

Chapter 2811 – Changes to Sky Spring City

Twin Towers Kingdom, Sky Spring City:

Accompanied by several bright flashes, three cloaked figures appeared in the city's Teleportation Hall. These three figures belonged to none other than Shi Feng, Lifeless Thorn, and Solitary Nine.

The sight of a massive crowd of players greeted the trio upon arrival. At a glance, they could estimate that the building held over 10,000 players. The place looked much more prosperous than even the Teleportation Hall of the Twin Towers Kingdom's royal capital.

The majority of the players present were Tier 3 and sported Guild Emblems belonging to various Guilds. These players all radiated a cold killing intent, which created a strange atmosphere inside the Teleportation Hall.

"Why are there so many Guild experts here?" Solitary Nine was surprised as he took in the surroundings. "Even Dragonheart City's Teleportation Hall is far from comparable to this place!"

From what Solitary Nine could tell, quite a few of these Tier 3 experts were at the Refinement Realm standard. Even among the superpowers, Refinement Realm experts were treated as core members. However, he counted more than 500 Refinement Realm experts just in the Teleportation Hall alone—around the number of Refinement Realm experts an average superpower possessed.

"Friends, you must've just arrived in the Twin Towers Kingdom, right? I'll have you know that this day might very well go down in the history books of God's Domain," a robust, Tier 3 Berserker said, smiling as he walked out of the teleportation array.

This Tier 3 Berserker had reached Level 122. He was fully equipped in Level 120 Fine-Gold Equipment and carried a Level 120 Dark-Gold Axe on his back. Based on equipment alone, he could rank among the top of Tier 3 players.

Moreover, this Berserker did not wear a Guild Emblem. This meant he was an independent expert. Being able to secure himself such high-quality equipment was a testament to his capabilities.

The dozen or so players following after the Berserker possessed similar equipment standards. Since everyone in the group had a white lion symbol marking their equipment, they evidently were members of the same adventurer team.

“Go down in God’s Domain’s history?” Stunned by these words, Solitary Nine asked curiously, “Friend, we have indeed just arrived in this kingdom. Do you mind telling us what’s going to happen here today?” “Our White Lion adventurer team just received news of this as well. It seems that Starlink somehow managed to recruit the help of some Tier 4 NPCs, and these NPCs captured around a dozen Guild executives from Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor during a fight at a blockade. These Guild executives are currently imprisoned in Starlink’s Residence,” the robust Berserker said. “Starlink has announced a crusade against Zero Wing’s blockade at the Secret Covenant Tower and is calling for all powers to gather in Sky Spring City. Starlink is also demanding the three Guilds remove the seal on Sky Spring City. Otherwise, it’s going to use the captured executives as a sacrifice as an opening gambit.

“I heard that besides Zero Wing’s Alluring Summer and Shadow Sword, even Unyielding Soul’s Vice Guild Leader Mu Lingsha and Crimson Emperor’s up-and-coming talent Blue Gown were captured. If the three Guilds don’t concede, Starlink will have the Tier 4 NPCs kill these people using a method that will harm their souls. Not only will these people suffer increased death penalties, but they will also enter a weakened state for a long period. There’s even a possibility that their accounts will get crippled.”

Upon hearing the Berserker’s words, Shi Feng frowned slightly. He never thought that the Secret Hand Association’s Tier 4 NPCs would actually interfere in this matter.

“How bold of Starlink. It dares wag its tail in Zero Wing’s territory and even use the three Guilds’ executives as a sacrifice?” Shi Feng sneered.

“I know, right? But you have to admit that Starlink is no longer the same as before. Rumors have it that Starlink has three Tier 4 players, as well as several superpowers backing it. Now, it even has an NPC force supporting it. In terms of influence on the eastern continent, even the Five Great Super Guilds can’t compare to Starlink now.” The robust Berserker nodded. “As our White Lion adventurer team is quite well-known in the Twin Towers Kingdom, we received an invitation to take part in the crusade. Hence, we decided to come to expand our horizons.

“Moreover, I heard that the three Guilds’ executives would be making an appearance as well. If negotiations sour, it will definitely lead to the biggest battle in God’s Domain’s history!”

“I see.” Shi Feng nodded.

After listening to the Berserker, Shi Feng roughly understood what Starlink was planning

Simply put, Starlink was trying to show off its strength with this operation. One of its reasons for doing so was to deal with Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor.

Another reason was to present itself as an existence rivaling the Five Great Super Guilds. Hence, it had invited so many powers to take part and witness the operation.

“Friends, Sky Spring City is a mess right now. If you’re trying to enter that rumored Secret Covenant Tower, I’m afraid you visited the wrong city. Moreover, many superpowers are keeping a close eye on

the tower right now. If independent players like ourselves are not careful, we might get treated as one of the three Guilds' members. If that happens, things will get troublesome." Looking at Shi Feng's group of three, the robust Berserker cautioned, "You might get killed, if you're lucky, or captured, if you're unlucky. So, it's best to be careful."

"Thank you for the warning," Shi Feng said.

After Shi Feng finished speaking, he left the Teleportation Hall with Lifeless Thorn and Solitary Nine.

After Shi Feng's group departed, a male youth from the Silver Lion adventurer team looked at the robust Berserker in confusion and asked, "Boss, why did you start talking to those strangers all of a sudden?"

"It's nothing. I just thought that those three felt extraordinary. The more friends you have, the more options you have in life. It hasn't been easy for our adventurer team to grow to its current state. If we manage to befriend some experts, it will only benefit us," the robust Berserker replied, chuckling as he looked at the departing figures of Shi Feng's group. "Also, that cloaked Swordsman looks quite familiar, though I can't remember who he is at the moment."

"Extraordinary? Familiar?" Snickering, the youth said, "Boss, everyone who visits Sky Spring City is at Tier 3. Which one of them isn't an expert? It's also normal to think that you've met someone familiar. After all, everyone looks mostly the same while wearing a Black Cloak. Honestly, I doubt that those three are anything amazing. After all, they came here without even knowing about the crusade. They also didn't receive an invitation from Starlink. They are probably experts from some backwater city."

Experts were a dime a dozen in God's Domain nowadays. However, only a small portion of these experts could make a name for themselves. Meanwhile, any of such experts operating in the Twin Towers Kingdom and the neighboring countries would have received an invitation from Starlink. The fact that Shi Feng's group didn't proved that they were only ordinary experts unworthy of the White Lion adventurer team's attention.

Meanwhile, outside the Teleportation Hall...

“Commander, are we going there now?” Lifeless Thorn asked when he saw that Shi Feng wasn’t heading for Zero Wing’s Residence.

“Starlink has invited experts from all over for a crusade and is even planning on using Zero Wing’s executives as sacrifices. How can I not go there to congratulate it?” Shi Feng said, rolling his eyes at Lifeless Thorn.

Shi Feng made his way to Starlink’s magnificent and luxurious Residence that stood on the city’s main street.

Chapter 2812 – Storm Brewing at the Residence

Sky Spring City, Starlink’s Residence:

At this time, Tier 3 experts were thronging to Starlink’s Residence, which occupied an area equivalent to two sports stadiums.

Before Shi Feng’s group of three could arrive at the entrance of Starlink’s Residence, they saw the players crowding the main street stepping aside and opening a path for a 100-man team.

All the members of this 100-man team were at least a Level 125, Tier 3 expert. They were also equipped with Level 120 Dark-Gold Equipment and two or three pieces of Epic Equipment.

The two people walking in the head of this team were even more eye-catching. Not only were they equipped with six or more pieces of Epic Equipment each, but both of them were actually Tier 4 players. One of them was a Level 129 Berserker Emperor, while the other was a Level 130 Sword Emperor. Just seeing their gear, levels, and tier made the surrounding players sigh in fascination. "Crap! Who are these people? Why haven't I seen that Guild Emblem before?"

"You don't know? They're from a Guild called Hundred Ghosts, an incredibly mysterious Guild that appeared recently. I heard that it has an incredible origin. Although the Guild has very few members, every one of them is an expert at Tier 3 or higher."

"That's right. That man and woman you see leading them are especially amazing. Before they got promoted to Tier 4, they secretly challenged the various superpowers' monsters and won 49 out of 49 challenges. I never thought that those two would get promoted to Tier 4 after disappearing from the public eye for some time."

"If they already had an undefeated record before reaching Tier 4, doesn't this make them nigh-invincible now that they've reached Tier 4?"

The surrounding players held heated discussions over Hundred Ghosts's 100-man team. Simultaneously, they couldn't help admiring Starlink. Hundred Ghosts was a Guild that did as it pleased. It did not show respect to any superpower, yet it had actually accepted the invitation to participate in Starlink's crusade.

Hundred Ghosts? Shi Feng was slightly surprised when he overheard the surrounding players' conversations.

In the past, he had heard a little of the Guild known as Hundred Ghosts. The Guild had been an incredibly mysterious existence even back then. Moreover, it had revealed itself to the public three years after the game's launch, shortly after the first major system update. The moment this Guild made its existence known to the world, it had shaken the entire God's Domain.

This was because Hundred Ghosts had actually had over 30 Tier 4 experts at the time. Back then, even the superpowers only had around 30 Tier 4 experts, with stronger ones having around 40.

In addition, after Hundred Ghosts made its public appearance, the Guild's Tier 4 experts began frenziedly challenging the various superpowers and took the continent by storm.

However, for some reason, after Hundred Ghosts had finished challenging the various superpowers and proving its strength, it suddenly went silent. The next time it appeared, the Guild already had Tier 5 experts and began challenging the Five Great Super Guilds.

Despite having the ability to challenge the Five Great Super Guilds, Hundred Ghosts did not possess even a single Guild Residence on the main continent. The Guild did not compete for resources, either. The only thing the Guild did was do combat. This situation had given the Five Great Super Guilds headaches back then. After all, the Hundred Ghosts Guild was simply too mysterious. It did not have any roots, so it was impossible to target the Guild's base of operations. On the other hand, the number of Tier 5 experts the Guild had was not the slightest bit inferior to the Five Great Super Guilds'.

In this life, God's Domain's first major system update had taken place two years ahead of time. And Hundred Ghosts had also appeared two years ahead of time. This situation put Shi Feng in a reverie.

Could they be a Guild from an Interstellar Continent?

If it were before he had visited the ancient God's Domain, he probably wouldn't have any idea how such a strange Guild could appear out of nowhere. However, after visiting the ancient era, he understood that God's Domain housed players not just from Earth but from the several Interstellar Continents as well.

Just like the ancient God's Domain, Hundred Ghosts could be from another version of God's Domain, only this version of God's Domain overlapped with the modern God's Domain much more closely than the ancient God's Domain. Hence, Hundred Ghosts could bring so many players to the modern God's Domain.

In fact, Shi Feng even suspected that the mysterious area Lifeless Thorn and the others fell into previously was Hundred Ghosts's home world. However, Lifeless Thorn and the others had been repatriated to the modern God's Domain before they could learn much about this other version of God's Domain.

This would also explain why Hundred Ghosts's members gave off a similar, but more subdued, sense of abnormality as the ancient God's Domain's players.

Another thing that surprised Shi Feng was that Starlink had actually managed to connect with Hundred Ghosts. This never happened in Shi Feng's previous life.

"Now that so many powers are gathered, I'm afraid Zero Wing will have it tough later."

"I know, right? The experts from Starlink, Miracle, and the other superpowers aside, just the number of experts gathered here is still more than enough to make Zero Wing suffer." "I wonder if Zero Wing even dares come? Starlink has obviously set up a trap."

"I doubt it will. Since this is Starlink's Residence, even if Starlink's experts take action inside, the city's NPC soldiers won't care at all. Zero Wing's experts can only rely on themselves."

The players on the main street couldn't help worrying for Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor as they watched the various powers' experts enter Starlink's Residence one after another.

Although Zero Wing had the home ground advantage in Sky Spring City, how could the three Guilds possibly beat more than 20 superpowers when it came to expert count? Not to mention, a bunch of experts from the various major powers had also come to support Starlink.

If it came down to a fight, the three Guilds wouldn't stand a chance at all.

So long as the three Guilds' experts dared show up, only death would await them.

Yet, if the three Guilds did not show up, their reputation would most likely go down the drain. After all, if news of this matter spread, everyone would definitely think that the three Guilds have grown timid. If the three Guilds didn't even dare accept a challenge, their aim of becoming titans in God's Domain was an utter joke.

While the rubberneckerers were conversing among themselves, a team of several dozen players suddenly appeared on one end of the main street, their arrival startling the gathered crowd.

This was because these players were members of the three Guilds. Leading this team of players were none other than Fire Dance, Unyielding Soul, and Illusory Words. Moreover, aside from these three, there was actually another Tier 4 expert with them. The aura this fourth Tier 4 player released was so terrifying that the gathered crowd gasped reflexively. "What?! Another person from Zero Wing reached Tier 4?!"

"That person should be Violet Cloud, right? The feeling she is giving off is completely different from before!"

Everyone fell into a daze as they looked at the lithe figure standing at the head of the three Guilds' team.

Violet Cloud wore a mage's robe that resembled the starry night sky, and she had her hair tied into a ponytail with a matching ribbon. She looked nothing like a sacred Cleric but more like a wise and pure goddess. Her level had even reached 131, which was higher than any other Tier 4 player they had seen thus far.

Shortly afterward, Violet Cloud and the other members of the three Guilds arrived at the entrance of Starlink's Residence.

As if expecting their arrival, Lu Xingluo and his entourage appeared at the entrance at this time. Compared to Zero Wing's group, Lu Xingluo had five Tier 4 players on his side, of which two were from Miracle; that was one more Tier 4 player than his side had previously.

The new addition was Miracle's Sword Freak, Miracle Dragon. At this time, Miracle Dragon had already reached Level 130, and the oppressive aura he exuded was not much inferior to Violet Cloud's.

Looking at Lu Xingluo, Illusory Words said coldly. "Lu Xingluo, we've come. You can let them go now!"

"Your courage is praiseworthy, Vice Guild Leader Illusory. However, I've changed my mind." Smiling nonchalantly, Lu Xingluo said, "We went to great lengths to capture these people. If we just let them go so easily, wouldn't we superpowers suffer a hit to our reputations?"

"How about we have a match in the Residence? If you win, you can take them and leave. If you lose, all of you stay here. Do you three Guilds dare accept this challenge?"

Chapter 2813 – Powerful Showdown

Lu Xingluo spoke in a low tone, but his words echoed throughout the area. Everyone turned reflexively to look at Fire Dance and the others from the three Guilds.

“A match? This is going to be interesting!”

“I wonder if Zero Wing will accept it? If they don’t, they’ll embarrass themselves in front of the various powers Starlink invited.”

Although Zero Wing had arrived with great momentum, Starlink’s side came prepared as well. Just by looking at the five Tier 4 players on Starlink’s side, one could tell that Zero Wing held no advantage in this situation at all.

Not to mention, the two sides had clashed with each other many times now and suffered severe losses. Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor had already begun living off their past gains. Their stockpile of weapons and equipment was dwindling, and they were starting to have difficulty compensating their members for their losses. Simply put, only morale was keeping the three Guilds alive now.

However, if the three Guilds refused or lost in the match, morale in the three Guilds would plummet. At that time, the performance of the three Guilds’ members would definitely be affected greatly.

Upon realizing this situation, the spectating crowd was in awe of Lu Xingluo’s clever move.

Originally, everyone thought Starlink was merely trying to get Zero Wing to remove the seal on Sky Spring City. However, if Starlink got the three Guilds' top combatants to remain in Starlink by winning a match, Sky Spring City's seal would no longer be a problem.

While the spectators were having a quiet discussion among themselves, Fire Dance, Violet Cloud, Unyielding Heart, and illusory Words briefly exchanged glances.

"Fine!" Fire Dance answered as she looked at Lu Xingluo. "What kind of match do you have in mind, Guild Leader Xingluo?"

Their original plan was to break into Starlink's Residence and rescue their captured members. However, now that Starlink had gained another Tier 4 combatant, the risk of their plan had undoubtedly increased. Not to mention, the Secret Hand Association's NPCs might be hiding inside the Residence.

At that time, they would have to go up against not only those NPCs but also five Tier 4 combatants. This would truly put them in a tough spot. After all, anyone capable of reaching Tier 4 was no pushover. In fact, they were among the best in God's Domain when it came to combat standards, weapons, equipment, Legacies, etc.

"Simple. Both sides will each select one person for a duel, and we will decide the winner in one match!" Lu Xingluo said, smiling. "What do you think of this, Commander Fire Dance?"

"Fine." Fire Dance agreed without hesitation.

"Good." After hearing Fire Dance's response, Lu Xingluo turned to Miracle Dragon and said, "Our side will have Miracle Dragon represent us."

At Lu Xingluo's words, Miracle Dragon leaped into the air and hovered above Starlink's Residence. He then looked down quietly at the Zero Wing contingent, evidently prepared for a fight.

"Big Sis Fire, let me take him on," Violet Cloud volunteered. "I haven't gotten a chance to fight against other Tier 4s ever since I reached Tier 4. I don't want to miss out on this." Fire Dance and the others exchanged looks at Violet Cloud's words, hesitation appearing on their faces. The fact that Lu Xingluo dared let Miracle Dragon represent Starlink's side meant that he was confident of victory. Otherwise, he would've had a veteran Tier 4 player take to the field instead.

Of course, Lu Xingluo could have made such a decision because the other Tier 4 players had long since exposed their cards during the past few battles. In contrast, Miracle Dragon had only gotten promoted to Tier 4 recently, so the moves he possessed were still unknown to Zero Wing's side.

"Alright, but be careful." In the end, Fire Dance still nodded and consented to Violet Cloud's request.

Their side couldn't afford to lose this battle. However, Zero Wing's veteran Tier 4s faced a similar problem to Starlink's veteran Tier 4s'. On the other hand, Violet Cloud was not the slightest bit inferior to the three of them in combat standards. Now that she had gotten promoted to Tier 4 as well, it went without saying her strength rivaled theirs. Hence, letting Violet Cloud represent Zero Wing's side wasn't exactly a bad decision.

Unyielding Heart and Crimson Emperor did not oppose Fire Dance's decision. Instead, they warned Violet Cloud to stay out of melee range from Miracle Dragon. Otherwise, Miracle Dragon's lightning-quick attacks would devastate a magical-class player like Violet Cloud.

Afterward, Violet Cloud similarly leaped into the air and hovered 100 yards away from Miracle Dragon. "I lost to Gentle Snow last time because of my Basic Attributes, but you won't be as lucky as Gentle Snow!" Miracle Dragon said as he looked at Violet Cloud with a cold and arrogant gaze. "Because I will come at you seriously this time!"

After Miracle Dragon finished speaking, energy rippled out from his body and instantly enveloped the vicinity. Meanwhile, those caught within his Mana Domain immediately felt their bodies become incomparably heavy; even Tier 3 players found it difficult to move their bodies.

“A Supergravity Domain?” Fire Dance frowned subconsciously when she experienced Miracle Dragon’s Mana Domain.

This was the first time she had experienced such a powerful Mana Domain. Although this Supergravity Domain didn’t affect the Basic Attributes of players, the increased gravity would affect the players’ mobility significantly. In fact, Fire Dance estimated that her mobility would be halved because of this Mana Domain. Needless to say, magical-class players that didn’t possess much Strength would fare even worse in this Mana Domain.

Before Fire Dance and the others could recover from their shock, Miracle Dragon unsheathed the silver greatsword he carried. Immediately, not only did the intensity of the aura he exuded skyrocket, but another ripple of energy spread out from his body.

Unlike the earlier energy ripple, this one caused the flowing Mana in the air to stagnate

“Impossible!” Unyielding Heart couldn’t help doubting his eyes as he looked at Miracle Dragon. “Two Domains?!”

It was already incredibly difficult for a Tier 4 player to obtain even one Mana Domain. Hence, any Tier 4 player that succeeded in doing so would become a force to be reckoned with even among other Tier 4 players. Now, Miracle Dragon revealed that he actually possessed two Mana Domains. This completely shattered Unyielding Heart’s understanding of Mana Domains.

Meanwhile, Lu Xingluo and the others on Starlink's side who were standing at the Residence's entrance, smiled when they saw the reactions of Fire Dance and the others from the three Guilds.

"Commander Fire Dance, get ready to lose. Miracle Dragon has the Supergravity Domain and the Space Freezing Domain. He is the absolute bane of magical classes," Lu Xingluo said, smiling calmly as he looked at Fire Dance. "Of course, the outcome won't change even if you have someone else take to the field. Under the effects of these two Mana Domains, nobody can defeat Miracle Dragon in single combat!"

A Dual Domain wasn't just a simple addition of two Mana Domains. Instead, the effects of the two Mana Domains would overlap and generate exponentially greater results. When Miracle Dragon activated both of his Mana Domains, he could take on two of Starlink's veteran Tier 4s simultaneously and still hold his ground.

Meanwhile, the spectators also stirred at this scene. They never thought a person could have two Mana Domains.

"As expected of the Sword Freak!"

"Even Black Flame will most likely have trouble going up against Miracle Dragon!"

"I know, right? Black Flame only managed to stand out because he was lucky to reach Tier 4 before everyone else. But in a situation where both sides are at Tier 4, nobody can tell who is truly the best at the sword without a fight. How can the Secret Pavilion just arbitrarily label Black Flame the strongest?"

The rubbernecks were astonished by Miracle Dragon's abilities. After all, this was the first time any of them had seen a Dual Domain. One could also easily determine the Dual Domain's effects just by looking

at the Tier 3 players enveloped within it. At this time, these Tier 3 players were already kneeling on the street from the overbearing pressure. This result was much greater than that of the Mana Domain Shi Feng had displayed previously.

“Commander, should we intervene now?”. Lifeless Thorn asked as he looked at Shi Feng. “This Dual Domain is going to be a tough nut to crack. If it’s just Violet alone, I’m afraid...”

“No, we’ll continue watching,” Shi Feng replied, shaking his head and smiling. “If we take action now, everyone’s going to think that Zero Wing has no capable people to rely on.”

“But that Space Freezing Domain prevents the use of Instantaneous Movement. Miracle Dragon is also known for his speed and Strength. Her chances of victory are really slim,” Lifeless Thorn argued. While he understood what Shi Feng was trying to say, Miracle Dragon’s Dual Domain was a perfect counter for magical-class players.

“Relax.” Chuckling, Shi Feng looked at Violet Cloud and said, “Having more Mana Domains isn’t necessarily an advantage. Moreover, Violet’s strength is no longer the same as before.”

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, they saw Violet Cloud take out Death’s Sigh. However, compared to before, the current Death’s Sigh released a much more terrifying aura. The instant Violet Cloud wielded it, an aura of death instantly spread into the surroundings.

“A Dual Domain might be amazing, but a lone Mana Domain isn’t necessarily inferior!”

After saying so, Violet Cloud operated her Mana Body at maximum capacity. The next moment, energy rippled out from her body, instantly pushing back Miracle Dragon’s Dual Domain and preventing it from extending more than 30 yards from Miracle Dragon.

The difference between the Mana Domains of both sides was instantly determined!

Chapter 2814 – Astromancer’s Might

“What’s going on?” “Why did a Dual Domain lose to a single Domain?”

The various experts looking up at the sky were bewildered when they saw Miracle Dragon’s Dual Domain getting suppressed. They couldn’t understand how a single Domain could win against a Dual Domain.

After all, the Mana and pressure Violet Cloud’s Mana Domain radiated were both weaker than those of Miracle Dragon’s Dual Domain!

“This is interesting. This little beauty has actually surpassed Miracle Dragon in knowledge and control over Mana by a large margin,” a handsome youth wearing Hundred Ghosts’s Guild Emblem said, a faint smile appearing on his face as he looked at Violet Cloud. “I never thought there would be such a talent in Zero Wing.”

“Hmph. The people here think that just having high Basic Attributes is sufficient; they don’t know that what’s most important for Tier 4 players aren’t Attributes or combat standards but control and understanding over Mana,” sneered the beautiful woman with short, blue hair standing beside the handsome youth. “A Mana Domain is the result of making an area’s Mana into one’s own. Miracle Dragon can operate the Mana of his two Mana Domains only at a basic standard. How can he possibly win against someone with better control over Mana?”

Looking at Violet Cloud with fascination, the handsome youth said, "But this little beauty is quite the genius. We can have her join us and become one of our outer supporting members."

"Abyss! Don't go acting on your old habits again! Don't forget why we came to this continent!" the short-haired woman warned.

"Relax. I know what I'm doing. Nobody on this continent is a match for me. Zero Wing's alliance will crumble for certain this time. Nothing will change even if that Black Flame shows up. If this little lady wants to protect Zero Wing, she'll have no choice but to beg me. She'll definitely take the bait at that time," the handsome youth said, smiling.

The short-haired beauty carrying a battle axe did not refute the youth's statement. After all, it was indeed true that they could keep Zero Wing alive with just a word.

While the pair from Hundred Ghosts were conversing, Miracle Dragon had taken action. Unfazed by the fact that his Dual Domain had been suppressed, he flew within 50 yards of Violet Cloud and brandished his greatsword.

Nine Extreme Slashes!

Tier 4 Legacy Skill, Light Shatterer! Nine sword lights tore through space and instantly appeared around Violet Cloud. Moreover, as if to prove that Miracle Dragon had reached the Domain Realm already, the nine sword lights moved around Violet Cloud like a bunch of lively monkeys, their attack trajectories unpredictable. Facing this tricky move, Violet Cloud flicked her staff and activated Blink, instantly appearing 30 yards away and dodging the nine sword lights in the nick of time.

Boom!

A moment after Violet Cloud used Blink, the nine sword lights converged on her original location and exploded, transforming the area within a 20-yard radius into an empty void. The power of this attack practically rivaled that of Superior Mythic monsters of the same level.

However, before Violet Cloud could catch her breath, several more sword lights appeared around her, to which she responded by using Blink again. This process repeated itself over and over, the sword lights hounding Violet Cloud like her shadow.

This scene dumbfounded the spectating crowd.

After all, at this time, Miracle Dragon looked more like a ranged player than a melee player. Every time he brandished his greatsword, several sword lights would appear around Violet Cloud. Despite the distance between the two players, it was as if Miracle Dragon were right beside Violet Cloud.

“Miracle Dragon really isn’t holding back.” Thousand Miles, who was standing at the entrance, burst into laughter as he watched the fight in the sky. “At this rate, the fight will end in less than ten seconds.”

Miracle Dragon was a Magic Swordsman. His class perfectly combined magic with the sword. The class was proficient in melee combat as well as ranged combat. While it was indeed amazing that Violet Cloud managed to render Miracle Dragon’s Dual Domain useless, thanks to the Light Shatterer Skill, Miracle Dragon could still thoroughly exhibit the might of his godly fast attacks.

“You might have a lot of Movement Skills, but while my Light Shatterer Skill is active, it won’t matter where you run to, so just surrender obediently!” Miracle Dragon said, smirking as he watched Violet Cloud constantly dodging his attacks.

Most people might expect him to be at a disadvantage when going up against magical-class players, but he was a Magic Swordsman. It didn't matter whether he fought at close quarters or range. He was proficient in both forms of combat.

Meanwhile, Light Shatterer had a three-minute duration. Even if Violet Cloud had many Movement Skills, she definitely wouldn't have enough to last three minutes. And once she ran out of Movement Skills, all she could do was wait for death.

"Thank you for your warning." Looking at the arrogant Magic Swordsman, Violet Cloud smiled faintly and said, "I might not be able to dodge them if I'm alone, but what if there are multiple copies of myself?"

After saying so, Violet Cloud swung her staff and summoned several dozen identical copies of herself within her vast Starry Domain. Then, the figures of Violet Cloud and her copies turned blurry, becoming indistinguishable from one another.

Doppelgangers? Miracle Dragon was momentarily startled. No, their auras are too weak to be doppelgangers. They should only be illusions, and there should only be one physical body.

"Watch me break this move of yours!"

Miracle Dragon began brandishing his greatsword wildly. Unlike before, his sword lights no longer converged on a single point. Instead, they scattered all around Violet Cloud's Starry Domain, leaving empty voids wherever they passed and turning the Starry Domain into a place of death.

After the series of rampant attacks, black voids filled the Starry Domain, which covered a 300-yard radius, this outcome thoroughly demonstrating the power of a Tier 4 Magic Swordsman.

“You refuse to come out even in death?” Miracle Dragon was puzzled as he looked at the dark void before him.

His attacks had left no corner untouched. While Tier 4 players could indeed survive inside the empty void, they could do so only for a short period. They would still die if they lingered.

As soon as Miracle Dragon finished speaking, however, Violet Cloud came strolling out of the black void-entirely unscathed. It was evident that Miracle Dragon’s rampant assault just now did not affect her.

She avoided everything? Miracle Dragon was surprised by this scene.

He knew the speed of his attacks very well. Only by using Skills like Blink could magical-class players dodge them; relying solely on physical movements for evasion was impossible. Tanking his attacks would also be utterly foolish, and he would be more than glad to see Violet Cloud try. After all, her defense was bound to slip up against his swift and violent attacks.

Nevertheless, Violet Cloud remained unscathed. Even her robe was intact. This proved that Violet Cloud had actually dodged all his sword lights.

“Amazing! I didn’t even have time to cast my Spells while dealing with those fast attacks! Thankfully, my Starry Domain just so happens to counter you. Otherwise, this really would be a tough fight.” Violet Cloud sighed ruefully as she looked at the dark space around her.

While the doppelgangers she summoned might seem like illusions, they were, in a certain sense, real. This was because she could freely shuttle her real body between these doppelgangers. This ability was much stronger than her Blink Skill. Moreover, while this ability cost Concentration and Mana to use, it didn’t have a Cooldown. And once her control over this ability improved, she could potentially summon thousands of copies of herself within her Starry Domain.

“Little girl, you’re as arrogant as your Guild Leader! I refuse to believe you can dodge my attacks forever!” Miracle Dragon said. He then held up his greatsword in preparation for another round of attacks.

However, before Miracle Dragon could brandish his weapon, shadow blades emerged from the dark void behind Violet Cloud, numbering 600.

“Miracle Dragon, did you think I was hiding in the void just to dodge your attacks?” Chuckling softly, Violet Cloud said, “I spent a long time preparing to deal with you. Now, let me see how you block these 600 shadow blades!” As soon as Violet Cloud finished speaking, the 600 shadow blades carrying devastating power began raining down on Miracle Dragon like a hail of bullets.

Miracle Dragon knew that there was no way he could dodge them all. Immediately, he activated his Berserk Skill, drastically increasing his Basic Attributes and doubling his attack speed.

The next moment, he brandished his greatsword, blocking the shadow blades one after another in rapid succession.

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

A shadow blade would get sent flying away every time Miracle Dragon swung his greatsword. However, under Violet Cloud’s control, these shadow blades would quickly correct their trajectories and attack him once more.

The space above Starlink’s Residence transformed into a dark void, the shockwaves of the battle spreading throughout Sky Spring City. Rather than a clash between players, the duel between Violet Cloud and Miracle Dragon looked more like a clash between monsters.

From watching this battle, the Tier 3 players present thoroughly understood how insignificant they were in front of Tier 4 players.

Despite Miracle Dragon's best efforts, there were just too many shadow blades. Moreover, Violet Cloud was also constantly making subtle adjustments to her attack patterns. As a result, roughly 20 seconds later, Miracle Dragon finally slipped up, and one shadow blade penetrated his defense.

Just one hit took away one-quarter of Miracle Dragon's HP. Moreover, within a few more seconds, he slipped up three more times.

The next moment, the clash in midair came to an abrupt halt, and Miracle Dragon's eyes closed reluctantly as his body fell into the compound of Starlink's Residence.

Only Violet Cloud and her 600 shadow blades remained hovering in the air, the frightening aura they released instilling fear into everyone.

"Guild Leader Lu Xingluo, you can release our people now!"

Chapter 2815 – How Bold of You

At Violet Cloud's words, Lu Xingluo's complexion turned ashen.

Never did Lu Xingluo think that Miracle Dragon would lose. Moreover, the man had lost so miserably.

Now, not only did Lu Xingluo fail to humiliate Zero Wing, but the morale on his side had even suffered a hit. This situation put him at a loss as to how to respond to Violet Cloud.

Lu Xingluo wasn't the only one taken aback by this outcome. The various major powers were similarly stunned beyond belief. Everyone present could clearly tell that Miracle Dragon was monstrously powerful, yet Violet Cloud had actually displayed even greater strength. At this time, they even started to think that Violet Cloud could take on two or three Tier 4 experts simultaneously and still hold the upper hand.

“So, this is Zero Wing's strength?”

“Amazing! With this, Starlink and the various superpowers will have to act more humbly.”

From how leisurely Violet Cloud had defeated Miracle Dragon, it was evident she still had strength to spare. This meant that even though Zero Wing's side had one Tier 4 expert less than Starlink's side, the latter still wouldn't hold any advantages. “Beautifully done!” Unyielding Heart praised as he looked up at Violet Cloud. “Now that Starlink's side has one less Tier 4, even if Lu Xingluo goes back on his word, we still have a much greater chance of rescuing our people!”

Illusory Words nodded in agreement with Unyielding Heart.

This duel held great importance for both sides. If Lu Xingluo handled this matter poorly, he would become the laughing stock of God's Domain. After all, Lu Xingluo had overreached himself. He had actually planned to rely on this opportunity to elevate Starlink into an existence on par with the Five Great Super Guilds. Only, his grand plan had already been foiled right at the very first step. If he weren't standing in public right now, Lu Xingluo would have most likely spat out blood already.

When everyone thought Lu Xingluo was going to lose his mind, the man actually smiled.

“Good! Very good! As expected of one of Zero Wing’s peak experts. Your strength is truly astonishing,” Lu Xingluo said, chuckling as he looked up at Violet Cloud. “Fine. We’ll let your people go.” “Guild Leader?” Sword Demon, who had also reached Tier 4, was stunned by Lu Xingluo’s words. He never thought that Lu Xingluo would release Zero Wing’s people so decisively. “They’ll grow even more fearless if we let their people go!”

“It doesn’t matter,” Lu Xingluo said as he glanced at Sword Demon nonchalantly. “Release them.”

Sword Demon had no choice but to release the three Guilds’ captured members.

The next moment, Alluring Summer, Shadow Sword, Mu Lingsha, Blue Gown, and several other players were released from Starlink’s Guild Hall. From the time they emerged from the building until they walked out of the Residence’s entrance, none of Starlink’s or the various superpowers’ members stopped them.

“He’s releasing them without a fight?” Unyielding Heart was stunned when he saw Mu Lingsha and the others free.

Honestly, Unyielding Heart didn’t believe any of the words Lu Xingluo said before. To his disbelief, Lu Xingluo had actually gone through with his promise and released the captured players without a fight.

However, as soon as the bindings on Alluring Summer and the others were removed, Alluring Summer shouted, “Run! Commander, you guys need to get away fast! It’s a trap!”

Unfortunately, as soon as Alluring Summer finished speaking, a threefold magic array suddenly appeared in the sky above Starlink's Residence. The magic array instantly expanded and covered a 1,000-yard radius. Apart from Starlink's and the various superpowers' members, everyone caught within the barrier felt their bodies growing heavier.

Even Tier 4 players like Unyielding Heart found their Basic Attributes falling by 30%.

"Run? You think you can run away today?" Lu Xingluo sneered as he looked at the members of Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor. "I've released your people, so don't say I didn't abide by our agreement. However, whether you can leave this place alive is another matter altogether. Oh, by the way, this magic barrier is a Master Barrier. Let alone you Tier 4s, even a Superior Mythic monster can't break out from it."

At the same time as Lu Xingluo finished speaking, three NPCs flew out of Starlink's Residence and looked down at the three Guilds' members from the air. With the appearance of these three NPCs, Violet Cloud's Starry Domain was instantly overwhelmed by a much stronger and violent Mana Domain. As a result, her Starry Domain contracted to only 50 yards away from herself.

Meanwhile, upon seeing these three NPCs, everyone present gasped involuntarily.

(Victor Palome (Secret Hand Association Elder)] (Tier 4 Great Wizard)

Level 160

HP 180,000,000

(Claire Saviron (Secret Hand Legion Vice Commander)) (Tier 4 Sky Knight)

Level 160

HP 330,000,000

(Melt Kabara (Secret Hand Legion Commander)) (Tier 4 Elemental Hunter)

Level 162

HP 270,000,000

“Three Tier 4 NPCs?! How is this possible?!”

The various major powers’ members gaped in shock at these three NPCs.

Although they knew that Starlink had worked together with the Secret Hand Association to capture the three Guilds’ executives, they had thought that only one Tier 4 NPC was aiding Starlink. Now, three Tier 4 NPCs had appeared. Their combined combat power was enough to destroy even Sky Spring City!

Melt Kabara, an elderly man apparently in his 50s who carried a crystalline bow, turned to Lu Xingluo and said, “Guild Leader Xingluo, you’ve done well this time. Our Association will help you take control of the Secret Covenant Tower as agreed.”

“Thank you, Commander Melt.” Lu Xingluo beamed at Melt Kabara’s words.

Lu Xingluo’s goal since the very beginning had been the three Guilds’ Tier 4 members. The main reason he had Miracle Dragon partake in a duel was to create a distraction while the Secret Hand Association set up the magic barrier. After all, setting up such a powerful barrier would create powerful Mana fluctuations. Only a duel between two Tier 4 players could conceal these Mana fluctuations.

Hence, Lu Xingluo never really cared whether Miracle Dragon won or lost the duel. “How vicious of Lu Xingluo! He was planning to wipe out the three Guilds’ top combatants all along!”

“It seems Zero Wing’s side is finished. A force of three Tier 4 NPCs is basically unstoppable in the Twin Towers Kingdom.” At this time, everyone already understood that this was a trap Starlink set up for the three Guilds. So long as the three Guilds’ top combatants got annihilated here, the three Guilds would be finished. They would no longer have the ability to resist Starlink and the various superpowers.

The complexions of the three Guilds’ members darkened when they saw this situation.

“How is this possible?! How did Lu Xingluo recruit the help of so many Tier 4 NPCs?!” Unyielding Heart couldn’t help despairing as he looked at the three Tier 4 NPCs in the air.

According to the information they obtained, only one Tier 4 NPC had been present when Mu Lingsha and the others were captured. They had originally planned for him and Illusory Words to work together to pin down this Tier 4 NPC, while Violet Cloud and Fire Dance went up against Starlink’s Tier 4 players.

Now, the number of Tier 4 NPCs they had to face had tripled. Moreover, they were even caught inside a Master Barrier. They couldn't escape even if they wanted to. While the three Guilds' members were at a loss as to what to do, Melt Kabara glanced at them.

"Capture Zero Wing's members. Kill everyone else using soul attacks. I want to let Black Flame know the consequences of provoking the Secret Hand Association!" Melt Kabara commanded the two people beside him.

In response, Elder Victor Palome chuckled and said, "Rest assured, Commander Melt, none of Zero Wing's members will escape today!"

Melt Kabara's words stunned the spectating crowd.

"These NPCs are here for Zero Wing?"

"Crap! What did Zero Wing do to have an NPC force aim for their lives?"

At this time, let alone the various major powers, even Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words were stunned. An NPC force had actually mobilized such a powerful party just to take revenge on Shi Feng?

However, before Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words could react to this piece of information, the three NPCs made their move, splitting up and charging at Violet Cloud and Fire Dance. "Zero Wing! This is the consequence of your sins!" Lu Xingluo burst into maniacal laughter when he saw the three NPCs taking action. "I didn't even do anything this time!"

Previously, Lu Xingluo had still felt quite troubled by the three Guilds' resistance. However, Shi Feng had offended the Secret Hand Association on Dragonheart Island, which, in turn, prompted the Association to seek a partnership with Lu Xingluo. He had nearly gone crazy from joy back then.

Now that three of the Association's Tier 4 NPCs were taking action, there was no way Zero Wing's members could escape. Now, all he had to do was wait for Zero Wing's destruction and take over Zero Wing's possessions.

However, just as the three NPCs were about to reach Fire Dance and her companions, who were prepared to fight to the death, a sword light suddenly appeared out of nowhere on the battlefield.

This lightning-fast sword light cut straight at Melt Kabara, who led the charge against Zero Wing's members.

However, Melt Kabara was no ordinary Tier 4 NPC. Quickly responding to the attack, he used his crystalline bow as a melee weapon and struck the approaching sword light.

Boom!

An explosion occurred, and space within a radius of several dozen yards shattered.

The Elemental Hunter went flying over a hundred yards away, a damage exceeding one million appearing above his head.

"Secret Hand Association, how bold of you! I didn't bother picking a fight with you in Dragonheart City, yet you actually have the gall to come and pick a fight in my territory? It seems you people are tired of living, just like Sabrid!"

Before anyone could react to the sudden attack, a cold voice echoed throughout the battlefield. Everyone turned to the voice's origin, curious to find out who had sent Melt Kabara flying.

The next moment, what entered everyone's eyes was a cloaked man walking out of the crowd. The man wielded a golden sword decorated with crimson runes, and his frightening aura made them feel as if the god of death had descended onto the battlefield.

"Black Flame?!"

Chapter 2816 – Nobody Is Leaving!

Everyone couldn't help doubting their eyes when they saw the cloaked man.

After all, Melt Kabara was a Level 162, Tier 4 NPC. Although he was only a Tier 4 Ranger, which wasn't a Strength-oriented class, he still possessed a massive advantage in terms of levels. He simply wasn't an existence current players could go up against.

Nevertheless, Shi Feng had sent the Elemental Hunter flying with one hit. How frightening was his Strength?!

"He's actually that Black Flame?"

Standing in the spectating crowd, the robust man from the Silver Lion adventurer team was astonished when he discovered Shi Feng's identity. His team members were similarly stunned. They never imagined that the stranger their commander decided to befriend would actually be a big shot. Moreover, it was even a big shot capable of shaking the entire God's Domain. "Guild Leader?"

Fire Dance and the others were also surprised when they saw Shi Feng approaching them. They hadn't thought that Shi Feng had already returned.

"Brother Black Flame, you've really made us wait!" Unyielding Heart revealed a bitter smile when he saw Shi Feng.

Although not much time had passed since they parted ways at the Ruined Mountain Range, it felt like months and years had gone by on their side as the pressure they faced from the various superpowers increased by the day.

Fortunately, their peak experts had found several Tier 4 Legacy Lands while exploring Level 130 maps. As a result, their three Guilds managed to produce three Tier 4 players quickly, instantly alleviating the pressure they faced at the Twin Towers Kingdom by a large margin. They were also continuously obtaining complete Tier 3 Legacies from the Secret Covenant Tower, which allowed their Guilds to produce Tier 3 players rapidly. As a result, their three Guilds had managed to last until today, albeit by the skin of their teeth.

Shi Feng's return had undoubtedly increased their staying power.

When Illusory Words saw Shi Feng, she, too, heaved a deep sigh of relief. They had been fighting long and hard just to endure until this moment.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng's appearance also caused a stir among the members of Starlink's faction. None of them had expected Shi Feng to reappear in such a sudden and powerful manner.

“Black Flame, you’re finally willing to show yourself!” Lu Xingluo laughed as he looked at Shi Feng. “I’ve been waiting for a long time! Today, I’ll let you see Zero Wing perish before your eyes! Everyone, attack!” In truth, Lu Xingluo was slightly surprised by Shi Feng’s arrival. He never thought that Shi Feng would be able to return from the sealed Dragonheart City so quickly.

Lu Xingluo had originally planned to use the annihilation of Fire Dance and the others to force Shi Feng to come forward. Now, he no longer had to trouble himself.

As soon as Lu Xingluo finished speaking, Sword Demon, Wind Demon, and Tengu, who had all reached Tier 4, moved to surround Zero Wing’s members. Only, shortly after the trio exited the Residence’s entrance, two figures intercepted them.

“You’ll need to beat the two of us first before you proceed!” Lifeless Thorn said as he grabbed the spear slung on his back and swept it at the three enemies before him.

At this time, Lifeless Thorn and Solitary Nine stopped concealing their life auras. Two more Tier 4 auras spread across the battlefield, stunning Sword Demon’s group. “Two more Tier 4s?!”

“How many Tier 4s does Zero Wing have?!”

The various major powers exclaimed in surprise when they sensed Lifeless Thorn’s and Solitary Nine’s auras.

At this stage of the game, Tier 4 players were still as rare as a phoenix's feather. A superpower would be fortunate to have even one Tier 4 player. Yet, based on what they could see now, Zero Wing actually had five Tier 4 players already. Even the Five Great Super Guilds didn't have such a force yet.

"You people from Zero Wing are indeed capable." After glancing at Lifeless Thorn and Solitary Nine, Lu Xingluo turned to Shi Feng and sneered, "Unfortunately, all of you are inside a Master Barrier right now. Even if you have more Tier 4s on your side, you still don't have a chance at victory!" Upon hearing this, the various onlookers snapped out of their daze and very much agreed with Lu Xingluo's words.

"March, you go as well!" Thousand Miles commanded as he looked at Silent March. "Make sure Black Flame doesn't leave this place alive! We'll be in trouble afterward, otherwise!" "Yes, sir!"

Nodding, Silent March took out her staff and joined Sword Demon's trio.

Seeing that Silent March, a Tier 4 Necromancer, was taking action as well, the spectating players sighed subconsciously. Although Starlink's side was still outnumbered, it had the help of a Master Barrier and three Tier 4 NPCs. Zero Wing's side stood no chance at all.

However, before Silent March could arrive before Lifeless Thorn and Solitary Nine, Shi Feng suddenly slashed at the sky.

World Breaker!

The next moment, a dazzling brilliance shot into the sky and instantly penetrated the magic barrier. Subsequently, the barrier shattered, and the overwhelming pressure Zero Wing's members felt disappeared.

“What Master Barrier?” Looking at Lu Xingluo, Shi Feng asked calmly, “Do you mean this broken thing?”

At Shi Feng’s words, silence enveloped the entire battlefield. Lu Xingluo, in particular, was utterly thunderstruck as he looked at the dissipating barrier.

“Impossible! Even a Superior Mythic monster would have a difficult time breaking this barrier. How could he just...”

At this time, Lu Xingluo felt as if he was having a nightmare. Either that or the heavens were playing a trick on him. “Guild Leader...are you...still just a Tier 4 player?”

At this time, let alone Lu Xingluo and the various superpowers’ members, even Fire Dance and the others gaped in shock at this scene.

This was a barrier capable of trapping Superior Mythic monsters!

Yet, Shi Feng had destroyed it with one slash.

“Not good! They can run away now that the barrier is broken!” Reacting to the situation quickly, Thousand Miles looked at Lu Xingluo and urged, “Guild Leader Xingluo, we need to figure out a plan fast!” If a Tier 4 player wanted to escape, even Tier 4 NPCs would have trouble stopping them. Meanwhile, if their faction failed to capture Zero Wing’s members alive, they would have a much harder time dealing with the three Guilds afterward.

On the other hand, Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words breathed out a sigh of relief at this situation.

With the magic barrier gone, so long as they scattered and fled, the three Tier 4 NPCs wouldn't be able to capture them. Moreover, they were still inside Sky Spring City. If the three Tier 4 NPCs caused a commotion, Sky Spring City's Tier 4 Magistrate would definitely intervene. At that time, the Magistrate would be able to pin down at least one of Secret Hand's NPCs.

However, before Lu Xingluo and Thousand Miles could issue commands, Shi Feng jumped into the air above Starlink's Residence and scanned the crowd beneath him.

This situation confused the various spectating players. They couldn't understand why Shi Feng had approached Starlink's Residence instead of running away.

"Run away?" Looking at Thousand Miles, Shi Feng laughed and said, "Do you think you're the only ones capable of summoning Tier 4 NPCs? Nobody is leaving today! All of you will stay here!"

After saying so, Shi Feng took out two Summon Guard Scrolls from his bag and activated them.

Chapter 2817 – Reversal

As Shi Feng chanted the incantation to activate the Summon Guard scrolls, two magic arrays appeared before him. One second later, two figures emerged from these magic arrays.

Along with the appearance of these two figures, everyone present felt an unprecedented pressure weighing down their body.

“Tier 4 Personal Guards?!”

“How did he do it?”

The various major powers’ members gasped when they saw the two new figures in the air. Many players owned Personal Guards in God’s Domain, but those capable of owning Tier 4 Personal Guards at this stage of the game could be counted on one’s fingers.

This was because NPCs had much more difficulty getting promoted to Tier 4 than players. Even Fine-Gold Guards had no more than a 25% chance of success. And in the event of failure, these Personal Guards would have to wait one whole month before they could challenge their Promotion Quest again. Moreover, the success rate wouldn’t change in the slightest.

Yet, now, Shi Feng had actually summoned two Tier 4 Personal Guards.

Meanwhile, these two Personal Guards were none other than Kite and Anna.

As the two NPCs had been busy challenging their Tier 4 Promotion Quests previously, Shi Feng had not summoned them for quite some time now.

Fortunately, Kite and Anna possessed incredibly high Growth Potentials. Both of them had successfully gotten promoted to Tier 4, and their current levels even surpassed Shi Feng’s by a large margin. At this time, Kite had already reached Level 146, whereas Anna was at Level 149. While their levels were still lower than the Secret Hand Association’s three NPCs’, the difference was negligible. After reaching Tier 4, the main factors that allowed Tier 4 NPCs to undergo qualitative improvements were Fragmented Legendary Weapons and Equipment, control over Mana, and the number of Tier 4 Skills and Spells learned.

With Kite and Anna's arrival, even a fool could tell that the tables had turned.

Previously, after Starlink and the various superpowers lost the support of their Master Barrier, their disadvantage in numbers meant they could only rely on the Secret Hand Association's NPCs to overwhelm Zero Wing's side.

However, Kite and Anna could fend off at least two of the Association's Tier 4 NPCs. And with the growing commotion, Sky Spring City's Tier 4 Magistrate would most likely come to help soon. Hence, Starlink and the various superpowers no longer had any advantages at this time. In fact, they were even at a disadvantage since Zero Wing's side had three more Tier 4 players than they did. A difference of three Tier 4 players might not seem like much, but it was already more than enough to elicit despair in Starlink and the various superpowers.

This was because even 10,000 Tier 3 players wouldn't be enough to go against three Tier 4 players. That would only result in a one-sided massacre. Moreover, with the seal over Sky Spring City still in effect, the only way players could teleport out of the city was through the Teleportation Hall. This situation was considerably disadvantageous for Starlink's side.

When Lu Xingluo recognized the situation, his complexion turned indescribably ugly. He had never dreamed that Shi Feng would be able to reverse the situation and even put him in dire straits.

"Guild Leader Xingluo, what should we do now? If it comes down to a fight, I'm afraid our side..."
Thousand Miles asked anxiously as he looked at Lu Xingluo. Lu Xingluo had full responsibility for this operation. Miracle and the various superpowers were simply here to show support. After all, Lu Xingluo had repeatedly guaranteed that he would take down Zero Wing this time. Then, the various superpowers would divide the Secret Covenant Tower and the three Guilds' territories among themselves.

Now, before Miracle even took a cut out of Zero Wing, it had already lost Miracle Dragon. Moreover, at this rate, even Silent March and Thousand Miles himself would most likely perish.

“I understand.” Sighing helplessly, Lu Xingluo said, “I originally thought that these means would already be enough to take down Zero Wing. It seems I still have to request their help in the end.”

“Request their help?” At Lu Xingluo’s words, realization dawned upon Thousand Miles. He then looked at a nearby team of several dozen players and muttered, “Could it be...”

Thousand Miles had heard of the mysterious Guild known as Hundred Ghosts. This was a Guild that showed no respect or fear for even the Five Great Super Guilds.

He never thought that Lu Xingluo would actually have such a deep connection with Hundred Ghosts.

“That’s right. It’s them.” Lu Xingluo nodded. He then looked at the handsome youth leading Hundred Ghosts’s team and called out, “Brother Abyss, I’m afraid I’ll have to bother you for help. Once we get out of this predicament, Starlink will agree to all your conditions!”

“Good! I’ve been waiting a long time for these words, Guild Leader Xingluo!” Awakened Abyss smiled when he heard Lu Xingluo’s promise. “Since you’ve thought it through already, Hundred Ghosts naturally won’t sit back and do nothing.”

“Thank you, Brother Abyss!” Lu Xingluo breathed out a sigh of relief.

Shi Feng had really boxed Lu Xingluo into a corner this time. Since they were inside Sky Spring City, which also happened to be Zero Wing’s territory, Starlink’s members would all end up jailed if they died

or got captured inside the city. Meanwhile, the prison sentence could last anywhere from a few days to over a dozen days.

This absolutely wasn't an outcome Lu Xingluo could tolerate!

Now that Hundred Ghosts had agreed to intervene, though, Starlink would escape this predicament. Lu Xingluo knew very clearly what kind of power was backing Hundred Ghosts. It simply wasn't something the main continent's superpowers could go up against.

The various major powers present overheard the conversation between Lu Xingluo and Awakened Abyss. However, they couldn't understand why Lu Xingluo, Starlink's Guild Leader, would ask Awakened Abyss for help. Moreover, Lu Xingluo relaxed visibly when he heard the handsome youth's positive response.

"Who are those people? Lu Xingluo is actually begging them for help?"

"How ignorant are you guys? That's Hundred Ghosts! I never imagined that Starlink would manage to partner up with Hundred Ghosts. Starlink really hit the jackpot this time. I heard that even the Five Great Super Guilds have to show respect to Hundred Ghosts. Although the Five Great Super Guilds initially sent a lot of famous experts to pick a fight with Hundred Ghosts, none of those experts returned alive."

Many of the major powers present were ignorant of Hundred Ghosts's existence. After hearing the explanation of some well-informed people, they quickly understood how extraordinary an existence Hundred Ghosts was.

On the other hand, Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words couldn't help making ugly expressions.

“Dammit! Why would Hundred Ghosts partner with Starlink?” Frustration filled Unyielding Heart’s eyes when he heard Awakened Abyss agreeing to Lu Xingluo’s request.

After Hundred Ghosts made its debut on the main continent, his Guild Leader had received an astonishing secret message. Afterward, his Guild Leader warned everyone in the Guild not to provoke Hundred Ghosts’s members. Otherwise, there would be unimaginable consequences.

Initially, Unyielding Heart thought that Hundred Ghosts had merely accepted Starlink’s invitation so that they could challenge some of the experts here. It never occurred to him that Hundred Ghosts actually planned to partner with Starlink.

Illusory Words was similarly filled with frustration. After seeing Shi Feng summon his Personal Guards, she thought they would be able to deal a heavy blow to Starlink and the various superpowers. However, now that Hundred Ghosts, an existence that even the Five Great Super Guilds feared, had agreed to step in for Starlink, if their three Guilds insisted on taking action against Starlink, they would make an enemy of Hundred Ghosts.

The next moment, after Awakened Abyss agreed to Lu Xingluo’s request, he looked up at Shi Feng and said, “Guild Leader Black Flame, Hundred Ghosts has some dealings with Starlink. Can you spare Starlink out of respect for Hundred Ghosts? If Zero Wing needs help in the future, I, Awakened Abyss, will definitely lend a helping hand.”

As soon as Awakened Abyss finished speaking, everyone present turned to Shi Feng, who was still hovering in midair. They all wondered how he would answer.

Although sparing Starlink here would mean losing an opportunity to deal a heavy blow to Starlink, Zero Wing would gain Hundred Ghosts’s favor. This wouldn’t necessarily be a losing transaction. After all, Hundred Ghosts was a mysterious Guild that even the Five Great Super Guilds had to show respect to. Gaining the favor of such an existence could bring many benefits.

“Respect? Favor?” Shi Feng laughed as he looked at Awakened Abyss. “When Starlink was pushing our three Guilds into a dead end earlier, why didn’t I see you standing up for us at that time? Yet, now that Starlink is in a desperate situation, you’re telling us to let them go? Do you think my respect is so cheap? What will you do if I don’t give it to you?”

Chapter 2818 – You Think Too Highly of Yourself

When Shi Feng finished speaking, silence enveloped the entire battlefield.

Nobody had expected that Shi Feng would show no regard at all for Hundred Ghosts.

A cold glint flashed in Awakened Abyss’s eyes at Shi Feng’s response. “Guild Leader Black Flame, my suggestion is beneficial for both our sides. If Hundred Ghosts interferes, setting all else aside, just in terms of number of Tier 45, Zero Wing won’t have much of an advantage,” Awakened Abyss said coldly. “If you insist on remaining obstinate, I’ll have to take it as Zero Wing having hostile intentions toward Hundred Ghosts.” After saying so, Awakened Abyss stopped concealing his life aura. Immediately, a life aura rivaling that of the Secret Hand Association’s Tier 4 NPCs spread across the battlefield.

Simultaneously, Awakened Abyss revealed the glow effect of his equipment, the result making the surrounding spectators gasp. This was because Awakened Abyss was actually fully geared in Epic Equipment!

Moreover, apart from a full set of Epic Equipment, Awakened Abyss’s longsword was also extraordinary, sporting six gleaming gemstones inlaid into it. And although the longsword looked old-fashioned, the aura it exuded was much stronger than that of the Epic Equipment he wore by a large margin.

Meanwhile, the short-haired woman standing beside Awakened Abyss also stopped concealing her life aura and equipment. And like Awakened Abyss, she was fully geared in Epic Equipment and carried a battle axe that rivaled Awakened Abyss's longsword.

"Aren't those two a little too well-equipped?!"

"No wonder even the Five Great Super Guilds are wary of Hundred Ghosts. Even Starlink and the various superpowers can't afford to arm their members to the teeth with such excellent items."

When the various major powers saw the dazzling glow enveloping Awakened Abyss and the short-haired beauty, they were startled.

Everyone present had seen Epic Weapons and Equipment before. However, trying to fully gear a player with Epic items that suited them was incredibly difficult. Yet, Hundred Ghosts had managed to do so for two players. One could see just how powerful Hundred Ghosts was through this point alone.

Hence, it was clearly unwise for Zero Wing to make an enemy of Hundred Ghosts at this time.

"Hostile intentions?" Shi Feng laughed as he looked at Awakened Abyss. "You think too highly of yourself! Since you wish to stand on Starlink's side, then die with them!"

After saying so, Shi Feng unsheathed the Light of Two Worlds and executed a downward slash at Awakened Abyss.

First Sword, Lightshadow!

An illusory greatsword over a hundred meters long appeared in the sky and descended toward Awakened Abyss and the short-haired woman. Space ruptured in the greatsword's wake, and Awakened Abyss and the woman suddenly found themselves having difficulty moving.

"How dare he?!"

When Lu Xingluo and the various superpowers' executives saw this scene, they gaped in shock. They never thought that Shi Feng would even attack Hundred Ghosts's envoys.

"Crazy bastard!"

Awakened Abyss revealed a startled expression when he saw the illusory greatsword. He hadn't expected Shi Feng to take such prompt action. Moreover, he found the power of Shi Feng's attack stifling. Even the Tier 4 NPCs he had faced before couldn't execute such a powerful attack.

Almost by instinct, Awakened Abyss took out a crystal and shattered it without hesitation.

Two barriers instantly appeared before Awakened Abyss and the short-haired woman, protecting them.

Boom!

When the illusory greatsword came into contact with the first barrier, the barrier immediately cracked. Only after the first barrier had shattered completely did the illusory greatsword disappear.

Awakened Abyss and the short-haired woman stared at this outcome in disbelief.

This dual-layered barrier was the product of a Tier 4 Curse, a tool they carried for emergencies. Even Tier 4 NPCs couldn't break the generated barriers, yet Shi Feng had shattered one layer.

In other words, Shi Feng needed only one more attack to destroy this Tier 4 Defensive Curse.

"We're leaving!" Awakened Abyss commanded his team to retreat without hesitation. "His Mana Technique is too powerful! Only the Elders can deal with him! We won't be able to stop his third attack!"

As soon as Awakened Abyss finished speaking, Hundred Ghosts's members promptly scattered and fled. Awakened Abyss and the short-haired woman leaped into the air and made a beeline for Sky Spring City's gate. They dared not try to put up a fight.

"It seems you're not completely inept," Shi Feng commented indifferently as he looked at the remaining barrier before him. He then looked at Awakened Abyss's and the short-haired woman's fleeing figures and continued, "However, since you dare interfere in Zero Wing's matters, I'll have one of you stay behind today to teach you a lesson!"

After saying so, Shi Feng suddenly disappeared from where he hovered. When he reappeared, he was in front of Awakened Abyss.

"You..."

Shi Feng's appearance shocked Awakened Abyss.

Shi Feng was too fast. His Movement Speed in the air practically rivaled a Flying Mount's.

However, before Awakened Abyss could react to the situation, Shi Feng swung the Light of Two Worlds once more. It was evident he had chosen Awakened Abyss as his target of detention. Spatial Slash!

"Black Flame!" Unwilling to take any chances, Awakened Abyss activated his Berserk Skill, boosting his Basic Attributes by a large margin. Now, he could go toe-to-toe against a Superior Mythic monster of the same level. "Don't go too far!"

Awakened Abyss used his full strength to counter Shi Feng's attack, his longsword radiating a colorful brilliance as it swung to meet Shi Feng's Light of Two Worlds. Now, the power of his attack was not the slightest bit weaker than that of the Lightshadow Shi Feng executed before. Boom! Two sky-splitting spatial tears appeared when the two swords collided. Immediately afterward, Awakened Abyss crashed into the ground below like a cannonball, and his HP plummeted. In the blink of an eye, Awakened Abyss's HP, which exceeded 20 million, fell to zero, and the youth became deadlier than dead.

"Abyss?"

The short-haired woman was stunned when she saw Awakened Abyss killed.

Awakened Abyss was one of the top three experts among Hundred Ghosts's younger generation, yet he actually couldn't withstand even one attack from Shi Feng. When Lu Xingluo and the others standing inside Starlink's Residence saw this scene, they, too, were flabbergasted. They never thought Shi Feng would actually kill Awakened Abyss without hesitation, showing no fear of Hundred Ghosts whatsoever.

“Run away!!!”

Nobody knew who said these words. However, as soon as they appeared, the tens of thousands of players inside Starlink’s Residence came to a tacit agreement and began fleeing immediately.

Even the Secret Hand Association’s NPCs had grim expressions when they saw Shi Feng’s might.

“We’re leaving!” Melt Kabara commanded, understanding that the situation was no longer in their favor. With just the three of them here, they would be helpless against Shi Feng.

Immediately afterward, the Secret Hand Association’s three Tier 4 NPCs turned to flee Sky Spring City. “You want to escape? Dream on!” Looking at Kite and Anna, Shi Feng commanded, “Kill all of these people!”

“Yes, sir!”

Kite and Anna, who had remained on standby until now, responded respectfully. They then split up and took independent action. The next moment, Anna set out in pursuit of Melt Kabara’s group. As for Kite, he joined Lifeless Thorn and Solitary Nine in dealing with Starlink’s Tier 4 players.

“You think you can stop us by yourself? You must be tired of living!” Melt Kabara was incensed when he saw Anna coming to block his group by herself.

Although Anna was also a Tier 4 existence, she was merely Level 149. She would have trouble stopping even one of them, let alone all three. She was basically insulting their strength by coming at them alone.

However, before Melt Kabara could say anything more, Anna unleashed her Mana Domain.

Immediately, Anna's Mana Domain enveloped the entire Sky Spring City, transforming the city into a world of black and white. Under the effects of her Mana Domain, Starlink's and the various superpowers' Tier 3 players couldn't even budge. As for Melt Kabara's group of three, they felt immense pressure pressing down on them, subjecting the Mana within their bodies to a powerful suppression. The three of them could barely extend their own Mana Domains 20 yards from themselves. The might of Anna's Mana Domain was simply unbelievable. Before Melt Kabara and the other two could react, countless pitch-black chains assaulted them from all directions. Simultaneously, innumerable holy swords appeared in the sky and shot at all three of them.

Despite the trio working together and doing their best to fend off the attacks, they actually remained at a complete disadvantage. Anna thoroughly displayed her strength as an Epic Guard, and it was only a matter of time before she defeated the three hostile NPCs.

"Lu Xingluo, you should follow your friends as well!" Shi Feng instantly appeared in front of Lu Xingluo and swung the Light of Two Worlds at him. He gave Lu Xingluo no room to even catch a breather.

"Dammit! Dammit! Black Flame, I'll make you pay for this! Hundred Ghosts will make you pay for this too!" Lu Xingluo gritted his teeth and shattered one of the crystal rings he wore.

The next moment, a strange, gray space formed around Lu Xingluo and thoroughly negated Shi Feng's attack. However, Lu Xingluo also let out an agonized scream in the gray space. It was evident that getting caught within this gray space wasn't entirely pleasant for Lu Xingluo.

A second later, the gray space disappeared together with Lu Xingluo.

“He sure knows how to run quickly.”

Shi Feng wasn't particularly surprised when Lu Xingluo escaped. After all, Lu Xingluo was Starlink's Guild Leader. It would be strange if he didn't have a few powerful lifesaving items.

Fortunately, Shi Feng had already achieved his goal in coming here. After today's event, Starlink and the various superpowers would lose tens of thousands of Tier 3 experts and many Tier 4 experts. Moreover, even if these experts died, they would still be detained for several days in Sky Spring City's prison once they respawned.

Less than ten minutes later, with Anna and Kite's assistance, Zero Wing's members annihilated the Secret Hand Association's three Tier 4 NPCs and the various superpowers' Tier 3 and Tier 4 experts.

The spectating powers were awestruck to witness the deaths of the various superpowers' experts.

None of them had ever dreamed that the superpowers' crusade against the Secret Covenant Tower would come to such an end. Zero Wing's hidden strength also exceeded their imagination. The Guild simply wasn't an existence the various superpowers could go up against. This astonishing piece of news quickly spread all over the Twin Towers Kingdom. It even reached the neighboring kingdoms and empires, shocking the various player forces there.

Chapter 2819 – Changes in the Twin Towers Kingdom

In a certain border town of the Fire Dragon Empire...

At this time, a 3,000-man team of Tier 3 players was resting in two bars on the main street. All the town residents, be they players or NPCs, were extremely afraid of this team.

This was because the average level of this team was Level 125—three levels higher than the average level of Tier 3 players in the Fire Dragon Empire.

Meanwhile, leading this powerful team of Tier 3 players was a long-haired woman with a heroic air. When the players looked at this white-clad woman, their gaze held awe and respect.

This woman was none other than the first player in Mythology to have gotten promoted to Tier 4, Cold Shadow, who was now Mythology's First Vice Guild Leader. In addition, she had even reached Level 133, 11 levels higher than the average Tier 3 player. The cold and sharp aura she exuded was so powerful that even Tier 3 players over a hundred yards away shuddered involuntarily.

"Vice Guild Leader, news just came in from the Twin Towers Kingdom," White Feather, who was now a Level 130, Tier 4 Guardian Knight, reported to Cold Shadow. "Starlink suffered a tragic defeat. Moreover, because of Black Flame's sudden appearance, with the exception of Lu Xingluo, none of the various superpowers' experts escaped. Nearly 20,000 Tier 3 experts were penalized with ten days' confinement in Sky Spring City's prison."

"He's finally willing to show himself." Cold Shadow, who was resting quietly with her eyes shut, wasn't the slightest bit surprised when she heard White Feather's report. "Unfortunately, although Black Flame dealt a heavy blow to Starlink and the various superpowers, he still let the key person escape. Zero Wing will most likely face a lot of trouble after this. After all, the person standing behind Lu Xingluo isn't some random pushover. That person is also adamant in acquiring the Secret Covenant Tower."

"According to our insider reports, Black Flame killed Hundred Ghosts's Awakened Abyss," White Feather said in a quieter tone. "In fact, out of Hundred Ghosts's team of several dozen players, only Vice Commander Jade Leaf managed to escape."

This bit of news had Cold Shadow opening her eyes in shock. “Has Black Flame lost his mind? He actually killed Awakened Abyss? Does he not know Awakened Abyss’s identity?”

Awakened Abyss was a talent Hundred Ghosts placed great importance on. The youth was so important that Hundred Ghosts had even tasked Jade Leaf, a Tier 4 expert, to accompany him as his bodyguard.

Meanwhile, Hundred Ghosts was an existence that even the Five Great Super Guilds dared not offend. The power this mysterious Guild wielded simply defied common sense. At this point, the only thing the Five Great Super Guilds could do was form partnerships with Hundred Ghosts. They absolutely couldn’t afford to make an enemy of the Guild. This was something Odin repeatedly emphasized. Hence, everyone in Mythology was currently doing their best to avoid Hundred Ghosts’s people. Yet, Shi Feng had done the exact opposite. Not only did he choose to oppose Hundred Ghosts, but he had even killed Awakened Abyss. When Hundred Ghosts learned of this, the Guild would definitely go into a frenzy.

“In that case, should we take action now?” White Feather asked.

Zero Wing was a Guild that Mythology had to destroy, no matter what. Now that Shi Feng had dealt a heavy blow to Starlink and the various superpowers, these Guilds definitely wouldn’t just let the matter lie. In fact, they might even put everything on the line to fight Zero Wing. After all, these superpowers had lost so many Tier 3 experts already. If they still couldn’t secure the Secret Covenant Tower, recovering from this loss within a short period would be impossible.

Not to mention, Hundred Ghosts would most likely retaliate against Zero Wing as well.

At that time, a spectacular battle would definitely occur at the Secret Covenant Tower, which would be the perfect opportunity for Mythology to take action.

“No, it still isn’t time.” Cold Shadow shook her head. “We have just recently completed that Inferior Legendary Quest and obtained a Mana Body Legacy. We need to digest this Legacy first. It wouldn’t be too late to take action once we have improved our Mana Bodies. After all, when it comes to matters regarding the Mana Body, Black Flame’s side has already made significant progress. I doubt we are a match for him in this regard even now.”

“I understand. I’ll notify the others about this and have them head to the Divine Cave,” White Feather said, nodding. “There’s no need for us to head to the Divine Cave yet. We are merely learning a Legacy. We can learn it anywhere,” Cold Shadow said. After reading a message one of her subordinates just sent her, she smiled faintly and continued, “Moreover, if we head to the Secret Covenant Tower now, we might get an opportunity to understand Hundred Ghosts’s strength.”

“Hundred Ghosts is taking action already?” White Feather was surprised when she heard Cold Shadow’s words.

The strength Zero Wing had displayed thus far was incredibly terrifying. The Guild had not only five Tier 4 players but also two Tier 4 Personal Guards, who were far superior to the average Tier 4 NPC. At this stage of the game, even the Five Great Super Guilds could only resort to a war of attrition with Zero Wing. In a frontal confrontation, their chances of defeating Zero Wing would be zero.

Hence, White Feather found it incredible that Hundred Ghosts would retaliate against Zero Wing right after losing several dozen of its top combatants.

“That’s not entirely true,” Cold Shadow said, chuckling. A hint of anticipation appearing in her eyes, she added, “You’ll understand once we get there. If Zero Wing doesn’t abandon the Secret Covenant Tower this time, it’ll most likely be doomed forever!”

After Cold Shadow finished speaking, White Feather promptly organized a group of peak experts, and they accompanied Cold Shadow to the Secret Covenant Tower.

Twin Towers Kingdom, Sky Spring City:

“Guild Leader, we’re done compiling the list of items we got,” Fire Dance reported as she approached Shi Feng. With an excited look on her face, she continued, “We obtained close to 20,000 weapons and equipment from this battle, including over 6,000 Level 110-plus Fine-Gold Weapons and Equipment and over 2,000 Level 110-plus Dark-Gold Weapons and Equipment. The rest are all Level 110-plus Secret-Silver Weapons and Equipment. This harvest will mitigate a significant portion of the losses we suffered previously.” Currently, Fire Dance, Youlan, and Melancholic Smile were managing the affairs of the entire Guild. Dealing with the Guild’s weapon stockpile gave Fire Dance massive headaches.

Previously, when she had merely been commanding Zero Wing’s main force, she hadn’t known just how important it was for the Guild to have a sufficient stockpile of weapons and equipment. However, after taking over Gentle Snow’s and Aqua Rose’s responsibilities and repeatedly clashing with the various superpowers, she finally understood what a Guild’s foundation referred to.

Originally, she believed that a Guild’s foundation referred to the number of experts a Guild possessed. However, after the various superpowers began waging war against Zero Wing, she realized that what truly served as a Guild’s foundation were weapons and equipment.

If not for the Candlelight Trading Firm having a sufficiently large number of Lifestyle players, Zero Wing would’ve long since run out of weapons and equipment. And if that happened, members would definitely withdraw from the Guild in droves. After all, nobody would want to fight for a Guild that couldn’t even arm them with weapons and equipment.

“Give half of the weapons and equipment to Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul,” Shi Feng said, smiling. “I believe they haven’t been faring well recently, either. These weapons and equipment should help them cope with their troubles.” Shi Feng had a very thorough understanding of the issues involved in Guild wars. When he led Shadow in his previous life, there had been instances when the Guild’s warehouse had only Bronze Weapons and Equipment. Back then, Shadow had only been a small Guild. If a superpower were to face a situation where its warehouse had only Bronze Weapons and Equipment, everyone in the Guild would’ve long since quit.

After all, even if Guild players died and lost levels, so long as they had sufficiently good weapons and equipment, they could quickly recover their levels. However, without weapons and equipment, they might as well be independent players. At the very least, hostile forces wouldn't persecute them.

Before Shi Feng could issue any more commands, Illusory Words approached him with a grim look on her face.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, a big problem appeared in Barren Forest City, near the Secret Covenant Tower!" Illusory Words said anxiously. "According to our scouts, over a million Faux Saint monsters have appeared there and are making their way toward the Secret Covenant Tower. The majority of them are Level 135 Great Lords, and there are also roughly 1,000 Level 140-plus Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters."

"A thousand Mythic monsters?"

Fire Dance was stunned when she heard what Illusory Words said. For a moment, she even wondered if her ears were working properly. Normally, it would be incredibly difficult to come across even one Mythic monster.

Not to mention, monsters had gained the ability to think for themselves after the major system update. This had increased their combat standards by a large margin and improved their capacity for cooperation.

Under normal circumstances, a Tier 4 expert would have to flee if they came across two or three Mythic monsters of the same level simultaneously. And with around ten Mythic monsters, one could even attack towns and cities.

Nonetheless, she was being told that their opponent had 1,000 Mythic monsters?

“A thousand?” Shi Feng was also surprised by this piece of news.

The strongest monster tide he had come across out in the fields had only around 100 Mythic monsters. That monster tide had successfully destroyed a Guild City defended by several Tier 4 players.

Now, the enemy had 1,000 Mythic monsters Faux Saint monsters possessing above-average combat standards. This was undoubtedly a devastating force.

“That’s right. There are at least 1,000 of them.” Illusory Words nodded, an ugly expression appearing on her face. “According to their Movement Speed, it’ll take them around ten hours to reach the Secret Covenant Tower. We should have enough time if we withdraw from the tower now.”

They didn’t have any hope of defeating a force of 1,000 Level 140-plus Mythic monsters, even if they had a Guild City as support. Without a Guild City for protection, their only option was to give up. After all, players killed by those Faux Saint monsters would suffer heavy penalties.

“No wonder Lu Xingluo was so confident even while retreating. It turns out he still had such a trump card hidden,” Shi Feng said in sudden realization. Chuckling, he continued, “It seems they are really desperate this time.”

It would have been a different story if Saint’s Hand had mobilized this legion of Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters in a neutral map, but it was currently moving within the Twin Towers Kingdom’s borders. The kingdom would definitely mobilize its army once it noticed the Faux Saint monsters.

A kingdom’s army wasn’t an existence to be trifled with. This was especially true now that the NPC population in the game had skyrocketed. Once the Twin Towers Kingdom mobilized its army, even a force of 1,000 Mythic monsters would meet a tragic end.

Meanwhile, this legion of Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters was probably close to everything Saint's Hand had. The fact that Saint's Hand was willing to go so far probably meant that Lu Xingluo and the various superpowers had paid it an astronomical price.

Anxiously, Fire Dance asked, "Guild Leader, should we withdraw our members from the tower now?"

"No!" Shi Feng shook his head. A manic gleam appearing in his eyes, he said, "Since these people wish to die, we'll fulfill their wish!"

When Illusory Words and Fire Dance heard Shi Feng's words, their first thought was that he had truly gone mad. After all, he was actually still planning to engage the enemy in such a situation.

A legion with 1,000 Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters was something only NPCs could handle at present. It simply wasn't a force players could go up against.

"Guild Leader Black Flame..." At this time, Illusory Words suddenly thought of something, and a hint of shock flashed in her eyes. "That thing... Have you completed it?" "Mhm. It's completed." Shi Feng nodded. "However, I still need to make some final adjustments. For now, I'll have to trouble you two to gather our manpower at the tower as soon as possible. I'll meet you there." After saying so, Shi Feng summoned the Thunder Eagle and flew straight to the Secret Covenant Tower.

Chapter 2820 – Sudden Appearance of the Steel Fortress

Barren Forest City, Frostrain Ridge:

Frostrain Ridge was a Level 70 map. Snow blanketed the place all year round, and it was famous for Cryolite.

In God's Domain, Cryolite was one of the rare ores that could be used to manufacture alchemy tools. Hence, it had incredibly high demand. However, as its output was relatively low and the appearance of its deposits was random, its price was constantly high. Currently, one piece of Cryolite could sell for 20 Silver on the market. Hence, many newcomers in God's Domain would choose to grind for levels in the Frostrain Ridge. Doing so earned them EXP and a considerable sum of money.

However, the vast Frostrain Ridge was devoid of players and NPCs at this time. The entire map had become a land of death due to the invasion of Faux Saint monsters.

Above Frostrain Ridge, a 20-meter-long Darkfire Crow flew through the sky and stopped before a 200-meter-long Ancient Demonic Serpent hovering in the air.

The Ancient Demonic Serpent was like the king of the skies, overlooking all existences. Even the Extraordinary ranked Darkfire Crow was like an infant before the Ancient Demonic Serpent. In fact, despite being at the Tier 3 Peak standard, the Darkfire Crow actually bristled in fear when it arrived before the Ancient Demonic Serpent. If not for its master forcing it, the Darkfire Crow would've tried to stay as far away as possible from the Ancient Demonic Serpent.

A total of 300 players rode on the back of the Ancient Demonic Serpent. These players were all at least Level 126 and radiated an aura similar to that of Tier 4 Mythic monsters. They wore black heavy armor, and their eyes gave off a bloody glow.

In addition, leading these players were five bona fide Tier 4 players.

If Shi Feng were here, he would recognize one of these five players, the short-haired woman Jade Leaf. At this time, though, she had a respectful and fearful expression on her face as she looked at the elderly man before her.

“Elder Windshadow, I apologize for the long wait,” said Lu Xingluo from the Darkfire Crow. At this time, Lu Xingluo’s appearance had undergone significant changes. If one looked past the gray cloak he wore, one would notice scarlet runes ringing his neck. The pupils in his eyes were now dark-gold reverse crosses. Smiling, Lu Xingluo said to the elderly man riding at the head of the Ancient Demonic Serpent, “I didn’t expect Elder Windshadow to bring the Black Knights here. It seems that you really plan on making Zero Wing disappear.” At this point, the various superpowers in God’s Domain knew very little about the Guild known as Hundred Ghosts. However, Lu Xingluo was quite clear about how powerful the Guild was.

The Black Knight Legion was Hundred Ghosts’s trump card legion, and it was much more powerful than even the Five Great Super Guilds’ trump card legions. This was because the members of this legion could no longer be considered human. Not only did every one of them possess a special Bloodline, but even the weakest among them was at the Flowing Water Realm standard. Combined, their five senses, raw power, and reaction speed allowed them to surpass even the average Tier 4 player.

The Black Knights’ equipment standard was even more amazing. Every member was geared in Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment. With this set, even an ordinary Tier 3 expert could hold their ground against Tier 4 Mythic monsters.

Of course, this Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment wasn’t something just anybody could use. This was because the set had an incredibly high Strength requirement, which was already at the Tier 4 standard. Even a Tier 3 Berserker who had invested all their Free Attribute Points into Strength couldn’t meet this requirement; it was unrelated to the levels of players.

Only these monsters the Hundred Ghosts nurtured could equip this Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment while still at Tier 3.

In addition, Mana Equipment had a massive flaw. Unlike ordinary equipment, Mana Equipment couldn't be repaired. Every reduction in durability was permanent. Hence, using this Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment was incredibly costly; even an existence like Hundred Ghosts dared not resort to it frequently

Hundred Ghosts had 1,000 of such monstrous players. Although the Guild had dispatched only 300 now, these players could already move across the main continent unhindered.

"It's nothing. Since Zero Wing thinks we are pushovers, this old man will let everyone know what we are capable of," Windshadow said as he looked at Lu Xingluo, who appeared rather inhuman, with indifferent eyes. He then shifted his attention to the man behind Lu Xingluo and asked, "Guild Leader Xingluo, won't you introduce the expert behind you?"

If one were to say that Lu Xingluo currently resembled a Demonkin, then the mysterious, bandaged man sitting behind Lu Xingluo was a real Demon. Although the bandaged man did not reveal his aura, he still made Windshadow feel threatened.

"Oh, right. I nearly forgot." Chuckling, Lu Xingluo said, "Let me introduce you. This person here is the real owner of Saint's Hand, Guild Leader Beast Emperor!"

Lu Xingluo's introduction surprised Windshadow slightly.

"I never thought that Saint's Hand would actually be the claws of the Evil God's Temple." Looking at the Faux Saint army on the ground below, Windshadow said, "If that's the case, these Faux Saint monsters should be special Evil Beasts in disguise, right?"

"That is incorrect, Elder Windshadow. This isn't a disguise but an evolution!" Beast Emperor said, smiling. "Now that you've witnessed the power of the Faux Saint army, if you need its help in the future, feel free to contact me through Xingluo, Elder Windshadow."

“That won’t be necessary for Hundred Ghosts. However, it seems you have quite a grudge against Zero Wing, Lord Beast Emperor,” Windshadow said as he glanced at the 1,000 Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters marching at the front of the Faux Saint army. “Such a large-scale operation will definitely attract the attention of the Twin Towers Kingdom’s NPC army. If they move, I believe your Faux Saint army will suffer severe losses.”

“You’ve misunderstood me, Elder Windshadow. I might have a grudge against Zero Wing, but I would very much like to thank Black Flame. If not for his help, I wouldn’t have gotten this far. I am here now only to help Xingluo with his problem, as well as meet with my old friend Black Flame,” Beast Emperor retorted nonchalantly. It was as if he placed no importance on the kingdom’s army whatsoever.

“I see. Since that’s the case, do you mind leaving Black Flame and Zero Wing’s Tier 4 experts to us?” Windshadow asked.

“No problem.” Nodding, Beast Emperor said, “I only want their corpses.”

After Windshadow and Beast Emperor reached an agreement, they continued toward the Secret Covenant Tower.

While the two powers were traveling to the Secret Covenant Tower, two people riding a Blazing Dragon were observing their movements from far away using a Magic Mirror.

“Amazing! I never thought that Beast Emperor would actually be Saint’s Hand’s true Guild Leader!” Looking at Windshadow’s and Beast Emperor’s figures displayed on the Magic Mirror, Cold Shadow smiled and said, “With those 300 monsters from Hundred Ghosts joining in, Zero Wing really is doomed this time.”

“Should we still go to the Secret Covenant Tower, then?” White Feather asked.

“No. Now that such a large army is heading to the tower, we might get dragged into the fight if we aren’t careful,” Cold Shadow replied, shaking her head. “If Zero Wing doesn’t concede the tower this time, it will definitely suffer a heavy loss. Right now, Hundred Ghosts and Beast Emperor pose more of a danger to us. We need to head back now and make the necessary preparations. The War of Worlds will be coming soon!”

After saying so, Cold Shadow took out a Return Scroll and teleported back to the Fire Dragon Empire. She had no intention of watching the upcoming fight whatsoever.

After all, the fight’s outcome was a no-brainer. Rather than watching a walkover, her time would be better spent improving her strength.

In the meantime, the members of Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor who were grinding inside the Secret Covenant Tower had assembled outside the tower at the behest of their Guilds’ executives.

After seeing that everyone was gathered, Flying Shadow approached Shi Feng and reported, “Guild Leader, everyone grinding inside the tower has come out. They are ready to be dispatched at any time.” Nodding, Shi Feng said, “Good. Have everyone get ready. Also, place those at the Advanced Magician standard and above in a separate group.” “Yes, sir!”

Flying Shadow promptly executed Shi Feng’s instructions.

While Flying Shadow was sorting out the assembled players, Shi Feng flew several thousand yards away from the Secret Covenant Tower and began chanting an incantation.

After he had chanted for 30 seconds, the region suddenly darkened as a gigantic magic array with a radius of several thousand yards suddenly appeared in the sky. This was undoubtedly the largest magic array anyone present had ever seen.

However, before anyone could react to this situation, a metal fortress that was as large as a mountain slowly emerged from the magic array.