

Chapter 2581 – Fighting a Superior Mythic?

Startled by Elvoze's command, everyone fell silent again.

"How are we supposed to beat that?" Cola muttered, watching the dark cloud of death energy envelop Crodia.

Crodia's aura had already been strong enough, and with his statistics, their team wasn't even certain they could kill him. After taking hold of the dull-gray longsword, however, the City Lord's aura had grown even stronger, and his statistics had undergone a significant transformation.

[Crodia (Poison City's City Lord)] (Undead, Superior Mythic) Level 120

HP 5,400,000,000/5,400,000,000

Just under five and a half billion HP was simply absurd. He could recover 54 million HP every second with his battle recovery alone. That was more than 10 million HP per second...

To make matters worse, now that Crodia held the dull-gray sword, the weapons' death energy had formed a Domain that enveloped a 30-yard radius around him. Even from outside the Domain, Cola could sense how powerful that death energy was.

All life within this Domain rapidly decayed, crumbling to ash. Even the stone ground turned into sand before their eyes. The Domain didn't contain even a trace of Mana, either. They could easily imagine what would happen to players that stood within that dusky cloud of death.

Hell Rush and the others were just as dumbfounded. None of them had ever thought Poison City's Final Boss would pull such a move.

Monsters didn't normally use weapons or equipment, which meant they didn't receive item bonuses, relying on their own Basic Attributes. Even then, monsters presented a challenge. Now that Crodia had a weapon and his set of armor, how were they supposed to fight him?

The system really isn't giving us any chance. Shi Feng watched Crodia with a disheartened smile.

Under normal circumstances, Shi Feng would have some confidence of defeating the City Lord with his Ring of Gospel, but seeing Crodia now, he didn't have much hope of winning this battle.

Within secret lands, players couldn't summon their Personal Guards, and the team's average level was still five levels lower than this Boss. They might not even last through the Boss's first phase, much less slay the Undead.

While the team member silently wondered how they should face this Superior Mythic monster, Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold turned deathly pale.

"Has something happened?" Shi Feng asked when he saw the two Dark Players' strange expressions.

"Our Guilds have just received reports stating that the alliance team Demon's Heart has formed has killed the second Boss on the Ancient God's Tower's first floor. They're only two Bosses away from clearing the first floor's trial and becoming the Floor Master," Blue Rainbow explained with a twisted frown.

Thanks to their alliance with Zero Wing, both Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society were developing far faster than the Dark World's other powers. This was the reason that the Dark World's various powers and players didn't dare move against their Guilds.

However, that wouldn't be the case if Demon's Heart's team succeeded in activating the Ancient God's Tower.

Unlike Zero Wing, their Guilds didn't have unstoppable NPC armies. If the Dark World's various powers and players decided to turn against their Guilds' members, only annihilation would await them.

"They've already started to raid the third Boss?" The news stunned Shi Fen.

Raiding the Ancient God's Tower was as difficult as raiding a Level 100-plus, super-large-scale Team Dungeon. The Dark World's players should've needed at least 10 to 15 days before they'd have a chance of conquering the first floor, yet within three short days, the alliance team Demon's Heart had formed had already defeated the first two Bosses. Their progress completely surpassed Shi Feng's expectations.

"What should we do now, Guild Leader Black Flame? At this rate, Demon's Heart's alliance team will conquer the first floor within two or three more days..." Elder Gold asked anxiously.

They hadn't expected Demon's Heart to be this powerful. Logically, even with the clues Demon's Heart possessed, the alliance team shouldn't have made such astounding progress. Conquering the Ancient God's Tower's trials would require a large number of Tier 3 players and sufficiently powerful weapons and equipment.

Worse yet, Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's main force members were stuck in Poison City. Even if they somehow managed to defeat Crodia, catching up to the alliance team was unlikely.

“We have no choice; we have to try,” Shi Feng declared, turning to the City Lord.

“Do you have a plan, Guild Leader?” Aqua Rose asked.

Their team only had a little over 700 players. Every member would need to deal at least 15,000 damage per second just to overcome Crodia’s battle recovery.

However, they were facing a Superior Mythic. Even under normal circumstances, Tier 3 experts, who hadn’t unlocked their Mana Bodies’ full potential, would only deal a little over -10,000 damage per second to this Boss. Since Crodia had grown even stronger with the gray longsword in hand, they’d likely deal even less damage. Even factoring in Shi Feng and the several other players that had fully unlocked their Mana Bodies, they wouldn’t have enough total damage per second to defeat the City Lord.

“Mhm. This Boss has a weakness we can take advantage of, but I don’t know if we’ll succeed or not,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

Shi Feng usually wouldn’t be in such a hurry to fight Crodia. Rather, he’d help his team continue their grind in Poison City first. The Crimson-eyed Sword Saint had only demanded that they defeat the City Lord. He had said nothing about slaying Crodia immediately. They should be able to roam the city and increase their strength.

However, Shi Feng did not have that luxury right now. Demon’s Heart was moving faster than he had expected. If they couldn’t kill Crodia quickly and allowed Demon’s Heart to occupy the Ancient God’s Tower, only Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society would be at a disadvantage. Naturally, this was very bad news for Zero Wing, too.

Shi Feng had been able to rely on the Teleportation Gate to drastically restrict the number of Dark Players moving to the main continent. Without that restriction, however, the Dark World's residents could do whatever they wanted outside of Cold Spring Forest. This was exactly why he had wanted to control the Teleportation Gate. He only had one Knight Division, and there was a limit to the territories he could protect.

Shi Feng turned toward his team and began assigning tasks. Cola would remain close to the Boss, while the rest of the team would hide in the city's alleyways. Melee players would set up all kinds of traps, and ranged players would attack from the rooftops of various buildings.

"Remember, everyone! Only 100 players can be within 200 yards of the Boss at any point! All melee players must stay away from Crodia! Healers, focus on the MT tanking the Boss! Damage dealers just attack at will! MTs, switch positions once you've accumulated three stacks of death energy!" Shi Feng reminded his team once everyone was in position. "If there aren't any problems, let's start the raid!"

Normally, they'd need a 1,000-man, Tier 3 team to raid Poison City's Final Boss, but when they had fewer than that, they could take the City Lord on in 100-man teams. By doing so, they'd lower the Boss's HP to a minimum. In exchange, the 100-man teams would face more stringent requirements. With most of the team members not being able to fulfill those requirements, they'd have higher chances of success raiding this Boss with 100-man teams.

Upon hearing Shi Feng's command, Cola charged at Crodia.

Everyone on the team was stupefied the instant Cola moved within 200 yards of the City Lord. The Boss's maximum HP dropped to just 2.1 billion, falling by more than half.

However, the team now had a different problem. Rather than 700-plus players attacking a Boss with 5.4 billion HP, they had to face a Boss with 2.1 billion HP with no more than 100 players at a time. The raid difficulty had increased, not decreased.

Suddenly, Crodia appeared before Cola with so much speed that not even the peak experts had time to react.

The City Lord swung his longsword at Cola, the weapon leaving a black spatial tear in its wake.

Cola flew backward like a cannonball, crashing into the ground roughly 20 yards away from the Final Boss. Even after blocking the attack with his shield, Cola still lost 50% of his HP...

Fortunately, the attack had put quite a bit of distance between the Guardian Knight and the City Lord. Cola responded by activating Protection Blessing and running to a nearby alley. Meanwhile, three healers 50 yards away began to heal Cola in a frenzy, Sacred Lights and Healing Lights landing on the Guardian Knight, one after another, and restoring his HP to two-thirds of his max.

Two seconds later, Cola took another strike, throwing him into a nearby wall and robbing him of another third of his HP. Even after another round of Healing Spells, the three healers only restored his HP to half.

After being thrown a few more times, Cola finally lured Crodia into the alleyway. Due to the alley's complex terrain, Crodia had a much harder time landing an attack.

Just as the City Lord was about to hit Cola again, he stepped on one of the landmines the team had planted in the alley earlier.

Boom!

A loud explosion echoed throughout Poison City, and a damage of over -1,000,000 appeared above the Undead's head.

After taking a few more steps, Crodia triggered another Magic Trap and took more than -700,000 damage.

Just before Crodia turned to search for the player responsible for the traps, Cola charged forth and used his Tier 3 Justice Roar, causing another -50,000-plus damage and recapturing the Boss's aggro.

"Good! It's doable! Everyone, mind your positioning! Ranged players, attack with everything you have! Melee players, keep setting up traps!" Shi Feng shouted once Cola had solidified his hold on Crodia's attention. He then activated Miniature World.

Chapter 2582 – Lightshadow Improves, Tough Ferocious Beast

When Shi Feng activated Miniature World, Crodia's Movement Speed, reaction speed, and Basic Attributes decreased as if the Boss had stepped into a quagmire, but as a Superior Mythic, his resistance to the effects was quite high. Even as an Intermediate Master Magician, Shi Feng's Miniature World only reduced Crodia's Basic Attributes by 15% rather than 30%.

After activating Miniature World, Shi Feng quickly followed up by activating Ring of Brilliance, enhancing every ranged player's Basic Attributes.

Meanwhile, the 90-plus ranged players within the City Lord's vicinity began to bombard the Boss with Skills and Spells. Tier 3 Spell, Darkness Burn!

Tier 3 Skill, Solitary Light!

Tier 3 Spell, Consecutive Earthen Spikes!

Spells and arrows tore apart the area while explosions shook Poison City. Damages exceeding -20,000 appeared above Crodia's head, one after another. Including the damage from the traps, the team dealt more than enough to overcome Crodia's battle recovery.

Every member of the team was ecstatic to see this.

When they had first seen Crodia, they had despaired. They had known they couldn't overcome the Boss's battle recovery with their attacks alone. Killing this City Lord had seemed impossible. Now that they knew they could ^ his battle recovery, however, they knew what to do next. They needed to whittle away at Crodia's HP.

Of course, that wouldn't be an easy task. To maximize their damage, Cola would have to lure Crodia into the traps the melee members had set up. Unfortunately, setting up traps required a long time, and they had very short durations. When no more than 100 players could be near the Boss, their timing and position had to be perfect.

Claiming that a single mistake could render all of their effort worthless was no exaggeration. As long as more than 100 players stood within 200 yards of the City Lord, his maximum HP would return to 5.4 billion. If that happened, Crodia would regenerate 54 million HP every five seconds. Even with Miniature World's suppression, the Superior Mythic would still regain 50 million HP over five seconds. One hundred players simply couldn't deal that much damage in so short a time.

Fortunately, the team was composed of experts among experts. Even the weakest player had reached the Flowing Water Realm. With Shi Feng's wise command, none would make such devastating mistakes.

Shi Feng heaved a rueful sigh upon seeing the team's flawless coordination. He had to admit that it was truly wonderful for a Guild to have a team of such prowess. Even though the team's equipment standards didn't meet the requirements, they still completed their tasks efficiently. This undoubtedly made the raid much easier.

As time passed, Crodia gradually lost HP.

95%... 75%... 50%...

When Crodia's HP fell to 50%, his fighting style changed as he stomped a foot, cracking the stone as the ground sank. The death energy around him began to spread, corroding everything within a 45-yard radius.

Aside from Cola, who had activated a Lifesaving Skill just in time, over a dozen Tier 3 experts evaporated, leaving nothing behind.

Crodia bellowed furiously, and the death energy rapidly gathered above him.

After a moment, the dense, black death energy transformed into the shadow of a fifty-meter-tall Nether Dragon, flapping its foggy wings.

[Nether Dragon's Shadow] (Ferocious Beast, Mythic)

Level 120

HP 6,000,000,000/6,000,000,000 “How is that possible?!”

Everyone cursed aloud when they saw the Nether Dragon’s Shadow. They had never thought that the Boss monster could actually summon another Boss...

Ferocious Beasts weren’t like Wild or Demonic Beasts. Their very existence was akin to a natural disaster. Some Ferocious Beasts were even stronger than Dragons. While the Nether Dragon’s Shadow before them might not be as powerful as a true Dragon, it was more than enough to instill despair.

Crodia alone was almost too much for them to handle. Now, they had to take on two Bosses of Crodia’s caliber with just 100 players. This was a joke.

Crodia had grown considerably weaker after summoning the Nether Dragon’s Shadow, but he still wasn’t an easy opponent.

The Nether Dragon’s Shadow descended and slammed a clawed foot into a nearby building, shattering the structure and leaving a black hole in its place. The Tier 3 Elementalist positioned on the building had tried to use Blink, but he had still died in the attack...

“Not good! This Boss’s attacks have the Spatial Imprisonment effect!” Hell Rush, who saw this from afar, grimly shouted.

The Spatial Imprisonment effect was fatal to magical classes and players with Teleportation Skills. Once a being sealed the space around them, players could only physically evade an attack. However, magical class players had far less dexterity and speed than melee players.

With the Spatial Imprisonment effect, even an ordinary Mythic monster could instantly kill Tier 3 magical class players, let alone a Mythic ranked Ferocious Beast.

Just as the Nether Dragon was about to attack another player, a bolt of blue lightning struck its claw.

Boom!

With the sound of another explosion, the bolt diverted the Nether Dragon's claw into the street, the impact instantly forming a crater.

Enraged over the interruption, the Nether Dragon's crimson eyes turned to glare at the figure that had launched the counterattack. Flapping its wings, the dragon's shadow sent a vortex of death energy at its new target.

The vortex had a very large AOE and was basically impossible for players to avoid quickly. Wherever the vortex passed, even space shattered.

Just as the death vortex was about to reach its target, the player in question raised his pitch-black longsword and swung it down in a vertical arc.

Hua!

The phantom of a gigantic greatsword appeared in the sky, slicing space and the death vortex in half, which then vanished into the void.

“Guild Leader?” Stunned, Aqua Rose turned to Shi Feng, the player responsible for the interrupting lightning bolt.

The Nether Dragon’s death vortex had definitely been more powerful than an ordinary Tier 4 Spell, yet Shi Feng had bisected it with a single swing. It was unbelievable!

Aside from Aqua Rose, Hell Rush, Blue Rainbow, and everyone else watching from afar were similarly astonished.

They were talking about a full-powered attack from a Tier 4 Ferocious Beast. Even an MT like Cola would die instantly if he tried to block such an attack, yet Shi Feng had countered it. Just how high was the Swordsman’s Strength?

“Don’t panic, everyone. Continue attacking Crodia. I’ll distract this Nether Dragon,” Shi Feng instructed, glancing at the players nearby.

In truth, even he had been surprised by the power of his attack. He had thought he’d be lucky just to block the death vortex, yet his Lightshadow had shattered it. He had to admit that his upgraded Abyssal Blade was perfectly suited for the Mana Technique.

Shi Feng’s command rekindled everyone’s confidence, and they resumed their responsibilities.

Although the Nether Dragon had killed a few players, team members quickly filled the vacant spots. They still had several hundred Tier 3 players on standby outside of Crodia's influence, so they had no worries about lacking manpower.

For a time, one man and one Dragon fought in the air, repeated shattering space around them. This looked nothing like a fight between a player and a monster, but a decisive battle between two heaven-defying monsters.

Meanwhile, it was business as usual as the rest of the team kited Crodia around the city, steadily chipping away at his HP. Of course, they weren't careless in their attacks.

After all was said and done, Shi Feng was only a player. Even with healers' support, there was a limit to his Stamina and Concentration. His fight with the Nether Dragon was insanely intense, and neither his Stamina nor his Concentration would last long at this pace.

The team was in a race against time.

Fortunately, the density of the death energy surrounding Crodia had decreased significantly after he had summoned the Nether Dragon's Shadow, which, in turn, lowered the City Lord's Magic Resistance. This considerably increased the team's total DPS. However, Crodia had begun to launch even fiercer attacks. Every hit shattered a building and killed anyone caught unprepared. As a result, the team steadily lost members.

Even as players died, however, Crodia's HP gradually decreased.

40%... 20%... 10%...

Finally, when Crodia's HP fell to 1%, the Nether Dragon's Shadow roared and transformed into over a dozen streams of death energy that returned to the Final Boss.

"Don't you dare think you can heal him!"

The sudden development didn't surprise Shi Feng in the least. This was Crodia's trump card, which he would use when he was on the brink of death. Each stream of death energy could restore 3% of the Superior Mythic's HP. To make matters worse, Crodia would summon the Nether Dragon's Shadow once more after the healing process ended. This move had abruptly ended many superpowers' raids in the past.

Shi Feng quickly activated the Abyssal Blade's Darkness Domain and executed Sword's Orbit, using the 36 streams of Power of Darkness to prevent the death energy from approaching the City Lord.

"Quick! Attack with everything you've got! I can't hold them back for long!" Shi Feng shouted as the streams of death energy began to move faster.

Players didn't have the power to destroy this death energy. They could only do their best to stop the energy from reaching the Boss, but as more time passed, not only would the death energy move faster, but these streams would also multiply.

"Attack!"

Zhao Yueru and the others shouted as they desperately bombarded Crodia with whatever Spells they had available. They only had a small amount of Mana remaining, and they had exhausted all of their powerful moves. All they could do was manipulate their Mana to increase their Spells' power and accuracy.

0.5%... 0.3%... 0.1%...

Boom!

With one last explosion, Crodia transformed into a thick cloud of death energy, rapidly dispersing from the alley and spreading throughout Poison City. The team's survivors then heard the sounds of multiple system notifications.

Chapter 2583 – Clear Reward, S-rank Rating

System: Congratulations! You are the first team of players to complete Poison City's Secret Land Crusade! Rewarding Level +1, 50 Free Mastery Points, 5 Legacy Skill Points, 1 Exotic Legacy Potion, 20 God's Domain Reputation Points, and 40 Poison City Reputation Points.

System: Congratulations! You are the first team of players to challenge Poison City while below Level 120 successfully. Rewarding 100 Poison City Reputation Points.

System: Congratulations! Your Poison City Reputation has reached 100 points. Unlocking Poison City Exchange Merchant. You may now purchase Poison City's specialty items.

System: Congratulations! For completing the Inferior Legendary Quest, "Beginning of the End" in one day, you've received an S-rank clear rating. Rewarding Level +1, 10 Legacy Skill Points, and 1 Silver Legacy Treasure Chest.

The series of system notifications momentarily stunned every survivor on the team.

These rewards were simply too abundant!

Even without the quest rewards, Crodia had awarded enough EXP to add another 40%, at least, to everyone's experience bars. Including the various quest rewards, everyone on the team rose by at least two levels. Even the players that had fallen in the battle and later resurrected had reached Level 114...

"These rewards just saved us more than a fortnight of grinding and Dungeon raids. If the others back in the Guild find out about this, they'll likely die from envy," one of Dark Rhapsody's main force members said as he looked at his own level and available Legacy Skill Points.

Even the various superpowers' peak experts would be lucky to reach Level 110 by this stage of the game, yet the lowest- leveled player among Dark Rhapsody's main force members had reached Level 114, with many already at 115. In other words, they were one minor threshold ahead of the various superpowers' peak experts.

While a gap of five levels might not seem like much, it was massive after factoring in the difference in equipment and weapons. Furthermore, Level 115 players could equip Level 120 items.

Aside from the significant increase in levels, the team members were elated when they saw how many Legacy Skill Points they had earned. With 15 Legacy Skill Points, they could learn a new Tier 3 Legacy Skill, which would elevate their combat power to a whole new level.

"That's nothing! Take a look at the Exotic Legacy Potion and Silver Legacy Treasure Chest! Now those are truly amazing!" a Level 115, Tier 3 Dark Shield Warrior exclaimed as he pulled an ink-black potion and silver chest from his bag.

When the rest of the team examined the two items' descriptions, an uproar swept through the team.

[Exotic Legacy Potion] (Grandmaster Potion, Consumable)

Grants user guidance for 1 hour in unlocking the Mana Body or gaining Mana control. Limit 1 per player.

[Silver Legacy Treasure Chest]

Players have a high chance of obtaining a top-tier weapon or equipment piece catered to their class and level, a small chance of obtaining a Tier 3 Skill or Spell Book catered to their class, a very small chance of obtaining a piece of Epic Equipment, and a minute chance of obtaining a unique Legacy or Legacy Weapon catered to their class upon opening this chest. (Time limit: 1 natural day.)

All of God's Domain's Tier 3 players dreamed of unlocking their Mana Bodies' full potential and gaining more Mana control, but accomplishing either of these tasks was incredibly difficult. Even now, the various superpowers hadn't found a reliable method to accelerate the process and had to rely on their members' talent and skills.

And yet, these players had just received a potion that offered an opportunity to make significant progress in both challenges. This was an astoundingly rare opportunity.

If they took advantage of this opportunity properly, they might even become peak or apex experts in God's Domain.

The Silver Legacy Treasure Chest was just as astronomically valuable. Even with crappy luck, the worst item they would obtain was a top-tier weapon or equipment piece suited for their classes and levels. Such a weapon or piece of equipment would provide a massive boost to their combat power, and if they got lucky, they might even acquire a piece of Epic Equipment.

“When the Guild Leader finds out about our rewards after working with Zero Wing, he’ll likely laugh himself mad,” Blue Rainbow said, sighing ruefully as she gazed at the opened treasure chest before her.

Her Silver Legacy Treasure Chest had granted a piece of Level 115 Dark-Gold Equipment, yet this was the worst possible outcome.

Dark Rhapsody had sent over 100 members to participate in Zero Wing’s expedition, which meant that their team would return with more than 100 pieces of Level 115 Dark-Gold Equipment, and that was if everyone had bad luck!

To secure such a haul, they’d have to repeatedly raid Level 115 Team Dungeons for more than 20 days. After all, only 100-man Hell Mode Team Dungeons and above had a chance of dropping Dark-Gold Equipment, and the drop-rate wasn’t even 100%.

Yet, they had only tagged along with Zero Wing for a little over three days and gained such a bountiful harvest. When she reported this to her Guild Leader, he’d assume she was delusional or was acting as a spy for Zero Wing...

The situation even dumbfounded Shi Feng.

The rewards are so abundant? Shi Feng could not believe his eyes as he read the system notifications.

Unlike everyone else, however, Shi Feng wasn't focused on the Exotic Legacy Potion or Silver Legacy Treasure Chests. Instead, the amount of Poison City Reputation Points awarded and the fact that they had unlocked the city's Exchange Merchant had caught his attention.

Normally, earning Poison City Reputation Points was an incredible challenge. Players could only earn so many points by killing the Final Boss during the secret land's First Clear. Subsequent kills yielded far less. Hence, players would need a very long time to gain enough points to get access to the Exchange Merchant.

However, once the merchant had activated, players could purchase Poison City's specialty potions, potion recipes, and forging designs for weapons and equipment with Magic Crystals. Please visit our ReadNovelFull.com

The most famous of Poison City's specialty potions had to be the Misfortune Potion. Each bottle cost 1,000 Magic Crystals. When consumed, players had a 30% chance to gain a 12-hour Mana boost, a 60% chance for no effect at all, and a 10% chance to suffer 3 hours of Mana Deficiency.

Unlike the Exotic Legacy Potion, players could consume as many Misfortune Potions as they wished.

Once players had activated Poison City's Exchange Merchant and had enough Magic Crystals, quickly unlocking their Mana Bodies' full potential was entirely possible.

Unfortunately, the Misfortune Potion was bound on purchase. In other words, only the players that had earned enough Poison City Reputation Points would have the privilege of using the potion. This was why the various superpowers of Shi Feng's previous life had desperately raided Poison City again and again.

Now, however, Shi Feng's entire team had access to this highly sought-after privilege after clearing the city once.

Once he suppressed his excitement over activating the Exchange Merchant, Shi Feng glanced at the last system notification, which only he had received.

System: Congratulations! For completing the Inferior Legendary Quest, "Beginning of the End" with an S-rank clear rating, you have been awarded the Disaster Blade. You may seek out the Crimson-eyed Sword Saint for Legacy Guidance once or request the Sword Saint strengthen the Disaster Blade. You have five minutes to decide.

Chapter 2584 – Final Decision, Road to Tier 4

Shi Feng could not help but hesitate when he saw the system notification.

Both the Legacy Guidance and the Disaster Blade strengthening were incredibly rare opportunities.

Not only would the Legacy Guidance help players unlock their Mana Bodies' full potential, but it would also help them reach beyond the 100% threshold. The knowledge a Titled Sword Saint like Elvoze had was especially valuable. With the Tier 6 Gods in seclusion, a Titled Sword Saint stood at the very apex of God's Domain's powerhouses.

Of course, the chance to strengthen the awarded weapon was just as precious.

This opportunity involved imbuing one's Mana in a weapon, granting the weapon a portion of their abilities. This wouldn't change any of the weapon's Attributes, but the weapon's power and Skill effects would receive a considerable boost. This could even grant the weapon hidden effects.

If a Titled Sword Saint imbued an Epic Weapon like the Disaster Blade with his Mana, the weapon would be able to rival Fragmented Legendary Weapons.

Even the various superpowers' experts would consider such a weapon godly. They'd essentially be able to use it for their entire careers in God's Domain. The weapon's level limitation wouldn't be a concern, either. It was possible to raise a Level 100-plus Epic Weapon or Equipment piece's maximum level through certain means, although it would be more costly with a Level 100-plus Epic Weapon.

However, if one could continue to use an Epic Weapon that rivaled Fragmented Legendary rank, the cost would be worthwhile.

While Shi Feng hesitated, he heard the sound of another system notification.

System: You have one minute remaining. If you fail to make a decision before the time limit has ended, both options will be considered abandoned.

With so little time remaining, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and approached Elvoze.

"Esteemed Sword Saint, I hope to obtain your Legacy Guidance," Shi Feng earnestly declared.

"Are you certain? You have already unlocked your Mana Body, and based on how you accomplished that feat, you must have received Legacy Guidance from another powerhouse. I doubt my guidance will be of

any significant help to you. In contrast, strengthening the Disaster Blade will certainly increase your strength,” Elvoze calmly informed Shi Feng.

“I am certain, my lord,” Shi Feng replied, nodding.

While he had unlocked his Mana Body’s full potential, 100% wasn’t enough for his future goals. He’d only reach greater heights by surpassing that threshold. Every powerhouse trod a different path, and obtaining more Legacy Guidance would definitely help him break past the 100% threshold.

Most importantly, opportunities to receive Legacy Guidance were incredibly rare. If he missed this chance, he might never find another.

Even after learning from the Heavenly Blue Saint’s Legacy Guidance, he had only unlocked his Mana Body’s full potential after combining what he had learned with a God’s Heart’s effects. Naturally, crossing the 100% threshold was far more difficult than reaching it. If he had to do so on his own, it would take ages before he made a breakthrough. He might never actually succeed. He had an Epic ranked Mana Body, and going beyond 100% at that rank would be much harder than it would be with lower ranks.

If he did not have enough help, his chances of making a breakthrough were minuscule at best, even with the help of a God’s Heart.

Thus, he had no choice.

Strengthening the Disaster Blade would give him immediate access to a pseudo-Fragmented Legendary Weapon and boost his combat power, but the Disaster Blade was a fragment of Solomon’s Sword. Once he found five sword fragments, he would have to combine them to reproduce Solomon’s Sword, which would render the strengthening useless.

Moreover, Shi Feng now had the Fragmented Legendary ranked Abyssal Blade. He no longer lagged behind others when it came to weapon standards.

More importantly, Tier 3 wasn't the end for true experts, only a transition. Reaching Tier 4 was a far better option than obtaining another Fragmented Legendary item. As players reached higher levels, the strength differences between tiers would only grow. Sooner or later, the gap would grow so large that not even one or two Fragmented Legendary items would make a difference.

Shi Feng had also reached Level 117, only three levels away from the Level 120 threshold.

Level 120!

Naturally, the Tier 4 Promotion Quest would be much harder than the Tier 3 quest. The two weren't even on the same level.

The Tier 3 Promotion Quest would be like a Normal Mode Party Dungeon, while the Tier 4 quest would be as challenging as a 100-man, Hell Mode Team Dungeon. There was a qualitative difference between the two.

Most mainstream experts were capable of reaching Tier 3. Even if they couldn't do it at Level 100, they could complete the quest after reaching Level 120 or level 130. Tier 4, however, was a different story. If one truly couldn't complete their Tier 4 Promotion Quest, they'd never do so, even after reaching Level 200.

Because of this, Tier 4 experts had been incredibly rare in the past, even among the various superpowers. Anyone that successfully reached Tier 4 instantly became a Guild upper echelon.

Moreover, completing the Tier 4 Promotion Quest took a very long time. According to the statistics players had collected in the past, completing a Tier 4 Promotion Quest could take anywhere between one and two months.

However, Shi Feng also had to face the Silver Divine Dragon, Auerbeck's trial, so he was in a rush. If he couldn't reach Tier 4 before he had to undertake the Divine Dragon's trial, his chances of clearing the trial would be all but zero. Unfortunately, he couldn't afford to lose Auerbeck due to the many benefits the Divine Dragon's companion enjoyed. It had also helped him secure a foothold on the western continent.

In his current state, Shi Feng estimated that his chances of completing the Tier 4 Promotion quest were only around 10% or 20%. He had no choice but to grab ahold of whatever opportunities that would help him increase his chances as soon as possible.

"It seems you have already decided on your path," Elvoze said, and he seemed to look at the Swordsman before him in a different way. He no longer viewed Shi Feng as a weaker being, but as an equal. He then retrieved a crystal ball and handed it to Shi Feng, saying, "This is the experience I have gained over the years. I hope it will be of some help."

After handing Shi Feng the crystal ball, Elvoze transformed into a streak of light and vanished from Poison City. The two Tier 4 NPCs who had accompanied him also disappeared, and the dull-gray longsword Crodia had wielded returned to the fountain.

Removing the Disaster Blade from the fountain, Shi Feng stored it in his bag. He had no intention of using the weapon at all.

Unlike ordinary weapons, the Disaster Blade would convert its user's Mana into dense death energy, which would affect everyone that came into contact with it, aside from the user. Just having the weapon passively equipped would influence the carrier's surroundings. The weapon's properties made it utterly unsuitable for ordinary players. Only Dark Players that preferred to work solo could wield the blade properly. This was another reason that Shi Feng had declined the chance to strengthen the Disaster Blade.

"Guild Leader, we've finished collecting the Boss's loot," Aqua Rose excitedly reported once Shi Feng had finished his conversation with Elvoze. "We've gained quite a harvest this time. Aside from the Fragmented Legendary ranked mage robes, Undead's Will, we've acquired two Epic Weapons: a staff and a dagger. The complete Nether Set, a Tier 3 Set Equipment for magical classes, also dropped, as well as a bunch of materials and recipes. According to your instructions, we held an internal auction for the Epic Weapons. Blue Frost won the staff, while Flying Shadow won the dagger. What should we do with the Undead's Will and Tier 3 Set Equipment?"

"Give the Undead's Will to Blue Frost. He still has to command the situation in the Dark Den. It'll make things easier for him when he has to stand up against the various superpowers," Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought.

Before Shi Feng and Aqua Rose could continue their conversation, though, Dark Rhapsody's Blue Rainbow approached Shi Feng. Worried, she informed him, "Guild Leader Black Flame, I've just received a report stating that Demon's Heart's alliance team has reached the first floor's third Boss and begun the raid. By the looks of it, they have a very high chance of taking it down..."

The Ancient God's Tower's first floor had four Bosses in total. If Demon's Heart's alliance managed to defeat the third Boss, they were almost guaranteed to defeat the Final Boss, as well.

"Their raiding speed is astonishing." Shi Feng was similarly surprised to hear this. Each of the Ancient God's Tower's floors was as large as a small resource map. Finding the Bosses wasn't easy. However, Shi Feng chuckled and assured her, "Fortunately, we've completed our task here. It's time we return."

Chapter 2585 – Small Problem, Raid Begins!

Cold Spring Forest, Stone Forest City:

After acquiring the Disaster Blade, Shi Feng decided to leave Poison City immediately, using a Return Scroll to teleport back to Stone Forest City's Freedom Hotel.

As he and his team appeared in the hotel lobby, they attracted a lot of attention from the hotel's guests. Although most of the team members had hidden their statistics and auras under Black Cloaks, some hadn't.

As a result, a heavy pressure bore down on the players in the lobby when the team returned. It was even stronger than that of Level 110 Great Lords, with some players radiating even more pressure than Level 110 Grand Lords...

"Crap! Aren't these players' auras a little too strong?! They feel even stronger than superpowers' teams I've met before! Who are these people!?"

"Look, those NPCs are acting so respectfully before the Swordsman in the lead. Could that be the grinding team Black Flame led out of the city earlier?"

You might be right. Usually, those NPCs are even indifferent toward Gold Members. I suspect they'd only show respect to someone of Black Flame's standing."

The players in the lobby fell into a heated discussion about Shi Feng's team, and many independent players watched on in envy.

Now that Zero Wing controlled the Dark World's Teleportation Gate, Stone Forest City was officially a sacred leveling ground for regular players. Countless players from various kingdoms and empires swarmed toward the city. Just entering the city had become a problem, not to mention renting a room in the Freedom Hotel.

Zero Wing's members, however, did not have these problems. They didn't have to stand in line to enter the city or fight for a room in the Freedom Hotel. Their Guild had already reserved rooms for its members. Moreover, Zero Wing's normal members received a 40% discount if paid for their rooms with GCPs, while core members received a 50% discount.

These were the reasons that more players constantly sought to join the Guild. And to ensure that the Guild could continue its normal operations while providing the same benefits, Zero Wing had further increased the recruitment requirements. Countless players regretted not joining sooner.

Meanwhile, it wasn't long after Shi Feng's team had returned that the various powers within the city heard about it.

"Black Flame's finally back?" Dawn Dominance, who had concealed himself with a Black Cloak and rested in one of the Freedom Hotel's rooms, sneered as he read the latest report from his subordinate. "It seems he's increased the combat power Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's members by quite a bit. It's a pity that he's too late. Demon's Heart's team has almost pinpointed the third Boss's weaknesses. It's only a matter of time before they defeat it and move on to the Final Boss."

"Guild Leader, Flaming Light has reported that those people are now in Cold Spring Forest. Should we leave?" a Level 109, Tier 3 Elementalist asked from beside Dawn Dominance.

"Good. Yes, we'll head over immediately. I want to see just what kind of powerful individuals Flaming Light has invited to declare that he can help World Domination take control of the Dark World," Dawn Dominance said, nodding.

Following which, Dawn Dominance left Stone Forest City with his subordinates, making his way to Cold Spring Forest's outer region.

At the same time, the various superpowers operating secretly in Stone Forest City only snickered at Shi Feng's return. So what if Zero Wing controlled the Dark World's Teleportation Gate?

In the end, the Dark World's players would still reach the main continent in droves, and now that Zero Wing was their enemy, the Guild would suffer once they arrived. Nowhere would be safe for Zero Wing's members outside of Cold Spring Forest.

Upon his return, Shi Feng instructed the NPC manager to arrange an advanced lounge for the team to rest.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, Demon's Heart has already begun to raid the third Boss, yet you want to rest here...?" Blue Rainbow anxiously complained.

Although they were fatigued from their trip to Poison City, players would recover a significant fraction of their Stamina and Concentration when they leveled up. After that Final Boss, they had all leveled twice, so the team was in relatively good condition. They were more than capable of starting their raid in the Ancient God's Tower.

Yet, Shi Feng had told them to rest for now almost as if he were afraid that Demon's Heart didn't have a strong enough lead.

“No. Your Stamina and Concentration might be fine, but the secret land’s death energy is still corroding your bodies. The Ancient God’s tower also has powerful foreign energy. On the off chance that these energies cause too much damage before you clear the trial, all of your efforts will go to waste. It’d be better to rest here for a while, rather than take such a risk. You can use the time to drink the Exotic Legacy Potions you’ve obtained, as well,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

“But the time...” Shi Feng’s insistence did nothing to calm Blue Rainbow’s worries.

The future of their two Guilds was at risk. If Demon’s Heart’s alliance captured the first floor before they could, their Guilds wouldn’t survive in the Dark World for long.

“I doubt there will be any issues if you take full advantage of that potion,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

Neither the dropped weapons and equipment nor the awarded Legacy Skill Points were the team’s greatest reward. Instead, it was the Exotic Legacy Potions.

When players normally slew Poison City’s Bosses, each Boss only dropped one or two Exotic Legacy Potions. Furthermore, those Bosses only respawned after three days. Knowing this, it was easy to imagine how valuable the potions were.

However, because the team had completed the Inferior Legendary Quest, every member had been awarded one bottle.

Although a single Exotic Legacy Potion might not help someone fully unlock their Mana Body, in combination with the Freedom Hotel’s astounding environment, it would help these players unlock a sizable percentage. That percentage alone would grant a massive boost to their combat power since it tremendously improved their Skills and Spells’ power.

However, Shi Feng's advice confused Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold. What did he mean by 'take full advantage?'

Of course, he had a point. While their consecutive leveling had cleansed them of a portion of the foreign energy, much still remained. If this energy and the energy within the tower corroded too much of their bodies halfway into the raid, they'd be doomed.

Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold immediately stopped wasting time. They instructed all of their players to move to the reserved lounge, rest, and consume the Exotic Legacy Potions.

In total, the team rested for over an hour. Once they felt refreshed, Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold hurried toward the Dark World's Ancient God's Tower with their respective Guilds' main force members.

By the time the group arrived, another four hours had passed.

The Ancient God's Tower had seven floors and was over a thousand meters tall. Players, whom the Dark World's various powers had stationed to guard the entrance, didn't try to stop the group when Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold arrived. They simply stepped aside and let the force enter the tower, notifying the team within of their arrival.

Meanwhile, a six-meter-tall, Level 113 Mythic ranked Ore lay lifeless before Demon's Heart's team within an ancient city on the Ancient God's Tower's first floor.

"Elder Heart, our scouts have located the fourth ancient city," a Level 110, Tier 3 Dark Ranger reported, approaching Furious Heart. "In addition, our brothers at the entrance have informed me that Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's members have entered the tower."

“They’ve finally decided to show up?” The report surprised Furious Heart. “How many people did they send? Are Zero Wing’s members with them?”

Their team had already defeated the first floor’s third Boss and located the Final Boss. He found it surprising that the two Guilds would bother to show up now. They must have brought powerful support with them and were confident of surpassing the alliance team’s progress.

“Just a little over 200. We didn’t see any of Zero Wing’s members or the outside world’s players among their team,” the Dark Ranger reported.

“Just a little over 200? Have those Guilds lost their minds?” For a moment, Furious Heart wondered if he had misheard the Tier 3 Dark Ranger.

Demon’s Heart’s alliance had sent over a thousand Tier 3 experts just to increase their chances of raiding the Ancient God’s Tower!

What could a measly 200-plus Tier 3 experts possibly accomplish?

“Should we send our spies to find out more?” the Dark Ranger asked.

“No need. To think they would dare enter the tower with so few players, do they think this is some kind of playground?” Furious Heart said, shaking his head. Chuckling, he continued, “Let them struggle. They’re only fools if they thought they could rely on Zero Wing. Once we finish our raid, we’ll make them regret their decision!”

With that, Furious Heart commanded his team to head toward the Final Boss. He completely disregarded the matter involving Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society.

In the meantime, Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's main force members stopped before the doors to the Ancient God's Tower's first floor.

"Alright, let's start the raid!" Blue Rainbow exclaimed, glancing over the team.

Chapter 2586 – Surpassing Logic, Ancient God's Tower Unlocked Dark World, Ancient God's Tower:

A team of over a thousand players fought the wandering Barbaric Ores as they advanced across a gravel wasteland, but due to the high number of the Ores, the team's progress was quite slow.

From afar, it looked like the team was drowning in a sea of Ores. Aside from the area the players occupied, the Barbaric Ores covered every inch of the wasteland.

[Barbaric Ore] (Humanoid Creature, High Lord)

Level 112

HP 57,000,000/57,000,000

[Barbaric Ore Warrior] (Humanoid Creature, Great Lord) Level 113

HP 140,000,000/140,000,000

[Barbaric Ore Captain] (Humanoid Creature, Grand Lord) Level 114

HP 500,000,000/500,000,000

“Elder Heart, too many monsters are swarming out of the ancient city. If we get any closer, I’m afraid we’ll alert the Ore guards on the city walls,” one of the Level 110, Tier 3 Shield Warriors on the frontlines called back.

Although the first three cities had been difficult to raid, none had had this many monsters. The fourth ancient city was home to at least 100,000 Ores.

If their team hadn’t been entirely comprised of Tier 3 experts, these Barbaric Ores and Barbaric Ore Warriors would’ve long since eliminated them.

“Why is this city so much harder?” Furious Heart frowned, watching the Barbaric Ore Captains on the city walls. Gritting his teeth, he commanded, “Everyone, change formation! Prioritize the Ores here before we continue!”

While their team was more than capable of dealing with Level 114 Grand Lords, there were more than 30 Grand Lords stationed on the walls. In the outside world, such a force could effortlessly demolish Guild Towns.

There were simply too many Ores and Ore Warriors for a team of their size to handle.

With Furious Heart's command hanging in the air, the team moved out of their V-formation into a block formation. Read more at L.listnovel.com. The MTs and melee players held back the swarming Ores, while the ranged players attacked from within the block's inner layer.

Once everyone was in position, the team's magic class players began to chant long incantations. More than a hundred gigantic magic arrays appeared above the Ore force, blotting out the sky.

Four seconds later, the arrays had taken shape and rained fire, ice, and lightning down on the Ores below.

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

Deafening explosions echoed across the gravel wasteland.

By the time the last large-scale destruction Spell came to an end, the surrounding terrain had transformed. Easily over 4,000 Barbaric Ore and Barbaric Ore Warrior corpses littered the deformed land.

"Nice! A team with plenty of large-scale destruction Spells is awesome!"

"I know, right? My usual team only has a few people with Tier 3 large-scale destruction Spells, yet we currently have over a hundred. I doubt even superpowers can field such a powerful team."

“It’s a pity that the tower’s monsters don’t drop any loot and grant almost no EXP. Otherwise, we would’ve hit the jackpot.”

The various major powers’ experts were astonished at the carnage around them.

They knew that Demon’s Heart had gone around the Dark World, borrowing manpower from the various major powers to raid the Ancient God’s Tower and prioritizing players with Tier 3 large-scale destruction Spells. However, only a few players at a time had cast these Spells during their prior battles. They hadn’t been allowed to cast these Spells simultaneously. The shock they felt after watching over a hundred large-scale destruction Spells go off at once was on a completely new level.

The team members also realized how important players with such devastating Spells were. They had to admit that these magical class players were walking cannons in large-scale combat.

“I wonder what Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society’s people are thinking. I can’t believe they’re trying to race us to the final boss with just 200-plus players. Their full team is smaller than the number of players we have with Tier 3 large-scale destruction Spells,” a Tier 3 Ranger said, laughing at the destruction around him.

“I doubt they have any idea how many large-scale destruction Spellcasters we have on our team. If they knew, they’d likely just give up,” a Tier 3 Elementalist added, chuckling.

Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society were formidable Guilds in the Dark World, but they weren’t strong enough to compete with the combined might of the Otherworld’s various major powers.

Even the weakest member on the alliance team was a Refinement Realm expert in full Level 105 Fine-Gold Equipment. Even the various superpowers only had a few experts with such high equipment

standards, yet every member of the alliance team wore such equipment. How, exactly, did Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society plan to compete with them?

“Enough chit chat! We need to eliminate these Barbaric Ores quickly! If we take our time, and they respawn during the Boss fight, we’ll be in trouble!” Furious Heart shouted, chuckling.

He hadn’t been worried about the two Guilds’ attempt to raid the Ancient God’s Tower since the very beginning. Not even Zero Wing could help them now.

Not only did the alliance team consist of peak combatants from the Dark World’s various major powers, but it also had support from the main continent’s various superpowers.

Finally, after over a dozen hours of fighting, Furious Heart and his team had obliterated the Barbaric Ore army on the gravel wasteland and in the ancient city. Now, only the Final Boss and a few guards remained.

[Barbaric Ore King] (Humanoid Creature, Archaic Species, Mythic) Level 114

HP 3,500,000,000/3,500,000,000

[Barbaric Ore Guard] (Humanoid Creature, Specialized Grand Lord) Level 114

HP 600,000,000/600,000,000

When they saw the Barbaric Ore King and eight Barbaric Ore Guards in the ancient tower within the city's heart, Furious Heart and his companions gasped.

An ordinary Mythic Boss was already a major challenge due to their incredibly high Basic Attributes and combat standards. However, a Mythic ranked Archaic Species was even more powerful in both regards.

Meanwhile, the system would enhance one aspect of Specialized monsters. In other words, they could transcend tiers in a specific way. Hence, Specialized Grand Lords' combat power could sometimes rival that of ordinary Mythic monsters.

Now, their team had to face eight pseudo Mythic monsters, and including the Boss, a total of nine Tier 4 opponents. This force could even destroy Guild Cities.

"Elder Heart, the guards and the Boss are too close to each other. If we attack one, all nine will respond," a Level 110, Tier 3 Assassin from World Domination warned, frowning.

"Then we have no choice but to fight them all at the same time. Once we begin, lure the eight monster guards aside and kill them first. We'll focus on the Boss afterward," Furious Heart decided after giving the matter some thought.

His teammates nodded when they heard his plan. While quite a few mobs surrounded the Boss, they had over a thousand players and could easily afford to split up their combat power to distract the Boss, while the rest finished off the guards, who had significantly less HP.

Once the plan had been agreed upon, everyone got to work.

Just as the team's MTs were about to split up and lure the Boss and its eight guards, however, they all heard the sound of a series of system notifications.

Ancient God's Tower Region System Announcement: A team has successfully completed the trial of the Ancient God's Tower's first floor. The teleportation arrays on the first floor have now been unlocked.

Ancient God's Tower Region System Announcement: A team has successfully completed the trial of the Ancient God's Tower's first floor. All players on the first floor will be automatically teleported to the first floor's inner sanctum in three minutes. Please make the necessary preparations.

"This... How is this possible!?"

After hearing the system announcements, the central tower went quiet....

Chapter 2587 – One Step Ahead? Frightening Levels!

"We haven't even started on the Boss, yet the trial's been cleared? Did another team get ahead of us?"

"Did some power send a team into the tower in secret before we got here?"

"Impossible! No one can field a team powerful enough to clear the tower without anyone noticing!"

No one on the alliance team could believe their ears when they heard the system announcement. At the same time, they all wondered which team had just conquered the Ancient God's Tower's first floor.

But even after racking their brains for a long moment, they couldn't think of anyone who could pull it off.

They had first-hand experience with the first-floor trial, so they knew just how challenging it was. Not only would a team need at least 1,000 Tier 3 Refinement Realm experts, but they'd also have to be fully armed with top-tier equipment. Their alliance team had even been forced to borrow their top-tier weapons and equipment from the main continent's various superpowers. Procuring enough of these items was simply impossible for the Dark World's various major powers.

"Could it be Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's team, Elder Heart?" the Level 110, Tier 3 Assassin from World Domination wondered.

"Impossible!" Furious Heart's reply was instinctive. They only entered the tower less than half a day ago! With just 200- plus players, they won't even be able to handle the outer area's monsters, much less the monsters within the four ancient cities!"

"I guess you're right. Even with top-tier equipment, they'd need a lot of time to figure out the Bosses' patterns and weaknesses. They'll be lucky to raid the first Boss so quickly, not to mention all four," the Assassin said. He silently scolded himself for being stupid enough to think Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society could be responsible for capturing the first floor. "Since they couldn't do it, who just did?"

Everyone in the Dark World knew that Dark Rhapsody, Deity Society, and World Domination were the three strongest Guilds in their Otherworld, and no other Guild could compare. Hence, he found it hard to imagine that some hidden power, capable of accomplishing such a feat, existed.

"I don't know who foiled our plans, but it's fine as long as it wasn't Dark Rhapsody or Deity Society," Furious Heart commented after taking a moment to calm his rage. "We'll figure out who they are when they system teleports us to the inner sanctum."

The appearance of a third faction certainly surprised Furious Heart, but it wasn't something to make a fuss over. Plenty of major corporations had invested in God's Domain, and there were bound to be some who secretly developed their powers, waiting for an opportunity to shine. That was, after all, Demon's Heart's situation.

This wasn't the worst possible outcome. With how much influence Demon's Heart and the various superpowers possessed, they weren't afraid that this third faction wouldn't cooperate. Rather, allying with them would be the wisest move this faction could make.

The other powers' members nodded in agreement.

Their team represented the majority of the Dark World's major powers. Refusing to cooperate would be tantamount to suicide. The Ancient God's Tower wasn't the only way out of the Dark World, and players could contest for its ruling rights once a month. The easiest way to determine the tower's new owner once that month was up was to host a battle between players, not a simple contest of who could raid the tower the fastest

Shortly after Furious Heart fell silent, a teleportation array appeared under everyone's feet, sending all of them to the tower's inner sanctum.

Ancient God's Tower, first floor's central hall:

A flash of white light filled the central hall's plaza as all players on the first floor teleported in.

The first floor's central hall was roughly the size of three sports stadiums. Aside from the stone golems that maintained security, the hall contained a large number of hotels, restaurants, and Shops. This place could easily accommodate 100,000 players.

"Quick! Find those people!" Furious Heart commanded as soon as he arrived.

Although getting a clear view of the plaza with a glance was possible, they couldn't do anything to stop the third faction's members from fleeing. Players weren't allowed to fight within the Ancient God's Tower's inner sanctum, and players could freely use Return Scrolls in this area.

However, the alliance team members were stunned by what they found in their search for the mysterious third faction.

Aside from Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's 200-plus members and themselves, the plaza was empty...

"Where are they?" Furious Heart also looked around, confused. "Have they already escaped? No! Impossible! Everyone teleported at the same time! Even if they used Return Scrolls the moment they arrived, we should've still seen them!"

While Furious Heart and his team frantically searched for this third faction, two figures approached them. However, Furious Heart and the others instinctively ignored them.

The two figures were none other than Dark Rhapsody's Blue Rainbow and Deity Society's Elder Gold.

"Long time, no see, Elder Heart," Blue Rainbow greeted Furious Heart as she walked up to him.

“Long time, no see? If I recall, we met only a few days ago,” Furious Heart rudely responded.

He had visited the two Guilds personally to persuade them to join with Demon’s Heart. Blue Rainbow had received him when he visited Dark Rhapsody, but both Guilds had foolishly and definitively refused Demon’s Heart’s goodwill, siding with Zero Wing instead.

Furious Heart didn’t doubt that these two were here to ridicule the alliance team for failing to capture the Ancient God’s Tower’s first floor.

“Is such behavior necessary, Elder Heart? I am only here to pass on a message from Guild Leader Black Flame,” Blue Rainbow said, unfazed by man’s attitude.

“Relay a message? I hadn’t realized that Dark Rhapsody’s Honorary Elder had become Zero Wing’s errand girl. The world really has changed,” Furious Heart said, sneering.

“That’s right; the world has changed. Some people just refuse to acknowledge it,” Blue Rainbow responded, not angered in the least by Furious Heart’s provocation. Chuckling, she continued, “Guild Leader Black Flame’s message is simple. Develop yourselves quietly, and don’t cause unnecessary trouble. If you refuse, there will be consequences!”

“Consequences? With just Zero Wing’s strength? Demon’s Heart’s foundation and strength are leagues beyond what Zero Wing can imagine!” Furious Heart growled disdainfully. “While I admit that we failed to secure the first floor’s First Clear, can’t the same be said of you?”

“The same of us?” The question surprised Blue Rainbow. After a moment, she simply shook her head before turning and leaving without another word.

Elder Gold, who had stood beside her, just chuckled before he walked off.

“What are you laughing about?!” Furious Heart bellowed after the older man.

He didn’t receive a reply, however, and in the next moment, Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society’s members pulled Return Scrolls from their bag as they prepared to leave the Ancient God’s Tower.

Just as Furious Heart was about to say something else, he heard a voice.

“Something’s not right, Elder Heart! Look at their levels!” the Assassin from World Domination exclaimed.

Everyone from the alliance team turned to examine the other players’ levels, and what they saw left them utterly flabbergasted.

“Level 115?! How is that possible!?”

Chapter 2588 – Inhuman Abilities, Dark World Shaken!

Furious Heart was dumbfounded at the levels of Blue Rainbow and the others.

Even the peak experts of God's Domain had only reached Level 110 and were still a far cry from Level 111. Nevertheless, the majority of Dark Rhapsody's and Deity Society's members present here were at Level 115 already, with even the lowest-leveled player among them at Level 114.

"How are their levels so high? What did Zero Wing do?" Furious Heart's eyes were wide with astonishment as he gaped at Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold.

Furious Heart had personally met Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold just a few days ago. Back then, both of them were only at Level 109. Now, in less than a week, they had actually leveled up six times and reached Level 115.

The only explanation Furious Heart could think of for this situation was the expedition Dark Rhapsody's and Deity Society's main force members had gone on with Zero Wing. However, no matter how he cudged his brains, he simply couldn't figure out how Zero Wing could fast-track the two Guilds' main force members' leveling that much.

Past Level 100, leveling up became incredibly difficult. Even Tier 3 experts would need two or three consecutive days of relentless grinding to level up once. However, the two Guilds' main force members had disappeared for just a little more than three days, yet every one of them had gained around five or six levels—which meant they leveled up nearly twice a day. Even a Super Guild mobilizing all of its available strength to help just one individual level up couldn't accomplish such a feat.

Zero Wing, on the other hand, had done so for more than 200 players. Just what kind of resources and manpower would such a feat entail?

"Elder Heart, look at their equipment..." the Tier 3 Assassin from World Domination said, pointing at the gear of Dark Rhapsody's and Deity Society's members.

When Furious Heart did as the Assassin suggested, he gasped in shock.

“Am I dreaming?” Furious Heart muttered.

Previously, his attention had been fully occupied with searching for the supposed third faction that had captured the Ancient God’s Tower; hence, he had instinctively ignored the members of Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society. However, after scrutinizing the two Guilds’ members, he noticed that the majority of them wore Secret-Silver Equipment mixed in with some Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold Equipment.

In terms of rank, the two Guilds’ members’ equipment couldn’t even compete against that of the alliance team members, who were fully geared in Fine-Gold Equipment. However, Furious Heart still felt an incredibly powerful pressure coming from the two Guilds’ members. Logically, this shouldn’t be possible even with a five-level disparity.

The only explanation Furious Heart could think of for this situation was that the two Guilds’ members boasted Level 115-plus weapons and equipment.

In terms of Basic Attributes, Level 110 Secret-Silver Equipment was roughly equal with Level 105 Fine-Gold Equipment. Meanwhile, although players would gain some Basic Attributes from leveling up five times, the increase wouldn’t result in a huge gap in Basic Attributes. At the very least, there needed to be a one-rank difference for such a disparity to exist. Hence, the only logical explanation was that the Secret-Silver Equipment Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society’s members were using was Level 115.

Currently, Level 110 equipment was incredibly rare even for the various superpowers, while Level 115 equipment was something nobody dared to dream of obtaining right now. After all, obtaining Level 115 equipment required killing Level 115-plus monsters. And generally, only monsters at the Great Lord rank or above had a chance of dropping Secret-Silver Equipment.

Meanwhile, all 200-plus members of Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's team were fully geared in Level 115 Secret- Silver Equipment or better. This was simply ridiculous.

Guild Leader, it seems we really made the wrong choice. The Level 110 Assassin from World Domination could not help a bitter smile as he gazed at Blue Rainbow and the others.

A third faction capturing the Ancient God's Tower? That was merely their arbitrary wish.

In reality, the ones responsible for capturing the Ancient God's Tower were none other than the joint team of Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society. However, the only reason why the two Guilds succeeded was Zero Wing's help.

Meanwhile, just because of Zero Wing's help, Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society had gone from being inferior to World Domination to surpassing World Domination by a large margin. In fact, Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society were now at a level where World Domination could only look up to them in awe. With the two Guilds having captured the Ancient God's Tower, it was already obvious that they would experience tremendous development in the Dark World.

In the future, the two Guilds would definitely become the rulers of the Dark World.

Meanwhile, after their conquest of the Ancient God's Tower, Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold did not place any more attention on the tower, making their way back to their respective headquarters to rest instead. After all, they didn't need to manage the tower. Currently, the only option the Dark World's various powers and players had to leave the Dark World was the Teleportation Gate connected to Cold Spring Forest. As for using the Ancient God's Tower's teleportation arrays, that would simply be a waste of time and resources. After all, they would first have to transit through another Otherworld to get to the main continent.

Shortly after Blue Rainbow and the others left the central hall, news of Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society capturing the Ancient God's Tower also started spreading like wildfire across the entire Dark World. For a time, the Dark World was in an uproar.

"How is this possible? Didn't they say that Demon's Heart allied with the various major powers to raid the Ancient God's Tower?"

Those two Guilds are that strong now?"

"Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society actually took control of the Ancient God's Tower. With this, it seems that everyone in the Dark World will have to listen to those two Guilds. Seeing as not many people are joining those two Guilds now, let's use this opportunity to join them quickly, while we can still do so easily."

At the news of Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's achievement, some players celebrated while others felt disappointed. Nobody had ever entertained the thought of such an outcome.

The alliance that Demon's Heart formed with the Dark World's various major powers had actually suffered defeat.

This outcome solidified Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society's position as the top two Guilds of the Dark World. Now, the dissatisfaction of the Dark World's many players no longer mattered. Nobody would be able to stop the two Guilds' development; trying to do so would simply be suicide. After all, the two Guilds could easily prevent their enemies from ever setting foot outside the Dark World.

While players could grind and level up inside the Dark World, it was sorely lacking in Level 100-plus resources. Players restricted to grinding in the Dark World would experience extremely slow leveling speeds. If this situation continued over a long period, the gap between the two Guilds' members and those barred from leaving the Dark World would only widen.

Meanwhile, among the Dark World's players, the ones most surprised by this outcome would have to be the members of Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society—especially the upper echelons and Guild Leaders of the two Guilds.

However, what truly surprised the upper echelons and Guild Leaders of the two Guilds wasn't the successful capture of the Ancient God's Tower's first floor but the levels and equipment of Blue Rainbow, Elder Gold, and the others.

With such levels and equipment, no power would be capable of contending against their two Guilds even on the main continent, much less in the Dark World.

However, only Blue Rainbow, Elder Gold, and the members of the two Guilds' main forces knew that, in reality, their greatest gains from partnering with Zero Wing weren't these things but the Exotic Legacy Potions they obtained.

Due to the Exotic Legacy Potion and the Freedom Hotel's effects, every member of their team had successfully unlocked 40% of their Mana Bodies' potential on average. As for Blue Rainbow and Elder Gold, the two of them had even managed to release 60%, only 40% away from fully unlocking their Mana Bodies.

Cold Spring Forest, Stone Forest City, Freedom Hotel:

"Guild Leader, this is terrible. Now, not only have Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society taken control of the Ancient God's Tower, but their main force members are also far ahead than ours in both levels and equipment. At this rate, I'm afraid..." a Level 110, Tier 3 Assassin from World Domination said worriedly to Dawn Dominance, who was currently resting inside the Freedom Hotel, through a video chat.

“It seems I really underestimated Zero Wing. I never thought that it would possess such capabilities. Those two Guilds sure have found themselves a powerful backer this time,” Dawn Dominance remarked, his mood indescribably calm despite having read his subordinate’s report regarding Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society’s achievements. His reaction made it seem as if this matter was completely unrelated to him. In fact, a faint smile even graced his face right now.

“Guild Leader?” The Tier 3 Assassin was confused when he saw Dawn Dominance’s reaction.

“I admit that Zero Wing is very powerful. However, Zero Wing’s era will end very soon,” Dawn Dominance said, chuckling.

“Guild Leader, do you have some method to deal with Zero Wing and the two other Guilds?” the Assassin asked, curious.

Zero Wing, Dark Rhapsody, and Deity Society currently controlled all the exits from the Dark World. The daily growth of the three Guilds was no laughing matter. He found it truly hard to imagine that World Domination had some way to oppose Zero Wing.

Take a look at this,” Dawn Dominance said, his smile widening as he took out a dark-gray crystal ball and displayed it through the video chat.

As soon as Dawn Dominance took out the crystal ball, the space around it started darkening, the corrupted space giving off an indescribably strange feeling. In fact, even space itself started cracking, due to the evil energy the crystal ball released.

“What dense energy! It can practically rival the energy in Seven Luminaries Crystals!” the Assassin exclaimed in shock.

“I need you to do something for me. Take this crystal and harvest the lives of the Dark World’s players. Harvest as many as you can. Once this crystal has collected enough energy, it’ll be the end of Zero Wing and those two other Guilds!” Dawn Dominance said.

“Understood. I’ll get it done right away.” The Assassin nodded before disconnecting the call.

In the meantime, when the main continent’s various superpowers found out that Dark Rhapsody and Deity Society had taken control of the Ancient God’s Tower, they could not help feeling surprised at Zero Wing’s capabilities. As for Shi Feng, after resting sufficiently, he returned to Star-Moon Kingdom’s White River City.

White River City, Adventurer’s Association, second-floor VIP reception room:

“Lord Bronze Legatee, how may I be of service?” Senior Administrator Lorrain asked, smiling as she entered the room.

“I wish to transfer the Lost Town under my name to the Ten Saints Empire’s Demonwolf Mountain Range. May I know if that is possible?” Shi Feng asked her.

The loot from raiding Poison City included not only excellent equipment and materials but also a Town Transfer Order for Level 100-plus maps. Now that Stone Forest City had already taken root in Cold Spring Forest, it should not be moved casually. However, to ensure that he could travel between the two main continents consistently, he needed to establish a stronghold in the Demonwolf Mountain Range as well. Moreover, this stronghold had to remain a secret. After giving the matter some thought, he felt that the Lost Town was the best option.

Chapter 2589 – Medium Teleportation Point

The Lost Town served as Zero Wing's secret stronghold for nurturing talents. Even now, very few Guild members knew of its existence. Generally, only core members with great potential had the qualifications to set foot into the town. Moreover, these core experts needed to undergo multiple inspections before receiving the approval to enter the Lost Town. After all, the Extraordinary Tower's function was simply crucial...

Now that Shi Feng wished to establish a stable teleportation point inside the Demonwolf Mountain Range, the Lost Town was his best option.

Firstly, the teleportation point linking the two main continents could not be disclosed to too many people. Hence, the stronghold established in the Demonwolf Mountain Range should have as few players operating within it as possible.

Secondly, the size of the stronghold should not be too large, to limit the manpower and resources required for its upkeep. Otherwise, concealing it would be very difficult. Other powers keeping an eye on Zero Wing would definitely grow suspicious if a significant portion of the Guild's funds was disappearing for no good reason.

The Lost Town fulfilled both conditions perfectly.

Of course, the act of transferring a Guild Town to a Level 100-plus neutral map was also incredibly insane. After all, the dangers lurking in Level 100-plus neutral maps were no laughing matter. If the Guild Town in question lacked sufficient defenses, it might not survive the first monster tide that assaulted it.

However, with Zero Wing's current strength, so long as Shi Feng did not move the Lost Town too deep into the Demonwolf Mountain Range, defending it from the periodic monster tides was still feasible.

“Lord Bronze Legatee, transferring your town to the Demonwolf Mountain Range is very dangerous. Once your town is transferred there, it will no longer be protected by any kingdom or empire. Are you sure you wish to go through with the transfer?” Lorrain asked.

“I’m sure,” Shi Feng replied with a nod.

Very well. Please specify your exact transfer location,” Lorrain said as she took out a map of the Demonwolf Mountain Range.

“Let’s move it here,” Shi Feng said as he pointed at a gravel hill in the Demonwolf Mountain Range’s inner area.

In the past, the Demonwolf Mountain Range had been incredibly famous in God’s Domain for having two teleportation points connected to the western continent. However, unlike the first teleportation point Shi Feng secured, which was the Magic Gate hidden beneath the frozen lake, the second teleportation point was a medium teleportation point with special circumstances.

The medium teleportation point was inside a Demonwolf den. Players that wished to activate the teleportation array there had to clear out the monsters within the den first. However, the monsters inside this den would respawn periodically. Moreover, they would grow stronger with each respawn. In addition, nobody could truly take control of the teleportation point, so once the gate was activated, any player could make use of the gate so long as they had sufficient Magic Crystals.

Due to this reason, the various superpowers had desperately fought to monopolize this teleportation point. The fires of war had never once ceased after the Teleportation Gate’s discovery. Even after a decade had passed in God’s Domain, the situation surrounding the teleportation point remained extremely volatile.

Currently, Shi Feng was urgently trying to secure more teleportation points linking the two main continents. However, he would need to invest a lot of time if he wished to activate and secure the other teleportation points he knew of, as activating those teleportation points involved a series of quests. Either that or the teleportation points were small ones that could send only a handful of players with each use. Hence, the medium teleportation point located in the Demonwolf Mountain Range was his only option.

Moreover, the Demonwolf Mountain Range's medium teleportation point was in a Level 120-plus area, which was still a blind spot for current superpowers. He could use this opportunity to thoroughly stabilize his rule over the area. Thus, going for this teleportation point wasn't a particularly bad choice.

"Location verified. Please produce your Town Transfer Order. In addition, you have to pay a transfer fee of 80,000 Gold," Lorrain said. "Once you complete the payment, we will transfer your town to the desired location as soon as possible."

"Eighty thousand?" Shi Feng was astonished at this price.

Although transferring Guild Towns and Cities to Level 100-plus neutral maps generally cost a lot of money, the transfer fees were scaled, based on the target's rank. Meanwhile, the Lost Town was merely a Basic Town, yet it cost 80,000 Gold to transfer it to the Demonwolf Mountain Range's inner area. This was completely outside of his expectations.

If he were transferring a Basic City instead of a Basic Town, the transfer would most likely bankrupt him.

"That's right. Not only is the location you have selected far, but it is also somewhat special. Hence, the transfer fee is slightly more expensive. However, please rest assured that the additional charges we collect are fair and reasonable," Lorrain said, smiling.

“Alright. Here is the Town Transfer Order and 80,000 Gold,” Shi Feng answered as he passed the document and the funds to Lorrain.

He inwardly celebrated the fact that Stone Forest City had been raking in the profits recently. Despite the substantial increase in Zero Wing’s daily expenditure due to the number of Guild experts increasing to 220,000, the Guild still managed to save up a liquid fund of 170,000 Gold. Otherwise, he really wouldn’t have been able to afford the transfer fee this time.

“Payment received. The transfer will be done in 30 minutes. You have one day to complete the handover procedures. Our security personnel will leave the site after one day, so please complete the handover procedures as soon as possible,” Lorrain reminded after receiving payment.

At the same time as Lorrain finished speaking, the Lost Town, in the distant Boneless Land, suddenly disappeared.

Now, only a bunch of confused Zero Wing members remained in the barren wasteland.

And in no time at all, Shi Feng received a call request from Aqua Rose.

“Guild Leader, big trouble! The Lost Town disappeared!” Aqua Rose reported anxiously.

The Lost Town was Zero Wing’s secret training ground for nurturing expert players. Although the town currently housed only several hundred players, all the experts that successfully reached the Truth Realm were more adept at fighting against monsters than even Refinement Realm experts.

The only problem was that the players being nurtured at the Lost Town were all very low-leveled newcomers. The majority of them hadn’t even reached Level 100 yet, much less Tier 3. Nevertheless, so

long as these players caught up in levels and tiers, they would become mainstays of Zero Wing. And with the help of these players, Zero Wing would finally gain the qualifications to stand toe-to-toe with the various superpowers!

Hence, the Lost Town's sudden disappearance would have a significant impact on Zero Wing's future development.

"It's fine. I did it," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

Shi Feng's words confused Aqua Rose. "You made it disappear?"

The Lost Town was serving its purpose just perfectly, so why did Shi Feng make it disappear right when Zero Wing was rapidly expanding its scale of operations? The Guild needed to nurture plenty of expert players to ensure normal operations.

"Mhm. I transferred the Lost Town to the Demonwolf Mountain Range's inner area. In the future, we wouldn't have to worry about the trainees sacrificing their levels to improve their combat standards," Shi Feng said, nodding.

"The Demonwolf Mountain Range's inner area? Isn't that a Level 120 grinding spot?" Aqua Rose's eyes widened in shock when she heard Shi Feng's statement. She felt that he was simply insane for carrying out the transfer.

Level 100-plus maps were incredibly dangerous. This was especially so for the Demonwolf Mountain Range.

Transferring Stone Forest City into Cold Spring Forest had been incredibly risky. Fortunately, there was the Knight Division. With the Knight Division's strength and the city's defensive capabilities, they were able to cope with the monster tides. In fact, the Knight Division even took the initiative to wipe out any approaching monster tides.

The Lost Town, on the other hand, was only a Basic Town. Its defensive capabilities were pitifully weak. Even though Zero Wing had strengthened the town repeatedly and constructed plenty of Defense Turrets and Arrow Towers as well as a defensive wall, the Lost Town was still a Basic Town. Without the protection of an NPC kingdom or empire, it would face destruction very quickly.

"Relax. It should be able to hold against the monster tides," Shi Feng said, understanding Aqua Rose's concern.

"But that's a Level 120 neutral map!" Despite Shi Feng's reassurance, Aqua Rose still could not help worrying. After all, the Lost Town did not have the protection of a Knight Division.

"Right, how is the collection of the disabled guards coming along?" Shi Feng asked, changing the topic.

The collection of the disabled guards is progressing relatively smoothly. We have over a hundred of them already. As per your instructions, we gathered only those with Growth Potentials above 20. However, even the strongest one only has 32 Growth Potential," Aqua Rose said.

"That many already?" Shi Feng was surprised when he heard Aqua Rose's report. "Gather them all at the Residence immediately. It's about time we put them to work."

Previously, although he had strengthened plenty of Personal Guards using the Ancient God's Literature Fragment, they were still far from sufficient for Zero Wing's needs. However, collecting the Soul Essences necessary for Soul Strengthening was not an easy task. Moreover, NPCs with high Growth Potential were incredibly rare. Since locating the last batch of NPCs until now, Zero Wing had barely found any NPCs with high Growth Potential.

This could also be said to be the Literature Fragment's limitation.

However, the Tree of Life's Water of Life was different. Not only could it raise the Growth Potential of NPCs slightly, but it could also resurrect dead NPCs or heal heavily injured NPCs within a short time. The Water of Life was manna from heaven for NPCs that had their Growth Potential drastically reduced due to heavy injuries.

After Shi Feng finished speaking, he took out a Guild Transfer Scroll and immediately teleported back to Stone Forest City.

Chapter 2590 – Water of Life's Effects Stone Forest City, Zero Wing's Residence:

Inside the Residence's large conference room, over a hundred NPCs exuding despondent and listless auras currently stood in line. These NPCs were either crippled or civilians with extremely weak life auras. As for clothing, they wore either battered armor or tattered linen clothes. And even the highest-leveled person among them was just a little over Level 50, with the lowest-leveled person being Level 20. Due to the presence of these NPCs, the gorgeous conference room looked more like a refugee camp.

"Guild Leader, everyone's here," Aqua Rose reported as she approached Shi Feng. "Do you really plan on using the precious Water of Life on these people?"

At this point, she had already found out about the Tree of Life planted in the Freedom Hotel's top-floor courtyard because, during Shi Feng's absence, three other people were tasked with ensuring the courtyard's normal operation. She was one of those people.

Back when she first saw the Fragmented Divine Artifact ranked Tree of Life, her mind had frozen in shock. She had never dreamed that the Guild she belonged to was so amazing. Currently, the various superpowers of God's Domain didn't even possess Legendary items yet, let alone Fragmented Divine Artifacts. Zero Wing, however, had a Fragmented Divine Artifact.

Moreover, the Tree of Life could even produce 17 drops of Water of Life daily. The Water of Life was an incredibly precious item that was obtainable only by luck in God's Domain. After all, the Water of Life could be used to resurrect dead NPCs. For the various powers who were extremely worried about their Personal Guards dying, the Water of Life was an absolute treasure.

After all, Personal Guards were far more powerful than players, capable of feats that were beyond current players' capabilities. Only, obtaining a few drops of Water of Life was an incredibly difficult task even for the superpowers. As a result, the superpowers did not dare to casually field their Personal Guards on risky operations.

Zero Wing, however, produced 17 drops of Water of Life each day. Hence, they wouldn't have to worry about losing their powerful Personal Guards at all and could freely deploy these NPCs on all kinds of quests and expeditions.

However, even for the current Zero Wing, the daily production of 17 drops of Water of Life was still a little too low for the Guild's needs. If they needed to heal these 100-plus NPCs, they would have to expend the entire stockpile they had accumulated thus far.

It might be fine if they were spending all their Water of Life on healing NPCs with high Growth Potential, but the NPCs gathered here were all NPCs with very poor Growth Potential. Even if they recovered to peak condition, their Growth Potential wouldn't increase by much. Using the Water of Life on these NPCs would simply be a waste.

"Mhm, I want to test my luck," Shi Feng said, smiling when he saw the reluctance on Aqua Rose's face.

“Test your luck?” Shi Feng’s answer exasperated Aqua Rose.

While testing one’s luck was fine, doing so at the cost of Water of Life was simply an extravagance. If God’s Domain’s various powers heard about this, they would definitely go crazy and try to choke Shi Feng to death.

You never know what we’ll get,” Shi Feng retorted, chuckling. “In any case, it’s a waste to let the Water of Life simply sit in storage doing nothing.”

Spending Water of Life to heal these crippled NPCs was indeed prodigal. However, nobody could guarantee that these NPCs would remain mediocre after they recovered to their peak.

Moreover, he didn’t have Aqua Rose randomly gather injured NPCs, either. Instead, he had her select injured NPCs that were at Tier 3 or above. At the same time, these NPCs also needed to have a Growth Potential of 20 or higher.

In God’s Domain, any NPC capable of reaching Tier 3 would not possess a low Growth Potential. Meanwhile, the 20- point mark for Growth Potential was a major turning point for Tier 3 NPCs.

In the past, the various superpowers had experimented with using Water of Life on crippled Tier 3 NPCs. The result they obtained was that all crippled Tier 3 NPCs with a Growth Potential lower than 20 had failed to reach a Secret- Silver Guard rank even after recovering from their injuries.

Of course, this did not mean that all crippled Tier 3 NPCs with a Growth Potential of 20 or higher would reach the Secret-Silver Guard standard once they recovered; the chances of success were just much greater.

Fortunately, aside from Zero Wing, no other power was currently searching for such NPCs. As a result, Zero Wing managed to locate quite a number of these NPCs. And with the Growth Potentials of the gathered NPCs, the odds of there being excellent NPC Guards among them were quite high.

In fact, so long as two or three Fine-Gold Guards emerged among these 100-plus NPCs, Zero Wing would've hit the jackpot. After all, NPCs capable of reaching the Dark-Gold Guard standard were incredibly rare in God's Domain. Although Shi Feng had known about quite a few Dark-Gold Guards during his previous life, he didn't know where to find them, as the superpowers had kept a tight lid on all information about those NPCs. He had only known about Kite's whereabouts and circumstances because Kite had originated from Star-Moon Kingdom, and his owner was a merchant player with loose lips.

Following which, Shi Feng provided one drop of Water of Life to every NPC present, his actions giving Aqua Rose a heartache.

Every drop of Water of Life was equivalent to the life of an NPC with high Growth Potential. The Water of Life could also drastically increase the leveling speed of their Guild members. The Guild could raid Mythic Field Bosses without worrying about the price necessary to do so. These 100-plus drops of Water of Life could easily elevate the strength of Zero Wing's main force to a whole new level.

Upon receiving the Water of Life from Shi Feng, the despondent NPCs immediately brightened up as if they had just seen the light of hope.

Once all the NPCs gathered had received their share of Water of Life, they took one last look at Shi Feng before consuming the Water of Life without hesitation.

A dense life aura immediately filled the room. It was so dense that the cells in Aqua Rose's body felt invigorated, her mind gaining greater clarity.

After this phenomenon continued for three seconds, a powerful aura swept the entire room as if a Dragon had awoken from its slumber. Aqua Rose could not help stumbling a few steps back.

"How is this possible?!" Aqua Rose's eyes filled with shock as she gazed at the NPCs, who still looked like a throng of beggars, standing in front of her.

At this moment, however, the feeling she got from the NPCs was nothing like the aura of a beggar at all. Instead, they felt like battle-hardened warriors that had fought on innumerable battlefields. Even though they were still wearing battered armor and tattered linen clothes, their tempered auras and overflowing Mana deterred ordinary people from approaching them casually.

It seems we really hit the jackpot this time. Shi Feng also grew a little excited when he sensed the aura of the NPCs before him.

Originally, he thought that he would be lucky to get even two or three Fine-Gold Guards out of these 100-plus NPCs. However, it would seem that he was sorely mistaken.

The strength of the combined aura these 100-plus NPCs were currently releasing could already rival that of a 100-man team of Tier 3 Knights—despite these NPCs being geared in extremely shabby weapons and equipment. If they were fully equipped with Epic Weapons and Equipment, their combined aura would definitely be much stronger than that of a 100-man team of Tier 3 Knights.

Following which, Shi Feng and Aqua Rose started inspecting the updated statistics of these NPCs to get a better idea of these NPCs' standards.

Once they completed their inspection, Aqua Rose was stunned.

Of the 100-plus NPCs gathered, even the weakest one was at the Mysterious-Iron Guard standard. These Mysterious-Iron Guards numbered only 47, but every one of them possessed very high Growth Potential for Mysterious-Iron Guards. With the help of the Ancient God's Literature Fragment, Shi Feng had an excellent chance of elevating them to the Secret-Silver Guard standard.

As for the remaining 57 NPCs, 49 of them were Secret-Silver Guards, six were Fine-Gold Guards, and two were Dark-Gold Guards. This outcome was simply ridiculous.

While Aqua Rose stared at the two Dark-Gold Guards, Shi Feng's focus was on an elderly man clad in gray robes. Despite this elderly man's Growth Potential being only at the Secret-Silver Guard standard, Shi Feng's eyes glowed with astonishment as he gazed at him.

A Tier 4 Great Wizard?!