

Chapter 2491 – Basic Mana Control

“He decoded it?”

“Something like this is actually breakable?”

As the black fog disappeared, silence fell over the group of players as they stared at Shi Feng in astonishment. They were a hundred times more shocked than when the Mana density around Shi Feng had increased due to his Mana control.

The Demon God’s Temptation temples had survived since ancient times, and the Main God System had set the rules that governed them. Players had no choice but to follow these rules if they wished to complete the Demon God’s Temptation. Not even the various superpowers could manage to get around these rules.

None of God’s Domain’s players would even dream of breaking these rules, since they had already accepted the Main God System’s rules as an integral part of their lives.

However, Shi Feng hadn’t just refused to follow these rules. He actually broke them. He had shaken their very understanding of God’s Domain.

“He succeeded?! How is this possible?!” Thunder Beast stared at Shi Feng in shock. He could hardly believe what was happening, yet with the results of Shi Feng’s efforts before him, he couldn’t deny it. “Is he really a player?”

Thunder Beast began to suspect that Shi Feng wasn’t actually another player, but an NPC in disguise.

First, Shi Feng had displayed Mana control that rivaled Tier 4 magical class NPCs. Then, he had successfully decoded the magic arrays that sealed the temple. Neither feat should be possible for current players.

It's no wonder why Divine Tribe was willing to work with him, even without demanding some of the Starlight Fortress's shares and going as far as to station so many of its members in the fortress. Is this his true trump card? Hell Rush could not help his bitter smile as he watched the magic arrays around the temple lose power.

Hell Rush had assumed Zero Wing had gotten extremely lucky to obtain a Dragon and a Fortress Prison after capturing the Starlight Fortress. These factors were the very reasons that the Hell Legion hadn't been able to cause trouble for the fortress. Still, he hadn't felt particularly threatened by Zero Wing's small group.

The Guild's foundations in the west were pathetically weak, even with five experts that had unlocked their Mana Bodies' full potential.

A handful of players wasn't enough to influence a Guild's standing in the overall competition between God's Domain's many Guilds, especially in the competition between the various superpowers.

The various superpowers might not have the strength to take the Starlight Fortress now, but they could rely on another method—stealing the Fortress Lord's Token. Although the Fortress Lord's Token was heavily guarded, it couldn't be removed from the fortress. Normally, the ruling individual could only store the token in the Fortress Lord's Mansion behind heavy security.

All the various superpowers needed to do was send enough experts to siege the Starlight Fortress and its Fortress Lord's Mansion. Not even a Dragon could stop an army of hundreds of thousands or millions of experts. Furthermore, the various superpowers had tools they could use to pin the Dragon down for a

short time. Stealing the fortress from Zero Wing was entirely possible. It would be costly, but as long as the superpowers were willing to cooperate, they could accomplish the feat.

Seeing the Swordsman before him now, however, Hell Rush doubted that even the various superpowers' combined forces would be able to take the Starlight Fortress from this man.

With Shi Feng's Mana control and knowledge of magic arrays, no player could threaten his hold on the fortress at this stage of the game.

God's Domain's automatic magic arrays and those under a player's control had different effects. The various superpowers had conducted their own secret experiments to test this concept. Unfortunately, controlling a city's defensive magic array was incredibly difficult. Not only did players need sufficient understanding of magic arrays, but they also needed sufficient Mana control. This was why NPC cities were so difficult to capture.

Ordinary players might assume that major NPC cities' defensive magic arrays were simply stronger than those in Guild Cities, but that wasn't truly the case.

The defensive magic arrays in NPC cities were only slightly stronger than those in Guild Cities, but because NPC cities were guarded by Tier 4 NPCs, there were NPCs that were responsible for manipulating the city's defensive magic array. These NPCs would strengthen the array until the barrier could even withstand Tier 5 NPCs' attacks for a long time. If the Starlight Fortress had someone to control its defensive magic array, what chance did the various superpowers have to break through it?

While the Hell Legion's members were confused and stunned, excitement overwhelmed Shi Feng.

Thank goodness, I made it!

After three hours of desperate study, he had finally grasped the profound concepts of the seven elements. He still couldn't execute any of Holy Annihilation's three moves, but he now had Basic Mana control. He could now draw Master Magic Arrays based on the Four Major Elements' movement patterns. Normally, only Tier 3 magical class NPCs could perform the task.

He was still far from having the Mana control to rival Tier 4 magical class NPCs. To reach that standard, he'd have to draw simple magic arrays with the Three Supreme Elements. Once one could do so, they'd be able to create their own Mana Domains, which were far more powerful than using a Skill or Spell to form a Domain.

Even so, Shi Feng was satisfied with his progress.

Only a small number of the Tier 6 Mage Gods from his previous life had reached this standard at Tier 3. Most had only made so much progress after reaching Tier 4.

Fortunately, he only needed to possess Basic Mana Control to decode the magic arrays protecting the temple. As an additional bonus, he was now on the brink of becoming an Intermediate Master Magician thanks to the Holy Annihilation Legacy. Decoding these arrays proved far easier than it had been, and he completed the task in no time.

His success also excited Aqua Rose and the other Zero Wing experts.

Now that the magic arrays had been decoded, they had a chance of claiming the temple's Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest.

If they could get their hands on that treasure chest, Zero Wing might gain another Fragmented Legendary item, which meant the Guild could gain another apex expert.

Before Aqua Rose and her companions could celebrate, however, a seven-meter-tall figure in pitch-black armor and wearing a horned helmet appeared within the temple. This figure also wielded a pitch-black axe, ready for battle.

The moment the figure appeared, the temple began to radiate an intense amount of Divine Might. Even Hell Rush and his legion, who stood over 300 yards away from the temple, were overwhelmed by a sense of dread.

[Demon God, Atlock] (God's Phantom, Mythic) Level 120

HP??????/??????

Everyone gasped when they saw Atlock's Attributes.

Level 120? Even Shi Feng stared at Atlock with a grim expression.

NPCs weren't like players. Every five levels, they received a massive strength boost. A Level 120 NPC's combat power was in a completely different league than that of a Level 110 NPC.

Right now, Atlock was even stronger than the Silver Divine Dragon, Auerbeck.

"Are you really going in there, Guild Leader?" Aqua Rose asked worriedly.

She had been confident of their chances of securing the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest before she had seen Atlock, but after witnessing the Demon God's phantom for herself, she realized how wrong she had been.

She wouldn't last more than five seconds against the phantom. Even from so far away, the Demon God's Divine Might reduced her combat power by at least 30%. She'd lose even more once she was within attack range.

"I've already gone this far. I have to try," Shi Feng said, gritting his teeth.

The Demon God's Temptation appeared at random. One would have to be incredibly lucky to encounter one.

If this Demon God's Temptation had only housed an Epic Treasure Chest, he would've dismissed it without a thought, but he'd be wrought with regret if he gave up on an Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest without trying his best.

Even after a decade in God's Domain, Fragmented Legendary items had been extremely rare, and every one was a priceless treasure. Although Shi Feng remembered a few clues that would lead to Fragmented Legendary items, whether or not he could claim them was another matter altogether.

Since he had a high chance of securing a Fragmented Legendary item now, how could he walk away without putting up a fight?

His opponent might be a Level 120, Tier 4 Demon God, but he still had a chance of victory. He didn't actually have to fight the phantom. He just needed to buy enough time to take the treasure chest and get out.

After giving his answer, Shi Feng approached the temple.

“What? He’s really going in?” Thunder Beast gaped in shock.

Words were no longer sufficient to describe the Demon God’s strength. Just having the courage to enter the temple was impressive, not to mention fighting Atlock. That Demon God could likely even instant-kill Tier 4 NPCs, let alone current Tier 3 players. There was no way to buy time with such an opponent on one’s heels.

Shi Feng had decoded the temple’s outer magic arrays, allowing players to enter and leave the temple freely and use magic tools, but the temple’s inner magic array remained intact. The inner magic array ensured that only one player could enter the temple at a time. In other words, Shi Feng would have to face the Tier 4 Demon God by himself. How much time could he possibly buy himself?

“Puny adventurer, you are capable and brave. You’ve decoded the magic array I had set up outside, and you even dare to enter my temple after seeing my phantom,” Atlock addressed Shi Feng, a hint of recognition lacing his tone. However, his words also contained a trace of anger. “But, this ends now! Since you have dared to break my trial, I will eliminate you from this world!”

After saying so, the intensity of Atlock’s Divine Might skyrocketed, and it felt as if a one-ton weight had been dropped on Shi Feng’s shoulders. Even walking became a challenge.

Sure enough, taking on a Tier 4 God’s phantom won’t be easy. Shi Feng flashed Atlock a bitter smile as the phantom’s Divine Might swept over him. I can only try my luck!

Following which, Shi Feng pulled a Summon Guard Scroll from his bag and called Anna to his side.

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Now that the temple's outer magic array had been disabled, players could summon Personal Guards inside the temple. As Shi Feng activated the Summon Guard Scroll, a summoning array appeared before him, and as it completed, a blonde woman in luxurious crimson robes emerged.

The moment this woman appeared, the Mana, which had frozen due to Atlock's incredible Divine Might, began to relax and move. Shi Feng also felt some of the pressure on him subside, making it far easier to move.

"What a high leveled Personal Guard!" Thunder Beast exclaimed when he saw Anna.

Anna had already reached Level 119, while the strongest Personal Guard in Netherworld Empire had only reached Level 115. Anna was undoubtedly the highest-leveled Personal Guard Thunder Beast had ever seen.

Although the gap only consisted of four levels, the amount of EXP those four levels required was astronomical.

"What is he trying to do? Is he planning on throwing away his Personal Guard's life as well as his own?" When Hell Rush saw Shi Feng summon Anna, he was sure the Swordsman had gone mad.

Anna's level was high, but Atlock was Level 120. There was a considerable difference between a Level 119 NPC and a Level 120 NPC. Most importantly, Anna was only Tier 3, whereas Atlock was Tier 4.

Factoring in the difference between their Life Ratings, Anna didn't even have a chance of serving as a distraction to buy time. The Demon God would kill her instantly. Shi Feng was simply insane for summoning his Personal Guard here.

Before Hell Rush and his companions could say more, however, Anna began to chant an incantation. A gigantic, threefold magic array then appeared on the temple's ceiling, illuminating the dusky temple and surrounding area with its dazzling, golden glow.

After a moment, a woman in silvery-white armor with three pairs of pure-white feathery wings slowly descended from the golden magic array.

"How is that possible?! A Tier 4 Higher Valkyrie!?"

Every member of the Hell Legion stared at the Valkyrie with wide, shocked eyes.

Players on the western continent were quite familiar with the concept of Valkyries. The continent's major NPC cities generally summoned these beings when they fought powerful Demonic Creature armies. Valkyries were considered major NPC cities' trump cards.

Higher Valkyries, on the other hand, had the Life Rating to rival Dragons. They were nigh_invincible among those of the same tier.

A Dark Dragon had once assaulted a border city in the west, and the War God's Temple's Branch Temple Master had stepped up and summoned a Higher Valkyrie to save his city. Facing both the Branch Temple Master and his Higher Valkyrie, the Dark Dragon had been forced to retreat.

And now, Shi Feng revealed that he, too, could summon a Higher Valkyrie. Even if he did so by relying on his Personal Guard, the fact that he had this ability would shock all on the western continent.

A Tier 4 Higher Valkyrie was even stronger than a Tier 4 Hero of the same level, and the Valkyrie would have no issues destroying a minor NPC city by themselves. Moreover, unlike the Silver Divine Dragon, Shi Feng's Higher Valkyrie wasn't chained to the Starlight Fortress[1]. He could take this Valkyrie wherever he went and summon her to aid him in battle...

Just how many trump cards does he have? Hell Rush was at a loss for words.

Not only was Shi Feng's Mana control and combat power extraordinary, but he could also summon a Higher Valkyrie whenever it pleased him. He was practically a one-man army.

If the various superpowers that wanted to assassinate Shi Feng found out about this, they'd likely abandon any such thought in an instant.

Once the Higher Valkyrie had joined the battle, Shi Feng activated the Ring of Gospel's Miniature World and Ring of Brilliance. The projected world extended its power to suppress the Demon God while Ring of Brilliance boosted the Higher Valkyrie's Attributes.

"A Higher Valkyrie and World Projection?" A hint of interest flashed in Atlock's gaze when he saw his new opponent. "It seems you are quite capable, adventurer. Unfortunately, all your efforts are useless against my phantom doppelganger!"

Suddenly, Miniature World's power stopped 100 yards away from the Demon God.

Not even Miniature World's projection can suppress him? Shi Feng was astonished to see Miniature World prove ineffective against Atlock. As expected of a God's Phantom, this won't be easy.

He had known that a God's Phantom wasn't an ordinary NPC. His only hope in activating Miniature World was that it would barely suppress Atlock. However, Miniature World's power couldn't even reach the Demon God, much less suppress it.

Fortunately, Shi Feng had prepared for this, and he immediately activated the Hero's Tome.

A pillar of light then rose within the temple, and a man in white clothing and wielding a golden sword stepped out of the light.

[Arslet] (Hero, Tier 4 Sword Saint) Level 131

HP 112,000,000/112,000,000

This was the main reason Shi Feng had dared to challenge a Demon God's Phantom.

A Tier 4 Hero's Life Rating couldn't compare to that of a Demon God's Phantom, but with Arslet's higher level, he could be able to mitigate much of Atlock's advantage.

Meanwhile, Arslet's arrival had rendered the Hell Legion speechless.

First, Shi Feng had called forth a Tier 4 Higher Valkyrie, and now, a Tier 4 Hero. He was practically out to decimate both heaven and earth!

“Go!”

Once Arslet had joined the battle, Shi Feng didn't hesitate to give the command to attack.

The Higher Valkyrie and Arslet attacked the Demon God simultaneously, moving so fast that not even Tier 3 experts could keep up. Only Fire Dance and the others, who had fully unlocked Mana Bodies, barely caught sight of the two Tier 4 beings as they moved.

While the two NPCs began their assault, Shi Feng activated Heavenly Dragon's Power and charged toward the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest in the core of the temple.

Normally, the combination of a Tier 4 Higher Valkyrie and a Tier 4 Hero would be a disaster wherever they went, but against the Tier 4 Demon God's Phantom, they were nothing.

Short of enlisting the help of a Divine Dragon of the same level, stopping an Ancient God's phantom would be utterly impossible.

Shi Feng only hoped that the two summoned NPCs could buy him as much time as possible. He didn't need a lot; 20 or 30 seconds would be enough.

Treasure chests within Demon God's Temptations were never locked, and Inferior Legendary Treasure Chests were no exception. Players would be able to open any treasure chest they found in a Demon God's Temptation, although activating the chest would still require 20 seconds.

During his previous life, the first independent player to successfully loot a Demon God's Temptation had only succeeded because he had possessed an Ancient Magic Crystal and the Tier 5 Defensive Spell it had contained. Although the Ancient Magic Crystal had been a single-use item, the Spell within had allowed the independent player to survive the 20-second activation time and retreat from the temple with the prize. If not for that Tier 5 Defensive Spell, the independent player would never have survived to claim the treasure, even after decoding the temple's outer magic array.

Unfortunately, Shi Feng didn't have a Tier 5 Defensive Magic Scroll or any tool that could protect him from a Tier 5 being's attacks. He could only rely on the Higher Valkyrie and Arslet to distract the Demon God's Phantom long enough for him to escape.

As Shi Feng slid up to the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, two explosions rang out behind him.

Two figures had been thrown into one of the temple's walls, the Higher Valkyrie and Arslet. Both bore visible wounds. Obviously, the Demon God's attack had repelled them, and they had each lost a significant chunk of their HPs.

The difference between the two side's combat power was clear. This was more of a one-sided slaughter than a battle.

Every player outside of the temple gaped in shock after witnessing that first strike.

The two NPCs could decimate a minor NPC city on their own, yet the Demon God had sent both powerhouses flying with a single attack.

None of them could imagine what kind of power a player would need to clear this trial.

Shi Feng had already found a cheat-like loophole to tackle the Demon God's Temptation, allowing him to use magic tools in the battle, and yet he was still at such a despairing disadvantage. If one tackled this challenge normally, not even a Tier 5 player would survive, much less a Tier 4 player. Moreover, that was assuming the Demon God's Phantom would still be Tier 4.

Fortunately, neither summoned being was a player. They had incredibly high HPs. Even for the Demon God, killing them should take at least 20 seconds.

"Foolish human! You dare to steal my treasure?! I will obliterate you!" Atlock bellowed when he noticed Shi Feng activating the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest.

A ball of silver fire then appeared in Atlock's free hand, and it grew as the seconds ticked by. After just two seconds, the fireball had grown to the size of a two-story building. Once Atlock was satisfied with the size of his fireball, he hurled it at Shi Feng.

Shi Feng felt the threat of death as the silver flames approached, and he immediately instructed the Higher Valkyrie and Arset to use their strongest moves to defend him.

The Higher Valkyrie responded by throwing her Spear of Thunder at the Demon God, while Arset executed a Tier 4 Taboo Skill, Demonsional Flurry.

Boom!

The temple shook violently when the attacks landed, and the silver fireball dissipated, saving Shi Feng from certain death.

“Despicable ant, do you think your little tricks are enough to stop me?!”

Atlock’s rage grew after the Higher Valkyrie and Arslet countered his fireball, and he raised his axe, swinging it at both summoned beings.

Space before the Demon God’s Phantom shattered, forming multiple spatial tears that reached for Shi Feng’s summoned guards.

A Mana Technique? The attack felt unsettlingly familiar to Shi Feng. It was so similar to Eliadi’s Third Sword, Holy Annihilation. However, a Tier 4 God’s Phantom had used this move, not a Tier 3 Heavenly Blue Saint.

Neither the Higher Valkyrie nor Arselt could counter this attack, and it sent both flying into the temple’s walls once more. This time, the temple’s solid walls began to crack.

Both summoned beings were now heavily injured...

“Foolish thief! Now it’s your turn!” Atlock roared, sneering as he turned toward Shi Feng.

Atlock then swung his axe at the Swordsman, who stood over 50 yards away.

Space before Shi Feng started to break, and spatial tears flew toward Shi Feng like a torrent of water.

Realizing that the Higher Valkyrie and Arselt couldn't come to his rescue this time, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and activated the Seven Luminaries Ring's Absolute Domain.

Block it!

Chapter 2493 – Holding Back a Demon

God "It's over!"

"Isn't this Demon God's Phantom a little too strong?!"

Everyone gaped as they watched Atlock's attack fly toward Shi Feng.

That attack was as powerful as a large-scale destruction Spell, and it didn't even have a channeling time...

It was also the same move Atlock had used to injure the Higher Valkyrie and the Tier 4 Hero. If not even those two could endure the attack, what chance did a Tier 3 player like Shi Feng have of surviving it?

Not even a powerful Invulnerability Skill could save the Swordsman now.

There was no such thing as a true Invulnerability Skill in God's Domain. The game's so-called Invulnerability Skills and Spells were merely Defensive Skills and Spells that could block an opponent's attack and absorb the damage. However, if the opponent's attack were more powerful than the Defensive Skill or Spell's damage tolerance, players would receive some of the damage.

Based on Atlock's displays of power thus far, he definitely had Tier 5 strength. He might even be powerful enough to rival Tier 5 Dragons. Not even an NPC's defensive magic array could handle that kind of power.

At most, players' current Invulnerability Skills and Spells could block Tier 4 attacks; they'd be utterly useless against Tier 5 attacks. The few horribly unlucky players to encounter Tier 5 beings had tried to use Invulnerability Skills and Spells, yet they had died instantly.

The shattered space within the temple rapidly reached toward Shi Feng, covering a large enough area that it was impossible to evade.

Suddenly, however, golden, divine runes appeared around the Swordsman, radiating an indescribably sacred feeling. Boom!

An intense explosion shook the temple, and the impact's shockwave even reached the Hell Legion. Atlock certainly had the power to decimate heaven and earth.

"Sure enough, this trial is a trap. There's no way players can clear it."

Every member of the Hell Legion shook their head and sighed as clouds of dust obscured the temple.

If Atlock hadn't used such an unbeatable move, Shi Feng might have secured the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest with the help of his Higher Valkyrie and Tier 4 Hero. Unfortunately, the Demon God's Phantom was too powerful. Current players had no hope against it.

Seeing this, Zero Wing's members wore grim expressions.

Shi Feng and Zero Wing could recover if he suffered a normal death, but if he died in this temple, he'd have to remake his account.

"Wait! I see a golden light within the temple!"

Just as everyone assumed the fight was over, someone noticed a faint, golden glow radiating from within the dusky temple.

"He blocked it?"

Hell Rush stared at the settling dust clouds and quickly spotted Shi Feng, still standing before the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest. The Swordsman was battered and had lost more than half of his HP, but the Demon God's attack hadn't slain him.

"Is he even human?"

When the other Hell Legions saw this, they were beyond astonished.

A Tier 5 Dragon could destroy an entire city in one hit, but even after taking an attack of that caliber, Shi Feng had survived, only losing a little over half of his HP. His defenses were heaven-defying.

“You’re quite lucky, puny adventurer. You managed to break through at the last moment and strengthen the magic array in that despicable ring of yours,” Atlock said, glaring at Shi Feng. The Mana within the temple then turned frosty. “However, your luck ends here. That ring can only save you once. Do you think you can block my next attack?”

Atlock gripped his axe in both hands and raised it above his head. He closed his eyes and began to gather the ambient Mana to his weapon. The gathered Mana grew so dense that it soon took on physical form.

Black Hole!

With the axe as its core, a miniature black hole formed above Atlock, swallowing everything nearby. It’s incredible gravitational pull twisted space around it, sparing nothing...

He still hadn’t used his full strength? Shi Feng could only watch the Demon God’s Phantom with a bitter smile.

As Atlock had said, Shi Feng had broken through to the Intermediate Master Magician standard at the last moment and manipulated the Seven Luminaries Ring’s magic array. Even so, Absolute Domain hadn’t been strong enough to block all of Atlock’s attack.

Worse yet, he couldn’t use Absolute Domain again for another several minutes.

Even if he could use the Skill right now, it wouldn’t be able to stop Atlock’s miniature black hole...

“Run while the Demon God is charging his attack, Guild Leader! If you let it hit you, everything we’ve worked for will be over! We’ll have plenty of chances to acquire Fragmented Legendary items in the future!” Aqua Rose shouted in the team chat.

The Demon God’s prior attack had already been terrifying, yet the move Atlock was preparing to use had already increased the temperature within a 600-yard radius to a scorching high. This attack was far more powerful than the previous one. If it hit Shi Feng, not even ashes would remain.

There’s six seconds left?

Hearing Aqua Rose’s urgent advice, Shi Feng glanced at the loading bar hovering over the treasure chest. What he saw left him speechless.

Atlock, Arslet, and the Higher Valkyrie had already exchanged over a dozen moves, and Shi Feng had deliberately remained motionless after the Demon God’s last attack had struck, trying to buy even more time. And yet, only 14 seconds had passed...

Shi Feng realized that he could no longer rely on the Higher Valkyrie and Tier 4 Hero, since both had lost a significant portion of their combat power.

“Escape? Do you honestly think I’ll let you?” Atlock realized what was going through Shi Feng’s mind when he saw the Swordsman’s expression. Sneering, he continued, “Since you’ve dared to plunder my treasure chest without passing my trial, only one outcome awaits you!”

The space around the miniature black hole froze, and Shi Feng could hardly move, let alone use teleportation magic. “Thief, begone from God’s Domain!”

Atlock's eyes began to glow with a strange, crimson light, and he swung his axe in a downward arch, pushing the miniature black hole toward Shi Feng. The Demon God's weapon crumbled and merged with the black hole in the process.

As the black hole pulled away from Atlock, the gravitational pull within the temple increased by several fold, and the miniature black hole left only a void in its path.

Don't you dare think I'm that easy to kill!

Shi Feng realized that escape was no longer possible as he watched the miniature black hole approach. He decided to go for broke, pulling the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship from his bag and using a Tier 4 Defensive Magic Scroll to bolster the ship's defenses.

The Crimson Dragon Flying Ship had Upper-rank Tier 3 defensive capabilities, which was only slightly weaker than a major NPC city's walls. Normally, only Tier 4 existences could damage the Flying Ship.

The Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's colossal hull manifested between Shi Feng and the incoming black hole. Once it grew to full size, a magic barrier appeared around the ship.

Block it!

The miniature black hole that slammed into the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship.

As the attack made contact, the Tier 4 magic barrier around the Flying Ship disappeared, melting like a candle in a firestorm. Fortunately, the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship had fared better than that, although it rapidly disintegrated, losing durability by the hundreds.

After three short seconds, the Flying Ship's durability had fallen from 5,000 to less than 2,000...

Although the Flying Ship continued to lose durability, the loss slowed. It was clear that the miniature black hole had lost a considerable amount of power.

You must block it!

Shi Feng's anxiety spiked as he watched the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's durability fall to 500. If not even the Flying Ship could block the miniature black hole, it would kill him instantly with how little HP he had remaining.

Five hundred... Three hundred... One hundred...

Shi Feng thought everything was over the moment the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship's durability hit zero, but the miniature black hole began to fade away. A short moment later, space within the temple returned to normal.

By the time the black hole had disappeared, the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest's activation had ended. Colorful lights filled the entire temple, so dazzling that one could see them from anywhere on the Star Tomb's second floor.

Success!

Shi Feng was ecstatic to see the treasure chest's lid open. He reached into the chest without any hesitation, grabbing the items and tossing them into his Epic Spatial Bag, one after another, not bothering to inspect them.

Despite Shi Feng's speed, however, the treasure chest was too large, and the items within weren't organized. Moreover, the treasure chest contained over 20 items. By the time Shi Feng collected the 10th item, Atlock was mad with wrath.

"You'll never leave this place alive, thief!" Atlock bellowed.

Shi Feng heard the sound of shattering chains, and the Demon God's Phantom grew from Tier 4 to Tier 5. The phantom now exuded enough power that even Hell Rush and his Hell Legion, who had remained far away from the temple, shuddered in fear. Their instincts screamed at them to flee.

"Crap! Everyone, run!"

Shi Feng gave Atlock, who was going berserk, a grim look. He hadn't expected the situation to develop like this. After he gave the command to retreat, he promptly used the Tier 3 Instantaneous Movement Scroll he had prepared beforehand.

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When Shi Feng disappeared, Atlock's became even more incensed.

You think you can escape my grasp, thief?”

The Demon God’s eyes narrowed as he shifted his gaze to the forest’s southern end. With a cutting hand gesture, Atlock created a Spatial Gate, stepping into it and leaving only Anna, Arslet, and the Higher Valkyrie in the temple.

As Atlock left, the temple began to fade away. The players outside of the temple gasped as it did. They had never dreamed that Shi Feng would get away, accomplishing a feat that not even the west’s various superpowers could overcome.

Although Shi Feng had relied on a cheat-like method to do so, it was an undeniable fact that he had secured the treasure from a Demon God’s Temptation.

What surprised everyone more, however, was the fact that the Demon God’s Phantom had reached Tier 5 at the very last minute...

After witnessing the Demon God’s Phantom’s combat power at Tier 4, they all knew that it was practically invincible at this stage of the game now that it had reached Tier 5. Destroying an entire empire should be a piece of cake for the being, much less an entire kingdom.

Furthermore, the Demon God’s Phantom had left the temple to chase down Shi Feng. The situation was simply absurd.

“Commander, let’s get out of here! If that Demon God returns, it won’t rest until every last one of us is dead!” Thunder Beast urged Hell Rush once Atlock had left through the Spatial Gate.

Even without Shi Feng's warning to flee, they knew how dangerous their current predicament was.

"Retreat!"

Hell Rush could only sigh as he glanced toward the forest's southern area. Although Shi Feng had secured the treasure, a Tier 5 Demon God's Phantom was now hunting him. Shi Feng's chances of surviving were practically non-existent.

An enraged Tier 5 Demon God was no trivial existence. Not even a Tier 5 Dragon would escape Atlock's wrath.

While the Hell Legion and Zero Wing's experts pulled back to the passage leading to the Star Tomb's first floor, Shi Feng, who had fled by using a Tier 3 Instantaneous Movement Scroll, activated Disintegration Power, forcing himself to Tier 4. He then activated Gale Domain and flew toward the Star Tomb's exit with as much haste as possible, no slower than a Flying Mount.

Before Shi Feng had made it 2,000 yards, however, a Spatial Gate opened in his path, and Atlock emerged.

He teleported here directly?

The sight of the Demon God's Phantom left Shi Feng speechless. He hadn't expected Atlock to be this vicious.

Based on what Shi Feng remembered from his past, the Demon God's Phantom guarding the temple shouldn't chase after a player once they left the temple with the treasure, yet not only had Atlock continued the chase, but the Demon God's Phantom had teleported to him, as well...

"I will eliminate every trace of your soul from this world, thief!" The moment Atlock spotted his prey, he began to chant an incantation.

The sky above Shi Feng shattered, and an endless torrent of fire descended, covering a 4,000-yard radius.

Tier 5 Curse, Extinction Flames!

Normally, Tier 5 Divine Mages needed over a dozen seconds to cast this Spell, yet Atlock cast it instantaneously.

To make matters worse, players couldn't even use Tier 3 Instantaneous Movement Scrolls within Extinction Flame's AOE.

Noticing the inferno from a distance, the Hell Legion and Zero Wing's members were astonished. Even from so far, they could see flames engulf the area above the entire southern forest, threatening to devour the wooded area.

How could anybody escape such a terrifying attack?

Suddenly a spatial tear opened before the team, and a figure jumped through it. The figure was none other than Shi Feng, who looked incredibly miserable. His HP was already in the red.

“Guild Leader Black Flame? You actually managed to escape?” Hell Rush was surprised to see the Swordsman.

The rest of the team could only stare at Shi Feng in shock.

The Demon God had clearly used a Tier 5 Curse against Shi Feng, yet he had escaped with his life. It was unbelievable...

“Everyone, get ready! The Demon God’s Phantom hasn’t noticed me yet! I’ll open a Spatial Gate that teleports us to the first floor! As soon as it opens, go through it!” Shi Feng shouted his command when his teammates only stared at him.

The only way to flee from a Tier 5 Curse like Extinction Flames was to teleport out of range with a Tier 4 Instantaneous Movement Scroll. Although Shi Feng didn’t have one on hand, he had the Seven Luminaries Ring, an extraordinary lifesaving tool.

With the Seven Luminaries Ring’s Space Movement, he could teleport to any location within a 600,000-yard radius, but when he had jumped into the spatial tear the Skill created, the Curse’s flames had followed, scorching him and nearly taking his life. Fortunately, he had activated Disintegration Power, which temporarily granted him a Tier 4 player’s Defense and HP. If he had only relied on Heavenly Dragon’s Power’s Defense and HP, that attack would’ve been the end of him.

However, Space Movement had a 3-minute Cooldown. If the Demon God came at him again, he wouldn’t survive.

He couldn't just leave the Hell Legion and his comrades here, and now that Atlock was so furious, the Demon God's Phantom would transform every inch of the Star Tomb into a land of death. Aqua Rose and the others could only survive if they left the Regional Dungeon now.

Shi Feng didn't waste any time in summoning the Spatial Gate. The rest of his team realized that they were in a race against time, as well, and they charged through the Spatial Gate the moment it was complete, vanishing from the Star Tomb's second floor.

By the time Atlock had realized what was happening and used Space Movement himself, everyone had fled through the Spatial Gate already.

"Despicable thief! I will never let you get away with this!" Atlock roared as the Spatial Gate disappeared as well. Meanwhile, once Shi Feng was outside of the Star Tomb, he received a system notification.

System: You have triggered the Legendary Quest, 'Demon God's Wrath.'. You have stolen Demon God Atlock's treasure, and the Demon God has employed the Soul Curse against you in retaliation. Not only will Demon God Atlock and his kin hunt you, but you will suffer triple the death penalty. In addition, you will lose one level every seven days. Once your level falls below Level 100, the Demon God will find you.

Quest content: Kill Demon God Atlock's phantom doppelganger. No time limit. Quest reward unknown.

As Shi Feng received the system notification, everyone else heard the sound of a system announcement.

Star Valley Region System Announcement: A player has triggered Star Valley's Legendary Event, 'Demon God's Wrath.'. A Demon God's Shrine will activate in Star Valley in one day. Players will have the opportunity to receive the Demon God's Legacy at that time.

The system announcement repeated three times, and all players within Star Valley heard it clearly. For a time, an uproar shook Star Valley to its very core.

Chapter 2495 – Star Valley Shaken

“Star Valley has a Demon God’s Legacy[!]?”

“What’s going on? The system is releasing a God’s Legacy? Won’t it make players invincible in God’s Domain?!”

“The Demon God’s Shrine? I have to check it out!”

After the system announcement, many players in Star Valley practically glowed with excitement. They wanted nothing more than to charge toward the Demon God’s Shrine to investigate the event.

In God’s Domain, Legacies were even more important than weapons and equipment.

Legacies could transform players’ foundations, setting them up with a more advanced starting point than others. With a powerful Legacy, players could also learn stronger Skills or Spells. They could even obtain top-tier weapons and equipment that were specific to their Legacy. An ordinary Legacy could boost an ordinary player into the ranks of experts.

However, Legacies were incredibly rare in God’s Domain, even rarer than Epic items. Most importantly, Legacies weren’t publicly available. Players could only obtain one through luck.

And yet, not only did the Demon God's Shrine offer a Legacy to the general public, but the system had also declared that it was a Demon God's Legacy. This wasn't just some random Legacy, barely related to the Demon God. Why wouldn't players go crazy over this news?

Gods' Legacies were the highest-ranking Legacies in God's Domain! Even the various Super Guild's bigshots dreamed of obtaining one. Unfortunately, Gods' Legacies were so rare that players could only find them if they were truly lucky.

While the players in Star Valley were in an uproar, news had reached the various superpowers.

"What? A Demon God's Legacy?"

"Someone has managed to uncover a Demon God's Legacy? Look into this matter immediately! Find out who was responsible for activating the Demon God's Shrine! That player must have more details about the development! I want all of our Guild's Tier 3 experts sent to Star Valley immediately. We must secure the Demon God's Legacy before the other powers!"

The various superpowers went mad when they learned of the Demon God's Shrine, dispatching organized expert teams to Star Valley. They also ordered investigations into the player responsible for activating the shrine.

For a time, the various powers' experts and independent experts flooded Star Valley.

While all of these players gathered, hunting for the Demon God's Shrine, silence reigned over the Hell Legion, which rested a short distance away from the Star Tomb. None of them were sure whether they should congratulate Shi Feng or pity him.

None were more familiar with the situation than they were.

Shi Feng was responsible for activating the Demon God's Shrine in Star Valley and for the availability of a God's Legacy, yet he couldn't have anything to do with it. This Legendary Event was the Main God System's way of ridiculing the Swordsman.

The situation also changed what they understood about God's Domain.

Shi Feng had already turned their understanding of the game upside down, yet this Legendary Event had gone beyond that.

Despite contributing the most to this Legendary Event's activation, Shi Feng had the lowest chance of obtaining the event's reward.

It almost seemed like the Demon God, Atlock, were deliberately spiting Shi Feng for his wit. Although Shi Feng had acquired the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest's contents, he had no chance of obtaining this God's Legacy. Atlock was acting as vindictive as any human. Hell Legion's members even wondered if the Demon God was human, with human emotions, rather than a computer program...

That was a God's Legacy they were talking about!

Such a Legacy was many times more precious than a Fragmented Legendary Item. The two weren't even in the same realm in terms of their value.

“Is it really necessary to go so far over an Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest?” Shi Feng gave the system notification a bitter smile.

Normally, the Demon God’s Temptation should’ve ended the moment he escaped the temple. That was the outcome every player that had plundered a Demon God’s Temptation had met with during his past life, but for some reason, his situation turned out to be wildly different.

Not only had the Demon God continued to chase him after he had left the temple, but Atlock had even posted a bounty on his head. He had even offered a God’s Legacy as the bounty’s reward. This was just absurd...

“It’s just a God’s Legacy, Guild Leader! It’s not worth our time!” Cola said, clicking his tongue as he read the system announcement.

“Right! We’re strong enough that we’ll have plenty of chances to obtain other Gods’ Legacies in the future!” Aqua Rose added, nodding in agreement.

Although Cola and Aqua Rose tried to reassure their Guild Leader, the Hell Legion’s members realized that they were simply putting up a strong front. They were talking about a God’s Legacy, after all. Only the most fortunate players had a chance to obtain one?

Moreover, based on how this event had been triggered when Shi Feng slipped through Atlock’s grasp, the requirements to obtain the Legacy likely involved targeting Shi Feng. NPCs often hunted down God’s Domain’s players, but since the Gods couldn’t appear on the continent right now, Atlock was forced to post a bounty.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, you don’t need to be concerned about this. The Demon God might be using a God’s Legacy as bait, but obtaining it will likely be a major challenge. This might even be another of the Demon God’s traps. At least you managed to get your hands on the treasures in that chest,” Hell Rush said, trying to console Shi Feng.

“Thank you for your concern, Commander Rush, but I don’t really mind the situation,” Shi Feng said, smiling at Hell Rush when he saw the man’s pity.

He didn’t actually care that Atlock had placed a bounty on his head. He was far more concerned about the tripled death penalty and weekly level reduction, but as long as he took extra care and maintained his leveling speed, the penalties shouldn’t pose a problem.

While the Demon God’s Legacy might be more valuable than a Fragmented Legendary item, perhaps even more than a Legendary item, he had no desire for it. Atlock’s Legacy was on par with Aqua Rose’s Sea God’s Legacy; at most, it was a Peak Legacy.

Moreover, Hell Rush didn’t know that Atlock wasn’t the only Demon God after his life...

He had plenty of timebombs threatening his life in God’s Domain. What was one more?

If offending a Demon God meant that he could get his hands on a Fragmented Legendary item, he didn’t mind offending a few more.

None of the Hell Legion’s members believed Shi Feng’s claim, however. They had all witnessed the Swordsman’s strength. If anyone had a chance of obtaining the Demon God’s Legacy, it’d be Shi Feng, but since the man in question had brushed the issue off, they could only nod and smile in response.

“Right, Guild Leader, what did you get from the treasure chest?” Cola eagerly asked, ignoring the Hell Legion’s skeptical looks.

Cola’s question reminded Shi Feng that he hadn’t inspected the items. He immediately opened his back to see what he had won.

He had been too busy fleeing for his life earlier, so he hadn’t had the time to investigate his loot. Once he had escaped the Star Tomb, his personal system notification and the regional announcement had demanded his attention.

As Shi Feng inspected the items, he was stunned.

It’s no wonder why that Demon God’s reaction was so extreme. If I had been in his position, I’d have gone crazy, too. When Shi Feng saw the crystal radiating Divine Might in his bag, realization dawned on him.

Chapter 2496 – Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest’s Treasures

“What’s wrong, Guild Leader?” Aqua Rose asked, curious when she saw Shi Feng’s odd expression.

They had gone to great lengths to loot the shrine’s treasure chest. If the items weren’t valuable, they’d have suffered a great loss.

“It’s nothing. I’m just surprised by how excellent our harvest is,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “Not only did we obtain a few Legendary materials and the Star of Light I was after, but we’ve also obtained an Epic Weapon Set, a Fragmented Legendary item, and a Dark-Gold Set Equipment Forging Design.”

Shi Feng then shared the information on the several weapons, equipment, and design he had obtained in the team chat. He had no intention of the items.

[Absolute Shadow] (Dagger [Main-hand], Epic Rank)

Level 100 – Level 150

Equipment Requirement: Strength 2,3○○

Attributes adjust according to user’s level.

Attack Power +6,325 (Level 100)

Strength +422, Agility +376, Endurance +350 Attack Speed +18

Attacks carry the power of shadows. During attacks:

Reduce target’s Defense by 30%;

35% chance to cause 270% damage;

10% chance to trigger Shadow Raid, increasing user's Attack Speed by 40% for 3 seconds.

When equipped:

Main Attribute increased by 10%;

Secondary Attributes increased by 8%

Reaction speed increased by 10%;

All of weapon Skills' effects increased by 10%;

Completion Rate with all weapon Skills increased by 2%;

Ignore Levels +10.

Additional Passive Skill-

Shadow Strike: Every attack accumulates 1 point of Shadow Energy(independent from Sub Absolute Shadow). When 12 points of Shadow Energy have been accumulated, all Shadow Energy will automatically release, increasing user's Strength by 100%.

Set effect-

When both Main and Sub Absolute Shadow are equipped:

Main Attribute increased by an additional 15%;

Secondary Attributes increased by an additional 10%;

Physique increased by an additional 15%;

Gain the Finishing Skill, Dark Dance.

Dark Dance: When activated, user enters Stealth and Attack Speed increases by 20%, and Movement Speed increases by 30%. User leaves Stealth if attacked or attacking.

Duration: 15 seconds

Cooldown: 10 minutes

[Absolute Shadow] (Dagger [Sub-hand], Epic Rank) Level 100 – Level 150 Equipment Requirement: Strength 2,100 Attributes adjust according to user's level.

Attack Power +5,725 (Level 100)

Strength +385, Agility +355, Endurance +324 Attack Speed +16

Attacks carry the power of shadows. During attacks:

Armor penetration increased by 20%;

25% chance to cause 300% damage;

15% chance to trigger Phantom Strike, creating an impact equivalent to 120% of user's Strength to a 3*15 yard area. When equipped:

Main Attribute increased by 10%;

Secondary Attributes increased by 7%

Reaction speed increased by 10%;

All of weapon Skills' effects increased by 10%;

Completion Rate with all weapon Skills increased by 2%;

Ignore Levels +10.

Additional Passive Skill-

Frenzied Shadow: Every attack accumulates 1 point of Shadow Energy(independent from Main Absolute Shadow). When 30 points of Shadow Energy have been accumulated, all Shadow Energy will automatically release, increasing user's Attack Speed by 30% for 3 seconds.

[Magic Light Pendant] (Necklace, Fragmented Legendary Rank)

Equipment Requirement: Intelligence 2,000, Vitality 2,100 Attributes adjust according to user's level.

When equipped:

All Attributes increased by 35%;

Obtain Magic Light Body, increasing physique and Mana affinity by 30%.

Additional Passive Skill 1-

Mana Draw: Draws Mana from the environment to recover user's Mana. User regenerates 1% of their maximum Mana every 5 seconds.

Additional Passive Skill 2-

Mana Heart: All Spell effects increased by 30%. All casting time reduced by 25%. All Spell Completion Rates increased by 5%.

Additional Active Skill-

Mana Recharge: Forcefully elevates all Spell effects by 1 tier (to a maximum of Tier 5) for 12 seconds.
Cooldown: 3 hours

[Dark Demon Set Forging Design] (Dark-Gold Rank)

Set Level: Level 110 – Level 125 Six-piece set:

Dark Demon Gauntlets

Dark Demon Breastplate

Dark Demon Helmet

Dark Demon Leg Guards

Dark Demon Boots

Dark Demon Bracers

Class Restriction: Plate Armor Classes

Set effect-

Four-piece effect: Increases Main Attribute by 10% and all Skill Completion Rates by 3%.

Six-piece effect: Increases physique by 20%. Upgrades physical armor to magic armor.

When they saw the several items' details, both Zero Wing's members and the Hell Legion were stupefied.

"Aren't this Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest's items a little too awesome?!"

"They're more than awesome! If an Assassin equipped those daggers, they could reach for the heavens! Not only would their Attack Power be off the charts, but they could kill other players undetected!"

“Those daggers are impressive, but they’re garbage compared to the necklace for magical classes. I bet I could even challenge my Tier 4 Promotion Quest as soon as I meet the level requirement with that necklace.”

“That Dark-Gold Set Equipment is just as incredible. The six-piece set effect actually converts the set’s defensive rank into magic armor. Opponents would have a hard time dealing damage to a player in that set. If an entire team could wear the Dark Demon Set, they’d become an unstoppable army!”

Every member of the Hell Legion drooled when they saw the items. They had never dreamed that Zero Wing would gain such astounding items. Not only had Shi Feng secured a Fragmented Legendary item, but he had also obtained a top-tier Epic Weapon Set and Dark-Gold Set Equipment Forging Design.

These items were likely as valuable as the Demon God’s Legacy-

Hell Rush was particularly jealous, especially when he saw the Dark Demon Set. It was godly equipment for plate armor classes. For a moment, he even forgot about the Demon God’s Legacy.

Magic armor was closest to rivaling divine armor. Not only did it reduce the damage from non-piercing attacks of the same tier by 30%, but it also reduced magic damage by a significant margin. It even doubled the damage reduction from attacks of a lower tier. To put it simply, every plate armor class dreamed of obtaining such equipment.

If he could arm the Hell Legion’s plate armor members with Dark Demon Sets, they’d become an unstoppable force on the battlefield. Although the Demon God’s Legacy was amazing, it wouldn’t be as visibly effective at this stage of the game. Its effects would only become more apparent once players had reached higher levels and tiers. The Dark Demon Set, on the other hand, could offer immediate results the moment players equipped it.

After seeing these items, Hell Rush was certain that Shi Feng hadn't suffered from this transaction.

Shi Feng might've lost an opportunity to gain a Legacy, but with these items, he could boost the strength of Zero Wing's main force. They'd be particularly helpful when Zero Wing raided super-large-scale Team Dungeons.

"You're too impulsive, Guild Leader. You shouldn't have shared that information. Now, it won't be long before the various superpowers find out about those items. Some of them will try to take them from us, especially aiming for that Magic Light Pendant. I'm afraid that the various superpowers' magical class experts will do everything in their power to get their hands on it..." Aqua Rose scolded. She had felt a little exasperated when Shi Feng had shared the weapons' and equipment's details with the Hell Legion's members.

She realized that Shi Feng wanted to reassure that Zero Wing hadn't suffered, but exposing a Fragmented Legendary item like the Magic Light Pendant was unwise.

"It won't hurt anything if they know. Besides, hostile powers will assume that we've gained something powerful even if we didn't say anything. I just opened an Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, after all. Rather than let them guess blindly and target us in secret, they might as well know everything. That way, we can reduce the risks," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "Alright, it's about time for us to head back."

Hiding the details of his harvest wouldn't have been an issue if the Hell Legion hadn't watched him open the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, but they had seen everything. Hiding his harvest was impossible.

He'd much rather reveal the items and use them to elevate Zero Wing's fame than encourage the various superpowers to hunt the Guild in the dark to find out what he had obtained. Top-tier weapons and equipment were always a hot topic among players. As the public learned about these items, they'd come to know about Zero Wing.

He had another purpose for revealing these items to the Hell Legion; he needed to conceal the crystal inside his bag. That crystal alone was worth more than the other items combined.

Even high-tiered NPCs would try to take the crystal from him if they found out about it. He wouldn't even be surprised if an NPC attacked within an NPC city.

This crystal was actually a God's Heart, something even more precious than Legendary items. The small crystal was enough to cause an uproar across all of God's Domain...

Shi Feng didn't even dare to appraise the crystal at the moment, much less take it out of his bag. On the off chance that the crystal caused a commotion, he'd die from regret.

With that said, Shi Feng retrieved a Return Scroll and teleported back to the Starlight Fortress. He had lingered in the Star Tomb for long enough.

Chapter 2497 – Changes to the Starlight Fortress

Star Valley, Starlight Fortress:

As Shi Feng and the others returned to the Starlight Fortress, they were surprised by the sight that greeted them.

Players now crowded the previously unpopular Starlight Fortress, and some hadn't even reached Level 100 yet. These players hawked their wares from the fortress's streets, selling all kinds of Resistance

potions and equipment. Some of them even sold Level 100-plus Secret-Silver Weapons and Equipment. Such prosperity made it hard to imagine that the Starlight Fortress was a Small Fortress that had only opened less than a week ago. It looked more like a Medium Fortress that had been open to the public for several months.

“Why are so many players here?” Thunder Beast was stunned and confused as he glanced at the crowded streets.

He knew that very few players, other than Divine Tribe and his team, had been in the fortress before they had left on their expedition. The Starlight Fortress’s entrance fee and general expenditures were exorbitant, after all. Remaining in the fortress for one extra day alone cost players another Magic Crystal. Not even experts like him could tolerate such a high price, not to mention normal players.

With how Shi Feng ran the fortress, Thunder Beast thought he would be fortunate to earn enough to sustain the fortress’s daily operations.

But contrary to his expectation, the Starlight Fortress practically overflowed with wealth, most of which came in the form of Magic Crystals. This fortress was almost more profitable than a Grade 3 ore vein.

The situation even astonished Hell Rush.

Even if the Demon God’s Shrine has attracted quite a few players to Star Valley, the Starlight Fortress shouldn’t have developed so quickly. What exactly happened here? Hell Rush watched the players wander the fortress’s streets in confusion.

He had expected the Starlight Fortress to become a popular location in Star Valley. Not many on the western continent could resist the temptation of a Demon God’s Legacy, and if they wanted to obtain it, they had to spend some time in the area.

There was no denying that the Starlight Fortress was the best resting spot in Star Valley. The cost of living in the fortress might be incredibly high, but compared to a Demon God's Legacy, the cost was practically negligible.

However, less than half an hour had passed since the system announcement. How had so many players gathered in the fortress in less than 30 minutes?

"Commander, I think the Mana here has changed. Since we've arrived, my Mana affinity has increased," a Tier 3 Elementalist informed Hell Rush. "I can even sense a significant amount of the Three Supreme Elements in the fortress's ambient Mana..."

"The Three Supreme Elements? Doesn't that mean that this environment can rival that of ancient times?" Hell Rush couldn't help his growing excitement.

Ordinary players wouldn't have a clue about the environment of ancient times or its effect on players, but as the Hell Legion's commander, he understood much about God's Domain. If the Starlight Fortress's environment resembled that of ancient times, the players resting in the fortress would have a much easier time unlocking their Mana Bodies' potential. Every player's Mana Body consisted of all seven elements, and within an environment that lacked the Three Supreme Elements, unlocking one's Mana Body was excruciatingly difficult.

"What did you do, Guild Leader? There are so many players here now! Our daily income should be far more than

200,000 Magic Crystals!" Aqua Rose asked Shi Feng when she saw the crowded streets. "With so many Magic Crystals, we won't have to worry about producing the Dark Demon Set."

Not only did the Dark Demon Set's production require a lot of rare materials, but it also required a ridiculous number of Magic Crystals. Forging a single set required 10,000 Magic Crystals, and the other rare materials could only be purchased with Magic Crystals. Overall, crafting each Dark Demon Set would cost at least 20,000 Magic Crystals. Not even some ordinary powers could afford such an insane production cost.

Zero Wing had already spent almost all of its Magic Crystals on materials from Divine Tribe and during the Starlight Fortress's capture. With how few they had left, developing the Starlight Fortress would prove challenging, not to mention crafting the Dark Demon Set.

The Starlight Fortress operated like a giant machine that relentlessly devoured Magic Crystals. Just keeping the fortress's magic array running was a huge expenditure, to say nothing of the Summoning Tower and Fortress Prison.

Overall, the Starlight Fortress cost a minimum of 30,000 Magic Crystals per day. Zero Wing had already been forced to borrow Magic Crystals from Divine Tribe to sustain the fortress.

However, now that the Starlight Fortress's player population had exceeded 200,000, the fortress earned a minimum of

200,000 Magic Crystals per day. Even after deducting the fortress's various expenditures, Zero Wing would earn more than 100,000 Magic Crystals in daily profit.

Over 100,000 Magic Crystals of pure profit!

Zero Wing wasn't even capable of earning so many Magic Crystals per day, even with Stone Forest City, Zero Wing City, and the Guild's several ore veins.

"I haven't done anything. Players are just becoming more perceptive," Shi Feng said, chuckling at Aqua Rose's excitement.

The Starlight Fortress was an ancient fortress. Once it opened to the public, it would gradually attract the Three Supreme Elements from its surroundings to recreate its original environment. However, this was a very long and arduous process. It would still take some time before the fortress had an environment that could rival that of ancient times. Even so, the feature was incredibly precious to God's Domain's players.

The environment wouldn't only be useful to players trying to unlock their Mana Bodies' potential. It would also help as players tried to climb through the tiers.

As players aimed for higher tiers, they had to have a basic understanding and control of the seven elements. Without this control and knowledge, they'd always be weaker than others of the same tier.

As for the matter of the Dark Demon Set, he had been nursing a headache over the issue, as well.

Forging a few sets might not be much of an issue, but if he wanted to mass-produce the Dark Demon Set, he'd need enough Magic Crystals to give the various superpowers heart attacks.

Fortunately, the Starlight Fortress had been developing wonderfully while he'd been gone. Without this progress, he would've only been able to stare at the Forging Design.

While he had solved the problem of materials, however, he still needed sufficient manpower. He couldn't do it all by himself. He would need at least two other Advanced Master Forgers to ensure a

reliable success rate when producing the Dark Demon Set. The cost of failure would even be enough to put a first-rate Guild in the red.

Suddenly, a party of Level 106-plus peak experts, led by a beautiful woman, approached Shi Feng. The graceful woman was none other than Fithalia, the Divine Hymn Legion's commander.

Surprisingly, Fithalia had lost a level, falling to Level 106, and a faint, deathly aura surrounded her, signifying that she was currently in a Weakened state.

The revelation shocked Shi Feng and the others.

"I've finally found you, Guild Leader Black Flame," Fithalia said with a somber expression.

"Has something happened?" Shi Feng replied with a question.

Communication between those within the Star Tomb and those outside of it was severed. To contact players on the other side, one would have to do so through offline means. However, Shi Feng hadn't been worried with Divine Tribe's forces and the Silver Divine Dragon protecting the Starlight Fortress, and as such, he hadn't left any of his Guild's experts behind in the fortress.

"Mythology's people arrived. Not only have they demanded that Divine Tribe hand over the temporary Residence, but they've also demanded that Zero Wing surrender 51% of the Starlight Fortress's shares," Fithalia said.

"What about your level?" It didn't surprise Shi Feng that a Super Guild like Mythology had set its sights on the Starlight Fortress, but he was surprised to see that Fithalia had lost a level.

“It’s nothing. I fought Mythology’s people and lost,” Fithalia explained. “That’s what I want to talk to you about. I don’t know what kind of power Mythology’s members have obtained, but they can completely conceal their auras. Even when they fought inside the fortress, the Divine Dragon needed some time to sense them. If Mythology causes more chaos in the fortress, I’m afraid that we won’t be able to contain it...”

“Even you weren’t a match for them?” Hell Rush was stunned to hear about the recent events.

Hell Rush knew how strong Fithalia was. She was definitely as strong as he was. Even Mythology’s old monsters should have a difficult time defeating her, and her guards followed her everywhere. Logically, no one should be powerful enough to kill her.

“They have a way to conceal their auras?” Shi Feng fell into deep thought for a moment.

He was aware of plenty of methods to conceal one’s aura in God’s Domain, but none of those methods could hide one from a Divine Dragon, even for a short time.

“Mythology’s people also asked me to relay a message. They’ve said that they will show up once more after the Demon God’s Shrine has activated and hope that Zero Wing will have considered their proposal carefully. If Zero Wing refuses to cooperate, it will have to bear the consequences.”

Fithalia had a huge headache over the situation. The group of players Mythology had sent to the fortress was incredibly powerful, and they could completely hide their auras. If a fight broke out between them, the Starlight Fortress would pay the price.

Chapter 2498 – God’s Heart

As Fithalia finished speaking, silence fell. Hell Rush frowned at hearing the news.

“Mythology is being too arrogant! Do they think Netherworld Empire is powerless?” Thunder Beast, who stood nearly three-meters tall, bellowed in rage.

This was infuriating!

Not only had Mythology extorted Zero Wing with its declaration, but it also ignored Netherworld Empire.

The public had long since learned of Netherworld Empire’s partnership with the Starlight Fortress. Every superpower on the western continent knew of it. Naturally, there was no way a Super Guild like Mythology hadn’t heard.

And yet, Mythology demanded 51% of the Starlight Fortress’s shares. Not even Netherworld Empire had any of the fortress’s shares. By demanding 51% of the fortress, Mythology had essentially declared that it was more powerful and important than Netherworld Empire.

“Fithalia, do you know who’s leading the team from Mythology?” Hell Rush asked in a frosty tone. “It seems it’s been so long since our last battle that Mythology’s people have forgotten about the Hell Legion!”

The temperature around the group dropped as Hell Rush spoke. The ambient Mana began to freeze as if reacting to his emotions. Obviously, Hell Rush's Mana control was already considerable.

"Commander Rush, you mustn't act rashly. These people belong to a newly-formed team from Mythology. Their leader is a young, silver-haired man. He only looks to be around 22 or 23, and he has already replaced Trembling Hand as the First Vice Commander of Mythology's strongest trump card legion. All of his teammates are roughly the same age, but they're all incredibly strong. Not even our team's strongest Assassin is as fast as they are. They move like ghosts. When they had appeared behind me, I hadn't noticed their presence at all," Fithalia elaborated when she realized that Hell Rush intended to pick a fight with these Mythology members. "Their team will be especially difficult to take down in the fields."

She understood Hell Rush's rage, but this team had a little over a dozen players, and they could all vanish without a trace. If the Hell Legion fought these players in the Starlight Fortress, they might be fine, but the legion would only be running towards its death if it tried to take them on in the fields.

With the complex terrain in the fields, not being able to sense one's opponent would leave one blind. Even if Hell Rush and the others were strong, those Mythology members were exceptionally fast. Pinning down just one of those players would require five or six peak experts at the very least.

And there were over a dozen of those experts...

When these players had attacked the dozens of peak experts under her command, she hadn't been able to stop them. These Mythology members targeted a single player before fleeing once they killed their mark. It was easy to imagine how formidable they'd be out in the fields.

"He's replaced Trembling Hand? How is that possible?" Thunder Beast was astonished.

Trembling Hand had been known as a genius ever since he had joined the virtual gaming world. He had fought in virtual games for over a dozen years now and had long since reached the Domain Realm. He

had achieved just as much in the Domain Realm as Hell Rush, and the man was still in his 30s. He was currently at his prime, and he still had plenty of room for improvement.

The various superpowers' upper echelons all believed that Trembling Hand was the most likely player to become the commander of Mythology's strongest trump card legion, and yet, he had lost his position as First Vice Commander to a youth...

Even Hell Rush wore a grim expression after hearing the news.

It's no wonder why they dared to spout such nonsense. It seems they're not all talk after all! Hell Rush thought, his eyes narrowing as he thought about how to deal with these people.

If what Fithalia said was true, this would be a major problem.

There were only a few members of the Hell Legion who could go up against Trembling Hand. None of the rest of the legion's members would last very long against him. Meanwhile, the youth Fithalia mentioned could evade detection and was even stronger than Trembling Hand. If that were true, none of the Hell Legion's members would last more than a handful of moves against this silver-haired youth.

Unless the target had an Invulnerability Skill or Spell, not even Hell Rush could help before the youth executed three or four moves. Meanwhile, if this youth wanted to escape, they'd need at least 20 peak experts to stop him, and that was assuming that these experts didn't lose sight of the young man.

"Commander Fithalia, do you have a record of their entry and exit from the fortress?" Shi Feng asked.

“No. They seemed to have just appeared, and based on their behavior, they had no issue slipping past the gate security. Not even the Tier 3 NPCs noticed them,” Fithalia said, shaking her head.

Divine Tribe had stationed some of its Tier 3 Personal Guards to manage the Starlight Fortress’s front gate, but when she had checked the NPCs* records, there was no mention of the players from Mythology. It was as if these people had appeared out of thin air.

Stopping these players at the fortress’s gate wasn’t even possible.

“This is interesting,” Shi Feng said, smiling.

“Interesting?” Fithalia could not help but roll her eyes. For a moment, she wondered if Shi Feng understood the severity of this situation.

With the ability to enter and leave the Starlight Fortress freely, no one could stop these players from causing chaos within the Starlight Fortress.

The Starlight Fortress had just taken off. If chaos ensued inside, it would spell tragedy for the fortress’s development. Nobody wanted to remain in an unsafe location, especially when important resource transactions were involved.

“Of course! Leave the rest to Zero Wing, although I will have to continue to trouble you regarding the fortress’s daily security, Commander Fithalia,” Shi Feng said as he nodded confidently.

If this had happened before he had obtained a God’s Heart, these ghost-like experts would’ve been a huge headache for him. Without the ability to instant-kill these players, they could disappear to any

random comer of the fortress, and that would be the end of the story. He would have no choice but to let these people leave.

However, the situation had changed.

He now had a God's Heart, a source of Eternal Energy that rivaled the value of Divine Artifacts.

Not only could one use this God's Heart as a power core, but one could also release the Eternal Energy it contained and use it to learn new concepts. It was the best item when trying to comprehend new information.

Eternal Energy was an even more powerful energy than Mana. Only the Gods could use and gather the energy, and even they struggled to collect it.

Since the Gods had long since removed themselves from the world, finding Eternal Energy had become incredibly difficult in God's Domain, even for Tier 5 NPCs, who stood at the apex of this world. A single, small drop of concentrated Eternal Energy would be enough to incite an all-out brawl between Tier 5 NPCs and Tier 6 God-ranked players.

Meanwhile, the God's Heart in Shi Feng's bag was a condensed form of Eternal Energy, which not even an empire's entire wealth could buy.

Initially, Shi Feng had wanted to learn the rest of the Memory Crystal's content once he had returned to the eastern continent and found an ideal venue for studying the information. Tier 3 players' foundations were their Mana Bodies, and only by unlocking his Epic Mana Body's potential could he display his full strength. He'd then be able to explore the maps that contained Solomon's Sword's remaining fragments. Hence, he needed a location that could help him gain the most benefit from the Eliadi's Memory Crystal.

However, now that he had a God's Heart, he wouldn't have to go to such great lengths to learn the crystal's contents.

Once he found enough privacy to take the God's Heart from his bag without exposing it to others, he could create his own venue, the best in God's Domain.

Fortunately, the Fortress Lord's Mansion was the perfect location.

Shi Feng then parted ways with Fithalia and the others, making his way to the mansion.

Fithalia was dumbfounded as she watched Shi Feng and Zero Wing's members walk away. She couldn't fathom what was going through the Swordsman's mind.

At such a crucial moment, Shi Feng had reacted similarly to Hell Rush, intent on taking his anger out on these Mythology players.

"What should we do now, Commander?" the Tier 3 Shield Warrior beside Fithalia asked. "The ruckus Mythology caused has already scared plenty of merchant players away. If Mythology causes another scene, I'm afraid everyone in the fortress will panic. Controlling the situation won't be easy."

"Forget it. I don't care anymore. Let Mythology's people cause a scene if they want. Once Zero Wing's people realize how severe the situation is, we should be able to curb Mythology's experts as long as our three Guilds work together," Fithalia said as she massaged her forehead. She had already learned that trying to dissuade Shi Feng from doing anything foolish was a waste of time. She might as well let him try whatever he had planned. Once he failed, he'd approach Divine Tribe to work on a solution together.

“There’s no need for such pessimism, Commander Fithalia. Who knows? Guild Leader Black Flame might actually be able to show these Mythology members who’s boss. Zero Wing’s strength is the real deal. Even if Zero Wing’s players can’t stop Mythology’s experts completely, they should be able to give them a run for their money,” Hell Rush said, attempting to console Fithalia.

Hell Rush didn’t think Zero Wing had enough power to take out this team from Mythology by itself either, but with experts like Fire Dance and her comrades, they should be able to give Mythology a huge headache for their trouble.

Now, it was just a matter of waiting to see who lasted longer.

While Fithalia and Hell Rush conversed, Shi Feng had reached the Fortress Lord’s Mansion’s core room. He used the Fortress Lord’s Token to activate the room’s defensive magic array before carefully retrieving the crystal that emitted a faint trace of Divine Might from his bag.

Chapter 2499 – Epic Mana Body Unlocked

As Shi Feng pulled the God’s Heart from his bag, faint Mana pulsed throughout the dark and quiet core room. It wasn’t a lot of Mana, but it had enough power that space within the room trembled.

When the pulse encountered the room’s magic barrier, it, too, began to tremble, almost failing to block the Mana.

Sure enough, a God's Heart is intensely powerful. I only took it out of my bag, and it nearly felled the room's magic barrier. Shi Feng stared at the magic barrier around the room, astonished.

Fortunately, he was within an ancient fortress's core room. This magic barrier was far stronger than ordinary versions. Even Mythic monsters would have an extremely hard time trying to destroy it. Had he retrieved the God's Heart in any other location within the Starlight Fortress, the barrier wouldn't have been able to contain the Mana pulse. The energy would've escaped and caught the attention of everyone within the fortress.

However, this pulse of Mana had also substantially increased the Mana density in the room. A gentle layer of mist now filled the core room. If players trained here, they'd likely be able to practice Bronze Combat Techniques without rest. They could train to their heart's content.

Following which, Shi Feng activated Omniscient Eyes to appraise the God's Heart.

[Augustus's Damaged Heart] (Inferior Divine Artifact Rank Material)

This is the Barbarian God Augustus's Heart and crystallization of Eternal Energy. When Augustus had fallen, the Demon God, Atlock, had secured his heart and repeatedly modified it. Once one has activated the magic array engraved on the heart, the user will be exposed to dense Eternal Energy for 12 hours. The magic array will require 3 months to recover after each activation. Restoring the magic array's Eternal Energy is possible by sacrificing 1 God Crystal.

Amazing! Atlock had transformed a Consumable God's Heart into a tool that can supply endless Eternal Energy! When Shi Feng read Augustus's Heart's description, he was shocked.

Gods' Hearts were typically one-time-use Consumables. When players released the Eternal Energy contained within, the God's Heart would release all of its energy. Eventually, the God's Heart would run out of Eternal Energy and fade from existence.

Only a few Tier 5 NPCs could control the release of Eternal Energy from a God's Heart, allowing them to use the item multiple times. Even so, they couldn't change the fact that the God's Heart would vanish when it ran out of Eternal Energy.

And yet, Atlock had successfully modified Augustus's Heart, transforming it into a tool that could offer endless Eternal Energy. Shi Feng had certainly hit the jackpot this time. It was no wonder why Atlock was so determined to kill him, even using a Demon God's Legacy as bait.

Although one could only use the modified Augustus's Heart for 12 short hours, it was more than enough time for players. The only major flaw was the 3-month Cooldown. Even so, Augustus's Heart was unbelievably amazing.

Players would encounter countless roadblocks on their road to higher tiers in God's Domain, and it wasn't possible to overcome all of these roadblocks at once. Players would have to face them, one after another. The Tier 3 Mana Body and Tier 4 Mana control were two examples. However, Shi Feng could overcome them all with Augustus's Heart.

Moreover, he could use a God Crystal to circumvent the Cooldown. He was immensely satisfied with his latest endeavor.

If word of Augustus's Heart spread, all of God's Domain would go into a frenzy, including both players and NPCs.

Shi Feng took a moment to suppress his excitement and began to activate the magic array within Augustus's Heart. He was prepared to accept the Heavenly Blue Saint's Mana Body Legacy.

However, Shi Feng frowned when he examined the array.

This magic array was more complex than any he had encountered before. Manipulating it would be intensely challenging, even now that he had become an Intermediate Master Magician. A Basic Master Magician would have no chance of activating this magic array.

Sure enough, the Main God System won't just hand players so much power. Shi Feng gave the magic array a bitter smile.

He had wanted to use the God Crystals he had on hand to help Cola and the rest unlock their Mana Body's full potential once he had done so himself. The sooner they did so, the more they would benefit in the future.

However, it seemed that that wouldn't be possible...

Activating Augustus's Heart's magic array would be absolutely impossible unless one had become an Intermediate Master Magician. His dream of forming an army of powerful experts had just shattered.

Becoming a Master Magician in God's Domain was far easier than becoming a Master Forger, yet very few players were capable of accomplishing the feat.

Naturally, reaching every subsequent rank after becoming a Basic Master Magician was incredibly difficult, even more so than rising through the ranks after becoming a Master Forger.

In all of Zero Wing, only Aqua Rose and Violet Cloud had high chances of becoming Basic Master Magicians. Everyone else would still have a long road ahead of them, and two players simply weren't enough to form an army.

Shaking his head, Shi Feng banished his thoughts and began to focus on learning and decoding the magic array.

Ten minutes... Twenty minutes... Forty minutes...

As he completed the final strand of Mana's trajectory, Augustus's Heart lit with a colorful glow. Streams of purple mist then flowed from the item and into Shi Feng.

Suddenly, Shi Feng felt incredibly comfortable, and his mind was unprecedentedly clear. The Eternal Energy proved many times more effective than the densest Mana.

Wasting no time, Shi Feng retrieved the Memory Crystal Eliadi had given him and started to study her Legacy on the Mana Body.

The goddess's Mana Body Technique was more complex than her Mana Technique Legacy. Not only did it contain information on Mana and the methods to control it, but it also contained concise information on the structure of Mana Bodies.

According to Eliadi's research, the higher a Mana Body's rank was, the more complex it would be. Subsequently, one would need a more complicated Mana control method to use their Mana Body. An Epic Mana Body was on par with a super-large-scale magic array consisting of several hundred smaller arrays.

There were many ways to control this super-large-scale magic array, but only one would give a player full control over the entire array; they'd have to construct a simple magic array that would allow the

user to control multiple core arrays. The more core magic arrays this simple array could control, the more power the super-large-scale magic array could exhibit.

If Shi Feng had tried to process all of the information within the Memory Crystal before he had obtained Augustus's Heart, none even the densest Mana would save him from the headache. Fortunately, the Eternal Energy around him was amazingly beneficial. Not only did it boost his comprehension and memory, but it also allowed him to try to create the simple magic array that was necessary for controlling the flow of Mana within his Mana Body.

For a time, Shi Feng radiated stronger and weaker Mana at random intervals. At his strongest, he radiated dense enough Mana to rival that within Stone Forest City, and at his weakest, he radiated roughly the same density as the Mana found in ordinary NPC cities.

During the process, Shi Feng rapidly unlocked more of his Mana Body's potential.

40%... 55%... 70%...

However, as Shi Feng continued to unlock his Epic Mana Body, his progress slowed. By the time the Memory Crystal's duration ended, Shi Feng had only reached 82% of his potential. He was still far from 100%.

In the nine hours since he had activated Augustus's Heart, he had only unlocked 91% of his Mana Body's potential...

Just as the 12 hours were almost up, an intense wave of Mana exploded from Shi Feng's body, forming a mist in the core room. The mist was light, easy to miss if one weren't paying attention, but it was undeniable that Shi Feng exuded Mana that was so dense it condensed into its liquid form.

Finally, success!

Shi Feng's eyes flew open, flashing with excitement as he observed the Mana that automatically flowed throughout his Mana Body.

Chapter 2500 – Frightening Improvement

In God's Domain, Tier 3 NPCs were considered powerhouses that could protect NPC cities. However, players only became powerhouses once they had unlocked their Mana Bodies' full potential.

Only with a fully unlocked Mana Body could players enter and leave certain locations freely. If they tried to do so without unlocking their Mana Body, only death would await them.

The Star Tomb Regional Dungeon's entry requirements were actually quite low. Even Tier 3 players that hadn't fully unlocked their Mana Bodies could explore the area, albeit barely.

In comparison, certain unique areas were full of incredibly corrosive energy, and Tier 3 players wouldn't last more than five minutes in these areas without unlocking their Mana Bodies' full potential. Unlocking their Mana Bodies was the only way players could protect themselves against the corrosive energy.

This was why players were only considered powerhouses once they had fully unlocked their Mana Bodies. Most importantly, the Skills and Spells players used would be far stronger once they had unlocked their Mana Bodies than those who hadn't.

So, this is an Epic Mana Body? Astonishment colored Shi Feng's features as he sensed the dense Mana radiating from his body.

He had never dreamed that an Epic Mana body would be this powerful.

Normally, a Mana Body relied on its own Mana to function, but his Mana Body could attract ambient mana and use it to strengthen and nourish itself.

His Epic Mana Body had also coated his body with a thin barrier of Mana. The barrier was easy to miss if one weren't paying close attention. It almost felt like a skin-tight suit. It trapped a significant portion of the Mana radiating from him, drastically reducing the amount of Mana wasted. Not only did this Mana Barrier improve his recovery, but it also ensured that the Mana around him was far denser than normal.

The addition of this Mana Barrier alone doubled or tripled his survivability in the fields, especially in low-Mana environments. When he fought in such harsh environments, he wouldn't have to worry about losing a significant portion of his combat power.

Shi Feng tried to manipulate his Mana Body, guiding the Mana around him into his hands. He instantly felt like a black hole as the ambient Mana gathered around him. In the blink of an eye, a faint layer of Mana mist formed on the surface of his palms.

Shi Feng's fist then shot out as he punched the empty air.

Peng!

Space exploded around his fist as if the punch had created a vacuum. Space around him trembled at the power of the strike, and the core room's magic barrier shuddered.

With this power, I can now likely solo a Mythic monster of the same level, even without my Berserk Skills. Shi Feng gasped when he saw the results of his punch.

He had merely executed a normal punch, and he didn't even have his weapons equipped.

The difference between a player's Attack Power with a weapon and without one in God's Domain was massive.

With Killing Ray equipped, his prior punches had only been able to break the sound barrier. He had only been able to make space tremble and create spatial tears when he used the Secret Technique, Lightning Flash.

Yet now, without any techniques or weapons, he could exhibit power on par with when he wielded Killing Ray...

An Epic Mana Body provided horrific power!

In his opinion, although Mana Bodies massively boosted players' strength, they didn't provide this much power. The benefits of unlocking his Mana Body thus far could already rival that of a Fragmented Legendary Weapon.

Moreover, he had only unlocked 100% of his Mana Body's potential. If he could push beyond that, his strength would rise to a whole new level.

After 100%, every additional percent would provide tremendous power. As far as Shi Feng knew, players had only reached 120% of their Mana Bodies' potential in the past. It was easy to imagine how frighteningly powerful 120% of an Epic Mana Body's potential would be.

Even transcending tiers would be possible.

Elated, Shi Feng started to practice Eliadi's Mana Technique.

He had now unlocked 100% of his Mana Body's potential. Going beyond that would take some time, and it would be as difficult as creating a Master Magic Array for an Apprentice Magician.

Fortunately, unlocking more than 100% of his Epic Mana Body wasn't the only way to transcend tiers. He could also rely on the help of a Mana Technique. He had experienced Eliadi's Holy Annihilation personally, and despite suppressing herself to Tier 3, the Heavenly Blue Saint's attack could instant-kill or heavily injure Tier 4 beings. If Shi Feng could master Eliadi's Holy Annihilation, the Mana Technique would prove significantly helpful.

He hadn't been able to learn the technique earlier since he hadn't unlocked his Mana Body fully yet, but now that he had, he could truly practice the Holy Annihilation.

Mana Techniques weren't like combat techniques. Combat techniques consumed the user's Stamina and Concentration, but Mana Techniques, on the other hand, only consumed Concentration. Players generally avoided using combat techniques in harsh environments, trying to conserve their Stamina due to the heavy burden the environment placed on them. However, with a few exceptions, these harsh environments did not affect players' Concentration consumption.

Hence, God's Domain's experts that had grasped Mana Techniques, whether self-taught or learned from the system, had an easier time exploring the world, especially the maps with harsh environments.

Now that Shi Feng had achieved his goals in visiting the western continent, he needed to search for Solomon's Sword's remaining fragments to maintain his advantages and pave a smoother path for Aqua Rose and his other comrades as they aimed for Tier 4. If he put the task off, it would only be a matter of time before the various superpowers, with how fast they were developing, would overpower Zero Wing.

If he could learn Eliadi's Mana Technique now, not only would he have a much better chance of securing the fragments of Solomon's Sword, but he could also teach the technique to Aqua Rose and the others.

As Shi Feng tried to mimic the way Eliadi had executed the First Sword, Lightshadow, the more the Heavenly Blue Saint amazed him. Eliadi's Mana Technique even seemed slightly stronger than the Mana Techniques the Demon God, Atlock, had used.

The First Sword, Lightshadow, used all seven elements, and executing the strike proved even more difficult than Lightning Flash, a Bronze Combat Technique. Shi Feng needed to channel and gather his Mana for several seconds before he could attempt to execute Lightshadow.

Atlock had also needed some preparation time before executing his Mana Technique. The Demon God had spent several seconds preparing the black hole, the last attack he had used against Shi Feng. Even though Atlock had executed the Mana Technique through his phantom, that phantom had still been at the Tier 5 standard.

The goddess, on the other hand, had executed Lightshadow, Holy Devour, and Holy Annihilation without any preparation time whatsoever. On the contrary, it has seemed as if she had been able to pause her technique, releasing her attack when she needed to in a systematic manner. When Shi Feng thought about that fight, he realized the intervals between each of her attacks had been exactly the same. Even at the Tier 3 standard, Eliadi had accomplished the feat.

As Shi Feng continued to practice Lightshadow, however, he was able to reduce the time he needed before executing the technique. Initially, he spent nearly eight minutes preparing his strike, but now, he could do so after around five minutes. The more Shi Feng practiced, the more he understood about Mana control.

Two hours... Six hours... Twelve hours...

While Shi Feng was immersed in his training, he received a call request from Fithalia.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, Mythology’s people are back. They are all gathered in the Starlight Bar, and I think they’ve found a way to deal with your Divine Dragon. More of them have arrived, as well. Now, there are more than 30 players in their group,” Fithalia reported with a somber expression.

Dealing with the dozen-plus experts had already been a struggle, but now, more than double had shown up in the Starlight Fortress. Even if Zero Wing, Divine Tribe, and Hell Legion gathered all of their peak experts in the fortress, suppressing these Mythology players would still prove difficult.

They’ve returned so soon?” Shi Feng muttered in surprise. However, when he glanced at the time, he realized that he had been training for over half a day. It had felt like time had passed even more quickly than when he had worked to unlock his Mana Body. He then sheathed his swords and grinned. “Alright, I’ll be right there.”

With that, Shi Feng disconnected the call and left the core room.