

## Chapter 2741 – Steel Mind

Inside the dark passageway, Shi Feng walked for five minutes before he finally arrived at a brightly lit hall.

The hall was the size of a basketball court and undecorated. The fluorescence from the walls brightly illuminated the entire hall. When walking into this hall, Shi Feng felt as if he had just entered a white space.

Is that the Mental Path they were talking about?

Shi Feng was slightly stunned when he saw the staircase leading downward at the other end of the hall.

The reason for his surprise was the niggling feeling of familiarity this staircase gave him, yet he couldn't remember where he had seen it before.

The staircase was made entirely of white, jade-like stones. It evoked a sense of sanctity and comfort that resembled the winter sun and the summer breeze. Moreover, this sensation grew increasingly stronger, the closer he got to the staircase. He even had the urge to dash toward it.

The moment Shi Feng set foot on the white staircase, an indescribable comfort spread throughout his body. For a moment, he felt as if he had been reborn.

However, immediately afterward, he felt as if someone had just smashed a hammer straight into his brain. His thoughts became paralyzed momentarily, and he felt as if his soul was about to leave his body. He even staggered as he briefly lost control over his body.

So, this is the Mental Path? After backing up into the hall, Shi Feng stared at the white staircase in disbelief. The strength of its mental assaults is even more frightening than Lightforged City's Divine Statues. No wonder the Green God Company set the age limit to below 20!

If the Divine Will of Lightforged City's Divine Statues were equated to a storm that attacked one's whole body, then the white staircase's mental assault was a hammer that struck accurately and ruthlessly at the deepest part of one's brain.

The penetrative power of the white staircase's mental assault was far above that of the Divine Will.

During the time Shi Feng was marveling at the staircase's mental assault, the Green God Company's newcomers had entered the hall one after another.

"That person is still here, as expected."

"Of course. Does he think the Mental Path is so easy to traverse? If it were that easy, there wouldn't only be three to five people gaining identification in the Upper Zone every year, but thousands instead."

"I wonder how far I can get this time?"

When the newcomers saw Shi Feng standing idly before the Mental Path, they didn't find his reaction surprising at all.

When they first set foot on the white staircase, they, too, had been shocked by its power. Moreover, the staircase's mental assault truly hurt. It hurt so badly that they couldn't even scream.

If possible, they wouldn't want to experience such a feeling a second time.

"However, someone among the new arrivals this time might actually make it through," a 19-year-old girl in white clothes said. Looking at the white staircase, she sighed ruefully and continued, "In comparison, this is my last chance. If I don't get through this time, I can only mingle in the city."

"You're talking about that special enrollment, right?" a long-haired girl of similar age said as she looked at a 17-year-old boy with short hair nearby. "How frustrating! The company recruited him just a few months ago, yet he can already participate in the assessment. The company's executives have a high opinion of him. It really makes you wonder if his head is made of stone. He actually shows no reaction to the mental assaults."

"Who else?" the white-shirted girl retorted. When she looked at the skinny, short-haired boy, indescribable envy filled her eyes. "If I had half his talent, I might be able to pass the assessment this time."

"People like him are bound to become internal members of the company. His looks are fine too." Licking her lips, the long-haired girl said, "I heard he still doesn't have a girlfriend. If we seize this opportunity, we might have a chance to enter the Upper Zone as well."

As the two girls whispered to each other, the skinny boy—the boy in question—stepped onto the white staircase.

The next moment, the boy descended the staircase one step after another at a uniform speed. From beginning to end, he showed no response to the staircase's mental assaults. It was as if the mental assaults didn't even exist.

The boy's calm performance immediately took the breaths of the newcomers inside the hall.

"No way! He really isn't reacting at all!"

"Is his brain made of metal?"

When the lanky youth remained unfazed even after descending over a hundred meters, both the newcomers in the hall and Shi Feng couldn't help their surprise. With such a performance, his Concentration standard should be at Tier 4 already.

Shi Feng already had a clear grasp of the white staircase's mental assaults. If the mental assault he suffered were several times weaker, it would roughly match the Divine Statues' mental assault.

However, the short-haired boy actually remained unfazed by such a mental assault. This showed that the mental assault's intensity was well within the limit of the boy's mental fortitude.

Even Violet Cloud did not possess such frightening mental fortitude. "Hehe. Shocked, right?" Kerui, who had just arrived in the hall, giggled as she looked at the short-haired youth's departing back. "I already told you to be careful. This Mental Path isn't as simple as you think it is. As for that boy you saw, he's Yan Wuming, a peerless talent the Green God Company went to great lengths to discover. The company considers him the best talent of the past few decades. Even my elder sister is far behind him."

"Yan Wuming?" Shi Feng suddenly recalled something. "He is that Yan Wuming?"

“That’s right. He’s Yan Wuming. What’s the matter?” Kerui was confused as she looked at Shi Feng’s surprised expression.

I see. So that’s why his Concentration standard is so high. Shi Feng chuckled.

Everyone in God’s Domain had known Yan Wuming’s nickname in the past.

Invincible Swallow!

He was a master among magical classes, and he could cast Spells as easily as speaking. He was an overlord of magic, and he had fought countless PvP battles without suffering defeat during his career in God’s Domain. Even the old monsters of the various Super Guilds couldn’t last more than three exchanges against him.

When Invincible Swallow was at his peak, only Tier 6 God-ranked experts, who were one tier above him, stood a chance against him. Only, the number of Tier 6 God-ranked experts in the game at that time could still be counted on the fingers of one hand. Moreover, all of them were incredibly elusive, and finding even one was a challenging task, let alone dueling one.

Meanwhile, after Invincible Swallow reached Tier 6, he suddenly disappeared without a trace. Nobody knew the reason for his disappearance, either.

Invincible Swallow’s disappearance had caused a great commotion back then. Rumor had it that even the Green God Company had frantically searched for him. However, he remained missing.

This is interesting.

Shi Feng never thought that he would actually meet the legendary Invincible Swallow here today.

“You’re not thinking of challenging the Mental Path, are you?” Kerui was stunned when she saw Shi Feng’s mood suddenly brightening. She had a strong suspicion that the Mental Path had driven Shi Feng crazy. “Challenge?” Shi Feng shook his head. “I don’t plan on challenging it. I just plan to take a look inside the Upper Zone.” “Is there a difference?” Kerui was a little puzzled.

If Shi Feng didn’t cross the Mental Path today, he shouldn’t even think of entering the Upper Zone.

“Of course, there is.” Taking a deep breath, Shi Feng said, “It means I don’t intend to bear the mental assaults anymore.”

“???” Kerui grew even more confused.

Were mental assaults something one could avoid confronting just because one wished it?

However, Shi Feng did not make any additional explanations. He immediately stepped onto the white staircase.

Previously, he had used a trick to absorb the Divine Will of the Divine Statues to improve his Concentration. This time, he also planned to use a similar trick. Only, the white staircase’s mental assault had also given him some new ideas.

And that was how to enhance his mental control.

Since the white staircase's mental assaults possessed great penetrative power, he would gather all his focus into a single point instead of elevating his control over his whole body. He would turn his mind into steel and defend only the deepest part of his brain.

The next moment, Shi Feng took his first step on the white staircase and paused. However, unlike before, his expression did not change at all. There was no dissonance in his body, either. He simply stood there quietly.

Success! Shi Feng's eyes widened in delight. However, this state also deprives me of all control over my body. It seems that I still have to retain a small part of my focus to control my body and concentrate the rest on shielding my mind from these mental assaults. Afterward, Shi Feng took another step forward.

Clang!

A faint jangle echoed in Shi Feng's mind. However, not only did the hammer-like mental assault fail to shake the depths of his mind, but his body didn't even twitch in the slightest.

It works, but adapting to this state isn't going to be easy.

Shi Feng couldn't help smiling bitterly at the heaviness of his body.

This was his first time using only a small amount of mental power to control his body. Right now, he felt as if he was hovering between consciousness and unconsciousness. His body also felt incredibly ponderous.

However, after taking several steps, Shi Feng began to have a better grasp of this state.

Meanwhile, from an outsider's perspective, Shi Feng looked as if he was descending an ordinary staircase. He showed no reaction whatsoever to the white staircase's mental assaults. Moreover, his speed of descent was even increasing as time passed. In less than a minute, Shi Feng overtook Yan Wuming. The distance between the two even kept growing afterward.

How is this possible?!

Kerui's eyes nearly fell out of their sockets when she saw Shi Feng practically flying down the staircase. Is he immune to the mental assaults, similar to how Yan Wuming is?

As for the other newcomers in the hall, they were even more dumbfounded by this situation. None of them dared believe their eyes.

In the end, Shi Feng spent less than 15 minutes traversing the Mental Path. When he reached the goal, melodious bells rang and echoed throughout the Upper Zone.

## **Chapter 2742 – Grade 1 Authority**

Upper Zone, outside the Mental Path:



Upon hearing the peal of melodious bells, both Luo Hanbing and Muxin revealed surprised looks on their faces.

It's been less than 20 minutes since they went inside, yet someone's already passed the assessment? Muxin's surprise at the sound of the bell was inevitable.

The Mental Path was an incredibly important aspect of the Upper Zone. Whenever someone successfully passed the activated Mental Path, bells would be rung to notify everyone in the Upper Zone of the achievement.

The Mental Path's bells' peal proved that someone had cleared it already. However, the speed at which they cleared it was simply unbelievable.

Usually, it would take a person over 30 minutes to traverse the Mental Path. After all, the staircase's length wasn't exactly short. Even a person walking at a normal pace would take 30 minutes to descend it. Not to mention, every step a person took on the Mental Path would trigger an intense mental assault. Good! Good! A clear time of less than 20 minutes! It seems the higher-ups were right about that kid! He really is a monster! Luo Hanbing grinned in satisfaction. The price I paid to become the guide for this assessment was truly worth it!

As the invigilator for the assessment, the more excellent the newcomers that appeared under his watch, the higher his evaluation with the higher-ups. Moreover, as the guide for the assessment qualifiers, he would have a much easier time recruiting the qualified newcomers. If he could rope a peerless genius like Yan Wuming to his side, his status in Yuantian City's Upper Zone would also rise.

Meanwhile, Muxin, who similarly realized this matter, revealed an ugly expression on her face.

If Luo Hanbing enlisted a mental monster like Yan Wuming to his side, his status in the Upper Zone would most likely surpass Hong Xinyuan's.

After a few more minutes went by, the Mental Path's bells rang once more.

Another person passed? Muxin was stunned when she heard the bells. Simultaneously, her complexion darkened even further.

The bells of Yuantian City's Upper Zone rang only a handful of times each year. Yet, the bells had rung twice today. This was a situation that didn't occur even once in a decade.

Yet, Luo Hanbing had actually chanced upon this day.

"Hahaha! Amazing! The newcomers this time are truly amazing!" Luo Hanbing burst into laughter. He then glanced at Muxin and said, "Muxin, you're one of the famous geniuses in Yuantian City's Upper Zone. You won't have a future if you keep following Old Hong. How about you join me? You might even raise your mental strength by a rank in the next one or two years if you join me. At that time, your authority in the Upper Zone will also be elevated to Grade 1."

"Thank you for your offer, Supervisor Luo, but I'm doing very well following Uncle Hong. I believe it won't be long before I raise my authority to Grade 1." Muxin rejected Luo Hanbing's offer without hesitation.

Luo Hanbing was not at all surprised by Muxin's refusal. He said nonchalantly, "Once behind, always behind. I hope you don't regret your decision today."

What the Upper Zone prioritized the most was a person's mental strength. In fact, mental strength determined a person's status in the Upper Zone. The stronger one's mental strength, the greater the authority one would enjoy in the Upper Zone; hence the more the resources one could obtain.

However, developing one's mental state was incredibly difficult. Moreover, the older one became, the slower one's growth would be.

Take Muxin, for example. She had cleared the Mental Path at the age of 15. Back then, she was judged to possess advanced mental strength. However, as she wasn't an internal member of the Green God Company, she was only granted Grade 2 authority, which was one level lower than that of internal members with the same mental strength standard.

Back then, the other individuals unaffiliated with the Green God Company who had passed the Mental Path had been granted only Grade 3 authority.

Unfortunately, even after so many years, Muxin's mental strength had not improved by much. As a result, she remained at Grade 2 authority even today.

However, if Muxin could improve herself and reach Grade 1 authority, her status in the Upper Zone would undergo a qualitative transformation.

Fewer than 200 people held Grade 1 authority in Yuantian City's Upper Zone. Even Luo Hanbing, a supervisor in the Upper Zone, only held Advanced Rank authority, one rank higher than Grade 1 authority.

After that exchange, Luo Hanbing stopped speaking to Muxin.

In Luo Hanbing's opinion, Muxin was basically deadwood. With Hong Xinyuan's meager resources, let alone raising Muxin's mental strength standard, even helping Kerui, Muxin's little sister, to the Grade 2 standard would be challenging. Following which, time passed quickly.

Why haven't they returned yet? Did something happen to Kerui? Muxin looked at the time nervously.

While Kerui wasn't immune to the Mental Path's effects, with her past experiences, she shouldn't have any problem dealing with the mental assaults anymore. The pain inflicted by the mental assaults should be well within her range of tolerance.

"It's been almost an hour now, yet they still haven't come out. They must've met with an accident," Luo Hanbing said as he glanced at his watch. Sneering, he continued, "I warned him that he'd get hospitalized if he wasn't careful. Youngsters nowadays really don't know how to listen to advice. It's a pity, but they'll have to stay in there for a few hours."

Did something really happen? Muxin's complexion turned pallid.

The Mental Path's activation and deactivation processes were very tedious. Even someone with special privileges would need two or three hours to power it down.

If Shi Feng and Kerui collapsed and remained in the Mental Path for such a long period, they would be fortunate to get away with just one month of hospitalization. If their condition was serious, they might end up with their future progress cut short.

Just when a wave of panic overwhelmed Muxin, the quantum watch on her wrist suddenly rang, notifying her of a call. Meanwhile, the caller was none other than Kerui.

“Kerui, what’s the situation on your side?” Muxin couldn’t help getting angry when she saw Kerui’s face on the screen. “Why haven’t you come out yet?” “Sis! That’s not important anymore! A major event happened on the Mental Path!” Kerui said excitedly.

“A major event? What is it? Are you talking about the two that passed the Mental Path?” Muxin couldn’t help feeling frustrated at Kerui’s words. She couldn’t believe her little sister was in the mood to care about incidental matters in this situation.

“Yes, Shi Feng actually passed the Mental Path!” Kerui said, her eyes filled with excitement. “Everyone in the hall got a shock! Afterward, I had to hurry through to get to the communication area. I’m dead tired after that trip.”

“Shi Feng...passed the Mental Path?” Muxin suddenly felt that her brain was somewhat lacking in processing power.

Shi Feng was undoubtedly over 20. Meanwhile, in the history of Yuantian City’s Upper Zone, no one past the age of 20 and under the age of 25 had ever managed to conquer the Mental Path.

“Mhm. I knew you wouldn’t believe me. Here, take a look for yourself. He’s here with me,” Kerui said as she adjusted the camera angle to capture Shi Feng, as well as Yan Wuming, who was glaring at Shi Feng with eyes brimming with fighting spirit. “Bye-bye! We’re going to enter the Upper Zone now.”

After Kerui finished speaking, she promptly disconnected the call, leaving her elder sister in a daze.

Impossible! Luo Hanbing was dumbfounded when he overheard Muxin and Kerui’s conversation. That kid is already over 20! How can he possibly get through the Mental Path?!

No sooner had Luo Hanbing thought this than a notice popped up on his quantum watch.

The next moment, his quantum watch projected a holographic table containing the data of the Mental Path's qualifiers this time.

1st – Shi Feng

Clear time: 13 minutes 41 seconds

Age: Under 25 years old

Affiliation: Non-member

Mental Strength Appraisal: Special Grade

Upper Zone Authority: Grade 1

2nd – Yan Wuming

Clear time: 18 minutes 33 seconds

Age: Under 20 years old

Affiliation: Internal Member

Mental Strength Appraisal: Advanced Grade

Upper Zone Authority: Grade 1

Special Grade?!

Muxin was dumbfounded when she saw the tabulated data.

Although Shi Feng's performance in God's Domain was indeed astonishing, she never imagined his mental strength would be equally astonishing

Special Grade!

This was a mental strength she was striving to attain. However, no matter how much effort she put in, she remained far from reaching this standard. At some point, she had even begun losing hope of further progress.

Dammit! How could this be? Luo Hanbing's face turned ashen when he saw the results. He had inadvertently offended a monster. Moreover, Shi Feng evidently had deep ties with Hong Xinyuan.

Meanwhile, inside the Mental Path's innermost section, Shi Feng and the others were riding a platform descending deep into the ground.

The gravity here is getting stronger?

Shi Feng discovered that as he got deeper into the tunnel, the gravity his body experienced intensified. In less than ten minutes riding the platform, the gravity he experienced had already doubled.

After the moving platform exited the tunnel, Shi Feng was immediately dumbfounded.

However, his surprise wasn't just because the gravity here was three times stronger than that of the outside world.

Instead, it was because there was actually a levitating mountain beyond the tunnel. This mountain's radius exceeded ten kilometers, and there were several levitating escalators leading up to this mountain.

Many tall buildings stood on this levitating mountain. Clouds and mist shrouded its peak, preventing anyone from catching a clear glimpse of it. Overall, the mountain looked like a paradise on Earth.

"Well? Stunned, right?!" The shocked expression on Shi Feng's face delighted Kerui. "Anyone visiting the Upper Zone for the first time would never think that the Upper Zone would be underground, much less there being such an unimaginably huge space deep underground."

"Indeed, it is incredible," Shi Feng admitted. He had never heard of or seen such a unique space before. It was no wonder those who knew of the Upper Zone's specifics would be so desperate to live here. Just



breathing the air here gave him a refreshing feeling. If he could reside here long-term, achieving longevity indeed wouldn't be a dream.

When Kerui saw that the moving platform had stopped at the foot of the mountain, she promptly opened the platform's gate and stepped off the platform.

However, when she saw that Shi Feng remained standing idly on the platform, she urged him excitedly, "Quick! You have Grade 1 authority now! Let's go to the registration office and take a look! There might be some good rewards waiting for you!"

## **Chapter 2743 – Astonishing Upper Zone**

Shi Feng was curious about the Upper Zone. Hence, he did not hesitate to respond to Kerui's urging. However, just as he was about to step off the platform, a voice came from behind him.

"Wait a minute!"

The owner of this voice was none other than the short-haired youth, Yan Wuming.

"What do you want?" Shi Feng asked, puzzled.

Shi Feng was relatively curious about Yan Wuming's existence, as well. In the past, Yan Wuming had been a high and mighty existence in God's Domain, like a god of war that overlooked all life. Yet, now, he was only a young boy—a boy whose eyes blazed with intense fighting spirit as he looked at Shi Feng.

“What’s your name?” Yan Wuming asked.

“Shi Feng,” Shi Feng responded curtly.

“Shi Feng? I’ll remember that!” Yan Wuming silently repeated Shi Feng’s name in his mind several times. He then looked at Shi Feng and said earnestly, “Although I lost to you in the mental strength competition today, I will quickly reach the Special Grade standard. I will challenge you again at that time!”

“Challenge me?” Shi Feng chuckled. He then shook his head and said, “I’m afraid I don’t have that kind of time. I’m a busy person.”

Shi Feng did not lie to the boy. He had to not only resolve Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose’s problem but also attend to plenty of Guild affairs as well as quests awaiting completion.

Previously, he had still lacked strength. However, now that he had reached Tier 4, there were many problems he could begin tackling.

Hence, he did not have time for Yan Wuming’s challenge.

“This isn’t up to you!” Yan Wuming ignored Shi Feng’s thoughts. In a sonorous and forceful tone, he said, “One of my goals is to be number one in Yuantian City’s Upper Zone, and you’re my first obstacle. Only after defeating you can I get closer to my goal!” “It seems you like challenges.” Shi Feng wasn’t particularly surprised at Yan Wuming’s declaration. After giving the matter some thought, he said, “How about this? I’ll give you one chance to challenge me. So long as you meet my condition, you can challenge me at any time. What do you think?”

“Say it,” Yan Wuming said confidently.

“Do you play God’s Domain?” Shi Feng asked.

“I’ve been playing it for some time now.” Looking at Shi Feng strangely, Yan Wuming asked, “Are you telling me to defeat you in God’s Domain?”

Kerui, who stood nearby, heard Yan Wuming’s words and couldn’t help snickering.

“You must be confident in yourself, huh? Do you even know who he is? You want to defeat him in God’s Domain?” Kerui scoffed at Yan Wuming.

“No matter who he is, I will win!”

Yan Wuming did not waver in the slightest. Although he started having some doubts about Shi Feng’s identity, these were all trivial matters. What was most important to him was defeating Shi Feng.

“No, you misunderstand.” Shi Feng chuckled. “I’m not requiring you to defeat me in God’s Domain. You just need to beat a friend of mine.”

“Sure.” Yan Wuming nodded. “Tell me their name. Once I reach Tier 3, I’ll beat that friend of yours in no time. Then, I’ll come to challenge you!” “Her name in God’s Domain is Violet Cloud.” Shi Feng inwardly breathed out a sigh of relief when he heard Yan Wuming agree to his suggestion. “You can head to

Silverwing City to look for her. So long as you defeat her, I'll accept your challenge." Since a talent like Yan Wuming had come knocking on his door, Shi Feng naturally wouldn't let this opportunity slip by. If he could rope Invincible Swallow into Zero Wing, it would be akin to adding wings to a tiger. The overall strength of the Guild's top combatants would soar.

"No problem! I'll seek her out afterward!" Yan Wuming responded without hesitation, his expression still as confident as before.

However, after hearing Shi Feng's suggestion, Kerui looked at Yan Wuming with slightly different eyes.

Now, there was a hint of pity in her gaze. I hope you don't despair too much when you meet with Violet Cloud, Kerui silently prayed for Yan Wuming.

Kerui had witnessed Violet Cloud in action. Even the old monsters of Super Guilds couldn't outmatch her. In fact, even Mythology's Divine Spear Demon only managed to fight her to a draw.

At this time, there were most likely only a handful of people capable of defeating Violet Cloud.

"Let's go."

Shi Feng couldn't help shaking his head and chuckling when he noticed Kerui secretly praying for Yan Wuming. He then walked toward the distant street.

When Shi Feng said he would get himself registered now, Kerui's face immediately shone with excitement. She then dragged Shi Feng toward the tallest building, situated at the foot of the mountain. Yan Wuming remained by the platform, waiting for someone to guide him.

As Shi Feng walked along the streets on the levitating mountain, he could feel his mind and body being enriched. He also started adapting to the tripled gravity here.

“So, this is the real Upper Zone?”

Shi Feng couldn't help his shock.

Ordinary people would have difficulty even moving their bodies under tripled gravity. Shi Feng could shrug off the effects of the higher gravity due to his astonishing physical fitness. Even so, he still felt very uncomfortable in such an environment.

However, after stepping onto the mountain, the discomfort disappeared. It was as if there was a special energy source constantly enriching his weakened body. Meanwhile, this steady cycle of exhaustion and replenishment also served to strengthen his physique continually.

His arduous physical training regimen in the outside world was basically a joke in the Upper Zone.

If all Upper Zone residents experienced such strengthening effects, so long as they did not suffer any injuries, they shouldn't have any problems living up to 120 years old.

“Do you now understand how different the Upper Zone is from the world you know?” Kerui asked, smiling. “Everyone living here is growing physically stronger by the moment. Even without intensive training, the physical fitness of people living here can quickly rival that of Henglian masters.”

“According to the rumors floating about in the outside world, the lifespan of people living in the Upper Zone has reached 150 years. In reality, that is only the lifespan of those living in the Upper Zone’s base layer. You must’ve noticed the mountainside and summit, as well. Those are the middle and top layers. The people residing there possess truly astonishing physical fitness and lifespans. The average lifespan in the middle layer is 180 years, while in the top layer, it’s 200 years. This is already beyond human limits.

“In ancient times, 200 years was already enough for a change in dynasties. On the other hand, those living at the top would only be entering their prime after reaching 120 years old.”

Speaking up to this point, Kerui gazed at the mountaintop, full of yearning.

“The Upper Zone’s houses are stratified?” Shi Feng asked strangely.

“Of course. There is only so much space on this mountain. Even with the Boulder Corporation’s wealth and status, we can only live in the base layer. The middle layer isn’t a place one can live in just by having wealth and status,” Kerui grumbled in frustration. “If you want to live in the middle layer, your authority in the Upper Zone must reach a certain level. For example, you currently already have Grade 1 authority.

“Grade 1 authority is the highest authority available in the base layer. If you manage to elevate your authority level to Advanced Grade, you can live in the middle layer.”

“What do you mean by these authority levels?” Shi Feng asked in confusion.

He roughly understood the purpose of the Upper Zone’s authority levels. However, he still didn’t know the exact details.

“Right, I haven’t told you the details yet.” After a slight pause, Kerui continued, “Money and status are the least important things in the Upper Zone. What’s most important is your mental strength and authority level.

“Authority in the base layer is divided into three levels. The higher your authority, the better the items you can buy and exchange from the Green God Company. You can think of the Upper Zone as the Green God Company’s trading market. Grade 3 authority is the lowest, and the items you can purchase at this authority level are also of the most inferior quality. However, it is still many times better than what people without authority can get. At the very least, you have the right to purchase basic housing in the base layer. You won’t need to pay astronomical prices to rent a house.

“After reaching Grade 2 authority, you can purchase items that normally are not available in the outside world; for example, the Life Potion that only appears during the Green God Company’s auctions. At Grade 2 authority, you can also purchase villas in the base layer and have an independent private space. “At Grade 1 authority, things start to get amazing. Not only will there be more items available for purchase, but you can also participate in the Green God Company’s contribution competition, which takes place every three months. So long as you rank within the competition’s top three, you’ll receive permission to live in the middle layer for three months.

“You’ve already seen the benefits available in the base layer. Well, the middle layer’s benefits are even more exaggerated. Anyone who visits the middle layer once wouldn’t wish to leave. Just like your current self, after tasting the base layer’s benefits, you wouldn’t want to live in the outside world anymore. Moreover, you can purchase items beyond your imagination in the middle layer. According to rumors, the Green God Company’s Life Water can be bought there. “Life Water is much stronger than Life Potion. Supposedly, it can perfectly repair any damage to the body and even increase a person’s lifespan.”

At this point, Kerui shook her head and sighed helplessly.

For people living in the Upper Zone’s base layer, their yearning for the middle layer was akin to the yearning outsiders had for the Upper Zone. However, let alone ascending to the middle layer, just gaining Grade 1 authority was already a challenge for most people. Life Water? Shi Feng couldn’t help being shocked. He never thought that there would be something even more potent than Life Potion.

Moreover, it was something that could perfectly heal all injuries. If that's true, healing Gentle Snow's and Aqua Rose's mental injuries shouldn't be a problem.

"How do I participate in this contribution competition?" Shi Feng asked Kerui.

Initially, he only guessed that the Upper Zone would have a way to heal Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose. He hadn't been confident before. Now that he knew there was a way to do so, what he needed to do next was simple.

"You want to take part in it?" Kerui was stunned by Shi Feng's question. "Do you know what kind of people participate in that competition?"

"What?" Shi Feng asked curiously.

"Almost every one of them is the heir of a major corporation. Moreover, they are the best among their generation," Kerui said slowly. "You can't even begin to imagine the resources they have at their command. Currently, you don't even have the one million trade points required to purchase an ordinary house in the base layer, let alone obtaining the Green God Company's contribution points. "At Grade 1 authority, you can exchange up to 1,000 trade points per day for 10,000 Credits per point. You can also find work in the Upper Zone or complete tasks to earn trade points and minimal contribution points.

"Do you know how difficult it is to earn the Green God Company's contribution points? That's not something that can be bought with money. You have to trade rare resources or help the Green God Company discover exceptional talents to obtain these points. It's impossible for you."

Shi Feng had a headache when he heard Kerui's explanation. He never thought that the competition's difficulty would be so high.



For the current Zero Wing, securing rare resources in the real world was simply a dream. As for helping the Green God Company discover talents, that was most likely even more difficult than securing rare resources. "Wait, no. It's not absolutely impossible," Kerui said after something occurred to her. "Recently, the Green God Company suddenly began purchasing God's Domain's Seven Luminaries Crystals in bulk. Moreover, they're offering lucrative exchange rates. One unit of Seven Luminaries Crystal can be exchanged for 1,000 trade points and ten contribution points. However, for the current Zero Wing, ranking in the competition is still a pipe dream. "The current competition has been going on for nearly a month already; the last-place participant has accumulated 16,000 contribution points, while the first-place participant has accumulated 110,000 points. Even if you sold Zero Wing now, you still wouldn't have enough Seven Luminaries Crystals to rank within the top three."

No wonder so many corporations suddenly decided to enter God's Domain. So, they did it for the Seven Luminaries Crystals? Shi Feng suddenly had an epiphany and inwardly celebrated this discovery.

For the various major corporations, money wasn't a problem. However, money wasn't enough to enter the Upper Zone's middle layer. Various rare resources were necessary. Meanwhile, God's Domain's Seven Luminaries Crystals were undoubtedly easier to obtain than the various rare resources the Green God Company required.

Upon seeing that Shi Feng still hadn't given up, Kerui shook her head and pointed at the 100-story building nearby, then said, "If you are intent on participating, you can register there. The staff at the registration area will tell you how exactly you can acquire contribution

points."

Shi Feng nodded in response, a plan having formed in his mind already.

If it were any other item, he would indeed have difficulty fulfilling the Green God Company's requirement. However, Seven Luminaries Crystal was a different story. While acquiring Seven Luminaries Crystals wouldn't be easy for him, he wasn't exactly without options.

Afterward, Shi Feng followed Kerui into the Green God Company's office building in the base layer. The Green God Company's building had very few people inside. Even after arriving in the second-floor registration area, Shi Feng had come across only two other people. One of them was a 26-year-old beauty, while the other was Hong Xinyuan. From the humble way Hong Xinyuan was conversing with the woman, it was evident she held a higher position than Hong Xinyuan. Hong Xinyuan's eyes even carried a hint of respect as he looked at her. "Kerui, you're finally here." Hong Xinyuan breathed out a sigh of relief when he saw Kerui and Shi Feng enter the registration area. He then asked strangely, "Where's Muxin? Didn't she come with you?"

#### Chapter 2744 – Half-step Master

"My sister?" Kerui smiled at Hong Xinyuan's question, then answered joyfully, "I'm afraid she won't be able to enter today. She'll have to wait until tomorrow to do so."

"She can't enter?" Hong Xinyuan grew even more confused at Kerui's words. "Why can't she enter? She has Grade 2 authority. Who dares stop her?" Normally, anyone with formal identification in the Upper Zone could enter and leave the Upper Zone freely. Although some circumstances could result in residents being prohibited from entering or outright banned from the Upper Zone, once someone reached Grade 2 authority, even the base layer's supervisors wouldn't have the courage to stop them from entering the Upper Zone.

"No, no. Nobody stopped her." Kerui shook her head, then giggled and said, "It's just that the Mental Path is activated today."

"The Mental Path?" Realization dawned upon Hong Xinyuan. However, he quickly noticed a problem. He then turned to Shi Feng and asked, "How did you come in, then?"

“He must’ve cleared the Mental Path, right?” the woman seated beside Hong Xinyuan said leisurely as she glanced at Shi Feng.

“He cleared the Mental Path? How is this possible?!” Hong Xinyuan stared at Shi Feng in disbelief.

No matter how Hong Xinyuan looked at it, Shi Feng was definitely past the age of 20. If Shi Feng wanted to conquer the Mental Path, the young man’s mental strength needed to be of a similar grade to his own, which was the Special Grade.

However, in the Yuantian City Upper Zone’s history, never had a youngster with such monstrous mental strength appeared before.

“That’s right. Uncle Hong, Shi Feng indeed cleared the Mental Path. You should’ve seen it for yourself. Everyone in the entrance hall was dumbfounded,” Kerui said, nodding, with an excited expression on her face.

When Kerui finished speaking, the seated woman stood up and approached Shi Feng.

“Hello, I am Xia Qingying, the general manager of the base layer,” the woman introduced herself to Shi Feng. “I didn’t expect that the person Old Hong mentioned would actually possess Special Grade mental strength.”

Xia Qingying’s sudden actions gave Hong Xinyuan a fright. Despite being only 26 years old, Xia Qingying was the general manager of this Upper Zone’s base layer. Her authority was among the top three in the base layer. Her identity and status were astonishing.

Xia Qingying's taking the initiative to introduce herself to Shi Feng was ten times more shocking than Shi Feng's achievement of having cleared the Mental Path.

After a moment of surprise, Hong Xinyuan hurriedly stepped forward.

"Shi Feng, General Manager Xia is a busy person. Normally, even the base layer's supervisors have a difficult time meeting her. She deliberately made time today to personally help with registering your identity and authority," Hong Xinyuan explained.

Xia Qingying wasn't an individual just anyone could meet.

Now that Xia Qingying was taking the initiative to befriend Shi Feng, Hong Xinyuan naturally had to get him to seize this opportunity. This way, the young man would face fewer troubles when residing in the Upper Zone.

"Hello, General Manager Xia," Shi Feng said, nodding. "I will have to trouble you today."

Shi Feng naturally understood what Hong Xinyuan meant in his explanation. At the same time, he felt grateful to Hong Xinyuan.

"It's no trouble. Such matters originally fall within my purview as a general manager. Only, I am usually busy, and there are very few people who come to register. Therefore, I typically have several months' worth of applicants gather on a specific date to conduct an official registration," Xia Qingying said, chuckling as she carefully inspected Shi Feng. "Your appearance, on the other hand, is truly astonishing. Not only did you clear the Mental Path under the age of 25, but you also spent only 13 minutes to do so. This is the first time I have seen a talent of your caliber in this Upper Zone."

“What?! Thirteen minutes?!” Hong Xinyuan was shocked once more.

Previously, Hong Xinyuan thought that Shi Feng’s achievement was only getting through the Mental Path. It didn’t occur to him that Shi Feng had spent such a short time clearing it. When other individuals with Special Grade mental strength traversed the Mental Path, their average time was around 40 minutes, about ten minutes longer than the average clear time for individuals under 20 years old.

Yet, Shi Feng had spent only 13 minutes on the Mental Path. For a moment, Hong Xinyuan couldn’t help wondering whether Xia Qingying was playing a joke on him.

“That’s right. This person here has broken the Yuantian City Upper Zone’s Mental Path clear record for those under the age of 25.” Xia Qingying nodded. She then looked at Shi Feng and smiled. “If I don’t hurry to register talents like yourself, I’m afraid those old fellows above will nag me to death.”

At Xia Qingying’s words, realization also dawned upon Hong Xinyuan. With such frightening mental strength, Shi Feng’s standard was most likely close to that of mental strength masters.

Mental strength masters!

There was not a single mental strength master residing in the base layer of Yuantian City’s Upper Zone. The middle layer only had several of such individuals. Moreover, every one of these individuals possessed identities and statuses that even the Boulder Corporation feared.

Even though Shi Feng had yet to reach the standard of mental strength masters, his talent was more than enough for the various Upper Zones to fight over him.

“You overpraise me, General Manager Xia. I just got lucky. I believe it won’t be long before the Upper Zone has many people who surpass

me.”

Truthfully, Shi Feng felt somewhat guilty when receiving Xia Qingying’s attention.

This was because he had relied on a trick to get through the Mental Path. His actual mental strength was most likely at the Advanced Grade only. He was still far from reaching Special Grade.

By his estimates, a Special Grade mental strength should be equivalent to a near-Tier 5 Concentration standard in God’s Domain. However, his current Concentration standard was only at the Intermediate Tier 4 standard, which was still far from the Tier 5 standard.

“We’ve talked for quite some time now. We should get on with official business,” Xia Qingying said, changing the topic after seeing Shi Feng at a loss in this situation. Smiling, she continued, “The formal registration for identification is simple. I only need to scan you with a device, and you’ll become an official member of Yuantian City’s Upper Zone. The troublesome part is deciding what rewards should be given to you.”

“Aren’t the rewards for clearing the Mental Path fixed?” Shi Feng asked curiously.

Previously, he heard from Kerui that anyone who successfully cleared the Mental Path would receive 10,000 trade points and one Life Potion from the Green God Company.

The Life Potion aside, just the trade points awarded were already significant. In the Upper Zone, trade points were as important as Credits in the outside world because all transactions within the Upper Zone were conducted using the Green God Company's trade points. Moreover, depending on one's authority level, the number of trade points one could exchange for would differ.

People without authority could exchange for only 100 trade points per day, while Grade 3 authority could exchange for 200 points, Grade 2 for 500 points, and Grade 1 for 1,000 points.

Hence, while one trade point was equivalent to 10,000 Credits in the Upper Zone, 10,000 Credits were not necessarily equivalent to one trade point.

There were some people who could make a fortune just by reselling their trade points. However, those who would actually do this were generally crazy, and the various corporations operating in the Upper Zone were more than happy to see such fools. After all, a standard meal prepared by the Green God Company already cost 30 trade points. People without authority could have only three standard meals per day. That was equivalent to 300,000 Credits per meal!

Just hearing about this made Shi Feng think that the Upper Zone was really a different world from the world he lived in. Although his physique had improved significantly and he now required higher-quality food to support his body, 300,000 Credits could still buy him several months' worth of food. However, in the Upper Zone, he could only get one meal for such a sum.

Meanwhile, this was only board. There were also many training facilities in the base layer for rapidly improving physical fitness and even facilities that helped improve mental strength. All these facilities cost trade points to use; basic training facilities cost 20 points per hour, while advanced training facilities cost 50 points per hour.

It was no exaggeration to say that only people with Grade 2 authority or higher could satisfy their daily needs in the Upper Zone.

Of course, so long as one had sufficient authority, one could also accept work from the Green God Company to earn some points and maintain their daily lifestyle in the Upper Zone.

Take Shi Feng, for example. With Zero Wing's fortune, he was basically a pauper who couldn't afford even ordinary housing.

Hence, 10,000 trade points was a huge fortune to him.

"It's fixed, but that reward is only meant for those under the age of 20," Xia Qingying said, nodding. "There is no fixed reward for people who clear the Mental Path above the age of 20 and under the age of 25. Not to mention, you managed to break the under-25's clear record." "Can I ask for Life Water, then?" Shi Feng couldn't help asking. "Life Water?" Xia Qingying smiled all of a sudden. "Do you know that Life Water is incredibly precious even in the Green God Company? Even if you become a mental strength master at your age, obtaining a bottle of Life Water wouldn't be easy. The standard price of a bottle of Life Water is 1,000,000 contribution points, in addition to 30,000,000 trade points." "It's that expensive?" Shi Feng was surprised by Xia Qingying's words.

"Expensive?" Shaking her head, Xia Qingying said with a smile, "Life Water is one of the Green God Company's greatest masterpieces. Although it can't bring the dead back to life, so long as a person still has a breath in them, they can recover from all injuries completely over time. Life Water can even extend a person's lifespan and allow them to maintain youthful vitality for another 60 years.

"Sixty years is already close to a lifetime for ordinary people. Meanwhile, not only does Life Water allow you to live for an additional lifetime, but you will also retain your youthful vitality throughout this period. Do you still think it is expensive?"

Shi Feng couldn't refute Xia Qingying's words. In fact, he even strongly agreed with her.



For the leaders of the various international corporations, money was inconsequential. They could quickly earn it back even if they lost it. However, they had only one life to live. If these people had the opportunity to live for another lifetime, they most likely wouldn't hesitate to spend their entire accumulated fortune.

Take the emperors of ancient times, for example. They could do anything for longevity.

Meanwhile, since Shi Feng was so interested in Life Water, Hong Xinyuan couldn't help advising him, "Shi Feng, you should stop thinking about Life Water. Even the people living in the middle layer can hardly afford one. You should prioritize improving your mental strength for now. So long as your mental strength improves, your entry into the middle layer will be just around the corner."

"That's right. Let's end the talk on Life Water here." Xia Qingying also felt that it was unnecessary to continue talking about Life Water. After all, it was still too soon for Shi Feng to obtain one.

Afterward, Xia Qingying scanned Shi Feng with the quantum watch on her wrist. Immediately, all available data on Shi Feng appeared on it.

"Your identification registration is complete." After looking at Shi Feng's data, Xia Qingying said with satisfaction, "Next, we have to determine your reward.

"Not only have you cleared the Mental Path, but you even broke the existing clear record. As the base layer's general manager, I can give you two options. "The first option is to reward you with 500,000 trade points and 50 Life Potions or medicines of equivalent value.

"The second option is to reward you with an ordinary house in the base layer.

“You may pick one of these two rewards.”

## Chapter 2745 – Different World

“The rewards are so excellent?”

Shi Feng was stunned momentarily by the rewards Xia Qingying mentioned. He couldn't believe that just by clearing the Mental Path above the age of 20, he would get 50 times the reward of everyone else.

“They're not particularly excellent. However, they're the best rewards I can give you within my authority. If you were one of the Green God Company's internal members, you would receive a much more generous reward. In fact, your authority level would even be elevated to the Advanced Grade directly,” Xia Qingying said. She then smiled and asked, “May I know if you are interested in joining our company?”

“Thank you for your offer, General Manager Xia, but I am used to operating freely by

really don't wish to be restrained.” Joining the Green God Company might be the dream of many people, but he knew that the Green God Company had many restrictions. This was also the reason Muxin and Kerui did not join the company but retained their connection with the Boulder Corporation instead.

“What a pity,” Xia Qingying sighed when she heard Shi Feng's answer.

If a talent like Shi Feng joined the Green God Company, he would have climbed to a position not lower than hers in the Upper Zone. After all, mental strength masters were incredibly valuable to the Upper Zone.

The Green God Company paid astronomical prices to cultivate mental strength masters. However, even now, the company hadn't managed to cultivate many.

“Shi Feng, this is a good opportunity for you. If you get 50 bottles of Phantom Potions, which is of equivalent value to Life Potions, you might be able to elevate your mental strength to the next level,” Kerui said, her eyes glowing with excitement when she heard Xia Qingying's offer.

Although Life Potion was something that could be exchanged and each bottle cost only 5,000 points, there was a limit on the number of bottles a person could exchange. People without authority could exchange for only one bottle per year, while Grade 3 authority could exchange for two bottles per year, and Grade 2 authority for five bottles per year. If one wanted to purchase more, they would have to buy them at a much more exorbitant price from other people.

Meanwhile, the Phantom Potion was an incredibly magical drug the Green God Company developed that could sharpen and improve one's mental strength. Anyone with ambition in the Upper Zone would try to exchange for it.

Fifty bottles of Phantom Potions!

She had never even seen so many Phantom Potions in her life before.

With that many Phantom Potions, she could definitely achieve a breakthrough within a year and elevate her authority to Grade 2.

“General Manager Xia, does the Green God Company have any medicine that can heal mental damage?” Shi Feng asked as he looked at Xia Qingying.

Currently, Life Water was definitely out of his reach. Hence, he could only seek inferior alternatives to stabilize Gentle Snow’s and Aqua Rose’s mental states temporarily for now.

“We do, but these medicines are much more valuable than Life Potion,” Xia Qingying answered as she looked at Shi Feng strangely. She couldn’t understand why Shi Feng would want something like this. However, she still explained, “Out of all the injuries out there, mental trauma is the most difficult to treat. If you wish to purchase such medicine, you can only do so after entering the middle layer. However, you are not qualified to enter the middle layer yet.” “I can buy them only in the middle layer?” Shi Feng frowned. He then said, “General Manager Xia, I’ve decided. I will take the ordinary house.”

When Hong Xinyuan heard Shi Feng’s decision, he couldn’t help looking at the young man in surprise. Hurriedly, he dissuaded Shi Feng, “You’re crazy! It’s not easy to get 50 bottles of Phantom Potion! Even with your Grade 1 authority, you’d need five years to redeem that many! The Green God Company has a completely different evaluation for those who reach Advanced Grade authority before and after the age of 25!”

Before the age of 25, humans would still be in their growth stage. Reaching the Advanced Grade authority before 25 meant they still had potential for growth. The Green God Company would prioritize nurturing such talents even if these talents were outsiders. An example of this would be how Xia Qingying was showing so much care for Shi Feng right now. However, if Shi Feng was already over 25 years old by the time he reached the Advanced Grade authority, the Green God Company’s evaluation of him would plummet.

Before Hong Xinyuan could continue trying to dissuade Shi Feng, Xia Qingying suddenly extended a hand to stop the older man. She then looked at Shi Feng with a strange gaze.

“It seems you are adamant on restoring mental trauma. You actually gave up the possibility to improve yourself rapidly within a short period and settled for a house that can just barely maintain and heal a person’s mental state,” Xia Qingying said, seemingly having seen through Shi Feng’s intentions. She then smiled lightly and continued, “Okay, since this is your decision, I won’t meddle with it. However, I should still give you a reminder.

“The Upper Zone isn’t as simple as you think it is. Life here is not easy. If you wish to help someone, the fastest way to do so would be to raise your own authority. Anything else is just futile effort.”

“I understand. Thank you for the reminder, General Manager Xia,” Shi Feng replied gratefully. “Also, I wish to participate in the contribution competition. Can I register for it now?”

An individual of Xia Qingying’s status probably wouldn’t pay people like himself a second glance under normal circumstances. She had gone out of her way to help him this time only because she admired the excellent potential he had shown.

However, Shi Feng understood himself very clearly. In reality, he was still far from the standard of a mental strength master. Even with the Phantom Potion’s help, he could, at best, elevate his mental strength to the Special Grade. In his situation, such an achievement would be of no help whatsoever. Rather than doing something meaningless, he would rather stabilize Gentle Snow’s and Aqua Rose’s conditions by relying on the Upper Zone’s environment. After all, from what he heard from Kerui, people who entered the Upper Zone without gaining any authority would have to struggle to survive in the Upper Zone unless someone provided them with accommodation.

However, obtaining a residence in the Upper Zone was easier said than done. Even an ordinary housing unit cost one million trade points.

One million trade points! That was equivalent to ten billion Credits in the outside world. Moreover, even if he had that kind of money, it would still take him a very long time to exchange for one million trade points. Most importantly, every housing unit had a limited occupancy. An ordinary housing unit could accommodate five people at most, whereas the independent villas could have up to 20.

For the various major corporations, let alone 20 slots, even 100 slots wouldn't be enough. After all, who didn't have close friends? Who didn't have sons and daughters? Who wouldn't wish to live in the Upper Zone forever?

Hence, he would be dreaming if he thought he could borrow other people's houses! It might be fine if he were alone, but if he wanted to help other people, he would need an ordinary housing unit of his own.

"The contribution competition? It seems you're more extraordinary than I thought. In that case, I have nothing more to say," Xia Qingying said, nodding. She then transferred a message from her quantum watch to Shi Feng's and said, "This housing unit in the Sixth Southern District will be yours from now on."

Shi Feng was overjoyed when he saw the information displayed on his quantum watch. Although it was called an ordinary house, its floor area was still more than 200 square meters-definitely enough for five people to live comfortably.

"I have registered you for the contribution competition. However, I'm afraid the likelihood of you catching up with the other participants is low, especially if you are aiming for the top three. Every one of the top three participants has more than 100,000 points already. I heard they have the backing of God's Domain's Super Guilds. It's impossible for you to catch up to them now," Xia Qingying said as she looked at Shi Feng. "However, you can try competing for the top 20 positions. Our company plans to offer the top 20 winners the right to purchase three items from the middle layer. You can give it a try at that time."

Shi Feng was slightly surprised by Xia Qingying's words. Hurriedly, he thanked her, "Thank you, General Manager Xia."

Afterward, Xia Qingying spoke a few words with Hong Xinyuan before departing the building. From her haste, it was evident she was truly busy. Meanwhile, Kerui was greatly angered and frustrated by Shi Feng's decision. She never thought that Shi Feng would give up on such an excellent opportunity to improve himself. Even Hong Xinyuan shook his head over Shi Feng's decision. After instructing Kerui to guide Shi Feng, he also gave Shi Feng a few reminders.

However, unlike Kerui and Hong Xinyuan, Shi Feng felt very happy with his current situation.

This was because he had reaped a massive harvest from his visit to the Upper Zone this time. He had also finally understood the importance of Seven Luminaries Crystals and found a way to heal Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose. He had even found a way to help outsiders into the Upper Zone.

Once his authority reached the Advanced Grade and he entered the Upper Zone's middle layer, he could spend 100,000 contribution points to exchange for one Upper Zone reserve slot. While he could exchange for only three slots per year with this method, this was still good news for him. After all, his goal wasn't simply to live in the Upper Zone by himself.

As the sun set, Kerui brought Shi Feng to his residence in the Sixth Southern District and left without saying a word, evidently unhappy with Shi Feng's decision. This left Shi Feng standing alone in front of the residential building's entrance.

Isn't this house a little too amazing?!

Shi Feng was stunned when he entered Unit 02 on the 35th floor.

Not only was the housing unit fully equipped with smart facilities, but it even boasted a comprehensive array of exercise equipment. After entering the house, Shi Feng also felt much more comfortable than before, as if his whole body was soaked in a Nutrient Solution, and he could continuously improve his physical fitness even without doing any training. His brain also felt clearer than ever, like when he was in a Mana-rich environment in God's Domain.

Moreover, every bedroom in the house was equipped with a state-of-the-art Fearless Virtual Gaming Cabin, something even more amazing than the virtual gaming cabins Zero Wing had purchased.

According to Shi Feng's memories, the Fearless Virtual Gaming Cabin was a model that would appear in the outside world only three years later.

The Fearless Cabin did not just allow players to fully immerse themselves in God's Domain. It also improved the player's sensitivity. In particular, the cabin improved Mana sensitivity by at least 20% and allowed players to exhibit 100% of their mental strength in God's Domain.

Back when the Fearless Cabins were first released to the public, the various corporations had fought over them frantically. Each unit had sold for at least 100 million Credits. Moreover, the Fearless Cabins were always in short supply. Even ten years after God's Domain's launch, first-rate Guilds could only afford to supply their executives with Fearless Cabins.

The situation of second-rate Guilds had been even worse. Even a Guild Leader like Shi Feng did not get to use a Fearless Cabin.

I never dreamed I would have the opportunity to experience the Fearless Cabin in this life. Shi Feng was deeply moved by this situation. At this moment, he finally understood why people who entered the Upper Zone would be unwilling to leave it. The various environmental benefits aside, just the technology one could enjoy here was leaps and bounds ahead of the outside world's technology.

A 20% increase to Mana sensitivity!

Even ordinary Tier 3 experts would experience a huge boost in combat power if they received such an improvement, what more peak experts and apex experts? The increase in Mana sensitivity would also



help players tackle their future promotions. After all, Mana was the foundation of everything in God's Domain. The more one understood about the operation and control of Mana, the stronger one would become.

It seems I should have Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose come over as soon as possible. These Fearless Cabins alone could increase their chances of reaching Tier 4 by at least 10%. As Shi Feng looked at the pitch-black gaming cabin that was the size of a double bed, many thoughts and plans ran through his mind.

After he gained a rough understanding of the house's functionality, he hopped into his Fearless Cabin without hesitation, intending to experience the effects of this legendary gaming cabin properly. Not to mention, it wouldn't be easy for him to return to Zero Wing's headquarters at this time.

Once the cabin linked with God's Domain's Main God System, Shi Feng muttered in his heart, Log in!

## **Chapter 2746 – Fearless Cabin's Effects**

Twin Towers Kingdom, Fiery Ridge:

As a Level 90 map in the Twin Towers Kingdom, the Fiery Ridge was popular with Level 90-plus players, who would come here to grind for levels. However, these players didn't do so just because it was suitable for players of their level.

Instead, it was also because the Earthfire Pterodactyl, a Level 96 World Boss, would appear in the Fiery Ridge from time to time.

Compared to other World Bosses, the Earthfire Pterodactyl was much easier to raid. So long as players met the high requirement for Fire Resistance, even a 100-man team made up of Tier 3 players could take it down.

Hence, while grinding for levels in the Fiery Ridge, the various large Guilds' newcomers would also check whether the Earthfire Pterodactyl had respawned.

If the World Boss had respawned, they would notify their Guilds immediately, and their respective Guilds would send a team to raid it. Not only could the players contributing to the World Boss's discovery earn a bunch of GCPs, but they might even get a piece of Level 100 Fine-Gold Equipment if they were lucky. "More and more NPCs have been competing with us for monsters recently. Fortunately, this place is quite far from NPC cities, and there aren't any villages or towns nearby. Otherwise, we would lose even this leveling spot," a Level 97, Tier 2 Shield Warrior said. As he looked at the corpses of a dozen Level 95 Chieftains and one Level 96 Lord before him, he couldn't help sighing ruefully.

Ever since the major system update, the good days of grinding as many monsters as they wished were no more. Now, NPCs were frequently seen hunting monsters in groups in almost all leveling maps. Moreover, these NPCs would generally be ten levels higher than the map they were grinding in. They also boasted enviable weapons and equipment, with even the lowest-quality piece being at the Dark-Gold rank. Many of these NPCs even wielded Epic Weapons. As a result, almost no player would dare mess around with these NPCs.

"Indeed, we are lucky. According to some of the Tier 3 bigshots in the Guild, Level 100 neutral maps are infested with Level 130-plus, Tier 3 NPCs. There are more NPCs than monsters in some places. This forced the others in the Guild to travel to farther locations. Now, their travel time is twice as long as before," a Level 91, Tier 2 Oracle commented.

"However, this is also our chance. Now that the leveling speed of players under Level 100 is much faster than of players above Level 100, if we catch up to the average level of the mainstream players and get promoted to Tier 3, we'll be set for life," a Level 95, Tier 2 Ranger said excitedly.

Although God's Domain had been popular since its early stages, it wasn't as popular as it was now. At present, almost nobody in the real world did not know of God's Domain's existence.

Meanwhile, the competition in God's Domain was intensifying by the day. Now, reaching Level 100 and entering Level 100 neutral maps was akin to going from a Normal Mode Dungeon to a Hell Mode Dungeon. The difficulty of leveling up increased drastically. Although this was bad news for mainstream players, it was undoubtedly good news for newcomers like themselves. As they had joined God's Domain much later than mainstream players, they had missed out on plenty of opportunities during the game's early stages. Now was the perfect opportunity for them to catch up.

At present, the various Guilds were frantically recruiting Tier 3 experts, with some Guilds even promising a considerable monthly income.

Some students that played God's Domain were currently earning more money than society's white-collar elites. This situation drew more and more working-class members and elderly people into joining God's Domain to earn extra income to subsidize their living expenditures.

As the members of this six-man party were conversing among themselves, a sudden shockwave swept over them.

Boom!

The intense shockwave made the surrounding trees sway and shake. Even the earth shuddered slightly. "What's going on?"

The Level 97 Guardian Knight looked toward the shockwave's source in astonishment.

However, before anyone could react to the situation, a high-pitched noise forced the six players to shield their ears.

“This is definitely the Earthfire Pterodactyl’s screech!” the young Ranger said, his eyes glowing:

So long as they reported this piece of news back to the Guild, they would make a great contribution.

“The Earthfire Dragon should be in that location,” the Guardian Knight said, pointing toward a valley in the west. “Quick! This thing won’t wait for anyone!”

After briefly exchanging looks, the six players dashed toward the valley.

Although they didn’t know who angered the Earthfire Pterodactyl, all they needed to do now was locate the World Boss and wait for the Guild to send a Tier 3 team to raid it.

As for the possibility of other Guilds discovering the Earthfire Pterodactyl first, that did not matter. After all, the Level 96 World Boss wasn’t such a pushover that Tier 2 players could take it down-especially after monsters in God’s Domain gained a semblance of sentience. Now, smarter monsters would even flee for their lives when the situation looked bad for them. The process of chasing these monsters down would be incredibly troublesome and time-consuming. This would give their Guild’s Tier 3 team more than enough time to arrive. The Earthfire Pterodactyl’s screech attracted player teams to its location in the dozens. All of these teams reported the World Boss’s appearance to their respective Guilds, and they were all adamant in securing the Earthfire Pterodactyl’s kill.

After all, as a World Boss, the Earthfire Pterodactyl's loot was extraordinarily good. It would drop not only Inferior Legendary materials but even Epic Weapons and Equipment that could be used up to Level 120. If one were lucky, one could even get Fragmented Legendary items.

Less than a minute after these dozens of teams began running, they arrived before the valley where the Pterodactyl was.

However, when these teams saw the Earthfire Pterodactyl, they gasped involuntarily. The World Boss before them right now was completely different from the Earthfire Pterodactyls they had seen before.

"Why is this Earthfire Pterodactyl so big?"

"Why does it have nine HP bars?!"

A 50-meter-tall pterodactyl was hovering inside the valley. The pterodactyl's body burned with ethereal flames, and its flapping wings generated powerful gales that shredded the surrounding terrain. Just its roar was enough to send players stumbling backward. It had transformed the environment into a scorching field that could burn players with Fire Resistance below 400 points to a crisp instantly.

(Earthfire Pterodactyl (World Boss)) (Mythic, Realm Lord)

Level 99

HP 3,300,000,000

The players that arrived before the valley fell into fear and despair when they saw the Earthfire Pterodactyl's massive frame. After all, the World Boss had flattened the terrain with just a flap of its wings.

At this moment, they would most likely turn into ashes just by approaching the Earthfire Pterodactyl, let alone fighting it. In fact, they even doubted that the Tier 3 players of their respective Guilds could go up against this behemoth before them.

"Wait! It's injured!" a Level 97, Tier 2 Ranger exclaimed after carefully inspecting the Earthfire Pterodactyl.

At this Tier 2 Ranger's shout, everyone noticed the many bone-deep wounds on the World Boss's body. They realized that the World Boss had less than half of its HP remaining.

While everyone was shocked by the Earthfire Pterodactyl's injuries, a figure suddenly descended toward the World Boss from the sky.

Not only did this figure send a sword light cutting at the Earthfire Pterodactyl's wing, but the sword light even cleaved the ground, opening a 150-yard-long fissure. Immediately afterward, a mindblowing number appeared above the World Boss's head.

-5,157,624!

"Over five million damage in one attack?! Is he an NPC?!"

"No. Although we can't see his information, that person has a player icon above his head. He should be a player."

“How is this possible?! How can a player be so strong?!” “Is he trying to solo the Earthfire Pterodactyl?”

The players present couldn't help gaping when they saw the results of the slash, their minds refusing to believe their eyes.

However, before anyone present could snap out of their daze, the figure that attacked the Earthfire Pterodactyl executed another slash with his sword. Immediately, a phantom greatsword manifested in the air and sliced down on the World Boss's wing.

Slash!

The next moment, the Earthfire Pterodactyl let loose a heaven-shaking shriek as one of its 30-meter-long wings fell to the ground. Golden blood then poured out of the World Boss's wound, splashing all over the ground and creating a sea of flames.

-31,544,734!

The next moment, the Earthfire Pterodactyl's HP fell by a visible chunk. “Is he even human?!”

“He dealt over 30 million damage in one attack! He can't be human!”

“Monster! That person must be a humanoid monster!”

Everyone present fell into a daze once more when they saw the damage from the unknown person's second attack. Some players even pinched their own faces, thinking that everything in front of them was just an illusion.

However, the unknown assailant in the air was not at all surprised at the power of his attack.

Sure enough, it's easier to manipulate Mana. The burden of using Lightshadow is even much less. As expected of the Fearless Cabin. It's no wonder all those superpowers had so many more Tier 4 experts than first- and second-rate Guilds. Shi Feng sighed ruefully as he looked at the dense Mana condensed around the Abyssal Blade.

Although the Fearless Cabin did not improve his Basic Attributes, it still increased his overall combat power by at least 20%. The refinement in his control over combat techniques and Mana Techniques was especially notable. With his ability to use 100% of his mental strength, the power of these techniques had risen to a whole new level.

More and more people are gathering. It's about time I finished it and left this place.

After glancing at the Earthfire Pterodactyl, which could no longer fly, Shi Feng immediately flew toward the World Boss.

Upon seeing him, the Earthfire Pterodactyl let loose an angry roar and used its strongest move, the Tier 4 Skill Earthfire Rupture.

The next moment, flaming rocks up to 40 meters in diameter went smashing toward Shi Feng one after another. Even space itself shattered from the power within the flaming rocks.



“A meaningless resistance!”

Shi Feng pointed the Abyssal Blade at the oncoming flaming rocks. Tier 4 Legacy Skill, Blade Domain!

Immediately, magic swords appeared around Shi Feng one after another. The swords then turned into streaks of light as they shot at the oncoming rocks.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A shattered space formed above the battlefield.

Before the spectating players could return to their senses, the magic swords had already shattered all of the flaming rocks the Earthfire Pterodactyl summoned. Afterward, more magic swords formed around Shi Feng and subsequently shot at the World Boss itself. -21,346,544 – 43,671,216!

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Damages exceeding 20 million appeared above the Earthfire Pterodactyl's head one after another. No matter how much the World Boss struggled-even to the point of turning the surroundings into a sea of flames and voidits HP still decreased rapidly.

Less than a minute later, the Earthfire Pterodactyl let out one last agonized screech before collapsing into the sea of flames. From start to end, the World Boss had not inflicted a single point of damage on Shi Feng at all.

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The Earthfire Pterodactyl collapsed to the ground and shook the entire valley. However, despite witnessing the World Boss's death, none of the spectating players charged forward to try to steal some of its loot.

Silence enveloped the valley, a silence so overwhelming that it felt as if time had stopped inside the valley.

When the various spectating players looked at the cloaked man wielding the runic black sword, fear and awe filled their eyes. It was as if they had just seen a god.

"Is he...really a player?"

Such thoughts surfaced in the spectating players' minds as they looked at Shi Feng hovering in midair.

Shi Feng had killed a Level 99 Mythic ranked World Boss, just like that. Rather than a World Boss, it looked more like some Elite monster he found by the roadside, one that was utterly incapable of putting up any resistance.

"Who is he?"

“There’s no way a player can be this strong! That’s a Level 99 World Boss we’re talking about! Even a 100-man, Tier 3 team wouldn’t necessarily be able to take it down! He must be an NPC in disguise!”

When looking at Shi Feng’s hovering figure, some players even hugged their heads and began laughing maniacally. They simply couldn’t bring themselves to believe that such a massive gap between players could exist.

However, Shi Feng paid the shocked players and the maddened players no heed whatsoever. Instead, he arrived beside the Earthfire Pterodactyl’s corpse and began collecting its loot.

God’s Domain was not reality. In the game world, just the gradual accumulation of Basic Attributes was sufficient to turn a player into a monster in the eyes of other players, what more the qualitative improvements brought about by tier upgrades. Moreover, there was a two-tier gap between Shi Feng and the spectating players. In the eyes of Tier 2 players, Tier 4 players would be no different from gods. In fact, a Tier 4 player could kill scads of Tier 2 players with just a flick of their hand.

The World Boss Shi Feng fought hadn’t even reached Level 100. In God’s Domain, monsters that hadn’t reached Level 100 couldn’t be considered strong at all.

Otherwise, the various major powers wouldn’t be contesting so frantically for World Bosses below Level 100. It was precisely because these powers were incapable of defeating Level 100-plus World Bosses that they had to settle for pre-Level 100 World Bosses.

Oh? A good piece of Epic Equipment dropped. Shi Feng was slightly surprised as he looked at the sacred mage robe in his hands.

[Whistling Light Robe] (Cloth Armor, Epic Rank)

Level 40 – Level 110

Equipment Requirement: Intelligence 1,500, Vitality 1,300

Defense +340 (Level 40)

Strength +20, Agility +24, Intelligence +63, Vitality +31, Endurance +25;

Ignore Levels +4;

Defensive Skills +2 Levels;

Cast Range increased by 20%; Intelligence and Vitality increased by 10%.

Additional Passive Skill 1–

Spiritual Light: When the user's Concentration falls below 50%, Mana consumption is reduced by 30%, and casting speed increases by 30%. Additional Passive Skill 2

Mana Armor: Automatically absorbs Mana in a 100-yard radius to protect the user. Improves Mana perception by 20%, increases Magic Resistance by 20%, and improves Spell effects by 20%.

Two-piece set effect: The upper level limit of all Whistling Light set pieces is increased to Level 150.

Four-piece set effect: All Attributes are increased by 20%, and the effect of all Spells is increased by 20%.

Six-piece set effect: Gain the protection of light, improving physique by 30% and Mana affinity by 20%. Gain the Mana Heart Skill. When activated, forcibly elevates the strength of the user's Mana by one tier for one minute. The Skill has a one-hour Cooldown.

The Whistling Light Set had seven pieces in total. It could be considered top-tier even among Epic Set Equipment. So long as a magical-class player had two set pieces, they could use the set until they reached Level 150.

If Tier 4 Great Wizard managed to gather six pieces of the set, they would become a devastating existence. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the Whistling Light Set was one of the best set equipment for magical-class players under Tier 5.

However, only World Bosses under Level 150 dropped the Whistling Light Set. The drop-rate was also random. Hence, collecting a full set would be incredibly difficult.

I can get Fire and the others to raid World Bosses under Level 120 more frequently. If we can gather a full set, be it Violet or Aqua who uses the set, neither will have to replace their equipment before reaching Tier 5. When Shi Feng looked at the Whistling Light Robe, he felt the need to collect the full Whistling Light Set. If Violet Cloud or Aqua Rose equipped the full set before reaching Tier 5, they would become nigh-invincible against Tier 4 opponents. Shi Feng stored the Whistling Light Robe and collected the remaining items the Earthfire Pterodactyl dropped. Besides the Whistling Light Robe, the Level 99 World Boss had dropped a dozen pieces of Level 100 Dark-Gold and Fine-Gold Weapons and Equipment, a large amount of materials, Magic Crystals, potion recipes, etc. After putting all these items in his bag space, he promptly flew away from the valley.

When the various major powers' members saw Shi Feng leaving, they sighed in relief. "With that longsword and that frightening destructive power, he should be Black Flame, right?"

"I tagged along with my Guild executives to watch the reserve seat competition. That guy indeed looks a lot like Black Flame. They must be the same person. Black Flame is also the only known Tier 4 player in the game right now, and only Tier 4 classes could possibly display such scary strength."

"So, he's the Sword King? Isn't he a little too amazing!?"

After Shi Feng's figure was out of sight, some of the spectating players guessed Shi Feng's identity. And in no time at all, everyone present began talking about him, their discussions becoming especially heated when the topic touched on Tier 4 classes.

When the players present recalled the scene of Shi Feng chopping off one of the Earthfire Pterodactyl's wings, they couldn't help yearning to reach Tier 4.

Previously, no one had a clear concept of Tier 4 classes. Even the players who had spectated the reserve seat competition at the War God's Temple did not find Tier 4 classes to be particularly amazing. At most, Tier 4 existences were invincible among Tier 3 players.

But now, everyone was truly shocked by the strength of Tier 4 classes.

A Tier 4 player had actually single-handedly defeated a Mythic ranked World Boss. How could anyone not yearn for such strength?

Very quickly, news of Shi Feng slaying the Earthfire Pterodactyl spread across God's Domain.

After the various major powers' executives watched Shi Feng's battle video, they gained a newfound appreciation of Tier 4 classes. Simultaneously, their eyes burned with a passionate flame as the ambition they had lost due to the NPCs' upsurge returned. "Tier 4! Mobilize all available manpower in the Guild to find out how Zero Wing managed to complete the Tier 4 Promotion Quest!"

"The era of Tier 3 classes is over! From now on, we have only one goal, and that is Tier 4!"

"So long as we can secure ourselves a Tier 4 player, we'll be unstoppable!"

For a time, the various powers searched frantically for information relating to Tier 4 Legacies, going as far as trying to plant spies in Zero Wing. Some superpowers even directly contacted Zero Wing's executives and offered to pay astronomical prices for all information regarding Tier 4 classes.

Simultaneously, a wave of discussions spread through the various kingdoms' and empires' forums. Just the video of Shi Feng's fight against the Earthfire Pterodactyl alone had garnered over a billion views already. Everyone on the forums discussed what exactly Tier 4 classes were, what the upper limit of these classes' combat power was, and whether a Tier 4 player could solo a Mythic monster of the same level.

The topic of Tier 4 swept across the entire eastern continent, setting off a craze.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng left the Fiery Ridge, message prompts and call requests immediately inundated his communication interface.

At a glance, he noticed that the message prompts had already reached the upper limit of 9,999. He had also received several hundred call requests. Moreover, this was with his interface set to automatically reject communication from non-friends. Without this block in place, his communication interface would probably have blown up.

“Guild Leader, you really caused a huge mess this time.” When Youlan finally managed to get through to Shi Feng, she didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. “The entire world is now looking for Tier 4 Legacy Lands. Zero Wing has also become the target of all the powers. Everyone is trying to get information about Tier 4 Legacy Lands from us.”

Currently, all of Zero Wing’s executives were being harassed by the various powers. Youlan herself had been contacted by over 20 superpowers, with every one of them offering to purchase information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest at astronomical prices.

If Zero Wing did not respond to these requests, it would be akin to offending all of these superpowers. At that time, Zero Wing would really be in danger of extermination.

“An accident. It really was an accident,” Shi Feng said apologetically. “I didn’t expect something like this to happen, either.”

He had only thought to try out the Fearless Cabin’s effects. He had not anticipated such a development. Not to mention, from a certain perspective, the Fearless Cabin’s effects were truly astonishing “What should we do now?” Youlan asked, frowning. “If we refuse all of them, we’ll make an enemy out of every superpower on the eastern continent.”

After giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng said, “How about this? Announce that Zero Wing is willing to sell information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest. However, the price of the information is 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystals!”



“Five thousand units? Guild Leader, isn’t this a little...” Youlan gaped at Shi Feng’s price.

The price tag of 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal already went beyond gouging. Shi Feng was basically asking the various superpowers to hand over their lives!

A superpower could be considered wealthy if they even had 3,000 or 4,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal on hand. With many superpowers having participated in the recent reserve seat competition, they definitely would have much fewer Seven Luminaries Crystals available than before. Hence, the price of 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal would be beyond most superpowers right now.

“Just notify them,” Shi Feng instructed, having no intention whatsoever of compromising. “I’ve already set my price. As for their willingness to purchase the information, that is none of our business.”

“Alright, but I won’t care for what happens next,” Youlan said as she nodded her head helplessly.

Afterward, she publicized Shi Feng’s price to the various powers.

## **Chapter 2748 – Better to Die on Your Feet Than Live on Your Knees**

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“While Seven Luminaries Crystals are indeed important, getting promoted to Tier 4 is much more important right now.” Gazing at the endless crimson forest ahead of her, Cold Shadow said seriously, “The places Tier 3 players can visit are too limited. Only after reaching Tier 4 can players venture into more valuable locations. Hence, our first priority now is to reach Tier 4. Then, we can easily earn back those crystals!”

In reality, Cold Shadow felt extremely upset by Shi Feng’s actions; she wanted nothing more than to give him a few hundred deaths right now. However, in the current God’s Domain, only Shi Feng knew how to get promoted to Tier 4 quickly and the exact details of the Tier 4 Promotion Quest.

Getting her hands on this information would be equivalent to securing herself an absolute advantage.

After all, she had reached Level 120 already. With Zero Wing's information, she could undoubtedly reach Tier 4 ahead of everyone else in the Guild. She could be the first to venture into places that players currently considered taboo and continuously strengthen herself. At that time, even becoming the strongest expert of Mythology's younger generation wouldn't be impossible.

"I understand. I'll make the necessary preparations now." Seeing the determination in Cold Shadow's eyes, White Feather understood that there was nothing she could say to dissuade Cold Shadow from her decision.

At present, the various superpowers should already have players at Level 120. If Cold Shadow could reach Tier 4 ahead of everyone else, her authority in the Guild would definitely increase.

Of course, Cold Shadow was also making a gamble.

She was betting that Zero Wing would not lose to the various superpowers and that Zero Wing could survive the upcoming battle. In that case, she would obtain an absolute advantage.

However, White Feather wasn't aware of how crazy Cold Shadow actually was.

In Cold Shadow's opinion, it did not matter whether Zero Wing could survive or not. She would be satisfied so long as she could get her hands on this opportunity.

Orc Empire, Silverwing City:

"Dammit! Zero Wing is clearly toying with us!" "That's right! We are kindly offering to purchase his information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest, yet he's repaying us like this!"

“Let’s just join hands. So long as we join forces to hinder Zero Wing’s operations, Zero Wing will have to yield to us.”

“Yes. With our combined strength, there’s no chance whatsoever that Zero Wing will survive.”

Many of the superpowers operating in Silverwing City secretly came to an agreement to suppress Zero Wing. They began targeting Zero Wing’s members to force Zero Wing into obediently surrendering the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest.

Meanwhile, inside Zero Wing’s Residence, Shi Feng received a call from Yuan Tiexin.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, you’ve gone too far this time. Even if you want to sell the Tier 4 Promotion Quest’s information, you could’ve just asked for 1,000 units. I believe most superpowers would be willing to pay such a price. You will also get to make a big profit. Why must you have Zero Wing make an enemy out of the superpowers?” Yuan Tiexin said in exasperation.

For the various superpowers, paying 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystals was akin to forking over their lives. However, a price of only 1,000 units would still be palatable to many superpowers. At that time, not only would Zero Wing earn a bunch of Seven Luminaries Crystals, but the various superpowers also wouldn’t seek trouble with Zero Wing. It would be the best of both worlds.

Yet, Shi Feng had chosen to take the worst possible action.

“Make enemies?” Chuckling, Shi Feng said, “I never intended to become enemies with them. Also, you’re wrong about one thing, Elder Yuan. They are the ones forcing Zero Wing to sell information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest. We aren’t selling it because we want to. I’ve given them my price. If they can’t afford it, how is it my fault?”



“What you say is indeed correct...” Yuan Tiexin naturally understood Shi Feng’s take on this situation. However, Zero Wing’s circumstances were inferior to the various superpowers’. Meanwhile, having wealth without the strength necessary to protect it became a sin. “But those superpowers won’t share your way of thinking. They will definitely cooperate in secret to target Zero Wing’s members. At that time, Zero Wing’s members will shed a river of blood.”

The various superpowers might be incapable of breaking through the defenses of Zero Wing’s Guild Cities right now, but having people target Zero Wing’s members out in the fields would be a piece of cake.

There was no way Zero Wing’s members could avoid going out to grind for levels. There was also no way Zero Wing could have peak experts escort and protect every Guild member.

Once the various superpowers took action, Zero Wing would eventually lose members in large numbers.

As for Zero Wing retaliating against the various superpowers?

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Seven Luminaries Crystals had always been very important to Mythology. Hence, Cold Shadow had constantly been stockpiling the crystals since early on so that she could contribute them to the Guild during a critical moment and have the Guild recognize her value.

However, if Cold Shadow used up her entire stockpile, gaining recognition would be difficult.

“While Seven Luminaries Crystals are indeed important, getting promoted to Tier 4 is much more important right now.” Gazing at the endless crimson forest ahead of her, Cold Shadow said seriously, “The places Tier 3 players can visit are too limited. Only after reaching Tier 4 can players venture into more valuable locations. Hence, our first priority now is to reach Tier 4. Then, we can easily earn back those crystals!”

In reality, Cold Shadow felt extremely upset by Shi Feng’s actions; she wanted nothing more than to give him a few hundred deaths right now. However, in the current God’s Domain, only Shi Feng knew how to get promoted to Tier 4 quickly and the exact details of the Tier 4 Promotion Quest.

Getting her hands on this information would be equivalent to securing herself an absolute advantage.

After all, she had reached Level 120 already. With Zero Wing’s information, she could undoubtedly reach Tier 4 ahead of everyone else in the Guild. She could be the first to venture into places that players currently considered taboo and continuously strengthen herself. At that time, even becoming the strongest expert of Mythology’s younger generation wouldn’t be impossible.

“I understand. I’ll make the necessary preparations now.” Seeing the determination in Cold Shadow’s eyes, White Feather understood that there was nothing she could say to dissuade Cold Shadow from her decision.

At present, the various superpowers should already have players at Level 120. If Cold Shadow could reach Tier 4 ahead of everyone else, her authority in the Guild would definitely increase.

Of course, Cold Shadow was also making a gamble.

She was betting that Zero Wing would not lose to the various superpowers and that Zero Wing could survive the upcoming battle. In that case, she would obtain an absolute advantage.

However, White Feather wasn't aware of how crazy Cold Shadow actually was.

In Cold Shadow's opinion, it did not matter whether Zero Wing could survive or not. She would be satisfied so long as she could get her hands on this opportunity.

Orc Empire, Silverwing City:

"Dammit! Zero Wing is clearly toying with us!" "That's right! We are kindly offering to purchase his information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest, yet he's repaying us like this!"

"Let's just join hands. So long as we join forces to hinder Zero Wing's operations, Zero Wing will have to yield to us."

"Yes. With our combined strength, there's no chance whatsoever that Zero Wing will survive."

Many of the superpowers operating in Silverwing City secretly came to an agreement to suppress Zero Wing. They began targeting Zero Wing's members to force Zero Wing into obediently surrendering the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest.

Meanwhile, inside Zero Wing's Residence, Shi Feng received a call from Yuan Tiexin.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you've gone too far this time. Even if you want to sell the Tier 4 Promotion Quest's information, you could've just asked for 1,000 units. I believe most superpowers would be willing to pay such a price. You will also get to make a big profit. Why must you have Zero Wing make an enemy out of the superpowers?" Yuan Tiexin said in exasperation.



For the various superpowers, paying 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystals was akin to forking over their lives. However, a price of only 1,000 units would still be palatable to many superpowers. At that time, not only would Zero Wing earn a bunch of Seven Luminaries Crystals, but the various superpowers also wouldn't seek trouble with Zero Wing. It would be the best of both worlds.

Yet, Shi Feng had chosen to take the worst possible action.

"Make enemies?" Chuckling, Shi Feng said, "I never intended to become enemies with them. Also, you're wrong about one thing, Elder Yuan. They are the ones forcing Zero Wing to sell information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest. We aren't selling it because we want to. I've given them my price. If they can't afford it, how is it my fault?"

"What you say is indeed correct..." Yuan Tiexin naturally understood Shi Feng's take on this situation. However, Zero Wing's circumstances were inferior to the various superpowers'. Meanwhile, having wealth without the strength necessary to protect it became a sin. "But those superpowers won't share your way of thinking. They will definitely cooperate in secret to target Zero Wing's members. At that time, Zero Wing's members will shed a river of blood."

The various superpowers might be incapable of breaking through the defenses of Zero Wing's Guild Cities right now, but having people target Zero Wing's members out in the fields would be a piece of cake.

There was no way Zero Wing's members could avoid going out to grind for levels. There was also no way Zero Wing could have peak experts escort and protect every Guild member.

Once the various superpowers took action, Zero Wing would eventually lose members in large numbers.

As for Zero Wing retaliating against the various superpowers?

The superpowers' scheme wasn't going to be something as straightforward as a frontal confrontation. Instead, they would be taking covert action against Zero Wing. In that case, how could Zero Wing possibly determine which superpower was actually taking action against it?

Moreover, even if Zero Wing managed to identify the superpowers responsible for the attacks, with there being so many superpowers, could Shi Feng possibly win against them all?

He would exhaust himself to death just by running about the numerous maps!

However, in response to Yuan Tiexin's words, Shi Feng said calmly, "We'll shed rivers of blood, then!"

#### **Chapter 2749 – Tier 4 Promotion Quest's Secret**

"This is madness. He has truly gone mad."

After hanging up the call, Yuan Tiexin fell speechless. He never thought that Shi Feng would be so stubborn. Shi Feng clearly could've settled things easily so long as he made some concessions, yet he had adamantly refused to do so.

“Uncle Yuan, many of those superpowers have already begun joining forces. When they find out that Zero Wing is unwilling to concede at all, they will definitely take action,” Purple Jade said as she read the report her subordinate just sent her.

Zero Wing’s present situation could be said to be very bad.

According to the report, over 15 superpowers had already agreed to work together to deal with Zero Wing “Forget it. He can do whatever he wants. The clash between the various superpowers and Zero Wing will most likely drag on for some time. After all, Zero Wing’s three cities are too difficult to take down. We’ll see who can last until the end,” Yuan Tiexin said, shaking his head. A glimmer of light then flashed in his eyes as he continued, “Also, we still have more important matters to deal with. If we succeed in this upcoming operation, the Secret Pavilion can thoroughly surpass the various superpowers. At that time, even the Five Great Super Guilds will have to fear us.”

“Mhm. I’ll make the necessary preparations,” Purple Jade said, her eyes similarly filled with joy and excitement.

Tier 4 had never been the end of God’s Domain. Instead, it was only the beginning.

The Secret Pavilion had been waiting for this moment for far too long. Now, it could finally fulfill its long-cherished wish.

Dark Night Empire, Starlink’s Residence:

“Hahaha! Good! That’s what Zero Wing should do! That’s right! Go and thoroughly offend those superpowers!” Lu Xingluo laughed happily when he received news of Zero Wing’s actions.

Previously, he had had a huge headache over how to deal with Zero Wing. However, Zero Wing had actually taken the initiative to offend even more superpowers. With this, he would have a much easier time destroying Zero Wing.

As Lu Xingluo was celebrating in joy, a robust man covered in a Black Cloak and runic bandages suddenly entered his office.

“Sorry for the long wait, Young Master Lu,” the robust, middle-aged man said as he arrived before Lu Xingluo. He then continued in a low tone, “We have resolved most of the troubles there already. We are only waiting for your side now.”

“Good! You came at the perfect time! This time, even the heavens want Zero Wing dead!” Lu Xingluo grew even more excited when he looked at the mysterious middle-aged man. “Leave it to me. I’ll definitely persuade those old fellows to give you their full help.”

“Thank you, Young Master Lu,” the robust man said. “So long as this operation succeeds, the lord of our household will also assist Young Master Lu in quelling all your enemies!”

“I believe you. After all, no one has a better understanding of God’s Domain than you guys right now,” Lu Xingluo said, smiling.

Be it this robust man or the person backing him, Lu Xingluo placed immense trust in them. In the eyes of these people, the various superpowers were negligible. Given enough time, these people could even take on the Five Great Super Guilds simultaneously. This was because the Five Great Super Guilds did not understand God’s Domain at all. What they knew now was only the tip of the iceberg.

Orc Empire, Zero Wing’s Residence:

“Guild Leader, aside from one person, no superpower has stepped forward to purchase the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest,” Youlan said. As she watched Shi Feng casually sort the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest, her head throbbed. “Judging by the other superpowers’ actions, they don’t plan to buy it.”

Since these superpowers had no intention of purchasing the information, their next action was obvious—they would fight for it.

They would fight a war of attrition that would last days and weeks. Meanwhile, Zero Wing’s opponent this time would no longer be just one or two superpowers. Instead, almost all of the eastern continent’s superpowers would become Zero Wing’s enemies.

“There’s actually a fool trying to buy it?” Shi Feng was surprised when he heard Youlan’s words.

Truthfully, he had never once thought that any of the superpowers would purchase his information at the price he quoted. He was sorting through the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest only because his own Guild needed it.

After all, quite a few Zero Wing members already possessed the strength and level required to challenge their Tier 4 Promotion Quest. All they lacked was the knowledge of how to search for their respective Tier 4 Legacy Lands and the process of obtaining their Tier 4 Legacies.

“...” Youlan was momentarily rendered speechless by Shi Feng’s response. After hesitating for a moment, she said, “You know this person, Guild Leader.” “I know them? Is it the Secret Pavilion’s Yuan Tiexin?” After giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng felt that among his acquaintances, only the Secret Pavilion’s Yuan Tiexin could afford to purchase his information. As for Frost Heaven, the Guild had just participated in the reserve seat competition. It definitely did not possess 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystals at this point.

“No, it’s Mythology’s Cold Shadow,” Youlan said, shaking her head. She then asked hesitantly, “Guild Leader, are you really planning to sell it to her?”

Due to the reserve seat competition, Zero Wing was now on Mythology’s radar. If they sold information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest to Mythology now, it would be incredibly disadvantageous for Zero Wing.

“Of course. Why wouldn’t I sell it?” Shi Feng answered without hesitation. “We already announced our intention to do business. Since we said we would sell the information, we naturally can’t go back on our word. Otherwise, the various superpowers will have even more reason to target us.”

He was in urgent need of Seven Luminaries Crystals right now.

Although he had some methods for obtaining a large amount of the crystal, these methods required a lot of time to execute. He wasn’t certain he could collect enough Seven Luminaries Crystals to surpass the top three rankers of the Upper Zone’s contribution competition within the next two months. At best, he could secure one of the top 20 positions.

Gaining 5,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal now would save him a lot of trouble.

“However, White Feather has stated that we cannot mention this transaction to anybody else,” Youlan said. “They want this to be a secret between only our two sides. They also want to sign a contract to this effect.”

“That won’t be a problem. Even if they didn’t suggest it, we would’ve asked them to sign a confidentiality agreement that restricts them from sharing the information with outsiders,” Shi Feng said.

Information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest was like a hot potato right now. Anyone holding it would be struck with misfortune. Even a Super Guild like Mythology wouldn't be safe. Hence, it was very normal for Mythology not to want outsiders to find out about this transaction.

"Make a copy of everything here and give it to them," Shi Feng instructed as he handed the compiled information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest to Youlan.

"Everything?" Youlan was surprised to hear Shi Feng's words.

The players of God's Domain were still ignorant of the Tier 4 Promotion Quest. In fact, even Zero Wing's members knew nothing about it. If they sold all this information to Mythology, that would be akin to throwing away all their advantages.

"Mhm. Everything." Shi Feng nodded. "Since the other party is willing to pay an astronomical price for this information, I naturally won't be stingy. Not to mention, the secret to the Tier 4 Promotion Quest isn't a secret at all. Once the various superpowers learn about it, we can let them know how ridiculous their fantasies about the secret are."

Information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest was indeed incredibly precious. At the very least, that was the case now.

However, once one of the various superpowers' experts successfully reached Tier 4, the information he was selling would be worthless.

Yes. It didn't matter how much information he provided about the Tier 4 Promotion Quest. The real value of his information was simply in helping to produce the first Tier 4 player as quickly as possible. Moreover, the so-called information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest couldn't actually be considered a secret.

This was because locating the Tier 4 Legacy Land and resolving the problems one would encounter in the Legacy Land were both problems that players needed to resolve on their own. The only information he could provide was the method to search for Tier 4 Legacy Lands. Whether one could locate their Legacy Land with this information would still depend on their luck.

After all, Tier 4 Legacy Lands did not have a fixed position. They would appear at random in God's Domain.

The Tier 4 Legacy Lands were all located in spaces outside of the main continents. What players needed to do to visit these Legacy Lands was find the randomly occurring spatial nodes that could teleport them to these Legacy Lands.

In addition to the information on how to search for Tier 4 Legacy Lands, the only other valuable information he provided was the process of learning one's Legacy during the Promotion Quest. With this information, one wouldn't go into one's Promotion Quest blind. Even so, the amount of help this information could provide was limited because the process of learning one's Legacy depended entirely on the individual. Outsiders couldn't help in this matter.

Meanwhile, the method he provided to search for Tier 4 Legacy Lands was to venture into incredibly dangerous neutral maps of at least Level 130. The more dangerous a neutral map was, the more likely one could find a Tier 4 Legacy Land. Only by searching in these maps would one have a greater chance of locating a Tier 4 Legacy Land. Aside from this method, there was no other way.

If he excluded these bits of information, then the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest he sold would be nothing but a scam.

After reading the information, Youlan was stunned.



“This is the Tier 4 Promotion Quest’s secret?” Youlan suddenly felt the urge to laugh.

The various superpowers were currently desperately trying to obtain information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest. However, if they were to learn the exact details of the information...

They would most likely lose their minds.

After all, in the information Shi Feng compiled, there was nothing whatsoever that could increase one’s success rate with the Tier 4 Promotion Quest. The funny thing was, the various superpowers thought that they could have an easier time producing Tier 4 players so long as they had this information. In fact, they were so staunch in their belief that they were waging war against Zero Wing. In reality, by targeting Zero Wing, all the superpowers were doing was wasting precious time when they could be improving themselves.

“That’s right. This is the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “I can even announce to those superpowers, right now, that they have already been eliminated from the struggle for hegemony in God’s Domain!”

As Shi Feng and Youlan were conversing, Liang Jing suddenly entered the room.

“Guild Leader, Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor are ready. They can take action as soon as you give the command,” Liang Jing said excitedly.

“Good! Have them start moving!” Shi Feng said, nodding. “It’s about time we let these so-called superpowers know how laughable their actions are!”

## Chapter 2751 – Number One City in the Future

The Teleportation Hall was a five-story building with the footprint of three sports stadiums. The massive edifice looked as if it were the heart of this area.

Previously, the Teleportation Hall's teleportation array had been suppressed by a magic barrier. However, now that the restriction was lifted, the teleportation array instantly stirred the Mana inside Silverwing City, exciting the Mana to flow toward the building. This sudden change stunned the players on the main street.

"Why does Silverwing City have a Teleportation Hall?"

"Crap! I never thought Zero Wing would actually play such a card!"

"Amazing! Simply amazing! So, this is Zero Wing's true trump card?"

"This won't do! I need to rent some Shops in Silverwing City now! I must rent them no matter the cost!"

The many players on the streets who were originally planning to leave Silverwing City for greener pastures were now in a hurry. Some of the players who were quick to respond hastened to Silverwing City's City Lord's Mansion immediately. "Hurry up!"

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“Notify the Commander right away! We can’t let the Commander rent a house in another Guild City!”

“We got tricked by Zero Wing!”

Meanwhile, the various adventurer teams’ members frantically contacted their respective commanders lest they ruin their future by being even a tad slower.

As for the various large Guilds’ members, their initial gleeful expressions were now replaced with gapes of disbelief.

A Teleportation Hall!

This was a building all players in God’s Domain were familiar with. Everyone knew just how valuable a Guild City with a Teleportation Hall would be.

Compared to high-ranking constructions or Tier 4 NPC guards, a Teleportation Hall was many times more valuable.

After all, so long as a Guild City possessed a Teleportation Hall, it would be connected with the countless NPC cities of God’s Domain. The addition of a Teleportation Hall to a Guild City would be akin to a human living in the stone age instantly transforming into a human living in the modern era. The Teleportation Hall would elevate the standard of a Guild City by several levels.

When the various superpowers received news of this addition, they were momentarily dumbfounded. None of them ever expected Zero Wing to have such a card.

Meanwhile, the Zero Wing members inside Silverwing City reacted with surprise and joy.

“The Guild Leader is awesome! Those superpowers must be stupefied after this move!”

“With the Teleportation Hall, Silverwing City will definitely become the heart of the neighboring kingdoms and even the Black Dragon Empire. Now, even if the superpowers are powerful, they won’t be able to stop players from streaming into Silverwing City. Eventually, Silverwing City will become the number one city in this region!”

Initially, Zero Wing’s members all thought they were in for a bloody battle against the various superpowers. They never thought Shi Feng would bring them such a surprise.

Silverwing City was on a distant neutral map. With the addition of the Teleportation Hall to the city, adventurer teams and independent players could now save up on plenty of travel time by teleporting directly to the Orc Empire.

Even though the teleportation fees would be exorbitant, many expert players would rather pay the higher fee than waste their precious time.

The players of the neighboring kingdoms and empires were highly likely to visit Silverwing City. At that time, Silverwing City’s player population might exceed 10 million, or even 20 million.

The various superpowers’ attempt to suppress Zero Wing economically had become an utter joke.

The only problem remaining would be the superpowers covertly targeting Zero Wing's members. However, that problem could be easily resolved. Zero Wing's members could simply stop wearing their Guild Emblems and travel to other neutral maps to grind.

"Guild Leader, just a moment ago, over 2,000 players visited the City Lord's Mansion to lease Shops from us. At this rate, it won't take more than half a day before we rent out all our Shops," Liang Jing said excitedly as she read the statistics report she just received. Many NPC merchants had withdrawn from Silverwing City after Zero Wing implemented the ban on NPCs. As a result, many Shops were vacant. However, with the current frenzy, Zero Wing didn't have to worry about finding tenants for these Shops anymore. In fact, the number of players seeking to lease Shops from the city outnumbered the NPC merchants that had left, by a factor of ten or more.

Now, Silverwing City's income surpassed even the previous total income of Zero Wing's three Guild Cities.

"Mhm." Shi Feng nodded, not at all surprised by this situation. "However, we need to tweak the rates of our Shops. Instead of just coins, anyone who wishes to lease Shops in the city will also need to pay Magic Crystals: 1,000 Magic Crystals per week for Shops in the city center and 300 Magic Crystals per week for Shops in the outer area. Also, have the Guilds' members start making their way to Sky Spring City."

In his previous life, any Guild that gained the War God's Temple's recognition had practically been immune to economic suppression. The only way to hinder an Official Guild's development would be to destroy the said Guild's Guild City that housed the Teleportation Hall.

Hence, the various superpowers had gone crazy fighting for the reserve seats. In fact, many powers would fight desperately just to secure a foreign aid position. Zero Wing's becoming an Official Guild shortly after the first major update could be considered an incredibly fortunate matter. After all, the moment Zero Wing became an Official Guild, it was no longer competing on the same stage as the various superpowers. While it was indeed true that Zero Wing's current foundation was no match for that of the various superpowers, Zero Wing's potential was way above that of the superpowers.

Now, all Zero Wing needed to do was completely seal the Secret Covenant Tower and use it to rapidly develop the Guild's strength before the NPC forces began their invasion. If everything went well, Zero Wing would just have to sit back, watch as the various powers got eliminated, and harvest the territories of these eliminated powers afterward.

Now, Zero Wing was in a race against time.

As for struggling against the superpowers, that was simply a waste of precious time. After all, in the past, less than 20% of the superpowers had survived the NPC forces' invasion. Since the first major update had taken place much sooner this time, the outcome would most likely be even worse.

Meanwhile, after hearing Shi Feng's orders, Liang Jing said excitedly, "I'll have them start heading over now." Afterward, the members of Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor in Silverwing City teleported to Sky Spring City one after another. The mass migration instantly flooded the desolate streets of Sky Spring City with players.

This scene also surprised the original inhabitants of Sky Spring City.

Subsequently, Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor made an announcement to every player in Sky Spring City, stating that their two Guilds would be imposing a lockdown on Sky Spring City and that any unaffiliated players caught trying to leave the city would be killed without question.

For a time, Sky Spring City's players fell into turmoil.

Although Sky Spring City's various powers couldn't understand why Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor were doing such a thing, locking down an NPC city was child's play for the two super-first-rate Guilds. Hence, after receiving the announcement, Sky Spring City's various powers promptly fled the city, migrating their base of operations to other NPC cities. This, in turn, made Sky Spring City the exclusive haven of Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor.

At this time, a gigantic black eagle circled above the city.

Sitting on the Thunder Eagle's back, Unyielding Heart pointed at the dozen or so Flying Mounts patrolling nearby and said proudly, "Brother Black Flame, Sky Spring City is now sealed off completely. Our two Guilds have organized a flying patrol squad to secure the skies. Now, not even a bird can fly out of the city."

"It is indeed amazing. Players can't fly out even if they want to." Shi Feng felt a trace of admiration as he looked at Unyielding Soul's and Crimson Emperor's Flying Mounts.

He had to admit that the super-first-rate Guilds were indeed powerful. In an era where Flying Mounts were incredibly rare, Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor had actually managed to secure so many. Moreover, by the looks of it, these Flying Mounts were of considerably high quality. Even the weakest among them was at the Advanced Common rank, with two or three of them even reaching the Basic Extraordinary rank.

If a player did not possess an Advanced Extraordinary rank Flying Mount, they wouldn't stand a chance against the coalition of these Flying Mounts.

However, Illusory Words shook her head at Unyielding Heart's words. Unlike Unyielding Heart, she didn't have a very optimistic view of the situation.

"I'm afraid the various superpowers will start paying even closer attention to us now. If we march boldly into the Secret Covenant Tower, I believe it won't be long before news of it gets out. At that time, they will definitely do everything they can to investigate the matter. If that happens, the time we can keep the secret hidden will be very short. "And once the various superpowers find out about the Tier 3 Legacies, all of them on the eastern continent will disregard all costs to contest over the tower. With the amount of time we have, I'm afraid we won't be able to secure many advantages from the tower."

Under normal circumstances, their series of actions would've already caught plenty of attention. Now, they had even become the focus of the superpowers. Meanwhile, no secret could be kept forever—especially with massive organizations like their Guilds. No matter how hard they tried to keep the Secret Covenant Tower's secret hidden, the secret would eventually get out.

The only way to prevent the secret from leaking would be to avoid informing the members of their Guild and prevent their Guild members from entering the Secret Covenant Tower at all. However, they couldn't afford to take such an action.

“Indeed.”

Shi Feng nodded. He very much agreed with Illusory Words's worries.

Compared to Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart, Shi Feng knew much more clearly just how much of an impact the Secret Covenant Tower would have on the continent of God's Domain. Once the tower's secret got out, the resulting struggle wouldn't be a simple competition between superpowers. Instead, it would be a fight to the death. Quite a few superpowers had even perished during the struggle back then.

“However, we have already acted. We can't possibly avoid entering the tower now, right?” Unyielding Heart also understood that the secret would get out very quickly once they began sending their members into the tower. In fact, the secret would still leak even if they allowed only a small number of the Guild's confidants into the tower's 30th floor and below.

“No!” Shi Feng shook his head. Smiling, he said, “We aren't exactly without options to take full control of the Secret Covenant Tower.”



“What other options do we have?” Unyielding Heart asked as he looked at Shi Feng curiously.

In his opinion, once the secret got out, their three Guilds wouldn't be able to retain their monopoly of the Secret Covenant Tower. The only thing they could do now was grind for as many Tier 3 Legacies as possible before the inevitable occurred.

Illusory Words also turned to look at Shi Feng, a trace of confusion in her eyes. “You'll understand once you take a look at this,” Shi Feng said as he sent a document to the two people. He then added, “You must keep this matter a secret. You absolutely cannot let other people know about it. Otherwise, you will no longer have any connection with the Secret Covenant Tower in the future. In contrast, if we succeed in this matter, your two Guilds can each occupy 25% of the Secret Covenant Tower's shares.”

“What is it? Is this thing you speak of really so amazing?” Unyielding Heart felt that Shi Feng was indulging in hyperbole. The latter spoke as if the Secret Covenant Tower was already in the bag.

“You're not talking about the Tier 4 Promotion Quest information, right?” Illusory Words joked.

Shaking his head, Shi Feng said, “You'll understand once you see it.”

Immediately, Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words stopped speaking and opened the file Shi Feng sent them.

However, as soon as they read the information, their jaws dropped, their eyes widened in disbelief, and their hearts pounded with shock.

Looking at Shi Feng, Unyielding Heart asked in a quivering voice, “I-Is this real?”

The thing that Shi Feng had just shown them completely exceeded Unyielding Heart's imagination. In fact, compared to it, the information on the Tier 4 Promotion Quest was worth less than dust.

After all, the thing that Shi Feng showed them could completely rewrite the status quo in God's Domain.  
A Small Mobile Fortress!

### **Chapter 2752 – Shi Feng's Madness**

"So, this is your true trump card?" When Illusory Words looked at the information displayed before her, she couldn't help finding Shi Feng beyond her ken.

First, it was the Teleportation Hall. Then, it was the Secret Covenant Tower. Now, there was even a Small Mobile Fortress. Not only did Shi Feng reveal one secret after another, but every secret was also more amazing than the other.

At this point, she even wondered whether Shi Feng still had more astonishing secrets and trump cards hidden. She got the impression he was simply waiting for his enemies to come at him so that he could use them as Zero Wing's stepping stones.

Simultaneously, she felt fortunate that Crimson Emperor did not oppose Zero Wing. Otherwise, the consequences would be unimaginable. "Sort of," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "May I know if you two are interested now?"

In reality, even Shi Feng coveted the Small Mobile Fortress. However, although he had the design for it now, he barely had any of the necessary materials to construct it.

Incidentally, he could pull two wealthy Guilds into the endeavor.

Taking a deep breath, Illusory Words turned to look at Shi Feng and demanded, "Out with it. How do you want to do this?" Unyielding Heart also nodded in agreement with Illusory Words's question. He wanted to hear Shi Feng's plans.

"You've seen the Small Mobile Fortress's basic information already." Smiling faintly, Shi Feng said, "The wealth needed to construct it is astonishing. I can confidently say that even if we empty out your two Guilds, we still won't have enough resources to build it."

Neither Illusory Words nor Unyielding Heart refuted Shi Feng's words.

Although Shi Feng did not show them the requirements for constructing the Small Mobile Fortress, even a fool could tell that the cost of such a terrifying sky fortress would be astronomical. It definitely wasn't something current superpowers could afford.

"I don't need you to pay for the fortress's construction cost. However, I will need your two Guilds to pay two million Magic Crystals and five million Gold Coins each for the Secret Covenant Tower's shares. What do you think?" Elaborating on his point, Shi Feng said, "Once we fully occupy the Secret Covenant Tower, we can collect entrance fees from other players. For example, we can charge two Magic Crystals or one Gold Coin. Your two Guilds will each get 25% of the profits."

"Of course, before this, I still need your two Guilds to lend me your help. Otherwise, it would be very difficult to accomplish this task."

At Shi Feng's words, Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart began pondering in silence. What Shi Feng said was simply too astonishing. If they followed his plan, they would basically be declaring war on the eastern continent's other superpowers. Moreover, it would be irreconcilable.

Of course, if Shi Feng's plan succeeded, Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul would stand at the top of the eastern continent.

To put it simply, this was a gamble!

Shi Feng was not at all surprised to see the two's reactions.

In reality, he had planned to carry out such a plan since the very beginning. However, instead of revealing his full plan right off the bat, he had chosen to reveal it sequentially to the two Guilds. Otherwise, they would most likely have rejected it then and there. Zero Wing wouldn't be able to become a true titan in God's Domain in that case.

Only by securing the Secret Covenant Tower could Zero Wing continually produce Tier 3 players in large numbers. After all, a complete Tier 3 Legacy could be used only nine times, at most. In other words, a Tier 3 Legacy could, at best, produce nine Tier 3 players. After a Tier 3 Legacy's uses were exhausted, it would disappear automatically, and one would have to find another complete Tier 3 Legacy.

Hence, it was necessary to keep sending players to explore the Secret Covenant Tower. However, if Zero Wing held the tower for only a short period, the small advantage it would gain wouldn't be enough for the Guild to undergo a qualitative transformation. Only by having complete control over the tower would Zero Wing build a foundation solid enough to dominate God's Domain.

Now that Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul had seen the preliminary parts of his plan coming to fruition, the two Guilds would also have more confidence in Zero Wing.

Meanwhile, Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart simultaneously contacted their respective superiors and secretly discussed the partnership Shi Feng proposed.

At this time, Zero Wing had given them two options. Moreover, they had to choose between these options right now.

The first option was to give up on further cooperation and focus only on obtaining some benefits from the Secret Covenant Tower. Afterward, the tower would no longer have any connection with their two Guilds, becoming the competition ground of the other superpowers, instead. The second option was to further their cooperation with Zero Wing, taking full control of the Secret Covenant Tower and making an enemy of every other superpower on the eastern continent. If their plan succeeded, their Guilds would gain an endless stream of resources and Tier 3 players. If they failed, it wouldn't be surprising if their Guilds disbanded.

This was a gamble that put everything on the line!

After discussing for more than ten minutes, Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart simultaneously disconnected their calls and looked at Shi Feng.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, Crimson Emperor has decided to take your gamble this time. However, we have a condition for doing so," Illusory Words said slowly. "If you cannot agree to this condition, we cannot further our partnership." "Brother Black Flame, it is the same for my side, as well," Unyielding Heart said with a bitter smile. "You are playing with too big a fire this time. Our hesitation is natural."

"Go ahead." Shi Feng wasn't at all surprised by this response. After all, the bet he proposed basically involved their Guilds' life or death.

However, not everyone would have the opportunity to make such a bet, either. The two Guilds should know this as well, which was why they did not refuse his offer outright. Instead, they had chosen to accept his offer while increasing their chances of survival as much as possible by adding conditions. In fact, it would be strange if they didn't do so.

"I'm guessing the requirement of our two Guilds should be the same." With a helpless smile, Illusory Words said, "If Zero Wing's plan this time fails, Crimson Emperor wants half of Silverwing City's profits."

Unyielding Heart nodded in agreement. The price Shi Feng was asking their two Guilds to pay was no laughing matter. If the plan really failed, their Guilds would be doomed for sure. However, if they had Silverwing City's income, they could more or less survive the ordeal.

"That won't be a problem," Shi Feng answered without the slightest bit of hesitation.

Since he had invited the two Guilds into an alliance, he naturally had to provide them with a safe path of retreat. Otherwise, who would be willing to take such a risk?

After all, even if Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul secured only a small advantage through the Secret Covenant Tower, they could still become titans in God's Domain, unlike Zero Wing. And even if the two Guilds managed to gain full control over the tower, their situation would improve only slightly. They would be a step ahead of the various superpowers but still be no match for the Five Great Super Guilds.

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Shi Feng's decisiveness stunned Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart.

In their opinion, Silverwing City was Zero Wing's last path of retreat. It was also one of Zero Wing's main sources of income right now and would most likely remain so in the future. One could say that so long as Silverwing City remained standing, Zero Wing would continue to survive in God's Domain. However, Shi Feng had agreed to give its income away without hesitation.

What the two of them did not know was that Shi Feng had never once deemed Silverwing City or Stone Forest City that important.

The Small Mobile Fortress was the way to go!

Even if his plan failed this time and he managed to gather only a small portion of the Small Mobile Fortress's construction materials, he would've profited massively.

In his previous life, Guilds had been willing to exchange three Main Guild Cities for one Small Mobile Fortress, let alone a measly Basic City. Even then, no Guild had accepted the trade.

Following this, Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart signed a Guild Contract with Shi Feng on behalf of their respective Guilds. As stipulated in the contract, Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul would do everything they could to support Zero Wing during this time. Both Guilds would also pay two million Magic Crystals and five million Gold Coins to Zero Wing. In exchange, Zero Wing would have to give up all of Silverwing City's income to the two Guilds should the plan fail.

When the Guild Contract took effect, both Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart breathed out a deep sigh of relief. This was undoubtedly the scariest and craziest wager they had participated in, in their entire lives.

"Brother Black Flame, what do you need us to do next?" Unyielding Heart asked Shi Feng.

With the contract signed, their two Guilds would move according to Shi Feng's arrangement.

Moreover, Unyielding Heart was also curious about what Shi Feng needed their two Guilds' strength for. Although he didn't know what it cost to construct a Small Mobile Fortress, the price definitely wasn't something even five superpowers working together could afford. Otherwise, Mobile Fortresses wouldn't be so rare in the various kingdoms and empires.

"There's nothing much you can do now. Your two Guilds just need to focus on locking down the Secret Covenant Tower. At the same time, send some trustworthy members to explore the 30th floor and beyond to obtain as many Tier 3 Legacies as possible." After giving the matter further thought, Shi Feng said, "In addition, I'll need your two Guilds to organize a 100-man team of peak experts, which will follow me to a place."

"A 100-man team of peak experts?" Shi Feng's words shocked Unyielding Heart.

Even working together, Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul wouldn't be able to form such a team. At best, they would be able to bring out 70 or 80 peak experts.

"Can you tell us where we're going?" Illusory Words frowned at Shi Feng's words. Peak experts were the pillars of their Guilds. Fielding so many peak experts for one operation would place a heavy burden on their Guilds.

Chuckling, Shi Feng answered honestly, "The Ruined Mountain Range!"



## Chapter 2753 – God Slayer’s Treasure

“The Ruined Mountain Range?”

Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart were stunned by Shi Feng’s answer, their complexions turning indescribably grim.

The two of them were not unfamiliar with the name Ruined Mountain Range. On the contrary, this was a name that resounded among the various superpowers.

The superpowers usually sent scouts to check out Level 100-plus neutral maps, which had many danger zones. Some superpowers would even investigate Level 130 to Level 150 neutral maps.

Of the explorations conducted by the superpowers, none of the exploration teams they sent into the Ruined Mountain Range had returned alive.

Yes!

Despite the Ruined Mountain Range being only a Level 120-plus neutral map, none of the expert players that entered it had returned alive. In fact, they didn’t even know how they died.

After suffering such bizarre losses, the superpowers stopped attempting to explore the Ruined Mountain Range. After all, the players capable of entering Level 120-plus neutral maps were incredibly strong experts, with even the weakest among them being at the Flowing Water Realm. Even the superpowers couldn’t afford to have too many of such experts dying.

Due to this reason, the Ruined Mountain Range had become a forbidden land for the various superpowers.

Even though the superpowers already had Level 118-plus expert players under their command now, none of them dared make another attempt.

After a while, Unyielding Heart asked nervously, "Must we go in there?" Peak experts were the main pillars supporting their Guilds. Even the death of one of these experts would distress them. It would be an absolute nightmare if several dozen of them died.

"Mhm. We must. Entering the Ruined Mountain Range is the prerequisite for our success," Shi Feng said, nodding. If possible, he wouldn't want to enter the Ruined Mountain Range at this time, either. However, the Ruined Mountain Range was his only option to secure a large amount of resources quickly. This was because the Ruined Mountain Range was a true forbidden land with the lowest level requirement. Players had a chance of surviving in the neutral map so long as they reached Level 120. Moreover, the Ruined Mountain Range was also one of the most highly contested forbidden lands in his previous life.

Although the Ruined Mountain Range was labeled a forbidden land, it wasn't a forbidden land for all life. Instead, it was only a forbidden land for humans.

Humans would face great danger when entering the Ruined Mountain Range; however, non-humans wouldn't.

Most importantly, the clue he had to the God Slayer led him to the Ruined Mountain Range.

After analyzing the map clue and with his understanding of the Ruined Mountain Range, he felt it was highly likely that one of the God Slayer's treasures was hidden inside the forbidden land.

The Earthfall Secret Land!

This was something he had only heard of during his previous life. Although he didn't know who activated the Earthfall Secret Land, what he did know was that the Five Great Super Guilds had dispatched over 40 Tier 5 experts to contest for it. The struggle between these experts had very nearly flattened the Ruined Mountain Range's outer area.

As to what the Earthfall Secret Land contained, there had been all sorts of rumors about it in the outside world. However, nobody actually had a concrete answer.

This was because shortly after the Earthfall Secret Land appeared, three of the Five Great Super Guilds had joined forces to monopolize that place. The three Guilds had prohibited not only outsiders from entering but even their own internal members. The minimum condition to enter the Earthfall Secret Land had been being a Tier 4 core member.

Nevertheless, one thing was certain: the Earthfall Secret Land was a different dimension the God Slayer had created. The secret land had boasted an abundance of riches and ore veins. Magic Crystals could also be found all around. It wasn't a place the outside world could compare to. Hence, Shi Feng intended to take a look at the Earthfall Secret Land.

However, the road leading to the Earthfall Secret Land was a treacherous one. After all, countless Tier 4 players had died in the Ruined Mountain Range in his previous life. Even Tier 5 players had fallen in the map. It wasn't a place that lone individuals could easily traverse.

Therefore, Shi Feng planned to tap the power of Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul for this endeavor.

“The Ruined Mountain Range is extraordinary. Not to mention, the two of our Guilds don’t even have enough people to form a 100-man team of peak experts. I’m afraid it’s going to be difficult to survive there,” Illusory Words stated. “How about we include some additional Tier 3 experts? That will increase our chances.”

Compared to Tier 3 peak experts, ordinary Tier 3 experts were far less prized. If they came across dangerous situations, they could have the ordinary experts scout ahead instead of putting the peak experts at risk.

This method was frequently employed by superpowers when exploring forbidden lands.

“No.” Shaking his head, Shi Feng smiled and said, “The ones participating in this expedition aren’t just experts from your two Guilds. Other experts will come with us, as well.”

“Other experts?” “Are they safe?”

Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart were confused by Shi Feng’s words. The operation this time was evidently a top secret. They couldn’t afford to invite outsiders at all.

Moreover, the operation had high requirements for players. They found it hard to believe that Zero Wing actually had other allies that could be trusted for this operation.

“Mhm. They’re safe. Their strength is also more than enough to participate in this operation,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

The Earthfall Secret Land was a place that the Five Great Super Guilds had considered a strategic resource. Once there, he naturally couldn't explore it together with Crimson Emperor's and Unyielding Soul's members.

However, exploring the secret land by himself was also impossible. Hence, he needed to bring some other people with him. Only, outsiders did not know that these people were actually part of Zero Wing.

Afterward, Shi Feng had illusory Words and Unyielding Heart gather their Guilds' peak experts while he contacted the Asura adventurer team.

As for the Secret Covenant Tower, he tasked Fire Dance and the rest of Zero Wing's main force to handle it. After all, the expedition to the Ruined Mountain Range would take a lot of time. Since Fire Dance and the others could already challenge their Tier 4 Promotion Quests, it would be a loss for them to accompany him.

Black Dragon Empire, Thousand Rock Town:

Several dozen flashes appeared on the town's teleportation array as Unyielding Soul's and Crimson Emperor's peak experts arrived in this desolate border town.

Although Thousand Rock Town was known as a town, there were hardly any NPCs there, let alone players, because of the town's proximity to the Ruined Mountain Range. The neutral map was so dangerous that even NPCs wished to avoid it.

After glancing at the desolate street, Blue Gown eyed Shi Feng, who stood nearby. She then asked Illusory Words curiously through a private conversation, "Big Sis Illusory, who do you think Guild Leader Black Flame invited?"

In her opinion, their team, which consisted entirely of peak experts or better, was incredibly rare even in the entire God's Domain. She found it inconceivable that Zero Wing could invite another team capable of rivaling theirs.

Aside from the many peak experts, their team had Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart. The former was a Cleric who stood at the pinnacle of God's Domain, while the latter was a Berserker with Defense rivaling MT classes. There was also Blue Gown herself, who was the third-ranked Guardian Knight in Crimson Emperor's main force.

At this stage of the game, only the Five Great Super Guilds would be capable of fielding such a team. "I don't know. According to the information we gathered, only the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Phoenix Rain might be of help. However, Phoenix Rain disappeared, so Zero Wing shouldn't have any other capable allies," Illusory Words replied, shaking her head. She, too, was curious about the allies Shi Feng mentioned.

Shortly after Illusory Words and Blue Gown spoke with each other, a dozen or so flashes appeared on the teleportation array once more.

When these new arrivals walked out of the teleportation array, both Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart were shocked. Every one of these new arrivals radiated an astonishingly powerful aura. By the looks of it, not only had they unlocked their Mana Bodies, but their progress should've reached 100% as well.

The callous man walking at the head of the group was someone even Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart had to be wary of.

Lightning Demon Lifeless Thorn!

Lifeless Thorn was a ruthless person who persisted in challenging the various experts of God's Domain. Some time ago, he had even fought Stalwart Sky, one of the Battle Wolves's Wolf Kings, to a draw and was labeled by the Secret Pavilion as one of the eastern continent's top ten rookies.

At this time, Lifeless Thorn boasted not only a high level of 122 but also seven pieces of Epic Equipment. And although he had hidden the glow effect of the spear he carried on his back, the archaic magic patterns engraved on it betrayed the spear's superiority to ordinary Epic Weapons.

The Asura adventurer team! Why are they here? Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart were dying of curiosity at the sight of Lifeless Thorn's group. After all, the Asura adventurer team was currently a top adventurer team in God's Domain. Moreover, it possessed an incredibly mysterious background. Not only did the adventurer team conquer many high-difficulty, large-scale Team Dungeons, but the adventurer team's members also possessed unfathomable strength. Many of the adventurer team's members had even reached the Spiritualization Realm[1], which allowed them to exhibit extraordinary combat power. Various superpowers had frantically tried to recruit the adventurer team.

However, the Asura adventurer team had rejected all the offers. Although many superpowers had sent teams led by peak experts in retaliation, none of these teams succeeded. Moreover, these teams usually returned with heavy losses.

"Everyone's here. Let's go."

**Chapter 2754 – Forbidden Land for Humans**

“Everyone’s here?” Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart turned to Shi Feng in astonishment. “Could it be them?” Not only did the Asura adventurer team possess a reputation on the eastern continent of God’s Domain, but according to rumor, the adventurer team also controlled more than half of the Ice Crystal World. All of the adventurer team’s core members were incredibly mysterious. From time to time, unheard-of powerful geniuses would also appear in the adventurer team.

It was also bruited about that the Asura adventurer team had an incredibly powerful commander. This commander was elusive and mysterious. Rumor had it that even Lifeless Thorn couldn’t survive one hit from this commander and that Lifeless Thorn was challenging the various superpowers’ experts so crazily because he wanted to challenge Asura’s commander once more.

This situation instilled fear in the various superpowers.

For this reason, God’s Domain’s superpowers suspected that the Asura adventurer team had the backing of a mysterious and powerful force. In fact, they even suspected that this mysterious backer was someone from the Upper Zone’s top layer.

The Asura adventurer team had arrogantly rejected many of the powers that wished to recruit it. This, in turn, resulted in many clashes between Asura and the various powers. And the more Asura fought, the more famous it became.

Now, however, it was actually revealed that Asura had a good relationship with Zero Wing.

“Mhm. They’ll be moving with us later on,” Shi Feng said. He then nodded at Lifeless Thorn and the others in greeting

Actually, even Shi Feng was somewhat surprised when he saw Lifeless Thorn and the others. He never thought that they would improve so much in the time he hadn’t seen them.



Now, Lifeless Thorn and the others surpassed Fire Dance and Zero Wing's other main force members in levels. Moreover, Lifeless Thorn's aura suggested that he was half a step into the Domain Realm already. Shi Feng had to admit that the man was truly a battle maniac. Although his frenziedly challenging God's Domain's various experts had earned him a lot of enemies, the experience he racked up allowed him to improve rapidly.

As for Solitary Nine, Yan Ya, Cleansing Whistle, and the others standing beside Lifeless Thorn, they, too, had made significant improvement. It was evident they were at the Flowing Water Realm already. Moreover, they weren't all that far from reaching the Void Realm, either. If they received enlightenment now, they might very well break through to the next level immediately. Meanwhile, Shi Feng's introduction of them rendered Lifeless Thorn and the others momentarily speechless. They nodded at Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart in acknowledgment, none of them showing any intention of speaking to the two strangers.

At this time, Solitary Nine spoke to Shi Feng excitedly through a private conversation, asking, "Commander, what do you think of the people we brought this time? Everyone's combat power is on par with peak experts. We didn't shame you, right?"

"Indeed. I never thought you would manage to recruit so many talents," Shi Feng said in astonishment as he studied Asura's team members.

Quite a few of the Asura members present were people he was unacquainted with personally. However, he had heard of a few of these people in his previous life. All of them had been well-known solo experts in the game. Two of them had even reached Tier 5, only slightly inferior to Lifeless Thorn, who had reached the Demigod standard.

Shi Feng truly had not imagined that Lifeless Thorn and the others would be able to recruit all these people into the Asura adventurer team.

Following this, Solitary Nine told Shi Feng about recent events, mentioning that they had accidentally strayed into a magical place where time flowed at a completely different rate, and the players residing there were incredibly strong. In that magical place, Refinement Realm experts were considered third-rate; they were no big deal whatsoever.

The players there were also very high-leveled, with some having even reached Level 130 already. When Solitary Nine and the others visited that place, they had been utterly dumbfounded.

During their stay in that magical place, they had frequently fought with the experts there. This allowed them to gain a lot of inspiration and improvement. Unfortunately, the system abruptly brought them back to the main continent for some reason. When they returned, their levels surpassed that of the superpowers' peak experts by a large margin.

Solitary Nine's tale surprised Shi Feng. He never thought that God's Domain would actually have such a magical area.

However, when he remembered that Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose had fought in a different world for eighty years, he concluded that the situation Lifeless Thorn and the others had found themselves in was nothing to fuss about.

Meanwhile, Crimson Emperor's and Unyielding Soul's members also finished their preparations to set off. Following which, everyone got on their Flying Mounts and flew toward the Ruined Mountain Range.

The Ruined Mountain Range occupied a huge area on the continent of God's Domain.

According to players' estimates, the entire Ruined Mountain Range could rival the combined area of five or six empires and connected many places. The neutral map's Level 120 region was only the periphery. If players wished to survive in the map's inner region, they would have to reach Level 150 at the very least.

As for the Ruined Mountain Range's core area, only Level 180-plus, Tier 5 experts could enter there; even Level 200, Tier 4 experts wouldn't survive.

After flying for seven hours straight, Shi Feng and the others finally saw a stretch of majestic mountains on the horizon.

Just the mountains in the Ruined Mountain Range's periphery already reached heights of more than 30,000 meters. The sky of the mountain range was also shrouded in thunderclouds, and purple lightning arcs frequently appeared, bombarding the mountain range.

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Those seeing the Ruined Mountain Range for the first time were inevitably stunned by the magnificent and destructive scene before them.

"We're descending!" Shi Feng instructed everyone after taking a look at the mountain range ahead.

Flying Mounts couldn't fly into the Ruined Mountain Range. If players wished to enter the neutral map, they had to rely on their own two feet.

This was because even Tier 5 experts couldn't withstand the purple lightning. Even a Level 200, Tier 5 Guardian Knight would fall after suffering three to five lightning strikes. Anyone who wished to fly inside the Ruined Mountain Range would have to reach Tier 6 first. Only then could they endure the purple lightning

Shortly afterward, Shi Feng and the others arrived in a forest near the Ruined Mountain Range. They then stored their Flying Mounts one after another.

“Once we enter the Ruined Mountain Range, everyone must stick to the team as closely as possible. You must not split off from the team under any circumstances. Otherwise, you’ll be responsible for the consequences,” Shi Feng said after everyone had finished organizing themselves. “Remember! Even if someone beside you is asking for help, or I tell you to run for your lives, ignore everything! You must continue sticking to the team and advance! We also need to move as fast as possible!”

Upon hearing Shi Feng’s command, everyone present was surprised and puzzled. “Guild Leader Black Flame, are we supposed to ignore even your commands after we enter the map?” Blue Gown asked, her eyes filled with questions as she looked at Shi Feng.

Shi Feng had clearly stated before that they needed to listen to his every command. Yet, now, he was telling them to ignore his commands once they entered the Ruined Mountain Range. His instructions were simply incomprehensible.

“Yes. Once you enter, you can ignore any of my commands temporarily. You can also ignore everyone around you until the team comes to a halt,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

“Why?” Illusory Words was also slightly confused by this situation. “Is there an illusion inside?”

“I’m not sure, either. In any case, the environment inside is very special. You will suffer from hallucinations once you enter. However, despite being hallucinations, everything you see isn’t an illusion, but real instead. Nobody can tell what is real or fake once inside. You can treat everything as real, and you can also treat everything as fake,” Shi Feng said calmly. “The only thing I am certain of is that stopping inside means death!”

This was also why he had Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul dispatch only peak experts for this expedition. Anyone capable of becoming a peak expert would possess a firm mindset. Meanwhile, only

with a firm mindset could one pass through the Ruined Mountain Range's periphery. "How can there be such an environment?" Blue Gown was shocked at Shi Feng's explanation.

As far as she knew, forbidden lands were merely places with harsh environments and strong monsters. Yet, the Ruined Mountain Range was actually a place that subjected players to hallucinations?

At this moment, let alone Blue Gown, even Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart had grim expressions on their faces. Suddenly, they understood why the various superpowers' experts had died unawares after entering the Ruined Mountain Range.

In fact, it would be strange if they knew how they died!

In this world, the scariest thing was the unknown.

Meanwhile, the Ruined Mountain Range undoubtedly fulfilled this condition.

Although they didn't know whether there were any monsters in the Ruined Mountain Range's periphery, just the unique environment alone made it a scary place. In fact, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to call it the scariest place they had visited since entering God's Domain.

The Ruined Mountain Range truly deserved its reputation as a forbidden land for humans!

"Alright, let's head inside," Shi Feng said after seeing that everyone had digested his words. "Remember! Stick to the team!"

Afterward, Shi Feng led the team to a mountain path that led into the Ruined Mountain Range.

The mountain path was relatively close by. Tier 3 players would take only a few minutes to cross the distance on foot.

Less than ten minutes later, the team of 100-plus players entered the Ruined Mountain Range's perimeter. The moment everyone set foot into the neutral map, their mood grew solemn. They also followed Shi Feng's command and stuck close to each other.

The team advanced at a slow pace. Even the Tier 3 magical-class players of the team managed to keep up easily. The Ruined Mountain Range's environment was surprisingly better than everyone imagined; the map did not constantly sap their Stamina or Concentration. In fact, very little foreign energy invaded their bodies here.

Around half an hour later, the team still had not come across a single monster. The whole mountain range was surprisingly safe and peaceful. Unlike what they imagined, the map wasn't infested with monsters that could easily trample over Tier 3 players.

"It seems the Ruined Mountain Range isn't a big deal, after all," Blue Gown said as she observed her surroundings. Under the circumstances, her initial expectation had disappeared completely.

At Blue Gown's words, everyone in the team also started to feel that Shi Feng had blown things out of proportion. He had only made them needlessly anxious. "Blue, I'll have to rely on you once monsters start appearing later on," a Level 119 female Summoner said to Blue Gown.

"Sure, no problem. I'll make sure no monster gets near you," Blue Gown said confidently.

The female Summoner felt relieved at Blue Gown's assurance.

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The next moment, the sound of something splashing suddenly entered everyone's ears. The smell of blood also quickly spread into the surroundings. Meanwhile, everyone in the team stared at the female Summoner and Blue Gown in shock.

"You... Why?" The female Summoner stared at Blue Gown in consternation.

Before anyone realized it, Blue Gown had stabbed the female Summoner with her longsword, causing the latter to lose HP continuously.

Blue Gown stared at the female Summoner in confusion. A bright smile appearing on her face, she asked in a dissatisfied tone, "What why?"

After saying so, Blue Gown slashed the female Summoner's throat, killing her.

"What's going on?"

Immediately, the people standing behind Blue Gown stared at her in shock and confusion. They couldn't understand why Blue Gown would suddenly attack a fellow teammate.

Moreover, the smile on her face was unspeakably strange. The gaze she used to look at them also seemed as if she wasn't looking at humans.

"What's the matter with you guys?" Blue Gown asked in confusion when she saw everyone looking at her warily. "Why are you looking at me like that?"

However, despite her words, Blue Gown had an indescribably calm expression on her face. As if she had just stepped on an ant by the roadside, she was completely oblivious to the fact that she had just killed one of her teammates.

## **Chapter 2755 – Monster?**

"Did Blue get possessed by a monster?"

"What should we do now?"

"Anyway, let's step back and keep our distance!"

Everyone slowly backed away from Blue Gown while staring at her in confusion. After all, Blue Gown possessed extraordinary strength as well as a hidden class for Guardian Knights. If they allowed her to get close to them, they would meet a similar fate to that female Summoner.

Meanwhile, upon noticing the players behind her stepping away, Blue Gown slowed her pace and looked at her teammates in confusion.



“What’s the matter with you guys?”

While Blue Gown asked this question, the longsword in her hand bloomed with a dazzling light. The surrounding space even began to twist from the weapon’s power.

“Not good! Be careful! She’s using a Tier 3 Legacy Skill! We’ll definitely die if we get hit!” a Tier 3 expert familiar with Blue Gown warned Unyielding Soul’s experts. Afterward, this person dashed straight into the nearby forest. The next moment, several other peak experts from Crimson Emperor also hid in the nearby forest one after another. Upon seeing this, Unyielding Soul’s experts couldn’t help hesitating over whether to fight or hide.

On the other hand, Blue Gown was confused when she saw Crimson Emperor’s members fleeing. Turning toward the female Summoner who should’ve long since been dead, Blue Gown asked, “Tea, what do you think is wrong with them? Why did they look at me like that just now?”

“I don’t know, either,” the female Summoner named Clear Tea answered, shaking her head. With a confused expression on her face, she said, “Why don’t we follow them and take a look? It’ll be bad if they move too far away from the team.”

“I guess you’re right.” Blue Gown nodded in agreement. Meanwhile, when Illusory Words, who stood some distance ahead of Blue Gown, noticed Blue Gown splitting away from the team, she promptly slowed her pace.

“Blue, what are you doing?” Illusory Words shouted at Blue Gown in dissatisfaction. “Also, who have you been talking to all this time?”

“Me?” Turning toward Illusory Words, Blue Gown answered, “Haven’t I been talking to Clear Tea all this time?”

“Clear Tea?” Looking at Blue Gown strangely, Illusory Words said, “Isn’t Tea at the front of the team?” “The front?” Blue Gown immediately turned to look at Clear Tea. However, before she realized it, the female Summoner whom she had been chatting with merrily just a moment ago was nowhere to be seen. “Where did she go?”

“Wait, why have so many of our members gone missing?” Illusory Words asked in confusion.

“I don’t know what got into them, but they suddenly retreated into the forest over there,” Blue Gown said, shaking her head. She, too, was confused at this situation.

“No! We were fooled!” Illusory Words’s complexion darkened when she saw that the entire rear section of the team had disappeared. “Black Flame never planned to bring us into the Ruined Mountain Range! He must’ve been planning to use the Ruined Mountain Range’s power to annihilate our peak experts!” “This...” Blue Gown was momentarily stunned.

“Now that we’ve suffered such severe losses already, if we continue following him, he’ll definitely lead us to our deaths! Our only choice is to kill him now!” Illusory Words said in a whisper to Blue Gown while looking at the front at Shi Feng, who was leading the team. “I’ll assist you. With your strength, even if you can’t kill him in one hit, you should still be able to injure him heavily. At that time, I’ll land the finishing blow on him!”

“This despicable Black Flame! I knew he wasn’t anything good!” Blue Gown nodded in agreement to Illusory Words’s plan.

Blue Gown made her way toward Shi Feng at a quick pace. When less than 100 yards separated them, Blue Gown suddenly disappeared, then reappeared behind Shi Feng, a dazzling brilliance bursting out from the longsword she wielded. She swung her sword at the defenseless Shi Feng.

The next moment, countless spatial cracks appeared before Blue Gown and extended up to 100 yards away.

“Blue Gown, what are you doing?!” Unyielding Heart was startled when he saw Blue Gown suddenly attacking Shi Feng.

However, Blue Gown paid no attention to Unyielding Heart at all, launching another ruthless attack immediately after her first one.

However, after executing her second attack, Blue Gown was dumbfounded.

“Where did he go?”

Looking ahead, Blue Gown failed to see anyone standing on the road before her, and she froze in stupefaction.

By the time Blue Gown reacted to the situation, Shi Feng was already standing beside her and looking at her quietly.

At this time, Unyielding Heart also took action, grabbing Blue Gown’s wrist, preventing her from attacking again.

“Blue Gown, what are you doing?! Why are you attacking Guild Leader Black Flame?! Have you lost your mind?!” Unyielding Heart questioned.

“Don’t stop me! He’s trying to kill us!” Blue Gown said as she glared at Shi Feng. “He’s trying to annihilate our peak experts using the Ruined Mountain Range! If you don’t believe me, look behind! Everyone at the back has disappeared already!”

“Disappeared?” Startled by Blue Gown’s words, Unyielding Heart automatically turned to look to the team’s rear.

Upon seeing that fewer than 20 people remained in the team, Unyielding Heart paled.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, are you really...” In this situation, even Unyielding Heart couldn’t help doubting Shi Feng’s motives. “Are you really trying to annihilate us?”

Before Unyielding Heart finished speaking, Shi Feng had already unsheathed the Abyssal Blade.

Slash!

Before Blue Gown could react, Shi Feng had cleaved Unyielding Heart in half, killing the latter instantly. “You!” Blue Gown was momentarily stunned when she saw Unyielding Heart getting killed. She then bellowed at Shi Feng, “You really are trying to annihilate the peak experts of our two Guilds! I’ll fight you to death!”

After Blue Gown said so, the intensity of her aura skyrocketed until it rivaled that of Level 120 Mythic monsters.

However, before she could take action, Shi Feng used Darkness Bind.

Several dozen chains promptly appeared and restricted Blue Gown's movements. Despite her strength rivaling Tier 4 Mythic monsters', all she could do was glare at Shi Feng; she couldn't move her body in the slightest.

Looking at Blue Gown, Shi Feng said evenly, "You need to calm down!"

"Calm down? You want me to calm down?!" Blue Gown's eyes burned with a fiery rage. "You killed Vice Guild Leader Heart, yet you want me to calm down!?"

"Take a clear look at the situation!" Shi Feng shouted while releasing his killing intent and directing it at Blue Gown.

The intense killing intent instantly shocked Blue Gown out of her anger. And as if having realized something, she then gawked at her surroundings.

"What the hell is going on with me?"

Before Blue Gown realized it, more people had appeared around her. Unyielding Heart stood among these new additions and was currently staring at her with a confused look on his face.

“Blue, what’s gotten into you? Why are you trying to kill Guild Leader Black Flame so desperately?” Illusory Words asked, similarly surprised by Blue Gown’s actions.

Everyone had been advancing carefully before. Yet, for some reason, Blue Gown had suddenly charged up to Shi Feng and attacked him. Fortunately, Shi Feng had reacted quickly and dodged her attack in time. “An illusion? I got caught in an illusion?” Blue Gown was stunned by this situation. Everything she experienced before felt too real, so real that she didn’t even notice that something was amiss.

“What’s going on here?” Unyielding Heart asked in surprise. “Does this mean you’ll get trapped in an illusion even if you’re just walking?”

However, before Unyielding Heart and the others could figure out what was going on, Shi Feng suddenly stabbed the Abyssal Blade into Blue Gown.

“What are you doing, Guild Leader Black Flame?” Illusory Words asked, startled. Shi Feng was a Tier 4 Sword Emperor. Any random attack of his could reap millions of HP from Mythic monsters. Killing Blue Gown, who had less than three million HP, would take no more than a hit.

However, what occurred next made everyone’s jaws drop.

This was because Shi Feng’s attack failed to kill Blue Gown.

A damage value exceeding 4.4 million had appeared above Blue Gown’s head, yet the Guardian Knight’s HP bar had fallen by only a small chunk-losing barely 3% of her HP.

“How is this possible?!” Unyielding Heart couldn’t help doubting his eyes. For Blue Gown to lose only around 3% of her HP despite suffering over four million damage, her maximum HP had to exceed 200 million.

A player having 200 million HP?

“Did a monster replace Blue?” Illusory Words was also stunned by this situation. This was Illusory Words’s first time seeing a monster transforming into a player. Moreover, the Blue Gown before her looked identical to the real one.

However, before anyone could snap out of their surprise, Shi Feng suddenly appeared beside Illusory Words and slashed at her with the Abyssal Blade.

-6,434,654!

Damage exceeding six million appeared above Illusory Words’s head. However, similar to Blue Gown, Illusory Words lost less than 3% of her HP from the attack. Illusory Words looked at Shi Feng strangely, failing to understand why Shi Feng had attacked her all of a sudden.

Meanwhile, Unyielding Heart, who saw all of this, was at a loss. He simply couldn’t figure out what was happening right now.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, what exactly are you doing?” After suffering an attack, Illusory Words hurriedly stepped back and used a Healing Spell on herself, instantly replenishing her HP back to full.

“What am I doing?” Chuckling, Shi Feng said, “Of course, I’m getting rid of you monsters!”

“Monsters? What kind of joke are you making? How am I a monster? I’m a bona fide player!” Illusory Words protested, her eyes wide with confusion as she looked at Shi Feng. She then explained hurriedly, “There must be a problem here!”

When everyone on the team saw that Illusory Words did not retaliate, combined with the sincerity in her voice, they had to nod their heads in agreement, feeling that there was definitely a problem here.

If Illusory Words really were a monster, she should’ve retaliated after Shi Feng attacked her. She wouldn’t be trying to explain herself.

In the meantime, Blue Gown looked at herself in shock. She couldn’t believe that she had transformed into a monster. “Am I actually the transformation of a monster?”

## **Chapter 2756 – True Forbidden Land!**

Blue Gown and Illusory Words’s bizarre performance and words stunned everyone.

Were Blue Gown and Illusory Words monsters or not?

Previously, when they came across monsters, all they needed to do was attack the said monsters. If they couldn’t defeat the monsters, they could just run. Now, however, they couldn’t even tell whether the monsters they faced were actual monsters. What were they supposed to do in this situation?



Immediately, a deathly silence fell over the entire team as everyone turned to look at their teammates, afraid that the one standing beside them was actually a monster in disguise.

Illusory Words and Blue Gown also warily eyed each other. This weird scene was definitely a first for everyone.

However, after this strange atmosphere lasted for several seconds, the sunny sky suddenly darkened. Lightning and thunder filled the surroundings.

Before Blue Gown realized it, the people around her had disappeared. Simultaneously, a six-meter-tall monster with a huge mouth and ethereal body had appeared beside her-and it had devoured half of her soul already.

Despite having noticed this monster, she could only stare at it quietly like an immobile puppet. She couldn't move her body even if she wanted to.

However, the next moment, a magic blade pierced the heart of this monster. The monster let loose an ear-piercing scream that made Blue Gown feel as if her head would burst.

"What's going on?"

Blue Gown, whose body currently resembled an ethereal soul, was all at sea. Right now, she truly could not distinguish what was real from what was fake. It was as if she had woken up from a dream, only to end up in another dream.

Before she could react to the situation, the injured monster pounced on her once more, intending to devour the delicacy before it.

Meanwhile, Blue Gown, who had returned to her physical body, was utterly powerless against the monster. Just being close to it petrified her and gave her a pounding headache. She couldn't put up any resistance whatsoever.

[Soul Devourer] (Soul Monster, Great Lord)

Level 124

HP 440,000,000

However, before the Soul Devourer could reach Blue Gown, several magic swords shot through it in rapid succession.

-34,514,724!

-71,514,654!

-35,164,412!

Several dozen terrifying damage values flashed above the Soul Devourer one after another, the Great Lord's HP zeroing out straightaway. The monster then dispersed into particles of light, leaving behind a dozen or so crystal fragments in its place. "Black Flame?"

Blue Gown looked at Shi Feng in confusion, having fallen into a mentally weakened state, her voice tremulous with uncertainty.

"You sustained some mental attacks. Nearly half of your Concentration was consumed, as well. It's best if you don't move around recklessly," Shi Feng said as he looked at Blue Gown. "Fortunately, you managed to walk out of that area; I wouldn't have been able to save you otherwise."

"Mental attacks?" Blue Gown was taken aback. "How is this possible?!" This was her first time hearing this term. Moreover, everything she had experienced before felt real. Such a situation was simply unheard-of.

She had experienced earth-shattering battles in God's Domain before but never such a terrifying illusion. She found it hard to imagine that a monster was actually capable of executing such an attack.

"Nothing is impossible in God's Domain, especially in this forbidden land for humans," Shi Feng said as he met Blue Gown's incredulous gaze. Shaking his head, he said, "Monsters in God's Domain aren't limited to physical and magical attacks. They have many unknown ways to attack and lay traps. Even if a player possesses combat power far surpassing a monster's, the player will still get killed if they aren't careful. "Take these monsters that are capable of employing mental attacks, for example. Even if you have superior Basic Attributes, so long as you get caught in their mental attack, if you don't have incredibly strong willpower and the Concentration to break through their mental bindings, you will still get killed!" This was also why it was important for players to improve not only their Basic Attributes but also their Concentration.

During the early stages of God's Domain, players would rarely encounter mental attacks. Those that did wouldn't notice it due to their ignorance of mental attacks. However, past Level 120 and after the first major update took place, mental attacks would appear much more frequently.

Meanwhile, if players did not possess sufficiently strong willpower, they would still be helpless against mental attacks even if they had incredibly powerful Basic Attributes.

Take Blue Gown, for example. She had been trapped inside the Soul Devourer's mental space and couldn't escape at all. Fortunately, she did not die inside the mental space. Otherwise, even if he managed to save her from the Soul Devourer, all he would've saved would be an empty husk.

In God's Domain, dying inside a mental space was no different from dying in the outside world. To put it simply, one would suffer a soul death. This was also why most players in his previous life dared not offend Tier 5 NPCs, as some of them wielded mental attacks.

Meanwhile, suffering a soul death was much worse than a physical death. Worst-case scenario, one would lose one's account and have to start all over again.

After Shi Feng finished speaking, he resumed controlling his magic swords to rescue the others.

"This is a true forbidden land?"

As Blue Gown looked at the death and destruction in her surroundings, she finally realized that the Ruined Mountain Range was much scarier than she thought.

Compared to the battles she had experienced before, the one just now was on an entirely different level.

Moreover, she had never thought that there would be such forms of combat in a virtual reality game.

Despite the Soul Devourer's Basic Attributes being inferior to hers, she had been utterly helpless against it. When that Soul Devourer approached her earlier, she had suffered an intense headache. Her head had hurt so much that she couldn't control her body, let alone fight.

Blue Gown wasn't the only victim of a Soul Devourer's attack. Several dozen other people had been caught as well.

Of those present, only 19 people managed to avoid the Soul Devourers' attacks. Of the 19 people, the Asura adventurer team had an overwhelming advantage in numbers. Eight of the adventurer team's members were unscathed, compared to the five members each of Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul.

At this time, everyone was desperately trying to save those who had been caught. However, some of the victims were beyond rescue already.

The devouring speed of the Soul Devourers varied. Some were slow to finish their prey, while others were quick. Evidently, some players had stronger resistance to mental attacks, while other players had weaker resistance.

Those with weak resistance didn't have much of their souls left at this point.

When Blue Gown noticed Asura's Cleansing Whistle, who was roughly the same age as herself, fighting a Soul Devourer, she was stunned. Am I that much weaker than her? Blue Gown couldn't help her surprise and confusion as she watched Cleansing Whistle.

She considered herself one of the best among her peers. Her Guild even recognized her as one of the top three talents of the younger generation. Yet, she was actually inferior to Cleansing Whistle, someone whose combat standard hadn't even reached the Void Realm

yet.

However, before Blue Gown could recover from her shock, she felt a chill envelop her body as if something was staring directly at her soul.

“What?!”

“This is a lie, right?! How can we fight such a thing?!”

Blue Gown wasn't the only person who felt this sensation; everyone experienced it. When Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart looked in the direction of this feeling's source, they trembled in fear.

A 30-meter-tall, three-headed monster loomed over the team, and every step it took made everyone's soul shudder in fear.

[Todelya the Soul Singer (Realm Lord)] (Superior Mythic)

Level 128

HP 20,500,000,000

## **Chapter 2757 – Fifteen Seconds!**

Everyone gasped at Todelya's appearance.

A Realm Lord was an existence close to rivaling World Bosses. Not to mention, Todelya was a Realm Lord of the Ruined Mountain Range. Its strength was most likely on par with that of World Bosses in the outside world.

"This is the terror of a forbidden land for humans?" Mu Lingsha smiled wryly at the sight of the Soul Singer.

She finally understood why none of the various superpowers' expert teams managed to make it out of the Ruined Mountain Range alive.

It would be strange if they did!

At this time, not only was half of their team dead, but they also had to fight a large number of Soul Devourers. Although the Soul Devourers weren't particularly strong, most of the surviving members of their team couldn't fully exhibit their combat power, either.

The Soul Devourers dealt astonishingly powerful mental damage. Even after players broke free from the Soul Devourers' mental shackles, the mental damage still existed, affecting their brains. The consequent headaches prevented the players from executing delicate actions, which, in turn, lowered their combat standards by two ranks on average.

Now, Void Realm experts could exhibit combat standards only at the Refinement Realm, while Domain Realm experts' combat standards were at the Void Realm.

On the other hand, the Soul Devourers all had combat standards at the Trial Tower's sixth floor. They could undoubtedly be considered first-rate experts, not much inferior to ordinary Tier 3 experts in combat standards.

With the addition of a Realm Lord, there was no way their team could get out of this situation alive.

Among those still standing, only Lifeless Thorn, Solitary Nine, Yan Ya, and Cleansing Whistle remained relatively calm, continuing to systematically slay the Soul Devourers troubling the players around them.

"Nine, Thorn, and Yan Ya, help me hold the Boss for 15 seconds!" Shi Feng said after saving another person from the Soul Devourers.

Upon hearing Shi Feng's command, Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart couldn't help doubting their ears.

They're still going to fight in this situation? Their opponents consisted of several hundred Soul Devourers and one Realm Lord. The only thing they could and should do now was run away.

The battle recovery of a monster of Todelya's rank allowed it to regenerate 2% of its HP every five seconds. In other words, the Realm Lord could recover 410 million HP per five seconds. That was basically killing a Great Lord of the same level every five seconds. If they couldn't accomplish that, they wouldn't even be able to get Todelya's HP below 98%.



Meanwhile, their team currently had fewer than 30 people alive, nearly half of them in a mentally weakened state and incapable of combat.

With Todelya's Defense as a Superior Mythic thrown in, their team's attacks would, at best, give the Realm Lord an itch.

"Fifteen seconds?" After briefly calculating their chances, Solitary Nine nodded and said, "No problem. However, 15 seconds really is the most I can do."

Todelya's mental influence was too powerful; even Solitary Nine felt a little overwhelmed.

"No problem! If you can't handle it, I'll take over!" Lifeless Thorn said, excitement flashing in his eyes as he looked at the approaching Soul Singer.

Previously, killing monsters for EXP had been a chore for him. After all, none of the monsters he fought allowed him to improve. He was killing them solely for the sake of leveling up.

However, after setting foot in the Ruined Mountain Range, he finally felt that he was truly fighting a battle.

Previously, he would get the exhilarating feeling of having one move decide his life or death only when fighting peak experts. Now, however, the Soul Devourers were giving him the same feeling. It was simply wonderful.

As for Todelya, the Realm Lord was an existence that could even terrify him. This was the kind of opponent he had been hankering for.

“Alright, let’s hurry up and head over! If we wait until the Boss arrives, the others might get dragged into the fight!” Yan Ya said, her head aching slightly when she saw Lifeless Thorn’s excited expression.

Solitary Nine and Lifeless Thorn activated the Power of Darkness, boosting their Basic Attributes by a large margin. Now, both of them were comparable with Tier 4 existences.

The next moment, the two melee players turned into streaks of light as they charged at Todelya. Meanwhile, Yan Ya, a Druid, chanted an incantation and flew toward the Realm Lord. Simultaneously, she cast a layer of Life Protection on both Solitary Nine and Lifeless Thorn, the Spell capable of absorbing some of the damage they took and converting it into HP.

Roar!

Todelya bellowed in anger when it saw two ants charging at it, its roar echoing throughout the Ruined Mountain Range’s outermost area.

As its roar spread, an invisible mental attack struck everyone.

Aside from Shi Feng, everyone present groaned in pain.

“Good! You really are powerful!”

After suffering Todelya's mental attack, which was much stronger than its ever-present mental influence, Lifeless Thorn turned deathly pale. However, when he looked at the 30-meter-tall Realm Lord, not only did he not grow fearful of the Boss, but the fighting spirit in his eyes even burned brighter.

He raised his spear and transformed into a lightning bolt shooting at Todelya.

Tier 3 Legacy Skill, Lightning Flash!

With the Power of Darkness's buff, this attack pierced through space itself. As if he had teleported, Lifeless Thorn instantly appeared before the Soul Singer.

So fast! This scene surprised Unyielding Heart.

There had been a 200-yard gap between Todelya and Lifeless Thorn, yet the latter had crossed this distance instantly. Unyielding Heart wasn't sure he could react to such a speed even if he activated his Berserk Skill.

Boom!

A deafening boom echoed throughout the mountains. The next moment, a black shadow fell from the sky and struck the ground heavily, the impact of the collision creating a crater over two dozen meters in diameter.

Inside the crater, Lifeless Thorn stood, propping himself up with his spear. His hands on the spear trembled, and blood leaked out from a corner of his mouth. It was evident he had sustained a major blow. His HP had fallen by more than 460,000.

What happened?! Blue Gown, who was watching the clash from a distance, was dumbfounded.

Lifeless Thorn's attack carried incredible power and speed. Even an actual Tier 4 Mythic monster should have suffered a serious injury from it.

Yet, not only did Lifeless Thorn fail to inflict any damage on Todelya, but he had even taken damage?

Moreover, Lifeless Thorn had lost close to 10% of his HP despite the Life Protection cast on him. At this rate, without additional healing, he would definitely die after six or seven more exchanges!

"Is this monster really just a Superior Mythic?"

Everyone couldn't help doubting their eyes as they stared at the intact Soul Singer.

They had seen Superior Mythic monsters before. Some of them had even killed one before. However, compared to those Superior Mythic monsters, Todelya was like a completely different creature.

However, when Shi Feng, who was currently incanting, saw this scene, he wasn't surprised at all.

The early stages of God's Domain served to let players adapt to God's Domain's combat style. The Main God System had not only provided players with many benefits but also weakened the monsters in the game. In fact, even the Level 100-plus monsters that players felt were strong weren't actually at their peak condition. They were still suppressed to a certain degree.

However, that was not the case for the monsters in forbidden lands. The monsters in these locations weren't subject to the Main God System's suppression and could exert 100% of their combat power.

In forbidden lands, Mythic monsters were beyond the capabilities of ordinary Tier 3 teams. Tier 3 players would need top-quality equipment and various support tools to even stand a chance. Moreover, the team would also need many experts with Berserk Skills. Otherwise, only one outcome awaited the team -annihilation!

Not to mention, Todelya was a bona fide Superior Mythic.

If Shi Feng himself fought Todelya right now, he definitely wouldn't have an easy time. They would need at least six Tier 4 players to defeat this Boss. Otherwise, challenging the Realm Lord would be sheer suicide.

This was why he had tasked Lifeless Thorn's trio with only holding back Todelya for 15 seconds. Asking them to hold the Realm Lord back for even a few seconds more was a luxury they couldn't afford.

Subsequently, Solitary Nine and Lifeless Thorn activated their Lifesaving Skills one after another to defend against Todelya's attacks. Even Yan Ya, who served as the healer of the trio, had to activate her Power of Darkness. Without the additional Basic Attributes, she would have died from any random stray attack that hit her.

One time, to defend against Todelya's trampling, Solitary Nine activated his Tier 3 Shield Wall and interposed himself between the Realm Lord and his two companions. However, even with his Lifesaving Skill activated, the resulting shockwave still sent the trio flying several dozen meters away. Both Lifeless Thorn and Yan Ya lost over one million HP from the attack, whereas Solitary Nine lost over three million HP.

Five seconds!

Ten seconds!

Every second of battle placed immense pressure on the trio. Every moment they fought Todelya felt as if death would claim them in the next second.

The players spectating from afar were stupefied at this scene. This was the first time they truly understood how terrifying a Superior Mythic monster could be. If not for Lifeless Thorn's group having activated their Berserk Skills, the trio would've most likely been killed instantly.

"Commander! Are you not done yet?" Solitary Nine asked Shi Feng through a private conversation.

Previously, he thought that it would be a joke if he couldn't hold Todelya for 15 seconds. However, he now realized that 15 seconds was truly a long time.

"Good job!" At this time, Shi Feng had also finished chanting the final verse recorded in the Bible of Darkness. "Leave the rest to me!"

## **Chapter 2758 – Bible of Darkness's True Power**

Upon hearing Shi Feng's words, Solitary Nine, Lifeless Thorn, and Yan Ya promptly stopped attracting Todelya's attention and dashed over to Shi Feng

They chose to run to him because only their commander had a way to hold Todelya back. If they ran in any other direction, Todelya would definitely chase them down and crush them.

Todelya strode toward Shi Feng step by step.

Not only did Todelya shake the ground with every step it took, but the mental influence it exerted over the rest of the team also increased. Some of the resting players, such as Blue Gown, even started holding their heads in pain.

Are we going to fight it? Illusory Words couldn't help frowning at this situation.

She simply couldn't see any way for their team to defeat Todelya. Not only did Todelya possess over two billion HP, but its combat standard was superior to ordinary Refinement Realm experts'. Its speed was so fast that even a Domain Realm expert like herself could barely keep up. Such speed simply wasn't something Tier 3 players could cope with, and even a Tier 4 player like Shi Feng would, at best, just match its speed.

Moreover, Todelya's Strength was something only Tier 4 MTs could hope to stop. If a Swordsman like Shi Feng tried to tank one of the Realm Lord's attacks, he would definitely end up miserable.

However, when Todelya was only three steps away from Shi Feng...

The connection's completed! Shi Feng smiled as he closed the Bible of Darkness and looked at Todelya. "Let's start the second round, then!"

As soon as Shi Feng closed the Bible of Darkness, the stormy skies above the valley shattered and transformed into a dark space covering thousands of yards.

Looking at the darkness, everyone present could faintly sense that it was connected to an ancient and terrifying space. Just the aura leaking out from the dark space was enough to roil the valley's Mana.

The next moment, a gigantic stone door several hundred meters tall fell through the dark space and smashed into the valley, causing powerful tremors to spread throughout the valley. When Todelya looked at this ancient door, a deep sense of fear appeared in its eyes.

How can there be such a terrifying existence in this world? Unyielding Heart was shocked as he looked at the massive stone door before him.

This door was undoubtedly the most terrifying item he had seen in God's Domain thus far. Just looking at it allowed him to understand just how scary it was. Every magic pattern and rune engraved on the door functioned to seal its power.

Whatever existence stood behind the door could most likely obliterate him with just a small strand of its power.

For a moment, he even had the feeling that the opening of this door would mark the beginning of all disasters.

He's not planning to open this door, right? Illusory Words eyed the stone door nervously.

The door before her looked far too ominous. Its appearance alone filled her with an indescribable aversion and terror-a terror easily 100 times stronger than the fear she felt for Todelya.



However, before Illusory Words could continue this line of thought, the door began opening by itself slowly.

Darkness, silence, and despair!

For a moment, it felt as if all the negative emotions in the world were pouring out of this stone door, and even Shi Feng felt uncomfortable in this situation. As for everyone else, their faces paled, and they knelt on the ground involuntarily, none of them daring to look at the stone door directly.

“Hu...mans?”

“No... You’re not...”

Suddenly, words spoken in the abstruse demonic language flowed out of the door. Although none of the players present were knowledgeable of the language of Demons, they understood what the spoken words conveyed. For a time, everyone was confused.

“I never thought that after so many years, you existences would be the next to summon this door.”

Following these words, a three-eyed, ten-meter-tall, humanoid Demon clad in black armor walked out of the stone door.

The instant Todelya saw this Demon, horror overwhelmed it. It was as if the Realm Lord had just seen death itself.

Actually, Shi Feng himself felt dread at the humanoid Demon's appearance.

He never dreamed he would summon this Demon.

The Dark Abyss had a total of 108 Demon Princes[1], who stood at the peak of the Great Demons. All of them were existences second only to Demon Kings, and they could be considered Half-step Demon Kings. Meanwhile, the humanoid Demon standing before him was Frobero, the Lord of the Dead. His strength ranked 21st among all Great Demons.

"Weak! How weak!" Frobero muttered as he looked at himself, his voice filled with dissatisfaction. He then looked at Shi Feng, who held the Bible of Darkness, and said coldly, "You should know what you have done. That book isn't something you should possess, so hand it to me. This is also your only way out. Otherwise, what awaits you is eternal death!"

As soon as Frobero finished speaking, a powerful sense of oppression descended on Shi Feng, one so uncomfortable that his expression turned ugly.

As expected of one of the 108 Demon Princes. Its mental oppression is on par with Tier 5 existences, Shi Feng sighed ruefully.

Although he had long since known that the gap between Tier 4 and Tier 5 was massive, he still couldn't help feeling helpless when experiencing the might of a Half-step Demon King.

Luckily, Shi Feng wielded the Bible of Darkness, which restricted the methods Frobero could use to target him. Otherwise, the Demon Prince could've killed him instantly.

Meanwhile, as Frobero subjected Shi Feng to his mental oppression, the Bible of Darkness also sensed the offense. Immediately, chains appeared around the Demon Prince's body.

The instant these chains appeared, Frobero's mental oppression weakened drastically. Now, the mental oppression no longer posed any threat to Shi Feng whatsoever.

"This damned contract! I will break free from this binding one day and obtain true freedom!" Frobero bellowed in rage as he glared at the pitch-black chains wrapped around his body. He then looked at Shi Feng and said coldly, "Although that book prevents me from doing anything to you, don't think that you have full control over me. I can tell that you don't have much time left, based on those curses and bindings on your body. That book cannot save you. Only I can help you."

"That won't be necessary. I will only become your puppet if I believe you," Shi Feng said, shaking his head while smirking contemptuously. After reaching Tier 4, he had gained an inkling about the problem plaguing his soul. Initially, he thought that with the benefits from his promotion, the problems he faced would stabilize. However, it turned out that wasn't the case at all. His problems were far greater than he imagined. This feeling became even more obvious after he had used the Bible of Darkness.

The Bible of Darkness had been secretly eroding his soul all this time!

He couldn't help but admit that this godlike item truly couldn't be controlled easily. It was much more dangerous than Magic Weapons. However, it was also impossible for him to abandon the Bible of Darkness.

The road to reaching higher tiers was incredibly difficult. Only by grasping every available opportunity would he have a chance of becoming a God. Otherwise, everything he did would be for naught.

One example would be the Soul Mark he received from a Faux Saint Devourer he defeated some time ago. It was precisely because he had exploited this opportunity that he had managed to strengthen his soul, which, in turn, strengthened his resistance to that mysterious NPC's soul curse.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have survived until now.

Shi Feng then looked at Frobero and said, "I might not be able to control you completely, but you should know that as your summoner, I can forcibly control part of your power." The Bible of Darkness was his greatest assurance in venturing to the Ruined Mountain Range this time. Venturing deep into the neutral map with just his personal strength was impossible. After all, Todelya alone was already more than enough to make him flee.

"You'll regret this! Controlling the power of Demons is beyond you! The more you use it, the deeper you will sink, until eventually your soul is consumed completely!"

"Thank you for the warning, but don't think you Demons will have an easy time devouring me!"

After saying so, Shi Feng used the Bible of Darkness to erase Frobero's consciousness and gain control over a portion of the Demon Prince's strength.

A Level 135 Demon Prince!

Even with just 70% of Frobero's strength, he could roam about the Ruined Mountain Range's outer area without any worries.

The conversation between Shi Feng and Frobero lasted for only a short moment. Hence, Todelya, who had been petrified by the stone door and the Lord of the Dead, was still idle.

However, after Shi Feng took control of Frobero's body, Todelya immediately noticed something amiss. The Demon Prince's aura and mental oppression had weakened significantly. Moreover, Frobero could display hostility toward it now.

After realizing what had just happened, Todelya pounced on Shi Feng without hesitation, sending one of its mountain-sized claws smashing ruthlessly at the tiny human.

Shi Feng immediately felt as if the space around him had compressed a hundredfold. Not only did his body feel a lot heavier, but even time had started slow.

Tier 4 Innate Skill, Sundering Earth!

This was the first time Todelya had resorted to a Skill. Previously, when fighting ants like Lifeless Thorn, it couldn't even be bothered to use Skills. However, the only thing on its mind right now was to kill Shi Feng as quickly as possible.

Under intense pressure from the space around him, Shi Feng looked up at Todelya and smiled. "You're too late!"

Even before Shi Feng finished speaking, Frobero, who stood in front of Shi Feng, waved his hand abruptly, and a pitch-black spear of flames condensed in his hand. He then swung the spear at Todelya's approaching claw.

Although Frobero's spear was made of flames, it did not feel scorching at all. On the contrary, it gave off an extreme chill that froze the surrounding space. Time itself seemed to freeze momentarily.

Boom!

Space shattered and turned into nothingness.

The impact of the collision between the two attacks caused the ground to sink. With the exception of Shi Feng, the resulting shockwave also sent everyone flying over 500 yards away and inflicted damage on them ranging between tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands.

As for Todelya, its massive body shot backward over a hundred yards, leveling the terrain in its path.

The next moment, Illusory Words, Unyielding Heart, and the others, who got blown away, gaped in shock as they looked at Todelya.

-49,454,423!

Damage nearing 50 million had appeared above the Soul Singer's head. The power gap between Todelya and Frobero was instantly determined. The two were on entirely different levels.

## Chapter 2759 – Half-step Demon King

“Is this the real trump card Black Flame has been hiding all this time?”

Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart were shocked as they stared at the three-eyed Demon hovering proudly in the sky. At the same time, they revealed bitter smiles on their faces.

[Frobero (Lord of the Dead)) (Demon Prince) Level 135

HP 13,000,000,000

They had long known that people like Shi Feng would always keep a trump card hidden. Otherwise, he wouldn't have come to the dangerous Ruined Mountain Range even though he had reached Tier 4.

However, they never imagined that Shi Feng's trump card would be this terrifying.

The man had actually summoned a Demon Prince from the Dark Abyss and controlled it like a puppet to fight for him.

A Demon Prince was an existence capable of rivaling Tier 5 existences. In terms of Life Rating, a Demon Prince was above even Superior Mythic monsters. Not to mention, Frobero was even a Demon Prince with a title. Calling him a Half-step Demon King wouldn't be an exaggeration.

If the various superpowers were to find out about this power, they would most likely have very ugly expressions on their faces.

Any Demon Prince that possessed a title had earned their title by slaughtering countless people in God's Domain. In fact, these titled Demon Princes were responsible for the destruction of some kingdoms in God's Domain.

For an existence capable of single-handedly destroying an entire kingdom, destroying a Super Guild's Guild City would be child's play. In reality, Shi Feng himself had also entertained the same fantasies as Illusory Words and Unyielding Heart. However, these thoughts remained merely thoughts.

After his promotion to Tier 4, both his Concentration and Mana perception had gained a qualitative improvement. Thanks to these improvements, he discovered a small trace of dark energy lingering around his soul. The Bible of Darkness possessed incredible power. In fact, some Legendary items would even seem weak compared to it. This situation was inconsistent with God's Domain's rules.

In God's Domain, one had to pay a price corresponding to the power gained. This was the balance of God's Domain. However, the Bible of Darkness didn't seem balanced to him. The power it offered its wielder was far greater than the cost of using it.

Now, the Bible of Darkness's detriments were thoroughly revealed. His soul had become tainted with dark energy.

Although the dark energy lingering around his soul was incredibly weak, its purity was exceptionally high, equal to the energy found in Seven Luminaries Crystals. Ordinary power couldn't expel it.

And the more he used the Bible of Darkness's power, the stronger and purer this dark energy became. Particularly, when he summoned Frobero, the rate at which this dark energy grew had skyrocketed.



Hence, unless absolutely necessary, he didn't dare casually use the Bible of Darkness's power for now.

Meanwhile, as everyone was stunned by Frobero's power, Todelya, who had been knocked backward, let loose a deafening roar like an enraged beast.

Todelya's originally translucent body turned blood red and enlarged significantly. Now, the Realm Lord easily reached a height of 50 meters. Simultaneously, a ripple of power spread from its body, reaching 500 yards away and causing the ground to sink.

What a strong Gravity Domain! Shi Feng frowned when Todelya's Gravity Domain reached him.

Despite his Mana Domain and Tier 4 physique, moving inside Todelya's Gravity Domain was actually difficult. Now, he couldn't even exhibit half of his normal speed, let alone his Strength.

If Tier 3 players stood within this Gravity Domain right now, they would most likely be crushed to death. Fortunately, Frobero, whom Shi Feng controlled, wasn't particularly affected by this Gravity Domain. His speed and strength had been reduced by only 20% or so. He still held an advantage over Todelya.

So, this is the Demon Prince's power? Shi Feng was astonished by this situation.

Despite both him and Frobero being Tier 4 existences, there was a tremendous gap between them. He only had basic control over Frobero's body; utilizing Frobero's Mana and frightening Concentration was beyond him.

While these two aspects might not seem very important, they were crucial for Tier 4 existences to maximize the use of their Basic Attributes.

At this time, Shi Feng couldn't exhibit even 10% of Frobero's true combat power. Despite that, Frobero could still overwhelm Todelya.

All Shi Feng needed to do now was control Frobero and have the Demon Prince pin down the Soul Singer. If everyone else helped out in attacking Todelya, slaying the Superior Mythic wouldn't be impossible.

However, Todelya had no intention of letting Shi Feng realize his plans.

Chanting an incantation, the Realm Lord repeatedly shattered the ground around itself and gathered the scattered rubble. In just three seconds, a meteorite with a 400-yard radius had formed in midair.

A Tier 4 Curse? Shi Feng's complexion darkened when he saw the meteorite.

A Tier 4 Curse cast by a Superior Mythic would possess power at the Tier 5 standard. A single strike from such an attack was more than enough to demolish a city's defensive magic array. As a Tier 4 player, if he got struck by this attack, he would die without question.

At this time, let alone Shi Feng, even Illusory Words, Unyielding Heart, and the other players standing over 500 yards away were stunned by Todelya's attack. Helpless smiles appeared on their faces.

Once this Tier 4 Curse landed, none of them would survive. They couldn't even interrupt the Spell.

Dammit! Why can't I use his Mana? Shi Feng felt a huge headache in this situation.

If Frobero were to rely on only his physical body, the Demon Prince definitely wouldn't be able to shrug off a Tier 4 Curse. Moreover, even if Frobero could endure the attack, both Shi Feng and the rest of his team couldn't. Escaping was also impossible at this point.

After all, the activation of a Tier 4 Curse would place a seal on the space of the affected region.

Aside from shattering the Tier 4 Curse directly, the only other way to survive a Tier 4 Curse would be to endure it. However, neither of these two options were viable for Shi Feng. If he couldn't control Frobero's Mana, he wouldn't be able to use any of the Demon Prince's Skills or Spells; he could only have the Demon Prince fight hand-to-hand.

While Shi Feng was thinking about how to resolve this Tier 4 Curse, Todelya completed the incantation for the Tier 4 Curse Meteorite Collapse.

Boom!

The next moment, the enormous meteorite that had taken shape fell from the sky like a real meteor.

Dammit! Seeing the descending meteorite, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and began calling the dark energy hidden in the depths of his soul. It's all or nothing now!

As a tool capable of controlling all Demons, the Bible of Darkness shouldn't be limited to turning Demons into simple meat puppets. Shi Feng believed it could exert further control over them.

Meanwhile, a Demon's power wasn't limited to just Mana. They also had access to the terrifying Power of Darkness. In other words, the Power of Darkness was the source of strength for Demons.

Yet, when Shi Feng used the Bible of Darkness, he could perform only simple manipulation of Demons. This obviously didn't seem right.

The instant Shi Feng manipulated the strand of dark energy within his soul, it actually formed a connection with Frobero's source of power.

This is?!

Shi Feng was stupefied.

At this moment, he felt that he was Frobero. He now could see what Frobero saw and feel what Frobero felt.

Is this what it feels like to be an existence approaching Tier 5 Demon Kings? Not only did Shi Feng not feel the slightest bit anxious or fearful of the descending meteorite, but it even looked like a toy to him.

Be it the surrounding Mana, terrain, or sky, he could now perceive everything with extreme clarity. Even the operating principles of the profound magic elements looked far less complex in his opinion. Meanwhile, just when everyone else on the team shook their heads and gave up, Frobero suddenly raised a hand under Shi Feng's control and directed it at the massive meteorite.

The next moment, a gigantic hand made of Mana appeared out of thin air and grabbed the meteorite, then lightly squeezed.

Boom!

A deafening explosion occurred in midair, and the meteorite, which was over 400 meters in radius, instantly shattered into dust. Space around the hand also transformed into a black void.

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The sky shattered, and the resulting void storm dyed the sky black as it threatened to devour everything on this land. The void storm was so powerful that even Tier 4 players would suffer severe damage or death if they got too close.

“So strong!” “He crushed a Tier 4 Curse with his hand! Is he really just a Tier 4 Demon?!”

Everyone present gasped at the power of the Demon Prince Shi Feng controlled. Frobero’s might had thoroughly shattered their perception of Tier 4 Demons in God’s Domain.

In fact, even Shi Feng himself felt shocked by this outcome.

Amazing! A Demon Prince can actually control Mana to such a terrifying level! No wonder they’re known as Half-step Demon Kings! Their actual combat power is definitely at the Tier 5 standard!

Previously, Shi Feng had merely thought to use Frobero's Mana to resist Todelya's Tier 4 Curse. However, the Mana Hand the Demon Prince conjured had actually shattered the Tier 4 Curse. The Demon Prince's power was beyond his imagination.

Nevertheless, the most amazing aspect about Frobero would have to be the Mana he could condense. The strength of the condensed Mana surpassed even Shi Feng's Mana when he executed Holy Devour.

Meanwhile, Frobero had already exhibited such astounding Mana just by casually condensing it into the shape of a hand. Had the Demon Prince executed a Mana Technique just now, the result would have definitely been mind-blowing. The power of the attack might even reach the Intermediate Tier 5 standard.

Usually, if a Superior Mythic monster used a Tier 4 Curse, the Spell's power would only be at the entry level of Tier 5, not even reaching the Basic Tier 5 standard.

However, the Mana Hand Frobero manifested just now was undoubtedly at the Basic Tier 5 standard. If the attack's power reached the Intermediate Tier 5 standard, the resulting spatial storm would've had a radius of several thousand yards instead of just several hundred yards.

Shi Feng couldn't help reveling in Frobero's power.

After all, the feeling of wielding such power was simply wonderful. This was especially true for Frobero's perception of and affinity for Mana. When controlling the Demon Prince, Shi Feng could feel his comprehension of the operating principles of Mana becoming a lot clearer than before. This wasn't a sensation he could experience with just an ordinary Tier 4 physique.

If I can maintain this state, I can probably break through my Mana Body's 100% threshold in just one or two hours. My control of Mana might even improve, and getting promoted to a Grandmaster Magician would be far less of a struggle.

The gap in physique and Life Rating wasn't something that Basic Attributes could compensate for.

If the effects of Basic Attributes on one's combat power were calculated by addition and subtraction, then the effects of physique and Life Rating would be calculated by multiplication and division.

This was also why the Dragon race stood at the apex of all races. Even with the same Basic Attributes, a Dragon would be many times stronger than a human. For the same reason, Dragons, Fallen Angels, and such creatures were invincible among those of the same tier, with some even capable of transcending tiers.

Based on the power Frobero displayed, the Demon Prince's Life Rating was probably close to rivaling Dragons.

However, as Shi Feng was savoring this wonderful moment, a stinging pain came from the depths of his mind. He paled in agony and almost staggered and fell to the ground.

Sure enough, the system won't allow players to be immersed in this feeling for long.

Shi Feng smiled bitterly when he sensed the state of his Concentration and the taint on his soul.

He had manipulated Frobero's Mana for less than three seconds, yet not only did he expend 10% of his Concentration, but the dark energy in his soul had also grown significantly stronger. The corrosive effect of manipulating Frobero's Mana was one-third of summoning the Demon Prince himself.

Meanwhile, Todelya, who had initially cowered after seeing its Tier 4 Curse shattered, narrowed its six eyes when it noticed the intensity of Shi Feng's aura plummeting. It could tell that Shi Feng was no longer in his best condition.

Immediately, Todelya's three heads began chanting another Tier 4 Curse, intending to kill Shi Feng while he was weakened.

"Do you think I'll give you another chance?" Upon noticing Todelya's actions, Shi Feng connected the dark energy in his soul with Frobero's source of darkness once more.

Frobero's aura recovered to its peak. The Demon Prince's aura was so terrifying that even Illusory Words and the others, standing several hundred yards away, trembled reflexively.

"Stay down!"

Shi Feng had Frobero brandish the fire spear without hesitation, gathering both Mana and Power of Darkness for an attack.

In addition, Shi Feng even executed Lightshadow for this attack.

However, as he was executing the Mana Technique indirectly, through Frobero, he failed to execute the complete Lightshadow. Even so, the resulting attack was still magnitudes stronger than the earlier Mana Hand.



The next moment, illusory spears rained down from the sky and bombarded Todelya's heads. The attacks were so quick and powerful that the Soul Singer couldn't dodge them in time, its body getting pummeled into the ground.

Cracks extending several thousand yards formed on the ground due to the impacts. The violent trembling of the earth toppled everyone on Shi Feng's team and forced them to sit on the ground. By the time the land stopped shaking, a crater with a 300-yard radius had formed in Todelya's position. As for the Realm Lord itself, its body had sunk several dozen meters into the ground, only its three heads remaining above ground.

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A damage value exceeding one billion emerged slowly above Todelya's head as its HP bar fell by a significant chunk. Even its life aura had weakened slightly.

Crap! The commander is insane! He actually managed to summon such a Demon! Solitary Nine was secretly astonished when he saw the damage and destruction Frobero caused. At this rate, the fight could end in just another dozen hits or so!

The Boss monster that previously filled their minds with only thoughts of escape had been beaten down like a dog. The heavy injuries Todelya suffered had also caused it to lose 30% of its Basic Attributes. There was simply no comparison between Todelya and Frobero.

"Alright, stop daydreaming! All of you activate your Berserk Skills and fight the Boss together with the Demon Prince! We must get rid of the Boss now! Otherwise, none of us will get out alive!" Shi Feng ordered weakly through the team chat as he sat down on the ground.

He had used his full power to launch that previous blow. He had even executed a partial Lightshadow. As a result, he had expended 30% of his Concentration and further enhanced the dark energy in his soul.

Now, he was in an incomparably weakened state, and just controlling Frobero required all his focus. If they allowed Todelya to recover and use another Tier 4 Curse, they would team-wipe.

Hence, they needed to finish Todelya while the Realm Lord was still weakened. They definitely could not afford to give it a chance to catch a breather.

Upon hearing Shi Feng's weak voice, Unyielding Heart immediately understood their situation. Hurriedly, he shouted through the team chat, "Everyone from Unyielding Soul, follow me!"

"Everyone from Crimson Emperor, attack together! Activate your Berserk Skills!" Illusory Words also commanded her subordinates to take action. She, too, understood that now was not the time to hold back.

Immediately, 20-plus peak experts from Asura, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor activated their Berserk Skills and rushed toward Todelya simultaneously.

However, the Soul Singer also realized the precarious situation it was in right now. After dragging its heavily injured body out of the crater, it fled without hesitation.

"Don't even think of getting away!" Shi Feng did not give Todelya any opportunities to escape. Controlling Frobero, he had the Demon Prince launch another attack at the Realm Lord.

However, as Shi Feng could execute only simple attacks with Frobero right now, Todelya managed to defend against the Demon Prince's attack despite being heavily injured.

-94,376,414! A damage value nearing 100 million appeared above Todelya's head when its claw collided with Frobero's fire spear. Disregarding the damage, Todelya immediately jumped into the air to flee.

However, Shi Feng was no ordinary expert but someone at the peak of the Ascension Realm. Even though he was in a mentally weakened state and couldn't get Frobero to exert his actual combat power, he could still use the Demon Prince to pin down Todelya. Every one of the attacks he executed with Frobero targeted Todelya's vitals, forcing the Realm Lord to defend itself.

Meanwhile, Unyielding Heart and the others arrived within attack range and immediately joined the battle.

All of them possessed power rivaling Tier 4 Mythic monsters. Although they still couldn't afford to face Todelya in a frontal confrontation, the damage they inflicted was significant.

The next moment, normal attacks dealing over two million damage each, coupled with the occasional Tier 3 Skill reaping over ten million damage, landed on the Realm Lord one after another.

As Todelya was already struggling to deal with Frobero, it was utterly powerless against the 20-plus players' assault. It could only let the players bombard it with attacks as they pleased.

83%... 72%... 54%...

Time passed quickly, with one side sticking close to the other.

One side was fleeing desperately, while the other side was pursuing and attacking ruthlessly. Fortunately, Shi Feng and the others dealt sufficiently high damage, dragging Todelya's HP down continuously.

After three minutes into the battle, Todelya's HP hit 30%. However, at this time, the peak experts on Shi Feng's team lost the Berserk Skills' effects one after another. Immediately, the team's overall DPS plummeted to just barely over Todelya's battle recovery. At this rate, they wouldn't be able to finish the Realm Lord quickly.

Ten minutes... Fifteen minutes... Twenty minutes...

When Todelya's HP fell to 8%, its aura suddenly changed. The Realm Lord had finally recovered from its weakened state and was now back in peak condition.

"Die! Humans!" Todelya bellowed in human tongue, a hint of madness and contempt appearing in its eyes. It then began casting a Tier 4 Curse.

"Dammit! We still didn't make it?" Unyielding Heart's complexion sank when he saw another meteorite taking shape in the sky.

They had fought for more than 20 minutes, yet they still failed to slay the weakened Todelya. Now that the Realm Lord was casting another Tier 4 Curse, the raid was as good as over.

"The one who's going to die is you!" Some distance away from the battlefield, Shi Feng stood up abruptly, a glimmer of light blooming in his eyes. He then manipulated the dark energy in his soul once more. Compared to the two previous instances, Shi Feng was much more familiar with manipulating Frobero's power this time. The next moment, Frobero wielded his spear like a greatsword and entered the stance for executing Lightshadow. The Mana around the Demon Prince began rampaging. Simultaneously, an illusory sword 100 meters long appeared in midair.

"Die!"

At this moment, Shi Feng had exhausted every bit of Concentration he had left to have Frobero execute Lightshadow.

Boom!

The illusory sword descended instantly!

For a moment, everyone even had the misconception that the sky had been split apart.

One second later, Todelya's 50-meter-tall body divided into two halves and collapsed to the ground. The Realm Lord's HP zeroed out, the Boss becoming deader than dead.