, those streak of light transformed into dazzling items that radiated dense Mana. Some even gathered the ambient Mana around them.

In the blink of an eye, the site of the Starlight Behemoth's fall had transformed into a high Mana density area.

"Crap! Isn't the Boss's loot a little too abundant?!"

"A Mythic ranked Realm Lord really is amazing. The loot from the Level 100-plus Mythics we've killed in the past doesn't even come close! Its loot has even increased the Mana density in the surrounding area!"

The Silver Lion Legion members' eyes nearly fell from their sockets as they gazed at the Guardian Boss's loot.

They had seen Level 100-plus Mythic Bosses' loot before. They had even seen World Bosses' loot, but they had never seen a phenomenon like this.

Even though they couldn't appraise the items right now, they had a rough estimation of the loot's value based on the Mana the items radiated. The items that pulled Mana to themselves, in particular, should be Epic rank at the very least. There was no way those items could be Dark-Gold rank.

Level 100-plus Epic items!

The Silver Lion Legion had killed multiple Level 100-plus Mythic monsters just to acquire one Level 100-plus Epic item.

However, not only had the Starlight Behemoth dropped such items, but it had also dropped over two dozen items that radiated dense Mana. Based on their experiences, those two dozen items were likely Dark-Gold rank.

To equip Level 110 Dark-Gold items was akin to equipping Level 100-plus Epic items to players like them, who hadn't yet reached Level 110. Although Level Reduction Gemstones that they could use with Level 100-plus weapons and equipment were rare and costly, the cost was negligible compared to equipping Level 110 Dark-Gold Weapons and Equipment now.

If a Tier 3 player could fully gear themselves in Level 110 Dark-Gold Equipment while at Level 105, they'd even be able to tank Level 110 Mythic monsters, not to mention Level 110 Grand Lords.

MacAffrey and Divine Tribe's other upper echelons couldn't help the envy they felt.

Divine Tribe hadn't obtained a single piece of Level 110 Dark-Gold Equipment yet. It didn't even have much Level 105 Dark-Gold Equipment.

And as for Level 100-plus Epic Weapons and Equipment, the Guild had almost nothing.

Unfortunately, Divine Tribe and Zero Wing had agreed that a monster's loot would go to whichever team was responsible for slaying it. If both sides contributed to a monster's death, they would distribute the dropped items based on their contributions in the fight.

For a moment, MacAffrey regretted his decision to save the Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll. He had never expected the Starlight Behemoth to drop so many precious items.

If he had used the scroll, slaying the Starlight Behemoth wouldn't have been a problem. It had already been heavily injured, and if the Guild could obtain a fraction of the Starlight Behemoth's loot, it would be worth the cost of using the Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll. The Tier 4 Hero could've also helped kill the rest of the fortress's Mythic Bosses, and the Silver Lion Legion would return with enough of a harvest to outstrip the value of a Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll.

However, Zero Wing would now monopolize the Realm Lord's loot, while Divine Tribe could only watch, envious.

"Everyone, work harder! You can see how much loot that Boss dropped! There are still several more Guardian Bosses in the Starlight Fortress! If we can kill them, I'll hold an internal auction for all of the weapons and equipment we earn! Everyone will have a chance to obtain top-tier weapons and equipment!" MacAffrey shouted in the team chat.

"Whether or not you can take advantage of this opportunity depends on your performance now!"

MacAffrey's announcement ignited the Silver Lion Legion members' fighting spirit.

Internal auctions rarely occurred among Divine Tribe's expert teams, especially among the Guild's trump card legions and teams. The Guild usually only distributed monsters' loot among specific players, and only a small portion was available for the core members, in exchange for GCPs, in the Guild Warehouse.

MacAffrey's decision to hold an internal auction for the loot they obtained on this mission was a huge opportunity for all of them. Without the Guild's interference, they wouldn't have to worry about missing their chance to contest for the best available weapons and equipment.

Moreover, only a small number of players participated in this operation, which increased their chances of securing top-tier weapons and equipment. Even if the Guild upper echelons on the team participated, they only had a little more GCPs than the rest of the legion. With so many items up for grabs, these upper echelons would only win a small fraction of the loot.

With their fighting spirit reaching unprecedented highs, the Silver Lion Legion stopped holding back as they desperately fought the monster army charging at them. MacAffrey even used the Tier 4 Hero Summoning Scroll to help clear out the mobs.

Seeing this astonished Shi Feng a little. He had never considered that the Starlight Behemoth's loot would motivate the legion to such an extent.

He didn't give the matter much thought, however. The harder the Silver Lion Legion worked, the faster they could clear out the fortress's mobs. If Zero Wing's 10 members had to take on the task alone, it would take ages to clear out the entire fortress.

"Aqua, I'm giving you command while I tidy up the loot," Shi Feng said before he leaped off the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship.

Although he doubted that the Silver Lion Legion's members would try to steal his loot, the Starlight Behemoth had dropped extraordinary items. The sooner he secured those items, the better. Not only was the Starlight Behemoth a Domain-class Mythic ranked Realm Lord, but such Mythic Bosses were also quite rare in God's Domain.

After Shi Feng disembarked the ship, Aqua Rose and her comrades continued to bombard the Starlight Fortress's west wall.

Shi Feng wore an astonished expression by the time he had finished collecting the Starlight Behemoth's loot and appraised the first item.

"The Starlight Fortress Lord's Token?" Confused, Shi Feng stared at the dark-gold token in his palm.

Before he could figure out what was going on, he heard the sound of a system notification.

Star Valley Region System Announcement: A player has successfully captured the Starlight Fortress. The Guild this player belongs to will receive 20,000 Guild Reputation Points. This player has become the Starlight Fortress's lord. The Starlight Fortress will automatically open to the public in three days. Players may enter and rest within the fortress freely at that time.

Chapter 2459 – Western Continent Shaken

The system announcement repeated throughout the Star Valley three times, And everyone in battle fell silent for a moment at the Main God System's cold, mechanical voice.

"What's going on?"

"Someone captured the Starlight Fortress?"

The Silver Lion Legion members couldn't keep up with the sudden developments. They hadn't even made it through the walls or gate yet, so no one should've been able to capture the fortress. How could this have happened?

It wasn't just the legion's various experts who were confused; even MacAffrey, the legion's vice commander, was stunned.

What happened to the Starlight Fortress? MacAffrey gazed at the fortress several thousand yards away, confounded. Did someone sneak in and slay the final Guardian boss?

Even as MacAffrey wondered this, he tried to deny the possibility.

In God's Domain, players couldn't enter a sealed fortress until they destroyed the front gate or broke a hole in the walls.

Since the Starlight Fortress's walls and gate were intact, how could any player get into the fortress?

Even if players could accomplish the task, the fortress was still home to hundreds of thousands of Elemental Creatures. All of these monsters were Level 110 or higher, and the weakest of them was Lord rank. Not even a 1,000-man, Tier 3 team would be able to handle the final Guardian Boss in such a situation, much less a 100-man team of Tier 3 players.

Even if players miraculously managed to reach and challenge the final Guardian Boss, fighting the Mythic ranked Boss should cause a huge commotion, but although they had been engaged in battle outside the fortress, they hadn't heard any noise from within.

The only strange part about this siege was that over 50,000 monsters had emerged to attack, rather than the 10,000 they had expected. Moreover, this monster army had over 100 Grand Lords and a Mythic Boss, a creature that normally should remain within the fortress.

“Could it be?” MacAffrey suddenly thought of a possibility, and he spun toward Shi Feng, who was busy looting the Starlight Behemoth’s loot near the rear line.

In all of his experience sieging God’s Domain’s fortresses, the final Guardian Boss had never charged out of the fortress, yet the Starlight Behemoth had been extraordinarily powerful.

As a Mythic ranked Realm Lord, the Starlight Behemoth could be considered on par with a World Boss, albeit one of the weakest. Of course, a Level 113 World Boss was an absolute nightmare for current players.

Not to mention, the Starlight Behemoth had the support of an army of 50,000 monsters. Defeating it was far more difficult than defeating an ordinary Realm Lord. If Shi Feng hadn’t used Miniature World to suppress the Guardian Boss’s Domain earlier, MacAffrey would’ve prepared to lose half of his legion at least.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng stood in the middle of the crater, holding a dark-gold token. The token radiated dense Mana and served as proof of their success in capturing the Starlight Fortress.

The Starlight Fortress Lord’s Token!

MacAffrey wasn’t the only one to notice. Crimson Witch and the others had turned to look at Shi Feng as well.

“They’ve captured the fortress, just like that?” Crimson Witch stared at the token in Shi Feng’s hand with wide eyes.

Although she knew that Shi Feng's group had a high chance of capturing the Starlight Fortress, she had never thought he'd secure the Fortress Lord's Token so soon.

This was one of Star Valley's Fortresses they were talking about! It was something the western continent's various superpowers dreamed of obtaining!

And yet, Shi Feng had captured the fortress so easily. If she told this story, not even fools would believe her!

Every member of the Silver Lion Legion was stupefied. None of them had ever expected a fortress in a Level 100-plus forbidden land to be so easy to capture. If the continent's other superpowers found out about this, they'd likely faint with anger...

In reality, even Shi Feng was astonished. He hadn't expected to obtain the Starlight Fortress Lord's Token so quickly either.

He had even been prepared to use the Hero's Tome to summon a Tier 4 Hero. If the first Guardian Boss they had faced had already been a Mythic ranked Realm Lord, the final Guardian Boss might be a Superior Mythic.

Players like them wouldn't be able to deal with a Level 110-plus Superior Mythic easily. Only a Tier 4 Hero would have a chance of defeating such a monster.

This has saved us a lot of effort, but we have much less time to fortify the fortress now. Shi Feng was not particularly pleased to see the Fortress Lord's Token, and he gave it a bitter smile.

The fact that he had obtained the Fortress Lord's Token so soon was both a blessing and a curse.

Now that he had secured the Fortress Lord's Token, he would have full control of the Starlight Fortress's magic array. Although he still had to reach the fortress's core to activate the defensive magic array, it would no longer buff the monsters within now that he had the token. This would make capturing the fortress far easier.

Now, he only needed to clear out the monsters in the Starlight Fortress, and he wouldn't have to destroy the fortress's wall or gate to do it. He could simply waltz through the front gate.

The only problem was that he needed to clear out the monsters and strengthen the fortress's defenses within three days, before the fortress opened to the public, and players began to flood in. Without adequate defenses, managing the fortress would become troublesome, and the various superpowers might use the opportunity to take it from him.

Unfortunately, sealing the fortress and preventing players from entering wasn't possible.

The Starlight Fortress was in Star Valley, a forbidden land. God's Domain's forbidden lands weren't controlled by any kingdom or empire, and almost all of their fortresses had survived since ancient times, created before the Great Destruction. Forbidden lands' fortresses weren't like those in neutral maps or Guild Towns and Cities. Even with the Fortress Lord's Token, one would not gain full access to the fortress. They couldn't open or seal the fortresses as they wished.

This was also the reason that any power to capture a fortress in a forbidden land was forced to send a large number of members to garrison the fortress.

In truth, the Main God System's settings for this weren't unreasonable.

Forbidden lands had far more abundant resources than other maps. If a power could acquire full control of an ancient fortress in a forbidden land, it would be nigh-impossible for other powers to break through the defenses and take it from them due to the defensive mechanisms that had also survived since ancient times. The power that had first captured the fortress would have permanent access to the forbidden land's resources, while everyone else would have to watch from the sidelines. This certainly wasn't a fair situation.

Take the Starlight Fortress, for example. It might only be a Small Fortress, but once its defensive magic array was activated, only Tier 5 beings would be able to break it. In an era where the Gods had gone into seclusion, Tier 5 powerhouses stood at the peak of God's Domain. Even emperors had to show proper respect. These powerhouses could wipe out entire kingdoms. Not even empires would get away scot-free after provoking such an individual.

Shi Feng had thought that he'd have three full days to bolster the Starlight Fortress's defenses after he captured it, but now he had to waste some of that time clearing out the hundreds of thousands of monsters within.

While Shi Feng and the others continued their fight against the Starlight Fortress's monsters, the Storm Heart adventurer team watched from a distance with dropped jaws.

"Who are those people?" the ruthless, greatsword-wielding man muttered as he stared at the system announcement in shock. "They've actually managed to capture the Starlight Fortress?"

"We don't know who they are, but this will certainly cause an uproar across the continent," Krow, Storm Heart's commander, said. He couldn't help but glance Shi Feng's way.

The various powers and expert teams all wanted to conquer Star Valley, but players couldn't remain in the area for very long, which slowed their exploration progress in the forbidden land. Although the various superpowers had frequently tried to capture fortresses within Star Valley, none had succeeded.

Now that someone had, Krow didn't even want to imagine how this event would change Star Valley.

While Storm Heart's members discussed the matter amongst themselves, news of the Starlight Fortress's capture spread like wildfire throughout the western continent.

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Chapter 2460 – Swarming Starlight Fortress Silvermoon Empire, Silver Lion City:

“What did you say? Zero Wing has already captured the Starlight Fortress?” Adolf was momentarily stunned when he heard MacAffrey's report. “Impossible! Your group only left a while ago! Even if you hadn't rested, how could you have slain several hundred thousand monsters in the fortress so quickly?!”

Adolf felt as if MacAffrey were playing a joke on him. Zero Wing and the Silver Lion Legion hadn't even been gone from Silver Lion City for more than a day, and the Starlight Fortress was home to hundreds of thousands of monsters, the weakest of which was Lord rank. Furthermore, there were plenty of Great Lords and Grand Lords in the fortress, and multiple Mythic ranked Guardian Bosses.

Even if the Starlight Fortress had opened its gate to the Silver Lion Legion, the legion's 8,000 players would still need a lot of time to clear out all of the monsters. It'd be a miracle if the legion finished the job within two or three days.

However, less than a day had passed since the legion had left for Star Valley, and including travel time, they had spent even less time in the area.

Did MacAffrey assume he had gone senile with old age?

“It’s true, Great Elder,” MacAffrey insisted, smiling bitterly when he saw Adolfs skepticism. “Take a look for yourself if you don’t believe me. We’ve already entered the Starlight Fortress and are clearing out the monsters. The fortress magic array is now buffing us, rather than its previous residents.”

As MacAffrey spoke, he changed the video chat to display his view of the situation.

Adolfs display then revealed the Silver Lion Legion’s fight with the Elemental Creatures within the Starlight Fortress. Although the weakest of the Elemental Creatures were Level 110 Lords, and many of them were Level 110-plus Great Lords and Grand Lords, the fortress’s magic array suppressed every one of the monsters, drastically reducing their Basic Attributes and mobility. In addition, the legion’s members were surrounded by a faint purple glow, significantly enhancing their Attributes and physiques.

Although the Silver Lion Legion was badly outnumbered, the Elemental Creatures were no match for them, and the monsters continued to fall as the fight continued. Seeing this made it obvious that the Starlight Fortress was now under player control. Otherwise, the fortress’s magic array wouldn’t behave in such a way.

“How is this possible?!” Adolf stared with wide eyes.

They were talking about one of Star Valley’s fortresses!

Even if several superpowers worked together, they still couldn’t capture a fortress in this Level 100-plus forbidden land, much less Divine Tribe alone.

“Great Elder, I doubt it will be long before the other superpowers hear of this. The Main God System had announced the Starlight Fortress’s capture in a regional announcement. We couldn’t keep this a secret if we wanted to,” MacAffrey cautioned. He could sympathize with how Adolf felt at the moment.

When Shi Feng had first declared that he wanted to capture the Starlight Fortress, MacAffrey had assumed the Swordsman was both insane and ignorant.

The west’s various superpowers had to expend a lot of resources and manpower to obtain a single town, yet Shi Feng wanted to capture a fortress in a Level 100-plus forbidden land. Clearly, he hadn’t been taking the western continent’s superpowers seriously.

Star Valley had leveling resources that were unique to the area. It was also home to the west’s only two known God Mode Regional Dungeons.

It was no exaggeration to claim that owning one of Star Valley’s fortresses was on par with owning several Grade 1 veins.

If the various superpowers were capable of capturing these fortresses, they would’ve already done so. How could a pseudo-superpower like Zero Wing possibly succeed where the various superpowers had failed?

In the end, however, Shi Feng had succeeded. Moreover, the strength Zero Wing had displayed was far beyond anything MacAffrey could’ve imagined. When it came to laying siege to fortified locations, Zero Wing outstripped ordinary superpowers. In fact, not even Super Guilds would prove as adept as Zero Wing in this respect.

The Domain tools and the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship Shi Feng had revealed were godly tools during an offensive siege. Watching those tools in action had changed everything MacAffrey had thought he knew about siege battles. Before the Ring of Gospel and Flying Ship, Tier 3 experts were nothing...

“It seems I still underestimated Zero Wing. Not only can it travel between the continents, but it has even proven capable of capturing the Starlight Fortress. Not even Super Guilds have such firm foundations,” Adolf said, taking a deep breath to calm himself. He also reevaluated what he knew about the Guild known as Zero Wing. “Since that is the case, I want you to give everything you have in assisting Zero Wing from now on. Also, inform Black Flame that Divine Tribe is willing to go all-out in helping his Guild manage the Starlight Fortress. Not only will we send the Divine Hymn Legion and a 150,000-man expert army to garrison the fortress free of charge, but we’ll also give Zero Wing 100 Bottles of the Special Enchanted Bloodline. In return, all Divine Tribe wants is a temporary Residence in the Starlight Fortress!”

Adolf's declaration stunned MacAffrey.

“Do we really need to go that far, Great Elder? Setting aside the Divine Hymn Legion, we went to great lengths to save up 100 bottles of the Special Enchanted Bloodline. If we give them all to Zero Wing, our Guild’s Tier 2 experts will have a much harder time reaching Tier 3 than other superpowers’ players,” MacAffrey quickly tried to dissuade Adolf from his decision.

The Divine Hymn Legion wasn’t as strong as the Silver Lion Legion, but it was the Guild’s second-strongest trump card legion. Normally, it was responsible for garrisoning the Guild’s important mining towns. If they transferred the Divine Hymn Legion to the Starlight Fortress, those mining town’s defenses would become a problem.

The 100 Special Enchanted Bloodlines were also supposed to be the capital Divine Tribe used to compete with the various Super Guilds. These Bloodlines could help the Guild quickly nurture Tier 3 experts. With another 100 Tier 3 experts, Divine Tribe could start raiding Level 100 super-large-scale Team dungeons, instantly surpassing the various Super Guilds.

Although Zero Wing had secured the Starlight Fortress, fortresses in forbidden lands weren’t like those in other maps. Even after capturing them, players couldn’t gain full control of these fortresses.

Moreover, NPCs wouldn't be around to help manage the fortresses, and thus, they would require a large number of experts to protect them long-term. Otherwise, it wouldn't be long before the ruling power started having problems.

Since news of the Starlight Fortress's capture had already begun to spread, many powers would swarm to it in the near future. Meanwhile, Zero Wing had barely any manpower on the western continent. Without Divine Tribe's help, defending the Starlight Fortress was impossible for Zero Wing. There was simply no reason for Divine Tribe to give Zero Wing 100 bottles of the Special Enchanted Bloodline.

"Mhm. We have to. You should realize that if we want a temporary Residence in Star Valley, Zero Wing is our only option for an ally. On the other hand, Zero Wing can choose from many superpowers to ally with. However, Small Fortresses can only have one temporary Residence, and we have to have it, no matter what!" Adolf sternly informed his subordinate.

The potential wealth and resources related to the Starlight Fortress couldn't be underestimated, especially the leveling resources. If Divine Tribe could secure a temporary Residence in the Starlight Fortress, the Guild's overall leveling speed would surpass the other superpowers' by a large margin.

One hundred Special Enchanted Bloodlines? Zero Wing really has lucked out. When Crimson Witch overheard Adolfs statement and tone, she knew the Great Elder had already made up his mind. She wasn't happy about it, but there was nothing she could do to change it. A lot of superpowers will be paying attention to the fortress, and it still isn't guaranteed that Zero Wing can defend its ownership. Hopefully, Zero Wing doesn't act foolishly.

While Divine Tribe discussed the matter, the west's various superpowers began to grow restless.

"Interesting! It seems someone has proven capable of capturing the Starlight Fortress! Which power is it?"

"Could it be a hidden superpower that has finally decided to spread its wings?"

“Regardless, let’s go take a look at the fortress. If this unknown power can’t manage the fortress, this is the perfect opportunity to take it from them!”

The western continent’s various powers began to dispatch large expert teams, sending them to Star Valley.

These teams only had one goal.

Take the Starlight Fortress!

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