

## Chapter 2681 – Arrogant Zero Wing?

System: Transportation Firm can be reconstructed once after promotion at the cost of 40,000 Gold and 100,000 Magic Crystals. Do you wish to proceed with the reconstruction? (Note: Promotion will take place even without the reconstruction.)

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“Reconstruct it,” Shi Feng said without hesitation.

While Zero Wing’s funds were indeed tight, the Guild still had around 100,000 Gold and 400,000 Magic Crystals reserved for unexpected expenditures. And although reconstructing the Transportation Firm would not grant it any additional functions, there was one benefit—accommodating more NPC merchants to do business within it.

If a Transportation Firm had more NPC merchants, not only would there be more quests available for players to pick up, but there would also be more merchandise for sale. Both of these factors would attract more players to develop in Silverwing City.

As soon as Shi Feng made his decision, 40,000 Gold and 100,000 Magic Crystals vanished from his bag.

Immediately afterward, the Transportation Firm, which stood at the edge of the city, transformed into a cloud of black mist that expanded rapidly, growing to the size of four sports arenas in just five seconds, then dissipated. When the black mist cleared, a five-story-tall building appeared in its place.

While Shi Feng was quietly observing the reconstructed Transportation Firm, Youlan suddenly contacted him.

“Guild Leader, we’ve finished setting up the city’s security measures. We have also set the entrance fee to ten Silver, as you instructed. We can open Silverwing City at any time,” Youlan said excitedly.

Previously, after news of Silverwing Town’s promotion spread, many players from the neighboring kingdoms had eagerly made their way over to take a look at the city. Based on rough estimates, at least two million players had camped outside the city. With so many players seeking entry, Zero Wing could earn a small fortune just by collecting entrance fees.

Previously, Silverwing Town couldn’t collect any entrance fees since it was a town. Its main sources of income back then were Shop rentals and the Candlelight Trading Firm. Now that they could collect entrance fees from players visiting Silverwing City, the financial problems Zero Wing was currently facing would definitely be resolved.

“Alright, open the city,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

After receiving Shi Feng’s approval, Youlan promptly deactivated the magic array inside the City Lord’s Mansion that prevented outsiders from entering the city.

Immediately, the opaque magic barrier enveloping Silverwing City shattered, and the city appeared before the eyes of everyone outside the city.

The instant Silverwing City was opened to the public, the crowd waiting outside the city walls was dumbfounded.

“Crap! How spectacular! Isn’t this city on the same standard as Stone Forest City?!”

“The appearance isn’t the only thing that’s marvelous. The Mana radiating from Silverwing City feels just slightly inferior to Stone Forest City’s.”

“I’m just wondering how much the entrance fee will be. If it’s too expensive, ordinary players like ourselves will have a difficult time developing in Silverwing City.”

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Everyone was curious about Silverwing City’s current situation.

It might be fine if it were any other Guild City, but Silverwing City was the only Guild City in the Faux Saint monsters’ territory. Previously, Silverwing Town was already able to fend off an army of more than four million Faux Saint monsters as an Advanced Town. Now that it was a Basic City, the Faux Saint monsters would most likely be helpless against it for the foreseeable future. Hence, one could say that Silverwing City was currently the safest location within the Faux Saint monsters’ territory.

Meanwhile, safety was the number one priority of both ordinary players and experts.

At this stage of the game, many players would fall into despair over even a single death. After all, after reaching Level 100 and beyond, not only did leveling up become much more difficult, but Level 100-plus equipment was also incredibly precious. Losing a single piece of Level 100-plus equipment would set a player back by days or even weeks.

However, after the gathered players lined up at Silverwing City's main gate, they were stupefied by what they saw.

"An entrance fee of ten Silver? Is Zero Wing insane?" the black-clad, female Summoner from Frost Heaven exclaimed, her eyes widening in shock as she looked at the Tier 3 Personal Guards collecting the entrance fee.

Currently, Guild Cities located in neutral maps generally charged players an entrance fee of only two Silver. While it was reasonable for Silverwing City's entrance fee to be a little more expensive, as it was the only Guild City in the Faux Saint monsters' territory, a ten-Silver entrance fee was five times the going rate!

Moreover, the map Silverwing City sat on was not very high-leveled. Even after the transformation due to the Faux Saint monsters, the map had only been upgraded into a Level 80 neutral map, not a Level 100-plus neutral map. If players wished to head to Level 100-plus neutral maps to grind, they would still need to travel quite a distance. Hence, Silverwing City could, at best, be considered a transit station and resting place. Players didn't need to stop by the city to grind in the Orc Empire's Level 100-plus maps.

The female Summoner from Frost Heaven wasn't the only person stunned by Silverwing City's exorbitant entrance fee; the various superpowers' members that were planning to enter the city were too. They could not help suspecting that Zero Wing had gone crazy for money.

Originally, there were already very few players willing to operate within the Faux Saint monsters' territory. After all, the Faux Saint monsters only allowed players to level up faster. They did not drop any weapons or equipment, and the Coins and materials they dropped were inferior compared to the loot from other monsters. Not to mention, operating within the territory of Faux Saint monsters was much more dangerous than operating elsewhere. While a ten-Silver entrance fee wouldn't be much of a problem for Tier 3 experts, it was a huge expenditure for Tier 2 players.

If Zero Wing insisted on a ten-Silver entrance fee for Silverwing City, hardly any Tier 2 players would be willing to visit the city.

Meanwhile, just how many Tier 3 experts were there in God's Domain right now?

"Crap! Does Zero Wing take us for fools?!"

"Zero Wing really has gotten arrogant! A ten-Silver entrance fee? Does Zero Wing really think we need to develop in the Orc Empire?"

A large number of Tier 2 players complained about Silverwing City's entrance fee, some even ranting in rage. Previously, they could continue operating within the Faux Saint monsters' territory only because it did not cost any money to enter Silverwing Town. By collecting a ten-Silver entrance fee now, Zero Wing was basically chasing Tier 2 players like themselves away from Silverwing City.

In the meantime, a heavy atmosphere shrouded a 1,000-man team standing some distance away from Silverwing City's main gate.

"Vice Commander, an entrance fee of 10 Silver is simply too much. If we have to pay such a fee, after deducting all our daily expenses, our Tier 2 brothers will earn almost nothing. I suggest we head somewhere else to develop. It is simply impossible for us to continue developing in Silverwing City," a Level 107, Tier 2 Berserker said as he looked at Solid Wind.

"I truly did not think that Zero Wing would be so ruthless. We should've followed suit with the other adventurer teams and headed to one of the kingdoms or the Dark Night Empire to develop," a Level 113, Tier 3 male Elementalist grumbled.

“Wind, this price is indeed too high. We can’t afford it in the long term. Why don’t we head to the Dark Night Empire and take a look there? I heard that there are Guild Cities established in Level 100-plus neutral maps there as well. Moreover, those cities are also collecting a ten-Silver entrance fee,” Crazy Bull suggested.

Many other members of the Blood Pact adventurer team nodded their heads in agreement. Compared to paying ten Silver to Zero Wing for no good reason, it would be much better to spend that ten Silver in a Guild City located in a Level 100 neutral map. They would definitely gain a much better harvest there than in the Orc Empire.

“Alright, then. However, we still have some quests we need to turn in,” Solid Wind said, sighing. “Bull, you and a few others will follow me inside. Everyone else, wait outside.”

The other Blood Pact members nodded in acknowledgment of Solid Wind’s instructions.

Aside from Blood Pact, the other adventurer teams made similar decisions, delegating the submission of their completed quests in the city to a handful of Tier 3 experts while planning to leave the Orc Empire entirely or head to one of the Guild Towns to continue developing within the empire.

Following which, despite the large number of players gathered outside Silverwing City, only a small number of Tier 3 experts actually entered the city.

## **Chapter 2682 – Madness-inducing Silverwing City**

As the various powers' and adventurer teams' Tier 3 experts entered Silverwing City, the relatively empty streets of the city grew crowded.

"Sure enough, the city became much bigger after getting promoted. The density of the ambient Mana also increased by a lot. It's a pity that the entrance fee is too high. If it were five Silver instead, the neighboring kingdoms' players would most likely pour in," Crazed Bull sighed as he looked at the streets teeming with NPCs.

If possible, he really wished to continue his development in Silverwing City. Unfortunately, the entrance fee of ten Silver was simply unaffordable for ordinary Tier 2 experts.

After all, many players would most likely enter Silverwing City multiple times a day since Tier 2 players weren't as resistant to the foreign energies in Level 100-plus neutral maps as Tier 3 players were. They could survive in Level 100-plus neutral maps for only a few hours per trip. Fortunately, Tier 2 players recovered from these foreign energies very quickly, so they generally could make two or three trips to Level 100-plus neutral maps per day. However, each additional trip meant they had to pay another ten Silver Coins to enter Silverwing City.

Originally, earning money was already a difficult task in the Faux Saint monsters' territory. Paying an additional 20 or 30 Silver per day would be onerous on Tier 2 players' finances. After all, Tier 2 players had plenty of other expenditures they needed to cover: training, repair fees, lodgings, food, and beverages. Moreover, if a Tier 2 player wished to reach Tier 3, they needed excellent equipment and powerful Tier 2 Skills and Spells.

In order to earn money, some Tier 2 players would even invest a significant portion of their time grinding for materials in lower-leveled maps, which, in turn, caused their levels to lag.

Currently, only Tier 3 experts could afford Silverwing City's ten-Silver entrance fee. However, how rare were Tier 3 experts? Not to mention, with the abilities of Tier 3 experts, they had their choice of leveling grounds. They didn't need to remain in the Orc Empire.

The other Tier 3 experts of Blood Pact bobbed their heads in agreement with Crazy Bull's words. They felt that Zero Wing was basically chasing away players from Silverwing City. With this, the several Guild Towns established in the Orc Empire would flourish while Zero Wing would have only an empty Guild City.

After conversing for some time, Blood Pact's members made their way to the Transportation Firm to turn in their completed quests.

However, Crazy Bull and the others were stunned to see the massive Transportation Firm, which could easily fit four sports arenas.

"What's going on?"

"What did Zero Wing do?"

The current Transportation Firm was on a completely different level than the one before. There was also an unbelievably large number of NPCs entering and leaving the building.

Previously, there would usually be only a few dozen NPCs entering and leaving the building at any time. Now, however, not only had this number increased beyond 200, but many of these NPCs were even nobles or people of neutral races. This was a rare sight.

Before Crazy Bull and the others could react to this situation, several teams of Tier 3 experts walked out of the Transportation Firm one after another, every player on these teams wearing ecstatic looks on their faces. Moreover, every one of these teams had either a luxuriously dressed NPC noble or a neutral



NPC following behind them. It was obvious that these teams had picked up a quest commissioned by these NPCs.

“Am I dreaming? Why are there so many quests from NPC nobles and neutral NPCs?” Crazy Bull rubbed his eyes in doubt at the scene before him.

Normally, a quest commissioned by an NPC noble or a neutral NPC would appear in the Transportation Firm only once a day or every few days. Meanwhile, every one of these quests could spark a frenzy among the various top adventurer teams and large Guilds.

The reason for this was the minimum difficulty rating for these quests, which was three-star advanced. Not only could players obtain a large amount of Coins and Contribution Points by completing these quests, but they also had a fixed chance of receiving Level 100-plus, top-tier weapons and equipment or Tier 3 Skill and Spell Books.

Moreover, even if players weren't lucky and didn't get any of these bonus items, the monetary reward would be enough for players to purchase a piece of relatively good Level 100-plus equipment for themselves. Hence, many adventurer teams secretly fought over these quests.

Now, however, multiple teams had actually managed to pick up such a quest. Crazy Bull couldn't believe his eyes.

“Quick! We need to hurry inside and take a look!” Solid Wind barked after snapping out of her daze.

Upon hearing Solid Wind's words, the other Blood Pact members nodded and charged into the building. They wanted to know what exactly had happened to the Transportation Firm for there to be so many three-star advanced quests.

When Solid Wind and the others entered the Transportation Firm, they were stupefied at the scene before them.

Inside the Transportation Firm's spacious lobby, long queues of NPC merchants snaked in front of the reception desks. At a glance, these NPCs easily numbered more than 5,000. Moreover, many of these NPCs were even NPC nobles and neutral NPCs.

The gigantic, translucent quest crystal hovering in the center of the lobby actually displayed numerous three-star advanced quests. The top few entries of the list were even four-star quests, something they had never seen before.

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Delivery to the Black Dragon Empire's Border Fortress Frett: Difficulty – four-star. Requirement – Tier 3. Team must have at least one person that has completed 10 three-star advanced quests and 20 three-star quests. All other members must have completed at least 10 three-star quests. Remuneration – 50 Gold and 3,000 Contribution Points. Additional rewards unknown. Recruiting 50 people.

Delivery to the neutral zone Silent City: Difficulty – four-star. Requirement – Tier 3. Team must have at least one person that has completed 12 three-star advanced quests. All other members must have completed at least 5 three-star quests. Remuneration – 60 Gold, 2,000 Contribution Points, and an Elf's Gift (15% chance to obtain a Dark-Gold item of the same level, 25% chance to obtain a Fine-Gold item of the same level. Recruiting 100 people.

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When the eyes of Solid Wind and the other Blood Pact members landed on the rewards of the four-star quests, they wished they could accept these quests immediately.

Setting aside the additional rewards, just the Coins and Contribution Points these quests awarded were more than enough to make Tier 3 experts like themselves go crazy.

“Bull, log out and contact the commander! Have the commander negotiate with the other adventurer teams! We need to secure these four-star quests before the others do!” Solid Wind said urgently.

It was impossible for an individual adventurer team to take on a four-star quest. At least two adventurer teams’ worth of Tier 3 experts would be needed to challenge a four-star quest. However, if they could complete a four-star quest, they would raise Blood Pact’s overall strength by a small margin.

“Alright, logging out now,” Crazy Bull said as he hurriedly clicked the “Log Out” button.

As for Solid Wind and the others, they promptly contacted the other Blood Pact members outside the city and had them come to the Transportation Firm right away. Their excitement was palpable to the other players around them.

However, none of the surrounding players found the reactions of Blood Pact’s members surprising at all. After all, Blood Pact wasn’t the only group aiming for the four-star quests. The members of other adventurer teams and Guilds that had visited the Transportation Firm earlier had reacted in a similar fashion. They all either notified their superiors about the Transportation Firm or had their other companions rush to the Transportation Firm.

For a time, large numbers of the Tier 2 players camped outside Silverwing City thronged to the city’s main gate with bloodshot eyes. In the blink of an eye, the main gate swarmed with players. If not for everyone fearing the Personal Guards stationed by the gate, they would’ve most likely started a fight to enter the city.

Meanwhile, when the black-clad Summoner from Frost Heaven, who had already entered the city, saw the disturbance at the gate, she was stunned.

“What’s going on?”

### **Chapter 2683 – Crimson-eyed Sword Saint’s Legacy**

At this moment, the female Summoner from Frost Heaven wasn’t the only person surprised by the sudden turn of events at Silverwing City’s main gate. The Tier 3 experts who had just entered the city were similarly stunned to see the mob of Tier 2 players desperately trying to get in.

“Have these people lost their minds?”

For current Tier 2 players, a ten-Silver entrance fee was a significant expenditure. Not to mention, just a short while ago, these Tier 2 players were still complaining about the expensive entrance fee and hoping to see Silverwing City flop. Now, however, these same Tier 2 players were desperately trying to get the NPCs stationed at the gate to take their money, their bloodshot eyes making it seem as if they would start a fight if the NPCs refused to take their money.

However, before the Tier 3 experts standing before the city gate could properly process the situation, batch after batch of Tier 2 players rushed into the city, their numbers simply staggering. As soon as these Tier 2 players got past the gate, they dashed toward Silverwing City’s Transportation Firm like a pack of cheetahs, expressions of ecstasy writ large on their faces.

“What did Zero Wing do?”

The female Summoner from Frost Heaven could not help her confusion when she saw the various powers' and adventurer teams' Tier 2 members running past her toward a distant corner of the city.

Just a moment ago, the players had clearly given up on Silverwing City because of its exorbitant entrance fee. Now, however, players were jostling to enter the city. Moreover, there did not seem to be an end to the stream of players pouring in. At this rate, Zero Wing would become filthy rich just from the entrance fees of Silverwing City.

"These people seem to be rushing toward the Transportation Firm. Something must've changed there," the female Cursemaner standing beside the Summoner said as she looked at the direction the crowd of players was taking.

"The Transportation Firm?" The female Summoner found her companion's words a little hard to believe. She simply couldn't figure out what kind of changes the Transportation Firm could have undergone to provoke such a frantic reaction from so many Tier 2 players.

However, the female Summoner did not put too much thought into the matter. Instead, she and her team followed the crowd to the Transportation Firm.

When Frost Heaven's members arrived inside the crowded Transportation Firm's lobby, their eyes widened involuntarily in shock, every one of them at a loss for words.

Just by doing one Delivery Quest, every player involved could get a monetary reward of 60 Gold, as well as other rewards. This was an income even Tier 3 peak experts like themselves were incapable of earning within one or two days, yet there were actually six of such Delivery Quests available.

Moreover, aside from the six four-star quests, there were a ton of three-star advanced quests, which similarly granted lucrative rewards that could match the total daily income of Tier 3 peak experts like themselves.

If they focused on grinding and making money for an entire day, not only would they have to sacrifice a large amount of their training time, but the income they generated would also be limited to Coins. They wouldn't receive any weapons or equipment. However, the three-star advanced quests granted a large amount of Coins upon completion—as well as Contribution Points and top-tier weapons and equipment. Doing these Delivery Quests was even more lucrative than raiding super-large-scale Team Dungeons. With how low the drop-rate was in Team Dungeons, there definitely wouldn't be enough weapons and equipment dropped for everyone in the team. Moreover, there was also the problem of class compatibility. On the other hand, every player that took part in the Delivery Quests would have a considerably high chance of obtaining a top-tier weapon or equipment that suited their class.

One could say that, so long as players kept doing these three-star advanced Delivery Quests, their income, EXP gain, and equipment acquisition rate would already rival those of Tier 3 peak experts.

“It's no wonder these people reacted so crazily. I truly underestimated Zero Wing. With these tempting quests, let alone a ten-Silver entrance fee, even if the fee were 20 Silver, there would still be a ton of players seeking to develop in Silverwing City,” the black-clad Summoner commented as realization dawned upon her.

Since even a Tier 3 peak expert like herself felt tempted by the Delivery Quests available in the Transportation Firm, the attraction the firm held for Tier 2 players and ordinary Tier 3 experts was easy to imagine.

“Muxin, I just relayed this information to the Guild Leader. The Guild Leader says we can proceed with the partnership,” the female Cursemaner said.

“Isn't the Guild Leader being too hasty? Although the Transportation Firm's quests and Silverwing City's defenses will ensure the city's future as the trade hub of the Orc Empire and the neighboring kingdoms, it still won't be easy for Zero Wing to take the initiative to strike back at the Faux Saint monsters. Zero

Wing won't be of any help to our alliance at all. At best, we can only use its Silverwing City as a resting spot," the female Summoner named Muxin said, frowning.

Zero Wing's Transportation Firm was indeed amazing, but the alliance Frost Heaven formed was no ordinary existence, either. Anyone who became a member of the alliance would gain benefits beyond what they could normally get from partnering with ordinary superpowers. This was also why she and her team had come to observe Zero Wing and verify its qualifications.

"Are we still going, then?" the female Cursemancer asked as she looked at Muxin.

Aside from being a Domain Realm expert and a Vice Guild Leader of Frost Heaven, Muxin was also the heiress of the Boulder Corporation, a top-ranking international corporation that stood above even the Starline Corporation.

Since the Boulder Corporation supplied more than half of Frost Heaven's resources, Muxin's standing in the Guild was not at all lower than the Guild Leader's. Hence, the Guild Leader had to take Muxin's opinion into heavy consideration on important matters.

"Since the Guild Leader has already said so, let's go take a look first. If Zero Wing really has the potential and strength to fight the Faux Saint monsters, letting it join the alliance isn't exactly impossible," Muxin said after giving the matter some thought. "However, if I find Zero Wing wanting, then we'll have to choose another target to recruit."

"I'll get in touch with Zero Wing now, then," the female Cursemancer said with a sigh of relief at Muxin's answer. In her opinion, Silverwing City's potential was truly massive. Even without Frost Heaven's help, the city would still flourish. In fact, it might even become an integral location for the alliance's fight against the Faux Saint monsters in the future. However, if Muxin was really opposed to Zero Wing's joining the alliance, then even the Guild Leader would have difficulty persuading her.

While Muxin and the others were conversing, news regarding the Transportation Firm also spread quickly. As a result, many of the powers heading back to their respective kingdoms promptly did a U-turn, with some even planning to make Silverwing City a long-term headquarters of theirs.

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As Silverwing City's player population was booming, Shi Feng finished accepting the Crimson-eyed Sword Saint's Legacy.

"Sure enough, breaking through the limits of the Epic Mana Body isn't that easy." Shi Feng breathed out a deep sigh as he looked at the shattered Memory Crystal in his hand.

Originally, he thought that with the effects of the eight Soul Marks and the Crimson-eyed Sword Saint's Legacy, he could instantly break the shackles of his Epic Mana Body. Unfortunately, things didn't work out as he planned, leaving him still one step shy of a breakthrough.

Although he had long since known that it was much more difficult to break through the limits of an Epic Mana Body than it was for a Gold Mana Body, he never thought that the difficulty would be this high. Despite relying on the Crimson-eyed Sword Saint's and Heavenly Blue Saint's experiences, no matter how he tweaked the circulation of Mana in his Mana Body, he still couldn't surpass the perfect state.

Of course, that didn't mean Shi Feng had gained absolutely nothing from the Crimson-eyed Sword Saint's guidance. By relying on Elvoze's experiences and techniques, he could now circulate the Mana inside his body 20% faster than before.

For other players, such an improvement wouldn't yield any significant effects. However, for someone like Shi Feng, who possessed a natural Domain, it was akin to a 20% boost to his reaction speed—a massive improvement. Moreover, his Mana Domain had also become much denser and more solid.



If Shi Feng were to go up against a Faux Saint Devourer now, he was confident he could beat the living daylights out of the Mythic monster without even resorting to his Mana Technique and Black Dragon's Soul.

At this time, Youlan suddenly called Shi Feng and said, "Guild Leader, some representatives from Frost Heaven have paid us a visit. They say they wish to discuss a partnership."

"Frost Heaven?"

Shi Feng was not unfamiliar with this name. In fact, this was a very famous name during his previous life. After all, Frost Heaven was one of the Twelve Great Guilds of God's Domain, a true titan in the game. However, Frost Heaven had maintained a very low profile during the early stages of God's Domain, so much so that barely anyone had thought about the Guild. To everyone's surprise, though, Frost Heaven had actually been the first superpower in the game to successfully produce a Tier 4 player, an incident that had propelled the Guild into the spotlight and made it known by everyone in the game.

"Do you wish to meet them?" Youlan asked when she saw Shi Feng turning contemplative.

"Have them wait in the City Lord's Mansion's reception room," Shi Feng said, nodding. He then tidied up his workspace before leaving his fourth-floor office and making his way to the first-floor reception room.

**Chapter 2684 – Mana Domain**

Silverwing City, City Lord's Mansion:

Under Youlan's lead, Muxin and the other Frost Heaven members arrived before the entrance of the City Lord's Mansion.

Currently, a large number of NPCs, as well as players wearing the Merchant's Insignia, were lining up outside the tall walls of the mansion. The liveliness here could easily rival the frenzy at Silverwing City's main gate.

"This city is truly amazing. Despite having been promoted just recently, there are already so many NPC and player merchants coming forth to rent Shops here. I doubt even the various superpowers' main headquarters received this much attention when they got promoted into Basic Cities," the female Cursemaner from Frost Heaven exclaimed as she looked at the long line of NPCs and players standing outside the City Lord's Mansion.

Aside from being the core that controlled the city, the City Lord's Mansion also managed the city's Lands and Shops. Anyone seeking to rent or purchase Land and Shops inside the city had to visit the City Lord's Mansion to do so.

Generally, however, neither player nor NPC merchants would rent a recently promoted city's Lands and Shops. They would generally do so only after thorough consideration and observation to determine whether an investment would really be profitable.

However, despite Silverwing City having just been promoted and opened to the public less than an hour ago, there were already close to a thousand players and NPCs waiting to enter the City Lord's Mansion. This response was unbelievable.

"This should be considered normal. After all, Silverwing City is currently the only Guild City in the Orc Empire. With that Transportation Firm here, high player traffic is guaranteed. These cunning merchant players and NPCs definitely won't let this opportunity get away. The only question now is, how many

Shops and Lands is Zero Wing willing to rent out?" Muxin said, her expression remaining unfazed as she took in the long queue before her.

In fact, after seeing what Silverwing City had to offer, Muxin had already resolved to rent some of its Lands and Shops in preparation for her Guild members' development in the city. Needless to say, merchant players and NPCs, who frequently traveled between large cities and possessed a keen sense for business, would definitely realize Silverwing City's potential and take action much more quickly than she had.

The player merchants waiting outside the City Lord's Mansion turned their heads automatically toward Muxin's group, surprise flashing across their eyes when they recognized the group.

"What? Frost Heaven is actually planning to partner with Zero Wing?"

"If that's the case, Zero Wing will really rise on the eastern continent."

"Indeed. Frost Heaven has three international corporations backing it. Even if Zero Wing receives only a small amount of support from Frost Heaven, it would no longer have to worry about funding and resources."

"It seems the various superpowers will have to fear Zero Wing in the future. After all, previously, Zero Wing was already close to rivaling ordinary superpowers in terms of experts and Guild foundations. If Zero Wing receives Frost Heaven's support in resources, it would basically be a superpower already."

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By this time, even ordinary players were familiar with the superpower known as Frost Heaven. After all, the Guild had not only successfully dominated multiple kingdoms but also claimed a corner of the Apocalypse Empire.

In addition, Frost Heaven's name resounded in the ears of merchant players like themselves, what with three international corporations backing the Guild. Even the eastern continent's up-and-coming Starlink and various Super Guilds had to show respect to Frost Heaven.

Muxin's group walked into the City Lord's Mansion under the watchful gazes of the merchant players outside.

Inside the City Lord's Mansion, aside from the Personal Guards on security duty, there were plenty of Zero Wing experts training. The liveliness inside the mansion grounds was not the slightest bit inferior to the situation outside the mansion.

Sure enough, the number and quality of Zero Wing's experts are still considerably inferior to the various superpowers'. The female Cursemancer shook her head and sighed as she eyed her surroundings. With the standards of Zero Wing's members, even if Muxin agrees to let Zero Wing join the alliance, the other allied Guilds will most likely object.

Many of Zero Wing's Tier 2 members had reached Level 115 already, with the Tier 3 members boasting even higher levels. These players were also very well-equipped, with the weakest piece of equipment on the Tier 3 experts being Level 110 Fine-Gold rank. When it came to levels and equipment standards, Zero Wing's members did not lose out to the various superpowers.

However, Zero Wing's members had one fatal flaw: their average combat standard was very low. Let alone Flowing Water Realm experts, Zero Wing barely had Refinement Realm experts. In this regard, Zero Wing was no match for the various superpowers at all.

Hence, even though Zero Wing possessed a large number of powerful Personal Guards, it still couldn't be considered a superpower. After all, Personal Guards would remain a threat for only a certain period. Compared to players, NPCs had a much more difficult time developing themselves. The true way for a Guild to grow strong was for it to have a large number of peak experts under its command.

Although rumor had it that Zero Wing had several extraordinary experts, this small number simply wasn't enough for the Guild to become a superpower, let alone get Muxin to agree to its joining Frost Heaven's alliance.

During the time the female Cursemaner was entertaining such thoughts, Youlan had brought Muxin's group to the City Lord's Mansion's first-floor reception room.

"Please enter," Youlan said as she opened the doors for Muxin's group.

After nodding in response to Youlan's words, Muxin entered the reception room together with her subordinates.

The instant Muxin and the others entered the reception room, however, their bodies immediately felt heavier. They also sensed that they had lost control over the Mana around them, and it seemed as if they had entered another world.

A Mana Domain?! The female Cursemaner gaped in shock at Shi Feng, who was currently seated inside the room. This... How is this possible?!

At this moment, let alone the female Cursemaner, even the other members of the Frost Heaven contingent were stunned speechless by the current situation.

As Tier 3 experts, they knew very clearly what a Mana Domain was. After all, this was something they occasionally encountered when raiding Tier 4 monsters. Not to mention, there were also Tier 3 Skills and Spells that allowed players to form a Mana Domain.

Mana Domains fell into two types: active and passive. Active-type Mana Domains were formed using Skills and Spells, while passive-type Mana Domains were formed without the use of Skills or Spells. Of the two types, the latter was generally an ability only NPCs at Tier 4 or above could grasp.

However, the Mana Domain currently enveloping them clearly wasn't formed with a Skill or Spell. Instead, it was a byproduct of Shi Feng's circulation of his own Mana. In other words, this was a passive-type Mana Domain.

This type of Mana Domain was the main reason why Tier 4 NPCs were overwhelmingly stronger than Tier 3 NPCs. The moment this passive-type Mana Domain was activated, Tier 3 NPCs would be mere jokes in front of a Tier 4 NPC.

Now, however, this ability that could normally be found only on Tier 4 NPCs had actually been mastered by a Tier 3 player. This was incredible!

"You must be Frost Heaven's representatives. I am Zero Wing's Guild Leader, Black Flame," Shi Feng said as he swept his gaze across Muxin's group. Going straight to the point, he asked, "I heard from Youlan that you've come to discuss a partnership with Zero Wing. May I know what kind of partnership you have in mind?"

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, the female Curse-mancer and the other Frost Heaven members inside the room promptly snapped out of their dazes, all the contempt they previously had for Zero Wing swept away.

The number of peak experts Zero Wing currently had was indeed no match for the various superpowers. However, with Shi Feng's Mana Domain, he could boost a team's combat power by a significant margin. Moreover, if a superpower did not have any means of dealing with a Mana Domain, it wouldn't matter how many Tier 3 experts they sent at Shi Feng. Every one of them would just end up as cannon fodder.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you really are a straightforward person. In that case, let me introduce myself first. I am Muxin, a Vice Guild Leader of Frost Heaven, and I am here on behalf of the Guild to invite Zero Wing to join Frost Heaven's alliance," Muxin said, looking at Shi Feng.

"Your alliance?" Shi Feng looked at Muxin with some confusion.

As far as he remembered, Frost Heaven had always walked the path of a lone wolf, never forming alliances with others.

"That's right. You can consider it an alliance targeting the Faux Saint monsters," Muxin explained, nodding. "So long as Zero Wing joins the alliance, not only will we attack and defend against the Faux Saint monsters together, but we will also share plenty of information with Zero Wing, especially information related to the Faux Saint monsters' activities. This way, if the Faux Saint monsters try to conduct any large-scale operations, we will be prepared for them."

"What are the entry requirements?" Shi Feng asked.

For the current Zero Wing, the offer of help in attacking and defending against the Faux Saint monsters wasn't particularly important. However, information regarding the Faux Saint monsters' activities was something that interested him greatly. Although Zero Wing's members could collect plenty of information regarding the Faux Saint monsters' movements, the scope of that information would drastically pale in comparison to what several superpowers working together could obtain.

With such information, he would have a better grasp of the Faux Saint monsters' movements and could have Zero Wing make preparations ahead of time. After all, the problem of the Faux Saint monsters wasn't something that could be dealt with in the short term. In fact, these monsters would remain a big problem for Zero Wing far into the future.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you're overthinking things. There are no conditions for joining the alliance," Muxin said, a faint smile appearing on her face. "If I have to give one, then it is receiving Frost Heaven's recognition."

"Does that mean Zero Wing has received this recognition already?" Shi Feng asked curiously.

"Of course. Moreover, aside from inviting Zero Wing into the alliance, I also wish to extend an invitation to Zero Wing to take part in a secret operation our alliance is planning," Muxin said earnestly.

"Secret operation? Is it compulsory to join?" Shi Feng asked when he noticed a hint of excitement on Muxin's face.

"It's not compulsory, but if Zero Wing is willing to help, I can personally provide you with a generous remuneration. For example, I can give you 50 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid, something that the various superpowers are currently in urgent need of," Muxin said.

The other Frost Heaven members standing beside Muxin turned to her in shock.



“Muxin, what are you thinking?! That’s an absolute secret! Even within the alliance, only two other Guilds have the qualifications to take part! If you invite Zero Wing, even if the Grand Elders agree, the other two Guilds will most likely have strong opinions about it!” the female Cursemaner murmured to Muxin.

The female Cursemaner wasn’t particularly surprised that Muxin had agreed to Zero Wing’s joining the alliance. After all, with Silverwing City’s benefits and Shi Feng’s Mana Domain, Zero Wing indeed possessed the qualifications to do so.

However, inviting Zero Wing to participate in the alliance’s secret operation was a completely different story.

The secret operation Muxin referred to was extraordinary. Frost Heaven and the two other superpowers involved in this operation had paid an enormous price to secure this opportunity. Muxin was simply insane to invite Zero Wing along.

“Relax. I’ll just say that Zero Wing’s participation will be taken from my share. That way, the two other superpowers should not have any problems,” Muxin replied nonchalantly.

“You have truly lost your mind! You asked for this! It’s your problem if Uncle Hong and the others get angry at you!” the female Cursemaner said in a huff.

As the heiress of the Boulder Corporation, one of the three main corporations supporting Frost Heaven, Muxin indeed possessed a considerable number of participation slots for the upcoming operation. However, if Muxin gave these slots to Zero Wing’s members, Frost Heaven’s Guild Leader and Grand Elders would definitely have opinions about it. In fact, if Zero Wing’s participation adversely affected the operation, the Boulder Corporation’s standing within Frost Heaven might even suffer.

Meanwhile, seeing that the female Cursemancer had stopped speaking, Muxin returned her gaze to Shi Feng.

“What do you think of this, Guild Leader Black Flame?” Muxin asked once more.

“Will we receive the 50 bottles only if the operation succeeds?” Shi Feng asked after giving the matter some thought.

He had a great yearning for S-rank Nutrient Fluids. Setting aside his own needs, he also needed plenty of S-rank Nutrient Fluids for the development of Zero Wing’s core upper echelon. Unlike the various superpowers, Zero Wing did not have a major corporation backing it, so the Guild had a much more difficult time obtaining S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

He had to admit that Muxin had accurately grasped Zero Wing’s weakness.

“Of course not. The 50 bottles are a deposit. If the operation is a success, I will pay you an additional 50 bottles,” Muxin replied, her smile widening at Shi Feng’s question.

“Alright. I accept your invitation on behalf of Zero Wing,” Shi Feng said. When he heard that the remuneration was 100 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids, he agreed to the offer without hesitation. “When will this secret operation take place? And how many players do I need to send?”

“I can’t give you an exact time yet, but judging by the current development, the operation will need a minimum of 11 or 12 days before it can start. As for the numbers, it’s best if you bring no more than ten players,” Muxin replied after giving the matter some thought. She then pointed at the female Cursemancer beside her and continued, “Once the preparations on our side are done, I’ll have Lixuan notify you.”

“Very well. I will make all the necessary preparations beforehand,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

After Shi Feng agreed to Muxin’s invitation, the two of them formally signed a contract. Before the start of the secret operation, Muxin would supply Zero Wing with 50 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid first. And so long as the operation was a success, Muxin would send another 50 bottles within two days of the operation’s completion.

“Guild Leader, do you really intend to take part in Frost Heaven’s secret operation?” Youlan asked worriedly after Muxin’s group left the reception room. “The fact that Frost Heaven is willing to offer 100 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid as remuneration just goes to show how difficult this secret operation is. In fact, the operation might even come with great risks. If something untoward happens, Starlink and Saint’s Hand will pounce on this opportunity.”

Now that Silverwing Town had been promoted into Silverwing City, the number of players and powers operating in Silverwing City was continuously increasing. According to their current estimates, they could easily make over 300,000 Gold per day from the entrance fees alone. After deducting the various expenditures of the city, they should still net over 100,000 Gold—and this didn’t even take into account the income from the Transportation Firm.

To put it simply, they had no need to take any risks. They were more than capable of amassing enough money to purchase a large amount of S-rank Nutrient Fluids, given some time.

“I understand, but we’ll also need to live long enough to make that kind of money,” Shi Feng replied with a bitter smile.

If possible, he would prefer to refuse Muxin’s offer as well. After all, S-rank Nutrient Fluids were not common goods that were readily available. Even for Frost Heaven, S-rank Nutrient Fluids were an extremely precious resource. The fact that Muxin was willing to pay such a hefty price for Zero Wing’s help meant that the secret operation in question was incredibly difficult.

However, 100 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid would alleviate a significant portion of the pressure on Zero Wing. Not to mention, now that his identity had been exposed, purchasing S-rank Nutrient Fluids would become even more problematic than before.

After Shi Feng finished conversing with Youlan and had assigned all the necessary work in Silverwing City, he stealthily made his way to the core room located on the City Lord's Mansion's second underground floor. He then took out a tattered scroll from his bag.

Although I haven't made all possible preparations, in order to ensure the success of my future operations, I have no choice but to get promoted as soon as possible.

Gritting his teeth, Shi Feng unfurled the Legacy Scroll he obtained from the Ancient Lich Zorok and chanted the incantation recorded on it.

## **Chapter 2686 – Legacy Land?**

As Shi Feng chanted the incantation recorded on the Legacy Scroll, the divine runes on the Legacy Scroll started releasing an array of colorful lights that brightly illuminated the dimly lit core room.

Following which, the divine runes detached from the Legacy Scroll and linked up into a ring before Shi Feng. A short moment later, an incomparably dark vortex appeared within this ring of runes.

The black vortex was three meters tall. Just its existence alone thinned out the Mana within the core room considerably. The vortex was like an insatiable beast that devoured everything.

Just how harsh is the environment in the Legacy Land? Shi Feng was astonished when he sensed the incomparably thin Mana around him.

Originally, he had planned to challenge his Tier 4 Promotion Quest only after he had broken through the limits of his Epic Mana Body. That way, he would have a much greater chance of success. After all, unlike the Promotion Quests for lower tiers, the Tier 4 Promotion Quest did not have any difficulty options for players to choose from. How much improvement they gained from their Tier 4 Promotion Quest depended entirely on how much progress they made in the Legacy Land.

Of course, there were also some differences between Legacy Lands. Naturally, the harsher the environment at a Legacy Land, the more difficult it would be for players to obtain their Tier 4 Legacy. However, searching for Tier 4 Legacy Lands was arduous. In fact, when challenging the Tier 4 Promotion Quest, players generally spent 90% of their time searching for a Legacy Land.

In short, players would be very fortunate to come across a Legacy Land. They didn't have the luxury to choose between different Legacy Lands. Hence, luck played a considerably important role when challenging the Tier 4 Promotion Quest.

With luck, one would find a good Legacy Land and have an easier time obtaining the Tier 4 Legacy. Without it, one would find a Legacy Land with an extremely harsh environment and might suffer failure as soon as they set foot into the Legacy Land. This was a situation Shi Feng had faced before. After all, he had failed plenty of times at his Tier 4 Promotion Quest in his past life.

Currently, although he couldn't determine what kind of Legacy Land the teleportation portal before him led to, judging by how the portal had devoured almost all of the core room's Mana, he could tell that this Legacy Land had incredibly thin ambient Mana. In fact, the ambient Mana density in the Legacy Land should be even lower than that of the core room at the moment.

However, before Shi Feng could continue his observation, a series of system notifications entered his ears.

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System: You have opened the Legacy Land's portal. Please enter the portal within three minutes, or the portal will automatically close.

System: You have activated the Promotion Quest for the Tier 4 Blade Saint.

Quest content: Enter the Legacy Land and obtain the Ancient Legacy's power. Rewards unknown.

System: Once you enter the Legacy Land, you will be prohibited from having any contact with the outside world. If you die within the Legacy Land, you will be teleported out of the Legacy Land, your levels will be reduced by five, and your soul will be weakened for three days. Please consider your decision carefully.

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Five levels? This Legacy Land is truly vicious. Shi Feng frowned reflexively when he heard the contents of the system notifications.

Normally, dying in a Tier 4 Legacy Land would result in a loss of only two or three levels. The penalty for this one, however, was actually five levels. This was definitely the Legacy Land with the highest penalty he had ever heard of.

However, Shi Feng did not hesitate for long before walking straight into the black vortex.

If possible, he did not wish to enter such a harsh Legacy Land, either. However, if he didn't enter, he would be deemed to have failed his Tier 4 Promotion Quest. If that happened, he would have to wait a considerable period before he could challenge his Tier 4 Promotion Quest again—an outcome he definitely didn't want.

After all, aside from Frost Heaven's upcoming secret operation, the Divine Dragon's trial also awaited him. If he gave up on entering his Legacy Land now, he would have to face the Divine Dragon's trial with only a Tier 3 body, basically setting himself up for failure. Hence, he had no other choice but to grit his teeth and take on this Legacy Land.

Fortunately, the Epic Legacy Scroll granted him three rechallenger attempts, two more than what the Dark-Gold Legacy Scroll provided. Having a total of four challenge attempts increased his chances of success significantly.

As soon as Shi Feng stepped into the black vortex, darkness enveloped his vision. At the same time, his body seemed to spin freely in empty space. By the time his vision recovered, the scenery before him had changed completely.

Currently, he was free-falling. Moreover, not only was the sky dark, but spatial tears also filled the air around him. It was as if the world he had just arrived in was crumbling. There was no ground beneath him, either. All he could see below was a bottomless abyss. To make matters worse, the Mana was practically nonexistent.

"This..." Shi Feng was momentarily stunned by this situation.

He had been to many Legacy Lands, but this was his first time visiting such a harsh Legacy Land. In fact, rather than a Legacy Land, this location looked more like a world teetering on the brink of destruction instead.

If not for his Epic Mana Body, he would've long since lost consciousness due to the extremely thin ambient Mana here.

Not daring to be careless, Shi Feng promptly activated Gale Domain to put some distance between himself and the bottomless abyss below.

However, shortly after he started flying, a powerful suction force came from the bottomless abyss, which made his body feel incomparably heavy.

Is long-term flight prohibited here?

Looking at the bottomless abyss that was pulling him down, Shi Feng faintly understood the rules of this Legacy Land. He immediately headed for the nearest cliff.

400 yards... 300 yards... 200 yards...

The longer Shi Feng remained in flight, the stronger the gravity acting on his body grew. Initially, the gravity was only twice as strong as usual. Eventually, though, it increased to more than tenfold. Moreover, it continued increasing by twofold every second. Not only did this situation cause his flying speed to decrease continuously, but it also made controlling his body increasingly difficult.



Faster! I need to be faster!

When the gravity approached unbearable levels, Shi Feng desperately tried to reach the cliff beside the abyss.

When less than 20 yards separated him from the cliff, his ability to fly suddenly got neutralized. As a result, he plummeted toward the bottomless abyss like a meteor. To make matters worse, the gravity acting on his body still kept increasing, which, in turn, accelerated his speed of descent.

This won't do. At this rate, I'll die from the wind pressure before I even hit the ground.

After free-falling for a dozen seconds, Shi Feng already found the increasing wind pressure pushing against his body unbearable. At this rate, he would most likely die after another few dozen seconds of free fall.

He took out a bunch of Advanced Frost Grenades from his bag and detonated them on his back.

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

Along with the sounds of explosions, a series of ice flowers appeared in midair.

Although Shi Feng ended up losing over 20% of his HP and got himself covered in a layer of frost from the Frost Grenades, the impact of the explosions propelled his body a lot closer to the nearby cliff.

However, despite the distance to the cliff narrowing, his complexion remained grim. After all, if he collided with the cliff at his current speed, he was still unlikely to survive.

In the next moment, the armor Shi Feng wore also started turning red-hot.

Just as he was about to crash into the cliff like a blazing meteor, he activated Heavenly Dragon's Power, instantly increasing his Basic Attributes, Defense, and HP by a significant margin. He then unsheathed the Abyssal Blade and stabbed it into the cliff.

Boom!

After getting stabbed into the cliff wall, the Abyssal Blade tore the rocky surface as Shi Feng continued sliding down. At the same time, his HP also started depleting rapidly.

75%... 60%... 30%...

Fortunately, his body finally came to a grinding halt with his HP just below 500,000.

After pulling himself out of the clutches of death, he breathed out a deep sigh of relief. If not for Heavenly Dragon's Power, he really would've died just now.

Is this really a Legacy Land?

Confusion filled Shi Feng's heart as he gazed at the bottomless abyss beneath him.

Although Legacy Lands weren't known for their friendly environments, none of them had such a harsh environment, either. Currently, he couldn't see any signs of life in this Legacy Land, let alone monsters. Aside from the bottomless abyss, the only other thing within sight were the cliffs surrounding it. He couldn't find any traces of an Ancient Legacy at all.

However, as Shi Feng was trying to figure out what he needed to do in this Legacy Land, several thunderous roars came from the bottomless abyss.

A short moment later, gigantic figures emerged from the abyss. And upon seeing these figures, Shi Feng could not help being dumbfounded.

How is this possible?!

Shi Feng's eyes widened with astonishment as he gaped at these gigantic figures.

After all, these figures belonged to the rarely seen Dragon race. Meanwhile, these Dragons had clearly discovered his presence already.

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**Chapter 2687 – Infant Black Dragons**

Before Shi Feng could snap out of his daze, the three Black Dragons with 60-meter wingspans flapped their wings and transformed into a blur as they flew straight at him.

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[Infant Black Dragon] (Dragon, Great Lord)

Level 122

HP 4,200,000,000/4,200,000,000

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“Crap!”

Shi Feng cursed out loud when he saw the three Infant Black Dragons zooming toward him.

Although his opponents were merely Tier 3 Infant Dragons, as creatures belonging to the apex race in God’s Domain, they were still far stronger than ordinary Tier 4 Mythic monsters. Not to mention, there were three of them. With the power these Infant Dragons wielded, they could easily destroy the current Silverwing City. They simply weren’t existences individual Tier 3 players could hope to go up against. In fact, even Tier 4 players would have to take the long way around if they came across a force of three Tier 3 Infant Dragons.

To make matters worse, not only was Shi Feng currently stuck to a cliff, but an incredibly powerful gravitational force was also dragging on his body. Despite having Heavenly Dragon's Power activated right now, he couldn't move his body normally. Clashing with these Infant Black Dragons would simply guarantee an early death.

He immediately unsheathed Killing Ray and stabbed it into the cliff wall, as well. He then started climbing up the cliff with all his might using his two swords.

However, the gravitational pull from the abyss was simply too powerful, and Shi Feng could not climb quickly, even if he wanted to. In the end, before he could climb 20 yards, one of the Infant Dragons had already arrived before him and sent its massive claw smashing at him. The speed of the claw was also so fast that his only option was to receive it.

"Scram!" Shi Feng bellowed as he swung the Abyssal Blade at the claw, the power the Magic Weapon carried so great that it even tore through space itself.

When the Abyssal Blade came into contact with the Infant Dragon's claw, not only did the Magic Weapon repel the gigantic claw, but the force of the blow even pushed the Infant Dragon backward by more than 10 yards. This result shocked the Infant Dragon, and its golden eyes gazed at Shi Feng in astonishment.

As a member of the apex race that represented destruction, it had actually lost to a lower existence of the same tier in a direct confrontation. Normally, something like this should be impossible, yet this impossible feat had actually occurred just now.

However, despite having repelled the Infant Dragon's attack, Shi Feng did not show any signs of excitement at all.

Due to the Strength boost provided by the Heavenly Dragon's Power and the Dragon's Domination Passive Skill, his Strength indeed surpassed that of a Level 122 Infant Black Dragon. However, as he was currently stuck on the side of a cliff, the only thing he could do was passively defend against the Infant Dragons' attacks. He couldn't launch any counterattacks or run away.

Meanwhile, Heavenly Dragon's Power had a very limited duration. Once he lost the Strength buff from the Berserk Skill, he would have a much harder time coping with the Infant Dragons' attacks.

Roar!

As the repelled Infant Dragon roared angrily, another Infant Dragon appeared beside Shi Feng and attacked him.

While Shi Feng had his hands full with the second Infant Dragon's attack, the first Infant Dragon, which had gotten repelled, actually opened its mouth and used Dragon Breath on him.

Even with his current Basic Attributes, Shi Feng did not dare take on the Dragon Breath of a true Dragon. Gritting his teeth, he yanked Killing Ray out of the cliff and let the gravity drag himself down.

When produced by a true Dragon, a Tier 3 Dragon Breath carried enough power to rival even ordinary attacks at the Peak Tier 4 standard. Moreover, Dragon Breath was an AOE attack, so defending against it with normal attacks was impossible.

Although Shi Feng had the option of using his Mana Technique, with how thin the ambient Mana was in this Legacy Land, by the time he gathered enough Mana to execute Lightshadow, he would've already been burned up by the Infant Dragon's Dragon Breath.

Boom!

In the next moment, a black beam struck at the spot where Shi Feng was originally hanging and bored a hole into the cliff. As for Shi Feng, after dodging the attack, he quickly stabilized himself further down the cliff.

As expected of a true Dragon Breath. I'd probably get pushed back even if I used Lightshadow against it. Shi Feng could not help his astonishment as he gazed at the massive hole that had appeared some distance above him.

With just one attack, the Infant Black Dragon had carved a hole with a 30-yard radius into the sturdy cliff. Shi Feng, on the other hand, was just barely able to stab his swords into the cliff, even with the boost from Heavenly Dragon's Power. Without the Berserk Skill's help, he would be able to stab only half their length into the cliff, at best.

However, before Shi Feng could fully appreciate the Infant Black Dragon's Tier 3 Dragon Breath, the two other Infant Dragons used their Dragon Breaths on him as well.

Roar!

Two black beams instantly shot at Shi Feng, the range they covered making it utterly impossible for him to avoid them.

Seeing this, Shi Feng instinctively activated Absolute Defense to block the two Dragon Breaths. However, because the cliff he was clinging to got vaporized, he lost his foothold and started plummeting toward the bottomless abyss once more.

It seems it's over.

Shi Feng could not help a bitter smile when he looked at the bottomless abyss beneath him, then the three Infant Black Dragons chasing after him.

Not only was there a bottomless abyss that exerted an insane gravitational pull on him, but there were even three Infant Black Dragons roaming the area. The difficulty of this Legacy Land was simply unheard-of. He couldn't even keep himself alive for more than a few minutes in this Legacy Land, much less search for the Ancient Legacy hidden here. In other words, this Legacy Land was basically made to toy with players seeking to challenge their Tier 4 Promotion Quest.

However, just as Shi Feng was mentally preparing himself to give up on his Tier 4 Promotion Quest, several gleaming lights suddenly appeared on the pitch-black cliff. The lights carried a faint hint of Divine Might that made his soul shudder involuntarily.

The Ancient Legacy Fragments? Shock and excitement flashed in Shi Feng's eyes when he looked at the fading lights.

Just now, he'd concluded that this Legacy Land was a prank on players. However, it now looked like that was not the case at all. Although the gleaming lights coming from the cliff had soon vanished from sight due to his rapid descent, he was certain he had sensed Divine Might coming from those lights.

The Tier 4 Promotion Quest was basically a quest for players to enter a Legacy Land and obtain as much of their Legacy's power as possible. Normal classes generally needed to accumulate 70% of their Legacy's power to reach Tier 4, while peak classes needed roughly 85%.



He had seen quite a few streaks of light on the cliff, which meant that there should be a considerable number of Legacy Fragments there. If he could reach that location, he might be able to obtain enough Legacy Power to complete his Promotion Quest.

After reaching this conclusion, Shi Feng abandoned the idea of giving up on this Legacy Land.

Locating the Legacy Fragments hidden within a Legacy Land was generally incredibly difficult and time-consuming. Now that he knew where they were, he naturally couldn't give up without trying.

However, despite his change of mind, thinking back to the three Infant Black Dragons gave him a huge headache.

It might have been fine if his opponents were any other Great Lord ranked monsters. In fact, even if he had to go up against three Tier 4 Mythic monsters simultaneously, he was confident he could collect the Legacy Fragments while keeping himself alive. However, going up against three Tier 3 Dragons simultaneously was simply too much.

In fact, one Infant Black Dragon would most likely be more than enough to whittle him to death within a short time. After all, the gravitational pull the abyss exerted was simply too powerful. While subjected to this gravitational pull, he couldn't bring out even half of his strength. At the same time, he didn't have any footholds he could shift to, which made dodging and blocking the Infant Dragons' attacks extraordinarily difficult.

No, that's not right! So long as I can create a sufficient number of footholds, it might be possible to go up against three Infant Black Dragons simultaneously with the Dragon's Domination's effects!

While free-falling down the cliff, Shi Feng suddenly recalled the gigantic holes the Infant Black Dragons created. If he could carve out a sufficiently spacious path into the cliff, then defending himself against the three Infant Dragons wouldn't be an impossible dream.

After thinking up to this point, he no longer waited for the abyss's gravitational pull to kill him. Instead, he took out the Epic Legacy Scroll from his bag and activated it, starting another challenge for this Legacy Land.

### **Chapter 2688 – Legacy Land's True Purpose**

As soon as Shi Feng activated the Legacy Scroll, darkness enveloped his vision once more, and the world seemed to spin around him. Everything was just like how he first walked into the dark vortex in the core room.

The Legacy Scroll was a treasure highly sought after by the various superpowers, something they were willing to trade even Fragmented Legendary items for. And it was so coveted because it allowed players to rechallenge the same Legacy Land.

While this function might not seem like much, it was heaven-sent for players challenging their Tier 4 Promotion Quest.

Normally, players had only one opportunity to challenge a Legacy Land. So long as they died, they would be teleported out of the Legacy Land, and the portal to the Legacy Land would disappear and reappear in another random location. Even if players found another Legacy Land portal later on, the chances of that portal leading to the same Legacy Land were abysmally low. Hence, it was almost impossible to challenge the same Legacy Land twice, which, in turn, made it impossible to learn from experience.

For players, the difference between having a lot of experience when challenging a Legacy Land and challenging it cold was massive. Their chances of successfully clearing their Tier 4 Promotion Quest

would skyrocket if they had foreknowledge of their Legacy Land. Hence, the various superpowers in the past had been willing to go as far as exchanging Fragmented Legendary items for Legacy Scrolls.

In the eyes of ordinary players, this transaction would seem somewhat stupid. In reality, however, the difference between Tier 3 and Tier 4 was like the difference between life in the mud and in the clouds. Moreover, as players reached higher levels, the disparity in strength would only widen. After all, the opportunities Tier 3 and Tier 4 players could encounter and secure during the later stages of the game were completely different. Moreover, there was the difference in the amount of Basic Attributes Tier 3 and Tier 4 players gained whenever they leveled up.

Meanwhile, after a short moment in the darkness, Shi Feng reappeared in the sky above his first Legacy Land. And like before, his body started free-falling toward the bottomless abyss below him. Moreover, the Cooldown of all of his Skills and Spells had been refreshed, the current situation making it seem as if he had gone back in time.

“Good!”

A quick check found that even the Additional Skills of his weapons and equipment had been refreshed. He immediately activated Gale Domain and flew straight to the nearest cliff.

Previously, he had wasted a lot of time observing the Legacy Land. As a result, by the time he activated Gale Domain, the gravitational force acting on his body had already increased considerably, which had, in turn, reduced his speed and maneuverability by a significant margin.

This time, though, as he had activated Gale Domain almost as soon as he arrived in the Legacy Land, he was able to fly at nearly double the speed he had before. In the end, he managed to reach the nearest cliff in just 15 seconds, with a lot of flight time[1] remaining.

“Break!”

After arriving before the cliff, Shi Feng immediately executed Lightshadow at it.

Boom!

An explosion rang out as rubble went flying. However, to Shi Feng's surprise, the phantom greatsword had only managed to carve out a single tear the size of a human adult, barely enough for one person to stand in.

Lightshadow's power was actually reduced this much? Shi Feng frowned at the tear in the cliff.

The power of Lightshadow was much weaker than he expected. He had given his all in that attack, yet it had barely reached the Intermediate-rank Tier 4 standard. Had he used such an attack against the Infant Black Dragons' Dragon Breath, he definitely would have ended up dead.

However, Shi Feng did not dare to waste time. Quickly, he executed Lightshadow against the cliff once more.

By the eighth time he executed Lightshadow, Gale Domain finally expired. Fortunately, he had managed to carve out an adequate foothold for himself. With this foothold, he should have enough space to dodge and block the Infant Black Dragons' attacks.

However, when Shi Feng gazed down at the bottomless abyss, he could not help massaging his temple.

Although his current situation was much better than before, he still had massive problems to deal with.

Setting aside the three Infant Dragons, just the fact that he needed to carve a path down the cliff was already a huge problem. Each use of Lightshadow only allowed him to carve out a small hole fit for one person to stand in. The hole was also only one meter deep. However, by his estimates, he needed to descend several kilometers to reach the area where he had seen the Legacy Fragments. In that case, he wouldn't be able to reach the Legacy Fragments even after executing Lightshadow for a month.

Although he could increase the destructive power of his attacks by using Berserk Skills, Berserk Skills were meant to save his life. They should not be used unless absolutely necessary, especially in this godforsaken Legacy Land. There were simply too many unknown dangers here. If he used up his Berserk Skills too quickly, he would definitely die when a truly dangerous situation popped up.

It seems I have to find a way to increase the power of my attacks. After giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng concluded that this was his only option.

Using summoning tools was impossible while inside a Legacy Land. Players weren't allowed to summon their Personal Guards here. In such a situation, the only way he could reach the Legacy Fragments as quickly as possible was to raise the raw power of his attacks.

However, such a feat was easier said than done.

The Mana Technique Lightshadow was currently the strongest move in his repertoire. Even Bronze Combat Techniques could not hold a candle to it. However, if he simply relied on Lightshadow to carve a path down, he wouldn't reach the Legacy Fragments even if he tired himself to death. He needed a qualitative improvement to his raw power.

If I wish to increase the power of my attacks, aside from breaking through the limits of my Mana Body, the only other option is to improve my Mana Technique. Without any inspirations, trying to break through the Mana Body's perfect state is utterly impossible. In that case, I have no choice but to try to master the Second Sword, Holy Devour. As Shi Feng sensed the Mana surrounding him, an idea struck him. Although the environment here is extremely harsh and the density of the Mana here is close to zero, my brain doesn't feel any discomfort. The environment here is roughly similar to that inside the Legacy Gate. Could the environment here be created for the purpose of helping players learn Mana Techniques?

Having thought up to this point, Shi Feng felt that there was a high possibility of his guess being correct.

Legacy Lands were termed as such because they provided guidance to their challengers. They weren't created to extinguish all life.

Meanwhile, in low-Mana environments, players would have an easier time not only sensing the Mana flowing within their Mana Bodies but also training in Mana Techniques. This was because the ability to control one's Mana played an important role in executing a Mana Technique. And in a low-Mana environment, players wouldn't have to deal with as much interference from the ambient Mana as they normally would, which, in turn, allowed them to perceive and control their Mana better.

Moreover, it was important for players seeking to get promoted to Tier 4 to possess an adequate degree of Mana control, aside from fully unlocking their Mana Bodies. After all, the birth of a Mana Domain relied heavily on a player's ability to control Mana.

Shi Feng unsheathed the Abyssal Blade and started trying to execute the Second Sword, Holy Devour.

The most important point to take note of when executing Lightshadow was the shaping of Mana. The complexity of the technique involved in doing so could inspire despair even in peak experts. Only Domain Realm experts that had developed their Mana control to a certain extent could execute Lightshadow.

Holy Devour, on the other hand, required its user to materialize Mana. Without sufficient understanding of the operating principle and structure of Mana, executing Holy Devour would be utterly impossible.

Previously, Shi Feng had not held much hope of learning how to execute Holy Devour while he was still at Tier 3. After all, the degree of perception and control of Mana required to execute the technique reached inhuman levels.

However, due to the Faux Saint Devourers' Soul Marks, his perception of Mana had undergone a qualitative transformation.

In the next moment, Shi Feng shut his eyes and lightly raised the Abyssal Blade with both hands. He then manipulated his Mana Domain to start gathering as much Mana as possible around the Abyssal Blade.

After draining all the ambient Mana, Shi Feng abruptly opened his eyes and swung the Abyssal Blade at the cliff wall before him.

Holy Devour!

### **Chapter 2689 – Simplified Holy Devour**

As Shi Feng swung down the Abyssal Blade, a bundle of blazing red flames enveloped the Magic Weapon, causing even the surrounding space to tremble.

In the next moment, the blazing red flames devoured the cliff wall before him.

Boom!

Along with the sound of an explosion, countless stone fragments went flying. Originally, the cave Shi Feng had dug for himself was only the size of a small room. Now, however, the cave had grown to the size of a small house. Moreover, its walls were extremely smooth as if they had been polished.

So strong!

Surprise flashed in Shi Feng's eyes as he took in the cave before him.

He had only been trying to execute Holy Devour. He never thought that he would actually succeed on the first attempt. Although the Second Sword he executed was many times weaker than the Heavenly Blue Saint's version and could even be considered incomplete, the power of his attack was already close to the Upper-rank Tier 4 standard.

With such destructive power, his efficiency in carving out a path to the Legacy Fragments should improve by several dozen times.

However, just as Shi Feng thought of using Holy Devour once more, his consciousness suddenly wavered, and a stinging pain assaulted his brain.

Sure enough, it is still too much for my current self to execute Holy Devour. Shi Feng could not help a bitter smile at this situation.



He had indeed succeeded in executing Holy Devour. However, the amount of Concentration he had consumed by using it once was equivalent to executing over a dozen Bronze Combat Techniques simultaneously. With such a high consumption rate, he would run out of Concentration after using Holy Devour three or four more times. Moreover, he was able to achieve such a result only because his Concentration had reached the Tier 4 standard already. Had his Concentration remained at the Tier 3 standard, he would've most likely passed out as soon as he executed the first Holy Devour.

However, just as Shi Feng was thinking of how he could further perfect his Holy Devour to reduce the burden on his Concentration, a tremor suddenly rocked the cave.

Before he could react to this unexpected development, the rubble scattered around the cave suddenly gathered and formed a humanoid golem that was as tall as he was. The moment the golem took shape, it released a frightening pulse of Mana that froze the ambient Mana, making it impossible for him to manipulate the ambient Mana at all.

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[Outer Path Guardian] (Non-elemental Creature, Grand Lord)

Level 121

HP 53,500,000/53,500,000

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A Non-elemental Creature? Shi Feng was a little surprised when he saw the Outer Path Guardian.

He'd never heard of the Non-elemental Creature label before. Normally, if a monster wasn't an Elemental Creature, they would be labeled with their race, such as Giant, Elf, Wild Creature, Orc, and so on.

Before Shi Feng could properly digest this situation, the Outer Path Guardian suddenly appeared before him. Its two arms then transformed into razor-sharp rock blades that cut at him, the Attack Speed it displayed surpassing that of ordinary Grand Lords and nearly rivaling Mythic monsters'.

However, Shi Feng was no pushover, either. With his extraordinary combat standard and Basic Attributes, even Mythic monsters of the same level would have difficulty landing attacks on him, let alone a Grand Lord whose speed was merely close to rivaling Mythic monsters'.

In the next moment, Shi Feng brandished the Abyssal Blade.

Sword's Transmigration!

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

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng deflected over a dozen attacks. Immediately afterward, he sent a counterattack cutting at the Path Guardian.

In the next moment, a pitch-black sword light cut at the Path Guardian's body. A metallic clang echoed in the cave as the sword light came into contact with the Path Guardian. However, to Shi Feng's surprise, not only did his attack fail to injure the Path Guardian, but the impact even made himself stumble half a

step back. The Abyssal Blade he wielded also vibrated violently as if it had just struck on an impenetrable wall.

What kind of monster is this? Shi Feng stared at the Outer Path Guardian in astonishment.

The Abyssal Blade was capable of cutting through even the skin of Superior Mythics, yet not only did the Magic Weapon fail to scratch the Outer Path Guardian's body, but the Grand Lord didn't even lose a single HP from the attack. The Guardian's Defense was simply heaven-defying.

Regardless of Shi Feng's surprise, the Path Guardian did not stop its actions, launching attacks at him one after another.

Even after fighting for several minutes consecutively, the Path Guardian showed no signs of weakening or slowing down at all. It was like a tireless machine. Although Shi Feng had landed over a hundred attacks on the Path Guardian, he had failed to cause any damage whatsoever to the Grand Lord. Even Lightshadow was useless against it.

Is it invulnerable?

Shi Feng's head ached as he continuously deflected the Path Guardian's attacks.

Previously, he had seen hope of obtaining the Legacy Fragments. He never imagined that a monster like the Outer Path Guardian would appear after he destroyed the cliff wall. Despite the Path Guardian having only a little over 50 million HP, which was very low for a Level 121 Grand Lord, he actually failed to make a dent.

At this rate, he would collapse from exhaustion before he could even secure the Legacy Fragments.

Time passed quickly. Before Shi Feng realized it, over a dozen minutes had elapsed already. However, despite having attacked every possible weak point he could find on the Outer Path Guardian, he still hadn't damaged the Grand Lord.

To make matters worse, the frozen ambient Mana meant that he experienced none of the recovery effects he would normally experience when surrounded by Mana. He would collapse from exhaustion after another hour of fighting at this rate.

Screw it! Shi Feng gritted his teeth and gripped the Abyssal Blade with both hands before executing Holy Devour against the Outer Path Guardian. If even this is no good, I'll have no choice but to use Berserk Skills.

Holy Devour was currently the strongest move he could execute without transforming into a Black Dragon King. If even Holy Devour was incapable of harming the Path Guardian, he would have to use a Berserk Skill to boost his Strength further, something he wished to avoid doing if possible.

Immediately, a scorching inferno engulfed the Outer Path Guardian.

**Boom!**

In the next moment, the Path Guardian's body shot out of the blazing inferno like a cannonball and smashed into the back of the cave. Cracks formed on the Path Guardian's originally invulnerable body, and the Grand Lord's HP also fell by over 3.7 million.

It was effective? Shi Feng was surprised as he looked at the Path Guardian lying on the ground.

Previously, even Lightshadow failed to damage the Outer Path Guardian. However, not only did Holy Devour succeed in damaging the Path Guardian, but its effects even far exceeded his initial expectations.

Did I break through its defensive limit? Shi Feng wondered. However, he quickly shook his head and denied the thought. No, that's not right. Even if my attack exceeded the Guardian's defensive limit, it shouldn't have produced such overwhelming results.

He had plenty of experience in surpassing a monster's defensive limit. Hence, he knew that exceeding a monster's defensive limit wouldn't allow him to suddenly go from dealing zero damage to dealing over 3.7 million damage. Moreover, normally, even if one failed to exceed a monster's defensive limit, the monster should still receive some form of damage after receiving an attack.

A Non-elemental Creature, a Mana Screen, and Holy Devour? Shi Feng continuously racked his mind as he watched the Outer Path Guardian slowly standing back up.

Although he had successfully damaged the Path Guardian already, in his current state, he could execute Holy Devour only one or two more times. Hence, his situation remained dire. It was necessary for him to identify the reason why he had succeeded in damaging the Path Guardian. Otherwise, even if he activated his Berserk Skill, he would only end up wasting it.

Following which, Shi Feng arrived before the Path Guardian and executed Lightshadow against it. However, just like the last time he had used the Mana Technique, he failed to inflict any damage on the Grand Lord.

Since Lightshadow is ineffective against it, I'll have to use another method.

Seeing the Path Guardian slashing its two blade hands at him once more, Shi Feng sidestepped, then slipped behind the Guardian. He concentrated his Mana within the Abyssal Blade as if he were executing Holy Devour, but did not let any of the Mana escape the Magic Weapon. Consequently, instead of a blazing inferno, only a small layer of flames appeared around the Abyssal Blade as he sent the Magic Weapon slashing down at the Path Guardian's back.

In the next moment, the Abyssal Blade actually cut into the Path Guardian's sturdy body, inflicting over 1.6 million damage on the Grand Lord.

Sure enough! Shi Feng's eyes glowed with excitement at the success of his attack.

After seeing that Holy Devour was highly effective against the Path Guardian while Lightshadow was completely ineffective, it was clear to Shi Feng that the Path Guardian's defensive limit had nothing to do with why one could deal damage to it while the other couldn't. Instead, the reason for this situation lay in the difference between the two techniques—the method of utilizing Mana.

Lightshadow was a technique that gave shape to Mana, whereas Holy Devour was a technique that caused Mana to go berserk before materializing it to exhibit a frighteningly destructive power that could destroy even the very essence of matter.

Currently, although he did not fully execute Holy Devour, he had materialized his Mana and concentrated it on the Abyssal Blade. By doing so, he was able to drastically reduce his consumption of Mana and Concentration while still utilizing the effects of materialized Mana. Only, the raw power and scale of his attack were considerably smaller compared to those of the real Holy Devour. Basically, he had executed a simplified version of Holy Devour.

Meanwhile, after achieving success once, Shi Feng promptly started bombarding the Path Guardian with attacks.

In terms of combat power, the Outer Path Guardian was significantly inferior to ordinary Mythic monsters. The only thing that made it a challenging foe was the fact that it could be damaged only after certain conditions were met. However, now that Shi Feng had met these conditions, the Path Guardian's 53.5 million HP was nothing.

In less than two minutes, Shi Feng had depleted all of the Outer Path Guardian's HP. The Guardian's rocky body then crumbled and scattered on the ground.

Meanwhile, along with the Outer Path Guardian's death, not only did Shi Feng's experience bar fill up by a significant margin, but a stream of black mist also flowed into his heart. In the next moment, fragmented images appeared before him one after another. At the same time, a system notification also entered his ears.

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System: You have obtained 5 Legacy Power Points. Tier 4 Legacy Completion Rate at 0.5%. When Legacy Completion Rate reaches 85%, you may attempt to activate your Tier 4 Legacy.

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Legacy Power? Shi Feng was surprised to see the system notification. He never thought that killing the Outer Path Guardian would actually grant him Legacy Power. Collecting Legacy Power using this method would be much easier than trying to descend into the abyss and reach the Legacy Fragments.

Meanwhile, shortly after the Outer Path Guardian died, its body exploded into bundles of light that hovered quietly in midair, expelling all the Mana in the surrounding space.

## Chapter 2690 – Unknown Metal Fragments

What a powerful phenomenon!

Shi Feng's heart was filled with surprise when he saw the dozen or so items quietly hovering in midair.

He had seen many kinds of monster loot before. He had even seen loot accompanied by a Holy Chant. However, this was the first time he had seen or heard of the phenomenon the Outer Path Guardian's loot created.

Currently, all Mana within a 50-yard radius of the dropped items was getting banished from the area. Even the Mana within his body was rapidly depleting.

Right now, if a player with a Silver Mana Body were standing here, they would most likely have lost consciousness instantly from Mana exhaustion.

Seeing this situation, Shi Feng did not dare hesitate for too long. Immediately, he stepped forward and tried to store the loot in his bag space.

However, the instant he touched one of the dropped items, a system notification entered his ears.

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System: This item should not be stored, as it has an extremely powerful repulsion toward Mana. Storing it in your Epic Spatial Bag involves a certain degree of danger. Do you wish to store this item in your Epic Spatial Bag?

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Should not be stored?

Shi Feng was quite surprised at the system notification. However, despite his surprise, he still chose to store the loot in his Epic Spatial Bag. After all, he would lose his life if he didn't put the items into his bag space and allowed the Mana Repulsion Field to continue existing.

As he stored the items in his bag one after another, the Mana environment within the cave gradually recovered. Upon seeing this, he could not help a sigh of relief.

How close. These items truly are strange. Had I been a few seconds later in taking action, they probably would've drained all my Mana. Sitting down, Shi Feng shuddered involuntarily as he checked the 15 new items inside his bag space.

Previously, the Outer Path Guardian was already plenty astonishing, as it could actually freeze the Mana around it, preventing players from using the ambient Mana. For players that relied heavily on Skills and Spells during combat, this was a fatal ability.

However, these dropped items were even more amazing. They had directly banished all the Mana within a 50-yard radius. Not even the Mana within his body was exempt. This situation was simply unheard-of.

If players encountered these extraordinary items without any means to store the items, they would definitely meet their deaths.

Despite Shi Feng's wariness toward these items, he could not hold back his curiosity and started inspecting them.

After he used his Identification Skill on these items, he was stunned. He couldn't appraise any of these 15 metal fragments. Even after he activated Omniscient Eyes, all he got was that these metal fragments were named as "Unknown Metal Fragment" and that they were originally part of a weapon.

Crap! What kind of weapon was it?! Isn't it a little too amazing?! Just its fragments alone are so powerful already! Even Legendary Weapons are not that powerful! Shi Feng was astonished when he saw the little information Omniscient Eyes obtained.

In God's Domain, Legendary items usually deteriorated into Fragmented Legendary items because their core component had suffered damage, which prevented them from exhibiting their true might. However, if a Legendary Weapon got shattered into numerous fragments, rather than becoming multiple Fragmented Legendary Weapons, the Legendary Weapon would become garbage. Only if the shards were recast and more material was added was there a chance of them becoming a Fragmented Legendary Weapon.

Yet, despite not having undergone any rework, the fragments in his bag still exhibited such a powerful Mana Repulsion effect. Even the strongest Legendary Weapons he had heard of were unlikely to be so powerful.

However, Shi Feng did not dwell on the metal fragments. After getting enough rest, he left them sitting inside his bag space and resumed attacking the cliff wall.

Since he now knew that the Outer Path Guardians provided Legacy Power and that the Guardians spawned from the rubble of the cliff, he naturally wouldn't let this opportunity to kill two birds with one stone get away.

However, despite Shi Feng repeatedly using Holy Devour on the cliff wall, not every attack of his caused an Outer Path Guardian to spawn. Roughly one Guardian spawned for every three or four attacks he executed. As a result, his accumulation of Legacy Power wasn't going as fast as he initially expected.

Moreover, because of the Legacy Land's harsh environment, which severely hampered Stamina and Concentration recovery, Shi Feng's recovery rate wasn't particularly fast despite the high-ranking foods and beverages he consumed. At best, it was like he was resting inside an ordinary town.

Fortunately, he was familiar with the harsh environments of Tier 4 Legacy Lands and had made preparations beforehand. Long before he could challenge his Tier 4 Promotion Quest, he had already tasked Melancholic Smile with stockpiling a large amount of high-ranking foods and beverages in the Guild's Warehouse for both himself and the rest of the Guild's core upper echelon. Hence, he currently had more than enough high-ranking foods and beverages to last him for two whole months.

As Shi Feng relentlessly attacked the cliff and killed Outer Path Guardians, his experience bar filled up rapidly. His mastery over the simplified Holy Devour also improved. Only, as the number of Outer Path Guardians he killed increased, the number of Unknown Metal Fragments he obtained conversely decreased.

Initially, each kill yielded him more than ten fragments. Eventually, that number dropped to single digits. Now, he got just one or two from every kill.

As Shi Feng progressed down the cliff, he had unknowingly spent nine days inside the Legacy Land. After nine days of constant grinding, Shi Feng had reached Level 124. If not for Demon God Atlock's Soul Curse, he would've already reached the Level 125 threshold.

As for the accumulation of Legacy Power, he had reached 83% Completion Rate already, just 2% away from the minimum requirement to activate his Tier 4 Legacy. As for the Unknown Metal Fragments, he had collected a total of 96.

Meanwhile, a lot had also happened in the outside world during these nine days.

Thanks to the 50 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids Muxin provided as a deposit, Shi Feng could afford to consume one bottle per day, meeting the energy requirements of his brain. His body's condition also improved considerably. However, if he wished to recover to his peak state, he still needed Life Potions.

Aside from that, Zero Wing's main force members also started exiting the spatial maze one after another. However, as Fire Dance, Aqua Rose, Gentle Snow, and two dozen or so other players had taken different paths midway through the maze, they remained trapped inside.

Along with the return of the majority of Zero Wing's main force, the prosperous Zero Wing flourished even more. After returning to the eastern continent, Zero Wing's main force members continuously raided large-scale and super-large-scale Team Dungeons, enriching the Guild Warehouse with plenty of rare materials.

Including the rare materials brought back from the western continent, Melancholic Smile and the others produced batch after batch of Level 120 weapons and equipment. Now, when it came to Level 120 weapons and equipment, Zero Wing surpassed the various superpowers. For a time, Zero Wing entered the spotlight of the neighboring kingdoms and empires, and many expert players and well-known adventurer teams applied to join Zero Wing.

However, during all of this, a very shocking matter got exposed.

The true identity of Zero Wing's mysterious Guild Leader, Black Flame!

When this information spread, it shocked the eastern continent's various powers. This was especially true for Unyielding Soul, Crimson Emperor, and the Secret Pavilion, superpowers that were partners of Zero Wing. None of them had ever thought that Zero Wing was truly a Guild that had no background whatsoever and that a youth like Shi Feng had developed it from scratch.

God's Domain's various powers no longer feared Zero Wing. Many powers started secretly targeting Zero Wing's internal members. At the same time, they spent huge sums to snatch the Heaven's Rumble Training Center's disciples and customers of Zero Wing's virtual combat platforms. They even offered astronomical prices to poach Zero Wing's core members, resulting in a brain drain of Zero Wing's internal members and core members day after day.

"Guild Leader, another dozen core members have applied for withdrawal today. In addition, quite a few training centers' and dojos' disciples have come challenging our training center's disciples, and several of our disciples got injured. Even Master Lei Bao himself got challenged by a mysterious half-step grandmaster martial artist on his way home and ended up suffering heavy injuries. That mysterious expert warned Master Lei Bao that if he remained in Zero Wing, there would be more of such incidents. Moreover, several superpowers have sent representatives to our headquarters. They say that so long as we let them become shareholders of Zero Wing, they'll make all these problems go away," Liang Jing reported in frustration.

"However, these still aren't the most crucial matters. The biggest problem is that the suppliers that previously provided us with S-rank Nutrient Fluids and state-of-the-art training facilities now refuse to do business with us. Moreover, nobody is commissioning our Guild for tasks anymore. At this rate, we can only rely on exchanging Coins for Credits to maintain our Guild's daily operations."

"I understand. For now, make use of Silverwing City's income to fill in the gaps," Shi Feng said, nodding. "Also, did you find out which superpower sent that expert that injured Lei Bao?"

"I checked with the Secret Pavilion. Although the other party hid themselves quite thoroughly, the Secret Pavilion still managed to find out who sent that expert. It's Dragonheart Island's War Blood adventurer team," Liang Jing said.

“War Blood?” In an icy tone, Shi Feng said, “It seems these superpowers really think Zero Wing is some kind of pushover. Do they honestly believe I can’t do anything against them?”

“Guild Leader, we don’t have the home-ground advantage on Dragonheart Island. Moreover, Starlink and a few other superpowers have partnered with War Blood. They also have a Medium Fortress. Right now, our forces are tied up defending Silverwing City and Stone Forest City. If we dispatch a large number of experts to Dragonheart Island, I’m afraid...” When Liang Jing heard Shi Feng’s words, she hurriedly tried to dissuade him from taking any rash actions.

“I know. I’ll handle this matter myself,” Shi Feng said calmly before hopping back into his virtual gaming cabin and logging into God’s Domain.