

## Chapter 2721 – Uproar

“Guild Leader, did you see that?!” Purple Eye goggled in shock as she pointed at the huge crater in the holographic projection. “Gentle Snow, she... How did she...do that?”

“Gentle Snow should’ve destroyed the space in the surrounding area to annihilate Miracle’s 1,000-man team,” Galaxy Past answered calmly.

“No! I know that, but I’m not referring to that,” Purple Eye said, shaking her head. She then turned to Galaxy Past and continued, “I’m talking about Gentle Snow’s 12 consecutive slashes. She actually stacked the power of those 12 slashes!”

It was challenging to combine the power of multiple sources. The more sources one tried to combine, the greater the difficulty. In fact, the difficulty increased exponentially.

Even apex experts who had reached the Domain Realm could, at best, combine the power of six attacks.

Yet, now, Gentle Snow had actually combined 12 attacks into one. Moreover, she had accomplished this feat while wielding a greatsword. This was no longer a matter of strength. Such a feat should be impossible for humans!

Gentle Snow was a genius of their generation. They had also entered God’s Domain at the same time. Even if Gentle Snow had made rapid progress, reaching such a level should be possible for her. At this point, she couldn’t even be considered human anymore. She was a monster in human skin!

“Purple, calm down,” Galaxy Past advised. “You should be aware of Zero Wing’s strength. Zero Wing has always been able to accomplish feats other Guilds can’t. Gentle Snow might’ve learned a powerful Skill that allowed her to perform such an action.”

Galaxy Past could sympathize with Purple Eye’s unreconciled and helpless feelings. After all, this kind of power already exceeded the realm of humans. It was no exaggeration to say that Gentle Snow had become an existence that they would never surpass in their lifetimes.

Meanwhile, inside a lounge in Miracle’s headquarters in the real world, the lids of two virtual gaming cabins opened slowly.

“We still died. We didn’t even have a chance to escape. With this, we’ll have to wait even longer before we can start our Tier 4 promotions,” Elder Roc grumbled as he sat up in his gaming cabin, a bitter smile forming on his face.

“We are lucky. If this were the preliminaries, we would’ve lost five levels.” Elder Feather frowned as he sat up in his cabin. A hint of awe appearing in his eyes, he continued, “Truly, that kind of monster isn’t something we can go up against. She actually destroyed the entire space to prevent us from escaping. Even short-duration Invulnerability Skills are useless against that kind of attack.” “Thousand Miles truly screwed us over. His information is absurdly inaccurate,” Elder Roc snarled. “In hindsight, that little girl is the real monster, not Black Flame!”

“However, it’s fortunate we came across her so soon. There is still time to salvage this situation,” Elder Feather said, smiling. “What do you mean, Old Feather?” Elder Roc asked, puzzled.

“I relayed this information to the Guild Leader before we got killed. I’m sure the others know about this by now,” Elder Feather said. “Now that it is revealed that Frost Heaven has a Higher Domain Realm expert in addition to Black Flame, I’m sure you should know what this means.”

“Are you saying the Guild Leader will relay this information to the other superpowers?” Elder Roc couldn’t help growing a little excited.

That was a Higher Domain Realm expert they were talking about!

On Island No. 3, there was no way Black Flame could cause an upset by himself. However, it would be a different story if a Higher Domain Realm expert were added to the equation. Zero Wing might actually be able to secure two Resource Nodes and become the sixth-ranked Guild on Island No. 3.

In that case, Frost Heaven’s chances of winning the sixth reserve seat would increase significantly.

However, once Miracle spread this information, the various superpowers would most likely band together to prevent Frost Heaven from ousting them.

Just as Elder Feather assumed, Miracle did not conceal Gentle Snow’s information. On the contrary, the Guild publicized it throughout the arena. Every participating Guild became aware of Gentle Snow’s existence.

“Higher Domain Realm? Zero Wing actually had such an expert?”

“Could Miracle be lying to us? That’s the Higher Domain Realm we are talking about. How can a little girl like Gentle Snow reach it?”

“That shouldn’t be the case. According to our members on Island No. 3, Gentle Snow did indeed clash with one of Miracle’s 1,000-man teams. Moreover, their fight created quite a commotion; it could be heard even from miles away. After our members inspected the battlefield through magical observation,

they found that Miracle's 1,000-man team had indeed been annihilated. Moreover, Gentle Snow had even wiped out Miracle's team with just one move."

For a time, the various participating Guilds had heated discussions over this matter. Although most of them remained dubious of the claim that Gentle Snow had reached the Higher Domain Realm, they were still afraid of her.

The Higher Domain Realm was a secret among the various superpowers. Ordinary players weren't even aware of its existence.

Currently, those who had reached the Higher Domain Realm were old monsters belonging to the Five Great Super Guilds, and these old monsters almost never revealed themselves to the public. In fact, the public had mostly forgotten about them. However, the various superpowers understood that the reason the Five Great Super Guilds could be referred to as such was precisely because of these existences.

So long as this group of old monsters took action, even peerless experts wouldn't be able to stop them. After all, peerless experts were merely a bunch of people still stuck in the Domain Realm; even the stronger ones had reached only the Domain Realm's upper stage. A more significant part of the reason peerless experts were called as such was their Basic Attributes, which far surpassed those of other Domain Realm experts.

However, it was a different story for Higher Domain Realm experts. These existences possessed inhuman combat standards. Moreover, there was almost no trial in God's Domain that could trouble them. They could easily overcome the hurdles they faced and secure as many opportunities as they wanted in God's Domain.

One could say that in terms of both Basic Attributes and combat standards, Higher Domain Realm experts far surpassed peerless experts. Even one such existence could turn the tide of a war.

Now that Gentle Snow was suspected of having reached the Higher Domain Realm as well, the various superpowers would have no choice but to take precautions against her.

Meanwhile, when Frost Heaven's members heard this piece of news, every one of them was shocked.

"How is this possible?! That Vice Guild Leader from Zero Wing is actually in the Higher Domain Realm?!" Brilliant Blue felt like he was dreaming when he read his subordinate's report. He simply couldn't bring himself to believe it.

This was the Higher Domain Realm they were talking about!

However, at this time, the various participating superpowers were all talking about this matter. Moreover, the Frost Heaven members with Gentle Snow acknowledged that she had single-handedly wiped out Miracle's 1,000-man team.

Miracle even publicly admitted that Gentle Snow had killed Roc and Feather, two of Miracle's Elders, in a single move.

After taking all these factors into account, this matter was almost certain to be true.

"The heavens haven't forsaken Frost Heaven!" Seven Wonders grew ecstatic upon hearing this news. He then looked at Hong Xinyuan, who had reported the matter to him, and said, "Old Hong, you've really found a huge treasure for our Guild this time!"

"Guild Leader, you overestimate me." Hong Xinyuan shook his head with a smile.

In reality, even he had not been aware that Gentle Snow had reached the Higher Domain Realm. Had he known, he wouldn't have offered just three Upper Zone reserve slots to Zero Wing.

Meanwhile, when Muxin, on Island No. 3, received the news about Gentle Snow, she was lost in thought for a long time. "Black Flame! Is Gentle Snow really at the Higher Domain Realm?!" Muxin couldn't help asking Shi Feng.

"Probably." Shi Feng chuckled.

"Probably? What do you mean 'probably'? Has she reached it or not?" Muxin got irritated at Shi Feng for persisting in keeping her in the dark.

The various superpowers already believed that Gentle Snow was a Higher Domain Realm expert. Yet, Shi Feng was still so close-mouthed about it.

Shi Feng couldn't help smiling bitterly at Muxin's reaction.

Truthfully, he didn't actually know what realm Gentle Snow had reached. After all, he didn't know what kind of world the Higher Domain Realm was. In addition, when he looked at Gentle Snow, he felt as if he was looking at a cloud. He couldn't see through her at all.

However, while he didn't know whether Gentle Snow was currently at the Higher Domain Realm, he was sure of one thing-Gentle Snow was undoubtedly number one in the world in combat experience.

“However, Miracle has played a really vicious move this time.” Shi Feng frowned as he read Miracle’s public announcement. At Shi Feng’s words, Muxin’s face darkened.

“Are you saying Miracle plans to kill with a borrowed sword?”

“That’s right.” Shi Feng nodded. “On the surface, Miracle is expressing its indignation over Gentle Snow annihilating one of its 1,000-man teams. In reality, it is announcing to the other Guilds that Frost Heaven has a great chance of securing the sixth seat. This way, the other Guilds will have to consider banding together to target Frost Heaven.” “What should we do, then?” Muxin understood how vicious Miracle’s move was. If they didn’t handle this matter properly, Frost Heaven might come under attack from all sides. “Should I notify my Guild Leader of this?”

Shi Feng sneered, “Since Miracle wants Frost Heaven to become a thorn in the various Guilds’ eyes, we’ll make the various Guilds understand that the sixth seat belongs to us!”

## **Chapter 2722 – No Regrets**

“Have the various Guilds acknowledge us?” Muxin revealed a wry smile when she heard Shi Feng’s words. “But out of the six reserve seats available, only one is obtainable. How can the other Guilds possibly give up on it?”

“There are six reserve seats up for grabs, yet the various Guilds have given up on five of them. Why do you think that’s the case?” Shi Feng responded with a question of his own.

“Isn’t that obvious? It’s because the Five Great Super Guilds are too strong. There’s no way the other Guilds can compete with them,” Muxin answered, failing to understand why Shi Feng asked such a question.

Who the owners of five of the six reserve seats were was common knowledge for everyone. Otherwise, the various Guilds wouldn’t be competing so desperately for the sixth seat, with some Guilds even risking everything they had.

“That’s right. It is because those five Super Guilds are sufficiently strong,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “Hence, those Guilds don’t dare compete with them.”

“Do you mean to make the various Guilds deem us too strong to provoke? That’s impossible,” Muxin said, shaking her head. She felt that Shi Feng was building castles in the air. “Frost Heaven doesn’t have that kind of strength right now.”

“Indeed. Frost Heaven doesn’t have the necessary strength right now,” Shi Feng said unceremoniously. “That’s why we need to go crazy-so crazy that the other Guilds become afraid of us. Only by doing so do we stand a chance of victory.”

They couldn’t afford to act defensively. And even if they did, they wouldn’t be able to protect anything. In a situation where every other Guild, aside from the Five Great Super Guilds, were Frost Heaven’s enemies, even Shi Feng couldn’t turn the tide of battle. After all, this was a competition for Resource Nodes, not a contest of strength. Even if he occupied every Resource Node on an island, there were still 17 other islands. Frost Heaven would still lose.

Not to mention, occupying an entire island would be a challenge, even for him.

The size of Island No. 3 was like a Level 100 neutral map. If the various Guilds’ players hid from him, he would have great difficulty locating them, regardless of his Mana Domain. Moreover, every participating



player was a Tier 3 expert. When not subjected to any debuffs, they could run very fast. In addition, he would have to occupy the many Resource Nodes on the island while also ensuring their safety.

“How do we do that? Even if we go crazy, we still need a target!”

Muxin understood what Shi Feng was saying. However, she found it truly hard to imagine how they could make the various Guilds fear them and actively give up on competing with them.

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“Of course, we have one.” Smiling, Shi Feng added, “And it’s even ready-made.”

“Are you talking about Miracle?” Shaking her head, Muxin argued, “Although Miracle has used a trick to deal with us, even if we annihilate Miracle, I’m afraid the other Guilds still won’t rest.” “No! Not Miracle. How can Miracle possibly be qualified for such a role?” Shi Feng smiled while shaking his head. “Didn’t you already mention which Guilds the other Guilds don’t dare to offend?”

Muxin gasped involuntarily when she heard Shi Feng’s words. “Are you saying...” “That’s right. The Five Great Super Guilds.” Shi Feng nodded. “Of course, we won’t have to target all five of them. Going for Mythology should be more than enough.” In his previous life, Miracle had relied on Mythology to secure one of the reserve seats during the first official competition. Since he was already going against Miracle in this life, it was only a matter of time before he had to deal with Mythology. In that case, he might as well strike first to gain an advantage.

“Isn’t this a little too crazy?! That’s one of the Five Great Super Guilds we are talking about!”

Muxin couldn't help feeling a little afraid at the mention of making an enemy out of one of the Five Great Super Guilds.

The Five Great Super Guilds were like the sun in the virtual gaming industry. While most Guilds might declare their intent to surpass the Five Great Super Guilds, it was another thing altogether to actually fight one.

For the various superpowers, the stronger they grew, the more fearful of the Five Great Super Guilds they became. After all, the depth of the Five Great Super Guilds' foundations was simply unfathomable.

"This isn't madness." Shi Feng shook his head. In an earnest tone, he said, "This is Frost Heaven's only way out.

"Whether you secure a seat will depend on your decision."

Afterward, Shi Feng stopped trying to convince Muxin and had her relay this proposal to Seven Wonders. Whether they went through with his plan or not would depend on Frost Heaven's Guild Leader.

"Declare war on Mythology? Is Black Flame insane?" Brilliant Blue trembled when he received Shi Feng's suggestion. Immediately, he contacted Seven Wonders and protested, "Guild Leader, that's one of the Five Great Super Guilds we are talking about! Even three Frost Heavens wouldn't be a match for it!" "I understand." Seven Wonders also wore a gloomy face. Helplessly, he said, "However, we only have two options if we wish to secure a reserve seat. One is to fight the numerous participating Guilds, and the other is to fight Mythology. There are no other options."

Miracle's ploy was simply too vicious.

If Frost Heaven went up against the various superpowers, it wouldn't stand a chance whatsoever. After all, in this scenario, Frost Heaven would lose the initiative to attack other Guilds, constrained to defending its territories. However, how could it possibly defend against so many Guilds with its limited numbers?

Frost Heaven's only other option was to attack Mythology. If Frost Heaven succeeded in causing Mythology to suffer even a minor setback, it would still be of great help to Frost Heaven in securing the sixth reserve seat.

Meanwhile, after Seven Wonders finished speaking, Brilliant Blue also sank into deep thought.

"We have only one choice now." Looking at Brilliant Blue's face on his screen, Seven Wonders asked, "Do we fight or not?"

"Guild Leader, even if I wish to fight, how do we go about it? That's Mythology we are talking about. We stand no chance whatsoever," Brilliant Blue said with a bitter smile.

The Island No. 11 he was assigned to had only three teams from Frost Heaven-his own 500-man team, a 300-man team led by an Elder, and Violet Cloud's 100-man team-for a total of 900 players.

On the other hand, Mythology had a total of 2,600 members on Island No. 11. Moreover, the person leading this force was the Divine Spear Demon Rex, the commander of Mythology's trump card legion and a legendary figure even in Mythology.

"Do you think the other islands have a chance of winning?" Seven Wonders rolled his eyes at Brilliant Blue.

Mythology's members were distributed very evenly. Any island it had a presence on had at least 2,000 Mythology members. And of the seven islands Frost Heaven's teams were assigned to, only Island No. 17 did not have Mythology's presence.

"However, you don't need to hurry. Group up with Zero Wing's members first before taking action," Seven Wonders said.

"I understand. Even if I have to put my life on the line, I will make Mythology suffer." Brilliant Blue did not oppose Seven Wonders's decision. This upcoming battle would decide whether Frost Heaven would rise or fall.

Afterward, Seven Wonders relayed his command to the Frost Heaven members on the other islands. In two hours, they would launch a simultaneous assault on Mythology's Resource Nodes on Frost Heaven's six islands.

As Frost Heaven's members waited quietly for their fateful moment, fierce battles occurred one after another on the various islands. The savage clash between superpowers thoroughly dumbfounded the spectating major powers.

They never thought that the foundations of these superpowers would be so astonishing.

If not for this competition, none of them would even suspect that the various superpowers' younger generation had already developed to such a frightening extent. Not only had many of these younger-generation talents reached the Void Realm already, but some had even reached the Domain Realm.

Given enough time, these Domain Realm youths would definitely become leading lights in God's Domain.

Shortly after the first bout of battles, the various Resource Nodes also fell under the ownership of players. To no one's surprise, the Five Great Super Guilds held an overwhelming advantage over the other participating superpowers. Close at their heels were Miracle and Sacred Temple.

Both Miracle and Sacred Temple had managed to rank sixth on five of the islands they were assigned to. If this situation persisted, there was no doubt that the sixth reserve seat's owner would emerge from one of them.

However, as everyone was guessing which of these two Guilds would secure the sixth seat, some spectating players and participating Guilds noticed a peculiarity.

"What's going on with Frost Heaven? They're not even trying to compete for Resource Nodes."

"I know, right? Aside from ranking fifth on Island No. 17, they haven't taken any action on the six other islands."

"They're not giving up, are they? Have they gotten scared?"

Many of the participating Guilds laughed at Frost Heaven's performance. Initially, Frost Heaven should've had a high chance of winning because of the dark horse known as Zero Wing. However, it was also because of Zero Wing's existence that Frost Heaven did not dare compete with the various superpowers lest it be ganged upon.

"Vice Guild Leader, do you think Frost Heaven will give up just like that?" When White Feather read the summary on the battle situation, she couldn't help growing curious about Frost Heaven's behavior.

“It’s not impossible. Miracle’s ploy is truly vicious. So long as Frost Heaven dares make a move, every other Guild will target it.” Smiling faintly, Cold Shadow said, “What a pity. If Frost Heaven hadn’t invited Zero Wing, it might’ve had a chance to fight for the sixth seat. Now, it has no chance at all.”

At this moment, Cold Shadow wasn’t the only person who thought that Frost Heaven had given up. The various participating superpowers believed the same and deemed it a wise decision. After all, if Frost Heaven chose to fight, it would only end up getting annihilated.

Conserving its strength to fight next year was undoubtedly the better choice.

While the various Guilds were watching their Guild Points rise, Frost Heaven’s members were sneaking up to Mythology’s Resource Nodes, their hearts pounding with anxiety and excitement.

After glancing at the distant Advanced Resource Node that Mythology guarded tightly, Shi Feng checked the time.

“It’s time! Move out!”

## **Chapter 2723 – Arena Shaken**

The scorching sun was high up in the sky, and the sea breeze blowing through the islands was calm.

The embers of war on the various islands were weakening. At this point, aside from attacking and occupying more Resource Nodes, what was more important for the participating superpowers was defending their Resource Nodes. Hence, any Guild that had secured Resource Nodes would be able to allocate only a small portion of their manpower to fight for more Resource Nodes.

Due to this reason, the balance between the Guilds stabilized.

“At this rate, the struggle for the sixth seat should be between Miracle and Sacred Temple.” A hint of envy flashed in Mu Lingsha’s eyes when she saw the various islands’ Resource Node distribution data. Although the winners of this competition wouldn’t join the ranks of the Twelve Great Guilds and couldn’t garrison an entire empire, the reserve seats still allowed Guilds to garrison the cities of an empire.

In addition, reserve Guilds could also garrison powerful kingdoms and be worshiped by the kingdom. At that time, they could directly influence the development of the kingdom. In fact, reserve Guilds could initiate kingdom wars to plunder the resources of other countries and expand their own kingdom’s territory and resources.

At that time, the resources the reserve Guilds could obtain would far surpass that of other Guilds, making it impossible for other Guilds to catch up. All the other Guilds would be able to do was watch as the reserve Guilds grew stronger by the day. “However, Frost Heaven is behaving really strangely.” Unyielding Heart studied the battlefield’s stabilizing situation in puzzlement. “Frost Heaven clearly had a chance to secure the sixth seat before. There’s no reason for it not to put up a fight. After all, the various Guilds banding together is only a possibility. So long as Frost Heaven doesn’t behave too aggressively right off the bat, I’m sure those Guilds won’t deliberately join hands. At most, they will come to a tacit understanding to contain Frost Heaven.”

“Frost Heaven has already missed its chance. Even if it tries to fight now, it doesn’t have a ghost of a chance of winning,” Mu Lingsha countered, shaking her head. Now that the situation between the Guilds was stabilizing, Frost Heaven would have difficulty snatching Resource Nodes. And if it really started snatching Resource Nodes, the various Guilds would definitely gang up on it.

This was because the various Guilds all understood one thing: every one of them would secretly cooperate with this tacit understanding. And the result of such thinking would be that the various Guilds really would act on their thoughts, annihilate Frost Heaven, and fight over Frost Heaven's Resource Nodes.

Hence, Frost Heaven truly did not have any chance of winning anymore. During Mu Lingsha and Unyielding Heart's conversation, their spectator interface suddenly sent them a notification.

"Huh? Black Flame is taking action!"

Mu Lingsha quickly redirected the interface to Island No. 3 and focused on Shi Feng, whom she had set as a priority target beforehand.

"Black Flame's moving at this time? What is he thinking?" Unyielding Heart stared in confusion at Shi Feng, who was hiding in a forest, together with his team.

It was pointless for Zero Wing to appear and compete for Resource Nodes at this point.

Currently, out of the 18 islands, Frost Heaven occupied Resource Nodes on only Island No. 17. It hadn't claimed a single Resource Node on the other islands. Even if Zero Wing managed to secure two Resource Nodes on Island No. 3 and became the sixth-ranked Guild there, it still wouldn't get Frost Heaven out of its rut.



“Wait! That’s not right!” Mu Lingsha gaped in shock when she saw the Advanced Resource Node Shi Feng’s team was charging at, her eyes wide with confusion and surprise. “His goal seems to be Mythology’s Advanced Resource Node!”

Unyielding Heart was similarly stunned by this situation.

“How dare he?”

That was Mythology they were talking about!

Mythology was one of the Five Great Super Guilds and an existence the various superpowers dreaded, yet Shi Feng was taking the initiative to provoke it.

However, before Mu Lingsha and Unyielding Soul could recover from their shock, another notification appeared on their spectator interface, followed by a small image at the bottom of the screen.

“This... Is Zero Wing planning to wage war on Mythology?”

Depicted in the smaller image was Gentle Snow leading her 100-man team in a charge against Mythology’s Intermediate Resource Node on Island No. 3, and she showed no signs of stopping whatsoever ever.

The Unyielding Soul members in the VIP room gasped at this abrupt change.

How dare they?

This action challenged Mythology's authority. Moreover, regardless of whether Zero Wing succeeded or not, Mythology definitely wouldn't let Zero Wing off the hook.

Not to mention, Zero Wing had nothing to gain whatsoever from doing so.

At this time, besides Unyielding Soul's members, the powers paying attention to Shi Feng and Gentle Snow were similarly dumbfounded by the two's actions. They never thought that Zero Wing would be so crazy as to challenge one of the Five Great Super Guilds directly.

"Wait! It's not just Black Flame and Gentle Snow! Zero Wing's other teams are also making a move against Mythology's Resource Nodes!"

"That's not all! Frost Heaven's teams are doing the same!"

The news of Zero Wing's and Frost Heaven's teams attacking Mythology's Resource Nodes caused an instant sensation among the various major powers in the VIP viewing rooms. Everyone was shocked by the two Guilds' actions.

"That's Mythology we are talking about. How dare they?"

"Frost Heaven and Zero Wing have truly lost their minds this time. Setting aside whether they will succeed or not, aren't they afraid of Mythology's retaliation after the competition?"

“Are they really not afraid that Mythology will exterminate them?”

The various major powers felt puzzled by Zero Wing’s and Frost Heaven’s actions. They simply couldn’t figure out what the two Guilds were thinking. The Five Great Super Guilds’ position in the virtual gaming industry was as stable as a mountain because no superpower dared to offend them. Any superpower that dared to do so would get eliminated from the industry without exception.

Now that Zero Wing and Frost Heaven were openly provoking Mythology in front of everyone in the world, Mythology definitely wouldn’t spare them in order to maintain its authority. “Has Seven Wonders lost his mind?!” Cold Shadow was incensed when she read the report that Mythology’s Resource Nodes had come under attack on six islands. “They actually dare provoke us? Do they not know what death is?!”

She never thought that Zero Wing and Frost Heaven would pull such an astonishing move after remaining silent for so long. Moreover, they had even chosen to challenge one of the Five Great Super Guilds directly. This would definitely turn Mythology into a laughing stock.

“Interesting! This is truly interesting! I wonder if that Old Drunken Ghost is jumping in rage right about now?” When a mighty, middle-aged man with brown hair on Island No. 2 received news of Zero Wing’s and Frost Heaven’s actions, he burst into laughter.

This middle-aged man was none other than the Guild Leader of Netherworld Empire, one of the Five Great Super Guilds. “Guild Leader, it is still too early to be happy. How can Mythology’s Resource Nodes be so easy to capture? Zero Wing and Frost Heaven are just looking to humiliate themselves,” a tall man clad in dark-gray armor said disdainfully.

Zero Wing could be said to be a Guild that had relied entirely on external aid to reach its current position. Although Black Flame and Gentle Snow indeed possessed noteworthy combat standards, they were still negligible existences in front of the Five Great Super Guilds.

“Regardless, having Mythology lose some face is always a good thing,” the middle-aged man said, chuckling. “As for how long Zero Wing and Frost Heaven can last, that’s not important.”

Mythology was one of the Five Great Super Guilds. It possessed trump cards beyond the imagination of ordinary superpowers. The forces it had stationed on the various large islands were particularly exceptional. Even working together, Black Flame and Gentle Snow would most likely have a tough time threatening any of Mythology’s Resource Nodes. Not to mention, both of them were taking independent action.

As the various powers were feeling surprised and shocked by Zero Wing’s and Frost Heaven’s actions, Shi Feng’s 100-man team had arrived before Mythology’s Advanced Resource Node.

## **Chapter 2724 – A Gap Beyond Imagination**

“It’s starting!” “I wonder if Black Flame can snatch that Advanced Resource Node?”

“As I see it, with his Mana Domain, Black Flame should fear group battles the least. However, Mythology’s side isn’t filled with pushovers, either. The one leading the defense of that Advanced Resource Node is the Silver Ghost, Prosciutto. The legion under him is amazing. I heard they killed a Level 110 Superior Mythic ranked World Boss some time ago. The feat sent waves across the entire western continent.”

“Crap! They’re that strong? In that case, Black Flame is really in danger. I heard that Superior Mythics all possess Mana Domains. Combined with their frightening Basic Attributes, it shouldn’t be possible for players to defeat them.”

Everyone in the arena paid close attention to Shi Feng's 100-man team. It was no exaggeration to say that nobody present wished to miss out on this earth-shattering battle. Many of the major powers in the VIP viewing rooms had even stopped paying attention to the other battlefields and focused solely on Shi Feng's 100-man team.

At this time, as if long prepared for this, Mythology's members summoned a magic barrier as soon as Shi Feng's team arrived. The barrier covered a 500-yard radius, thoroughly enveloping the Advanced Resource Node and Shi Feng's team. Under the magic barrier's oppressive power, not only did everyone on Shi Feng's team feel their bodies growing heavier, but even their Basic Attributes started falling rapidly.

"This is...an Advanced Magic Barrier?!" Muxin was shocked when she saw how much her Basic Attributes had fallen. "How is this possible?!"

Advanced Magic Barriers were incredibly rare in God's Domain. Just one set of magic array scrolls for an Advanced Magic Barrier was worth a fortune.

However, as the current competition prohibited the use of magic tools, players could only rely on themselves to erect magic barriers. Only, there were strict requirements for players to use magic barriers without any external aid.

Just casting an Intermediate Magic Array required 100 players. Moreover, of these 100 players, 20 of them needed to be at the Intermediate Magician standard and five at the Advanced Magician standard. Otherwise, the magic array wouldn't operate.

If Intermediate Magic Arrays had such stringent requirements, one could easily imagine the requirements needed to summon an Advanced Magic Array.

Nevertheless, Mythology's team had actually summoned one. This was simply unbelievable.

Meanwhile, an Advanced Magic Barrier was capable of suppressing even Mythic monsters. Needless to say, it would have a tremendous effect on Tier 3 players.

At this time, Frost Heaven's members all wore pale expressions on their faces. They weren't even peak experts in the Guild, to begin with. Compared to the various superpowers' teams, their Basic Attributes could only be considered average. Now that the magic barrier had reduced their Basic Attributes by 30%, how were they supposed to fight?

"So, this is Mythology's foundation?"

"Amazing! With this, even if Black Flame summons his Mana Domain, he will still have difficulty resisting the magic array's suppression!"

The audience gasped when they saw Mythology's Advanced Magic Barrier.

On a battlefield that prohibited the use of magic tools, having the ability to summon Advanced Magic Barriers would basically make one invincible.

Of course, a magic barrier summoned entirely through the effort of players wasn't unbeatable. The greatest flaw of such a magic barrier was the immense burden on the casters' Mana. If the players supporting the barrier did not replenish their Mana, they wouldn't last more than ten minutes.

However, on this battlefield, ten minutes were more than enough to decide the outcome!

While everyone was marveling at Mythology's capabilities, a hundred players walked out of the Advanced Resource Node.

The person in the lead was a silver-haired young man with an amiable expression on his face. However, everyone present was aware that this friendly youth was also known as the Silver Ghost, one of the leaders of Mythology's younger generation.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, we meet again," Prosciutto greeted Shi Feng in an indescribably calm voice. He showed no eagerness for a showdown at all. Instead, he behaved as if he was chatting about family affairs.

At Prosciutto's words, Muxin looked at Shi Feng in surprise.

Prosciutto was a big celebrity in God's Domain. He had risen to the position of vice commander in Mythology's trump card legion at a young age and was the designated successor of the legion's monstrous commander.

"You know him?"

"Mhm. We've met once on the western continent." Shi Feng nodded in response to Muxin's curiosity and surprise. There was no point in hiding the matter. After all, he had caused quite a huge scene in the Starlight Fortress, and most of the western continent's superpowers probably knew about his clash with Mythology already. "You really are heartless with your words, Guild Leader Black Flame," Prosciutto sighed. "The fight in the Starlight Fortress is the only humiliation I've suffered ever since entering Mythology. My memory of that fight is still fresh, yet you don't take it seriously at all." "Humiliation?" Smiling, Shi Feng said, "That's hyperbole, right? Your Eminence only failed to have your way."

"No! It is already a humiliation for me," Prosciutto disagreed, shaking his head. Earnestly, he continued, "Previously, I stated that we would meet again. Only, our reunion happened much sooner than I

expected. Although I still don't think the time is right, allow me to repay some of the humiliation I suffered before!"

As soon as Prosciutto finished speaking, the 100 Tier 3 experts behind him promptly released their auras. It immediately felt as if a Demon God had descended onto the battlefield.

Of the group of 100, over 30 peak experts exuded auras rivaling that of Mythic monsters. The Frost Heaven members nearly collapsed to the ground under this pressure.

"This is...an Advanced Combat Array!"

"Over 30 peak experts with strength rivaling Mythic monsters?"

"No! This must be an illusion! How can there be such a large gap between our Guilds?!"

At this time, the Frost Heaven members on Shi Feng's team weren't the only ones suffering a mental breakdown. Even the various major powers in the VIP viewing rooms were dumbfounded, despair flooding their hearts.

"Sure enough, the gap is much bigger than we thought."

Unyielding Heart smiled bitterly as he looked at Mythology's 100-man team.

Yes!



This was the Five Great Super Guilds' strength!

The world had always regarded the various superpowers' existence as second only to the Five Great Super Guilds. However, these superpowers all knew full well that aside from a select few Super Guilds, every other superpower was far behind the Five Great Super Guilds. It wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say that they were living in two different worlds.

This was also why no single superpower dared to declare that they would replace the Five Great Super Guilds.

It's over! It's really over now! How can the gap be this massive?!

Fear bloomed in Muxin's heart as she looked at the approaching 30-plus peak experts. Even her breaths became stifled.

She had long since known that Mythology wasn't a pushover and that the Five Great Super Guilds' strength the various superpowers had seen thus far was only the tip of the iceberg. However, she never thought that the reality of the situation would actually be so hopeless and suffocating.

"Black Flame!" Sandstorm grinned smugly as he glared at Shi Feng. "You only beat me last time thanks to your Mana Body! I'll let you know what true strength is this time!" "If you couldn't do it last time, then I'm afraid you still can't do it this time," Shi Feng retorted, shaking his head as he watched Sandstorm approach.

"Still acting stubborn even in the face of death? I want to see what other tricks you have up your sleeves this time!"

After saying so, Sandstorm immediately charged at Shi Feng, his speed as fast as a shooting star. The distance of a hundred yards seemed almost nonexistent to him.

Before Frost Heaven's members could react, Sandstorm was already standing in front of Shi Feng. The dagger he wielded also turned into a phantom snake that bit at Shi Feng's heart.

"Tricks?" Shi Feng shook his head when he saw this scene. He then stretched out his hand.

Boom!

A violent storm enveloped the entire battlefield, kicking up dust and dirt into the air.

"How is this possible?!"

The next moment, everyone stared at the two figures standing amid the dust cloud in stupefaction.

At this time, Sandstorm's dagger hovered half an inch away from Shi Feng's heart. Meanwhile, before anyone realized it, Shi Feng had actually caught Sandstorm by the wrist, intercepting the hand holding the dagger.

How is this possible?!

Sandstorm was stunned when he saw his captured wrist.

## Chapter 2725 – Warm-up Over?

“How did he do it?” “That other guy’s power is comparable to Mythic monsters! Yet, Black Flame actually received the attack directly?” “Black Flame should be under the magic barrier’s suppression now, right?”

“So, this is Black Flame’s true strength?”

After a moment of silence, the audience in the arena instantly broke into an uproar, never having expected things to turn around so quickly.

When Mythology revealed its frightening combat power, almost everyone believed that this fuss caused by Zero Wing and Frost Heaven was over.

Yet, it turned out that Zero Wing still had the strength to contend against Mythology. How could anyone not entertain expectations in this situation?

After all, far too few people in God’s Domain dared challenge the Five Great Super Guilds. Regardless of the outcome, after this challenge to Mythology in this competition, Black Flame’s name would become known to everyone in God’s Domain.

However, unlike the spectating players, the Mythology members at the Advanced Resource Node showed no signs of surprise. This was especially true for the 100 players forming the battle array.

“Sandstorm is too reckless.”

“The Vice Commander previously warned him that Black Flame isn’t a simple opponent, yet he actually charged into battle all by himself without a word.”

“Foolish! He is truly foolish! He actually ignored the Vice Commander’s words! He’s going to turn us into a laughing stock for the other superpowers!” The 30-plus Void Realm experts from Mythology did not feel a shred of pity for Sandstorm, only anger that he had allowed himself to get caught. Their Vice Commander Prosciutto had gone to great lengths to create a scenario presenting Mythology as an existence that should never be provoked.

Now, Sandstorm had single-handedly ruined this scenario.

“Sandstorm, come back. Stop shaming yourself in front of Guild Leader Black Flame,” Prosciutto said, sighing as he looked at Sandstorm and his dumbfounded expression.

At Prosciutto’s words, Sandstorm snapped out of his daze, and his expression turned unprecedentedly grim and fearful. His hands even started trembling slightly.

No! I can’t disappoint the Vice Commander!

Die! You must die! Only if you die can I wash away my shame! Sandstorm turned to Shi Feng, a hint of fear and madness in his eyes as he looked at Shi Feng. However, the fear he felt wasn’t because of Shi Feng but Prosciutto.

Immediately, Shi Feng felt the power resisting his hand strengthening.

Before Shi Feng could react, Sandstorm disappeared from where he stood and reappeared in midair with crimson runes covering his body. In addition, Sandstorm's body also underwent several physical changes. Not only did his body enlarge, but two black horns also grew out from his forehead. He also gained a pair of pitch-black, feathered wings and a scaly tail. The frightening aura he now exuded had Frost Heaven's Tier 3 experts shuddering involuntarily.

"What did he do? Doesn't the competition venue prevent the use of Berserk Skills?" A hint of fear appeared in Muxin's eyes as she gazed at Sandstorm hovering in midair.

Compared to his previous self, the current Sandstorm was like a completely different person. Not only did his aura intensify, but even his Life Rating had received a significant improvement.

"No! It's not a Berserk Skill. He's just reverting to his original form," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. Even he was a little surprised when he saw Sandstorm's transformation. "Mythology truly is amazing! To think they actually managed to get their hands on the Demidragon Bloodline. Someone among them even managed to endure the Bloodline's violent power."

In God's Domain, aside from Bloodlines that increased a player's Life Rating, there were special Bloodlines that functioned differently.

One such example was the violent Demidragon Bloodline, which could raise a player's Life Rating to the Archaic Species standard, granting players a much greater improvement than ordinary Bloodlines. However, this Bloodline had a drawback.

Due to the Demidragon Bloodline's overly violent power, players paid a heavy price to use

it.

Whenever a player activated their Demidragon Bloodline, they would be subjected to unimaginable pain beyond the tolerance of ordinary humans. Hence, very few people were willing to accept such Bloodlines. Shi Feng never thought that Sandstorm would manage to not only assimilate the Demidragon Bloodline but also endure its violent power. “You must be crazy!” Muxin was exasperated to see Shi Feng marveling at Sandstorm’s strength. “The strength of his aura has more than doubled. I even suspect he has already reached the Tier 4 standard in terms of the Strength Attribute. Yet, you still have the time to admire his strength?”

“That’s right. In terms of physique and Basic Attributes, he is indeed on par with bona fide Tier 4 classes.” Shi Feng nodded in affirmation.

“You...” Muxin couldn’t help goggling at Shi Feng’s composure. She simply couldn’t understand what was going through his mind. It was as if he had forgotten who had driven Sandstorm to such an extent.

“Lina, you guys go help him as well!” Prosciutto ordered calmly to the blond, female Shield Warrior beside him.

At this command, the Mythology members standing around Prosciutto turned to him in surprise.

The blond girl named Lina was Prosciutto’s right-hand man. She was a bona fide Domain Realm expert, and her strength ranked within the top three in this team of theirs. Now, Prosciutto was actually having her join the fight as well.

“Yes, sir!”

Lina made a respectful bow before joining Sandstorm together with five other players behind her.

“What’s going on?”

“What is Prosciutto thinking? Does he think Sandstorm isn’t enough to deal with Black Flame?”

“That’s not possible, right? That Sandstorm can be considered a Tier 4 monster already. Maybe the others were told to deal with Frost Heaven’s members?”

At this time, everyone in the audience was eyeing Lina’s group curiously. Because of the battle array’s buff, the six all possessed Strength and Defense close to matching Mythic monsters. Any of them could easily annihilate a superpower’s 1,000-man team. Having six of them move together was simply overkill.

“Isn’t Prosciutto overestimating us?” Muxin felt like crying when she saw Lina’s group joining the fight.

While the fact that Prosciutto had dispatched such a force to deal with them meant that he thought highly of them, she couldn’t bring herself to appreciate the gesture. After all, they would have to deal with four peak experts with Basic Attributes close to matching Mythic monsters’.

However, before Muxin and the other Frost Heaven members could prepare themselves, the aura of Lina’s group suddenly changed.

In the blink of an eye, six more Demidragons appeared hovering in the air.

“This... What is Prosciutto trying to do?”

“Crap! Seven bona fide Mythic combatants! I must be dreaming!” “This is the real power of the Five Great Super Guilds?”

The various spectating powers and players gasped involuntarily when they saw the seven Demidragons in the air.

“Bastards! Mythology is really a group of bastards!”

Mythology’s 1,000-man team possessed not only over 30 near-Mythic combatants but even seven bona fide Mythic combatants. This situation was simply mind-blowing.

While the audience was feeling fearful over the absolute power Mythology displayed, Lina flew toward Shi Feng and stopped near him. “Your Excellency Black Flame, we sincerely apologize for Sandstorm’s sudden assault on you,” Lina said, her golden eyes carrying great respect as she looked at Shi Feng. “According to our Vice Commander’s will, let’s end the warm-up here and have both sides show our true strength. This is the respect we deserve, right?” “Sure. You’re right.” Shi Feng nodded. Shi Feng’s words echoed in everyone’s mind like a deafening thunder and instantly silenced everyone. “What?”

“Warm-up? They were just warming up before?”

“I didn’t hear things, right? That woman actually told Black Flame that they should stop warming up?”

“I don’t believe it! I don’t believe it! This is a lie! This must be a lie!”



The spectating powers and players felt their minds growing silly when they heard the exchange between Lina and Shi Feng.

Based on Lina's words, Black Flame had still been holding back thus far, and now she was requesting him to fight with his full strength. Meanwhile, Shi Feng agreed to her request.

If what Lina said was true, how much weaker were they in combat power compared to Mythology and Black Flame? At this time, Muxin stared at Shi Feng in disbelief.

Shi Feng had previously stopped Sandstorm's attack, which carried power at the near-Mythic standard, while under an Advanced Magic Barrier's suppression. Yet, he hadn't used his full strength back then?

However, before Frost Heaven's members could react, a surge of Mana flooded in from the surrounding environment, with Shi Feng as the center. The ground and sky even shook from the sheer volume of power being gathered.

The magic barrier enveloping Frost Heaven's members also began cracking. Less than a second later...  
Boom!

The Advanced Magic Barrier shattered, transforming into countless particles of light and disappearing

Simultaneously, a Mana Domain enveloped the entire Advanced Resource Node, causing everyone present to feel an unprecedented fear and oppression.

"A Domain?"

“This... Is this really a Mana Domain?”

## **Chapter 2726 – Battle of Monsters**

With Shi Feng as the center, a dark space with a 1,000-yard radius enveloped the Advanced Resource Node and its surroundings. The Mana inside the dark space flowed so rapidly that even ordinary players could sense the flux.

The feeling of devastation and oppression this dark space gave off made even the audience in the distant spectator stands fearful.

“How can such a powerful Mana Domain exist?”

“Even the Mana Domain of Superior Mythics isn’t this strong!”

“The Advanced Magic Barrier shattered? Shouldn’t Mana Domains be weaker than magic barriers?”

Many of the major powers spectating from the VIP viewing rooms had knowledge of Mana Domains. Some of them had even experienced one before. However, compared to what they had seen and experienced, Shi Feng’s Mana Domain was on a completely different level.

So, this is his Mana Domain?

Muxin, who stood near Shi Feng, was stunned right now. When she looked at Shi Feng again, she felt as if she was seeing him for the first time.

She had heard from Frost Heaven's deceased foreign aid that Shi Feng's Mana Domain was incredibly powerful.

However, the Mana Domain before her was not just powerful but a whole new ball game altogether. Shi Feng's Mana Domain had essentially created a world of its own, and within this world, he controlled everything.

In this space, Tier 3 experts were basically ants in front of Shi Feng! Meanwhile, Sandstorm hovering in midair was dumbfounded when he saw Shi Feng's astonishing Mana Domain. A player's Mana Domain can actually be this strong? Sandstorm's heart roiled with doubts as he felt the strong repulsive force coming from all directions.

Shi Feng's Mana Domain was much stronger than that of Superior Mythics. Even after transforming into his Demidragon form and gaining a Tier 4 physique and Basic Attributes, Sandstorm still suffered a significant restriction in his movements.

By his estimates, he had lost around 20% of his Basic Attributes. His reaction speed and Movement Speed had also fallen by 30%. Now, his overall combat power was barely at the Tier 4 standard.

"Let's get started, then." After glancing at Lina and the other Demidragons, Shi Feng unsheathed the Abyssal Blade and vanished. "Where did he go?"

Shi Feng's sudden disappearance confused Frost Heaven's members.

"He disappeared?"

At this moment, let alone Frost Heaven's members, even the audience in the spectator stands were stunned.

A living human had actually disappeared from their godlike perspective.

However, before anyone could react, an explosion suddenly sounded in midair. Boom!

The next moment, a black shadow crashed into the ground, the impact creating cracks that extended over 20 yards. The frightening shockwave nearly toppled the nearby Frost Heaven members.

"What happened?"

Everyone gaped in shock when they saw the figure on the ground, their eyes wide with disbelief.

Without anyone realizing it, Shi Feng had appeared amid the flock of hovering Demidragons, fresh blood coating his longsword.

Meanwhile, the figure on the ground actually belonged to a Demidragon. At this moment, not only did this Demidragon's armor sport a bone-deep cut, but one-eighth of his HP had vanished.

The speed of Shi Feng's attack was simply unheard-of!

However, compared to the audience and Frost Heaven members, the Mythology members spectating the fight were much more surprised by this situation, especially Sandstorm. A hint of confusion lingered in his eyes as he glared at Shi Feng

After transforming into our Demidragon form, with the combat array's buff, we wouldn't lose even 3% of our HP after taking a direct hit from a Mythic monster. How can Black Flame have such great Strength? Fear surfaced in Sandstorm's eyes as he analyzed the situation.

As Demidragons, they could be considered bona fide Tier 4 combatants. Yet, even in such a situation, they still were no match for Shi Feng. Sandstorm simply couldn't fathom how much Strength Shi Feng had.

As expected of the Demidragon Bloodline combined with an Advanced Combat Array's assistance. It'll be difficult to finish one of them quickly. When Shi Feng looked at the Demidragon on the ground, he was slightly surprised. Although he didn't use any Skills or Spells in his attack, he wielded a Fragmented Legendary Weapon and wore several Fragmented Legendary items. In terms of the Strength Attribute, he already rivaled Superior Mythics of the same level.

This was why he could slay Tier 3 players effortlessly. However, despite having such Basic Attributes, he had only managed to take away one-eighth of the Demidragon's HP with his normal attack. The Defense of the Demidragon he targeted could rival that of Superior Mythics.

"Everyone, don't get entangled with him! His Attributes and speed are above ours! All we need to do is deplete his Stamina and Concentration!" Lina commanded calmly and without hesitation. "Maintain your distances! Jack, prioritize protecting our healers! He definitely won't last long in a protracted

battle!”

“Understood!” Lina’s command boosted the Demidragons’ fighting spirit, and they promptly went into action.

With Lina taking the lead, five Demidragons surrounded and attacked Shi Feng. In addition, one Demidragon Oracle stood at the rear, casting Defensive Spells and Buff Spells one after another, boosting the other Demidragons’ Attributes.

No longer having to worry about taking damage, the five Demidragons in the vanguard fought Shi Feng desperately, intending to trade blow for blow. Moreover, the five of them had excellent coordination, moving as one.

For a time, explosions continually shook the earth and sky. Countless afterimages also danced across the sky.

The Tier 3 experts in the spectator stands were stupefied. They couldn’t tell what was going on at all. They couldn’t even tell which afterimage belonged to whom. They only saw some of the brief clashes at best. Of the spectators watching the fight, only those in the VIP viewing rooms could get a clear picture, thanks to the spectator interface’s slow-motion mode.

The five vanguard Demidragons perfectly merged their Skills, Spells, and combat techniques. They also had perfect coordination with one another. When one of them exposed a chink in their defense from clashing with Shi Feng, the others would immediately attack, preventing him from landing a fatal blow. As the clash continued, the expressions of Muxin and the other Frost Heaven members also grew darker. Although the two sides seemed evenly matched, Shi Feng had to deal with the seven Demidragons’ back-and-forth offensive all by himself. He had no time to rest at all. His Stamina and Concentration consumption were far greater than Mythology’s seven Demidragons’. At this rate, Shi Feng would run out of Stamina and Concentration before Lina and the others did.

“Black Flame, you will lose for sure this time! While we aren’t a match for you by ourselves, how long can you possibly last against our joint assault?” Sandstorm grew increasingly excited as the fight went on.

Although he had suffered plenty of attacks from Shi Feng and lost a lot of HP, he continuously received healing from the rear-line healers. Hence, he quickly recovered the HP he lost.

“Black Flame, you can’t blame us for bullying you with numbers. It’s your fault for not having anyone capable of backing you up,” the tall man beside Sandstorm said, laughing.

At these words, Frost Heaven’s members lowered their heads in shame.

Against such strength, Tier 3 experts like themselves were nothing but jokes. They wouldn’t even qualify to be distractions. After all, they couldn’t keep up with these people’s speeds.

“It seems this is Zero Wing’s limit.”

“However, it’s already plenty amazing that Black Flame managed to last this long. It’s a pity there aren’t any capable combatants among Frost Heaven’s members. Otherwise, they could’ve put up a fight against Mythology.”

Many of the spectating major powers couldn’t help pitying Shi Feng. He clearly possessed inhuman strength that even Mythology had to be wary of.

Unfortunately, the gap between the Five Great Super Guilds and the other superpowers was simply too massive. Even if all of Frost Heaven's participants were there right now, they still wouldn't be able to threaten Lina's group of seven.

"However, this is a valiant defeat for Black Flame. He can actually hold his ground against seven Tier 4 monsters simultaneously. He deserves his title of Sword King!"

"Sword King? As I see it, he's strong enough to rank within the top six of the God's Domain Experts List. Only the Five Great Super Guilds' old monsters can fight him." Many of the Tier 3 experts spectating the fight admired Shi Feng. Those that previously held doubts about his title of Sword King also stopped doubting him.

The seconds and minutes flew by. While everyone was feeling unreconciled for Shi Feng, the man himself suddenly leaped backward, distancing himself from the five vanguard Demidragons.

"Don't even think of escaping us! We have wings! We are by no means slower than you when it comes to flying!"

Upon seeing Shi Feng pulling away, Sandstorm immediately accelerated, chasing after him.

When players gained a Mana Domain, they became capable of flight. However, flight achieved through this method was significantly slower than Flying Mounts. In comparison, Demidragons could fly nearly as fast as Flying Mounts. "Escape?" Shaking his head, Shi Feng said, "I just thought that time is almost up, so I plan to end this battle." "You're still arrogant even in the face of death! I want to see how exactly you're going to end this battle!" Sandstorm sped up at Shi Feng's words.

Time is almost up? Lina felt that something was amiss when she saw Shi Feng's calm expression. What does he mean?



However, before Lina could ponder on the matter, Shi Feng sheathed the Abyssal Blade.

“You said before that I shouldn’t blame you for bullying using numbers. I very much agree with this point.” Gazing at Sandstorm and the other Demidragons, Shi Feng unsheathed the other longsword hung by his waist and said, “Now, you shouldn’t blame me, either, for bullying with numbers!”

After Shi Feng finished speaking, the Twilight Blade in his hand suddenly shone brightly, illuminating a radius of several thousand yards.

Twilight’s Shadow!

Twilight of the Gods!

The next moment, eight physical phantoms split out from Shi Feng’s body, every phantom identical to him.

## **Chapter 2727 – Sword Emperor**

When the eight copies of Shi Feng appeared above the battlefield, the audience momentarily fell silent.

“Doppelgangers?”

“Crap! Something like this is possible?!”

The spectators’ hearts were filled with an indescribable sense of shock as they looked at the nine Shi Fengs in the air.

If anyone else had summoned doppelgangers, they wouldn’t have thought much of it. However, Shi Feng was someone capable of single-handedly going up against seven bona fide Mythic combatants with Void Realm combat standards.

Now that Shi Feng had summoned eight doppelgangers of himself...

Meanwhile, Lina and the other Demidragons turned pale when they saw the nine Shi Fengs before them, their hearts plunging to the very bottom of the abyss.

They had to give it their all just to deal with one Shi Feng. Now that eight more had appeared, even if these doppelgangers had significantly weaker Basic Attributes, the Demidragons would still suffer tremendously.

“Let’s start the second round, then!” Shi Feng said, a faint smile appearing on his face as he looked at Lina’s group. The next moment, Shi Feng’s eight doppelgangers split up and charged at the seven Demidragons, their speed hardly any slower than Shi Feng’s.

“It’s just a doppelganger! Do you think you can scare me with it?”

Sandstorm stabbed his dagger at the doppelganger approaching him, the weapon instantly transforming into a dozen shadow snakes.

Advanced Combat Technique, Rampant Bites!

Seeing the approaching shadow snakes, the doppelganger brandished its sword.

Six Extreme Slashes!

The next moment, six sword lights tore through space, shattering the shadow snakes. One of the sword lights even bypassed the shadow snakes and landed on Sandstorm's shoulder.

After the sword light passed through, a bone-deep cut appeared on Sandstorm's shoulder. The Assassin's body shot backward like a meteor and smashed into the ground. As for his HP, it had fallen by over one-eighth of its total.

Aside from Sandstorm, the other Demidragons were also sent smashing into the ground by Shi Feng's doppelgangers and suffered heavy injuries. They were utterly incapable of resisting the doppelgangers at all, and they could only watch as their HPs continuously decreased.

Out of the seven Demidragons, only Lina, who had activated a Tier 3 Lifesaving Skill and reduced the damage she sustained by half, was in a better condition. However, as she had to cope with two of Shi Feng's doppelgangers, her HP still decreased steadily. It was only a matter of time before she got killed.

"Those doppelgangers are so strong!" "Aren't those doppelgangers a little too much? I get the feeling that just one of Black Flame's doppelgangers is more than enough to kill a Mythic monster already!"

The audience in the spectator stands couldn't believe their eyes when they saw Shi Feng's doppelgangers suppressing Lina's group.

Everyone present had seen doppelgangers before. However, this was the first time they had seen a player's doppelganger capable of suppressing Tier 4 combatants. "No wonder! So, this is why Black Flame is confident in provoking Mythology!" Unyielding Heart felt endless admiration for Shi Feng when he saw Lina's group getting beaten up.

It had been a long time since anyone had dared challenge the Five Great Super Guilds in the virtual gaming industry.

Now, not only did Shi Feng possess the combat power to overwhelm seven Tier 4 combatants, but it was also almost certain he would be able to capture Mythology's Advanced Resource Node.

On the battlefield, Lina and the other Demidragons saw their HPs fall below the critical level. With only three or four more exchanges, they would fall to Shi Feng's doppelgangers. However, before the battle could continue, several dazzling sword lights struck at the doppelgangers.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Shi Feng's doppelgangers hurriedly defended against the attacks, the collisions resulting in explosions that created massive spatial rifts. "Vice Commander?"

Lina and the others were ecstatic when they saw the origin of the sword lights.

The person that just took action was none other than Prosciutto, the vice commander of Mythology's trump card legion.

However, Prosciutto's appearance had already undergone a drastic change at this time. Runes had appeared all over his pitch-black armor, and complex magic arrays covered his forehead and eyes. He also exuded a majestic aura reminiscent of a Demon God; even Shi Feng's Mana Domain couldn't suppress him.

A Bronze Combat Array? Shi Feng's eyes were blank with surprise as he looked at Prosciutto's transformation. However, he soon shook his head in denial. No. A Bronze Combat Array shouldn't be something Tier 3 players can activate. Moreover, it's impossible for Bronze Combat Arrays to make an appearance at this stage of the game.

Before Shi Feng could analyze the situation in detail, Prosciutto raised the purple greatsword he wielded and instantly appeared before him. The aura he exuded could make even Mythic monsters fearful.

"No! Impossible! Is he really a Tier 3 player?"

"His aura is stronger than even that of Superior Mythics." Everyone spectating the fight gasped spontaneously at Prosciutto's astonishing transformation. Muxin, who stood on the battlefield, couldn't help staring at Prosciutto in horror and surprise. She couldn't bring herself to believe this was true.

Previously, Lina and the others had already displayed monstrous strength. Muxin never imagined that Prosciutto would be even more monstrous.

At this time, Prosciutto could no longer be considered a Tier 3 player. He looked more like a Dragon wearing human skin. The terrifying aura he exuded caused the Tier 3 experts present to stumble backward, none of them daring to meet his gaze.

The only time Muxin had felt such a terrifying aura was when she faced a Tier 4 Dragon.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, you have truly surprised me,” Prosciutto said as he observed Shi Feng, his voice full of fighting spirit. “You are the first person to have forced me to use this form. As a token of my gratitude, I will be your next opponent!”

As soon as Prosciutto said so, the audience in the spectator stands cheered inwardly.

“Crap! Are you kidding me? Even Prosciutto intends to take action?!”

“A fight between the formidable Prosciutto and unfathomable Black Flame... This will definitely be the apex fight of God’s Domain.” “It’s more than just an apex fight! Look how the initial clash between the two already shattered the sky! If the two really fight each other, the entire island might get destroyed!”

“Monsters! These two are real monsters! Just getting the chance to spectate a fight between them is well worth the ticket price!”

At this time, besides the players on the spectator stands, the various major powers in the VIP viewing rooms were also greatly shocked by Prosciutto’s declaration. They immediately had all their members focus their attention on Prosciutto and Shi Feng, as well as record the two’s battle. After all, it was normally impossible to collect such information in the outside world. Only in this competition venue would they have the chance to do so.

However, after hearing Prosciutto’s declaration, Shi Feng abruptly turned away. “Are you two not going to come together?” Shi Feng asked loudly as he looked at the empty sky.

Shi Feng's words confused everyone present. "Is he talking to himself?"

"Is there something in the sky?"

"Impossible! My screen isn't showing anything there. Black Flame must've seen wrong."

However, before anyone could dismiss their doubts, a deep voice suddenly came from the void and echoed throughout the sky.

"Amazing! As expected of the person Prosciutto and Cold Shadow are interested in!"

The next moment, a black shadow gradually appeared in the air.

When this black shadow revealed itself, everyone saw that it was a white-cloaked man of indiscernible age. Moreover, despite the man clearly standing in midair, it was as if no one could perceive his existence in their mind. Everyone looking at him ignored his existence automatically.

"Crap! Isn't he that existence from Mythology?!" "Insane! This is insane! Mythology actually let this person join the competition?! Is Mythology trying to secure the championship?!" The players in the spectator stands were unfamiliar with this white-cloaked man. On the other hand, a wave of exclamations swept through the VIP viewing rooms when they saw him.

After all, this white-cloaked man was one of the terrifying existences in Mythology who had reached the Higher Domain Realm. Nobody knew his true age. The only thing others knew was that this man, called Odin, was one of Mythology's three Grand Elders. Even Mythology's Guild Leader had to obey his words.

“Sir! Why are you here?” Prosciutto put on an indescribably respectful expression the moment he saw the white-cloaked man. It was as if he had just seen a real god. “I only came here to deal with some matters, but it seems that won’t be possible now,” Odin said before glancing at Shi Feng. He then continued calmly, “Pack up. We’re abandoning this Advanced Resource Node.”

“We’re abandoning it?” Prosciutto was stunned. “But...why?”

This was the perfect chance for him to eliminate Shi Feng. How could he possibly be willing to give up at a time like this?

At this moment, let alone Prosciutto, everyone spectating the battle was dumbfounded.

Since when was Mythology so generous?

“Because”-taking another glance at Shi Feng, Odin chuckled — “he is already a Tier 4 Sword Emperor!”

## **Chapter 2728 – Sword Emperor’s Might “A Sword Emperor?”**

Prosciutto was stunned when he heard Odin’s words, his eyes doubtful as he looked at Shi Feng



Although some experts in God's Domain had already reached Level 120, reaching Level 120 and getting promoted to Tier 4 were two entirely different matters. Reaching Level 120 only meant that a player had met the most basic of requirements for the Tier 4 promotion. According to the various Guilds' understanding, players would need to search for their Tier 4 Legacy Lands after reaching Level 120-a truly challenging task. Even the Five Great Super Guilds would need a lot of time to search for just one Legacy Land. Not to mention, players would then have to challenge this Legacy Land to obtain their Legacy.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng was merely the Guild Leader of a pseudo-superpower. How could he possibly locate a Legacy Land faster than the various Super Guilds?

"A Tier 4 Sword Emperor?" "No way. It's only recently that some people have reached Level 120, yet he's already gotten promoted to Tier 4 Sword Emperor?"

"This is a lie! This must be a lie! That's a Tier 4 class we are talking about! Even the Kings of the various kingdoms fear a Tier 4 existence! How can anyone possibly get promoted to Tier 4 so soon?!"

The spectating players had likewise heard Odin's words, and a wave of commotion immediately spread among them, everyone expressing their doubts about Shi Feng's successful promotion to Tier 4.

Although Shi Feng had indeed displayed frightening combat power, they still found it possible for a Tier 3 player to do so. After all, many treasures in God's Domain could allow players to become incredibly strong. Lina's group of seven was a perfect example. However, reaching Tier 4 was a different story.

Tier 4 existences were powerhouses publicly acknowledged by the NPCs in God's Domain!

Take the current Tier 4 NPCs, for example. No superpower dared offend Tier 4 NPCs. The Five Great Super Guilds were no exception.

This was because Tier 4 was a taboo that had been deeply engraved in the bones of God's Domain's players. Tier 4 NPCs were existences that shouldn't be offended under any circumstances.

In fact, the various major powers suspected that even the superpowers' Tier 3 experts would have to wait until around Level 130 to get promoted to Tier 4.

On the battlefield, Muxin stared at Shi Feng in shock and expectation.

If this is true... When Muxin considered the possibility that Shi Feng was a Tier 4 Sword Emperor, a passionate flame burned in her heart.

If Odin's words were true, then Frost Heaven's position on Island No. 3 was secured. This also meant that Frost Heaven would have a chance of securing the sixth reserve seat and becoming one of the true giants in God's Domain.

Simultaneously, however, Muxin also couldn't help feeling dubious.

While players like herself were still agonizing over unlocking their Mana Bodies and thinking about how to search for their Legacies after reaching Level 120, Shi Feng had already completed all these tasks and even reached Tier 4.

No matter how she thought about it, this situation was simply implausible.

“Are you really a Sword Emperor?” Prosciutto couldn’t help asking Shi Feng.

Although Odin had already spoken, Prosciutto still wished to verify this matter with Shi Feng.

Immediately, everyone in the arena focused on Shi Feng, wanting to hear the truth from his mouth.

“That’s right. I am indeed a Tier 4 Sword Emperor.” Shi Feng nodded. At the same time, he glanced reflexively at Odin, his eyes full of surprise.

If a player did not register themselves at the Adventurer’s Association and redeem their Tier 4 Class Emblem, it should be impossible for others to notice their identity. This was especially true if the player in question had hidden their aura and concealed their identity using special tools.

In Shi Feng’s opinion, he had concealed his promotion very thoroughly all this time. When he fought earlier, he even limited himself to low-tier Skills and Spells. He also had the Nightwalker’s Cape to conceal his life aura. As for his Mana Domain, that couldn’t be used to prove anything. The Mana Domain’s acquisition and strengthening mainly depended on a player’s control over Mana. The better one’s Mana control, the stronger the Mana Domain they could summon. It was unrelated to one’s tier at all.

Meanwhile, following Shi Feng’s acknowledgment, silence spread across the entire arena. At this stage of the game where even Tier 3 players were rare, a Tier 4 player had actually come into existence. It was as if Shi Feng was making a joke of all their efforts. “No! That’s impossible! I won’t acknowledge it!” Sandstorm’s eyes turned bloodshot as he glared at Shi Feng. “How can you possibly have reached Tier 4 already? You must be lying! You’re trying to fool us into giving you this Resource Node without a fight!

“I won’t let you succeed! I will expose you!” At this point, Sandstorm had already thoroughly lost his mind.

Sandstorm had thought that he had grown a lot stronger since his last defeat at Shi Feng's hands and anticipated that the gap between them had shrunk significantly already. Now, he was being told that not only did the gap not shrink in the slightest, but it had even widened instead.

In Sandstorm's opinion, Shi Feng was merely the Guild Leader of a small Guild. How could Shi Feng possibly surpass him, who was an elite among elites even in the Five Great Super Guilds?

The next moment, Sandstorm's aura burgeoned in intensity, and the size of his body increased by a large margin. Scales also started growing on his face and body. Now, he practically looked like a miniature Infant Dragon.

Flapping his powerful wings, Sandstorm swept up a gale and instantly arrived before Shi Feng. Abandoning his weapon, he swiped a claw at Shi Feng.

The instant Sandstorm's claw moved, the space around it shattered. Even the flow of time in the vicinity slowed. The power of his attack approached the standard of Mythic ranked Archaic Species. "Why bother?"

Shi Feng couldn't help sympathizing with Sandstorm when he saw the latter's frenzied assault. After all, he had once fallen into such despair himself. This was especially true after he saw those geniuses who joined the game much later than he did.

However, he had long since moved on from this despair. He realized that all he needed to do was live his life well. What was the point of comparing himself with others?

“Cool your head first!” Shi Feng said, waving his hand. A ripple of Mana then spread out from under his feet and instantly enveloped a 500-yard radius.

Tier 4 Legacy Skill, Blade Domain!

A magic sword suddenly appeared before Sandstorm, who was only half a yard away from Shi Feng. The magic sword then struck the Assassin like a streak of lightning.

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The next moment, an arm flew into the air. In the face of this magic sword, even the sturdy dragon scales were no different from a piece of flimsy paper. “You...”

Upon seeing his arm flying away, Sandstorm instantly sobered up. He hurriedly activated a Tier 3 Defensive Skill, increasing his Defense by a significant margin and doubling his maximum HP.

However, no sooner had Sandstorm used his Skill than seven more magic swords appeared in the air. They then transformed into streaks of light that cut him.

Each slash plundered 20% of Sandstorm’s HP, the seven swords instantly robbing the Assassin of all his HP. The swords also burned his body into ashes, eliminating him from the arena.

The entire process might seem long and arduous, but it had taken only an instant in reality.

“How is this possible?!”

The audience in the spectator stands gaped in shock at this scene. Their minds even froze momentarily.

Sandstorm was a Demidragon that rivaled Tier 4 Archaic Species in strength. Previously, he still managed to exchange multiple blows with Shi Feng. Yet, now, Shi Feng had instantly executed him without even giving him a chance to resist.

## **Chapter 2729 – Shi Feng and Odin “One move?!”**

“The gap between Tier 3 and Tier 4 is actually this massive?”

When the various major powers’ experts in the VIP viewing rooms saw Shi Feng slay Sandstorm, they gasped involuntarily.

Although they had long since known that Tier 4 was the milestone separating the strong from the weak in God’s Domain, they never expected the gap between Tier 3 and Tier 4 players to be so massive. Just a moment ago, although Lina and the other Demidragons were struggling with Shi Feng’s attacks, they at least possessed the strength to put up a fight.

However, as soon as Shi Feng stopped holding back...

“That bastard! He was actually toying with us all this time!” a tall Demidragon man cursed as he glared at Shi Feng in anger and frustration.

“No, that probably isn’t the case,” Lina said, shaking her head.

“What do you mean? He wasn’t toying with us?” the tall man asked strangely. “This is only my guess, but...” Peeking at Shi Feng, Lina continued quietly, “He might’ve been on his guard against Sir Odin since the start of the battle.”

“He was wary of Sir Odin?” Realization dawned on the other Demidragons when they heard Lina’s conjecture.

Odin was an elusive existence in Mythology. If he hadn’t taken the initiative to appear, none of them would’ve noticed his presence. Only after Shi Feng exposed him did Odin reveal himself.

The tall man and the others shuddered. If what Lina said really was true, then Shi Feng was much more terrifying than they had thought.

Meanwhile, after killing Sandstorm, Shi Feng turned to look at Odin in the distance.

From the moment he arrived before the Advanced Resource Node, he had sensed a vague killing intent directed at him. If not for him having reached Tier 4 already and received a qualitative improvement to his physique and Concentration, he wouldn’t have noticed this killing intent at all.

Due to this threat, he had held back his strength. Even when clashing with Lina's group, he refrained from using his full strength, all so he could respond when the owner of this hidden killing intent took action.

However, the moment Sandstorm went crazy and lashed out, Odin had also thoroughly displayed his killing intent.

Truthfully, even Shi Feng had to be wary of Odin. In his previous life, everyone had heard of Odin's name. Not only was Odin an invincible existence even among Tier 6 God-ranked experts, but fighting enemies of a higher tier was also commonplace for him.

In the past, Odin had fought against a Tier 5 NPC while he was still Tier 4. In the end, their battle had not only ended in a draw but even leveled an entire NPC city.

This was despite the gap between Tier 4 and Tier 5 being even greater than the one between Tier 3 and Tier 4. Hence, Shi Feng had no choice but to activate Blade Domain as a precaution.

The reason Tier 4 classes were feared by players and recognized as powerhouses in God's Domain wasn't just their extraordinary physiques and frightening control over Mana. Instead, a larger part was due to the Tier 4 Skills and Spells they wielded.

In God's Domain, there was a qualitative difference between Tier 3 and Tier 4 Skills. This was because Tier 4 Skills mainly relied on Mana in the natural world to activate. In comparison, Tier 3 Skills relied on the user's Mana to activate. Due to this difference, the power levels of the two were worlds apart.



With the aid of Tier 4 Skills and Spells, Shi Feng dared to fight against even true Tier 3 Infant Dragons, let alone kill a Demidragon like Sandstorm.

However, to Shi Feng's surprise, Odin never actually took action. He only used his killing intent to create an illusion of wanting to take action.

"Youngsters nowadays really are getting better and better." A smile appeared under Odin's hood. The man then looked at Prosciutto and said, "Let's go."

"Yes, sir!"

Prosciutto no longer hesitated this time. However, when he walked past Shi Feng, he also gave the latter a glance. Although he didn't say anything, the intention his eyes conveyed was obvious.

We will meet again!

Afterward, Prosciutto and the rest of Mythology's 1,000-man team left the Advanced Resource Node. They gave up the Resource Node very decisively and departed for another Resource Node together with Odin.

"They left?"

"They left, just like that?" "That Odin actually didn't take action?"

The audience was stunned by this situation. The originally heaven-defying battle had actually ended in such a manner. Moreover, Mythology's members had given up the fight so decisively. This was completely different from how the Five Great Super Guilds operated normally.

At this moment, even Muxin was taken aback by this situation.

"Is this...our victory?" Muxin couldn't help asking Shi Feng.

Odin's name was synonymous with destruction to the various superpowers. Now that Mythology had mobilized even Odin, she found it truly inconceivable that Mythology would give up just because of one Tier 4 player.

After all, while a Tier 4 existence was an invincible enemy for the various superpowers, that might not necessarily be the case for the Five Great Super Guilds. "I guess so." Shi Feng nodded while looking at Odin's departing figure.

Odin's decisiveness had caught even Shi Feng off guard.

Initially, Shi Feng had already braced himself to fight for his life. He had even resolved to use some of the trump cards he had kept hidden all this time.

However, he now felt as if he had just punched at empty air.

"Do we still take control of this Resource Node?" Muxin asked.

“Of course,” Shi Feng answered decisively. “We went through great difficulties to win it.”

“Okay. I’ll have the others set up a perimeter now.” Upon hearing Shi Feng’s answer, Muxin immediately had her subordinates take up stations around the Resource Node to prevent others from stealing it.

After leaving the Resource Node, Prosciutto couldn’t help turning to Odin in confusion.

“Sir Odin, since we surrendered the Resource Node to Black Flame so easily this time, I’m afraid the other four Guilds will most likely ridicule us. Some superpowers might even start to make light of us because of this. Are we really not going to do anything?” Prosciutto asked.

In Prosciutto’s opinion, even if Shi Feng was a Tier 4 player, their team still had a fighting chance—especially since Odin was present. It wouldn’t even be strange if they managed to take down Shi Feng.

Yet, Odin had unexpectedly given away the Resource Node without a fight.

“Now isn’t the time to fight,” Odin replied, shaking his head. “Moreover, we know too little about Zero Wing.” “It isn’t the time to fight?” Prosciutto grew even more confused at Odin’s words. “Why?”

With Mythology’s strength, they wouldn’t fear fighting the four other Super Guilds, much less Zero Wing. In fact, he was confident Mythology could triumph over any of the other four Guilds.

Now, they were actually retreating because of Zero Wing. When news of this matter spread, Mythology would most likely become the various superpowers’ laughing stock.

“Take a look at these.” Odin did not grow angry over Prosciutto’s doubts. Instead, he forwarded a few videos to Prosciutto before saying, “You’ll understand the reason once you finish watching them.”

“How is this possible?”

Prosciutto was stunned when he saw the videos Odin sent him.

This was because every one of these videos depicted a battle at the other Resource Nodes Mythology occupied. Moreover, these battles shared a common point: Zero Wing’s experts took part in them.

“All of them...lost?!”

## **Chapter 2730 – Unfathomable Zero Wing**

As Prosciutto watched the videos Odin sent him, his heartbeat gradually grew erratic. Even his complexion turned somewhat gloomy.

“Vice Commander?” Lina prompted, a little puzzled by Prosciutto’s reaction.

However, Prosciutto did not respond to Lina’s worry. Instead, his gaze suddenly turned indescribably grim.

“Impossible! The Commander actually failed to take down that girl?” Prosciutto’s mood fluctuated violently after watching one of the videos.

“Vice Commander, what happened?”

“Did something happen on the Commander’s side?”

“How is that possible?! Even the four other Guilds wouldn’t dare pick a fight with the Commander unless they’re tired of living!”

Prosciutto’s strange performance surprised and puzzled Lina and the others. They couldn’t understand what had happened to provoke such emotional swings in their vice commander.

After seeing Prosciutto’s reaction, Odin smiled and said, “Now you know why, right?”

“I have to admit that the new era has truly come. Whenever I see you youngsters, I can’t help but feel that I really have grown old.”

Odin’s words confused Lina and the others even more. However, as if triggered by these words, a hint of excitement flashed in Prosciutto’s eyes.

“I see. Thank you for your teachings, sir. I will take this as a warning,” Prosciutto said sincerely.

“Good! Now, this is the little fellow I used to fancy.” Odin nodded in satisfaction. “Mythology will have to rely on your bunch in the future.”

“Sir Odin, what exactly happened?” Lina asked Odin nervously.

Initially, with her status, she shouldn't be questioning Odin at all. However, after seeing Prosciutto's transformation, she couldn't help her curiosity.

“It's nothing. We simply had four of our other Resource Nodes snatched away,” Odin said, chuckling.

“Four other Resource Nodes were taken? How is this possible?” Lina gaped in shock, unable to get her mind around it. “Who is so bold to actually do this? Is it the four other Guilds?”

Besides Lina, the peak experts of Mythology standing nearby were also stunned by Odin's words, their eyes full of disbelief.

Their giving away one Resource Node was already plenty unbelievable. Now, they were hearing that four more of the Guild's Resource Nodes had been taken. This sounded more like fiction than reality.

“You guys have a look too.”

Seeing the doubtful gazes focused on him, Odin laughed and passed the information to everyone. The information Odin sent consisted of four videos showing the battles that took place in the four other Resource Nodes. Moreover, these had occurred when their team was fighting Black Flame.

In the first battle video, the person leading the assault on the Resource Node was Gentle Snow, the woman the various superpowers were currently fearful of. She single-handedly slew over 200 Mythology members with just three attacks. The 20-plus peak experts didn't even last one move against her. They all died in the spatial storm she created.

Aside from peak experts, there were also three Domain Realm Elders defending the Resource Node. One of the three had even reached the Domain Realm's upper stage. Yet, even after all three of them activated their Demidragon Bloodlines, they actually failed to last more than ten moves against Gentle Snow!

Ten moves!

In front of Gentle Snow, the three Elders' fierce and enigmatic attacks were jokes. Not only did the woman easily unravel their attacks, but she even turned their attacks against them. She used the Combination Skill the three Elders executed to instantly obliterate the Elder that had reached the Domain Realm's upper stage. In this battle, Mythology had lost over 400 experts. If not for Gentle Snow refraining from pursuing the fleeing members, the Guild's losses would've been even worse.

In the second battle video, the person leading the attack was Fire Dance. Although Fire Dance did not possess Gentle Snow's monstrous techniques, her Basic Attributes were not the slightest bit inferior to those of Tier 4 existences. In addition, her speed was simply godlike. From start to end, not one peak expert managed to touch her. The peak experts could only watch as Fire Dance inflicted cut after cut after cut on their armor, continuously plundering their HPs until nothing remained.

Of the defending team at the second Resource Node, only the Lightning Hammer, Vice Commander Howard Woz, who was the core of the team, could keep up with Fire Dance's speed. In fact, the two of them were evenly matched, neither able to get the better of the other. However, Alluring Summer was in Zero Wing's team. With her full strength, she cast a Tier 3 Super Spell on him. This left Howard Woz with no choice but to defend. Otherwise, the Super Spell would level the Resource Node itself.

During the brief moment Howard revealed a gap in his defense, Fire Dance seized the opportunity to land a heavy blow, breaking one of his arms. Hence, Howard's combat power plummeted. Subsequently, Zhao Yueru triple-cast three Tier 3 Curses on him, finishing him off. With Howard's death, Zero Wing and Frost Heaven's team, which was originally at a disadvantage, immediately gained the upper hand and eventually captured the Resource Node.

Meanwhile, the battle in the third Resource Node was even more astonishing. Lina and the others nearly went crazy upon watching it.

After all, the third Resource Node's defender was none other than the Divine Spear Demon Rex, the commander of Mythology's trump card legion. Rex was a legendary individual in Mythology-and someone Vice Commander Prosciutto had never once beaten.

Yet, in the third video, Rex was actually evenly matched with a girl.

Although this girl's Basic Attributes were only nearing the Tier 4 standard, her control over Mana was superb. Wielding 300-plus magic blades, she prevented Rex from gaining the upper hand. In fact, the girl even slaughtered many experts from Mythology during their clash.

Afterward, Rex grew thoroughly enraged and used the combat array he kept in reserve to try to land a fatal blow on Violet Cloud. However, before this hit could land, a tall man carrying a massive shield blocked it.

Subsequently, the battle continued for quite some time. Relying on her nimble movements, Violet Cloud always managed to duck behind Cola's protection at critical moments. While Cola bore the brunt of Rex's attacks, she would also instantly heal Cola back to full HP. The duo's combination turned them into undying zombies, and they held out until Rex's combat array expired.



Although both sides suffered equally heavy losses after the long battle, as Rex no longer had the combat array's support, he was utterly powerless to do anything about Violet Cloud. To make matters worse, as Zero Wing's and Frost Heaven's numbers dwindled, their members became more difficult to kill.

In contrast, the rate at which Mythology's members got killed only increased as the battle continued. Eventually, in order to avoid the other Guilds taking advantage of Mythology, Rex had no choice but to abandon the Resource Node to conserve his team's Stamina and Concentration.

While the outcome could be said to be a draw, since Mythology gave up the Resource Node, the overall result was still a loss. "We lost three Resource Nodes, just like that?" Lina protested in denial after watching the three videos. After calming down, though, she said hurriedly, "Even so, there's no reason to let Zero Wing off the hook!"

While Zero Wing had indeed displayed astonishing combat power, Mythology could easily reclaim its lost Resource Nodes after reorganizing its forces. After all, they already knew what Zero Wing was capable of. It would be much easier to counter Zero Wing's forces afterward.

"Impossible. You'll know once you take a look at the fourth video," Prosciutto said. "The fourth video?" Lina was puzzled.

What relation did the fourth video have with their not being able to deal with Zero Wing?

Even if Black Flame was a Tier 4 Sword Emperor, Mythology still had the means to deal with him. Even if Zero Wing had one or two more powerful combatants, it still wouldn't be a match for Mythology.

However, Lina still listened to Prosciutto and played the fourth video.

“What’s going on? Why isn’t there anything here?” Lina asked when she saw only an empty plain in the video.

“That’s right. There is nothing at all.” Prosciutto nodded. He then added slowly, “Because that place was thoroughly flattened.”

### Chapter 2731 – Mind-blowing

Although Prosciutto’s voice was plain, every word he said thundered in everyone’s mind. “Flattened?” Lina examined the image in the video again. A moment later, her heart began racing, and her breathing became stifled.

Aside from sand, there was nothing else within the 1,000-yard radius displayed in the video. However, after careful inspection, she noticed piles and piles of fallen trees stacked outside the 1,000-yard radius.

Many of these trees were uprooted, and most of them had shattered into dozens of pieces.

The video then zoomed out, and she found that the so-called sandy area actually lay within a large forest. It looked as if something had thoroughly smoothed out the area.

“How is this possible?!” a Tier 3 Great Mage at the Void Realm exclaimed. “That sandy area doesn’t have any Mana!”

At this Great Mage’s reminder, Lina and the others also came to this realization and gasped.

They had forgotten that the so-called battle video was actually a type of recording magic in God's Domain. It could perfectly record the battlefield's situation, which included the ambient Mana. This allowed players to analyze the battle situation accurately.

Meanwhile, they had watched this battle video as if they were watching a video in the real world. They had completely neglected the presence of Mana-or lack thereof.

"Is this Zero Wing's doing, as well?" Lina asked when she saw the wasteland in the middle of the forest.

The wasteland had a 1,000-yard radius. Moreover, the attack used had thoroughly consumed all Mana in the area. Even Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells would have difficulty accomplishing such a feat. Not to mention, the only Tier 4 player known to exist was Black Flame.

"Yes. Someone from Zero Wing did it. According to subsequent reports, that person should be Aqua Rose, one of Zero Wing's Vice Guild Leaders. Her specific strength is still a mystery," Odin said, nodding. "However, based on the Spell's scale, we can think of her as a Tier 4 Great Wizard who wields Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells. Her destructive power is roughly ten times that of Black Flame."

"How is this possible?"

"Isn't Zero Wing just an up-and-coming pseudo-superpower?"

After hearing Odin's simple analysis, Mythology's members fell silent for a long time. They couldn't help doubting the veracity of the reports.

Not only did Zero Wing have a Tier 4 Great Wizard, but this Great Wizard even possessed Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells.

If this was the case, then this matter was much more serious than they imagined.

After all, a Great Wizard wielding large-scale destruction Spells could easily destroy even major NPC cities. At this stage of the game, such an existence would be invincible, be it in offensive or defensive battles.

Meanwhile, in this competition, it wouldn't matter to a Great Wizard how many players were fortifying a Resource Node. All it would take was one Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spell to end everything. And if one wasn't enough, then a second one would do.

"But...are we really going to just...give up?" Lina asked.

Mythology was one of the Five Great Super Guilds. It was sheer humiliation for the Guild to get provoked on such a stage. If Mythology didn't do something, the whole world would start to look down on it. "Of course not." Odin suddenly smiled. "We must settle this account one way or another, but now isn't the time for that yet. Instead, we should learn from Miracle's example."

"Learn from Miracle?" Lina parroted, confused.

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Miracle was merely a slightly above-average superpower. What could Mythology possibly learn from it?

“Sir Odin is right. We have to learn Miracle’s way of doing things,” Prosciutto said with brightened eyes. “We have to publicize this matter so that all the Guilds will know about it. Zero Wing might be able to help Frost Heaven secure the sixth seat this time, but what they don’t know is that the real doomsday will come after they secure the seat!”

The reserve seats of God’s Domain’s Twelve Great Guilds were meant for the capable. If a Guild relied on the strength of only a handful of individuals to secure one of these seats, then only destruction would await this Guild.

Moreover, after this competition, Zero Wing would also debut on the international stage.

A Guild capable of using Mythology as a stepping stone wasn’t a problem for only Mythology. The other four of the Five Great Super Guilds couldn’t afford to ignore Zero Wing, either. Hence, the Five Great Super Guilds would not allow such an existence to exist in this world!

“Good. I will leave this matter for you to handle.” Odin nodded in satisfaction when he saw Prosciutto realizing what had to be done. He then vanished from the group as if he had never been there.

Shortly afterward, every participating Guild in the competition received an astonishing piece of news.

Zero Wing had defeated Mythology and stolen five of Mythology’s Resource Nodes!

The battle videos at the five Resource Nodes even spread to the various superpowers. The sight of Black Flame killing Sandstorm in one move, Gentle Snow killing over 30 Tier 3 peak experts in one move, Aqua Rose flattening a Resource Node with one Spell, Violet Cloud forcing the Divine Spear Demon into retreating, and a handful of Zero Wing's members killing the Lightning Hammer were thoroughly etched into everyone's mind.

After all these accomplishments, Frost Heaven became the biggest dark horse in this competition!

The mind-blowing news shook the various participating Guilds in the arena.

"This is fake! This must be fake!"

"Didn't Zero Wing's and Frost Heaven's members launch an attack on Mythology only recently? How can the battles be over already?" "A Tier 4 Great Wizard?! How is this possible?!"

The various participating Guilds were dumbfounded by the information they received. None of them could accept it. However, it was also impossible for these battle videos to be fake-especially with the frightening strength Mythology displayed. The superpowers despaired at the gap between them.

Nevertheless, despite having such overwhelming strength, Mythology still ended up defeated. Moreover, it didn't even lose at the hands of a Super Guild but to Zero Wing, an up-and-coming pseudo-superpower.

"Didn't they say Zero Wing doesn't have any background?"

"What exactly is Zero Wing?"

For a time, the various superpowers were filled with curiosity and confusion about Zero Wing. Despite being a small Guild with no backing, Zero Wing had produced a Tier 4 Sword Emperor and a suspected Tier 4 Great Wizard. How could they bring themselves to believe this?

As for the players in the spectator stands, they, too, were stunned by this situation.

They never thought that during the time Shi Feng was fighting one of Mythology's teams, astonishing battles had taken place elsewhere, as well. They also regretted missing these battles.

After witnessing Zero Wing's strength, both the Star Alliance's and Unyielding Soul's upper echelons couldn't help lamenting this situation. They never thought that after not meeting Zero Wing for some time, the other Guild had actually grown to such an extent already.

Tier 4! This is real power! A passionate flame burned in Purple Eye's heart as she watched the clash between Shi Feng and Sandstorm. So long as I reach Tier 4, the Guild will be able to tread the international stage as well!

At this time, Purple Eye wasn't the only person to have such thoughts. The various major powers' experts in the other VIP viewing rooms also burned with desire and ambition toward attaining Tier 4. Every one of them resolved themselves to do everything they could to reach Tier 4 after this competition.

Unlike the audience's excited reactions, Miracle and Sacred Temple were filled with both hatred and shock at Zero Wing's performance.

Initially, the two Guilds believed the sixth reserve seat was already within their grasp. Now that a powerful competitor had emerged in the competition, the two Guilds had no choice but to compete for more Resource Nodes. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to maintain their current advantage until the end of the competition.

Meanwhile, when Seven Wonders received news of Zero Wing's performance, he felt an unprecedented joy and excitement. He truly had not expected the helpers Hong Xinyuan recruited to be powerful enough to pull Frost Heaven out of its hopeless situation and give it a chance to win a reserve seat.

To ensure Frost Heaven secured the sixth reserve seat, after Frost Heaven became one of the top five ranking Guilds on Island No. 17, Seven Wonders led a team to other islands to compete for more Resource Nodes.

For a time, Miracle, Sacred Temple, and Frost Heaven frantically fought all over the arena. Despite suffering immense casualties, the three Guilds continued fighting until the bell signaling the end of the competition rang. Meanwhile, after the competition ended, huge holographic screens appeared on top of every island, the screens listing the total points accumulated by the participating Guilds one after another.

Mythology – 12,610 points.

Pantheon – 3,920 points.

Sky Dragon Family – 4,550 points.

Netherworld Empire – 13,350 points.



Miracle – 5,230 points.

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Sacred Temple – 5,180 points.

As the names of the participating Guilds appeared one after another, Frost Heaven's members grew increasingly nervous. The point difference between Miracle, Sacred Temple, and Frost Heaven should be incredibly narrow. In fact, partway through the competition, Shi Feng even had to attack other Resource Nodes personally and let Frost Heaven's members wear the Resource Emblem to keep Frost Heaven in the competition. Although there were instances where other Guilds had successfully stolen some of Frost Heaven's poorly defended Resource Nodes, most of these nodes were quickly reclaimed. In addition, Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose also wandered between the various Resource Nodes to avert the ambushes of other Guilds.

"We must succeed!"

Muxin also grew incredibly nervous as she looked at the screen.

Frost Heaven had suffered tremendous losses during this competition. By the end of the competition, Frost Heaven had fewer than 2,000 members left standing. Six Elders, two Grand Elders, and Great Elder Brilliant Blue had even fallen in battle. This was a massive blow to the Guild.

At this time, even Shi Feng couldn't remain perfectly calm. He never expected that Miracle and Sacred Temple would secretly ally with other Guilds to attack Frost Heaven's Resource Nodes, forcing him to rotate continuously between several islands. He had even had Aqua Rose obliterate 11 Resource Nodes. Only then did they manage to deter the other Guilds from stealing Frost Heaven's Resource Nodes.

Now that Zero Wing had exhausted its trump cards and revealed many things to the various superpowers, if Frost Heaven still failed to secure the sixth seat in this competition, then Zero Wing would have a thorny road ahead of it.

The next moment, after more than 20 Guilds were listed on the screen, Frost Heaven's name finally appeared.

Frost Heaven – 5,260 points.

### **Chapter 2732 – True Beginning**

“We won!”

“We really won!”

Muxin and the other Frost Heaven members were ecstatic when they saw their Guild's score. Many members even screamed in joy as they reveled in this moment of victory.

What a close one. Shi Feng couldn't help a sigh of relief.

In the end, Frost Heaven had beaten Miracle by only 30 points, which was just one hour's worth of points for an Advanced Resource Node. If not for some of the other Guilds giving up on competing for Frost Heaven's Resource Nodes, Miracle might've won the sixth seat instead.

Shi Feng had to admit that Miracle's foundations were much stronger than many Super Guilds'.

Fortunately, everything went according to plan. Now that Frost Heaven has secured the sixth seat, we won't have to worry about getting slots to enter the Upper Zone. We'll also gain the privilege of garrisoning a city in a kingdom.

When Shi Feng saw the Guilds listed on the screen being reorganized based on their points and Frost Heaven officially ranking sixth, he began considering the next step of his plans.

In his previous life, the arrival of the first major update had brought about a complete change in God's Domain's power structure. Because of the NPC forces' addition, the superpowers' competitors were no longer limited to just the major powers. The NPC forces also became huge competitors.

These NPC forces were no ordinary organizations.

Before God's Domain underwent its first major update, the NPC population in God's Domain had been minuscule. However, after the major update, the NPC population would increase crazily.

Along with the increase in NPC population, the NPC forces normally only mentioned in books or conversations between NPCs would make their debut in the game. In fact, in a few more days, the various major powers would discover a frightening matter: despite how massive God's Domain's player population was, players made up only a small minority of God's Domain's inhabitants.

Yes. Despite the game's current player population being over ten billion, players were only a minority in the world of God's Domain.

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In the future, any random kingdom would easily have over two billion NPCs. The current player population could, at best, match the total NPC population in five or six kingdoms, which was roughly equivalent to the standard of one empire.

However, God's Domain's players were scattered across the various kingdoms and empires on the two main continents. There were also a large number of players in the many Otherworlds. Hence, in the future, the native powers would become the strongest forces in the various kingdoms and empires.

Moreover, after this major update, a severe problem would pop up-the disappearance of the protection mechanism for players. At this point, most players weren't even aware of this protection mechanism's existence. This was because this so-called protection mechanism only prevented NPCs from actively targeting players.

Hence, most players wouldn't notice its existence and true purpose. They merely took its benefits for granted.

However, all of this would change in the world of God's Domain in the future. So long as players left the city, they would no longer enjoy this protection mechanism. What did this mean?

Ordinary players would most likely have a difficult time imagining the consequences of such a change. However, this would be a disaster for the growing Guilds of God's Domain.

This was because NPCs would become capable of taking the initiative to attack players. Highway robbery, launching ambushes when players were killing monsters, killing players because of a random mood swing...such incidents would become normal occurrences in the future.

In fact, Shi Feng himself had been robbed by Tier 4 NPCs on numerous occasions in his previous life.

Of course, powerful NPCs wouldn't rob just anyone they saw. They would focus on stealing incredibly valuable items. Ordinary items would hardly arouse the interest of these powerful NPCs.

This change in the game was highly unfavorable for Shi Feng. After all, he carried too many valuable items. As he had the game's rules protecting him before, he hadn't worried about NPCs attacking him. Now that the rules had changed, he had no choice but to act carefully.

However, this still wasn't the critical point of the major update. Instead, the fatal change caused by this update was in the management of Guild Towns and Cities.

During the early phases of the major update, most players still hadn't noticed a problem with the NPC forces. However, once the local NPC forces finished conducting a thorough investigation on players, they would begin attacking Guild Towns. If a Guild Town lacked sufficient combatants to defend it, the territory might very well end up getting taken.

This was also one of the main reasons why many superpowers had disbanded after God's Domain underwent its first major update in the past.

Meanwhile, the situation now was even worse than during Shi Feng's previous life. In the past, when the first major update hit, the various superpowers already had Tier 4 players defending its territories. However, in this life, let alone Tier 4 players, the superpowers didn't even have many Tier 3 players under their command. It would become a nightmare for the superpowers to defend their Guild Towns against the various NPC forces.

At this point, Shi Feng could already foresee many powers crumbling due to these changes. Compared to his previous life, the first major update's aftermath in this life would definitely be a much more painful sight.

Once we get the Guild privileges, we'll be able to garrison an NPC City and apply for a Guild Town Teleportation Permit. Then, Zero Wing could instantly become a giant in God's Domain during the poaching wars. When Shi Feng thought about the imminent poaching wars, he couldn't help feeling a little excited.

In the past, some first-rate Guilds had eventually grown into Super Guilds precisely because they managed to take advantage of the poaching wars.

In the early stages of God's Domain, the superpowers had a massive advantage in numbers over the major powers. By the time players had reached Level 100, the major powers had mostly divided the available player population among themselves already. Hence, even some of the stronger Guilds among the major powers had found it incredibly difficult to grow further.

This was because after the average level of players reached Level 100, Guilds that wished to grow needed sufficient numbers. This was especially true when it came to Tier 3 players. Without sufficient Tier 3 players, effectively defending Guild Towns against NPC forces and monster armies would become impossible.

Meanwhile, most players mainly looked at the number of Guild Towns a Guild possessed and the prosperity of these towns when determining a Guild's strength. This was also why the War God's Temple had set the number of Guild Towns owned as a participation requirement for the reserve seat competition.

And if a Guild wished to maintain many Guild Towns simultaneously, a lot of manpower was necessary.

Now, although Zero Wing already possessed more members than most first-rate Guilds, it was still far from comparable to the various superpowers. Meanwhile, after the Great Collapse, the members of the fallen powers would become independent players. So long as Zero Wing took advantage of this opportunity, it could instantly become a bona fide superpower.

Moreover, Shi Feng was confident that once Zero Wing had a sufficient player base, the Guild could go up against Starlink, Saint's Hand, and even the Five Great Super Guilds. At the very least, Zero Wing wouldn't be forced to hole up in just a handful of Guild Towns and Cities in an incredibly passive state. In fact, with Zero Wing's current state, it was only a matter of time before the Guild crumbled.

After all, what allowed the various superpowers to triumph over others were the talents they cultivated. With the resources the superpowers provided, these talents would slowly grow into powerhouses in the virtual gaming industry over time. If Zero Wing did not make sufficient preparations, with the Guild's current scale and talent count, the Guild would be fortunate to keep itself alive in the future.

Meanwhile, along with the release of the official rankings, the spectating players and major powers erupted in an uproar.

"Crap! Frost Heaven actually got a seat!"

"Frost Heaven really is lucky. It actually found a dark horse like Zero Wing. With this, Frost Heaven really is going to rise to prominence."

"Zero Wing, is it?" While the spectating players and major powers found Frost Heaven's victory surprising, they didn't feel particularly surprised by it, either. After all, the Tier 4 combatants Zero Wing possessed were simply too terrifying. They were not opponents Tier 3 players could hope to contend with.

The major powers paid more attention to Zero Wing than to Frost Heaven.

“Hmph! Frost Heaven can consider themselves lucky.” After looking at the Guild rankings, Cold Shadow glanced at Shi Feng’s information and sneered. “However, Zero Wing won’t be as lucky afterward!”

The nail that sticks out gets hammered!

This held especially true for a prominent Guild like Zero Wing.

The various superpowers were greatly limited in the forces they could bring out during this competition. This was especially true for the Five Great Super Guilds. After all, Tier 3 was the minimum standard for players to participate in the competition. However, there was no such restriction in the outside world.

The fact that Zero Wing had revealed two Tier 4 players in this competition had provoked the various superpowers’ intense envy.

Zero Wing was merely a pseudo-superpower, yet it had actually produced two Tier 4 players. If someone were to say that there wasn’t a secret behind this achievement, nobody would believe them.

After this competition, she could easily foresee that both ordinary powers and superpowers would hound Zero Wing until the Guild gave up its secret to completing the Tier 4 promotion. Otherwise, only death would await Zero Wing.

As the various superpowers began to plot against Zero Wing, Shi Feng remained wholly unaware of the matter. After the War God’s Temple announced the winners for the six reserve seats and awarded Zero



Wing with a War God's Temple Official Guild Certificate, Shi Feng promptly disbanded his team and bid goodbye to Muxin. He did not stay behind to take part in Frost Heaven's celebration banquet but quietly left the Fire Dragon Empire instead.

This caused Seven Wonders and Hong Xinyuan to lament the missed opportunity to thank Shi Feng properly.

"Black Flame really is an unfathomable person." After watching Shi Feng's figure disappear into the distance, Seven Wonders turned to Muxin and said earnestly, "Muxin, you'll be the First Vice Guild Leader from now on. You'll be responsible for the matter regarding the Upper Zone slots, S-rank Nutrient Fluids, and subsequent affairs relating to our alliance with Zero Wing. I believe you can handle them well."

"Guild Leader, please rest assured. I will definitely handle them well," Muxin answered ecstatically.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng left the War God's Temple, he did not hurry to return to Zero Wing's Residence to preside over the changing situation.

Instead, he made his way to the Twin Towers Kingdom, a dilapidated country on the brink of destruction—which would also become one of the most brilliant kingdoms in the future.

Twin Towers City, City Hall: "Sir, how may I be of service?" a Level 180, Tier 3 male administrator asked when he saw Shi Feng enter the building. "If you wish to purchase Land, I will have to apologize in advance. We are no longer selling Land to the public."

"No, I'm not here to purchase Land," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. He then took out the Official Guild Certificate from the War God's Temple and said, "I am Zero Wing's Guild Leader. My Guild wishes to officially garrison this city. May I know if that's possible?"

## Chapter 2733 – Garrisoning Twin Towers

Vico, the Level 180, Tier 3 male administrator, looked at the certificate in Shi Feng's hand and carefully inspected it.

"Yes, this is indeed an Official Guild Certificate from the War God's Temple." Vico nodded, his gaze turning respectful as he looked at Shi Feng. He then added slowly, "Lord Guild Leader, there is nothing wrong with your Guild Certificate. However, I'm afraid that as an ordinary Guild, your Guild does not qualify to garrison our kingdom's capital. You can only choose to garrison another of the Twin Towers Kingdom's cities."

Sure enough, the Guild still can't garrison the capital city. Shi Feng was not particularly surprised by Vico's rejection. "Since that's the case, Zero Wing will garrison Sky Spring City." Although the War God's Temple now recognized Zero Wing as an official Guild in God's Domain, that was only recognition and nothing more. Initially, Shi Feng thought that with the deterioration of the Twin Towers Kingdom due to the abyssal monsters, Zero Wing might have a chance to garrison its capital.

However, it would seem that he had still underestimated the Twin Towers Kingdom.

After thinking it through, though, he found this situation reasonable. In his previous life, the Twin Towers Kingdom had shone brightly on the continent of God's Domain, thanks to the Tower of Time and Secret Covenant Tower it housed. It had been a kingdom that stood far above other kingdoms.

Moreover, while the Twin Towers Kingdom might currently look battered, now that the first major update had taken place, NPCs would start appearing in large numbers across the kingdom. Once that

happened, it was only a matter of time before the NPCs turned the tables on the abyssal monsters. Otherwise, Shi Feng wouldn't have rushed to have Zero Wing garrison the Twin Towers Kingdom.

"That won't be a problem. Please follow me. I will conduct the procedures for you," Vico said and led Shi Feng to the third-floor hall.

On his way to the third floor, Shi Feng noticed that the number of NPCs inside the City Hall had increased significantly.

Previously, it was rare to see even one Tier 3 NPC in a City Hall. Now, he spotted at least a dozen. Moreover, even the weakest of them was at Level 140, while the strongest reached Level 182. They were not existences current Tier 3 players could hope to contend against.

Through this, he could already anticipate a large batch of Tier 3 NPCs appearing inside the Twin Towers Kingdom in the near future. With the combat power of these NPCs, retaking the Twin Towers Kingdom and driving the abyssal monsters back into the abyss would be entirely possible.

Meanwhile, the Sky Spring City he chose to have Zero Wing garrison was the closest NPC city to the Secret Covenant Tower.

Although Sky Spring City didn't even rank within the top 15 of the Twin Towers Kingdom's NPC cities, after the first major update, the Secret Covenant Tower would become more attractive than the Tower of Time.

This was because the Secret Covenant Tower was a holy land for grinding for levels and acquiring Guild resources.

Before God's Domain's first major update took place, grinding for levels was a daily chore for players. However, after the first major update, grinding for levels would become deadly.

If players did not possess overwhelming strength, then the moment they left the confines of NPC cities, they would have to fight with their lives on the line. This was because both NPCs and monsters gained conscious thought after the major update, and they would no longer let players kill them like idiots.

Both NPCs and monsters would fight desperately for survival.

Hence, grinding monsters would no longer be simple, repetitive fights for EXP. Instead, it would become a fight where players bet their lives for EXP. In a situation where the two sides were roughly equal in strength, every fight would be incredibly taxing. In fact, after the major update, most players would no longer dare fight monsters that were significantly higher-leveled than they were.

Of course, the increased difficulty in killing monsters came in tandem with a drastic increase in the EXP monsters awarded—at least ten times more than what they previously awarded. Even so, leveling up would still become an increasingly laborious task in the future.

However, it was a different story in the Secret Covenant Tower.

The countless monsters trapped in the Secret Covenant Tower's special space had already gone crazy and did not possess any consciousness or intelligence. The only thing on their minds was slaughter.

Yet, despite the lack of intelligence, the monsters inside granted the same amount of EXP as the monsters in the outside world. The only problem was that entering the Secret Covenant Tower cost Magic Crystals. In addition, the monsters inside did not drop Coins or Magic Crystals. The value of the materials they dropped was also negligible.

Fortunately, the Secret Covenant Tower wasn't completely barren of loot. Hidden inside the special space were relics belonging to ancient civilizations. The deeper one progressed down the tower, the better the relics one could obtain. Examples would be weapon and equipment designs, Master ranked Potion Recipes, and even complete Legacies for Tier 3 classes.

Yes!

Complete Legacies for Tier 3 classes!

Unlike the Tier 3 Legacies scattered in the outside world, a complete Legacy could lower the difficulty of players' Tier 3 Promotion by a large margin. A complete Tier 3 Legacy could allow a Guild to gain a large number of Tier 3 players within a short period. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that, for Guilds, a complete Tier 3 Legacy was a hundred times more valuable than a Fragmented Legendary item.

Meanwhile, complete Tier 3 Legacies only started appearing from the 18th floor. This was a place that became available after the first major update. Before this, the Secret Covenant Tower was only a place for pre-Level 100 players to grind for levels. It wasn't suitable for players past Level 100.

However, after the first major update, the Secret Covenant Tower would no longer be the same as before.

In the past, after it was revealed that the Secret Covenant Tower dropped complete Tier 3 Legacies, the various powers on the eastern continent had swarmed to the Twin Towers Kingdom. This, in turn, had made the Twin Towers Kingdom one of the most dazzling kingdoms in God's Domain, and Sky Spring City had also become an NPC Main City that was second only to the capital city.

Shortly afterward, Administrator Vico completed all the formalities needed for Zero Wing to garrison Sky Spring City.

“Lord Guild Leader, this is your Sky Spring City Guild Token.” Vico handed a golden token to Shi Feng. He then explained, “This token grants you partial authority to manage Sky Spring City, including its security and development. Once Zero Wing garrisons Sky Spring City, it will receive 10% of the city’s profits as maintenance and management fees.”

“No problem. Zero Wing will manage Sky Spring City well and turn it into the best city in the Twin Towers Kingdom,” Shi Feng said, nodding

Once a Guild garrisoned a city, it couldn’t arbitrarily decide to abandon the city and seek greener pastures. One could say that the Guild and city were bound together for good or ill. Thus, even after Guilds obtained the qualifications to garrison an NPC city, they still had to be careful with their choice.

Fortunately, Shi Feng didn’t have to concern himself with such a problem.

Sky Spring City was bound to become one of the important hubs in the eastern continent. The money and resources it could rake in would far surpass those of many royal capitals. If developed properly, the city could even rival imperial capitals.

“I pray that you can fulfill this wonderful goal, Milord,” Vico said, feeling slightly surprised by Shi Feng’s confidence.

“Now that Zero Wing has officially garrisoned Sky Spring City, can we enable Sky Spring City’s City Teleportation Network?” Shi Feng asked.

Obtaining the resources Sky Spring City had to offer was only one of his goals in having Zero Wing garrison the city. What was more important for Zero Wing was the City Teleportation Network that came with garrisoning a city. This was also the main reason the various superpowers had frantically fought to secure a reserve seat.

“Certainly. However, your Guild will have to handle the cost of binding with Sky Spring City’s Teleportation Magic Array,” Vico said with a hint of joy in his voice.

“How much will it cost to construct one large-scale teleportation array?” Shi Feng asked.

“If it is only one, the material fee is 100,000 Gold Coins and 30,000 Magic Crystals. The labor cost is an additional 5,000 Gold,” Vico said. “In total, it will cost 105,000 Gold and 30,000 Magic Crystals.”

“You guys sure are ruthless. It’s just a bunch of ordinary materials, yet you’re actually charging me 100,000 Gold.” Shi Feng was flabbergasted at Vico’s quote.

If it were before, he might’ve accepted this price as normal. However, after gaining experience in constructing teleportation arrays, he knew that the materials needed were much cheaper than what Vico quoted him. At most, the material cost should total around several thousand Gold.

“No, no, no. The materials the Twin Towers Kingdom uses are the best. No problems will occur even after a thousand years of use,” Vico assured sincerely while shaking his head.

“Fine, so be it. However, I want everything done within two hours,” Shi Feng said after taking a look at the time.

It had been nearly a day since the first major update took place. Meanwhile, the first wave of the NPC population boom would occur on the second day after the first major update. This was also the moment darkness would befall the various powers.

“That won’t be a problem,” Vico said confidently. “May I know which Guild City you wish to construct the teleportation array in?”

“Silverwing City!” Shi Feng answered after giving the question some thought. Silverwing City was pivotal to Zero Wing’s future development and resistance against Saint’s Hand. Hence, it was imperative that Silverwing City developed as rapidly as possible.

“Although it is slightly far, so long as Milord makes the full payment, we will act immediately,” Vico said, gritting his teeth as he looked at the map.

To Vico’s joy, Shi Feng paid the 105,000 Gold and 30,000 Magic Crystals without hesitation. After receiving the Coins and Magic Crystals, the NPC promptly left the private lounge, evidently making his way to Silverwing City.

Next, I’ll have to see how much the NPC population will increase during the initial wave. Shi Feng’s gaze grew solemn after Vico left the room. Hopefully, the number isn’t too significant.

Although he had managed to execute his plan in time, its success still depended heavily on how much the NPC population grew after the first population boom. If the increase in NPC count was too severe, even Zero Wing would be overwhelmed. After all, the Guild simply had too few Tier 3 combatants right now. Meanwhile, Tier 3 combatants were the minimum requirement for maintaining public order in Guild Towns.



At 6 AM, the sun slowly rose into the sky and shone its dazzling rays onto the various cities of God's Domain, symbolizing a new day in God's Domain.

## **Chapter 2734 – New World Begins**

Typhoon Empire, Typhoon City:

The morning sun's rays shone on the Secret Pavilion's Residence. However, nobody in the Residence's scorching atmosphere was in the mood to enjoy this cool, morning sun. As the competition for the reserve seats had just ended, the many budding talents and matured powerhouses that had debuted during the competition were now a target of attention for the Secret Pavilion. To sort out the information of these people and sell the information in the next publication of the God's Domain's Experts List, the whole Secret Pavilion had become extremely busy.

Every Secret Pavilion member within the Typhoon City Residence was either sending out information to other branches or organizing the information they received from other branches. Everyone was so busy that they lost track of time.

"Uncle Yuan, the strength Zero Wing displayed this time is truly astonishing. One Tier 4 Sword Emperor and one suspected Tier 4 Great Wizard that wields Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells. Zero Wing has even become a Guild officially recognized by the War God's Temple. The various superpowers will have to fear Zero Wing now," Purple Jade exclaimed as she read the report on Zero Wing in her hands.

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Zero Wing was a Guild they had watched grow from nothing to its current state.

Initially, Zero Wing had been a small Guild that couldn't even be considered third-rate. However, it gradually grew into a large Guild that could challenge even first-rate Guilds. Afterward, it had fought against superpowers time after time. Now, it even stood on the international stage of God's Domain and aided Frost Heaven in securing the sixth reserve seat, shocking countless powers in God's Domain in one fell swoop.

At this point, even the various superpowers had to acknowledge that Zero Wing was a Guild to be wary of.

The only thing Zero Wing lacked now was a sufficiently strong foundation. It just didn't have the frightening manpower and expansive territory of a superpower. "While that's correct, you shouldn't forget that Zero Wing is a Guild that is completely reliant on only a handful of individuals to support it. The Guild is walking a tightrope, and a single mistake can lead to disaster. Now, it has even become the focus of God's Domain's various powers," Yuan Tiexin said in a low tone, shaking his head. "The Tier 4 Promotion Quest is simply too challenging. You should know this as well. Yet, Zero Wing has two people suspected to have completed their promotions. You should know very well what this implies."

"Uncle Yuan, you mean...Zero Wing has grasped a way to complete the Tier 4 Promotion Quest easily?" Purple Jade was a little shocked.

According to the Secret Pavilion's information gathering, the hardest part in completing the Tier 4 Promotion Quest was searching for one's Tier 4 Legacy Land. Even the Secret Pavilion had yet to locate a single Tier 4 Legacy Land.

If Zero Wing really found a reliable way to locate Tier 4 Legacy Lands, this would be an incredibly frightening matter!

“This is only conjecture. We still don’t have any evidence to back it up right now. Moreover, I think the possibility of this being true is low. After all is said and done, God’s Domain is a relatively fair game. If Tier 4 Legacy Lands could be located easily, Tier 4 classes wouldn’t be considered powerhouses in God’s Domain,” Yuan Tiexin said, shaking his head. “Even so, just the possibility holds an incredibly fatal attraction for the various powers. “According to the inside information we’ve secured thus far, we can confirm that over a dozen superpowers are already preparing to suppress Zero Wing. In addition, Zero Wing has plenty of enemies—the War Blood Adventurer Team on Dragonheart Island, the Dark World’s various powers in the Dark Night Empire, and Saint’s Hand in Star-Moon Kingdom.

“Starlink, Zero Wing’s old nemesis, has also been conducting a series of secretive operations recently. Starlink seems to be planning something big by the looks of it. If these superpowers join forces, even if Zero Wing has a Sword Emperor and a Great Wizard defending its territories, the Guild will still have difficulty surviving.”

Purple Jade’s complexion turned ugly at Yuan Tiexin’s analysis.

A pseudo-superpower was actually fighting on three different fronts. Moreover, every one of its opponents was either a superpower or an organization backed by a superpower. Anyone that heard this would definitely feel despair. For Zero Wing to survive until now...

This was simply a miracle.

Of course, Shi Feng and the rest of Zero Wing’s upper echelon might not be afraid of the various superpowers as individuals, but it was a different story for a Guild with so many members. It would be very easy for the various superpowers to attack such a Guild. Meanwhile, if a Guild lacked manpower, there were many things it couldn’t accomplish. One such example was the collection of resources. Just this point alone would be sufficient to make Shi Feng and the others crumble, what more operating Guild Towns and Cities?

“This is just the situation on the eastern continent. Zero Wing isn’t safe on the western continent, either. I heard that many of the western continent’s superpowers are showing interest in the Starlight Fortress,” Yuan Tiexin said, chuckling when he saw the blank expression on Purple Jade’s face. “You

should know by now that Zero Wing has always been walking a tightrope, right? What happens next will depend on what kind of decision Black Flame makes.

“If Black Flame handles this properly and avoids disaster, with Zero Wing’s current foundations, it is definitely possible for the Guild to progress further.

“If it’s mishandled, then Zero Wing will be eternally doomed!”

When Yuan Tiexin stated his last sentence, his voice was filled with confidence. That was because, unlike most people, he knew that Mythology was most likely the driving force behind the various superpowers’ decision to act against Zero Wing this time. Mythology was a behemoth. It had an unfathomable foundation in both the virtual gaming world and the real world. It was an existence that even the current Secret Pavilion feared greatly.

As Yuan Tiexin and Purple Jade conversed, the sound of hurried footsteps suddenly came from outside the office door.

The next moment, a Level 114, Tier 3 Ranger barged into the office, which made Yuan Tiexin frown in obvious dissatisfaction with this Tier 3 Ranger’s panicky actions. “What’s the matter? Why are you in such a rush?” Yuan Tiexin questioned in a low tone. “It’s bad! Elder Yuan, something big happened!” the Tier 3 Ranger reported hurriedly as he wiped the sweat off his forehead. “Just a while ago, our branches sent in news that a large number of NPCs have appeared on the streets of the various cities!”

“So what if NPCs appeared? What’s there to be surprised about?” Yuan Tiexin reacted nonchalantly.

In God’s Domain, as a town or city developed, the number of NPC residents would increase. This was a normal occurrence. Moreover, players and NPCs practically lived in two completely different worlds. The interactions between the two sides were few and far between.

“But the numbers are far too massive,” the Tier 3 Ranger insisted anxiously. “How many?” Yuan Tiexin asked, his curiosity piqued.

“Too many! I don’t know how many appeared, either.” Gulping, the Tier 3 Ranger pointed at the nearby window and said, “I think you should look for yourself, Elder Yuan. This matter has already caused an uproar among the players in the city.”

“Uproar?” Yuan Tiexin couldn’t help his puzzlement.

However, he felt that the Ranger before him shouldn’t be lying. He immediately stood up and approached the window.

When the view outside the French window entered his sight, Yuan Tiexin froze on the spot in stupefaction.

“Uncle Yuan?”

Purple Jade grew puzzled as well when she saw Yuan Tiexin standing stock-still. She then walked toward the window to take a look as well.

NPCs thronged the main street outside the Residence, talking and laughing in groups. Many were adventurers clad in exquisite equipment; even the lowest-leveled among them was Level 120, while the strongest one reached Level 194. Moreover, these NPC adventurers were Tier 3 on average, with even the weakest one at Tier 2. Aside from these NPC adventurers, there was also a large number of NPC civilians on the street. Purple Jade even saw NPC children running around, playing with pebbles on the street, and even fighting each other with wooden swords. These NPCs accounted for over 80% of the people on the main street.

## Chapter 2735 – Different God’s Domain, Zero Wing’s Decision

“Why are there so many NPCs?” Purple Jade couldn’t believe her eyes as she looked at the NPCs chatting merrily on the main street.

Their current location was an island nation on the western continent, with an incredibly harsh environment. As a result, the player population here was insignificant, let alone the NPC population. If not for the increased trade between the two main continents, which attracted many powers and merchant players to the Typhoon Empire, the number of people walking on the main street wouldn’t have exceeded 100. So, what was with this situation?

With just a casual glance, she already spotted more than 1,000 NPCs, many of them NPC adventurers; players were only a small group of unremarkable existences.

After pondering for some time, Yuan Tiexin turned around and asked the Tier 3 Ranger, “Have you investigated the origins of these NPCs yet?”

“We’ve investigated already. However, we don’t know where these NPCs came from. The only thing we know is that these NPCs seem to have appeared directly inside the various NPC cities,” the Tier 3 Ranger replied, shaking his head. Anxiously, he continued, “The appearance of these NPCs has caused a sharp drop in the number of quests available in the Adventurer’s Association. The number of quests players can pick up is continuously decreasing. Moreover...” “What else is there?” Yuan Tiexin asked curiously.

“According to reports, many players have been killed after coming into conflict with NPCs outside the cities. However, this still isn’t the most important part.” In an uneasy tone, the Ranger continued, “Now,

many NPCs have also flooded into the various Guild Towns and Cities, and some NPCs with bad behavior have caused a lot of incidents. Most importantly, according to our observations, various NPC forces are actually secretly investigating us...”

“How is this possible?!” Purple Jade goggled in shock.

She never thought that there would come a day where the NPCs who only knew how to give quests would secretly investigate them. She got goosebumps at the thought of this. It was as if the dolls they were playing with had suddenly gained life and began secretly observing their every action.

At this time, the Secret Pavilion wasn't the only one shocked by the sudden influx of NPCs in the game. The various powers and players of God's Domain were similarly horrified by this situation.

“What's going on? Why are so many NPCs competing with us for quests?”

“That's nothing! I feel that these NPCs are looking at us players as if they are looking at aliens! Some bars in the city are actually refusing entry to players!” “You think that's surprising? Wait till you go out to the fields. Right now, the NPCs out in the fields far outnumber us players. Some of these NPCs are even stealing Dungeons from us!”

For a time, independent players had heated discussions over the sudden changes in God's Domain.

Everyone felt as if they had truly arrived in a different world. Now, in addition to other players, they also had to compete with NPCs. Moreover, these NPCs were even more difficult to deal with than players.

Not only were these NPCs powerful, but they also had an overwhelming advantage in numbers over players. The only advantage players had was their inability to die a permanent death.

However, as if understanding this point, the NPCs generally didn't forge irreconcilable feuds with players. Most of them would only teach the players that offended them a lesson. Only the dark forces' NPCs disregarded this matter.

Compared to the independent players, though, the various powers were the ones that had a truly big headache. "Dammit! Why did all these NPCs come from?!"

"Instead of staying in NPC cities, they actually came to make trouble in our Guild Towns and Cities. Many of our businesses can't even operate normally, thanks to them." "That's not all! Some NPCs are even robbing our mines and transportation teams!" Along with the sudden influx of NPCs, the various powers suddenly found that the difficulty of maintaining the security of Guild Towns and Cities and completing large-scale transportation quests had increased drastically. Some superpowers had even tasted getting bullied for the first time since entering God's Domain.

However, the current players were simply no match for these NPC forces. Even the superpowers had no choice but to abandon many of their development plans and focus on protecting their territories. As for the major powers, they even began abandoning some of their Guild Towns to concentrate their forces on defending their crucial territories.

For a time, the various player forces in God's Domain shrank rapidly. Simultaneously, they also began recruiting members desperately to defend against the NPC forces' assault.

Silverwing City, Zero Wing's Residence:

Due to the sudden increase in the game's NPC population and the many incidents subsequent to this change, Zero Wing's upper echelon had gathered to discuss how to deal with these NPCs.



“Guild Leader, the major powers are frantically recruiting members to consolidate their power. They are also spending a lot of money to hire Tier 3 NPCs from the Adventurer’s Association to guard their Guild Towns. If we don’t act now, I’m afraid the more powerful Tier 3 NPCs will be snatched up by others,” Liang Jing said anxiously to Shi Feng after reading the latest report. The sudden influx of NPCs had caught every player off guard.

Originally, the changes to the NPCs after the first major update was already a slight problem. Now that the NPC population far surpassed the player population, this change was no longer just a problem but a disaster.

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## Chapter 2735 – Different God’s Domain, Zero Wing’s Decision

“Why are there so many NPCs?” Purple Jade couldn’t believe her eyes as she looked at the NPCs chatting merrily on the main street.

Their current location was an island nation on the western continent, with an incredibly harsh environment. As a result, the player population here was insignificant, let alone the NPC population. If not for the increased trade between the two main continents, which attracted many powers and merchant players to the Typhoon Empire, the number of people walking on the main street wouldn’t have exceeded 100. So, what was with this situation?

With just a casual glance, she already spotted more than 1,000 NPCs, many of them NPC adventurers; players were only a small group of unremarkable existences.

After pondering for some time, Yuan Tiexin turned around and asked the Tier 3 Ranger, “Have you investigated the origins of these NPCs yet?”

“We’ve investigated already. However, we don’t know where these NPCs came from. The only thing we know is that these NPCs seem to have appeared directly inside the various NPC cities,” the Tier 3 Ranger replied, shaking his head. Anxiously, he continued, “The appearance of these NPCs has caused a sharp drop in the number of quests available in the Adventurer’s Association. The number of quests players can pick up is continuously decreasing. Moreover...” “What else is there?” Yuan Tiexin asked curiously.

“According to reports, many players have been killed after coming into conflict with NPCs outside the cities. However, this still isn’t the most important part.” In an uneasy tone, the Ranger continued, “Now,

many NPCs have also flooded into the various Guild Towns and Cities, and some NPCs with bad behavior have caused a lot of incidents. Most importantly, according to our observations, various NPC forces are actually secretly investigating us...”

“How is this possible?!” Purple Jade goggled in shock.

She never thought that there would come a day where the NPCs who only knew how to give quests would secretly investigate them. She got goosebumps at the thought of this. It was as if the dolls they were playing with had suddenly gained life and began secretly observing their every action.

At this time, the Secret Pavilion wasn't the only one shocked by the sudden influx of NPCs in the game. The various powers and players of God's Domain were similarly horrified by this situation.

“What's going on? Why are so many NPCs competing with us for quests?”

“That's nothing! I feel that these NPCs are looking at us players as if they are looking at aliens! Some bars in the city are actually refusing entry to players!” “You think that's surprising? Wait till you go out to the fields. Right now, the NPCs out in the fields far outnumber us players. Some of these NPCs are even stealing Dungeons from us!”

For a time, independent players had heated discussions over the sudden changes in God's Domain.

Everyone felt as if they had truly arrived in a different world. Now, in addition to other players, they also had to compete with NPCs. Moreover, these NPCs were even more difficult to deal with than players.

Not only were these NPCs powerful, but they also had an overwhelming advantage in numbers over players. The only advantage players had was their inability to die a permanent death.

However, as if understanding this point, the NPCs generally didn't forge irreconcilable feuds with players. Most of them would only teach the players that offended them a lesson. Only the dark forces' NPCs disregarded this matter.

Compared to the independent players, though, the various powers were the ones that had a truly big headache. "Dammit! Why did all these NPCs come from?!"

"Instead of staying in NPC cities, they actually came to make trouble in our Guild Towns and Cities. Many of our businesses can't even operate normally, thanks to them." "That's not all! Some NPCs are even robbing our mines and transportation teams!" Along with the sudden influx of NPCs, the various powers suddenly found that the difficulty of maintaining the security of Guild Towns and Cities and completing large-scale transportation quests had increased drastically. Some superpowers had even tasted getting bullied for the first time since entering God's Domain.

However, the current players were simply no match for these NPC forces. Even the superpowers had no choice but to abandon many of their development plans and focus on protecting their territories. As for the major powers, they even began abandoning some of their Guild Towns to concentrate their forces on defending their crucial territories.

For a time, the various player forces in God's Domain shrank rapidly. Simultaneously, they also began recruiting members desperately to defend against the NPC forces' assault.

Silverwing City, Zero Wing's Residence:

Due to the sudden increase in the game's NPC population and the many incidents subsequent to this change, Zero Wing's upper echelon had gathered to discuss how to deal with these NPCs.

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## **Chapter 2736 – Crazy Zero Wing? Cold Spring Forest, Stone Forest City, Freedom Hotel:**

“What is Zero Wing thinking?” Mu Lingsha, who was resting in a room in the Freedom Hotel, stood up reflexively in surprise when she saw the announcement Zero Wing made in Stone Forest City.

“Prohibiting NPCs from entering the city at such a time? Even Stone Forest City wouldn’t be able to afford such a loss!”

After reading the city announcement, Unyielding Heart, who sat nearby, pondered before saying, “But this is indeed one way to solve the NPC problem.”

“But at the cost of more than half of the city’s revenue? Isn’t this too huge a price to pay? Moreover, Zero Wing directly raised the city’s entrance fee to 20 Silver to make up for the loss. I’m afraid ordinary players won’t be able to accept such a fee. Even the present Stone Forest City would have a hard time justifying it, let alone Zero Wing’s two other Guild Cities,” Mu Lingsha said in confusion. “The Dark World’s side is keeping an eye on us. If we show any signs of weaknesses, the Dark World’s powers will make a move.” “I don’t know the exact reason for Zero Wing’s decision, but this is undoubtedly good news for our Guild,” Unyielding Heart said, smiling.

“Good news?” A blank look appeared on Mu Lingsha’s face. She couldn’t understand how this situation was beneficial to Unyielding Soul in any way.

“The increase in Stone Forest City’s entrance fee will undoubtedly drive away many players. Meanwhile, you know how excellent Stone Forest City’s environment is. It is the best place among the Level 100-plus neutral maps for players to get rid of the foreign energy invading their bodies. There is also nothing currently available that can compete with the Freedom Hotel,” Unyielding Heart explained. “If players start leaving Stone Forest City, empty slots will appear in the Freedom Hotel. We can have our Guild members fill these slots.”

“You’re right.” Mu Lingsha’s eyes glowed in realization. “I’ll notify the Guild Leader and have him make the necessary preparations.”

Even before the first major update, Stone Forest City was incredibly crowded already. Meanwhile, the sudden influx of NPCs had only made the city even more crowded. The city’s population had grown so much that the city’s management had no choice but to limit traffic into the city. If many NPCs and players left Stone Forest City, it would indeed be a perfect opportunity for Unyielding Soul to develop there.

Stone Forest City was one of the few player-owned Intermediate Cities in God’s Domain. If Unyielding Soul leveraged this opportunity, its Guild members’ average level might surpass that of other Guilds.

Orc Empire, Silverwing City: “This is crazy! Zero Wing must be crazy!”

“It doesn’t matter if those NPCs are driven away, but why did the rent become more expensive too? This must be Zero Wing’s conspiracy! Zero Wing must be trying to drive merchant players like us out of Silverwing City!”

“Zero Wing is awesome! I support Zero Wing! Good riddance to those NPCs! This is a city built by players! I can’t even pick up a quest, thanks to all those NPCs!”

The players residing in Silverwing City had mixed opinions regarding Zero Wing’s new regulations. Some criticized Zero Wing for being money-crazy, while others approved of the decision.

Meanwhile, when the various major powers received word of Zero Wing’s decision to prohibit NPCs from entering its cities, they were amused.

“How bold of Zero Wing! I want to see how it’s going to continue operating its three Guild Cities!”

“While everyone else is frantically recruiting members and thinking about how to keep themselves alive, Zero Wing is chasing people away! It seems Zero Wing has grown arrogant after helping Frost Heaven become one of the twelve reserve Guilds!”

“Now that Silverwing City has taken the initiative to step back in the Orc Empire, it’s a good opportunity for our Guild to grow! Relay my orders immediately! We’ll halve our Guild

Town’s entrance fee! We’ll also lower the membership requirements for our Guild!”

When the various major powers saw Zero Wing driving players away from its cities, they promptly took advantage of this opportunity to increase their market share in the Orc Empire.

In less than half an hour, the number of players entering Zero Wing’s three Guild Cities decreased significantly. Many ordinary players operating in the Orc Empire opted to visit other Guild Towns instead. The income Zero Wing generated from NPCs also fell sharply.

“Guild Leader, this really won’t do. In less than half an hour, our three cities have lost more than 20% of their traffic. At this rate, we would be fortunate to retain even 10% of our usual traffic,” Youlan said after urgently contacting Shi Feng. She felt herself going crazy over this situation.

All of this was money!

As Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose currently weren’t in a suitable state to manage Zero Wing, the Guild’s management was left to Youlan and Liang Jing.

Previously, they still weren't aware of Zero Wing's exact situation. However, after shouldering the two Vice Guild Leaders' responsibilities, they discovered that Zero Wing had always been walking a tightrope. Now, the Guild's financial situation was just barely balanced.

However, if Zero Wing were to lose most of its three cities' income, the Guild would most likely lose the ability to operate normally. After all, the training system in the real world required a lot of energy to operate. Moreover, the Guild had increased its internal member count to 5,000. Thus, the amount of money the Guild spent every day was staggering.

To make matters worse, Zero Wing did not accept the investment of major corporations. If the Guild lost its income of Coins now, it wouldn't take more than a week for the Guild to go bankrupt.

"I understand." Shi Feng nodded and chuckled when he saw Youlan's anxious expression. "But this is only spare change."

"Spare change?" Youlan felt as if she was going to faint.

They were losing hundreds of thousands of Gold Coins per day!

Moreover, the various large Guilds operating in the Orc Empire hadn't been slacking in developing their respective Guild Towns. Although none of them had created a Basic City yet, they did have Advanced Towns. In addition, these Guilds received a lot of funds from their investors. Hence, the facilities their towns had weren't that far from matching Silverwing City's. The main difference was that the security and convenience level in these towns were far from comparable to Silverwing City's.

Shifting his camera angle, Shi Feng smiled and asked, "Can you tell what this building in front of me is?"

The next moment, what appeared on Youlan's screen was a massive, five-story-tall building. High walls surrounded this building, thoroughly isolating it from the outside world. The density of the Mana within the walls was also considerably higher than that of the outside world. Moreover, the building looked the same as the Teleportation Halls found in NPC cities.

"A Teleportation Hall?" Youlan gasped.

"That's right. A Teleportation Hall." Shi Feng nodded. "Moreover, this Teleportation Hall is the same as the ones found in NPC cities. The only difference is that this thing can teleport people to only one designated NPC city."

"But even if it can teleport players to an NPC city, I'm afraid the teleportation fee isn't something ordinary players can afford," Youlan said after calming down.

It was indeed a great convenience for a Guild City to have a Teleportation Hall. That way, players seeking to travel to Silverwing City or NPC cities could do so within a short period.

However, this convenience did not come for free.

The cost of teleporting between countries was incredibly high, ranging from several dozen Silver Coins to several Gold Coins. This was the reason most players opted to travel by Mount or by Airship.

If players were merely using Silverwing City as a teleportation hub, they wouldn't save themselves much trouble. As for teleporting from the Orc Empire to NPC cities, they could use Return Scrolls.



“What you say is correct, but this Teleportation Hall is linked to a somewhat special location,” Shi Feng said, smiling. He fully understood what was going through Youlan’s mind.

“Isn’t the destination an NPC city?” Youlan asked, puzzled. Even if Silverwing City’s Teleportation Hall were connected to an empire’s capital, it wouldn’t be of much help to the current Zero Wing

“The target destination is indeed an NPC city, but this NPC city is somewhat different from others.” Shi Feng nodded. He then added slowly, “You won’t understand even if I explain it to you. The Teleportation Hall is already constructed. Contact Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor and have them send representatives to Silverwing City. Tell them I have a business proposition for them.”

“Are we inviting them over now?” Youlan asked in confusion.

The various superpowers were currently shrinking their spheres of influence, and none of them were having a good time. Even if Shi Feng invited Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor for a discussion, the two Guilds would most likely be incapable of solving Zero Wing’s predicament.

“Yes, right now. I’m afraid this is something Zero Wing will have difficulty monopolizing, so we’ll need some helpers,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

“Guild Leader, what are we going to do?” Youlan couldn’t help asking out of curiosity.

The Zero Wing of today was no longer the same as before. It already possessed incredible strength. Yet, Shi Feng intended to ask two superpowers for help. This was undoubtedly going to be a huge operation. Moreover, he had even chosen such a precarious time to carry it out. Any mistake could easily lead to huge problems for the Guild.

Hearing Youlan's question, Shi Feng chuckled and said casually, "It's nothing. It's just an operation to turn Zero Wing into a true giant in God's Domain!"

## **Chapter 2737 – Wealthy Shi Feng**

Silverwing City, southern district:

On a sparsely populated street, four players wearing Black Cloaks walked slowly into an alleyway. They would also occasionally observe their surroundings to guard against being followed.

After the four of them walked a certain distance into the alleyway and verified that there were indeed no players following them, they breathed out a sigh of relief.

"What is this Black Flame trying to do? Why must we act so secretly and not let others notice us?" a female Guardian Knight with shoulder-length hair demanded in dissatisfaction.

"Blue!" Illusory Words, the Cleric in holy white robes, glared at the female Knight standing beside her. "I made an exception and brought you here this time! You'd best pay attention to your words and actions!"

Blue Gown was the vice commander and lead MT of the main force under Illusory Words's command. She ranked third among the Guild's new talents and was also Illusory Words's confidant, who would succeed Illusory Words as Vice Guild Leader in the future. Unfortunately, Blue Gown had a common

failing, one that plagued all newcomers trained by superpowers-she did not place anyone outside of super-first-rate Guilds and Super Guilds in her eyes.

After Illusory Words's scathing reprimand, the beautiful female Knight dared not continue with her complaints.

"Big Sis Illusory, I won't talk about this anymore, so you mustn't forget to bring me along for future matters," Blue Gown said pitifully.

"Pay attention next time," Illusory Words said as she gave Blue Gown a pampering look. She then turned to Unyielding Soul and Mu Lingsha and said, "I apologize for letting you see such a joke."

"It's normal for newcomers to be a little arrogant. You can't achieve anything if you don't have such arrogance. You don't have to mind us, Vice Guild Leader Illusory," Unyielding Heart said. He had long since gotten used to similar sights.

In any other virtual reality game, being one of the top-ranking newcomers of a super-first-rate Guild was indeed something worth boasting about. After all, a single super-first-rate Guild or Super Guild was more than enough to rule an entire virtual reality game back then. How could the top talents of such Guilds not be a little arrogant?

Hence, it was only natural that these newcomers looked down on up-and-coming Guilds.

However, the situation was different now. At this point, God's Domain was practically a unique existence already—a game that even international corporations poked their hands into. The influence the various powers in God's Domain held was thousands of times greater than what they held in other virtual reality games. One couldn't use common sense to judge the powers operating within the game at all.

Meanwhile, when Blue Gown heard Unyielding Heart's words, although she didn't say anything in response, her eyes held a hint of dissatisfaction.

"However, I wonder why Guild Leader Black Flame called both our Guilds over this time? He even instructed us to keep our visit a secret," Mu Lingsha said.

The current Zero Wing was like the midday sun. Its current problems had a very easy solution: let major corporations invest in the Guild.

So long as Zero Wing possessed sufficient capital and background, maintaining its current sphere of influence would be a piece of cake.

However, Shi Feng did not do so. Instead, he had asked their two Guilds over to discuss business. Mu Lingsha couldn't help her puzzlement over Shi Feng's solution to Zero Wing's current predicament.

"I can't even begin to guess Guild Leader Black Flame's thoughts, but based on his approach this time, I suspect this isn't going to be a simple matter," Illusory Words said, shaking her head.

Shi Feng had brought her too many surprises and miracles. Now, she wouldn't find it surprising if he created another miracle. After all, Zero Wing had even managed to help Frost Heaven secure the sixth reserve seat. "We don't need to guess anymore." Pointing at tall walls some distance ahead, Unyielding Heart said, "That should be the place Guild Leader Black Flame told us about. Let's just head inside and listen to why he called us over."

When Illusory Words and the others saw the walls Unyielding Heart indicated, they were a little surprised. They never thought that the depths of this small alley would conceal such a massive structure.

Although the walls were only around a dozen meters in height, the area they occupied was significant. The enclosure they formed could easily fit a football stadium. Based on the enclosure's size, the building inside should be at the Advanced Construction standard at the very minimum, yet nobody had discovered its existence, even now. When the group of four arrived before the steel gate in one of the tall walls, they were dumbfounded.

Four Level 130-plus Fine-Gold Guards manned the gate. There was even a Level 133, Tier 3 Dark-Gold ranked Great Mage protecting the gate in secret. The level of security was astonishing.

At this stage of the game, if these five NPCs worked together, they could annihilate a 1,000-man team of Tier 3 players.

Moreover, the various large Guilds were treating Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold Guards like precious treasures, showering them with all sorts of resources and ensuring their safety as much as possible. On the other hand, Zero Wing was actually using these precious guards as gatekeepers.

"This is private property. What business do you have here?" a Fine-Gold Guard clad in gray leather armor asked in a hostile tone when he saw Unyielding Heart's group. "We were invited by Guild Leader Black Flame."

Unyielding Heart promptly took out the invitation he received from Zero Wing, which had Zero Wing's Guild Leader's seal to prove its authenticity. "The magical mark is correct." The Tier 3 Assassin clad in leather armor nodded. He then said, "Please follow me."

"Okay."

Unyielding Heart's group then followed the Tier 3 Assassin through the gate.

Upon walking through the entrance, Unyielding Heart and the others gasped automatically.

"A Teleportation Hall?!"

"How is this possible?! Aren't Teleportation Halls restricted to the national level?!"

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Even now, teleportation arrays were incredibly rare items among the superpowers, what more a complete Teleportation Hall. Teleportation Halls might be common in NPC cities, but for Guild Cities, they were priceless treasures that could skyrocket a Guild City into prominence. The world of God's Domain was massive. It took a long time for players to travel to Level 100-plus maps even on Flying Mounts and much longer for players without Flying Mounts.

Many powers and adventurer teams would be willing to break the bank if it meant they could teleport directly to somewhere close to Level 100-plus neutral maps. After all, time represented both money and

opportunities for these people. Unlike ordinary players, they couldn't afford to progress at a leisurely pace.

"So, this is why we were required to come here quietly? How astonishing." Unyielding Heart smiled bitterly as he looked at the Teleportation Hall. "This should be one of the privileges given to Guilds officially recognized by the War God's Temple," Illusory Words said, a hint of envy in her eyes. With such a privilege, developing a Guild City would be a piece of cake. Moreover, Silverwing City possessed an excellent environment and strategic location.

"That's right. This is indeed one of the privileges of an Official Guild."

A voice suddenly entered the ears of Illusory Words and the others, answering the question in their hearts.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, is this Teleportation Hall the important matter you wish to discuss?" Unyielding Heart asked in slight confusion as he pointed at the Teleportation Hall.

A Teleportation Hall was a godly development tool. So long as Zero Wing publicized the existence of its Teleportation Hall, combined with Silverwing City's defenses, Silverwing City would have no problem developing rapidly; Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor's participation wouldn't make a difference in the endeavor. In fact, their two Guilds would want to ask Zero Wing for help instead.

"Yes, but that's not all of it." Shi Feng nodded. He then smiled and said, "There's no point in telling you about it now. Follow me."

After saying so, Shi Feng promptly made his way inside the Teleportation Hall.

After Unyielding Heart, Mu Lingsha, Illusory Words, and Blue Gown exchanged looks, they followed him.

The next moment after the four stepped onto the teleportation array inside the Teleportation Hall, they found themselves inside the Twin Towers Kingdom's Sky Spring City.

At this time, however, Sky Spring City didn't have many players. Over 99% of the city's population consisted of NPCs. When these NPCs saw Unyielding Heart's group, they even began eyeing the group curiously as if they had just encountered some rare creatures.

"Let's go. There are too many people here." After glancing at the NPCs observing them, Shi Feng took out a Tier 3 Group Teleportation Scroll from his bag and activated it.

Before Unyielding Heart and the others could react, they were already over 10,000 yards outside of Sky Spring City.

Afterward, Shi Feng summoned the Thunder Eagle and ferried the group through the air for over half an hour. At the end of their journey, the group arrived at an ancient tower that pierced the clouds. The tower was easily over a thousand meters tall.

"The Secret Covenant Tower?" Illusory Words instantly recognized the ancient tower. Curious, she asked, "Why are we here?" She knew a little about the Twin Towers Kingdom's Secret Covenant Tower.

The Secret Covenant Tower was an excellent leveling ground for players who had yet to reach Level 100. And while there was an entrance fee of one Magic Crystal per person, so long as players didn't die, they could grind inside the tower for as long as they wanted.



Initially, many large Guilds had brought their new members here to increase their levels quickly. Only, after the introduction of several expansion packs, many more leveling spots became available. Since the monsters inside the Secret Covenant Tower didn't drop any good loot, the various powers had opted to power-level their new members elsewhere.

With mainstream players having long since exceeded Level 100, the Secret Covenant Tower was now a thing of the past. "To grow stronger," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "To grow stronger?" Illusory Words was slightly surprised by Shi Feng's words. "But we have long since passed Level 100."

"The current Secret Covenant Tower's limit is no longer Level 100," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Before the major update, the tower's open underground levels were only up to the 18th floor. Back then, the tower was, at best, suitable for players up to Level 99. However, the tower's open underground levels are now up to the 36th floor, and the monsters inside reach up to Level 150."

"Vice Guild Leader Illusory, I'm sure you understand what this means, right?"

When Shi Feng finished speaking, the eyes of Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart lit up with excitement.

Nowadays, due to the large number of NPCs competing for quests and monsters, leveling up had become incredibly troublesome. Yet, levels were what players currently lacked the most.

If, at the cost of one Magic Crystal per person, players could freely grind the crazed monsters inside the Secret Covenant Tower, their leveling speed would be much faster than what they could achieve in the outside world. "Guild Leader Black Flame, do you mean for us to cordon off the Secret Covenant Tower, monopolize it for ourselves, and let our Guild members level up rapidly?" Unyielding Heart asked, a hint of excitement in his voice.

It had originally already been difficult for players to level up past Level 100. With the additional competition from NPCs, the endeavor only became even more challenging. However, if Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor had a way to allow their members to reach Level 120 rapidly and start challenging their Tier 4 Promotion Quests, their Guilds' development speed could surpass the other superpowers by a large margin.

"No, I don't mean to cordon off the Secret Covenant Tower." Shi Feng shook his head.

"Then?" Unyielding Heart prompted, confused by Shi Feng's answer. "I want to thoroughly seal off Sky Spring City!" Shi Feng's eyes gleamed with a manic light at this proclamation. "Aside from the members of our three Guilds, we will prohibit all outsiders from setting foot in Sky Spring City!"

"Cordon off the entire Sky Spring City?" Unyielding Heart was stunned.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, isn't that a little overboard?" Illusory Words asked in confusion. "While the Secret Covenant Tower can indeed provide faster leveling, the manpower required to thoroughly cordon off an NPC city is too much. With the current state of the game, it will be incredibly taxing for our three Guilds to do so."

Due to the NPC population boom, the various superpowers were short on manpower. Meanwhile, even if Sky Spring City was in decline, its player population still exceeded 100,000. The manpower required to chase away all these players from the city was no laughing matter. Not to mention, their three Guilds would also have to station many players in the city long-term.

"If we were doing this only for levels, it would indeed be a waste to cordon off the entire city," Shi Feng said. He then walked to the Secret Covenant Tower, pointed at the second-floor teleportation array that led to the 19th underground floor, and looked at Illusory Words and the others. He then smiled and continued, "But what if the Secret Covenant Tower contains complete Legacies for the various Tier 3 classes?"

## Chapter 2738 – Tripartite Partnership

“Complete Legacies for the various Tier 3 classes?”

Illusory Words, Blue Gown, Unyielding Heart, and Mu Lingsha couldn't help staring at Shi Feng in shock and disbelief.

This was especially true for Crimson Emperor's talented rookie, Blue Gown. She found Shi Feng's words fantastic.

In the current era of God's Domain, the various kingdoms and empires already had a lockdown on Tier 3 Legacies. They treated Tier 3 Legacies as priceless treasures, and outsiders like players shouldn't even think of referring to these Legacies. The only option players had for reaching Tier 3 was to search for the lost and fragmented Tier 3 Legacies hidden in Level 100-plus neutral maps. Yet, Shi Feng was telling them that they could get their hands on complete Tier 3 Legacies. How could she possibly believe this?

“Is what you say true, Guild Leader Black Flame?” Illusory Words had to ask. If the Secret Covenant Tower were only good for providing players with a faster leveling speed, it wouldn't have too significant an impact on a superpower like Crimson Emperor. This was because tiers were everything in God's Domain. Levels were only secondary.

However, the various superpowers were currently already having trouble with the Tier 3 Promotion Quest, let alone the elusive Tier 4 Promotion Quest. In fact, the difficulty of the Tier 3 Promotion was so high that the various superpowers were using the number of Tier 3 players they had as a comparison of strength.

If what Shi Feng said was true, and the Secret Covenant Tower contained complete Tier 3 Legacies, then this was an incredibly astonishing matter! If news of this matter leaked out, it would most likely send the entire God's Domain into an uproar. After all, despite many players having reached Level 100 already, the players that had completed their Tier 3 promotions were still incredibly rare.

If one could get a complete Tier 3 Class Legacy, then completing the promotion quest for the specified class would become significantly easier. This was why NPCs had a much easier time reaching Tier 3 than players. If the difficulty of players' Tier 3 Promotion Quests were reduced, the number of players successfully reaching Tier 3 would definitely skyrocket.

"You can personally verify this matter afterward," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "However, we must first decide whether we will cooperate or not."

"Unyielding Soul will do it!" Unyielding Heart said without hesitation.

"Crimson Emperor naturally won't miss this opportunity, either," Illusory Words said, nodding. However, she then continued worriedly, "But with only our three Guilds, I'm afraid it will still be very difficult to seal off Sky Spring City, let alone concealing the Secret Covenant Tower's true secret." Cordoning off an NPC city was a challenging endeavor, as players could freely teleport into NPC cities. Players like themselves were powerless to prevent this. At most, they could keep players inside the city from leaving through the main gate and kill anyone that insisted on doing so. However, aside from the main gate, players had other means to exit an NPC city. One example would be a Teleportation Scroll like what Shi Feng used. The second problem was the matter of the Secret Covenant Tower containing complete Tier 3 Legacies. If Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor dispatched a lot of manpower to hunt for Legacies, the superpowers' spies planted in their two Guilds would very quickly find out about the secret. At that time, cordoning off Sky Spring City would become even more of a challenge. In fact, it might even become impossible.

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“You can rest assured on this point. Since you agree to cooperate, what follows next is simple,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. He then took out a pale gold token and explained, “This is Sky Spring City’s Guild Token. Zero Wing has already garrisoned Sky Spring City and gained a portion of the city’s management rights.”

“A portion of the city’s management rights?” Illusory Words’s eyes widened in shock as she looked at the Guild Token.

NPCs managed the NPC cities of the various kingdoms and empires. Hence, any Guild that successfully acquired even a small portion of an NPC city’s management rights would have a solid hold over the city. Other Guilds would have no way of wresting control over the city away from the ruling Guild.

In other words, Sky Spring City was already Zero Wing’s possession. “So, this is the privilege an Official Guild receives from garrisoning a city?” Unyielding Heart looked at the token in Shi Feng’s hand with envy. He had to admit that this privilege was truly amazing.

With this privilege, it was only a matter of time before Zero Wing surpassed its rival Guilds.

While a Guild City indeed possessed excellent development potential, NPC cities still dominated the current God’s Domain. Travel between NPC cities was incredibly convenient. Moreover, NPC cities all had Shops and Auction Houses that sold the essentials that the various powers and independent players couldn’t do without.

Thoroughly occupying an NPC city meant acquiring a goldmine with a steady income and no need to manage the city to obtain such significant income. This was something the various superpowers dreamed of having.

“That’s right. This is a privilege for Guilds officially recognized by the War God’s Temple,” Shi Feng said, not bothering to hide the truth. “With this token, I can enact a magic ban over Sky Spring City,

preventing the use of any teleportation tools within it. This way, players can only walk if they wish to exit the city.

“In addition, for the sake of keeping the Secret Covenant Tower’s Tier 3 Legacies a secret, our three Guilds should rely on only our main force members to hunt for the Legacies. To begin with, it’s pointless to have a large number of players hunt for them. Ordinary Tier 3 teams can’t even survive on the lower floors, let alone search for the complete Legacies.

“Of course, it’s impossible to keep this secret forever. However, at this stage of the game, I wish to keep it hidden as long as possible.”

Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart nodded in agreement. They, too, felt that this was the only way they could go about doing things. So long as their Guilds acquired complete Tier 3 Legacies, they would already have a significant lead over the other superpowers. And the longer they could keep this secret hidden, the greater the benefits they could reap from it. “Let’s sign a contract, then,” Shi Feng said as he pulled out two Guild Contracts.

Initially, Shi Feng had wanted to invite the Secret Pavilion as well. However, the Secret Pavilion was a business-oriented Guild and always held itself detached from the struggles between Guilds. If the Secret Pavilion suddenly cordoned off an entire NPC city, it would create a huge commotion. In other words, it would seem quite abnormal.

Hence, Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor were much more suitable for this partnership. After all, the two Guilds were currently in a weakened position. Cordoning off an entire NPC city for the sake of acquiring more resources would be very normal for them. Even if the other superpowers found out that the two Guilds’ objective was the Secret Covenant Tower, the superpowers would, at most, think that the tower provided players with faster leveling.

As for permanently cordoning off Sky Spring City, Shi Feng had never intended to do that.

Zero Wing was in dire need of funds. Cordoning off Sky Spring City to allow the Guild to gain some advantages might be fine in the short term, but sealing off the city forever would be unprofitable. Fortunately, although it would be impossible to earn money off other players and powers while Sky Spring City was cordoned off, the income from Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor would still be considerable.

After all, both Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor had Guild Residences in Silverwing City. Compared to teleporting to Sky Spring City from the NPC cities of other kingdoms and empires, which would cost a minimum of four Gold, it only cost a little over one Gold per person to teleport from Silverwing City. Meanwhile, Zero Wing would get half of the profits generated by Silverwing City's Teleportation Hall.

At that time, Zero Wing would earn a bunch in teleportation fees and entrance fees from Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor. After all, the two Guilds would be sending a lot of players to the Secret Covenant Tower to level up. This income would easily offset the loss Zero Wing suffered from barring NPCs from its Guild Cities.

Nevertheless, raking in money from the two Guilds wasn't a long-term plan, as both Guilds had limited players and Coins. Afterward, Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart signed a Guild Contract with Shi Feng on behalf of their respective Guilds.

The terms of the contract were simple. Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor would help with cordoning off Sky Spring City from the outside. And aside from their main force members, the two Guilds' other members were prohibited from visiting the Secret Covenant Tower's 30th underground floor and beyond until the tower's secret had been discovered.

Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor would also share the Magic Crystal cost of maintaining Sky Spring City's magic ban.

This condition was incredibly disadvantageous for the two Guilds. They were basically contributing both manpower and resources. However, Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words did not voice any opinions

about this condition. After all, Shi Feng had given their two Guilds an opportunity to surpass the other superpowers. Moreover, Zero Wing could still partner with other superpowers. On the other hand, their two Guilds had only Zero Wing.

After the three signed a contract with each other, Illusory Words and the others promptly returned to their respective Guilds to brief their Guild executives. At the same time, they also began making the necessary preparations to cordon off Sky Spring City and send personnel into the Secret Covenant Tower.

This matter was of utmost importance to their two Guilds, so they had no choice but to be incredibly careful in their actions. It would also take some time to fully cordon off Sky Spring City.

Likewise, Shi Feng had Fire Dance, Youlan, and the others prepare for the Secret Covenant Tower.

After seeing that there was nothing left for him to do, he chose to go offline to rest. Although staying logged into the game for more than 24 hours wouldn't cause him any harm, he still had to do his daily exercises.

Zero Wing's headquarters, top-floor lounge:

By the time Shi Feng returned to the real world, the sun outside was already illuminating the entire room. It was close to noon.

"Guild Leader, you're finally out." Liang Jing suddenly contacted Shi Feng. In a slightly joyful tone, she said, "Miss Muxin has been waiting in the reception room for quite some time now. She says she's here to deliver all the things agreed upon previously. Moreover, she is also going to give Zero Wing a 300 million capital injection at no cost."



Three hundred million Credits!

With this much money, Zero Wing could survive for quite some time even without selling Coins for Credits.

“She sure came quickly.” Shi Feng was startled by the speed.

He had anticipated having to wait for a few days. After all, the remuneration Frost Heaven promised Zero Wing was significant. The three Upper Zone reserve slots aside, just the 50 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid should take Frost Heaven quite some time to gather.

“Do you want to meet her now?” Liang Jing asked.

“Of course.” Shi Feng nodded. “Let me clean up first. I’ll head over as soon as I’m done.”

## **Chapter 2739 – Upper Zone**

Zero Wing’s headquarters, top-floor lounge:

After Shi Feng finished tidying up, he made his way to the lounge. Upon entering the room, he noticed two girls sitting by the window and enjoying the scenery outside. Of the two girls, the elder one was Muxin, whom Shi Feng had met quite a few times now. Muxin wore a purple-cyan one-piece dress. Like

the summer sun, she exuded an indescribable warmth. Her aura in the real world was quite unlike the solemn aura she had in God's Domain.

The younger girl, sitting beside Muxin, wore a white sweatshirt and a pair of jeans. Although the younger girl gave off a sense of purity and sassiness, her petite figure only made her look like a little girl pretending to be an adult.

This younger girl was someone else Shi Feng had met in God's Domain before. She was Kerui, Muxin's younger sister.

"Shi Feng, you finally decided to show up. Do you know how long you made us wait here?" Kerui said, her face full of resentment as she looked at Shi Feng.

"Don't listen to her. We didn't wait very long," Muxin said, shaking her head. "My sister and I can also take advantage of this time to relax and appreciate the city scenery in the outside world. And from what I've seen thus far, I have to say that this is quite an enjoyable feeling." Muxin's words confused Shi Feng a little. "Appreciate the outside world's city scenery?"

"Oh, right. I haven't told you about it yet." Noticing the confusion on Shi Feng's face, Muxin smiled faintly and said, "My sister and I have always lived in the Upper Zone, and we very rarely come out from there." "I see." Shi Feng nodded. However, Muxin's answer only served to confuse him further. "Miss Muxin, is there no urban landscape inside the Upper Zone?" All Upper Zones were established in first-tier megacities. Logically, urban landscapes should be very common in such cities. In fact, the scenery these megacities offered should be much more spectacular than what was visible from Zero Wing's headquarters. "You'll understand once you visit the Upper Zone," Muxin said, a friendly smile appearing on her face. "The Upper Zone is different from other places. Although Uncle Hong has given you the reserve slots, you still need to register with the Upper Zone first before you can enter. However, you're probably unfamiliar with the Upper Zone, so Uncle Hong sent me to escort you so that you can avoid any unnecessary troubles."

“That’s right. If you don’t have the guidance of veterans like us, you’ll face a lot of trouble once you enter the Upper Zone,” Kerui said delightedly. “You might even get kicked out of the Upper Zone because of a single mistake.”

Muxin did not refute Kerui’s words.

Looking at Muxin, Shi Feng said, “I’ll have to trouble you, then.”

“It’s no trouble.” Muxin shook her head. She then continued softly, “It is only thanks to you that Frost Heaven has managed to become a reserve Guild.”

After saying so, Muxin picked up the black briefcase beside her seat.

“There are 50 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid here. You should store them well,” Muxin said after opening the briefcase. She then warned, “However, while the S-rank Nutrient Fluid is indeed an excellent product, it’s best to avoid overusing it, as it is still incomplete.”

“It isn’t a finished product?” Shi Feng was surprised by this revelation.

The S-rank Nutrient Fluid was something countless people fought to obtain. Just the fact that it could maintain a person’s youth was already unbelievable. Yet, this drug wasn’t actually a finished product?

“That’s right. It isn’t a finished product, so you should drink as little of it as possible,” Kerui said, nodding. She then continued in a surprisingly soft voice, “As you’re about to enter the Upper Zone, there are some things you are allowed to know now. The S-rank Nutrient Fluid is only a defective

product. However, as it indeed has amazing effects on the human body, the Green God Company sells it in small quantities. Nonetheless, in the Upper Zones, drinking it isn't recommended!"

Muxin nodded in support of Kerui's words.

"Thus far, Kerui and I have drunk only two or three bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids because of special circumstances. Uncle Hong even severely warned us and banned us from drinking more. Uncle Hong isn't someone who would harm us, so you should also be careful when using the S-rank Nutrient Fluid," Muxin said earnestly.

Upon hearing this, Shi Feng couldn't help becoming a little wary of the S-rank Nutrient Fluid. He then said, "I understand. I'll have my people drink as little of it as possible."

If even the Upper Zone advised its residents against drinking the S-rank Nutrient Fluid, then there were definitely problems with this product. However, as to what exactly these problems were, most likely, only a small number of people knew.

Fortunately, aside from himself, everyone else in the Guild hadn't consumed a significant amount of S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

"Now that our matters here are settled..." Since her elder sister had already transferred the S-rank Nutrient Fluids to Shi Feng, Kerui said excitedly, "Let's go to the Upper Zone!"

"We're going there now?" Shi Feng was a little stunned.

The Upper Zones were established only in certain first-tier cities, which were several hours of flight away. At this time, half the day had gone by already. "Of course. We have a supersonic jet ready," Kerui

said nonchalantly. "If we miss today's opportunity, it'll be very troublesome to schedule another appointment."

"Kerui is right. Although Uncle Hong has given you the status required to enter the Upper Zone, entering it isn't easy. Since our matters here have been concluded, we should head over immediately," Muxin said in agreement. "Okay. I'll make some arrangements here and go with you afterward," Shi Feng said without much hesitation.

After all, he, too, wanted to visit the Upper Zone. Not to mention, Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose's situation wasn't exactly optimistic. If left alone for too long, they might even fall into a coma.

Moreover, during his previous life, the Upper Zone was a place that even the executives of the various super-first-rate Guilds and first-rate Guilds yearned to live in. As for the Guild Leader of a second-rate Guild like himself, visiting the Upper Zone was something he never even dared to dream about.

Muxin being willing to escort him to an Upper Zone was naturally to his advantage.

After Shi Feng passed on his Guild affairs to Liang Jing, he went to the airport with Muxin and Kerui.

During their journey, Shi Feng had to admit that the Boulder Corporation was indeed wealthy and influential. With the corporation's private supersonic jet, a trip that should've originally taken several hours on an ordinary airplane was completed in just one hour.

At the end of the flight, the trio found themselves in Yuantian City, one of only three first-tier megacities within the country to house an Upper Zone.

While crossing the city districts on a high-class maglev train, Shi Feng couldn't help lamenting ruefully.

As a megacity with a population of more than 100 million, Yuantian City far outstripped other cities in terms of prosperity. It was also one of the cities Shi Feng had always wished to develop Zero Wing in, as it had many important resources rarely found in the outside world.

In fact, almost all super-first-rate Guilds and Super Guilds operating in the virtual gaming industry had their headquarters in cities hosting an Upper Zone. This was because the Upper Zones would occasionally release some of its resources to the outside world. The various corporations based in the megacities hosting the Upper Zones would quickly divide these resources among themselves, and very rarely would any of these resources leave the city limits.

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that only corporations that had set roots in an Upper Zone city could be considered a truly top-tier corporation. The road before Zero Wing was still very long. Meanwhile, after traveling inside the city for close to an hour and passing through many tunnels, Muxin parked the car in a vast area surrounded by steel walls. She then pointed at a huge door nearby and said, "We're here." After saying so, Muxin got out of the car and led Shi Feng to the huge door.

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"The Upper Zone is beyond this thing?" Shi Feng was amazed as he took in the 50-meter-tall stone door and the energy walls that enveloped the space above the enclosure.

In his previous life, he had only ever heard about the Upper Zone, and the information hadn't been much. Now that he was looking at one himself, he could only describe the Upper Zone as a titanic building made entirely of steel.

"Let's go in," Kerui said to Shi Feng. As she pointed at the passageway underneath the huge door and a line of several dozen people entering it, she beamed at him and continued, "However, you have to be careful once you enter."

“Is there something special about it?” Shi Feng asked, confused.

“You’ll understand once you go in,” Kerui said, her smile growing even brighter when she saw the confusion on Shi Feng’s face. “However, you’d best be mentally prepared. Once you go inside, you won’t have a chance to return to your own world.”

Afterward, Kerui stopped speaking and walked toward the passageway. Muxin had remained silent all the while.

However, after a moment, Muxin took a deep breath and looked at Shi Feng. She then said earnestly, “Although Kerui is right, there are unimaginable opportunities available in the Upper Zone. If you can prosper inside, even the various international corporations will have to treat you with respect.

“Anyway, time is almost up. Let’s enter, as well!”

## **Chapter 2740 – Mental Path**

Shi Feng also deeply agreed with Muxin’s reminder. In fact, he had a much better understanding than Muxin and Kerui did of how special and different the Upper Zone was, compared to the outside world.

In his previous life, aside from the various powers of God’s Domain, any expert that successfully reached Tier 5 would, for some reason, yearn to enter the Upper Zone. Their yearning could even be described as fanaticism. That kind of fanaticism wasn’t something Muxin and Kerui could understand.

Back then, those people were truly willing to risk their lives to enter the Upper Zone. Extending one's lifespan by living in the Upper Zone was indeed a very tempting matter. In fact, it was something even the various major corporations would fight desperately to obtain. However, back then, Shi Feng could tell that those Tier 5 experts weren't risking their lives just to extend their lifespans. Instead, it was as if something in the Upper Zone was attracting experts of such caliber.

Thus, many Tier 5 experts and even Tier 6 God-ranked experts in God's Domain had abruptly gone missing, their fate unknown.

One of the most well-known people among those who disappeared was Violet Cloud.

As a Tier 6 Cleric God, Violet Cloud had been an existence even the various Super Guilds had a headache dealing with. In the past, in order to enter the Upper Zone, Violet Cloud had agreed to the harsh conditions of a Super Guild. After completing these conditions, she had entered the Upper Zone.

However, she had also disappeared from God's Domain from then on.

Hence, whether it was Kerui's warning or Muxin's reminder, Shi Feng still wished to take a look at what exactly the Upper Zone was.

When Shi Feng arrived before the entrance of the dark passageway, there were already several dozen people lined up there. These people were equally split between genders, and none of them looked to be over 20 years old, with the youngest one looking to be only 16 years old. Meanwhile, despite the arrival of beauties like Muxin and Kerui, these people practically ignored the two. Instead, they all focused on Shi Feng, who was wearing casual sportswear.

"Another newcomer arrived."



“Judging by his appearance, he didn’t come prepared at all. He’s definitely another one of those despicable bastards that got in through connections!”

“Shh, don’t let him hear you. We can’t afford to offend such people.”

When Shi Feng overheard the conversation of the teenage boys and girls with his sharp senses, he was rather baffled. Meanwhile, Kerui, who stood beside Shi Feng, nearly laughed at his situation but managed to restrain herself in the end. However, her lips still formed a shallow arc.

“You don’t need to mind them,” Muxin said to Shi Feng as she glanced at the teenagers. “They’re here to participate in the assessment for entering the Upper Zone.” “Assessment for entering the Upper Zone?” Shi Feng was slightly surprised.

This was his first time to hear of this. As far as he knew, the only reliable way for an outsider without connections to enter the Upper Zone was through recruitment by the Green God Company as a talent.

“Mhm. Unlike what you would expect, the Upper Zone isn’t limited to just people with authority,” Muxin explained. “The Upper Zone is also where the Green God Company nurtures its internal talents. These youngsters are all talents who have passed the Green God Company’s preliminary tests. So long as they pass this assessment, they will also gain entry into the Upper Zone.

“However, this assessment is only available to talents under the age of 20. Talents past this age can only work outside. As for the assessment’s content, it is simply to get through this passageway and enter the Upper Zone.”

“Pass through this passageway?” Shi Feng asked in confusion as he pointed at the dark tunnel ahead. “That’s right. This passage is nicknamed the Mental Path, and it tests and tempers a person’s mental strength. The Mental Path is normally closed, so it doesn’t have any significant effect on people. However, when the Mental Path is activated, only three to five people get through it every year; very few among those who participate in the Green God Company’s test actually pass it,” Muxin said, nodding. “However, so long as one passes the test, not only will they receive priority training from the Green God Company, but they will also receive a significant reward.”

Kerui nodded in agreement with Muxin’s words. She then said pridefully to Shi Feng, “I passed this Mental Path last year. Big Sis is even more of a genius, and she passed it at the age of 15. She caused quite a sensation in Yuantian City’s Upper Zone back then.” While Muxin was giving Shi Feng an explanation, a young man walked out of the passageway. This man wore a tight-fitting T-shirt that thoroughly revealed his skeletal structure and muscles. His physique was elegant and full of power, like a cheetah’s. However, despite his apparent youth, his aura suggested that he had experienced the vicissitudes of life. It was evident he wasn’t as young as he looked.

Upon noticing this man’s arrival, the teenagers, Muxin, and Kerui promptly tensed up.

“Huh? Another newcomer?” The young man was slightly surprised when his gaze fell on Shi Feng.

“Supervisor Luo, you misunderstand. He is here to register. He’s not an examinee,” Muxin explained.

“Oh, so Hong Xinyuan gave his reserve slot to him?” Suddenly, a trace of disgust flashed in the young man’s eyes as he took a second glance at Shi Feng. “What a lucky kid. However, the Green God Company is conducting an assessment today. If you want to enter, you’ll have to go with these youngsters. I don’t have the time to shut down the passageway again.” Muxin frowned when she heard the young man’s words.

It was no secret that Luo Hanbing and Hong Xinyuan were rivals in the Upper Zone. However, she never thought that Luo Hanbing would use this opportunity to publicly retaliate against Hong Xinyuan.

One needed to make an appointment to register with the Upper Zone. Normally, waiting several months for an appointment wouldn't be strange. This time, it was only thanks to Hong Xinyuan's connections that Shi Feng could get registered so soon.

However, if he didn't register today, he would have to wait for several months for another opportunity to do so.

Meanwhile, those unregistered with the Upper Zone wouldn't be able to live there.

"Supervisor Luo, he is someone with a reserve slot. He has the right to freely enter the Upper Zone!" Muxin said in a low tone to express her dissatisfaction.

"I never said I was stopping him from entering," Luo Hanbing sneered. "He can enter whenever he wants. If he can't enter now, he can just enter tomorrow."

As soon as Luo Hanbing finished speaking, the teenage examinees nearby nodded in agreement.

"That's right. The passageway is always open. Since he already has identification in the Upper Zone, can't he enter whenever he wants?"

"Supervisor Luo is right. If he can't enter now, he can just enter tomorrow. Why must he compete with newcomers like us?"

The teenage newcomers instinctively despised people who entered the Upper Zone through connections. After all, they had gone through great difficulties to reach this point. They even had to walk

through the activated Mental Path to secure identification in the Upper Zone. In comparison, Shi Feng could obtain identification without having to do anything. He made their efforts look like a joke. Kerui also couldn't help glaring at the supervisor surnamed Luo. She then whispered to Muxin, saying, "Big Sis, why don't we come back at another date? That bastard clearly won't let us in today."

As one of the Upper Zone's supervisors, Luo Hanbing wielded greater authority in the Upper Zone than Hong Xinyuan. Even if they reported this matter to their uncle, they wouldn't be able to do anything about this situation. After all, Luo Hanbing's actions were not completely unreasonable.

"Alright, if you don't want to enter, don't get in the way," Luo Hanbing said impatiently. "The newcomer assessment this time is very important. If it gets delayed, even Hong Xinyuan won't be able to bear the consequences!"

"You..."

However, just as Muxin wanted to say something, a voice suddenly entered everyone's ears. "Supervisor Luo, so we can enter right away?"

The owner of this voice was none other than Shi Feng, who had remained silent all this time.

"Shi Feng?"

Muxin stared at Shi Feng in stupefaction. She never thought Shi Feng would actually consider challenging the Mental Path.

Let alone Muxin, even Luo Hanbing and the others were surprised.

“Kid, it seems you’re quite bold,” Luo Hanbing said as he looked at Shi Feng. Chuckling, he continued, “Go on in, then. However, let me give you a warning. You’re not an examinee, so even if you lose consciousness inside, nobody will come to rescue you. If you stay inside for too long, it wouldn’t be strange if you end up hospitalized for a few months.”

“Don’t mess around, Shi Feng. The Mental Path has a limit. It’s several times more difficult for those over the age of 20. This is why the Green God Company has set the assessment’s age limit at below 20 years old,” Muxin said hurriedly. Not many people knew this, but the Green God Company had previously allowed people over 20 years old but under 25 years old to participate in the assessment as well. However, not a single person from this age group had managed to pass the assessment. As a result, the company limited the assessment to only people under the age of 20.

Meanwhile, Luo Hanbing also knew this point, which was why he was certain they wouldn’t be able to enter the Upper Zone today.

“Relax. If it doesn’t work out, I’ll give up and come back immediately,” Shi Feng assured, chuckling.

Tests of mental strength were considered fortuitous opportunities in God’s Domain. After all, the Promotion Quests for Tier 4 and above set an incredibly high requirement for players’ mental strength.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng’s Concentration had reached the Tier 4 standard, he had hit a bottleneck and failed to make further progress.

With such an opportunity before him, he naturally had to give it a try.

After saying so, Shi Feng walked straight into the dark tunnel, leaving behind Muxin, who remained in a daze.

“Alright, you newcomers head in, as well. Remember, you have only one hour!”

At Luo Hanbing’s words, the newcomers promptly took deep breaths. Only after adjusting their mental state to its peak condition did they enter the passageway one after another.

“Big Sis, what should we do?” Kerui was also at a loss in this situation.

She never thought Shi Feng would be so courageous. Previously, when she told Shi Feng to be careful when he entered the Upper Zone, she meant for him to be careful of the Mental Path. After all, even when inactive, the Mental Path significantly affected people older than 20. If he wasn’t careful, he might end up fainting. Yet, now, Shi Feng was walking straight into the fully activated Mental Path.

“The Mental Path is too dangerous for me,” Muxin said anxiously. After giving the matter some thought, she said, “You should go after him. If it looks like he can’t hold on any longer, bring him back immediately.”

“Hah... What a troublesome guy. Does he think he is still in God’s Domain?” Kerui grumbled somewhat unhappily.

However, in consideration of the overall situation, Kerui still entered the passageway.