

## Chapter 2821 – Astonishing Mobile Fortress

The metal fortress gradually descended from the sky, its whole figure eventually appearing before everyone's eyes.

Silence fell over the entire region.

From a distance, the metal behemoth several kilometers wide and hundreds of meters tall hovering about a dozen meters above the ground looked like some kind of slumbering island monster.

With the appearance of this metal behemoth, the Mana within a 10,000-yard radius began converging upon it. Even the players standing several hundred yards away could sense dense Mana flowing around them.

Everyone's eyes nearly fell out of their sockets. Even Flying Shadow, who had seen many spectacular sights throughout his career in God's Domain, was dumbfounded. Only after a long time had passed did he manage to snap out of his daze.

"A Sky City?"

"No! This is a fortress! Moreover, it's a Sky Fortress capable of movement!"

"A Sky Fortress? I must be dreaming!"

When the gathered players recovered from their initial shock, exclamations rang out one after another. As everyone gazed at the steel fortress in front of them, their minds churned with excitement, disbelief, and madness. Unyielding Soul's and Crimson Emperor's members, in particular, eyed Zero Wing's members with envy.

At this time, God's Domain had already become something like a real world. For many people, the game was an important part of their lives. Numerous fantastic sceneries that couldn't be found in the real world could be found in God's Domain. Moreover, there were still countless unexplored maps and unknown sceneries awaiting discovery.

In this wonderful world, everyone had their own dreams.

Among these dreams, the biggest one would most likely be to gain the ability to fly freely in the sky. However, Flying Mounts were incredibly rare in God's Domain, not something ordinary experts could get their hands on. Even the various superpowers only had a few Flying Mounts. Yet in an era where there were hardly any Flying Mounts, Zero Wing had actually obtained a Sky Fortress. Who wouldn't grow crazy and envious over this fact?

Looking at the assembled players' shocked expressions, Shi Feng chuckled and said, "Alright, I've already granted entry access to everyone. You can now head inside. The magician team, follow me."

In reality, even Shi Feng harbored a great yearning for the Mobile Fortress. In the past, he could only look at the various Super Guilds' Mobile Fortresses from afar. As these Mobile Fortresses were generally deployed to strategic locations, such as Level 150-plus maps, they were never opened to the public. At most, those Super Guilds would allow their allies to visit their Mobile Fortresses. Everyone else was barred from entering.

Now, he had finally gained a Mobile Fortress of his own.

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, the gathered crowd promptly jumped into the fortress's open steel gate. The moment everyone entered the fortress, they sustained another shock.

This was because the Mobile Fortress's interior was like a completely different world compared to outside.

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Not only did the fortress's interior have astonishingly dense Mana, but it also increased players' affinity with Mana. Even those insensitive to Mana could feel their affinity with Mana improving significantly. The environmental effects of this fortress were far superior to those of any city they had ever visited.

Most importantly, when inside the fortress, everyone could feel the foreign energy corroding their bodies vanishing rapidly. After making some rough calculations, they concluded that resting for one hour inside the fortress yielded the same recovery effects as resting for one day in the outside world. This benefit would greatly enhance their leveling speed.

Moreover, the boost to Concentration recovery in the fortress was at least two or three times stronger than in the various Guild Cities.

"Crap! If I can rest and train my Skills here, I can probably get twice the results I'd get from training in Stone Forest City's combat rooms!"

"You'd probably get even better results if you train combat techniques here since combat techniques place much greater emphasis on Mana control. Meanwhile, the boost to Mana affinity this place provides would most likely improve one's Mana control by a significant margin."

After everyone entered the Mobile Fortress, they quickly understood its hidden benefits, and their eyes glowed with excitement.

Resting was an important part of a player's life in God's Domain. In fact, resting accounted for around one-third of the time most players spent in the game. Even combat fanatics spent at least one-fifth of their time resting. This was especially true for players grinding in Level 100-plus neutral maps, where foreign energies constantly corroded their bodies. After the corrosion reached a certain extent, players would have to rest even if they didn't want to. Otherwise, death would claim them.

Hence, rest areas were incredibly important for players. So long as a player had a good place to rest in, their leveling speed and self-improvement speed would both improve significantly. This was especially true for expert players.

Peak experts would even pay high prices to visit the capitals of kingdoms and empires just to recover quickly. This was because these cities sold foods and beverages that could greatly enhance recovery rates, as well as offer other buffs. If not for the high price tags of these delicacies, even ordinary experts would fight to buy them.

After Shi Feng entered the Mobile Fortress, he led the magician team straight to the Fortress Lord's Mansion.

Looking at the 1,000-plus Advanced Magicians before him, Shi Feng said, "The fortress's magic arrays are fully operational now. What I need you to do is work in shifts of 300 to maintain the normal operation of these magic arrays. Do you have any questions?" The Mobile Fortress was mainly made up of Magic Crystals, and most of its operations relied on Mana. Hence, a lot of manpower was required to operate it. This Small Mobile Fortress needed 300 Advanced Magicians to keep its magic arrays fully operational.

In addition, the Mobile Fortress consumed a lot more Magic Crystals than Guild Cities. Just its normal operation mode cost 50,000 Magic Crystals per day. If the fortress's offensive and defensive magic arrays were activated as well, this cost would zoom.

It was fortunate that Shi Feng was incredibly wealthy right now. Even after deducting the Magic Crystals used in the Mobile Fortress's construction, he still had 5.8 million Magic Crystals left. Otherwise, even if he had completed the Mobile Fortress, he wouldn't have dared activate it. After all, Zero Wing still had many areas it needed Magic Crystals for.

"Leave it to us, Guild Leader Black Flame. We will make sure nothing goes wrong with these magic arrays," the Advanced Magicians responded enthusiastically, none of them dissatisfied at getting assigned the menial task of maintaining magic arrays. This was because the benefits of working in the Fortress Lord's Mansion were practically visible to the naked eye. The Mana inside the mansion was much denser than the Mana outside, and the boost in Mana affinity was much stronger as well. This place was not only an excellent rest area but also an excellent training environment for magicians like themselves. They couldn't find such a wonderful environment in the outside world even if they wanted to.

Meanwhile, less than half an hour after the Mobile Fortress appeared, news of its existence spread like wildfire. In no time at all, word of it appeared on the Twin Towers Kingdom's official forums.

Sky Fortress Appears beside the Secret Covenant Tower!

For a time, players throughout the kingdom were in an uproar!

**Chapter 2822 – Pinnacle of God's Domain**

“A Sky Fortress?! What’s going on!?”

“This is a lie! This is definitely a lie! How can such a thing appear at this stage of the game?!”

“There are pictures and videos of it. I heard that the fortress’s interior is a paradise for training. It even provides a significant boost to Mana affinity.” “Zero Wing is really on the rise now!”

When news regarding the Small Mobile Fortress first broke out in the Twin Towers Kingdom, many people refused to believe it. After all, no matter how they thought about it, they simply couldn’t see how Zero Wing could come to possess such a mythical fortress. However, the information leak came with photographic and video evidence; even if everyone refused to believe the report, they couldn’t change the fact that Zero Wing owned a flying fortress.

The leaked videos showed a fortress hundreds of meters tall, covered in all kinds of magic runes, hovering in the sky above the Secret Covenant Tower. A faint layer of mist enveloped the fortress. From afar, it looked like a city found in paradise. No words could describe how spectacular the fortress was.

“This Sky Fortress looks so cool! The view from up there will definitely be amazing!”

“When will this Sky Fortress be open to the public?”

“I heard Zero Wing is limiting entry to its members and allies. I doubt anyone else will have the chance to visit the fortress. After all, it isn’t particularly large. It should house one or two million people at most. Moreover, it is even being used to garrison the Secret Covenant Tower. Zero Wing isn’t letting any outsiders get close to the tower now, let alone the Sky Fortress.”

“I’m joining Zero Wing! I must join Zero Wing!”

The Twin Towers Kingdom’s players, both independent and Guild members, couldn’t help drooling when they saw the Sky Fortress above the Secret Covenant Tower. Many independent players immediately thought of joining Zero

Wing.

The fight in Sky Spring City had already proven that Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor’s rule over the city and the Secret Covenant Tower was unshakable. Zero Wing even revealed that it had five Tier 4 players, far surpassing the various superpowers. The addition of the Sky Fortress basically solidified Zero Wing’s hold over the Secret Covenant Tower. Now, it would be utterly impossible for the various superpowers to compete with Zero Wing when it came to providing their members with an excellent leveling spot. For a time, the number of players visiting Zero Wing’s Residences to apply for Guild membership skyrocketed. The atmosphere within Zero Wing was also boiling, with many members celebrating the fact that they had not rashly quit the Guild.

Meanwhile, Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words arrived in front of the Secret Covenant Tower together with a bunch of Tier 3 experts. When they saw the Mobile Fortress floating above the tower, despite having long known about the fortress, they were still shocked. After all, the Mobile Fortress was simply too overwhelming! Tier 3 players might not be able to tell, but as Tier 4 players, the two of them could clearly feel that all the Mana within a 10,000-yard radius had converged upon the fortress. This was an unimaginable amount of Mana.

Most importantly, the Mobile Fortress was capable of movement. Just this point alone made it invincible. After all, if the fortress faced an insurmountable opponent in a certain location, it could simply transfer elsewhere.

“With this Mobile Fortress, Zero Wing has truly reached the pinnacle of God’s Domain,” Unyielding Heart said enviously as he looked at the Mobile Fortress. He couldn’t help sighing ruefully.

Back when he first learned of Zero Wing’s existence, Zero Wing had only been a small Guild. Now, even Unyielding Soul had to look up to it.

Of course, Zero Wing’s foundation was still weak. However, so long as the Guild could maintain its hold over the Secret Covenant Tower, its rise would be inevitable.

Nodding in agreement with Unyielding Heart’s words, Illusory Words said, “Although I don’t know whether we can successfully defend the Secret Covenant Tower, even if we fail, it wouldn’t affect Zero Wing by much. With this Mobile Fortress, Zero Wing can simply set up shop in a Level 130 map. At that time, the leveling speed of its members wouldn’t be in any way inferior to grinding in the tower. They just wouldn’t be able to produce Tier 3 players as quickly as before.”

Previously, Zero Wing could be described as a ferocious tiger. While it was incredibly strong in one-on-one combat, it was still vulnerable against multiple strong opponents.

However, after gaining the Mobile Fortress, Zero Wing had become a behemoth that no superpower could threaten. Even economic suppression would no longer be effective against it. “Let’s hurry inside.” Looking at the time, Unyielding Heart said, “The Faux Saint army should arrive in just a few more hours.”

“Mhm. If we can defend the tower, our two Guilds might be able to contest with those Super Guilds,” Illusory Words said, glancing at the Secret Covenant Tower behind her. She then led her subordinates into the Mobile Fortress.



While the three Guilds' Tier 3 experts were entering the Mobile Fortress one after another, the distant Faux Saint army was steadily making its way to the Secret Covenant Tower. Throughout its march, the army continuously devoured the players and NPCs it came across, adding to its numbers.

"Lord Beast Emperor, will we have any problems with the Mobile Fortress Zero Wing brought out?" Lu Xingluo asked worriedly as he looked at Beast Emperor. "According to reports, more than 40,000 Tier 3 players have also gathered in the fortress."

The fight in Sky Spring City had gutted Starlink's combat power; the Guild would take a long time to recover from this loss. If he failed to secure the Secret Covenant Tower this time, he would most likely have to lie low for some time. Someone might even replace him as Starlink's Guild Leader.

He had a very good understanding of that old undead's personality. That person definitely wouldn't let him remain as Starlink's Guild Leader simply because he was the heir of a major corporation. After all, the only reason Hundred Ghosts was even willing to partner with Starlink was that old undead. It had nothing to do with him at all.

Meanwhile, the defensive capabilities of a fortress far surpassed those of a Guild City. Zero Wing's Mobile Fortress definitely wouldn't have any problems defending against the attacks of Tier 4 Mythic monsters.

"Relax. This Mobile Fortress might pose a problem for other people since it is floating in the sky, but you shouldn't forget that Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters can fly. They are walking now only because they need to protect the Great Lords and Grand Lords," Beast Emperor replied nonchalantly. "A fortress might be capable of blocking the attacks of Mythic monsters, but doing so should still consume a large amount of Mana. How long do you think a fortress can last against the bombardment of a thousand Mythic monsters?"

If they had only several dozen Mythic monsters, they would indeed be helpless against a fortress. After all, the attacks of Mythic monsters couldn't exceed the defensive threshold of a fortress's defensive magic array. However, 1,000 Mythic monsters would be a different story. The attack of each Mythic

monster might deplete only a small portion of the defensive magic array's Mana, but when multiplied by 1,000, even a Main City's defensive magic array wouldn't last very long.

"Yes, you're right. Who can possibly go up against 1,000 Mythic monsters?" Lu Xingluo regained his confidence when he looked at the Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters marching on the ground below.

A fortress might be amazing, but there was also strength in numbers!

After saying so, Lu Xingluo looked at the giant serpent flying nearby, a cold glint appearing in his eyes.

Hundred Ghosts's Ancient Demonic Serpent was an extraordinary existence. Not only was the Flying Mount itself at the Tier 4 Mythic standard, but it was also a Legendary Flying Mount, one of the rulers of the sky during ancient times. According to rumors, the strength of the Ancient Demonic Serpent's Bloodline was close to rivaling that of Dragons. In air combat, the combat power it could display surpassed even that of a Flying Ship. Hence, their side wouldn't necessarily lose to Zero Wing's Mobile Fortress in air combat. Time passed quickly. After traveling for another six hours, Lu Xingluo and Beast Emperor saw a gigantic, floating fortress on the distant horizon.

"So, that is the Mobile Fortress?" Beast Emperor was a little surprised when he first laid eyes on the Mobile Fortress. Afterward, though, a smirk appeared on his face. "Black Flame, I admit that you are indeed capable. However, I wonder if you'll go mad if I destroy this fortress of yours?"

After saying so, Beast Emperor gestured with his hand. In response, his army's 1,000 Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs[1] took to the skies and flew straight toward the Mobile Fortress. Their speed in the air was just slightly inferior to that of Flying Mounts, and they gave Zero Wing's side no time to react whatsoever.

## **Chapter 2823 – Fortress's Abilities**

The 1,000 Faux Saint Saboteurs flew across the sky with their ten-meter-tall bodies. From the Mobile Fortress's perspective, they looked like a dark cloud flowing toward it.

In addition, over a million Faux Saint monsters marched toward the fortress on the ground.

The ground shook with every step these monsters took, the spectacular sight stupefying the players standing guard on the Mobile Fortress.

"It seems we can't underestimate this Beast Emperor, after all. Despite being only a puppet of the Evil God, he's actually capable of mobilizing so many Mythic monsters. With this, even if we don't make a move, Zero Wing probably won't last very long," a five-meter-tall, middle-aged man atop the Ancient Demonic Serpent said. Laughing, he continued, "We won't even get to teach Zero Wing a lesson now."

Although this golden-armored Giant only spoke normally, his deep voice made the surrounding space tremble.

If Shi Feng were here, he would definitely be shocked to see this golden-armored Giant.

This middle-aged man was not only a bona fide Giant but also a Level 133, Tier 4 Berserker. The surrounding space already grew heavier just from the aura he exuded.

"That isn't necessarily a bad thing. With this, we can avoid exposing our strength and reduce the Black Knight Legion's expenditure," Windshadow said as he looked at the Faux Saint monsters above and below him. "Don't forget that our goal this time is to rescue that good-for-nothing brat from Sky Spring City's prison. Dealing with Zero Wing is secondary." "I guess you're right. Let's hope Sky Spring City's Magistrate can let me stretch my muscles a little," the golden-armored Giant said, nodding

While Windshadow and the golden-armored Giant were conversing, Jade Leaf, who sat at a side, dared not utter a word, shame filling her face.

Protecting and rescuing Awakened Abyss should've been her job, yet she had to turn to Elder Windshadow and Long Day, the vice commander of Hundred Ghosts's main force, for help. This was a severe dereliction of duty on her part. She was very likely to get removed from the priority list for training when she returned to the Guild's headquarters. After all, not only was Awakened Abyss one of Hundred Ghosts's top talents, but his status was one that even Elder Windshadow dared not offend.

Inside the Mobile Fortress, Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words saw the overwhelming army of Faux Saint monsters and couldn't help gasping in shock.

Although they had long since known that their enemy consisted of over a million Faux Saint monsters and 1,000 Faux Saint Saboteurs, this terrifying scene still frightened them.

The Faux Saint army on the ground aside, just the 1,000 Faux Saint Saboteurs in the air already posed a massive threat. Such a large force of Mythic monsters could easily break through even the defensive magic arrays of NPC cities.

Generally, fortresses possessed significantly stronger defensive magic arrays than cities. However, the Mobile Fortress was different from a stationary fortress. To gain the convenience of movement, the Mobile Fortress sacrificed a portion of its defensive capabilities. Hence, while the Mobile Fortress was still capable of blocking the attacks of these Faux Saint Saboteurs, it was unknown how long it could continue doing so.

Once the defensive barrier broke, these Faux Saint Saboteurs would slaughter the players inside the fortress. Even Tier 4 players like themselves wouldn't be able to stop these monsters. After all, the difference in numbers was simply too massive.

“Everyone, get ready! Attack with everything you’ve got once these Faux Saint monsters enter within range!” Unyielding Heart shouted. “Remember! Do not hold back anything! Fight with everything you’ve got right off the bat! Only by removing these Mythic monsters as soon as possible will we have a greater chance of victory!”

“Yes, sir!”

When the players stationed atop of the fortress walls saw the approaching Faux Saint Saboteurs, they couldn’t help gulping nervously.

The outcome of the upcoming battle would be decided by whether they managed to finish off these Faux Saint Saboteurs before the latter destroyed the fortress’s defensive magic array.

This would be a race against the duration of the defensive barrier!

Meanwhile, on the Fortress Lord’s Mansion’s top floor, which was also the highest point in the fortress...

“Guild Leader, they’re here,” Fire Dance reported. When the Faux Saint Saboteurs were less than 1,000 yards away from the fortress, she asked nervously, “Should we start attacking now?”

“No, let them come closer,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

The Mobile Fortress had 26 Large Magic Elven Cannons and eight Magic Charging Towers. Its overall firepower exceeded that of Guild Cities by leaps and bounds. However, this frightening firepower came at an equally frightening cost.

Every shot the Large Magic Elven Cannons fired cost 6,000 Magic Crystals, and they had a Cooldown of one minute.

As for the Magic Charging Towers, they cost 20,000 Magic Crystals to fire each time and had a Cooldown of three minutes.

Although Shi Feng had over five million Magic Crystals on hand, he still couldn't afford to employ these weapons freely. Hence, they had to make the most of every shot. Meanwhile, a distance of 1,000 yards was practically nothing to the Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs. Just three seconds later, they appeared before the Mobile Fortress's defensive barrier. Immediately afterward, all 1,000 Faux Saint Saboteurs raised the various weapons they held and launched a barrage of ruthless attacks on the defensive barrier.

The next moment, deafening noises came from outside the Mobile Fortress. Numerous spatial tears also appeared around the fortress's defensive barrier. The barrier itself trembled violently, and even the players inside the fortress could clearly sense the power of the attacks.

Outside the Mobile Fortress, the thunderous assault was audible even from over 10,000 yards away.

"What powerful attacks! If it were a Guild City's defensive magic array, it would've most likely crumbled at the first wave of attacks," Long Day exclaimed in astonishment.

The simultaneous attacks of 1,000 Mythic monsters were simply earth-shattering. Even a Tier 5 large-scale destruction Spell would pale in comparison to this barrage!

Jade Leaf also nodded in agreement. Even an NPC Main City's defensive magic array would suffer tremendously before this combined attack, let alone a measly Mobile Fortress.

However, when the attacks ended, Hundred Ghosts's members and the players standing atop the Mobile Fortress's walls were all stunned.

"It's fine?"

At this time, not only were there no cracks on the defensive barrier, but the magic power oscillation from the barrier also remained frighteningly smooth and steady. It was evident that the Faux Saint Saboteurs' attacks failed to reach the barrier's defensive limit.

Meanwhile, at the Fortress Lord's Mansion, Fire Dance goggled in shock.

"Isn't this barrier a little too strong?!"

She had a clear view of the defensive barrier's energy level right now. Let alone 1%, the barrier barely lost 0.01% of its Mana reserves after the Faux Saint Saboteurs' first wave of attacks.

Given a depletion rate of 0.01% per second, the Faux Saint Saboteurs would take 166 minutes to break the barrier. However, the barrier's Mana reserves could be replenished at intervals of 30 minutes, with each restoration costing 100,000 Magic Crystals.

In other words, so long as they had sufficient Magic Crystals, the 1,000 Mythic monsters before them wouldn't be able to destroy the Mobile Fortress's defensive magic array, no matter what.

“Not bad,” Shi Feng said calmly.

Inwardly, though, he, too, was surprised by this outcome. He never thought that the Mobile Fortress’s defensive capabilities were so amazing. No wonder the Mobile Fortresses I saw in my previous life were capable of blocking the attacks of even Tier 5 players.

The next moment, Shi Feng turned to Fire Dance and said, “Have the ones below start testing the power of the Magic Elven Cannons!”

## **Chapter 2824 – Silent World**

At Shi Feng’s command, Fire Dance notified the players stationed at the 26 Large Magic Elven Cannons.

In response, all 26 cannons in the Mobile Fortress began gathering and condensing Mana from their surroundings. The originally mist-like Mana liquefied. The condensed Liquid Mana then flowed into the cannons.

A short moment later, a crimson, threefold magic array appeared before the muzzles of these cannons, the tremendous power these magic arrays carried distorting the surrounding space.

The next moment, after the Faux Saint Saboteurs completed their third barrage, 26 crimson beams shot into the dusky sky all of a sudden. These beams of light then burst in midair, and numerous smaller beams rained down on the Mythic monsters.



Even though the Faux Saint Saboteurs had reacted quickly to the attack, they were somewhat crowded, so most of them still ended up engulfed by the crimson rain.

When the crimson rain ended, what entered everyone's eyes were the Faux Saint Saboteurs' battered bodies. Every Mythic monster that got caught under the red rain had burn marks mottling their bodies, with some even on fire.

Meanwhile, the attacked Faux Saint Saboteurs' 7.3 billion HP fell below 5.5 billion, with some even having only around 4 billion HP remaining.

"Aren't those cannons a little too powerful?!"

Unyielding Heart, who was commanding the battle from the wall, was astonished at this sudden turn of events.

Normally, killing Mythic monsters was a long and arduous process. Yet, the Large Elven Magic Cannons dealt over 200 million damage per attack. Moreover, their AOE covered at least an 800-yard radius.

Had the Faux Saint Saboteurs positioned themselves more closely together, just one volley from the 26 cannons might have been enough to reduce the HP of these Mythic monsters to a critical level, and two volleys would be enough to wipe them out of existence.

At this time, let alone the players inside the Mobile Fortress, even Lu Xingluo and Beast Emperor were thunderstruck.

“How is this possible?! How can a fortress possess such strong offensive capabilities?!” Lu Xingluo felt his brain freezing when he saw that the Faux Saint Saboteurs had lost a quarter of their HP from just one volley. He had seen fortresses before. He had also seen fortresses dealing with monster tides before. From what he had seen, fortresses indeed possessed incredible offensive capabilities. Even facing an army of 100,000 monsters and over a dozen Mythic monsters, a fortress could easily emerge victorious within an hour.

However, what was up with this Mobile Fortress in front of him?

The Mobile Fortress’s cannons had actually reaped a quarter of the Faux Saint Saboteurs’ HP with just one volley. In other words, just four cannon volleys would be enough to annihilate most of the Saboteurs.

At this time, even Hundred Ghosts’s members, who were watching the fun from afar, were shocked by this outcome. They never thought that the Mobile Fortress would possess such puissant offensive capabilities.

Although they had the means to evade the attacks of these Large Magic Elven Cannons, just one mistake would mean an express trip to the afterlife for them. Only the Ancient Demonic Serpent could possibly endure a blow from the cannons.

Out of everyone on the battlefield, only Shi Feng didn’t find this outcome surprising. After all, the Mobile Fortress was a stronghold capable of resisting Tier 5 existences. If it didn’t even have the ability to go up against a group of Tier 4 monsters, how could it go up against Tier 5 monsters? However, Shi Feng’s heart still ached after this volley. After all, the 26 shots fired cost 156,000 Magic Crystals in total. Converted to Coins, that was 62,400 Gold.

While Shi Feng was feeling distressed, Beast Emperor hurriedly gave out a command to the Faux Saint Saboteurs.

“Spread out and attack from all directions! I refuse to believe they can fire those cannons without limit!” The use of any strategic weapon in God’s Domain came at a great price. Given the effects of the Large Magic Elven Cannons, he doubted that Zero Wing could keep on firing those things forever. Following Beast Emperor’s command, the Faux Saint Saboteurs promptly scattered around the Mobile Fortress. Now, each cannon fire would hit several dozen Saboteurs, at most, simultaneously. In this scenario, it would take several hundred shots from the cannons to annihilate all 1,000 Saboteurs.

Despite seeing this situation, Shi Feng remained unfazed.

“Start the Magic Charging Towers as well!” “Yes, sir!” Upon hearing Shi Feng’s command, Fire Dance couldn’t help feeling a little excited. If the Large Magic Elven Cannon’s attack was a fusillade, then the Magic Charging Tower’s attack was a carpet bombing. Moreover, its power reached the Tier 5 threshold! Immediately, the eight Magic Charging Towers scattered across the Mobile Fortress began accumulating Mana, transforming into eight miniature suns that brightly illuminated the entire fortress.

Before the Faux Saint Saboteurs could react to this development, the eight miniature suns shot into the sky and transformed into eight threefold magic arrays, each covering a 2,000-yard radius. These gigantic magic arrays extended over not only the entirety of the Mobile Fortress but also everything within a 2,000-yard radius of the fortress.

“What?! Have they lost their minds?!”

Lu Xingluo was thunderstruck when he saw the eight gigantic magic arrays in the sky. While he didn’t know exactly how powerful these magic arrays were, going by the fact that they had drawn in all Mana within a 10,000-yard radius, he could easily imagine how powerful they were.

However, these magic arrays didn’t cover just the Faux Saint Saboteurs. Even the Mobile Fortress itself lay within the magic arrays’ AOE. By deploying these magic arrays, Zero Wing was basically saying it intended to die with the Saboteurs.

“Run! All of you, run away!”

Seeing the eight magic arrays panicked Beast Emperor into ordering the Faux Saint army to retreat because the Faux Saint Saboteurs weren't the only ones caught within the magic arrays' AOE. The magic arrays also covered one-third of the Faux Saint army on the ground. For a time, the Faux Saint Saboteurs in the air and the Faux Saint monsters on the ground all could be seen turning around and fleeing. However, the eight magic arrays in the sky were simply too massive. Before any of the Faux Saint Saboteurs could fly more than 1,000 yards away from the Mobile Fortress, a white light descended from the eight magic arrays. The next moment, everything within a 2,000-yard radius of the Mobile Fortress transformed into a world of white, the appearance of this white world bringing silence to the entire battlefield.

Meanwhile, this white pillar of light was clearly visible even from tens of thousands of yards away. “What's happening over there?” “That place should be where the Secret Covenant Tower is!”

“We can see it all the way from Sky Spring City. Just how big is the coverage of that beam?” Most players in Sky Spring City were ignorant of the battle taking place at the Secret Covenant Tower, so they couldn't help growing curious when they saw a white pillar of light suddenly appear in the distance. As for the player forces who knew of the battle, because of their insufficient strength, they could only spectate from a safe distance.

Shortly afterward, the light pillar gradually dissipated. The Faux Saint army on the ground had also disappeared, and in their place were craters several dozen meters deep.

As for the Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs in the air, they fell to the ground one after another at this time. Although these Saboteurs were still alive, every one of them had fallen into a heavily injured state, and their current combat power was nowhere near what they had before.

## Chapter 2825 – All-encompassing Seal

“A thousand Mythic Faux Saint monsters got done in, just like that?”

When Unyielding Heart and the others standing on the Mobile Fortress’s walls looked at the Faux Saint Saboteurs scattered on the ground and saw that these Mythic monsters had less than one-third of their HPs remaining, they couldn’t help gaping in shock. They had all anticipated a bitter fight. They had even prepared themselves to fight day and night and suffer innumerable casualties. After all, the Faux Saint monsters possessed above-average combat standards and cunning minds. Their ability to learn and improve on combat techniques also made them increasingly tougher to fight as the battle went on. Moreover, their high HPs meant these Faux Saint monsters could stay in battle for long periods. However, with just two rounds of attacks, the Mobile Fortress had heavily injured the 1,000 Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs and killed several hundred thousand lower-ranked Faux Saint monsters.

This wasn’t a battle but a one-sided massacre.

“No wonder he never paid any attention to the various superpowers from the very beginning. With this Mobile Fortress, even the Five Great Super Guilds would be helpless against the present Zero Wing.” Unyielding Heart smiled bitterly when he looked at the land of death below the fortress. Whether it was Starlink or Hundred Ghosts, neither of them mattered in front of the Mobile Fortress.

Meanwhile, atop the Fortress Lord’s Mansion, Shi Feng’s heart ached once more.

Activating all eight Magic Charging Towers had cost him 160,000 Magic Crystals. At this stage of the game, even first-rate Guilds would have 400,000 Magic Crystals, at most, in their stockpile. He had burned through nearly half of a first-rate Guild’s Magic Crystal stockpile in just one round of attacks.

On the other hand, outside the Mobile Fortress, Hundred Ghosts's members, Lu Xingluo, and Beast Emperor all remained silent for a long time upon seeing the Magic Charging Towers' attacks. Beast Emperor was especially shocked by this outcome. Originally, he thought that with his army of a million Faux Saint monsters, he could trample over the entire Twin Towers Kingdom, that nobody short of the kingdom's NPC army would be a match for his army.

Yet, now... As for Hundred Ghosts's members, they also felt pressured by this outcome. After all, the Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs had survived the Mobile Fortress's attacks due only to their high HP. If players like themselves were to suffer a hit from one of these attacks, they would die without question.

At this time, Jade Leaf turned to Windshadow and said, "Elder Windshadow, this Mobile Fortress is too powerful. If we charge in blindly... I'm afraid our chances are slim..." In air combat, the Ancient Demonic Serpent was indeed powerful. It could even go up against a handful of Faux Saint Saboteurs simultaneously and still hold the upper hand. However, even if the Ancient Demonic Serpent could survive the Mobile Fortress's heaven-defying blow, they, the Flying Mount's passengers, would most definitely be reduced to ashes. Not to mention, despite the mutually destructive blow, the Mobile Fortress's defensive barrier remained intact. Such being the case, even the Ancient Demonic Serpent's strongest blow would only exhaust some of the barrier's energy reserves.

After hesitating for some time, Windshadow announced, "We're retreating!" The Ancient Demonic Serpent was a Tier 4 Legendary Flying Mount. Its strongest blow touched upon the threshold of Tier 5-an attack that even an Advanced Guild City's defensive magic array couldn't withstand.

Originally, Windshadow believed that, while the Mobile Fortress's defensive magic array might be strong, destroying it shouldn't be a problem for the Ancient Demonic Serpent, given enough time. However, let alone destroying the barrier, just surviving that purifying light would be a problem. Since it was evident they couldn't do anything against the Mobile Fortress, they naturally had no reason to remain here. At this time, Windshadow wasn't the only person with such thoughts. Beast Emperor similarly commanded his Faux Saint army to retreat immediately.

After ordering a retreat, Beast Emperor looked at Lu Xingluo and said, "Let's go. There's no point in staying here anymore." Trying to clash with the Mobile Fortress now was simply suicidal. Their only choice was to retreat and figure out other options to deal with the fortress. Securing the Secret

Covenant Tower was also no longer possible. So long as the Mobile Fortress remained in the tower's vicinity, they couldn't do anything about the tower. "Lord Beast Emperor, don't you have any way at all? I've bet everything on you!" Lu Xingluo said, looking at Beast Emperor with crazed eyes. Starlink had suffered a massive blow from the battle in Sky Spring City. He would be finished if he failed to secure the Secret Covenant Tower as well.

"Xingluo, you might not be able to return to Starlink, but with the Starline Corporation's financial strength, you can still follow me," Beast Emperor consoled. "You've seen for yourself how quickly the Faux Saint army expands. It will only grow stronger from now on. Even that old undead backing you won't be able to go up against the Faux Saint army in the future.

"As for Zero Wing, I will eventually erase its existence from God's Domain!"

When Beast Emperor mentioned the name Zero Wing, his voice grew cold.

If not for Zero Wing's interference, his army would've long since trampled over Star-Moon Kingdom and the Black Dragon Empire. He wouldn't have had to resort to creating Saint's Hand, an organization filled with cunning opportunists, to help him. As for the losses he suffered this time, he didn't place much importance on them. After all, for his current self, Faux Saint monsters below Mythic rank were incredibly easy to produce. As for the Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs, while they were severely weakened right now, if they focused on fleeing, nobody could stop them. Zero Wing would be able to kill only a few of them at most. In addition, after today's event, he finally understood the reason for Zero Wing's confidence. Now, all he needed to do was wait.

He would wait until he produced a Tier 5 Faux Saint monster! So long as a Tier 5 Faux Saint monster appeared, let alone Zero Wing's Mobile Fortress, even God's Domain's various kingdoms and empires would no longer pose a threat to him.

However, producing a Tier 5 Faux Saint monster wasn't an easy task. It required a large number of Tier 4 Faux Saint monsters to serve as a base, as well as a large amount of resources. Only after fulfilling these

two conditions could he produce a Tier 5 Faux Saint monster. Meanwhile, Lu Xingluo, the heir of the Starline Corporation, was the perfect cash cow to help him fulfill these requirements.

After hearing Beast Emperor's words, Lu Xingluo could only nod in frustration, throwing in his lot with Beast Emperor. From today onward, he would stand against the players of God's Domain and acquire the Upper Zone resources he needed from Beast Emperor.

This was also Lu Xingluo's only option. Otherwise, let alone the position of Starlink's Guild Leader, he might even get replaced as the Starline Corporation's heir. After all, there were still several reserve heirs in the corporation eagerly waiting to supplant him.

Upon seeing the distant Darkfire Crow and Ancient Demonic Serpent turning around and leaving, Fire Dance smiled and said, "Guild Leader, it seems they plan to retreat."

She found their enemy's decision to retreat reasonable. After all, anyone would lose the will to fight after witnessing that devastating blow. Unfortunately, they couldn't deal any additional damage to the Faux Saint army. Although the Mobile Fortress possessed incredible offensive capabilities, it had no means to seal its opponents in place. It would also be foolish to leave the safety of the fortress to pursue the Faux Saint monsters. This was most likely what Lu Xingluo and the others hoped to see the most. "Leave? Since they're already here, then they shouldn't think of leaving!" Shi Feng smiled when he saw the retreating figures of Beast Emperor and Hundred Ghosts's members. He then took out 3,000 Mana Stones he had synthesized beforehand and injected them into the core of the unsealed World Mirror.

An invisible ripple of energy immediately spread rapidly from the Mobile Fortress to the surroundings. A moment later, a dense layer of mist formed around the edges of the map of the Secret Covenant Tower. If one looked at the map from the outside, the inside of the map would appear illusory, like it was completely isolated from the outside world.



“A map seal?” Lu Xingluo’s complexion darkened when he saw the scenery in the distance blur.

The Mobile Fortress was an unshakable existence at this stage of the game. If they couldn’t leave this place now, only death awaited them.

“How ruthless of Black Flame. He’s actually thinking of keeping all of us here?” Looking at the dense mist enveloping the entire map, Beast Emperor sneered, “However, he must be dreaming if he thinks he can stop us with such a wide seal!”

In God’s Domain, the larger the area a magic barrier covered, the weaker it would be. While the map-wide barrier Zero Wing deployed might seem spectacular, only a fool would think that it could stop a force of 1,000 Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs.

After saying so, Beast Emperor had a small number of Saboteurs in relatively good condition move ahead of the army and fly straight toward the mist.

Meanwhile, sharing similar thoughts with Beast Emperor, Hundred Ghosts’s members remained unfazed, even after seeing the whole map getting sealed. They calmly continued flying toward the map’s border.

Mobile Fortress, Fortress Lord’s Mansion:

Seeing the Faux Saint army and Hundred Ghosts members moving farther and farther away, Fire Dance couldn’t help growing anxious. “Guild Leader, why don’t we go after them? If we let them reach the barrier’s edge, I’m afraid it’ll become very difficult to keep them here.” A barrier capable of sealing an entire map was indeed amazing. However, such an extensive barrier definitely couldn’t rival the Mobile

Fortress's barrier in terms of defensive capabilities. The seal would most likely break after a few attacks from the Faux Saint monsters.

Smiling, Shi Feng shook his head and said, "No, let them run for a while longer. We'll first clean up the nearby Faux Saint Saboteurs. Have Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words start moving as well. Also, have the Elven Cannons keep an eye on the Faux Saint army. If those monsters think of coming back, strike them down immediately!"

Other people might not understand the effects of the World Mirror, but he did.

Including the two additional crystalline mirrors he had obtained after killing those three NPCs from the Secret Hand Association, he now had six of the 12 mirrors that made up the World Mirror. Although he still couldn't utilize many of the World Mirror's functions since it was incomplete, he could isolate an entire map.

Even Tier 5 existences would have great difficulty breaking out of this isolated region. While the Faux Saint army indeed possessed great numbers, the quality of its combatants was severely inadequate. It would need over an hour of continuous attacking to deplete the World Mirror's energy reserves.

One hour was more than enough for Zero Wing to do a lot of things. Moreover, even if they couldn't finish off the Faux Saint army within one hour, he could simply inject another 3,000 Mana Stones to replenish the World Mirror's energy. Unlike defensive magic arrays, the World Mirror did not have a Cooldown for replenishing its energy reserves. The only trade-off was that once the World Mirror was activated, it would remain active until it exhausted all its energy. It couldn't be turned off midway the way defensive magic arrays could.

Most importantly, he had expended a lot of Magic Crystals in this battle. If he couldn't earn some EXP from these Faux Saint monsters, he would eat a huge loss.

After all, no matter how many monsters the fortress's static defenses killed, none of the defenders inside the fortress would gain any EXP. At most, the defenders would get to collect the loot of the monsters. However, the Faux Saint monsters were basically beggars when it came to items. Even if they did drop items, those items would be of inferior quality. Their only saving grace was the above-average EXP they provided when killed. After Shi Feng finished speaking, he flew out of the Mobile Fortress and chased the fleeing Faux Saint Saboteurs.

Although the incomplete World Mirror couldn't reduce the Basic Attributes of the hostile units trapped within it, it did reduce their Movement Speed and reaction speed. The Movement Speed of enemies flying in the air, in particular, was at least 60% slower.

Furthermore, all of the Faux Saint Saboteurs had suffered heavy injuries, which meant their flying speed became incredibly slow.

After Shi Feng's departure, Fire Dance quickly carried out his commands before leaving the Mobile Fortress together with Violet Cloud.

As for Lifeless Thorn and Solitary Nine, the two of them had long since followed Shi Feng out of the fortress. After all, Mythic monsters were incredibly rare in the outside world. This was especially true for Level 140-plus Mythic monsters. Now that the 1,000 Faux Saint Saboteurs before them were heavily injured, these Mythic monsters were basically walking sacks of EXP. It would be a huge waste to let them get away. In less than ten seconds, Shi Feng caught up with a group of several dozen Saboteurs. He immediately brandished the Light of Two Worlds.

Lightning Edge!

The next moment, a river of lightning washed over the area ahead of him and extended up to 500 yards away. Damages exceeding 100 million then began appearing above the Saboteurs' heads one after another.

After the Skill's 7-second duration ended, the Saboteurs that were originally at critical HPs crumbled into ashes.

Subsequently, Shi Feng's experience bar rose rapidly. In just one second, he broke through to Level 142. Some time later, his experience bar settled at 82% of Level 142. The Saboteurs were far more generous with EXP than the standard Mythic monster.

As for the 11 Saboteurs that survived his attack, Shi Feng used Formless Blade, a Tier 4 Legacy Skill he had spent 110 Legacy Skill Points to learn, on them.

The next moment, the 13 sword lights the Skill created transformed into innumerable shooting stars that struck down at the critically damaged Saboteurs. Every one of these attacks dealt over 200 million damage to the Mythic monsters, with critical hits dealing over 400 million damage, killing them on the spot.

Immediately afterward, another bright glow enveloped Shi Feng as he reached Level 143.

Meanwhile, following the deaths of these Faux Saint Saboteurs, strands of dark-gray mist escaped from their corpses and flowed into Shi Feng's mind. Every strand of mist that entered his mind increased his affinity with Mana by a small margin, and this bonus could be accumulated continuously.

What a magical energy! Although I still got Soul Marks inflicted on me, like when I killed that Faux Saint Devourer, the effect of this strange energy is completely different from the white mist from before. It is incredibly attractive to Mana. Shi Feng was surprised when he sensed the changes to his body.

At this moment, Shi Feng wasn't the only person to notice this benefit. The others who had joined in on the chase likewise noticed the benefit of killing the Faux Saint Saboteurs.

“These Faux Saint Saboteurs might not drop any loot, but they are truly walking treasure troves! If some of our Tier 3 experts get this benefit, they should have a much easier time getting promoted to Tier 4!” After killing off two Faux Saint Saboteurs, Unyielding Heart was surprised by the benefit he received.

Some distance away, Illusory Words also killed a Saboteur and noticed the unexpected benefit. Surprised, she exclaimed, “These Saboteurs are probably of greater help to us Tier 4s. If we can continuously boost our Mana affinity, we’ll understand Mana more easily. This will be of great help in breaking through the limits of our Mana Bodies.”

After reaching Tier 4, improving one’s Mana Body became of utmost importance. Now, these Faux Saint Saboteurs were providing them with a shortcut for doing so.

Upon thinking up to this point, the two of them hastened their killing speed. Now, they weren’t just killing the Saboteurs for EXP but for the sake of further improving themselves. For a time, Shi Feng and the others could be seen frenziedly mowing down the fleeing Faux Saint Saboteurs, their levels rising rapidly. Beast Emperor, who had reached the map’s border, couldn’t help gnashing his teeth angrily.

He had gone to great lengths to produce these Faux Saint Saboteurs, only for them to become leveling tools for Shi Feng and the others. At this time, he had already lost more than 300 Saboteurs. If he weren’t afraid of the Mobile Fortress’s offensive capabilities, he definitely would’ve commanded every surviving Saboteur to surround and kill Shi Feng’s group.

“Black Flame! I’ll make you pay sooner or later!” Beast Emperor bellowed, a cold glint flashing in his eyes as he glared at Shi Feng, over 10,000 yards away. Meanwhile, Lu Xingluo, who sat beside Beast Emperor, also resolved to make Shi Feng pay, both in God’s Domain and in the real world, for today’s loss.

Turning to the dense mist before him, Beast Emperor commanded the several hundred Faux Saint Saboteurs around him, “Attack! Shatter this damned barrier!”

## Chapter 2827 – Surrender and Death

Obeying Beast Emperor's command, several hundred Faux Saint Saboteurs swung their weapons at the dense mist before them.

Although these Saboteurs were heavily damaged, with their extraordinary techniques, they still managed to exhibit power at the Mythic standard in their attacks.

Boom!

Every one of the Saboteurs' attacks opened a tear in space upon impact, the spatial tears bringing momentary darkness to the area.

When the spatial tears disappeared, though, both Beast Emperor and Lu Xingluo were thunderstruck.

"Impossible!"

Defying expectations, the Saboteurs' all-out attacks not only failed to crack the barrier, but the barrier didn't even fluctuate in the slightest. It remained perfectly intact like before.

Hundred Ghosts's members were also surprised.

“Do these Saboteurs not have enough power to shatter this barrier after being heavily injured?” Jade Leaf wondered when she saw that the layer of mist remained dense despite the Saboteurs’ attacks.

Being able to envelop an entire map and hinder teleportation and communication was already plenty amazing for a magic barrier. Yet, it was now revealed that this barrier could actually withstand the attacks of so many Faux Saint Saboteurs. This was simply unbelievable.

Nodding in agreement, Long Day, the golden-armored Giant, said, “They probably don’t have enough destructive power. Let’s make a move ourselves.”

“It seems that is our only option,” Windshadow said.

Under Windshadow’s manipulation, the Ancient Demonic Serpent immediately opened its mouth and released a Breath of Darkness. The power of the breath attack far exceeded that of the Faux Saint Saboteurs’ attacks, the attack eradicating everything in its path.

Boom!

Upon collision, the space within a several-hundred-yard radius of the point of impact turned into a dark void. The mist layer at that point also trembled violently, the vibrations extending several thousand yards away. Only after several seconds had passed did the mist layer revert to normal. “It’s still standing?”

Like Beast Emperor and Lu Xingluo, Hundred Ghosts’s members now had dumbfounded expressions on their faces. They couldn’t believe what had just happened. After the Ancient Demonic Serpent got

promoted to Tier 4, its all-out attack had power at the entry level of Tier 5. Even Superior Mythic monsters of the same level wouldn't dare take this attack head on. In fact, this attack could one-shot the defensive magic arrays of Guild Cities. Yet, when this attack struck the barrier enveloping this entire map, it failed to create even a single crack.

At this time, let alone Hundred Ghosts's members, even Unyielding Heart and illusory Words, who had just caught up with the rest of the Faux Saint army, were stunned by this scene.

Both of them could tell that the Demonic Serpent's attack was on par with the all-out attack of Todelya the Soul Singer, a Realm Lord of the Ruined Mountain Range. Nevertheless, the Demonic Serpent's attack had failed to break through the seemingly flimsy layer of mist surrounding the map. The strength of this magic barrier was simply unheard-of. Since this magic barrier enveloped the entire map, its withstanding Tier 4 attacks was already unbelievable, all the more Tier 5 attacks. With the combination of this magic barrier and the Mobile Fortress, Zero Wing was most likely invincible in God's Domain already.

However, Beast Emperor and Hundred Ghosts's members evidently had no intention of giving up. After snapping out of their daze, they promptly bombarded the mist layer in a frenzy.

In their opinion, even if their attacks failed to destroy the barrier, their attacks had most likely exhausted a significant portion of the barrier's energy reserves. If they pressed their offensive, the barrier would crumble in no time at all.

For a time, the Faux Saint army and Ancient Demonic Serpent blitzed the magic barrier. Meanwhile, Shi Feng's group mowed down the Faux Saint Saboteurs they came across.

One minute... Three minutes... Ten minutes...



At this time, Shi Feng's group had already killed over 600 Saboteurs. From the EXP they gained, Shi Feng had reached Level 146, while Fire Dance, Violet Cloud, Unyielding Heart, and Illusory Words had reached Level 141. Lifeless Thorn and Solitary Nine were now at Level 143.

When Shi Feng and the others stood only 500 yards away from the Faux Saint army, Beast Emperor and Hundred Ghosts's members finally snapped out of their trance and stopped assailing the barrier. They then looked at Shi Feng's group and the distant Mobile Fortress warily. "It seems we meet again," Shi Feng said, smiling as he looked at Beast Emperor and Windshadow. "Now, will you surrender quietly, or do you want me to send you on your way?" "Black Flame, don't get too full of yourself! My Saboteurs have fully recovered already!" Beast Emperor snarled as he glared at Shi Feng. "Although I only have around 300 left, at this distance, killing you bunch won't be difficult!"

Beast Emperor's heart was practically bleeding from Shi Feng's group killing nearly 700 of his Faux Saint Saboteurs. If not for his fear of the Mobile Fortress, he would've long since had his Faux Saint army surround and kill Shi Feng's group already.

However, unlike Beast Emperor, Windshadow was exceptionally calm.

"Greetings, Guild Leader Black Flame. I am Windshadow, an Elder of Hundred Ghosts." After taking a deep breath, Windshadow continued slowly, "Hundred Ghosts admits defeat this time. We are willing to pay ransom for our release and the release of Awakened Abyss."

"Elder Windshadow?" Jade Leaf was taken aback by Windshadow's words.

Hundred Ghosts was different from the Guilds of the main continent. Even the Five Great Super Guilds were of no significance to Hundred Ghosts. Yet, their Guild was admitting defeat to Zero Wing. Their Guild would turn into a laughingstock for the main continent's various superpowers.

Moreover, they wouldn't have any way of explaining this humiliation to the Guild's higher-ups.

Beast Emperor and Lu Xingluo were also stunned by this situation. They never thought that Windshadow would surrender without hesitation. This would undoubtedly reduce their chances of defeating Zero Wing's forces. "Elder Windshadow, it seems Hundred Ghosts only amounts to this much. To think you are already afraid of Zero Wing before we even start fighting," Beast Emperor ridiculed.

"Lord Beast Emperor, Hundred Ghosts operates by its own rules. Moreover, Hundred Ghosts doesn't have much of a grudge against Zero Wing, to begin with. Our conflict simply stems from one of our juniors ignorantly offending Zero Wing in Sky Spring City. It is only right that he is punished," Windshadow retorted nonchalantly.

"How righteous of you, Elder Windshadow. I am truly in awe." Beast Emperor glared at Windshadow. He had never thought that the man would care so little for Hundred Ghosts's reputation. It was evident that Windshadow was trying to disassociate Hundred Ghosts from him in front of Shi Feng. Sneering, Beast Emperor said, "Unfortunately, Black Flame won't necessarily spare you!"

"That's right. I doubt Guild Leader Black Flame will let us off the hook so easily." Chuckling, Windshadow added, "But what if I say Hundred Ghosts is willing to use a Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment Forging Design as compensation?"

"Have you lost your mind?" Beast Emperor exclaimed in shock.

Beast Emperor could tell how powerful Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment was just by looking at the Black Knights seated behind Windshadow. If not for their lower levels, they could most likely exhibit combat power on par with the Faux Saint Saboteurs. Even without any Tier 4 players, just Hundred Ghosts's possession of this Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment would most likely be enough to deter the Five Great Super Guilds from clashing with it.

Yet, Windshadow was actually using the forging design for this divine equipment as ransom?

Let alone Beast Emperor and Lu Xingluo, even Shi Feng was stunned by Windshadow's offer.

Originally, Shi Feng had intended to make an exorbitant demand of Windshadow. And if Windshadow refused his demand, Shi Feng would kill Hundred Ghosts's members. After all, now that he had the Mobile Fortress, nobody could threaten Zero Wing's existence. Naturally, he wouldn't need to care about making an enemy of Hundred Ghosts.

However, Shi Feng couldn't help being moved by Windshadow's offer.

Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment was something he knew plenty about because its existence was recorded in the Mana Forging Notes. However, the volume he owned did not include its production method. Looking at Shi Feng, Windshadow asked, "May I know if you are willing to conduct this transaction, Guild Leader Black Flame?"

"Okay, I agree to your offer," Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought. "However, I will need you to cooperate with my side to kill Beast Emperor's group. Also, my people must be the ones to land the killing blows on these Saboteurs."

"Black! Flame!" Beast Emperor had the urge to charge forward and kill Shi Feng when he heard the latter's words. "Just you wait! Sooner or later, I'll—"

However, before Beast Emperor could finish speaking, Shi Feng, who had been standing over 400 yards away, suddenly appeared in front of him.

Tier 4 Legacy Skill, Magic Light Assault!

Shi Feng's attack was so quick that nobody could react to it. By the time anyone realized what was going on, the Light of Two Worlds had already pierced through Beast Emperor's heart!

"You!"

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Beast Emperor was stupefied when he saw the sword stabbed in his heart. He had never dreamed that Shi Feng would take action so decisively, leaving him with no time for any of his lifesaving moves. And worse, as he was losing all his HP to one attack, he noticed Shi Feng holding a burning, pitch-black scroll. This pitch-black Magic Scroll was something familiar to Dark Players like Beast Emperor. It was the Tier 3 Magic Scroll Abyssal Curse. When activated, the scroll would lock on to a target and increase the target's death penalty by three to five times for three minutes.

Lu Xingluo was dumbfounded at this scene. He never thought that Shi Feng would have such a frightening move up his sleeve. He also never thought that Beast Emperor would die, just like that.

The next moment, Shi Feng drew his sword from Beast Emperor's corpse and picked up the two items the latter dropped. He then shifted his gaze to Lu Xingluo and smiled calmly. "Guild Leader Xingluo, it's time we settled our old debts."

## **Chapter 2828 – Skyrocketing Levels**

In a towering temple built within a gloomy and silent mountain...

A black flash suddenly appeared on the altar in the center of the temple. When this black flash disappeared, Beast Emperor's bandaged figure stood in its place.

Apart from Beast Emperor's aura being slightly weaker, his level actually remained the same. He was still at Level 132, Tier 4, despite Shi Feng having killed him just a moment ago. "Black Flame! You thought you could land a blow on me using the Abyssal Curse? Dream on! I received the Immortal Body Curse from the Evil God! Don't even think you can harm me so easily!" When Beast Emperor recalled the moment Shi Feng killed him, he sneered. "Just you wait! I already have the foundation to evolve a Tier 5 Faux Saint monster. Once I gather enough materials, I'll let your Zero Wing feel the fear of death!"

The Tier 4 Curse Immortal Body allowed him to get resurrected instantly at his designated Evil God's Temple without penalty once a day. He could also use the Curse to kill himself, and even being under restraints wouldn't stop this Curse from activating.

This move was the trump card he prepared in case of capture by NPCs. After all, if he got caught by NPCs, particularly the War God's Temple's NPCs, he would be doomed eternally.

It was also because of this Curse that he no longer had to live in hiding and didn't have to fear capture.

It's a pity I didn't manage to rescue Lu Xingluo. With his help, I could produce the Tier 5 Faux Saint monster much sooner. Once again, it seems I have nobody but myself to rely on, Beast Emperor thought to himself. Unlike himself, Lu Xingluo was only at Tier 3. Shi Feng could easily capture Lu Xingluo.

Moreover, Lu Xingluo's previous escape from Sky Spring City had tainted his body with evil energy. If Shi Feng handed Lu Xingluo over to the War God's Temple, then it would be game over for the latter. Not only would Lu Xingluo have to create a new account, but he would also have to wait over a dozen days before he could do so.

But so what if I have to rely on myself? Now that I have that great treasure, let alone 1,000 Mythic Faux Saints, I can create even 5,000 Mythic Faux Saints in a short time!

After thinking up to this point, Beast Emperor opened his Spatial Bag to take out the great treasure he obtained recently.

Panic surfaced on Beast Emperor's face a moment later.

"It's gone?" After looking through his Spatial Bag three times, Beast Emperor's mind went blank. "It couldn't have..."

At this thought, Beast Emperor's face turned ashen.

"Black Flame! I won't rest until you're dead!" Beast Emperor bellowed. The deafening roar echoed throughout the silent cavern.

At the same time as Beast Emperor got resurrected, near the distant Secret Covenant Tower, Shi Feng restrained Lu Xingluo with a Darkness Bind and captured him with a Mobile Prison. He gave Lu Xingluo no opportunity to escape or commit suicide.

The entire process of Shi Feng killing Beast Emperor and imprisoning Lu Xingluo took only five seconds, and watching this scene play out made Hundred Ghosts's members break out in a cold sweat.

This was because Shi Feng's attack was astonishingly fast.

Even Windshadow, a Tier 4 Shadow Dancer, had reacted to the attack only when Shi Feng was already standing in front of Beast Emperor.

Moreover, the power of Shi Feng's attack was equally incredible. Apart from Tier 4 defensive classes, any other Tier 4 player would most likely die instantly if struck.

Meanwhile, after Beast Emperor's death, the Faux Saint army fell into chaos, and the remaining hundreds of thousands of Faux Saint monsters began fleeing in all directions. Only the Mythic ranked Faux Saint Saboteurs remained relatively calm. Knowing that they couldn't break the barrier sealing the map, the 300-plus Saboteurs promptly swarmed toward Shi Feng's group in a last-ditch effort.

"Foolish resistance!"

Seeing the Saboteurs' reaction, Shi Feng took out the Ring of Gospel, injected 5,000 Magic Crystals into the ring, and activated Miniature World.

Immediately, the space within a 5,000-yard radius of Shi Feng froze. Simultaneously, a powerful pressure descended from the sky, increasing the weight of all Faux Saint monsters present and reducing their Basic Attributes and physique drastically. In the blink of an eye, the Faux Saint monsters had their combat power halved.

"World Suppression?" Long Day exclaimed in astonishment when he noticed the Faux Saint Saboteurs' physique and speed plummeting. "How many trump cards does this Black Flame have?"

Previously, he thought that the remaining 300-plus Faux Saint Saboteurs would still bring Zero Wing a lot of trouble. However, seeing the present situation, he found his earlier thoughts laughable. World Suppression was different from the suppression effect of ordinary magic barriers. It suppressed a person

from all aspects, and even Tier 4 existences with a Mana Domain couldn't resist it. And if a Tier 4 existence did not possess a Mana Domain, they couldn't fly within the frozen space. As a result of Shi Feng's Miniature World, the Faux Saint Saboteurs now possessed combat power at only the entry-level of Tier 4. Every one of them had also fallen to the ground after losing their ability to fly. At this time, let alone Tier 4 players, even Tier 3 peak experts could put up a fight against these Mythic monsters.

"Ladies and gentlemen from Hundred Ghosts, can you take action now, as per our agreement?" Shi Feng asked, smiling as he turned to look at Hundred Ghosts's members. "Or were your words from before merely a joke?"

"You jest, Guild Leader Black Flame. We will certainly adhere to our agreement," Windshadow replied, chuckling. With a wave of his hand, he commanded, "You bunch, get moving!"

Obedying Windshadow's command, the Black Knight Legion's members promptly intercepted the Faux Saint Saboteurs.

Although these Black Knights were only at Tier 3, they sported Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment. In terms of raw power, they surpassed even the Faux Saint Saboteurs when these monsters were at their peak, let alone now.

The next moment, the Saboteurs could be seen getting repulsed after just one exchange. They were no match for the Black Knight Legion at all.

After glancing at the Black Knights, Shi Feng turned to Fire Dance and said, "Fire, have Summer and the others join the fight as well. Everyone should get at least three Saboteur kills."

These Faux Saint Saboteurs were absolute treasures. Although they did not drop any loot, the dark-gray mist that they released was of incredible value not only to Tier 4 players but also Tier 3 players.



Now that the era of Tier 4 had come, it would be best if he helped Alluring Summer and the others reach Tier 4 as well.

“Okay, I’ll have them come right away.” Fire Dance nodded and promptly contacted the Mobile Fortress.

As Fire Dance was summoning Alluring Summer and the others, Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words suddenly approached Shi Feng.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, is it possible for you to sell us a dozen or so of these Saboteurs?” Unyielding Heart asked in embarrassment. “We are willing to pay one complete Tier 3 Legacy for each of Saboteur.”

There was no way the two of them wouldn’t covet these Faux Saint Saboteurs. With the help of that gray mist, they could increase their Guilds’ peak experts’ chances of reaching Tier 4 by a significant margin. At this stage of the game, the various superpowers were all in urgent need of Tier 4 combatants to defend their territories. If their two Guilds could gain a few more Tier 4 players within a short period, they would survive these difficult times much more easily.

Looking at the embarrassed expressions of the two people before him, Shi Feng chuckled and said, “Say no more. Your Guilds have sacrificed a lot in helping Zero Wing resist the superpowers. You can each take 30 Saboteurs as compensation. I don’t need you to pay anything for them.”

Truthfully, he felt very grateful to Unyielding Soul and Crimson Emperor.

If not for the help of these two Guilds, Zero Wing couldn’t have held the Secret Covenant Tower until he returned. Thus, he didn’t mind giving away a few Faux Saint Saboteurs. Not to mention, if the two super-first-rate Guilds grew stronger, they would be of much greater help to Zero Wing as well. Most

importantly, Zero Wing didn't have that many Tier 3 players who could make use of the Saboteurs' gray mist.

The gray mist could be described as icing on the cake. Like the Crystal of Souls and Soul Water, the gray mist was useful only to players with the potential to reach Tier 4. Meanwhile, there were fewer than 20 such players in the present Zero Wing.

It also wouldn't serve any purpose to let these players gain more than one stack of the gray mist. The help they could gain for their promotion from one stack would be the same as what they could gain from multiple stacks. Hence, it would be much better to use the additional Saboteurs to raise the levels of Fire Dance and the others instead.

"Thank you, Guild Leader Black Flame."

Unyielding Heart and Illusory Words were jubilant upon hearing Shi Feng's words. Sixty Saboteurs would be more than enough for their two Guilds' peak experts.

Subsequently, after around an hour of battle, Shi Feng and the others annihilated the Faux Saint army. By then, Shi Feng's level had risen from 146 to 148, while Fire Dance and the other Tier 4 members of Zero Wing had risen to Level 145. As for Alluring Summer and the other Zero Wing executives who were still stuck at Tier 3, they had risen to Level 130 and above. Everyone had leveled up remarkably from this battle.

After killing the Faux Saint army, Windshadow handed a Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment Forging Design to Shi Feng as agreed. And after receiving the forging design, Shi Feng released Awakened Abyss from Sky Spring City's prison and let Hundred Ghosts's members leave intact once the World Mirror deactivated.

With the end of the battle at the Secret Covenant Tower and the disappearance of the World Mirror, news of this battle spread like wildfire.

## Chapter 2829 – Beast Emperor’s Loot

Fire Dragon Empire, Flame Dragon City:

“The Faux Saint army got annihilated, and Hundred Ghosts surrendered? How is that possible?”

When the various superpowers learned about the outcome of the battle at the Secret Covenant Tower, they were dumbstruck.

After all, the forces attacking Zero Wing had included 1,000 Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters and the top combatants of Hundred Ghosts, a mysterious Guild that even the Five Great Super Guilds feared. Nevertheless, such a force had actually lost. Moreover, the loss had been an utter rout, a one-sided massacre.

The various superpowers were especially shocked when they saw the video of the purifying light vaporizing a large chunk of the Faux Saint army and heavily injuring every one of the Faux Saint Saboteurs. They felt as if the system was playing a cruel joke on them when they watched this attack.

Meanwhile, inside Frost Heaven’s Residence...

When Muxin read the report her subordinate sent her, she exclaimed in shock, “Amazing! As expected of Zero Wing!” Frost Heaven had considered helping Zero Wing out of its predicament. However, after gaining a reserve spot for the Twelve Great Guilds, Frost Heaven had faced many problems. Sky Dragon

House and Pride Empire were especially troublesome. The two Super Guilds had clashed with Frost Heaven on numerous occasions in the Fire Dragon Empire after the competition.

In addition, superpowers like Mythology and Miracle secretly interfered with Frost Heaven's operations. This made it incredibly difficult for Frost Heaven to spread its influence across the Fire Dragon Empire.

If not for Frost Heaven garrisoning various major NPC cities in the Fire Dragon Empire and gaining a home-ground advantage, the Guild would've long since gotten torn to shreds. After all, Sky Dragon House and Pride Empire had incredibly deep roots in the Fire Dragon Empire. In fact, some of the Fire Dragon Empire's NPC forces had even allied with the two Super Guilds.

Fortunately, Frost Heaven had also occupied the Snow Lion Kingdom, a coastal country. The kingdom provided Frost Heaven with a continuous supply of resources and funds, allowing the Guild to keep fighting in the Fire Dragon Empire. "A Mobile Fortress, is it?" Hong Xinyuan also couldn't help feeling a little envious when he read the information regarding the Small Mobile Fortress. "I wonder when we will be able to obtain one of our own?"

According to the reports, with the offensive and defensive capabilities of the Mobile Fortress, it could survive in a Level 140-plus neutral map. This made it a dream facility of all superpowers at this stage of the game.

Not only did Level 140-plus neutral maps allow players to level up much more quickly, but they also held various rare resources, Legacies, ancient ruins, and even Seven Luminaries Crystals.

Originally, players could acquire Seven Luminaries Crystals from only a few specific maps. However, all maps above Level 140 had a considerable chance of spawning Seven Luminaries Crystals. This was because the random Team Dungeons and time-limited Regional Dungeons that appeared in these maps all had a small chance of dropping Seven Luminaries Crystals.

However, Level 140-plus maps were incredibly dangerous. Not only did foreign energies that would rapidly corrode a player's body permeate these maps, but powerful monsters were also rife in them. Although Level 140-plus maps were not as dangerous as forbidden lands, beast tides frequently occurred there, regardless of night and day. Even Tier 4 experts would perish if they accidentally came across one of these beast tides and got surrounded.

Most importantly, Level 140-plus maps were the main hunting ground of NPCs.

Now that Zero Wing had the Mobile Fortress, Hong Xinyuan could already imagine just how much of an advantage the Guild would have in the future. In fact, its complete control over the Secret Covenant Tower already provided it an advantage not even Super Guilds possessed. At this point, all Zero Wing needed to do was wait until it had a sufficiently large number of Tier 3 players. With ample strength, the Guild could begin occupying various resource spots and NPC cities in God's Domain. Eventually, Zero Wing might even become an existence rivaling the Five Great Super Guilds.

At the same time, Cold Shadow, in the distant Apocalypse Empire, also received this shocking piece of news.

"Interesting. Even the Faux Saint army and Hundred Ghosts are helpless against them." Cold Shadow revealed a rare smile on her face when she read the report her subordinate sent her. "After suffering such a miserable loss, Lu Xingluo will most likely lose his position as heir."

"What should we do now, Vice Guild Leader?" White Feather asked worriedly. "The Guild Leader sent us here to lay a solid foundation on the eastern continent so that we can dominate both continents in the future. Yet, Zero Wing is growing stronger while Miracle has half a foot in the grave."

"Don't worry. So long as we complete the task Lord Odin gave us, Mythology will no longer face any hindrances on the eastern continent," Cold Shadow said with a faint smile. "If we're lucky, we might even get to take over Zero Wing's cities. After all, the eastern continent's various powers don't have much time left."

“Not much time left?” White Feather was slightly surprised to hear Cold Shadow’s words. However, she quickly recalled something and asked, “Has Lord Odin succeeded on his side already?”

“Mhm. The eastern continent will become the first battlefield.” Cold Shadow nodded. “When that time comes, the eastern continent’s various powers can only watch as they gradually perish. Even Zero Wing with its Mobile Fortress won’t be spared!”

Twin Towers Kingdom, Sky Spring City:

Because of Zero Wing’s landslide victory, the various superpowers that had forcibly occupied Sky Spring City fell into dismay. They never thought that all their efforts would end up being for naught.

Unlike the superpowers’ members, though, the members of Zero Wing, Unyielding Soul, and Crimson Emperor cheered and celebrated like maniacs.

After all, the battle at the Secret Covenant Tower had left their three Guilds with complete ownership of the tower.

Meanwhile, with the Tier 3 Legacies the tower produced, the number of Tier 3 experts in their three Guilds would skyrocket. Eventually, even Super Guilds would be no match for them. In fact, given enough time, their three Guilds wouldn’t even have to worry about NPC forces anymore.

“Elder Windshadow, why did you give the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment Forging Design to Zero Wing? That will just make Zero Wing even stronger and drastically affect our plans. The Guild Leader will definitely

reprimand us once we return,” asked Awakened Abyss, who had just been released from Sky Spring City’s prison. He had been rendered speechless when he heard of Windshadow’s actions.

The Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment could allow Tier 3 players to combat Tier 4 players. Any Guild that could mass-produce this set would become a huge threat in the game. In fact, the set’s forging design could even be considered more valuable than the Mobile Fortress. After all, the Mobile Fortress could secure only one location at a time. In comparison, having multiple Tier 4 combatants allowed a Guild to secure multiple positions simultaneously. “Abyss, do you still not understand Elder Windshadow’s personality?” Long Day suddenly asked, smiling. “Do you really think he would let Zero Wing take advantage of him?”

“What do you mean?” Awakened Abyss asked in wonder.

“With how powerful the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment is, do you think Zero Wing can mass-produce it just by having its forging design?” Chuckling, Long Day explained, “The minimum requirement to forge the set is an Advanced Master Forger. In addition, the forger in question has to be at the Advanced Magician standard. Most importantly, the set needs incredibly rare materials to produce. Mana Adamantite is hardly available even on our side, let alone here.

“And even if we assume Zero Wing can actually manufacture the set, there is still the Tier 4 Strength requirement for equipping it. If Zero Wing can’t fulfill even one of these points, that forging design will be no better than a piece of scrap paper.”

Upon listening to Long Day’s explanation, Awakened Abyss immediately came to a realization. Smiling, he said, “In other words, what Zero Wing got is merely a piece of scrap

paper?”

“That’s right. That Black Flame thinks that he made a huge profit, but that’s far from being the case in reality,” Long Day said, nodding. “However, we should leave this place quickly. The Guild Leader notified

us that this continent is soon to be doomed. Once we finish our tasks here, we need to return as soon as possible. It would be bad if we got dragged into the mess.”

“I understand. I’ll go complete the tasks the Guild Leader gave me together with Jade Leaf,” Awakened Abyss said, growing even more excited after hearing Long Day’s subsequent words. Previously, he had still been entertaining thoughts of revenge on Zero Wing. However, they now seemed superfluous.

While Hundred Ghosts’s members were preparing to leave Sky Spring City, inside the distant Mobile Fortress, Shi Feng was shocked when he inspected the items Beast Emperor dropped.

“How did this thing end up in his hands?”

For a time, Shi Feng couldn’t help doubting his eyes. This was because both items Beast Emperor dropped were extraordinary. One of them was even something Shi Feng had been searching for all this time.

The Treasure of Fire, Purification Crown!

## **Chapter 2830 – Treasure of Fire**

Shi Feng couldn’t help growing ecstatic as he looked at the Purification Crown.

Finding the Seven Treasures wasn’t easy. Even though he could use the Golden Stigmata’s Detect Skill to locate the Seven Treasures, the Skill had a limited range. Moreover, there were many ways one could



block the effects of the Skill. Take the Purification Crown in his hands, for example. Neither Detect's active or passive detection effects were reacting to it at all.

Hence, obtaining the Treasure of Fire from killing Beast Emperor came as an absolute surprise to Shi Feng.

He tapped his finger on the Purification Crown and called up its Attribute Panel, curious about the functions of this legendary Treasure of Fire.

[Purification Crown] (Fragmented Legendary Rank Item)

A fragment of the Treasure of Fire. However, due to being sealed by the Evil God, the fragment is incapable of exhibiting its true power.

Skill 1

Seed of Flame: Can control and transform all flames into Seeds of Flame. Upon absorbing the Seed of Flame, the user will be able to manipulate the flame used to create the Seed of Flame. (Can transform up to Tier 4 flames)

Cooldown: 3 days

Skill 2

Purification Fire: Expend 300 fire-attributed Magic Crystals to produce a Purification Fire. The Purification Fire has a 20% chance of elevating a creature's Life Rating and an 80% chance of thoroughly extinguishing a creature.

### Skill 3

Divine Purification: Expend God Crystals to purify the Purification Crown. (A total of 20 God Crystals are required to purify the Purification Crown. Current number of absorbed God Crystals: 0)

This item is corroded by the Evil God's power. The Golden Stigmata can purify the evil energy corroding this item with the help of God Crystals.

Cannot be destroyed.

Has a chance of dropping on death.

No wonder Beast Emperor was able to create so many Mythic Faux Saints. He's been relying on this crown's ability. Realization dawned upon Shi Feng when he finished reading the Purification Crown's Attributes. He had to admit that every one of the Seven Treasures was heaven-defying.

The Purification Crown's Purification Fire Skill was an absolute treasure when it came to elevating a creature's potential. Its only flaw was the 80% chance of causing the death of the target creature. Unless one had already exhausted their latent potential and were still seeking further improvement, making use of the Purification Fire should be their last resort.

Only someone like Beast Emperor, who could mass-produce Faux Saint monsters easily, could use the Purification Crown without worries. So long as he managed to produce even one Mythic ranked Faux Saint monster, it wouldn't matter even if he expended hundreds of Grand Lord ranked Faux Saint monsters in the process. After all, producing Grand Lord ranked Faux Saint monsters was an incredibly simple process. The only real problem Beast Emperor had was finding the necessary fire-attributed Magic Crystals. If the Purification Fire Skill required ordinary Magic Crystals instead, Beast Emperor would've most likely had tens or even hundreds of thousands of Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters. This also explained why Beast Emperor had created an organization like Saint's Hand to support him. This Purification Fire really is a gem. Even though its success rate is only 20%, the possibility of elevating a creature's Life Rating makes the risk completely worthwhile, Shi Feng sighed ruefully as he looked at the effects of the Purification Fire.

The term "creature" did not refer to just Faux Saint monsters. It encompassed Mounts and NPCs.

In fact, the Purification Fire worked on players as well, only with significantly diminished effects. At most, it could raise a player's Basic Attributes and physique. It couldn't help players in getting promoted to Tier 4 or above.

However, it was a different story for Mounts and NPCs. For Mounts and NPCs, improving their Life Ratings would significantly increase their chances of completing their promotions.

At this time, though, Shi Feng dared not experiment with the Purification Fire. At the very least, he wouldn't do so while the Skill's success rate was only at 20%. After all, Flying Mounts and Personal Guards with high Growth Potential were not easy to find. If he got unlucky and ended up burning one out of existence, he would definitely die of regret.

Subsequently, Shi Feng set his sights on the Purification Crown's first Skill.

This Seed of Flame is good stuff.

A powerful flame might be meaningless for ordinary players, but it was a divine tool for Lifestyle Players, particularly forgers and alchemists. Having a powerful flame would increase their production success rate considerably.

This was especially true for Mysterious Flames. Even a Tier 1 Mysterious Flame would be of significant help to players.

The only problem was that absorbing a Mysterious Flame was an excruciatingly painful process, something not just anyone could endure.

Moreover, the stronger the Mysterious Flame, the more painful the absorption process would be.

Previously, when Shi Feng had bound the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame, he had suffered immensely. Given the level of pain he experienced, he doubted that specialized Lifestyle players could absorb a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame. After all, unlike himself, specialized Lifestyle players tended to have less tolerance for pain.

However, the Seed of Flame Skill could dampen this excruciating absorption process by transforming flames into Seeds of Flame. Absorbing a Seed of Flame was significantly less painful than absorbing a flame directly. Players would have an easier time taking control over a flame.

Of course, the best part about the Seed of Flame Skill wasn't the fact that it could turn Mysterious Flames into Seeds of Flame. The Skill's description clearly stated that it could transform all flames into Seeds of Flame. Flames didn't refer to just Mysterious Flames; there were other types of flames, such as the flames spat out by monsters and naturally occurring flames.

In other words, the Seed of Flame Skill was a heaven-defying Skill capable of creating Mysterious Flames!

All Shi Feng needed to do was search for powerful flames and convert them into Mysterious Flames. However, as the Purification Crown was sealed, the most it could create were Tier 4 Mysterious Flames.

Even so, this was already an incomparably precious ability.

In God's Domain, the rarity of Tier 3 Mysterious Flames was on par with that of Fragmented Legendary items. As for Tier 4 Mysterious Flames, they were basically the stuff of legends. Nevertheless, the Purification Crown was actually capable of creating Tier 4 Mysterious Flames. One could see just how heaven-defying this ability was.

Of course, finding a flame that could be converted into a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame wouldn't be an easy task. After all, existences capable of producing such powerful flames weren't a dime a dozen. However, Shi Feng would be satisfied so long as he could produce a couple of Tier 3 Mysterious Flames. For the Candlelight Trading Firm's Lifestyle players, being able to own a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame was something that only happened in their dreams.

Shi Feng took out the Tier 4 Hellfire, an excited expression appearing on his face. I initially planned to wait a little while longer before absorbing this, but I think I can give it a try now. He had been looking forward to absorbing the Hellfire for a long time now. However, he also understood that taking control of a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame would be unimaginably difficult. The process would have an extremely high demand on his Concentration and pain tolerance. If he failed to absorb the Hellfire, he might even suffer a backlash. Hence, after obtaining the Hellfire, he did not dare casually absorb it.

Moreover, after he had reached Tier 4, his soul had been strengthened significantly, which allowed him to resist the Soul Chain's threat for a much longer period. There had been no need for him to take such a risk.

However, now that he had the Purification Crown, he wouldn't have to worry about the risks of absorbing the Hellfire.

Subsequently, Shi Feng used the Purification Crown on the Hellfire. The crown immediately released a dazzling radiance, and a golden mist enveloped the Hellfire.

Upon sensing the threat from the Purification Crown, the Hellfire began resisting violently, its aura flaring until it rivaled that of Superior Mythic monsters.

However, the Purification Crown was one of the Seven Treasures, an item carefully crafted by the Goddess of Space, an Ancient God. Even if it was only a fragment of the original Treasure of Fire, its power wasn't something a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame could resist.

Twenty seconds later, the Purification Crown devoured the Hellfire completely and transformed it into a dark-gray Seed of Flame. In its current form, the Hellfire's power was drastically suppressed.

System: Do you wish to absorb the Seed of Hellfire?

"Absorb!"

Upon seeing the system prompt, Shi Feng chose to absorb the Tier 4 Seed of Flame without hesitation.

## **2831 Tier 4 Mysterious Flame's Effects**

Chapter 2831 – Tier 4 Mysterious Flame's Effects

As soon as Shi Feng chose to absorb the Seed of Flame, the dark-gray seed in his palm turned into streaks of light that merged with his body.

Immediately afterward, Shi Feng couldn't help gritting his teeth.

It hurts so much!

The pain he currently felt was far beyond what he had felt when he absorbed the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame. It was like his blood was boiling and millions of ants were nibbling at his bones. If not for the recent breakthrough in his Concentration, he would've most likely failed to endure this pain.

The next moment, a loading bar showing his fusion progress with the Seed of Hellfire appeared before him. The loading bar filled up at a snail's pace, increasing by only 1% every dozen seconds or so.

The pain is already so unbearable even with the help of a Seed of Flame. It's no wonder so few players managed to control a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame in the past.

Realization dawned upon Shi Feng as he looked at the slowly rising fusion bar.

Any normal person would lose their mind if they had to endure this pain for even a second, yet this pain was only the result of absorbing a Tier 4 Seed of Flame. He couldn't even begin to imagine how much pain directly absorbing a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame would involve.

At this point, Shi Feng suspected that the people who had successfully absorbed Tier 4 Mysterious Flames in his previous life had done so using special means like he did.

After all, he had honed his pain tolerance for ten years in the game. In this life, he had even developed his Concentration beyond what he had in his previous life. Despite that, he still found absorbing even a weakened Tier 4 Mysterious Flame unbearable. What would it take to absorb an unaltered Tier 4 Mysterious Flame?

3%... 10%... 30%...

Hold on!

I must hold on!

At this point, Shi Feng was gritting his teeth, and his eyes were bloodshot. His complexion was also unprecedentedly pale.

And worse, as the fusion progressed, its rate of increment gradually slowed down. Even after two whole hours had gone by, the fusion bar had reached only 73%.

In addition, when the fusion crossed 60%, the Seed of Flame within him began radiating powerful mental assaults every second, battering his sea of consciousness.

The subsequent mental assault that hit him at 74% nearly made him collapse. His consciousness began blurring, and he felt as if he was about to lose control of his body.

This won't do. I need to think of a way to resist these mental assaults. Otherwise, I won't last until the end.



While fusing with a Mysterious Flame, players had to remain conscious throughout the process. Otherwise, the fusion would be deemed a failure.

Upon thinking up to this point, Shi Feng began applying his mental defense technique against the Seed of Flame's mental assaults, gathering his focus into a single point and steeling his mind.

While this technique worked wonders initially, after the fusion progress reached 80%, the Seed of Flame seemingly noticed his trick. Immediately afterward, the Seed began releasing mental assaults at a much higher rate, going from once per second to twice per second, then even increasing to three, four, five times per second...

The frequency of the mental assaults continuously escalated, the Seed of Flame adamant in breaking Shi Feng's mind.

It can even play such a move? Shi Feng was stupefied by this situation.

Faced with these high-frequency mental assaults, Shi Feng dared not relax for even a moment.

However, maintaining his mental defense technique also made him feel indescribably uncomfortable. This technique was akin to a person flexing their muscles. While one could harden one's muscles by flexing them, it would be exhausting to keep one's muscles flexed for long periods. Likewise, Shi Feng couldn't keep his focus condensed for long periods. Moreover, as his mental defense technique was much more complex than the flexing one's muscles, the time he could maintain it was even shorter.

83%... 87%... 92%...

The more frequent the mental assaults were, the less time he had to breathe. At some point, his mind even began feeling suffocated.

Is it still not done?

Looking at the fusion bar, Shi Feng felt as if he was on the brink of collapse.

At this time, his body pains already felt insignificant compared to the mental suffocation. In fact, his body was already ignoring the burning pain the Seed of Flame inflicted. Now, the only thing his mind could think of was finding an opportunity to catch a breath.

Just when Shi Feng felt as if he would die from suffocation, the system's indifferent voice entered his ears.

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System: The Hellfire's fusion is complete. The Hellfire is now bound as Player Ye Feng's personal property.

System: Congratulations! You have been tempered by the Hellfire. All Basic Attributes increased by 300 points, all Basic Attributes increased by 10%, physique improved by 20%, reaction speed improved by 20%, mental control improved by 40%, Fire and Ice Resistances +150, and control over fire-type Mana improved by 20%.

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Shi Feng inhaled deeply upon hearing the system notification. When air filled his lungs again, he felt revived.

After relaxing his mind, he could feel the Hellfire's energy spreading throughout his body. His originally depleted Concentration also began recovering crazily.

So, this is the power of a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame?

At this moment, Shi Feng felt reborn. His Basic Attributes might not have increased by much after absorbing the Hellfire, but his acuity of the world of God's Domain had undergone a drastic change. He felt as if he had stepped into a whole new world.

His Concentration standard, in particular, had gone from the Tier 4 Intermediate standard to the Tier 4 Peak standard.

Aside from the improvements to his mind and body, the Hellfire's active power was similarly astonishing.

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[Hellfire] (Tier 4 Mysterious Flame)

When activated, improves destructive power by 100% and effects of fire-type Skills and Spells by 100%, grants attacks a 150% mental assault modifier, and increases the success rate of forging, alchemy, and cooking by 25%.

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Upon reading the Tier 4 Hellfire's active effects, Shi Feng finally understood why Tier 4 Mysterious Flames were regarded as legends in God's Domain.

The Tier 4 Hellfire was a heaven-defying tool for both combat and Lifestyle players.

The Hellfire's ability to add mental assaults to attacks was especially amazing, far more amazing than purely physical or magical attacks. After all, there was no clear Attribute for mental assaults in God's Domain. Likewise, there were no in-game methods for resisting mental assaults. Players could only rely on their own minds to withstand such assaults.

Players lacking in mental fortitude could lose control over their bodies after suffering just one strike. And even if they didn't, they would still feel disoriented and their bodies uncomfortable.

Now that Shi Feng had the Hellfire in his possession, he dared to confront even Superior Mythic monsters of the same level directly.

However, rather than the combat bonuses the Hellfire provided, what Shi Feng paid more attention to were its supportive effects.

The Hellfire's 25% increase to production success rate was something even Grandmaster Forgers would desire greatly.

The higher the quality of an item, the lower its production success rate. Normally, the theoretical production success rate provided by the system was the highest success rate achievable. However, even after reaching the Grandmaster standard, players still wouldn't be capable of reaching this upper limit—and this was after high-quality tools were included in the equation. Not to mention, tools that increased production success rates were less effective the higher the quality of the item being produced was.

However, Mysterious Flames were an exception. Their effects remained the same regardless of the quality of the item being produced.

With the Tier 4 Hellfire, I can probably produce Epic Weapons at a 30% success rate now. Shi Feng felt indescribably excited.

When he obtained the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment Forging Design, he had decided to set it aside temporarily. One of the reasons for doing so was his disinclination to waste precious materials. After all, Mana Adamantite was incredibly precious. In the modern God's Domain, its rarity almost rivaled that of Seven Luminaries Crystals.

Secondly, he wished to use Mana Iron Ore as a replacement. However, he needed Mana Iron Ingots of considerably high purity to accomplish this.

Although the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame possessed excellent smelting capabilities, it still couldn't smelt Mana Iron Ore into Special ranked Mana Iron Ingots, producing only Advanced Mana Iron Ingots at best. Only a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame could accomplish such a feat.

Of course, using Special Mana Iron Ingots to produce the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment would degrade the set slightly. However, the end result would still let Tier 3 players hold their ground against Mythic monsters.

As Shi Feng was contemplating how to mass-produce the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment, he suddenly received a call from Fire Dance.

After accepting the call request, Shi Feng asked, "Did something happen over at Sky Spring City?"

News of the battle at the Secret Covenant Tower had shaken the entire God's Domain. At this point, it was no exaggeration to say that no player forces in the Twin Towers Kingdom would dare go against Zero Wing. Logically, there shouldn't be any problems there.

"No. It's just that there are too many people applying to join Zero Wing right now," Fire Dance replied with a bitter smile. "We gained over 500,000 new members after just half a day, including over 10,000 Tier 3 players. All of the top-tier weapons and equipment we got from the battle in Sky Spring City before have already been exchanged. If we don't replenish the warehouse, we won't be able to expand our forces further even if we want to."

"I understand." Shi Feng smiled at Fire Dance's words and said, "I still have some Epic items as well as a bunch of Level 130-plus weapons and equipment. They should be enough to tide us over for now. I'll figure out a follow-up solution later."

Fire Dance simply responded with a helpless nod. With the number of Guild members waiting to exchange for weapons and equipment, a few hundred pieces of Level 130-plus weapons and equipment wouldn't make much of a difference. They would most likely be gone in half an hour.

However, as she was pondering how the Guild could acquire more weapons and equipment, a massive batch of weapons and equipment suddenly appeared in Zero Wing's Guild Warehouse.

These weapons and equipment were none other than the Epic Weapons and Equipment Shi Feng had purchased in the ancient God's Domain. There were also the various weapons and equipment he got from grinding at the Antimagic Volcano, which numbered over 6,000, with even the most inferior piece being Level 130 Bronze Equipment.

## **2832 Popular Warehouse**

Chapter 2832 – Popular Warehouse

Sky Spring City, Zero Wing's Residence:

“Boss, now that we've joined Zero Wing, I get the feeling that Zero Wing isn't so amazing after all,” a Level 121, Tier 3 Summoner commented to the red-haired woman standing beside him. Looking at a few Tier 3 players walking some distance away, he continued, “These core members of Zero Wing aren't even as well-equipped as the members of our Crimson Wolf adventurer team.”

Most of the Tier 3 core members in the Guild Residence were equipped with Level 110 Secret-Silver Equipment, with only a few with Level 120 Fine-Gold Equipment.

In comparison, of the several hundred Crimson Wolf members who had joined Zero Wing, even the most inferior were geared in a mix of Level 120 Secret-Silver and Fine-Gold Equipment. Their weapons were also Level 120 Fine-Gold Weapons or better.

Their commander even sported Level 120 Dark-Gold Equipment, two pieces of Epic Equipment, and one Epic Weapon. Although these three Epic items had a maximum level of Level 120, they were still far stronger than Level 120 Dark-Gold items.

“That's normal. Zero Wing just finished a fight with the various superpowers. From what I heard, every one of Zero Wing's Tier 3 experts died at least two or three times, with some dying up to six times. It's only natural to have subpar equipment standards after suffering so many deaths,” the red-haired woman clad in fiery-red light armor said. Chuckling, she continued, “Also, we didn't join Zero Wing because of its weapons and equipment but for the sake of grinding in the Secret Covenant Tower and training in the Mobile Fortress.”

At this stage of the game, the various superpowers were mostly equal in their stockpiles of weapons and equipment. Not to mention, how could the importance of weapons and equipment possibly beat the importance of getting promoted to Tier 4?

She had been looking forward to getting promoted to Tier 4 for a long time now, all the more after witnessing the battle in Sky Spring City. That battle had driven home how insignificant Tier 3 existences were before Tier 4 existences. Despite being one of the top-ranking peak experts in the Twin Towers Kingdom, she doubted she could last more than one hit from a Tier 4 player.

However, getting promoted to Tier 4 was incredibly difficult. Even if she could find a Tier 4 Legacy Land, completing her Promotion Quest would still be a struggle with her present technical standards. Meanwhile, the quickest way she could develop her techniques to an adequate standard was by joining Zero Wing.

This was also the case for everyone else in the Crimson Wolf adventurer team.

Presently, it was already public knowledge that the Mobile Fortress boasted incredibly dense Mana. Moreover, the environment inside the fortress also enhanced one's sensitivity to Mana. This would be of great help not only when practicing their Skills and Spells but also for understanding the operating principles of Mana.

Since more and more players were reaching Tier 4 in God's Domain, information about the Tier 4 Promotion Quest had also leaked to the public. According to the leaks, a part of the quest required players to learn a Tier 4 Skill or Spell within a limited period. Thus, to complete this challenge, players needed to have a considerable understanding of and control over Mana. Otherwise, even if one managed to find a Tier 4 Legacy Land, one still wouldn't reach Tier 4.

While Crimson Wolf's members were conversing, a commotion suddenly entered their ears, catching their attention.



“I remember that’s where the Guild Warehouse is,” the Summoner youth said as he looked in the direction of the commotion curiously. “Did Zero Wing’s Warehouse go empty?”

“No, those people appear excited,” the crimson-haired woman said, shaking her head.

However, as soon as Crimson Wolf’s commander finished speaking, a few excited voices reached them.

“Crap! Isn’t the Guild being too generous?! They’re actually letting us exchange for Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment! I heard that the other superpowers have only several dozen Level 120 Epic Weapons and Equipment in their Guild Warehouses, yet there are over a hundred Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment here! Did the Guild executives make a mistake?”

“That’s very possible. Even so, our Guild is simply amazing. Other Guilds barely have any Level 130 equipment in their Warehouses, yet we have over 6,000. I even saw quite a few Level 140 Secret-Silver Weapons and Equipment in the Warehouse. With this, we won’t have to worry about finding replacement gear after reaching Level 130.”

The veteran members and new members of Zero Wing standing in front of the Guild Warehouse’s exchange counters all had excited looks on their faces.

For most players in God’s Domain, nothing was more important than weapons and equipment, especially top-tier weapons and equipment. Those were items countless players dreamed of obtaining.

At this time, Zero Wing had actually put over a hundred Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment up for exchange. No other superpower had ever shown such generosity before.

In any other Guild, a Level 150 Epic Weapon or Equipment would have been immediately monopolized by the Guild executives. Normal members of the Guild would never have a chance with these items.

Of course, exchanging for Zero Wing's Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment wasn't easy, either. Firstly, one had to be an elite member or above. Secondly, one needed an astronomical number of Guild Contribution Points. This was because even the cheapest piece of Level 150 Epic Equipment cost three million GCPs. According to Zero Wing's internal market, one GCP was worth 20 Copper Coins; thus, three million GCPs would be worth 6,000 Gold Coins.

Although 6,000 Gold was an astronomical price even for Level 150 Epic Equipment, it was nigh-impossible to find Level 150 Epic Equipment on the market right now. Guild executives were monopolizing every piece of Level 150 Epic Equipment available.

Nevertheless, Zero Wing was allowing even its elite members to exchange for these items. This was undoubtedly a great benefit.

"Boss, I take back what I just said. Zero Wing's foundation is insane. If we can exchange for a full set of these Epic Weapons and Equipment, we'll be unstoppable!" Crimson Wolf's Summoner youth said. When he saw the large number of Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment in the Guild Warehouse, he was similarly astonished.

Even the eyes of Crimson Wolf's red-haired commander blazed with passion as she looked at the exchange list before her.

"Fire, notify everyone in the team immediately! Have everyone start accumulating as many GCPs as possible! We need to secure a few of these Epic items before the other adventurer teams clear them out!" the red-haired woman said to the Summoner youth.

“Okay! I’ll notify them right away!” The urgency of the situation spurred the Summoner youth to contact the other Crimson Wolf members who had joined Zero Wing as fast as possible.

For a time, many of the new members bustled about, every one of these Tier 3 experts adamant in getting a share of those Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment. Some of the adventurer teams that joined Zero Wing recently even exchanged their Level 110 to Level 120 top-tier equipment for GCPs.

Since the Guild purchased weapons and equipment at 10% to 15% below market value, nobody would normally be willing to trade in their old weapons and equipment for GCPs. They would rather slowly accumulate GCPs through Guild Quests.

However, the current situation was different. There were only so many Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment available for exchange. If they did not secure these items as soon as possible, other people would do so. Meanwhile, trading in weapons and equipment was undoubtedly the quickest way to accumulate several million GCPs.

As a result, in just half an hour after Zero Wing’s Warehouse was updated, it had gained an additional 2,000 Level 120 top-tier equipment and 7,000 Level 110 top-tier equipment. The Guild’s equipment crisis got resolved in the blink of an eye.

“Guild Leader, this move of yours worked wonders! With all these adventurer teams contributing their weapons and equipment to us, we should be able to last for a few more days,” Fire Dance said joyfully.

“It’s still too soon to celebrate.” Looking at Fire Dance’s excited expression, Shi Feng smiled and said, “Notify everyone in the Guild that the Guild will no longer restrict their activity to just the Guild Cities’ and Secret Covenant Tower’s vicinities. Everyone can move freely now.”

“We’re lifting the restriction now?” Fire Dance was surprised by Shi Feng’s words.

Currently, NPC forces were running rampant in the fields, robbing and attacking even the superpowers.

Previously, to avoid these predicaments, Zero Wing had chosen to restrict its members' movement to just the Guild Cities' and Secret Covenant Tower's vicinities. Removing this restriction now would undoubtedly increase the Guild's expenditure.

"Mhm." Nodding, Shi Feng said, "We have fallen behind the other superpowers in raiding Dungeons and acquiring resources. Letting this situation continue will only be detrimental to the Guild. Now that the various superpowers no longer dare have designs on the Secret Covenant Tower, there's naturally no need for us to continue hiding."

"I understand. I'll make the necessary preparations right away," Fire Dance said. After giving the matter some thought, she found Shi Feng's words reasonable. Now that Zero Wing's existence was unshakable, they indeed didn't have to lie low anymore.

Meanwhile, as Fire Dance was drafting this announcement, Shi Feng finished installing the sixth mirror of the World Mirror into the distant Zero Wing City's City Lord's Mansion.

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System: Do you wish to bind the World Mirror with Zero Wing City?

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"Bind," Shi Feng answered without hesitation.

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System: World Mirror bound successfully.

System: Congratulations! Zero Wing City has reached the requirement to become a Basic Main City. Do you wish to upgrade it?

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Seeing the system prompt, Shi Feng chose to upgrade Zero Wing City without hesitation.

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System: Main City upgrade will cost 500,000 Gold Coins and 200,000 Magic Crystals. Do you wish to proceed?

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“Proceed!”

Shi Feng was not at all surprised by the upgrade cost; he had long since prepared the necessary funds.

The next moment, 500,000 Gold Coins and 200,000 Magic Crystals disappeared from his bag. He then received another system notification.

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System: Payment completed. All players within Zero Wing City will be teleported out of the city in three minutes. Upgrade is estimated to take two hours.

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Zero Wing City Region System Announcement: Zero Wing City will commence upgrading into a Basic Main City. All players within Zero Wing City will be teleported out of the city in three minutes. Players within the city are advised to make the necessary preparations.

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After the regional announcement's appearance, the several hundred thousand players that populated Zero Wing City promptly broke out in doubt and exclamations.

"What's going on? Zero Wing City's getting upgraded into a Main City?"

“Zero Wing City isn’t even an Advanced City yet. How can it get promoted into a Main City?”

“What did Zero Wing do?”

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The independent players and Guild players operating in Zero Wing City were thunderstruck by this unexpected piece of news.

This was especially true for the various Guild players. They felt as if the system was playing a bad joke on them.

Ordinary players might not understand the significance of a Main City, but Guild players like themselves knew just how difficult it was to raise a Guild City’s status to Main City. In fact, even upgrading a Guild City into an Intermediate City was already incredibly difficult for Guilds at this stage of the game. After all, Guilds needed to ensure the constant development of their Guild Cities’ popularity and security standards, and fulfilling these requirements required a lot of manpower and resources.

However, after Zero Wing had prohibited NPCs from entering its Guild Cities and increased the entrance fees the cities charged, Zero Wing City’s prosperity and popularity had plummeted. At this point, let alone getting promoted into a Main City, even getting promoted to an Intermediate City should be impossible.

Yet, the system was now telling them that Zero Wing City was already getting upgraded into a Main City. This defied credence!

However, no matter how much the players inside Zero Wing City refused to believe the system announcement, the system's timer continued counting down the seconds. Eventually, after three whole minutes elapsed, every player in the city was teleported out of the city. Only after finding themselves standing outside the city walls did everyone understand that Zero Wing City's promotion was real.

This astonishing piece of news quickly reached the ears of Star-Moon Kingdom's various powers, and all of these powers were inevitably shocked.

In an era where most superpowers did not even possess a single Intermediate Guild City, Zero Wing had already secured itself a Main Guild City. This situation was simply unbelievable.

When Liang Jing, who was working in Silverwing City, heard about Zero Wing City's promotion, she hurriedly contacted Shi Feng and asked, "Guild Leader, what did you do? How did Zero Wing City get promoted into a Main City?"

Currently, even the popular Silverwing City was still a long ways from becoming an Advanced City. She found it simply incredible that Zero Wing City, which was drastically inferior in terms of popularity, could become a Main City ahead of Silverwing City.

However, while Liang Jing was confused by this unexpected development, she couldn't help growing excited over it as well.

After all, Zero Wing's present situation wasn't as rosy as everyone thought. Although the various superpowers had given up on cornering Zero Wing after the battle at the Secret Covenant Tower, they continued to suppress Zero Wing economically. Although Zero Wing indeed possessed combat power surpassing even that of the Five Great Super Guilds, it was still limited to passive self-defense; the Guild couldn't actively wage war against the various superpowers. Not to mention, due to the war of attrition with the various superpowers, Zero Wing was now severely lacking in weapons and equipment.



To make matters worse, the income Zero Wing generated from its Guild Cities continued to decline. After the major system update, maintenance costs for NPCs had increased. Moreover, Guilds were now required to pay upkeep for buildings and magic arrays. And although there was the Teleportation Hall in Silverwing City, most adventurer teams dared not enter Silverwing City at all, due to the pressure from the various superpowers.

At this point, if not for the huge sum of funds from Crimson Emperor and Unyielding Soul, Zero Wing would've long since gone bankrupt and crumbled.

Gaining a Main City now would undoubtedly solve Zero Wing's financial problems. This was because a Main Guild City was much more amazing than an ordinary Guild City.

First and foremost, a Main City was much larger than an ordinary Guild City. Even a Basic Main City could easily accommodate more than ten million inhabitants.

Secondly, there were some high-end buildings that could be constructed only in Main Cities.

Thirdly, a Main City could recruit up to 30,000 NPC soldiers. With so many NPC soldiers, the Main City's security system would be much less vulnerable than ordinary Guild Cities'.

Lastly, a Main City had the authority to govern a region. With this authority, a city could dispatch up to 20,000 of its soldiers to fight outside the city. In other words, the entire map the city was located in would be under the city's control. If Zero Wing City really did become a Main City, the Guild could afford to open the city to NPCs, and none of the various NPC forces would dare make trouble in the city.

"It's a secret," Shi Feng replied, chuckling. "However, you should get ready on your side. Once Zero Wing City's upgrade is complete, I plan to open the city to the public and construct a Teleportation Hall in the

city that will connect it with Sky Spring City. At that time, I'll need you to manage Zero Wing City. As for Silverwing City's management, leave that to Melancholic."

"You're having me manage Zero Wing City?" Liang Jing was confused. "But isn't Melancholic working in White River City? Wouldn't it be more convenient to have her manage Zero Wing City?"

Shaking his head, Shi Feng said, "No. After Zero Wing City's upgrade, I plan to transfer it to a neutral map far away from Star-Moon Kingdom. Melancholic already has her hands full with Candlelight's matters in Star-Moon Kingdom. The most she can do is manage Silverwing City. It would be impossible for her to manage Zero Wing City."

Not only did Melancholic Smile have to manage the Candlelight Trading Firm, but as an Advanced Master Forger, she also had to work on getting promoted to Grandmaster Forger. If she had to manage a Main City on top of that, she wouldn't even have time to sleep. After all, a Main City had many more things that required management than an ordinary Guild City.

Just the recruitment and management of the Main City's 30,000 NPC soldiers would be more than enough to keep a person occupied. Zero Wing City's manager would have to assign daily tasks to these soldiers as well as constantly revise the weapons and equipment configuration of these soldiers, allocating better gear and positions to soldiers who performed well, and so on.

From his experience as a Guild Leader in his previous life, Shi Feng understood just how tedious it was to manage a Main Guild City.

In the past, it was precisely because he had to devote a significant portion of his time to handling Guild affairs that he failed to reach Tier 4. Hence, in this life, he had pushed all these tasks to other people while he focused on improving himself. Otherwise, he wouldn't have achieved his current combat power.

"You're also going to move the city?" Liang Jing's breathing quickened when she heard Shi Feng's words.

Just the fact that Zero Wing City was getting promoted into a Main City was already plenty shocking. If Shi Feng could also move the city to a neutral map, Zero Wing would be rich.

“Mhm, so I need you to begin the necessary preparations now. You’ll probably be very busy afterward,” Shi Feng said, nodding. Simultaneously, a hint of anticipation appeared in his eyes.

Currently, of Zero Wing’s three Guild Cities, Stone Forest City in the Dark Night Empire and Silverwing City in the Orc Empire held strategic locations. In the case of Stone Forest City, it was necessary to stop the Dark World’s invasion. As for Silverwing City, it served as a barrier to the Faux Saint army’s expansion. Hence, both cities should not be moved unless absolutely necessary.

This left Zero Wing City as the only option to use as a foothold in high-level neutral maps. After all, unlike Stone Forest City and Silverwing City, Zero Wing City didn’t counter any player forces. Moreover, Zero Wing City’s position in Star-Moon Kingdom no longer brought much value to the Guild.

Two hours went by quickly, and an entirely new Zero Wing City came into view.

Immediately afterward, Shi Feng arrived in the City Lord’s Mansion’s core control room and injected 5,000 Mana Stones into the World Mirror. He then transferred Zero Wing City to a Level 140 neutral map, leaving the excited crowd outside the city dumbfounded.

## **2834 New Zero Wing City**

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“The city disappeared?”

“What’s going on?”

“Wasn’t Zero Wing supposed to get promoted into a Main City?”

The players gathered at the Witch’s Hill were inevitably confused when they saw Zero Wing City disappear all of a sudden.

“It just vanished into thin air. Did Zero Wing transfer the city elsewhere?”

“That shouldn’t be possible, right? This is a Main City we’re talking about. I looked into it before. If a Main City will relocate within the borders of a country, transferring it requires not only an Advanced City Transfer Order but also the permission of the host country. This is because a Main City is deeply involved in the governance of the region it is in.”

A heated debate promptly arose over Zero Wing City’s disappearance. Star-Moon Kingdom’s various powers, in particular, were nervous. After all, Zero Wing would automatically gain the ruling rights of whichever location Zero Wing City was transferred to. If this location happened to fall within their territory, they would have to say goodbye to their territory.

Meanwhile, as Star-Moon Kingdom’s various players and powers were discussing this matter...

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Level 140 neutral map, Arctic Canyon:

A majestic and wealthy city suddenly appeared on a cliff near the coast of this map, instantly occupying nearly half of the 20,000-yard coastline. The city faced a boundless, snowy forest and had its back to the frozen sea.

It's finally my turn to control this region in this life. Shi Feng couldn't help being a little excited as he looked at the ocean view outside the city.

The Arctic Canyon was a Level 140 to Level 160 neutral map, one of the few neutral maps on the main continent connected to the sea. The Sea of Death was near the Arctic Canyon, and by crossing the Sea of Death, one could reach the western continent. The Arctic Canyon was one of the eastern continent's closest shores to the western continent.

In addition, the Arctic Canyon also lay close to the Top of the World!

This was a new continent that countless experts in God's Domain sought to conquer!

Not only was the Arctic Canyon one of the few maps that led to the Top of the World, but it was also the easiest entry point to this continent, which was 100,000 meters above sea level.

In the past, every inch of land in the Arctic Canyon was worth its weight in gold. It was a place where the various superpowers sought to establish a foothold, no matter the cost. However, as most of the Arctic Canyon's terrain was uneven, the map could house only a limited number of Guild Cities, especially Guild Cities at the Main City standard.

The Arctic Canyon could house four Main Cities and 22 ordinary Guild Cities at most. Guild Towns couldn't survive in this place at all. Even if the town received protection from a Tier 5 player, the blizzards here would still reduce it to a pile of ruins in an instant. For a shelter to survive here, it would need to be at the Advanced City standard at a minimum.

With such limited space, first-rate Guilds and weaker would be dreaming if they thought they could establish a foothold here. In fact, most superpowers failed to do so in Shi Feng's previous life. The four plots of land that could house Main Cities, in particular, were so heavily contested that even the Five Great Super Guilds met with failure. In the end, the Five Great Super Guilds had to share two of these lands, while the various superpowers shared the remaining two.

Yet, Shi Feng had now claimed the Arctic Canyon's best plot of land for himself. How could he not be excited by this situation?

After all, any player that had reached Level 150, Tier 4 would have to visit the Top of the World. This was because this new continent held plenty of ancient treasures and Legacies, all of which were crucial for these players to further improve themselves. Back then, the Top of the World was such a tempting place that even Tier 3 players had come to challenge it.

Unfortunately, due to the Top of the World being too distant from Star-Moon Kingdom, it had been completely outside Shadow's sphere of development. Hence, Shi Feng never actually set foot into the Top of the World in the past. He had only ever heard stories about it.

The Arctic Canyon, though, was a place he had visited in his previous life.

This was because the Arctic Canyon served as a trade hub for the two main continents. Over 20% of the ships traveling between the two continents would stop at the Arctic Canyon. After all, not everyone had a Flying Mount, and neither was everyone capable of reaching Tier 4. The intercontinental magic arrays available had also been monopolized by the various superpowers. As a result, most trades conducted between the two continents were still seaborne.

With this place serving as Zero Wing's base, the Guild would no longer have to worry about matters relating to funds, resources, and leveling up. Even the various superpowers working together wouldn't be able to suppress Zero Wing.

Next up is to set up the Twelve-array Magic World.

Shifting his gaze to the control room's core magic array, Shi Feng took out various materials he had prepared beforehand. Apart from some basic materials, the Twelve-array Magic World also required 300,000 Magic Crystals, 100 Seven Luminaries Crystals, and 200 Magic Elven Stones to set up.

Once operational, the magic array would need 800 Mana Stones every day to maintain it. Even with the Philosopher's Stone's Alchemical Synthesis, it would still cost 40,000 Magic Crystals daily. Just its maintenance could already bankrupt the average first-rate Guild.

An hour later, Shi Feng finished integrating the Twelve-array Magic World with Zero Wing's core magic array. Once he injected the necessary Mana Stones into the magic array, he could activate it whenever he wanted.

However, Shi Feng did not rush to activate the Twelve-array Magic World. Instead, he took out a gigantic, pitch-black heart from his bag. The heart was translucent like a crystal, and one could even see it beating occasionally.

This crystalline heart was one of the two items Beast Emperor dropped.

An Evil Demon King's Heart!

It was a bona fide Inferior Divine Artifact ranked material!

The value of this item rivaled a Dragon's Heart. Back when Shi Feng picked up this item, he had even wondered if he had killed a Tier 5 Evil Demon King instead of Beast Emperor.

An Inferior Divine Artifact ranked power source was beyond extraordinary. It could even elevate a Basic Main City into an Advanced Main City.

Of course, the Evil Demon King's Heart wasn't suitable to be used as a city's power source since it contained evil energy. Using it as a city's power source would contaminate the city's Mana.

However, the Evil Demon King's Heart was perfect to be used as a magic barrier's core. This was because a magic barrier exhausted the energy it was supplied with to manipulate the power of the outside world. In contrast, a city's core magic array didn't consume its supplied energy to generate results but spread the energy to all parts of the city.

Previously, the Twelve-array Magic World had given Shi Feng a headache since it was only a Master Magic Array. Normally, only Grandmaster Magic Arrays could cover a Main City. Although the Twelve-array Magic World was indeed powerful, it could cover only an entire Basic City at best.

Let's hope this thing lets the magic array undergo a qualitative transformation. Taking a deep breath, Shi Feng placed the Evil Demon King's Heart onto the Twelve-array Magic World's core. He then activated the magic array.

Suddenly, he sensed a terrifying and violent energy flowing into the magic array. This violent energy then shattered the space above Zero Wing City through the magic array, creating a dark void with a 10,000-yard radius.



Upon the appearance of this dark void, the nearby Great Lord ranked monsters promptly fled the covered area, none of them daring to remain there.

Immediately afterward, boundless Mana surged out of the dark void and cascaded over Zero Wing City like a waterfall.

So, this is the power of an Inferior Divine Artifact ranked power source?

Shi Feng was dumbfounded by this situation.

The present Zero Wing City already had extraordinarily dense Mana due to the presence of the Mana Tower and the Main City ranked core magic array. In fact, its Mana was even superior to Silverwing City's. Yet, the instant the boundless Mana flowing out of the dark void flooded Zero Wing City, the Mana in the city had turned into mist.

However, due to the Twelve-array Magic World's suppression, the misty Mana actually disappeared immediately afterward, hiding within the void of this area. On the surface, it looked as if everything had reverted to its original state. In reality, though, the Mana within the city had undergone a qualitative transformation. At this point, Shi Feng could sense that his perception of Mana had improved by at least 150% compared to before.

The affinity with and perception of Mana he experienced here practically rivaled what he experienced in the NPC city he visited in the ancient God's Domain.

"Guild Leader, how are things coming along on your side?" At this time, Liang Jing suddenly contacted Shi Feng. "I'm already done selecting the first batch of players to send to Zero Wing City. These players are completely loyal to us and have fought dozens of small and large battles for us. Every one of them

has reached Tier 3 and possesses great potential. I believe they can adequately handle Zero Wing City's security and suppress any NPC troublemakers in the city."

"I'm done here too." Chuckling, Shi Feng added, "However, I think it's best if you come here in person first before deciding on the exact arrangements. I've already granted you access to the city. You can teleport here through a Residence now."

## **2835 News of Zero Wing City**

### Chapter 2835 – News of Zero Wing City

Sky Spring City, Zero Wing's Residence:

At this time, more than 10,000 Tier 3 experts had gathered in Zero Wing's Residence in Sky Spring City. Such a force was already enough to overwhelm even first-rate Guilds. Moreover, this number continued to increase as time passed.

This development inevitably shocked the various powers operating within Sky Spring City.

"What's going on with Zero Wing? Why is it gathering so many of its Tier 3 members in its Residence?"

"Is Zero Wing planning some kind of big operation?"

"That might be possible. After the battle at the Secret Covenant Tower, Saint's Hand declared an all-out war on Zero Wing. Meanwhile, since the popular Orc Empire is Saint's Hand's home ground, other Guilds

have stopped visiting Silverwing City lest they offend Saint's Hand and get targeted by those Faux Saint monsters. So, there's a good chance that Zero Wing is gathering its forces for a counterattack."

The various powers secretly discussed Zero Wing's purpose in gathering its forces. Many of them guessed that Zero Wing wanted to make use of its current advantage to launch a big operation. After all, now that Zero Wing had the Secret Covenant Tower as its foundation, nobody was capable of threatening the Guild's existence.

With Zero Wing's ability to produce a large number of Tier 3 players continuously, it wouldn't necessarily be impossible for the Guild to confront Saint's Hand in the Orc Empire.

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At this time, the people in the outside world weren't the only ones confused by Zero Wing's sudden decision to gather its Tier 3 members. Even the players in Zero Wing's Residence were confused by this situation.

"Fire, have you found out what is going on?" Solitary Sword, the red-haired commander of the Crimson Wolf adventurer team, asked curiously as she looked at the Tier 3 Summoner youth hurrying toward her.

It would be hard not to notice the sudden appearance of so many Tier 3 experts in the Residence. This was especially true now that so many top-tier Epic Weapons and Equipment had appeared in Zero Wing's Warehouse.

In less than a day, eight of the 100-plus Epic Weapons and Equipment in the Guild Warehouse had already been claimed. And this was only the beginning. As more time passed, the various adventurer teams that had recently joined Zero Wing would accumulate more and more GCPs. Then, more and more of these Epic items would get taken away.

Although she had already managed to exchange for an Epic Headgear for Swordsmen, she still had her eyes on an Epic Weapon. So long as she could obtain this weapon, her combat power would definitely undergo a qualitative transformation.

If all of these many Tier 3 experts, who had suddenly appeared in the Residence, were aiming at the Epic Weapons and Equipment, the competition would intensify sharply.

“Boss, I asked around. I even asked some of the adventurer teams I have friendly relations with. However, none of them know what’s going on. Even the Guild’s core members have no clue about this situation,” the Summoner youth replied, shaking his head. “However, I did find out why so many Tier 3 members have gathered in Sky Spring City. It seems there’s an emergency summons from the Guild Leader’s assistant. Also, the ones summoned are all veteran members of the Guild.”

“The Guild specifically summoned these core members?” Solitary Sword frowned at this information. “If that’s the case, the Guild is most likely undertaking a large-scale operation.”

Guilds would generally award a generous amount of Contribution Points to members who participated in their large-scale operations. Now that Zero Wing was gathering its veteran Tier 3 members for a large-scale operation, the competition for the Epic Weapons and Equipment would undoubtedly intensify.

While Solitary Sword worried over this situation, a large group of players suddenly entered the Guild Residence. Not only did none of these people wear Zero Wing’s emblem, but they all exuded astonishingly powerful auras. The man leading the group even had an oppressive aura that verged on the aura of Tier 4 players.

“Why is Heaven’s Blade’s vice commander here?”

“I heard rumors stating that Heaven’s Blade became Zero Wing’s subsidiary after the incident on Dragonheart Island. It seems these rumors were actually true.”

The arrival of Heaven’s Blade’s Tier 3 experts in Zero Wing’s Residence stunned the players idling around outside the Residence. The various Guild players were especially shocked.

Although Heaven’s Blade was only an adventurer team, it possessed incredible fame. The adventurer team even had three Domain Realm experts. Moreover, many superpowers in God’s Domain had tried recruiting Heaven’s Blade, but the adventurer team had refused all the invitations it received.

Yet, Heaven’s Blade now appeared in Zero Wing’s Residence. Given the rumors surrounding the two organizations, Heaven’s Blade’s arrival was basically a declaration that the adventurer team now belonged to Zero Wing. This was absolutely bad news for the various Guilds.

Thus far, Zero Wing could only remain on the defensive due to a lack of manpower.

However, things would definitely change now that Heaven’s Blade had come under Zero Wing.

“Vice Commander, Zero Wing really is amazing. It already has so many Tier 3 experts now. At this rate, it won’t be long before Zero Wing overtakes the various superpowers in this regard,” Cleansing Flame said, sighing ruefully as she took in her surroundings.

She had heard something of the battle that had taken place at the Secret Covenant Tower.

At one point in the past, Heaven's Blade had been an existence that could contend against the various superpowers. At that time, the adventurer team had more experts than Zero Wing. Now, Zero Wing had become a true behemoth. Despite not being an actual superpower, it had already surpassed the various superpowers.

Chuckling at Cleansing Flame's words, Divine Shadow said, "Alright, let's hurry up. We shouldn't make Guild Leader Black Flame wait for too long."

Nodding, Cleansing Flame quickly followed Divine Shadow to the Residence's Guild Hall.

Personally, she was very curious about why Shi Feng had suddenly called for Heaven's Blade's top combatants this time.

Logically, with the number of Tier 3 experts Zero Wing had assembled in Sky Spring City, it shouldn't lack manpower here. In fact, the Guild should be sending more manpower to Dragonheart Island instead. After all, the exploration of the World Tower's fourth underground floor wasn't an easy task.

Shortly afterward, Divine Shadow and Cleansing Flame reached the top-floor meeting room of Zero Wing's Residence. At this time, the executives of Zero Wing and the Asura adventurer team had long been waiting here. The arrival of Heaven's Blade's members confused these executives.

However, as Zero Wing's and Asura's executives wondered why Shi Feng had invited Heaven's Blade's members, Shi Feng and Liang Jing also entered the room.

After taking his seat, Shi Feng scanned the crowd before him and said, "Sorry for the long wait."

At Shi Feng's words, everyone in the room fell silent and looked at Shi Feng with curious eyes.

"Liang Jing." Seeing everyone's confusion, Shi Feng chuckled and said, "Brief everyone about the specifics of the situation."

In response, Liang Jing stepped up to the table and opened the booklet she held. After taking a deep breath, she said, "Everyone, I believe you should know by now that Zero Wing City has been upgraded into a Main City. The reason we have gathered you here today is to discuss Zero Wing City's future development."

"Zero Wing City's future development?" Divine Shadow found Liang Jing's explanation strange.

If today's meeting was about Zero Wing City's future development, there should be no reason for the Guild to invite Heaven's Blade to attend. After all, this was Zero Wing's internal matter. It should have nothing to do with an affiliated adventurer team.

"That's right." Nodding, Liang Jing said, "Before this, everyone has been wondering where Zero Wing City went. Now, I can tell everyone that Zero Wing City is currently located in the Arctic Canyon, a Level 140 neutral map."

After saying so, Liang Jing shared the specifics regarding the Arctic Canyon through the conference table's virtual interface. "These are the Arctic Canyon's details. Feel free to study them."

At Liang Jing's words, everyone promptly opened the file they received and began reading up on Arctic Canyon.

After a short silence, gasps sounded in the room one after another.

## **2836 Zero Wing's New Benefits?**

### Chapter 2836 – Zero Wing's New Benefits?

The information Liang Jing provided was very detailed. According to the information, the Arctic Canyon had its back to the ocean and also served as the entrance to the Top of the World.

These two points aside, just the fact that Tier 4 Legacy Lands spawned in the Arctic Canyon was already more than enough to drive countless Tier 3 players wild.

When everyone in the room finished reading the information provided, they could already imagine the sensation Zero Wing City would cause throughout God's Domain as soon as it opened to the public. It wouldn't even be strange if Zero Wing City became the most popular city in the game.

At this time, let alone Zero Wing's members, even Heaven's Blade's Divine Shadow couldn't help gazing at the information before him with passionate eyes.

Although the World Tower's fourth underground floor was a good place to search for Tier 4 Legacy Lands, it was still significantly inferior to the Arctic Canyon.

This was because the fortresses on the fourth floor were far from comparable to an actual city. Unlike fortresses, cities were made as rest areas for players. Cities addressed the various needs of players, such as providing a place for trade in the form of an Auction House. Fortresses did not possess such functions.



After reading the information, Fire Dance turned to Shi Feng and asked, "Guild Leader, do you mean to close Zero Wing City's access to the public and have us monopolize the map for now?"

Upon hearing Fire Dance's words, everyone else looked at Shi Feng curiously as well.

Since today's meeting was to discuss Zero Wing City's future development, the best option would definitely be opening the city to the public right off the bat. This way, the city could rake in a fortune just from entrance fees alone. After all, with Zero Wing City's advantages, it would instantly become the most popular city in God's Domain, surpassing even imperial capitals. It would become a mecca for countless Tier 3 experts.

However, if Shi Feng had decided to simply open Zero Wing City to the public, there would be no point in gathering them here today. He could do so on his own volition.

"That's right. Now that we have secured such a big advantage, we naturally have to use it to benefit ourselves. Only after we have grown stronger will we open Zero Wing City to the public," Shi Feng said, nodding. "It's just that operating a Main City costs a lot."

If it were an ordinary Guild City, just the maintenance cost of 30,000 NPC soldiers could bankrupt several first-rate Guilds. Moreover, he had enhanced the city with the Twelve-array Magic World, further increasing the city's demand for Magic Crystals.

Hence, he had no choice but to give up on his plan to limit access to the Guild's several thousand core members. After all, a measly few thousand players could hardly cover the expenditure of such a Main City.

"In that case, we might as well give access to all Guild members. Of course, we will also have to charge an adequate fee since running a closed city is a losing business," Flying Shadow suggested.

“That won’t do.” Shaking his head, Blackie said, “We have a lot of people joining Zero Wing recently. If the various powers successfully sneak some of their members into our Guild, we’ll suffer a huge loss.”

Everyone in the room nodded in agreement with Blackie.

Currently, many Guilds had already begun sneaking their members into Zero Wing just because of the benefits offered by the Mobile Fortress and the Secret Covenant Tower.

To counter this problem, Fire Dance had deliberately made core membership a requirement for entering the Mobile Fortress. To become a core member of Zero Wing, one would have to contribute a lot to the Guild. It would take a new member one or two months to accumulate sufficient contributions. Only after this new regulation appeared did the various Guilds dismiss their plans.

However, this new regulation failed to deter the adventurer teams. Adventurer teams still joined Zero Wing one after another, all of them with the purpose of utilizing the Mobile Fortress’s training environment. They had joined the Guild solely to exploit the Guild for their own benefit. Once these adventurer teams achieved their goals, there was a high chance they would just pack up and leave.

Of course, Zero Wing didn’t mind that much. After all, these adventurer teams would have to make the corresponding contributions to obtain the benefits they sought.

At this time, Youlan suggested, “How about we learn from the Mobile Fortress’s example and let only core members enter?”

“I’m afraid we won’t have enough numbers if that’s the case.” Shaking her head, Liang Jing explained, “Based on our current estimates, we need at least 80,000 people to keep Zero Wing City running normally. Even then, we’d have to charge one Magic Crystal per person.”

It cost 40,000 Magic Crystals just to keep the Twelve-array Magic World running. After factoring in the Magic Crystals needed to keep the city’s various other magic arrays and constructions operating, the city would need to make at least 80,000 Magic Crystals per day to avoid falling into the red. Moreover, this still didn’t include the cost of the 30,000 Tier 3 NPC soldiers the Guild planned to recruit.

“That much?” Youlan was slightly surprised.

A daily operational cost of 80,000 Magic Crystals was something even the various superpowers would find hard to stomach—especially since this was only one city they were talking about.

“That’s why Liang Jing and I plan to open Zero Wing City to the elite members of Zero Wing and Zero Wing’s affiliated powers as well. However, everyone will have to cover the teleportation fees themselves. Elite members will also have to pay three Magic Crystals to enter the city, while core members will have to pay two Magic Crystals,” Shi Feng said. “Apart from the core members we gathered this time, everyone else will be free to choose whether they want to enter the city or not.”

“Three Magic Crystals per person?”

This entrance fee rendered everyone present speechless. It was undoubtedly the highest ever charged in God’s Domain’s history. If the city were open to the public, there might still be many people entering the city despite the high cost. However, if access was limited to Guild members, the number of players entering the city would be minimal.

After all, players had far too few sources of Magic Crystals. For the average player, they could obtain Magic Crystals only by harvesting ores, doing quests, opening Treasure Chests, and raiding large-scale Team Dungeons. It was almost impossible for them to obtain Magic Crystals through standard grinding.

If a player was merely seeking to level up, they would be much better off heading to the Secret Covenant Tower instead of the Arctic Canyon.

As for those trying to find Tier 4 Legacy Lands...

To put it bluntly, how many players in Zero Wing were actually confident of completing their Tier 4 Promotion Quests?

Tier 4 Legacy Lands were necessary for the Guild, not for the Guild's members. If the average Guild member found a Tier 4 Legacy Land, they would, at best, receive a reward from the Guild. However, if obtaining this reward meant having to explore a Level 140 neutral map and pay an entrance fee of three Magic Crystals, very few people would accept such a business proposition.

After listening to Shi Feng's words, Cleansing Flame turned to Divine Shadow and asked quietly, "Vice Commander, should the two of us head to Zero Wing City and take a look first? Although we brought only core members with us this time, it would still be a considerable cost if all 2,000 of them enter the city."

It would be a lie to say that they weren't tempted by the prospect of finding Tier 4 Legacy Lands.

However, Heaven's Blade had already suffered a major loss due to its previous disbandment. Apart from some fixed assets, Heaven's Blade didn't have much resources left, and just maintaining the adventurer team's daily operation was a struggle. If they splurged their precious Magic Crystals now, they would be putting the cart before the horse. After all, Magic Crystals were different from Ancient Coins and standard Coins. While purchasing Magic Crystals in small quantities was possible, purchasing them in bulk was absolutely impossible.

At this stage of the game, due to the high demand for Magic Crystals, even the Five Great Super Guilds had begun publicly purchasing Magic Crystals. Yet, they only managed to purchase the crystals in small quantities from independent players seeking to earn Credits. None of the various Guilds' or adventurer teams' members would be dumb enough to trade Magic Crystals for Credits.

"Mhm. We'll do that," Divine Shadow said, nodding. "If the Arctic Canyon is better, we can shift our base of operations to Zero Wing City instead of continuing our struggle with the various superpowers on Dragonheart Island."

Shortly after Shi Feng and the others concluded their meeting, Zero Wing suddenly announced a new Guild benefit on its noticeboard. The announcement included information on Zero Wing City's current location and the qualifications and cost of entering the city.

A sensation immediately spread within the Guild.

"Can this be considered a benefit? Although Zero Wing City's location is good, the Guild is charging elite members three Magic Crystals to enter. Isn't the Guild just trying to harvest us for Magic Crystals?"

"That's right! That's a Level 140 neutral map we're talking about! Our average level is only Level 122. Even Tier 3 players will have difficulty killing the monsters in the Arctic Canyon. If the Guild really wants to give us a new benefit, it should let us enter for free."

"However, the Arctic Canyon is an unexplored neutral map. There will be plenty of Treasure Chests and Dungeons waiting for us. We also won't have to worry about competing with the members of the other powers. Exploring the Arctic Canyon will definitely be more profitable than exploring Level 130 neutral maps."

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For a time, Zero Wing's members debated heatedly among themselves. While some felt that the entrance fee was too much, others felt that the benefits they could gain from the Arctic Canyon were worth the cost.

"Boss, should we head to Zero Wing City?" the Tier 3 Summoner youth from the Crimson Wolf adventurer team asked Solitary Sword. "Many of our team's members are planning to head to the Secret Covenant Tower to grind for levels first. They think that there's no need to explore the Arctic Canyon for now."

"Of course. Why wouldn't we go?" Solitary Sword said with a faint smile. "I've always been thinking of finding a Tier 4 Legacy Land. Now that there's an opportunity before me, why wouldn't I take it? Besides, I'm curious to see what the Guild's Main City looks like. It's just three Magic Crystals. It's not like we're going to be operating out of Zero Wing City."

Subsequently, Solitary Sword went to Sky Spring City's Teleportation Hall together with several dozen of her Tier 3 companions.

At this time, hardly any players could be seen teleporting from Sky Spring City to Zero Wing City. The majority of Zero Wing's elite members didn't have much of a desire to visit Zero Wing City.

Compared to spending three Magic Crystals to go sightseeing in Zero Wing City, they would rather spend one Magic Crystal to enter the Secret Covenant Tower and grind for levels.

Shortly afterward, the Teleportation Hall's teleportation array leading to Zero Wing City flashed. The several hundred members standing on the teleportation array then disappeared and reappeared in the distant Zero Wing City's Teleportation Hall in the blink of an eye.

## **2837 Holy Land**

### Chapter 2837 – Holy Land

Zero Wing City, Teleportation Hall:

Accompanied by a bright flash, several hundred players suddenly appeared on one of the teleportation arrays in the Teleportation Hall. With the arrival of these players, the teleportation array, which was the size of a basketball court, instantly became overcrowded.

However, despite this uncomfortable situation, none of the people present raised a fuss. On the contrary, they all stood blankly on the spot as if petrified.

How is this possible?! How can the Mana here feel so dense?! Cleansing Flame, who stood among the crowd, was shocked and confused when she sensed the Mana surrounding her.

The ambient Mana clearly wasn't a mist, yet she felt as if she had sunk into a lake the instant she arrived.

This was the first time she found Mana heavy. Even Mana that had taken on a mist form could not compare to the density of the Mana she was experiencing. The two were worlds apart from each other.

After thoroughly experiencing the calm and empty feeling brought about by the surrounding Mana, the astonished Cleansing Flame muttered, "Training in this magical environment will probably yield double the results compared to training in other Guild Cities."

Although there were many items in God's Domain that could help players clear up their minds and invigorate their thoughts, the effects of these items paled significantly when compared to the effects of Zero Wing City's Mana.

"Double? You're severely underestimating this place. The Mana here isn't just incredibly dense," Divine Shadow said, shaking his head. With his face blank with astonishment, he continued, "My Mana affinity feels like it doubled or more. I can perceive the operating principles of Mana with much greater clarity. If we train here, our training efficiency will quadruple at the very least. Moreover, this place should also be of great help toward reaching Tier 4."

What made the Tier 4 Promotion Quest challenging wasn't just the troublesome process of finding a Tier 4 Legacy Land. Having to learn a Tier 4 Skill or Spell within a short time was also a huge hurdle. This condition placed an incredibly high demand on players' understanding of and familiarity with Mana.

This was akin to asking a programmer to create a game of epic proportions within a limited period. While most programmers knew the programming language necessary to create the game, not every programmer had the skill and understanding to complete the game within the time limit.

Hence, apart from a small number of geniuses gifted in this regard, everyone else would face great difficulty completing this condition.

In this situation, the only thing players could do to remedy this problem was improve their familiarity with and control over Mana. Only, doing so was easier said than done, as very few external items in God's Domain could help in this regard.

Now, Zero Wing City made this possible.



Upon hearing Divine Shadow's words, Cleansing Flame also focused on her affinity with the surrounding Mana. Immediately afterward, an indescribable sense of shock overwhelmed her.

At this time, her perception of the operating principles of Mana had undergone a massive transformation. Previously, whenever she tried perceiving the operating principles of Mana, it was as if a dense layer of fog hindered her perception. Without assistance from Legacies and graphical introductions, she wouldn't have understood anything.

Now, when she tried perceiving how Mana operated, her perception was no longer as foggy as before. Instead of a dense layer of fog, it was more like a thin gauze hindered her perception. Even without concentrating, she could still perceive the operating principles with great clarity.

With this improvement in her perception, she quickly found answers to the problems previously plaguing her.

"Now, I know why Guild Leader Black Flame dared to collect Magic Crystals so wantonly and even called this city a Guild benefit." When Divine Shadow perceived his improved control over Mana, he couldn't help a bitter smile. "With the Mana density here, he doesn't need to worry about nobody visiting the city at all. In fact, countless Tier 3 experts will probably want to enter the city."

The special nature of Zero Wing City's Mana simply couldn't be found in any other Guild City in God's Domain. This was especially true for the improved perception of the operating principles of Mana. This effect could hardly be found anywhere in the continent. It also wasn't something that training could offset.

At this time, Divine Shadow wasn't the only person with such thoughts. The other people standing on the teleportation array shared his outlook.

“Amazing! This is simply amazing! If I can stay here long-term, aside from improving my combat standards, I can probably rapidly unlock my Mana Body to 100% Completion Rate, too!” the Tier 3 Summoner youth from Crimson Wolf exclaimed.

Although he had already reached Tier 3 for some time now, he was still far from fully unlocking his Mana Body’s potential. Meanwhile, the difference between fully unlocked and partially unlocked Mana Bodies was significant.

Previously, he was already at the brink of despair over fully unlocking his Mana Body. However, he saw hope again after arriving in Zero Wing City. Moreover, he felt that his odds of success were excellent.

“So, this is why Zero Wing isn’t afraid of making enemies of the various superpowers. With this city, Zero Wing will have to mess up very badly to fail in its development,” Solitary Sword said. She, too, felt incredibly excited when she realized Zero Wing City’s benefits.

Previously, she had anticipated that Zero Wing City would only provide temporary shelter while she searched for Tier 4 Legacy Lands. Now, however, she could also use Zero Wing City to improve herself and increase her chances of promotion to Tier 4.

After a brief silence, the several hundred players standing on the teleportation array could no longer suppress the restlessness in their hearts. They charged out of the Teleportation Hall, curious to see what the situation in Zero Wing City was like.

As soon as everyone exited the building, they were dumbfounded by the sight that greeted them.

Zero Wing City was practically more developed than NPC cities. Not only was the city filled with high-rises, but there were also all sorts of high-end buildings. Most importantly, this city had a Battle Arena! This was a place where players could conduct PvP to their hearts’ content!

Originally, the Battle Arena held very little attraction for Tier 3 players. This was because the Battle Arena provided very little benefit to Tier 3 players, apart from the opportunity to spar against powerful experts. Only Tier 2 players and below preferred to visit the Battle Arena for sparring.

In the present Zero Wing City, however, the Battle Arena had undoubtedly become the place everyone paid most attention to. All of the new arrivals in the city wished they could charge into the Battle Arena and start sparring immediately.

As more and more players arrived in Zero Wing City, news about the city quickly spread in Zero Wing's Guild channel. In less than half an hour, Zero Wing's elite members started flocking to Sky Spring City like a bunch of madmen, crowding the city's Teleportation Hall. Many of these elite members had to wait for several dozen minutes before they could teleport to Zero Wing City.

Naturally, the mass gathering of Zero Wing's elite members resulted in information about Zero Wing City reaching the ears of the various powers and independent players. The various powers couldn't help wishing they could head to Zero Wing City and take a look at the situation there for themselves. Unfortunately, with Zero Wing's regulations, they could only watch from the sidelines.

"Contact Zero Wing immediately! Tell them that the Wind Valley Guild is willing to partner with them so long as they open Zero Wing City to us!"

"Contact Zero Wing and say that the Draconic adventurer team is willing to join Zero Wing, but Zero Wing must make all our members elite members!"

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For a time, various Guilds contacted Zero Wing for partnership, while adventurer teams sought to join the Guild as a whole. There were even superpowers that made overtures to Zero Wing.

“Guild Leader, over 40 first-rate Guilds and 200 adventurer teams have contacted us already. We even received calls from five superpowers. All of them are either looking to form partnerships or join us with the condition of receiving access to Zero Wing City,” Fire Dance reported excitedly when she read the statistical data her subordinate sent her. “Some Guilds are even willing to pay an entrance fee of ten Magic Crystals per player. According to our current estimates, we can get an additional 500,000 players entering the city. Should we let them in?”

If they charged ten Magic Crystals per person, they could gain an additional income of five million Magic Crystals per day. Even superpowers would go crazy from jealousy if they saw Zero Wing City raking in so many Magic Crystals. After all, the average superpower would have a stockpile of only several million Magic Crystals at this stage of the game, while Zero Wing City could earn that amount every day.

“Now still isn’t the time to let them enter the city,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. “However, you can tell them that Zero Wing is willing to conduct some preliminary partnerships. We will offer one million entry slots for now.”

“Only one million?” Fire Dance asked, confused.

Zero Wing City was already a Main City. Let alone one million, it could easily accommodate ten million players. Even if they excluded the slots Zero Wing needed, such a tight restriction to the entry slots shouldn’t be necessary. After all, they would be making ten Magic Crystals for every non-Guild member that entered the city.

“Mhm. Any Guild that has signed a strategic alliance or resource alliance with Zero Wing can purchase these slots,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “We will auction off these slots through Candlelight, with a starting bid of ten Magic Crystals per slot.”

“Auction?” Fire Dance’s eyes lit up in realization when she heard Shi Feng’s words. “I understand. I’ll notify them now.”

### **Chapter 2838 Astonishing News**

Chapter 2838 – Astonishing News  
When Fire Dance announced Zero Wing’s plan to sell one million entry slots for Zero Wing City, a commotion broke out throughout the eastern continent. Almost every power operating on the eastern continent promptly held a meeting among their executives to discuss the entry slots.

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Orc Empire, Crimson Flame Fortress:

“How arrogant of Zero Wing. Aren’t they afraid of suffering a backlash for pulling such a stunt?” Snow Scar, who was now a Level 130, Tier 4 Berserker, sneered as he looked at the information displayed on the conference table. “They probably aren’t aware that Saint’s Hand has already established a city in the Black Hills, together with over a dozen superpowers.”

The Black Hills!

This was a Level 130 neutral map connected to the Valley of Death, a forbidden land. Meanwhile, the Valley of Death was also the map that current players had the best chances of exploring successfully. Although the forbidden land was dangerous, according to the reports of the Tier 4 experts who had explored it already, the number of Tier 4 Legacy Lands appearing inside far exceeded that of other places. There were also plenty of ancient ruins hidden in the map, which were of significant help with getting promoted to Tier 4. In fact, even Tier 4 players could reap a lot of benefits from these ancient ruins.

In response to Snow Scar's words, Jing Yang, who was now a Level 131, Tier 4 Great Wizard, turned to the woman exuding a heroic and charming aura, seated at the table's seat of honor. In a respectful tone, he said, "Vice Guild Leader, Saint's Hand has sent us an invitation as well. They say they will offer us 10% of their new city's shares once it is constructed. However, we will need to garrison the city with one Tier 4 player and 20,000 Tier 3 players in return."

"How calculative of Saint's Hand. They must be aiming to have us help them deal with Zero Wing in the Orc Empire," a Level 128, Tier 4 female Assassin said, smirking. "However, if they want to use us as pawns, don't you think that the price they're offering is too low?"

Snow Scar also nodded in agreement with the female Assassin.

The Blackwater Guild was no longer the same as it was before. Under Xuanwu Chisa's lead, the Guild had grown to a point where it could rival even Super Guilds. Moreover, unknown to the public, the Guild even had six Tier 4 experts already.

"Jing Yang, tell Saint's Hand that they need to show more sincerity if they want to partner with us. We want at least 30% of the city's shares," Xuanwu Chisa said, opening her eyes. "Also, notify Zero Wing of Saint's Hand's actions. Tell them that Blackwater is willing to partner with Zero Wing to go up against Saint's Hand's alliance. However, in return, they must allow all of Blackwater's elite members into Zero Wing City."

"Vice Guild Leader, you know how Zero Wing operates. There's no way they will agree to such a condition," Jing Yang argued, feeling a headache incoming.

He had negotiated with Zero Wing for partnership many times in the past, yet he had faced rejection every time. Now that Zero Wing had the potential to rival the Five Great Super Guilds, it had even less need to heed Blackwater's demands.

“It doesn’t matter if they don’t accept it now,” Xuanwu Chisa said nonchalantly. “Once Saint’s Hand opens their city and that side arrives, Zero Wing will have no choice but to agree to our demands.”

“I understand.” Jing Yang nodded.

The current Zero Wing indeed had the qualifications to be arrogant. However, once Saint’s Hand opened its city in the Black Hills, the situation would quickly reverse. After all, mainstream players were currently only at Level 120. Although the Arctic Canyon was also an excellent location, it simply wasn’t a place mainstream players could visit. At most, they could only make use of Zero Wing City’s incredible Mana environment.

Not to mention, Saint’s Hand’s alliance consisted of more than a dozen superpowers. With the manpower and resources available to them, the alliance would soon become an existence that even the Five Great Super Guilds had to be wary of.

At that time, Zero Wing’s advantage in Tier 4 players would also disappear.

However, Saint’s Hand’s alliance still wasn’t the biggest problem Zero Wing would have to face but the world-shattering war looming over the main continent. A Guild like Zero Wing, which had established a base in a Level 140 neutral map, would definitely head the list of cannon fodder for this war.

Currently, though, very few people in God’s Domain actually knew of this upcoming war. The only reason Blackwater knew about it was Xuanwu Chisa’s special identity.

Just when Blackwater was about to notify Zero Wing of Saint's Hand's actions, Saint's Hand actually announced its astonishing plan to the entire eastern continent.

Moreover, Saint's Hand even declared that it would open its city to everyone and charge a cheap entrance fee of only one Magic Crystal or 50 Silver Coins.

As soon as this news came out, many of the first-rate powers considering partnering with Zero Wing promptly changed their minds.

After all, although Zero Wing City possessed an excellent environment, the entrance fee it charged was simply beyond the various first-rate powers' means. Not to mention, the city's entry slots would be auctioned. In other words, the entry slots wouldn't cost just ten Magic Crystals. By the end of the auction, each slot might actually go for 15 or even 20 Magic Crystals.

Moreover, this was only the price to enter the city. Once inside the city, they were bound to incur all sorts of other expenditures as well. Rather than spending all those Magic Crystals, it would be much better to head to Saint's Hand's city and explore the Valley of Death for ancient ruins and Tier 4 Legacy Lands. Not only could they save up on a lot of Magic Crystals by doing so, but their potential income was also higher.

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Sky Spring City, Zero Wing's Residence:

"Guild Leader, 90% of the first-rate powers seeking to partner with us and 80% of the adventurer teams seeking to join us changed their minds after Saint's Hand's announcement," Fire Dance said, a hint of disbelief in her eyes as she read the report she just received. "There won't be any competition for the entry slots. In fact, the one million slots we're offering exceed the remaining Guilds' demand."



“It doesn’t matter. Let Saint’s Hand do whatever it wants. Our plan will remain the same. We will still sell one million entry slots during the auction,” Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at the statistical report. “When the time comes, just sell as many slots as possible. To begin with, we’re not doing this to earn Magic Crystals. We’re just trying to keep Zero Wing City operational.”

“You might be right, but if we have enough Magic Crystals, we could construct another Mobile Fortress, right?” Fire Dance said regretfully.

The Magic Crystals Zero Wing earned from its members visiting Zero Wing City were already more than enough to keep the city functioning normally. The only problems remaining were the recruitment and maintenance of the city’s NPC soldiers.

However, resolving these issues wasn’t a big deal for the present Zero Wing. This was because many Guild members were willing to develop themselves in Zero Wing City. There were also more than 20,000 Tier 3 experts from Heaven’s Blade and Asura. In total, Zero Wing City already had an astonishing 50,000 Tier 3 players operating in it.

At this point, all they needed to do was wait until the Guild accumulated enough Tier 3 members to ensure Zero Wing City’s security. Once the city’s security was no longer a concern, they could open up the city to NPCs and begin recruiting NPC soldiers in large numbers.

However, the Mobile Fortress’s power had made a deep impression on Fire Dance. She believed it would be wonderful if Zero Wing could gain another Mobile Fortress.

“Let’s not talk about getting another Mobile Fortress,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “What we can do is further increase the number of Tier 4 players we have to improve the Guild’s strength.”

“Further increase?” Fire Dance parroted, confused by Shi Feng’s words. “Is that even doable?”

Producing Tier 4 players was easier said than done. Finding Tier 4 Legacy Lands was one thing; mastering a Tier 4 Skill or Spell within the allotted time was another thing altogether. The help Zero Wing City’s environment provided for this aspect could already be regarded as the best available in God’s Domain. She found it hard to imagine other ways to help Zero Wing produce even more Tier 4 players.

“Of course.” Smiling, Shi Feng said, “Contact Summer and the others and have them gather in Zero Wing City’s City Lord’s Mansion.”

If it were before he had visited the ancient God’s Domain, he would indeed have no way of accomplishing such a feat. However, after his trip to the ancient era, he did.

And that was by using the Ancient Beast Sculpture!

## **Chapter 2839 Statue’s Astonishing Function**

Chapter 2839 – Statue’s Astonishing Function  
Zero Wing City, City Lord’s Mansion:

Alluring Summer, Shadow Sword, Turtledove, Cola, Youlan, Blackie, Flying Shadow, Silent Blade, Stubborn Bone, Ye Wumian, Rampant Blade, Su Qianliu, Minor Wind, and Graceful Moon gathered in the second underground floor of the City Lord’s Mansion after receiving Fire Dance’s summons.

Looking at Fire Dance, who was guiding their group, Cola asked curiously, “Commander, why did the Guild Leader suddenly have us come over?”

At Cola's question, the others in the group also looked at Fire Dance curiously.

For the sake of raising their chances of getting promoted to Tier 4, they had all focused on training in the Battle Arena recently to improve their control over Mana.

In Zero Wing City's Mana environment, their control over Mana had improved at a noticeable rate. Among them, Alluring Summer had become a Master Magician and even gained her own Mana Domain. Her achievements had spurred the rest of them to train even more zealously.

Yet, instead of letting them focus on their training, Fire Dance had suddenly summoned them here.

"It's a secret," Fire Dance answered with a smile. "Moreover, this trip will be beneficial for you. You might even increase your chances of getting promoted to Tier 4 by a large margin."

Fire Dance naturally knew of everyone's desire to get promoted to Tier 4. After all, Zero Wing City's environment was greatly beneficial to even a Tier 4 player like herself, let alone Tier 3 players.

Moreover, in the current God's Domain, Tier 3 players couldn't make any waves at all. Only by reaching Tier 4 would a player have an impact on the big picture.

"Are you trying to trick us, Commander? We already have Zero Wing City's environment to help us. Is there really another way to increase our chances of promotion further?" Shadow Sword asked skeptically. However, he couldn't help growing a little eager and excited at Fire Dance's answer.

He understood very clearly that with his current standards, it would be incredibly difficult for him to get promoted to Tier 4—even with the support of Zero Wing City's excellent environment. It would most likely take him several attempts before he could get promoted.

And worse, players who failed their Tier 4 Promotion Quest had to wait for a long period before they could rechallenge their Promotion Quest. Even if he could find another Tier 4 Legacy Land quickly, he would still have to wait up to a month. If he suffered consecutive failures, it could very well take him up to half a year or possibly more to reach Tier 4.

If he were to hover at Tier 3 for half a year, he simply couldn't imagine how far he would fall behind the current Tier 4 players.

After all, there were still many places in God's Domain that only Tier 4 players and above could set foot in. Meanwhile, the opportunities, Legacies, and items available in these forbidden lands were far superior to what other maps provided.

"That was what the Guild Leader said," Fire Dance said, nodding. "Otherwise, he wouldn't have interrupted your training spree and called you here."

After saying so, Fire Dance stopped before a stone door sealed by a magic array. Standing guard beside this stone door were four Level 140, Tier 3 Fine-Gold Guards. Even if a Tier 4 player came here, they shouldn't think of getting past these NPCs quickly.

When the four NPCs saw Fire Dance, they promptly removed the seal on the stone door.

Subsequently, the stone door parted slowly, revealing a room the size of a basketball court. Many magic arrays isolated the room. Even if a Tier 4 player made a ruckus inside the room, their actions would go unnoticed in the outside world.

Shi Feng was waiting inside the isolated room.

After glancing at everyone, Shi Feng said, "Come on in."

In response to Shi Feng's words, Fire Dance entered the room curiously, followed by the rest of the group shortly afterward.

After everyone entered the room, the four guards outside the room closed the door and quietly stood watch by the door, none of them daring to relax for even a moment.

Having entered the room, Fire Dance and the others couldn't help looking at Shi Feng in confusion.

This was because even after entering the isolated room, they failed to sense anything special about it. In fact, the Mana density inside the room even seemed slightly lower compared to outside.

Upon seeing everyone's confusion, Shi Feng smiled and said, "You must be wondering why I summoned you to such a place, right?"

"Guild Leader, the Commander said you have a way to further increase our chances of getting promoted to Tier 4." Unable to hold back his curiosity any longer, Cola asked, "Is that true?"

Truthfully, Cola didn't have much confidence in getting promoted to Tier 4 since his combat standard was still stuck at the Flowing Water Realm even now. His control over Mana was also only at the Advanced Magician standard. It was basically impossible for him to learn a Tier 4 Legacy Skill within a short period.

“It’s true. However, how much improvement you gain will depend on yourselves,” Shi Feng said, nodding. He then pointed at the Ancient Beast Statue set up in the center of the room and continued, “This thing is the key to your promotion to Tier 4!”

“A statue?”

Everyone present grew even more confused when they heard Shi Feng’s words. Even Fire Dance was no exception.

Although the statue in front of them looked exquisite, no matter how they looked at it, it did not seem like a tool that could help them reach Tier 4.

“Observe it from a closer distance,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “But don’t use your eyes; use your whole body to perceive it.”

The Ancient Beast Statue was an incomparably mysterious object, and it was incredibly difficult for someone to notice its uniqueness. This was because the Ancient Beast Statue would reveal its properties only in an environment with incredibly dense Mana.

Moreover, these properties were noticeable only at close distance. If one stood too far away from the statue, one wouldn’t sense anything special about it. In fact, placing the statue in a room would even cause the density of the Mana in the room to drop.

In the past, some players had even treated the Ancient Beast Statues as junk and sold them cheap.

At Shi Feng’s advice, Cola and the others approached the statue. And when everyone got within ten yards of the Ancient Beast Statue, their expressions promptly changed.

“How is this possible?! The operating principles of Mana have become much clearer! There’s at least a 50% improvement!”

As a Tier 4 player, Fire Dance was the quickest to notice the changes the Ancient Beast Statue brought about, and she couldn’t help gaping at the statue in disbelief.

Assuming that she could view the operating principles of Mana at only 10% clarity under normal circumstances, then in Zero Wing City’s environment, she could view the operating principles at 20% clarity. However, standing beside the Ancient Beast Statue, she could view the operating principles at 30% clarity.

Cola and the others did not achieve as good a result as Fire Dance since they were still at Tier 3; however, they still managed to achieve a clarity of at least 20%. At this time, their perception of the operating principles of Mana was superior to the average Tier 4 players’. Now, they were basically viewing the world around them from a higher perspective than even Tier 4 players’. As Tier 3 players, the benefits they could gain from such an experience were immeasurable.

If this situation leaked to the public, the various powers of God’s Domain would most likely go crazy.

Fire Dance finally understood why Shi Feng had instructed her to be extremely careful when coming to this place and even limiting the people she could invite to only the Guild’s core executives.

The next moment, the isolated room fell indescribably quiet.

This was because Cola, Alluring Summer, and everyone else had wholeheartedly thrown themselves into their enhanced perception with no intention of exiting this immersion. Shi Feng did not find this situation surprising, either.

After obtaining World Authority, his perception of the operating principles of Mana had reached an incredibly high level. Within the Ancient Beast Statue's vicinity, he could even achieve a 40% clarity.

Back when he was controlling Frobero, a Half-step Demon King, he had only managed to achieve a 50% clarity, yet he already had a feeling of invincibility.

Of course, this was only a misconception arising from suddenly obtaining so much power. Even so, the brief experience of viewing the world through Frobero's senses had provided him with immense help in developing his Mana Body and improving his control over Mana.

Although he didn't get the same feeling when standing next to the Ancient Beast Statue, he was relatively close to that feeling already. And while subject to this sensation, even he couldn't help wishing he could disregard all his duties and focus solely on researching the operating principles of Mana, so what more Cola and the others?

Shortly after Fire Dance immersed herself in her enhanced perception, the Mana around her body began rampaging. It was evident that she was trying to break through her Mana Body's 100% threshold.

Shi Feng was slightly surprised to see this. He then took out a colorful crystal from his bag and handed it to Fire Dance, saying, "Don't rush to break through yet. Do it after you finish learning the Legacy inside this thing."

In response to Shi Feng's words, Fire Dance halted her attempt to break through and accepted the Memory Crystal. However, after checking the Memory Crystal, she was stunned. She never thought that Shi Feng would actually possess such a precious Legacy. Moreover, the Legacy recorded in the Memory



Crystal even contained information on how to reconstruct one's Mana Body. For Tier 4 players like herself, this information was priceless.

"Guild Leader, this is a Sword Saint's Legacy. Giving it to me would be wasteful," Fire Dance said hesitantly.

She was no fool. Anyone who had gotten promoted to Tier 4 would know what was most important to a Tier 4 player—achieving a breakthrough in one's Mana Body and reconstructing it. This was the basis of getting promoted to Tier 5.

However, Shi Feng simply chuckled and said, "Relax. This is a complete Legacy Crystal. It can be used up to nine times. Every person will get the best result from the crystal only on their first use. Using it more than once would be a waste. Now that you are one of Zero Wing's key combatants, it will be of great help to the Guild if you can further improve yourself."

Teresa had given him a complete Tier 5 Legacy Crystal that could be used nine times. And although it was a Sword Saint's Legacy, as the Swordsman and Assassin classes were both physical classes, an Assassin could still gain significant help from the Legacy.

If Fire Dance could elevate her Mana Body's potential to 105% due to this Legacy Crystal, it would be of significant help to the present Zero Wing.

Since Shi Feng wasn't accepting any argument, Fire Dance eventually gritted her teeth and activated the Memory Crystal.

After all, what Shi Feng said was true. There were significant differences even between Tier 4 players. Take Violet Cloud, for example. Because she had long since broken through her Mana Body's 100% threshold, her combat power had surpassed Fire Dance's by a large margin as soon as she reached Tier 4.

If Fire Dance could break through the 100% threshold now, she would be able to hold her ground even against monstrously strong Tier 4 experts.

Immediately, the colorful crystal in Fire Dance's hand released several streaks of light that flowed straight into her eyes. Simultaneously, a large amount of information was transmitted directly into her brain.

#### **Chapter 2840 – Consecutive Breakthroughs**

As information from the Sword Saint's Legacy flooded Fire Dance's mind, the Mana she exuded strengthened and weakened in intervals. It was evident that she had received a lot of inspiration from the Legacy. Both her control over Mana and understanding of Mana rose at a visible rate.

Seeing this development, Shi Feng couldn't help growing envious.

Truthfully, he had constantly been thinking of using the Sword Saint's Legacy himself ever since he received it. However, he also understood that he wouldn't benefit much from it.

This was because the current bottleneck he faced wasn't related to Mana but his Concentration.

To raise the strength of his Mana Body to a whole new level, he needed to raise his Concentration to a point where he could control his Mana Body with a threefold manipulation method. Hence, using the Sword Saint's Legacy now would simply be a waste.

I should start training and adapting to a threefold manipulation method as well.

Shi Feng smiled involuntarily when he saw everyone in the room improving rapidly. Then, he sat down and began his own training.

Back when he was in the ancient God's Domain, his Concentration standard had only been at the Tier 4 Intermediate standard. Among Tier 4 existences, that wasn't anything to brag about.

However, merging with the Tier 4 Hellfire had thoroughly tempered his Concentration. He now estimated that his Concentration was at the Tier 4 Peak standard already. He should be only one step away from reaching the Tier 5 standard and achieving World Creation.

Of course, just elevating his Concentration standard to Tier 5 wouldn't be enough to achieve World Creation. He would still need to become a Grandmaster Magician first. This was also the main reason many players and NPCs couldn't achieve World Creation even after reaching Tier 5. After all, becoming a Grandmaster Magician was incredibly challenging.

Generally, most people capable of becoming a Grandmaster Magician were Lifestyle Grandmasters. Yet, most of these Lifestyle Grandmasters were unsuited for combat and were incapable of reaching Tier 5, only reaching Tier 4 at best. This situation was especially obvious among players.

In the past, over 70% of experts that had achieved World Creation were Lifestyle Grandmasters stuck at Tier 4, and many experts who had risen to Tier 5 couldn't help envying those players.

After all, the disparity in combat power between individuals with and without World Creation was like the difference between heaven and earth. Even at Tier 5, World Creation could still influence a battle.

Following which, time passed swiftly. In the blink of an eye, half a day had gone by already.

Amid Shi Feng's repeated attempts at executing a threefold manipulation method, the Mana Fire Dance exuded suddenly skyrocketed in intensity. Her rapid transformation even kicked up a Mana storm, the phenomenon startling everyone in the room.

"What's going on with Bis Sis Fire? The Mana she's exuding is so powerful!" Flying Shadow exclaimed. He was thunderstruck when he saw the white mist wreathing Fire Dance's body.

"She should've broken through her Mana Body's limits," Turtledove said enviously.

"No, this shouldn't be just a simple breakthrough," Alluring Summer said, shaking her head. "I've broken through the 100% threshold as well, yet compared to Fire Dance right now, the phenomenon my breakthrough created was much weaker. Even if she achieved her breakthrough at Tier 4, the reaction shouldn't be so exaggerated."

Alluring Summer had much greater authority when talking about breaking through the Mana Body's limits since she had unlocked her Mana Body to 102% potential already.

Back when Alluring Summer broke through, her Mana Body had indeed undergone a qualitative transformation and provoked a powerful reaction in her surroundings. However, that reaction was much more subdued than Fire Dance's. At this time, the Mana surrounding Fire Dance was already almost liquid. Even if Alluring Summer factored in the special environment of this room and the fact that Fire Dance was at Tier 4, a breakthrough in the Mana Body's limits still shouldn't generate such a powerful reaction.

Several more minutes later, Fire Dance finally stabilized her Mana, and an excited expression immediately appeared on her face.

“Guild Leader, I succeeded!” Fire Dance said as she looked at Shi Feng excitedly. “My Mana Body is currently at a 107% Completion Rate! If you give me a little more time, I can even reach 110%!”

She had heard plenty regarding the Mana Body from Shi Feng. According to him, after breaking through the 100% threshold, the Mana Body would see further qualitative transformations at the 105% and 110% thresholds.

Although she had yet to reach a 110% Completion Rate, with the information the Sword Saint’s Legacy provided and the Ancient Beast Statue’s effect, she was now confident of reaching that threshold. At that time, her combat power would definitely surpass Violet Cloud’s. After all, Violet Cloud’s Mana Body was only at a 108% Completion Rate right now.

“You reached 107% on the first breakthrough?” Shi Feng was shocked.

Normally, a player couldn’t reach or exceed 105% on their first breakthrough. Even Violet Cloud was no exception. After all, players would need to overhaul the method they used to manipulate their Mana Body to reach this threshold.

Nevertheless, Fire Dance had skated through this process. The improvement she achieved was beyond remarkable.

“That Sword Saint had a very thorough understanding of the Mana Body. His explanations were also simple to understand. It’s a pity that I’m not a Swordsman myself. Otherwise, I would’ve improved even more,” Fire Dance said regretfully. “If this Legacy is given to Shadow Sword and the others, they should have a very easy time breaking through the 110% threshold. If you used it, you would probably achieve even more astonishing results, Guild Leader.”

The Legacy actually has such great effects? Shi Feng couldn't help feeling tempted by Fire Dance's words. However, he still suppressed his agitated heart in the end and said calmly, "I'll pass for now. However, we can let Shadow Sword and the other Swordsmen use the Legacy once they reach Tier 4. Anyone with a physical class can also use it if they manage to break through the 100% threshold."

Shi Feng was indeed very tempted to use the Sword Saint's Legacy and go beyond his Mana Body's present 110% Completion Rate. He might even be lucky enough to reach a 115% Completion Rate. If that happened, he would have full confidence in completing the Divine Dragon's trial.

However, his current priorities were developing his Concentration standard and improving his understanding of magic arrays. So long as he succeeded in doing so, combined with the Sword Saint's Legacy, he could develop his Mana Body beyond even a 115% Completion Rate. In fact, once he reached Level 150, he could even start trying to create a personalized Mana Body.

After all, not every Tier 5 expert in the past had started creating personalized Mana Bodies only after exceeding the 110% Completion Rate. Many of these Tier 5 experts had tried and succeeded even at 109% and 110%.

This was because there was no integral connection between a Mana Body's Completion Rate and the creation of a personalized Mana Body. Having a higher Completion Rate only meant that a player was more familiar with the Mana Body they currently had. At most, this familiarity would grant the player an easier time in creating a personalized Mana Body; it wasn't essential.

As for the matter of sharing the Sword Saint's Legacy, if it were possible, he would prefer to let only Tier 4 Swordsmen use it. However, given the circumstances, Zero Wing didn't have seven more Tier 4 Swordsmen suitable. Hence, he had no choice but to loosen the condition. That way, the Guild could produce more above-average Tier 4 players.

"I understand." Fire Dance nodded.

Over the next ten days, Zero Wing's core executives achieved significant breakthroughs one after another, thanks to the Ancient Beast Statue. In addition, as the Guild had discovered quite a number of Tier 4 Legacy Lands in the Arctic Canyon, everyone began challenging their Tier 4 Promotion Quests.

As for Fire Dance, after reaching a 110% Completion Rate with her Mana Body, she led an exploration team into the Arctic Canyon, drastically increasing Zero Wing's income, particularly of top-tier Level 130-plus equipment and materials. The amount of equipment and materials Zero Wing was currently raking in surpassed even that of ordinary superpowers.

Among the harvests Zero Wing made, the most notable one was Seven Luminaries Crystals. Because the Arctic Canyon's Team Dungeons dropped small quantities of Seven Luminaries Crystals, Zero Wing earned over 600 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal in just ten short days.

Even Shi Feng was astonished by this harvest. He never thought that the Arctic Canyon would be so rich in resources. Fire Dance's team was responsible for more than half of the Seven Luminaries Crystals earned. At this time, he could already foresee that once Zero Wing gained more and more Tier 4 players, the Guild's income of Seven Luminaries Crystals would reach staggering levels.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng had been relatively free compared to Fire Dance and the others these past ten days. He was also only half a step away from successfully implementing the threefold manipulation method on his Mana Body.

However, during this time, huge events had also taken place in God's Domain one after another.

Firstly, there was the appearance of Saint Heart City.

Secondly, the various superpowers had received news that Lu Xingluo had his qualifications as the Starline Corporation's heir stripped due to his numerous failures and that his game account had gotten crippled. This unexpected development placed heavy pressure on the heirs of the major corporations leading the various superpowers.

Thirdly, the first batch of players belonging to Zero Wing's allies had entered Zero Wing City. When these 20,000 players entered the city, Zero Wing's allies instantly understood Zero Wing City's value. For a time, Zero Wing City's entry slots enjoyed even greater popularity.

However, the best piece of news for Zero Wing was Gentle Snow, Aqua Rose, Zhao Yueru, Yan Tianxing, and Yi Luofei's successful promotion to Tier 4. Their success had instantly boosted Zero Wing's overall combat power by a large margin, and exploring the Arctic Canyon became a lot easier.

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Zero Wing City, Candlelight Trading Firm, Special Forging Room:

Sure enough, breaching the Grandmaster Magician threshold isn't an easy task. A pale-faced Shi Feng smiled bitterly as he looked at the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment he had just produced.

After several days of research, he concluded that only two methods would let him achieve threefold manipulation: developing his Concentration to the Tier 5 standard and becoming a Grandmaster Magician.

For the time being, developing his Concentration to the Tier 5 standard was nigh-impossible since it required fortuitous encounters and undergoing tempering.



This left him with raising his Magician rank. Producing Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment was one of the ways that could help him do so because the most difficult aspect of producing the set was engraving its magic array. Although the system deemed the set's magic array as only a Master Magic Array, it rivaled even Grandmaster Magic Arrays in complexity. If he could successfully engrave the entire magic array in one go, he wouldn't be far off from becoming a Grandmaster Magician.

Unfortunately, even after working for several days consecutively and producing more than 200 sets of Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment, he still couldn't engrave the set's magic array in one go. He felt as if an invisible barrier was preventing him from advancing.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng also happened to reach Level 150—the threshold where he could get promoted to Tier 5.

“Guild Leader, you previously asked the Boulder Corporation to look into Phoenix Rain's little sister, right?” At this time, Liang Jing suddenly contacted Shi Feng. “They just sent back news that Phoenix Rain's little sister should be staying in Haitian City's Upper Zone.”

“Alright, got it.”

Nodding, Shi Feng promptly chose to log out of God's Domain and decided to pay Haitian City's Upper Zone.

Apart from checking up on Phoenix Rain's little sister, he could also use this opportunity to broaden his business circle to Haitian City's Upper Zone.

Every Upper Zone had its own contribution competition. Since the various corporations were placing such heavy importance on this season's competition, it would be a huge waste not to take advantage of it and make a killing.

After all, Zero Wing was already a massive organization that had many mouths to feed. A large number of newcomers with great potential had even joined the Guild's headquarters recently. There were also the resources needed to nurture Zero Wing's executives. With all the Guild's resource requirements, simply relying on the Five States Corporation would be far from enough.