

## Chapter 2841 – Mental Strength Training House

Haitian City, Upper Zone:

A luxury hovercar slowly landed in front of the Upper Zone's entrance. A man and a woman then got out of the car, their appearance instantly attracting the hundreds of teenage boys and girls waiting by the entrance.

This man and woman were none other than Shi Feng and Muxin. However, all of the teenagers focused on Muxin, their eyes filled with surprise and confusion.

"Why is the Boulder Corporation's heir here at Haitian City's Upper Zone?"

"Could she be transferring to our Upper Zone?"

"That's impossible. I heard that Muxin broke through recently and acquired Grade 1 authority in Yuantian City's Upper Zone. Moreover, not only does she have the Boulder Corporation's full support, but the base layer's supervisor is also quite supportive of her. At this rate, she might enter the middle layer of Yuantian City's Upper Zone. Why would she want to come to our Upper Zone?"

The teenage boys and girls began a heated discussion among themselves when they saw Muxin. They couldn't understand why a big shot like her would suddenly come to Haitian City's Upper Zone.

Muxin, on the other hand, paid no attention to the teenagers discussing her. She behaved as if these people did not exist at all.

“Why are there so many people taking Haitian City’s test? It’s more than ten times the number I saw at Yuantian City,” Shi Feng asked, astonished when he saw the crowd thronging the entrance.

When he took the test to enter Yuantian City’s Upper Zone, there had only been several dozen other people taking the test with him. Such a huge difference between Upper Zones was incredible.

“Haitian City’s Upper Zone is more populous than Yuantian City’s Upper Zone. It was also constructed a little earlier.” Looking at the teenagers waiting by the entrance, Muxin shook her head and explained, “However, these people aren’t talents the Green God Company is nurturing internally. They were born inside Haitian City’s Upper Zone. Also, this place is holding its annual evaluation, which is why so many people are here.

“The corporations behind these people will use the test results to determine their future successors and daily resource allocations. For these people, this period will most likely be the most competitive period of their lives.”

At this point, a hint of frustration darkened Muxin’s eyes.

It was precisely because of this competition that her relationship with Kerui wasn’t particularly good. Compared to life in the outside world, life in an Upper Zone was much harsher.

“I see. So that’s why these children have such astonishing physical fitness,” Shi Feng commented. When he looked at the teenagers before him, he couldn’t help sighing ruefully.

He had to admit that the Upper Zone’s children were indeed amazing. From what he could see, every one of these teenagers could easily beat up martial artists below the master standard. This wasn’t a standard the youths born and living in the outside world could match.

Having such amazing physical fitness at such a young age, these teenagers would become even more amazing once they entered God's Domain. Let alone reaching Tier 4, they could very well reach Tier 5.

At this moment, Shi Feng finally understood why the various superpowers had so many Tier 4 and Tier 5 experts. He could produce many Tier 4 experts just from the group of youngsters in front of him.

"Let's hurry inside." Taking a look at the time, Muxin said, "If we wait until the Mental Path activates, like last time, it'll be even more difficult to find that girl you mentioned. After all, we are residents of Yuantian City's Upper Zone, not of Haitian City's Upper Zone."

Shi Feng nodded in response and followed Muxin straight into Haitian City's Upper Zone.

Although a person could freely visit all Upper Zones once they had a registered ID, the Upper Zones operated like independent organizations and competed with each other. In fact, some of the tasks the Green God Company assigned to the various Upper Zones were dependent on the performance of each Upper Zone. Hence, the residents of every Upper Zone were somewhat hostile toward the residents of other Upper Zones.

Under normal circumstances, an Upper Zone's resident wouldn't visit another Upper Zone. After all, one mistake could easily result in a fight.

Upon seeing Muxin and Shi Feng walking straight into the Upper Zone, the teenagers standing by the entrance couldn't help envying them. This was because people older than 20 who could enter the Upper Zone directly had already obtained IDs in the Upper Zone. These people wouldn't have to struggle to enter the Upper Zone, unlike themselves.

“Who’s that man? Why is a person like Muxin escorting him?”

“He might be the son of some big shot living on the middle layer. Otherwise, why would someone of Muxin’s standing guide him?”

“Dammit! This is too enviable! If I were the son or nephew of a mental strength master, I wouldn’t have to struggle here so desperately! I could even enter one of the middle layer’s mansions for training!”

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At this time, the teenagers waiting by the entrance couldn’t help gazing at Shi Feng with jealous eyes. As children of major corporations, they might be objects of envy for the people living in the outside world, but they were nothing in the Upper Zone. Only the big shots living in the Upper Zone’s middle layer would garner respect from the Upper Zone’s residents.

After entering Haitian City’s Upper Zone, Shi Feng found that this place was indeed more populous than Yuantian City’s Upper Zone. In fact, one could even consider it more prosperous.

Not only were there high-rises all over the Upper Zone, but there was also something called the mental strength training house here. Such a facility did not exist in Yuantian City’s Upper Zone.

The mental strength training house wasn’t particularly large. The entire building was only two stories tall, with the footprint of a basketball court. Yet, a crowd waited to enter this small building, including children of major corporations and the Green God Company’s talents. There were even direct successors of major corporations standing in line.

This was a sight that definitely couldn’t be found in Yuantian City’s Upper Zone.

In fact, even Muxin felt an urge to enter the mental strength training house when she saw it.

However, she could only let this urge fade away.

This was because the notice outside the training house very clearly stated that only those with Grade 2 authority or above in Haitian City's Upper Zone could use the training house. People of other Upper Zones would not be allowed entry at all.

"Aren't Upper Zones open to all residents with ID?" Shi Feng was confused when he saw the notice. "Why is there such a rule in Haitian City's Upper Zone? Isn't this unfair to people of other Upper Zones?"

The Upper Zone placed extreme importance on mental strength. One could easily imagine how attractive a place capable of helping a person improve their mental strength would be for the residents of the various Upper Zones.

"There's no helping this. The mental strength training house is a resource Haitian City's Upper Zone won after competing with the other Upper Zones. Hence, the Green God Company gave the residents of Haitian City's Upper Zone exclusive use of it. It is also why many more corporations are willing to invest in Haitian City compared to the other Upper Zones," Muxin said, shaking her head. A bitter smile appearing on her face, she added, "If not for the Boulder Corporation having deep roots in Yuantian City, we would've most likely moved the focus of our development to Haitian City already."

Muxin's words didn't particularly surprise Shi Feng. Although he had not experienced the training house's effects, mental strength was everything in the Upper Zone. It would naturally be very attractive to the various corporations. In fact, Shi Feng also felt tempted to transfer to Haitian City's Upper Zone. After all, his Concentration was currently bottlenecked at the Tier 4 Peak standard. Thus far, he had already used three Phantom Potions, yet he was still nowhere near the Tier 5 Concentration standard.

While Shi Feng and Muxin were conversing, an argument suddenly broke out in front of the training house.

“Lu Tiandi, I’ve already said my adventurer team will never join you!”

A fair-skinned girl sporting a double ponytail and wearing light-blue sportswear glared at a handsome and dapper young man in his early twenties, her eyes blazing with indescribable rage.

However, the young man in question paid no heed to the girl’s anger at all. Instead, a robust, middle-aged man standing beside him smiled and said, “Miss Ji Luorong, you are free to refuse my young master’s invitation, but if you do, you can forget about obtaining resources from anyone in this Upper Zone from now on. You should understand very clearly that my young master has the power to blacklist you!”

“You!”

None of the people present dared to refute the middle-aged man’s words. In fact, nobody stepped forward to champion the girl.

This was because Lu Tiandi was the Starline Corporation’s new heir. With the Starline Corporation’s influence in Haitian City’s Upper Zone, it would be child’s play for it to prevent the Upper Zone’s residents from selling resources to a specific individual.

Looking at the girl named Ji Luorong, the middle-aged man chuckled and said, “Miss Ji, I advise you to listen obediently to my young master’s words and have your entire adventurer team join us. Otherwise, you shouldn’t think of staying in Haitian City’s Upper Zone anymore because nobody here will sell you any resources. You shouldn’t even think of asking your older sister for help, either!”

At the middle-aged man's words, many of the corporate children present looked at Ji Luorong sympathetically.

In Haitian City's Upper Zone, even major corporations wouldn't dare to offend the Starline Corporation outright, let alone an individual with no background.

If Ji Luorong refused Lu Tiandi's demand, everyone could already foresee the girl having to leave the Upper Zone shortly after due to a lack of resources.

However, as Ji Luorong remained silent, the middle-aged man smiled triumphantly, and the spectating crowd sighed ruefully, a low voice suddenly resounded in the area.

"Is that so? What if I want to sell resources to this young lady?"

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A deathly silence suddenly fell over the area as everyone turned toward the voice's origin.

What entered everyone's sight was an ordinary-looking young man clad in dark-gray casualwear. Besides his ordinary appearance, the young man also felt no different from an ordinary passerby.

This person was none other than Shi Feng. Although he had grown a lot taller as his physical fitness improved, he still couldn't change his plain appearance.

"Who is that guy? Isn't he a little too courageous?"

"That guy is dead for sure. Even the successors of the other major corporations here wouldn't dare blatantly refute Lu Tiandi's words."

"Could this guy be a newcomer to the Upper Zone?"

The gathered people were astonished as they looked at Shi Feng. They never imagined that such an ignorant person could exist in Haitian City's Upper Zone.

If it were the Starline Corporation of the past, there would still be many people who would dare go against it. They definitely wouldn't let Lu Tiandi, who was merely the corporation's heir, act so arrogantly.

Even Lu Xingluo, the corporation's previous heir, hadn't dared behave like Lu Tiandi was behaving now.

However, Lu Tiandi's background was different from Lu Xingluo's. Lu Tiandi had caught the eye of one of the middle layer's big shots at a young age and had been secretly nurtured by this big shot since then. Only after Lu Tiandi had replaced Lu Xingluo as the Starline Corporation's new successor had this matter gotten exposed.

Due to this revelation, the Starline Corporation's status in Haitian City's Upper Zone had instantly skyrocketed. Now, even the other major corporations operating in the base layer had no choice but to tuck their tails in front of the Starline Corporation.



Otherwise, Yi Kui, Lu Tiandi's butler, wouldn't have dared to be so arrogant, openly making such a bold statement in public.

Ji Luorong, who had been standing silently in front of the training house all this time, couldn't help turning to Shi Feng in surprise and confusion. She never thought that someone would be willing to stand up for her. At the same time, though, she couldn't help worrying for Shi Feng.

This was because she was well aware of Lu Tiandi's extraordinary identity. He was destined to live in the middle layer, and even the Green God Company would have to show him a certain degree of respect.

"Kid, it seems you're quite courageous, huh? Do you not know who my young master is?" Yi Kui asked as he looked at Shi Feng coldly. "Or do you intend to make an enemy of the Starline Corporation?"

Yi Kui had just stated that so long as Lu Tiandi gave the word, nobody in Haitian City's Upper Zone would dare trade resources with Ji Luorong. Yet, no sooner had he made this declaration than Shi Feng announced his intention to trade with Ji Luorong. Shi Feng had basically slapped the Starline Corporation's face.

Upon hearing Yi Kui's words, many people present frowned at Shi Feng worriedly.

Everyone could tell that Yi Kui was up to no good. The middle-aged man was escalating a trivial matter into a problem that concerned the reputation of the entire Starline Corporation. If Shi Feng dared to say anything more now, the consequences were unimaginable. He might even face a similar end as Ji Luorong's and get kicked out of the Upper Zone eventually. After all, it was incredibly difficult to live in the Upper Zone without resources.

When Ji Luorong heard Yi Kui's words, she gritted her teeth and resolved to stop Shi Feng from championing her. However, just as she was about to take action, a lithe figure suddenly appeared before her.

"Little girl, you don't need to worry about him," Muxin said. Looking at Ji Luorong's worried expression, Muxin smiled and continued, "Even the Starline Corporation wouldn't dare do anything against him."

Shi Feng not only possessed Grade 1 authority in the Upper Zone but was also a neutralizing grandmaster. Let alone the measly heir of the Starline Corporation, even if the Starline Corporation's current owner were here, he wouldn't be able to do anything against Shi Feng.

Looking at Muxin's dazzling beauty, Ji Luorong could tell that Muxin had an extraordinary background—which should mean that Shi Feng did as well. However, she still couldn't help worrying. "But—"

Before Ji Luorong could say anything more, however, a low voice resounded throughout the area once more.

"So what if I am?"

These five simple words instantly created a commotion among the spectating crowd.

"Is he crazy?"

"He's actually openly making an enemy of the Starline Corporation? Does he not know what death is?"

If it were the Starline Corporation of the past, even the Upper Zone's ordinary corporate children wouldn't fear offending it. After all, they were all residents of the Upper Zone's base layer. Why should they be afraid of each other?

However, the situation was different now that the Starline Corporation had the backing of a middle-layer big shot.

That big shot could just make some random excuse and have them removed from the Upper Zone temporarily. Once they were outside the safe haven known as the Upper Zone, the Starline Corporation would have plenty of means to deal with them.

Upon hearing Shi Feng's response, Yi Kui was momentarily dumbfounded as well. After snapping out of his daze, he bellowed, "Punk! It seems you really are itching for a beating! In that case, I'll help you loosen those bones of yours!"

Although the Green God Company prohibited fighting in the Upper Zone, the company would turn a blind eye to small conflicts in private settings. So long as one did not go too far, the Green God Company wouldn't look too deeply into the matter. After all, disputes were bound to occur wherever people gathered.

However, if anyone dared to take things too far, the Green God Company was bound to dish out a severe penalty. In fact, many corporations and forces had gotten banished from the Upper Zone and suffered an early demise because they had crossed this line. Hence, nobody would dare to openly defy the Green God Company's rules.

The next moment, Yi Kui stomped his right foot on the ground, and his body shot forward like a cannonball. The impact of his feet shook the ground slightly and even left a deep footprint behind on the cement.

As his body shot forward, Yi Kui punched, perfectly integrating his fist's speed with the speed of his moving body. His fist generated explosive noises due to this perfect combination as it collided with the air. Evidently, his punch had already exceeded the speed of sound.

A sonic boom?! He's a Henglian grandmaster!

When everyone heard the explosive noises, they stared at Yi Kui in shock.

The Upper Zone's environment allowed one to develop one's physical fitness rapidly. In fact, even developing one's physical fitness to the standard of a Henglian master or a half-step Henglian grandmaster wouldn't be a problem.

However, those who could actually overcome the final hurdle and become a Henglian grandmaster were incredibly rare. Even in the Upper Zone, such people were considered top-tier experts and treated as VIPs by major corporations. These corporations would even be willing to grant a Henglian grandmaster the position of Elder to rope in such individuals.

This was because every Henglian grandmaster was no different from a humanoid beast!

Hence, everyone couldn't believe that Yi Kui was serving as a mere butler of a corporation's successor, despite being a Henglian grandmaster.

Let alone the spectators, even Muxin was astonished by this situation.

Only two people weren't surprised by this situation—Lu Tiandi and Ji Luorong.

It's over... Ji Luorong reflexively shut her eyes at this sight.

She had found out that Yi Kui was a Henglian grandmaster only because Yi Kui himself had revealed his strength to her during one of their previous meetings. Hence, she knew that Yi Kui wasn't just an ordinary butler but was also a terrifying bodyguard.

If Shi Feng got struck by Yi Kui's punch, he would be fortunate to leave with only a few broken bones; it wouldn't be strange if he ended up hospitalized for half a month.

Boom!

The next moment, as if a grenade had exploded, the sound of an explosion echoed throughout the area. Even those standing over a dozen meters away felt the intense impact.

Almost everyone present shut their eyes subconsciously. After all, they could easily imagine the outcome that awaited those struck by a Henglian grandmaster.

If a Henglian grandmaster managed to land a square blow, they could kill a bull with one hit. Even a neutralizing grandmaster would end up with broken bones if they got struck by a Henglian grandmaster.

Meanwhile, the sound of an impact meant that Yi Kui's punch landed on Shi Feng.

However, when everyone opened their eyes again, they were dumbfounded.

How is this possible?!

At this time, not only was Shi Feng completely intact, but he had actually caught Yi Kui's iron fist with just one hand.

Yi Kui himself was surprised by this situation. He never thought that his punch would meet with such a result.

"You've made your move." Holding on to Yi Kui's fist, Shi Feng looked at the middle-aged man and asked calmly, "Is it my turn now?"

### **2843 Shocking the Upper Zone**

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Shi Feng's words seemed to stimulate Yi Kui, the latter's face immediately turning ashen.

Yi Kui was indeed surprised that Shi Feng had blocked his punch, but that was merely because he had not expected that Shi Feng would actually be a neutralizing grandmaster. Moreover, although his previous punch seemed fierce and domineering, he had actually used only about half of his strength. After all, he would be in big trouble if he created too much of a scene. At that time, even Lu Tiandi wouldn't be able to protect him.

However, Yi Kui never thought that Shi Feng would take advantage of this fact and turn him into a laughingstock in the eyes of the crowd.

He was a dignified Henglian grandmaster. Even the owners of international corporations would have to be polite to him and treat him as a VIP when meeting him. As for neutralizing grandmasters, they could only cower in fear in front of him. He had never once suffered such humiliation before.

“You bastard!”

Yi Kui took a step forward and punched with his other hand.

Half-step Collapsing Punch!

This time, Yi Kui did not hold back at all. The only thing on his mind was to make Shi Feng regret his words.

Shi Feng responded to this second attack in a similar manner, extending his other hand to catch the punch. He didn't seem to have noticed that Yi Kui's present punch was different from the one before.

Upon seeing this, Yi Kui sneered.

A punch carrying 50% of his strength indeed wouldn't pose a threat to a neutralizing grandmaster. A neutralizing grandmaster could easily block the attack by relying on technique. However, it was a different story for a punch carrying his full strength. A neutralizing grandmaster who tried blocking such an attack would definitely end up with broken bones. Yet, Shi Feng was ignorantly trying to receive his punch using the exact same method.

Boom!

A loud explosion rang out as Yi Kui's fist collided with Shi Feng's palm. The shockwave generated by the impact this time was much stronger than before.

Nevertheless, Yi Kui was still dumbfounded as he looked at Shi Feng. This was because the result of his second punch was exactly the same as his first. Shi Feng had still caught his fist without fail.

Did I subconsciously hold back in fear of getting into trouble?

Inevitably, such a thought occurred to Yi Kui. After all, this was the only reasonable explanation he could think of for this situation. Otherwise, how could a neutralizing grandmaster possibly receive his full-powered punch?

However, Shi Feng did not give Yi Kui any time to react at all. Immediately, he pushed Yi Kui's hands aside and executed a palm strike on the latter's chest. The palm strike was so fast that the attack had already connected with Yi Kui's chest before he realized what was going on.

However, even after noticing the attack, Yi Kui paid no attention to it at all. As a Henglian grandmaster, he had long since developed an instinctual defensive mechanism. Whenever his body received an attack, his muscles would tighten, giving them a toughness resembling steel and neutralizing the attack's impact.

If neutralizing grandmasters were proud of their techniques, then Henglian grandmasters were proud of their physical bodies' toughness. In simpler terms, a Henglian grandmaster was someone trained to take hits and dish out devastating blows. Even if a Henglian grandmaster managed to land only one out of 100 attacks on a neutralizing grandmaster, this one attack would end the fight instantly.



Boom!

Yi Kui stood steadily even after receiving Shi Feng's palm strike. He also looked at Shi Feng in silent contempt.

Nobody present found it surprising that Shi Feng's attack had no effect on Yi Kui, either.

This was because Henglian grandmasters were precisely this powerful. They were truly monsters in human skin, and trying to harm these monsters with the hands and feet of ordinary humans was an utter joke. This was also why the various major corporations in the Upper Zone would desperately try to recruit or befriend Henglian grandmasters.

"Kid, I admit that you're strong. However, you can't hurt me." Patting his clothes, Yi Kui said disdainfully, "On the other hand, how long do you think your stamina can hold out against my attacks?"

A neutralizing grandmaster's ability to exert complete control over their physical body was indeed extraordinary. However, when it came to stamina, a neutralizing grandmaster was far from comparable to a Henglian grandmaster.

A Henglian grandmaster could fight three days and three nights without rest. In contrast, a neutralizing grandmaster would be fortunate to last even half a day.

Hence, neutralizing grandmasters would frequently curse Henglian grandmasters as merely a bunch of simple-minded brutes with well-developed bodies.

Spectating from the sidelines, Muxin grew worried when she saw this situation. She never thought that Lu Tiandi would have a Henglian grandmaster as his bodyguard. The Boulder Corporation had to pay a

great price just to get a Henglian grandmaster to become one of its Elders. Moreover, apart from the Boulder Corporation's master, everyone else in the corporation treated this Henglian grandmaster with awe and respect.

Yet, Lu Tiandi actually had such a powerful expert working as his henchman.

It was ineffective?

Shi Feng also couldn't help looking at Yi Kui in surprise.

Ever since his Concentration had reached the Tier 4 Peak standard, his control over his body in the real world had improved by a significant margin. After factoring in his improved physical fitness, he now even dared to apply some of the techniques he used in God's Domain in the world.

This was also why Shi Feng had provoked Yi Kui. He was very curious to find out where his current limits lay.

When Shi Feng was catching Yi Kui's second punch, he hadn't just caught the attack with an open palm. Instead, he had executed three rapid palm strikes against Yi Kui's fist. In other words, he had used the Three Extreme Slashes technique, a simplified version of Miracle Dragon's Six Extreme Slashes.

As Shi Feng had executed his three palm strikes against Yi Kui's fist almost in the same instant, it was practically impossible for the human body to tell that it wasn't just one but three separate attacks.

Thus, Shi Feng had succeeded in blocking Yi Kui's full-powered punch. Otherwise, even if his physical fitness had improved a lot after he began living in the Upper Zone, he would still have to avoid Yi Kui's full-powered attack.

Meanwhile, the offensive palm strike Shi Feng executed against Yi Kui was currently his strongest attack.

Four Extreme Slashes!

From an outsider's perspective, Shi Feng's attack would look like an ordinary palm strike. In reality, his attack consisted of four palm strikes executed in rapid succession on the same location. This attack placed a heavy burden on his mental strength, and he couldn't use it a second time even if he wanted to.

Looking at Shi Feng's surprised expression, Yi Kui smiled.

"Kid! Now it's...my...turn...to..."

Just when Yi Kui thought to attack again, his body suddenly stiffened, and he collapsed to the ground willy-nilly. His breathing became stifled, and he had difficulty even speaking. In fact, even his vision started to blur.

These abrupt changes discombobulated Yi Kui. He couldn't understand what was happening at all.

"You... What the hell...did you do...to me?"

Struggling to lift his head, Yi Kui gaped at Shi Feng in confusion. He simply couldn't wrap his mind around how Shi Feng had managed to injure him so severely with just a palm strike. Now, he found even standing up from the ground difficult.

The spectators were likewise surprised when they saw Yi Kui collapse to the ground.

"He defeated a Henglian grandmaster in one strike?!"

"Who is this guy?"

At this time, the onlookers eyed Shi Feng as if he were a monster. They even began wondering whether the scene before them was staged. After all, who could possibly believe that a Henglian grandmaster would fall from just one palm strike?

"I think I know who he is. Some time ago, two people managed to pass Yuantian City's Mental Path together. One of these people was even someone the Boulder Corporation brought in using its reserve slots. According to the rumors, that person was Zero Wing's Guild Leader, Black Flame. Although this guy looks different from God's Domain's Black Flame, they should be the same person!"

"What?! He's the guy responsible for dragging down the Starline Corporation's Lu Xingluo?"

Among the crowd, some people who kept tabs on Yuantian City's Upper Zone recognized Shi Feng. For a time, the street bubbled with commotion.

Nobody had thought that Black Flame, the mythical Sword Emperor of God's Domain, would actually appear in their Upper Zone. Moreover, the man had even defeated a Henglian grandmaster with a single palm strike. His strength was simply terrifying.

So, he is the Black Flame Big Sis told me about?

Ji Luorong gaped in shock as she looked at Shi Feng. After all, Black Flame was currently rumored to be the strongest person in God's Domain right now. He was an existence even the Five Great Super Guilds had to tiptoe around.

## **2844 God's Domain's Black Flame**

Chapter 2844 – God's Domain's Black Flame

“So, that's why he dared to stand against Lu Tiandi! He's the one responsible for Lu Xingluo's removal! Lu Tiandi will probably have to tread cautiously around him.”

“Amazing! As expected of Black Flame! I never thought that he would be the person who received Grade 1 authority in Yuantian City recently.”

“This is interesting. It seems Lu Tiandi has met his match.”

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Everybody present knew of Black Flame, but they did not know much about Black Flame's identity in the real world. After all, they had many things they needed to handle. How could they possibly have the time to look into the real-world identity of every famous expert in God's Domain? Only if they were particularly interested in a specific person would they spend some money to commission a detailed investigation.

Not to mention, Black Flame was someone who had never publicly declared his God's Domain identity in the real world. This made it even more difficult to investigate his situation. Only superpowers that paid close attention to Zero Wing would know of Black Flame's identity.

While most people did not know of Black Flame's identity in the real world, it was a different story for the name Black Flame itself.

This name was far too well-known in God's Domain. Not only was this name involved in many iconic battles in the game, but it was also behind the creation of many miracles. In fact, many of Black Flame's battle videos had circulated through the various kingdoms' and empires' forums and were regarded as a paradigm for Swordsmen.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that almost every player operating on the eastern continent would know Black Flame's name. Needless to say, residents of Upper Zones like themselves, who were expert players in God's Domain, would definitely know of Black Flame.

Although Zero Wing started out as a Guild with no backing or background, it was now publicly recognized as a superpower. Compared to the various superpowers that had relied on powerful organizations to gain their strength, the influence Zero Wing had over the public was many times greater. In fact, Zero Wing's influence over the virtual gaming industry almost rivaled the Five Great Super Guilds' already.

Zero Wing had already become an absolute titan in God's Domain!

Thus, Ji Luorong felt like she was dreaming when she looked at Shi Feng.

While the onlookers were discussing quietly among themselves, Lu Tiandi, who had been silently spectating the situation all this time, suddenly approached Shi Feng.

“It seems I have been impolite. I didn’t think that you would be Zero Wing’s Guild Leader, Black Flame,” Lu Tiandi said as he looked at Shi Feng with a friendly smile. He also gave off an indescribably calm feeling, betraying no anger over Shi Feng having heavily injured his butler. “Hello, my name is Lu Tiandi, the current Guild Leader of Starlink. You have truly helped me a bunch by defeating Lu Xingluo, Guild Leader Black Flame. Otherwise, I would most likely have to expend a lot of time and effort to take over Starlink.”

“No need for thanks. You and I are not allies,” Shi Feng retorted nonchalantly.

Others might not know about Lu Tiandi, but Shi Feng had a very deep understanding of him.

This was because Lu Tiandi had been a well-known Tier 6 God-ranked expert in the past. However, he had not joined any Guild. Instead, he had led an adventurer team while working under Starlink.

Although Lu Tiandi appeared friendly on the surface, he was deep down a very conniving person. He had toyed with many powers in the past. These powers had worked for Lu Tiandi only to get backstabbed. For this reason, many superpowers had detested Lu Tiandi.

However, because of Lu Tiandi’s extraordinary strength and his Tremorous Clown adventurer team, one of God’s Domain’s Seven Great Dark Adventurer Teams, none of the various superpowers could do anything against him.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, must you be so unapproachable? Lu Xingluo and I are two different people. There are many people within the corporation who dislike Lu Xingluo for his overbearing and arrogant attitude as well. However, he is, after all, the Patriarch’s son. Even if others have an opinion regarding his behavior, nobody dares to say anything. Guild Leader Black Flame’s dragging Lu Xingluo off his

pedestal is an event worth celebrating for the Starline Corporation,” Lu Tiandi said, chuckling. “Since Miss Ji is your friend, Guild Leader Black Flame, I will naturally stop trying to recruit her.

“Also, I have admired Zero Wing for a long time now. May I know if you are willing to form a partnership with me? To present Starlink’s sincerity in this partnership and apologize for my rudeness to Miss Ji, I can sell a large batch of Phantom Potions to you and Miss Ji at cost on behalf of Starlink. May I know what you think of this, Guild Leader Black Flame?”

At Lu Tiandi’s words, everyone couldn’t help envying Shi Feng.

The Phantom Potion was something the various major corporations coveted. Let alone at cost, they would even be willing to buy the Phantom Potion at double or triple the original price. After all, the importance of improving one’s mental strength trumped everything else in the Upper Zone.

Ji Luorong was tempted by Lu Tiandi’s offer. She currently held only Grade 2 authority in Haitian City’s Upper Zone. If she could acquire a few more Phantom Potions and improve her mental strength, she might reach Grade 1 authority. At that time, she would have a much easier time operating in the Upper Zone. After all, only around 300 people held Grade 1 authority in Haitian City’s Upper Zone, and the Green God Company placed heavy importance on every one of them.

At that time, even if a corporation in the Upper Zone wished to target her, they would face incredible difficulty. She also wouldn’t be tight for resources, as the tasks offered to Grade 1 authority holders would sometimes award Phantom Potions.

“Thank you for your goodwill, Guild Leader Lu, but Zero Wing already has its own collaborators. Currently, Zero Wing has no plans to cooperate with more Guilds, so there is nothing I can do about this,” Shi Feng said, directly rejecting Lu Tiandi’s offer. “If there is nothing else, we will be taking our leave now.”



“If that’s the case, then it truly is a pity.” Sighing, Lu Tiandi said, “If you have any intentions of forming a partnership in the future, feel free to contact me any time, Guild Leader Black Flame.”

Shi Feng responded to these words with just a polite smile. He then turned around and left the training house together with Ji Luorong and Muxin.

The spectating crowd also dispersed, leaving Lu Tiandi and Yi Kui alone.

After the crowd dispersed, Yi Kui made a full recovery after consuming a Life Potion.

Looking at Shi Feng’s departing back, Yi Kui said in a quiet voice, “Young master, Black Flame is simply too arrogant. You already extended such a sincere invitation to him, yet he actually refused to show you any respect. It’s no wonder he managed to anger Lu Xingluo that much. Should I find an opportunity to teach that kid a lesson?”

Yi Kui was furious over Shi Feng’s successful surprise attack on him. Had he been a little more careful earlier, he definitely wouldn’t have suffered such a serious injury. Moreover, he had also noticed that Shi Feng looked a little pale after attacking him. Shi Feng had probably suffered a significant backlash from his own attack. If that were the case, landing a fatal blow on Shi Feng would have been entirely possible.

“I don’t know why, but he seems to be extremely wary of me, although this is clearly our first meeting. It seems it’ll be impossible to use him for our own purposes. If that’s the case, let’s teach him a small lesson. However, I’m afraid you alone won’t be enough,” Lu Tiandi said, shaking his head. “That Shi Feng actually managed to execute Miracle Dragon’s trademark move in the real world. Evidently, he has reached an incredibly high level in both his physical fitness and mental strength. It’ll be tough for you to take care of him by yourself. I’ll ask Brother Wang to accompany you.”

“You’ll have Mr. Wang come as well?” Yi Kui was momentarily surprised by Lu Tiandi’s words. However, he quickly revealed an ecstatic expression and said, “If this is the case, that kid is dead.”

The Brother Wang Lu Tiandi mentioned was a Henglian grandmaster who was only half a step away from becoming a mental strength master. He was also Lu Tiandi's senior brother and a resident of the Upper Zone's middle layer.

It would be child's play for such an expert to take action against someone living in the base layer.

"By the way, when you head back, notify the others in the team to take action against Ji Luorong's adventurer team immediately. Make sure to destroy them as quickly as possible," Lu Tiandi instructed calmly. "Since I can't have Ji Luorong's adventurer team, there's no reason why I should let Shi Feng have it!"

"Rest assured, young master. We have long since been keeping track of those people. If not for your love of talent, they would've been doomed already," Yi Kui responded, smiling.

Nodding, Lu Tiandi then entered the mental strength training house.

## **Chapter 2845 – Soon-to-Break Seal**

Haitian City Upper Zone, Northern Mountain Villa Community:

Shi Feng couldn't help doubting his eyes as he stared at the three-story mansion before him.

“You’ve been living in this place all this time?” Shi Feng asked as he looked at Ji Luorong strangely.

The mansion before him not only looked luxurious but also occupied an area as large as two basketball courts; it was even larger than the Boulder Corporation’s mansion in Yuantian City’s Upper Zone, which had cost 30 million trade points to exchange.

Meanwhile, Ji Luorong lacked both influence and authority in the Upper Zone. In fact, she was even living in the Upper Zone by herself. Apart from her family’s corporation operating in the outside world, she did not possess any backers or background whatsoever. Hence, Shi Feng found it truly hard to believe that she had managed to purchase such a large mansion.

Even Muxin was a little surprised by this situation. After all, the base layer’s mansions couldn’t be bought by just anyone with sufficient points. Normally, one also needed to have Grade 1 authority or above. However, from the information she obtained on Ji Luorong’s background, the latter had only Grade 2 authority.

“This is the mansion my maternal grandfather left behind,” Ji Luorong said, nodding. “Because of my family’s decline, we had no choice but to live in the outside world. However, because my mental strength showed promise, my family decided to make use of the reserve slot my maternal grandfather left behind and let me live in the Upper Zone.”

Realization immediately dawned upon Shi Feng at Ji Luorong’s explanation.

This also explained why Phoenix Rain had been living in the outside world despite her family having such a large mansion in the Upper Zone.

The Upper Zone had existed for a long time already. During this period, there had indeed been many families that had fallen into obscurity and were forced to leave the Upper Zone. After all, the strong preyed upon the weak in the Upper Zone. Without a reserve slot or sufficient talent in the mental strength department, one would not qualify for residency in the Upper Zone at all.

Through this revelation, Shi Feng also realized that the Ji family was indeed extraordinary. Although it was in decline now, the fact that it had managed to acquire such an extravagant mansion in the Upper Zone proved that it had once been a powerful force there.

This also explained how Phoenix Rain managed to rely on her own strength to become one of the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Pavilion Masters.

As Ji Luorong talked about her family circumstances, the group arrived inside the mansion.

Upon entering the mansion, Shi Feng had to admit that it was indeed much better than his housing unit. Not only was the place much more spacious, but it also provided much greater help toward the improvement of one's mental strength.

After entering the mansion, Shi Feng turned the conversation to Ji Luorong's current circumstances and Phoenix Rain's brief reappearance in God's Domain after her disappearance.

Upon hearing news of her older sister, Ji Luorong breathed out a small sigh of relief.

She had been incredibly worried when she found out that her older sister had disappeared. When she heard that her older sister had been brought to Haitian City's Upper Zone, she had repeatedly searched the base layer for clues of her older sister. Despite her efforts, she had come up empty.

The only possibility she could think of was that her older sister had been transferred to the middle layer. Hence, she had been anxiously trying to enter the middle layer to verify her older sister's condition.

Hearing that her older sister had once appeared in God's Domain after her disappearance and even expressed that she was safe had lifted the stone weighing on her heart. Now, she could finally relax a little bit.

"By the way, why did Lu Tiandi come to find you? Do you have any grudges with him?" Shi Feng asked curiously as he looked at Ji Luorong.

His main goal in coming to Haitian City's Upper Zone was to check Ji Luorong's situation. After all, he had promised Phoenix Rain to take care of her little sister.

Meanwhile, Lu Tiandi wasn't a kind person. Catching his attention was akin to catching the attention of a fox. One was bound to meet with misfortune.

"I don't have any grudges with him. In fact, today is only our second meeting," Ji Luorong sighed. "As for why he is approaching me, it is because he wants Eternal Glory, the adventurer team I established, to join his adventurer team, Tremorous Clown."

"He wants to annex your adventurer team?" Shi Feng was surprised by this answer.

Tremorous Clown was an extraordinary dark adventurer team. According to his past knowledge, the team had been active on the western continent and possessed powerful members. At its peak, the team had even had three Tier 6s and nine Tier 5s. Even the various superpowers dared not casually offend the adventurer team.

Back then, many experts operating on the dark side of God's Domain had sought to join Tremorous Clown. However, only a small minority had succeeded because Tremorous Clown's entry requirement was Tier 4. Normally, only peak experts who had reached Tier 4 could join the team.

Shi Feng also knew a little about Ji Luorong's adventurer team since Ji Luorong had also been relatively famous in the past. Although not on the level of the Demon Queen Phoenix Rain, Ji Luorong had still been a bona fide Tier 5 apex expert, only half a step from reaching Tier 6. Eternal Glory had also been a famous top adventurer team. At its peak, the team had had not only a Tier 6 God-ranked expert but also three Tier 5 experts.

However, Eternal Glory was currently merely a well-known adventurer team. Its overall strength was still incredibly weak. This included Ji Luorong, the adventurer team's commander. Shi Feng doubted that the team even had a single Tier 4 player in its ranks right now. Hence, he found it inconceivable that Lu Tiandi wished to annex Eternal Glory.

Of course, Shi Feng wasn't looking down on Ji Luorong and her companions. The present Tremorous Clown was far stronger than Eternal Glory. Tremorous Clown probably rivaled the average superpower in the number of its peak combatants. Now that Lu Tiandi had acquired Starlink as well, the overall strength of the forces under his command should be at an astonishing level.

"My team is indeed incapable of catching Lu Tiandi's attention. The only reason I can think of for his efforts to annex us is the special Legacy we obtained," Ji Luorong said after giving the matter some thought. "Some time ago, we visited a very special secret land and found a massive World Passage sealed there. We even came across a person who might be a Tier 6 God.

"According to that person, the seal on the World Passage would soon break, and the War of Worlds would soon begin. Our team received a special Legacy from that person. Recorded inside the Legacy was a sealing magic array. If we sacrifice EXP to the magic array, we can isolate a specific area from the rest of the world for a long period. It can be considered a means to resist the War of Worlds.

"However, at that time, other players aside from our team entered that place as well. In hindsight, those people might have been Tremorous Clown's members."

Ji Luorong's words shocked Shi Feng.

This was because he had never heard of a War of Worlds happening at this stage of the game in his previous life. However, he also doubted that Ji Luorong was lying. After all, he had visited the ancient God's Domain. He wouldn't find it strange if there were other timelines of God's Domain.

This was especially true after seeing Hundred Ghosts's members. Those people clearly didn't come from the ancient God's Domain but most likely were from another Interstellar Continent. This so-called War of Worlds was probably a great war between Earth's players and the said Interstellar Continent's players.

If this was true, it would be a disaster for Earth's God's Domain. After all, in terms of resources and experts, the Interstellar Continent's God's Domain was far superior to Earth's God's Domain.

If the two sides were to wage war against each other, it wouldn't take a genius to imagine that Earth's side would suffer a catastrophic defeat, with many superpowers getting annihilated.

Even the present Zero Wing would have a difficult time facing the Interstellar Continent's offensive.

This explained why Lu Tiandi wanted Ji Luorong's adventurer team to join Tremorous Clown. After all, the ability to isolate an area from the outside world would be of significant help to a Guild in the upcoming war.

When Muxin heard Ji Luorong's words, her complexion darkened.

Muxin did not doubt that the War of Worlds would happen. This was because of information Frost Heaven obtained from investigating Hundred Ghosts. Previously, she had still been questioning the validity of this information. However, after listening to Ji Luorong's tale, everything made sense. Yet, she couldn't bring herself to be happy about this discovery.

Frost Heaven had gone to great lengths to secure one of the reserve seats for God's Domain's Twelve Great Guilds. Yet, just when the Guild was about to usher in an era of rapid development, the War of Worlds was about to begin. This was an absolute nightmare for Frost Heaven.

However, Muxin felt a little fortunate. If she hadn't chosen to accompany Shi Feng to Haitian City's Upper Zone, she would've most likely remained ignorant about this upcoming, world-shaking change.

If Frost Heaven did not prepare for the War of Worlds, it wouldn't be strange if the Guild got annihilated.

While Muxin was pondering Frost Heaven's future, Shi Feng looked at Ji Luorong and said earnestly, "Luorong, now that Lu Tiandi has set his sights on you and you have even rejected his offer, with his personality, I'm afraid it won't be long before he takes action against your team. It is no longer suitable for you to remain in Haitian City's Upper Zone. It will be safer if you move to another Upper Zone. I have a housing unit in Yuantian City's Upper Zone. Although it isn't comparable to this mansion, you can still conduct daily exercises there. Would you like to move there?"

Shi Feng knew Lu Tiandi's personality better than anyone. Lu Tiandi would eliminate anyone he deemed his enemy. With the Starline Corporation's present influence over Haitian City's Upper Zone, Ji Luorong definitely couldn't live there in peace. Only by leaving Haitian City's Upper Zone would Ji Luorong escape Lu Tiandi's clutches.

"Go to Yuantian City's Upper Zone?"



Inevitably, Ji Luorong hesitated. However, she also knew that Shi Feng was right; living in Haitian City's Upper Zone would no longer be safe.

"Miss Ji, if you find it inconvenient to live with Guild Leader Shi Feng, you are welcome to live with me. Although the Boulder Corporation isn't as powerful as the Starline Corporation, we have established a solid foundation in Yuantian City's Upper Zone," Muxin invited.

"Miss Muxin, you misunderstand. I don't find it inconvenient. I am already very satisfied to be able to live in Yuantian City's Upper Zone," Ji Luorong said, shaking her head. "I am just worried about my friends. They don't live in the Upper Zone. If Lu Tiandi targets them, I'm afraid they won't be able to hide from him for very long."

If it were before, when God's Domain still didn't hold such great importance to the various corporations, she wouldn't have to worry about the Starline Corporation secretly taking action against her companions. However, the situation was different now. Because of the extreme importance the Green God Company placed on God's Domain, the various major corporations now prioritized the game. It wouldn't be strange if they took action against individuals in the real world.

In response to Ji Luorong's worries, Shi Feng chuckled and said, "That is simple. Just have your friends head to Zero Wing's headquarters. I'll have everything arranged for their stay."

He very much welcomed alliances with experts. Meanwhile, Eternal Glory had plenty of experts in its ranks. Once these players grew up, they would become formidable allies. Sheltering Eternal Glory's members now would only benefit Zero Wing.

Moreover, Lei Bao was currently at the half-step Henglian grandmaster standard already. There was also Fire Dance, who was not much inferior to Lei Bao. Combined with the various top-level security measures set up in Zero Wing's headquarters, even a Henglian grandmaster would have difficulty making trouble there.

After hearing Shi Feng's words, Ji Luorong couldn't help rejoicing. Excitedly, she said, "Thank you, Guild Leader Shi Feng. I assure you that they will listen to all of Zero Wing's arrangements during their stay."

The fact that her adventurer team's members could stay in Zero Wing's headquarters was definitely good news. After all, the present Zero Wing was already very strong. Moreover, the various major corporations hadn't been able to do anything against the Guild thus far. Hence, her companions should be relatively safe once they moved to its headquarters.

After ending her conversation with Shi Feng, Ji Luorong promptly contacted her companions and had them hurry to Zero Wing's headquarters immediately.

## **2846 Frightening Headquarters**

### Chapter 2846 – Frightening Headquarters

The sun was setting, and the sky was growing darker.

Originally, this was a time when countless office workers would be getting off work and going home. However, the lights of Zero Wing Tower remained brightly lit. Compared to the buildings around it, the tower looked much livelier, with many people coming and going from it. There was even a long queue of young men and women waiting outside the entrance to take the basic tests for joining Zero Wing.

At this time, a group of several dozen people of various origins and clad in diverse styles suddenly appeared in front of the tower and quietly studied the tall building before them with curious expressions.

“So, this is Zero Wing’s headquarters?” a young man with freckles on his face said in disdain as he looked at the line of young men and women waiting outside the building. “I really wonder what’s gotten into the commander. Why does she want us to train in Zero Wing’s headquarters all of a sudden?”

“Although Zero Wing is a powerful Guild in God’s Domain, the number of peak experts it actually has isn’t a lot. These people trying to join Zero Wing are obviously newbies as well. I bet they can’t clear the Trial Tower’s third floor. Yet, the commander actually wants us to train with Zero Wing?”

None of the group objected to the youth’s derisive remarks. It was evident that they agreed with him.

As people who had chosen to join an adventurer team, the thing they disliked the most was being tied down by various restrictions. Hence, they also held players who joined Guilds in extreme contempt, considering Guild players to be basically weaklings who feared the strong but bullied the weak.

In comparison, every member of their adventurer team could become a core member of a Guild—even a Super Guild—should they choose to join one.

This was because they had honed their combat techniques through fighting powerful monsters and various outdoor PvPs without relying on any background or backer. They were completely different from the experts pampered and cultivated by Guilds.

Moreover, they were also incredibly strong in real-world combat—much stronger than the fighting champions frequently mentioned on TV. This was also why they felt that going out of their way to train with Zero Wing was a complete waste of their time.

However, the middle-aged man leading the group shot a glance at the freckled youth and said coldly, “Enough, Tiantong! This is the commander’s order! Either you go to Zero Wing or leave the team. Do you wish to leave the team?”

The freckled youth named Tiantong no longer dared complain. Although he was still unreconciled to the situation, he did not dare defy the middle-aged man.

Similarly, everyone else in the group held their tongue, nobody daring to voice any opinions.

This was because this middle-aged man wearing a black shirt was not only Crimson Mask, the Eternal Glory adventurer team's vice commander, but also the strongest person in the adventurer team. He was so powerful that even if everyone in their adventurer team, including their commander, Ji Luorong, banded together, they would just barely be able to hold their ground against him.

On the western continent, he was also known to many as Crimson Mask the Demon!

In one instance, in order to save a companion cornered by a large Guild, he had charged into a map sealed off by an army of 10,000 all by himself. This army had over 1,000 Tier 3 experts, yet not only had this 10,000-man army gotten routed, but none of the 10,000 players had managed to leave the map alive, either.

After this battle, the nickname Crimson Mask the Demon began to spread across the continent. As a result, Eternal Glory had a much easier time operating out in the fields.

Moreover, Crimson Mask possessed an extraordinary identity even in the real world. He used to be very famous in the bodyguard industry. Many international corporations had sought to employ him. However, for some reason, he had suddenly retired as a bodyguard to become a full-time gamer, thoroughly investing his life in God's Domain. As for his decision to join Eternal Glory, which had been a weak adventurer team back then, that had simply been an accident.

After seeing that everyone had quieted down, Crimson Mask nodded and led the group into Zero Wing Tower's lobby.

As soon as Crimson Mask and the others entered the lobby, a beautiful woman with shoulder-length hair in sportswear approached their group. The core member's emblem pinned on her top indicated that she was a member of Zero Wing.

When this woman appeared, Eternal Glory's members automatically raised their guard. The expression of Crimson Mask, in particular, turned grave when he saw her. This was because the pressure and presence this woman gave off were simply too powerful. Although the woman did not exude any kind of aura, they couldn't help feeling nervous for some reason when standing in her presence.

Faced with this feeling, ordinary people would most likely think nothing of it. However, as players who had fought in numerous life-and-death battles in God's Domain, Eternal Glory's members had long since honed their intuition beyond that of ordinary people. Anyone capable of making them feel nervous definitely wasn't an ordinary person.

Eyeing the woman approaching them, Crimson Mask inwardly calculated his chances of winning should he fight her. However, after a round of careful observation, he was surprised to conclude that he had only an even chance of victory—and this was only because his physique was stronger.

Could she be Fire Dance, the commander of Zero Wing's main force?

No matter how Crimson Mask thought about the situation, this was the only possibility he could think of. Otherwise, he couldn't explain why this woman before him gave him such immense pressure.

"You must be Eternal Glory's members, right?" the woman said, smiling as she scanned the group before her. "You can call me Turtledove. I've already heard about your situation from the Guild Leader. Since

you have come to Zero Wing, you can treat Zero Wing as your home from now on. Your rooms are ready, so you can go there and rest whenever you want.”

After saying so, Turtledove led Crimson Mask and the others toward the elevator to the residential area.

“Turtledove?”

While following after Turtledove, Crimson Mask and the others revealed confused expressions. This was especially true for Crimson Mask. Before going to Zero Wing’s headquarters, he had looked into the peak experts under Zero Wing’s command. However, there was no one named Turtledove on the list.

Even Tier 4 experts don’t give off such powerful mental pressure. Could she be one of the trump cards Zero Wing is secretly cultivating? Tiantong was also inwardly surprised when he looked at Turtledove.

Tiantong had met many experts, but this was the first time he had come across someone capable of giving such powerful pressure in the real world. Moreover, this was merely a pressure Turtledove was radiating subconsciously. Only those who had experienced countless harsh battles and training would develop such a temperament and aura. This was something even Crimson Mask had yet to accomplish even now.

Crimson Mask was incredibly strong. He could defeat even master martial artists in a few moves. Despite his strength, Tiantong had never felt such pressure coming from the middle-aged man.

As the group was waiting to enter the spacious elevator, two men walked out of it.

These two men were clad in sportswear similar to Turtledove's. They also wore the emblem for Zero Wing's core members on their tops. The instant these two young men appeared, Crimson Mask and the others broke out in a cold sweat.

This was because, in their eyes, the two men that just exited the elevator were no different from beasts. Even someone with dull senses would feel a chill crawl down their spine when bathed in the violent auras and oppressive feeling the two men exuded. Moreover, the two were incredibly fit as well. In fact, they were even superior to Crimson Mask.

However, the presence of these two young men did not cause any of the Zero Wing members nearby any trouble. Instead, these Zero Wing members acted as if they did not see these two people, with some of them even chatting and laughing among themselves.

What's wrong with these people? Tiantong was flabbergasted when he saw the behavior of the Zero Wing members around him. Can they not sense this oppressive feeling at all?

Right now, Tiantong felt as if a lion was baring its fangs and claws at him, as if death itself was staring at him.

If an ordinary person were subjected to such a feeling for long periods, they might even go crazy. Yet, Zero Wing's members seemed oblivious to this oppressive feeling.

Looking at the two departing men, Crimson Mask couldn't help asking Turtledove, "Miss Turtledove, may I know who those two people are?"

The instant those two young men exited the elevator, Crimson Mask had the feeling that he was doomed. This was because both of those young men were evidently stronger than him. If the two of them attacked him together, he wouldn't even have a chance to retaliate.

“They’re Shadow Sword and Flying Shadow,” Turtledove answered calmly. “Because they have been improving quite slowly recently, Big Sis Fire has been scolding them a lot. Currently, the two of them must train with Master Lei Bao for two hours every day. Otherwise, they will be prohibited from entering God’s Domain.”

Slow improvement? Turtledove’s words rendered Tiantong speechless.

She must be boasting!

Yes! Turtledove is definitely boasting!

After all, who could possibly find two guys who are both stronger than Crimson Mask to be lacking?

However, when Tiantong and the others finished settling into their rooms and visited Zero Wing’s training room, they discovered that Zero Wing’s headquarters was basically a den of monsters.

This was because they witnessed Shadow Sword and Flying Shadow getting beaten up and yelled at by a sultry beauty dressed in a red T-shirt and shorts. The two young men were utterly incapable of fighting back at all. From an outsider’s perspective, it looked as if an adult was beating up two children.

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While Eternal Glory’s members were training in Zero Wing’s headquarters, Shi Feng’s group arrived back in Yuantian City’s Upper Zone.



Muxin promptly bade farewell to Shi Feng and returned to the Boulder Corporation's mansion. She intended to report the matter of the War of Worlds to the Guild and begin preparations for it as soon as possible.

As for Ji Luorong, she arrived at Shi Feng's residential unit.

To her surprise, there were actually two big sisters sharing the residential unit. Neither of these two big sisters was inferior to her older sister in appearance. This was especially true for Gentle Snow. She was basically a goddess who had descended to the mortal world.

Moreover, these two big sisters were incredibly strong and knowledgeable in combat as well. When the two of them saw Ji Luorong going through her daily training, not only were they able to point out her flaws in the blink of an eye, but their advice was also easy to understand.

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Yuantian City's Upper Zone, in a restaurant a short distance away from Shi Feng's residential unit...

Yi Kui stood respectfully beside a burly young man and reported carefully, "Mr. Wang, according to my investigation, Black Flame and that little girl are living in that residential area. However, they are currently remaining in their house, so it isn't suitable to take action now. I'm afraid I'll have to waste some of your time."

"No need for that much trouble." Chuckling, the youth named Wang Xuanming said nonchalantly, "That's merely an ordinary residential area. Besides, it's just teaching a neutralizing grandmaster a lesson. I can just sneak in at midnight. I guarantee that none of the surveillance systems in place will notice me."

“Then, I’ll have to trouble you with that, Mr. Wang.”

Yi Kui did not doubt Wang Xuanming’s claim. Those surveillance systems might be able to stop him, but they definitely couldn’t stop someone like Wang Xuanming.

Of course, it would be a different story if Shi Feng were living in a mansion. Unfortunately, Shi Feng was only living in an ordinary residential area, and the level of security in such a place wasn’t particularly amazing.

## **2847 Den of Monsters?**

Chapter 2847 – Den of Monsters?

The night was quiet, and the moon hung high in the sky.

Apart from the street lights, no other light source shone in the Sixth Southern District. It was evident that the people living in this residential area had already gone to bed.

Outside the residential area, Yi Kui approached Wang Xuanming, who was all in black, and reported carefully, “Mr. Wang, all the houses in the residential area have already turned off their lights. Only a few monitoring facilities are still operating there. In addition, we found 32 Enforcement Robots patrolling the area. They do not follow any set patrol routes.”

The reason the Upper Zone was incredibly safe wasn't just the Green God Company's absolute authority in the Upper Zone. Apart from that, there was also the fact that anyone who had lived here for some time would gain a physique rivaling that of Henglian masters in the outside world.

Moreover, while the Upper Zone prioritized mental strength above all, every resident living in the Upper Zone still possessed exceptionally high combat standards. Defeating such people within a short period would be incredibly difficult.

Most importantly, Enforcement Robots constantly patrolled every corner of the Upper Zone. Not only did these Enforcement Robots operate using state-of-the-art artificial intelligence, but their bodies were also made of titanium alloy and other special alloys. Even if they received a hit from a cannon of ancient times, they would, at most, suffer minor damage, although it was highly unlikely that a cannon could ever land a hit on these Enforcement Robots.

This was because these robots possessed inhuman reaction speeds and physiques. Thanks to these factors, they could rival neutralizing grandmasters. Before these Enforcement Robots, both neutralizing grandmasters and Henglian grandmasters were nothing. Hence, Henglian grandmasters dared not take any covert action in the Upper Zone. At most, they would openly cross hands with their opponents.

This frightening technology was exclusive to the Green God Company and was one reason the various corporations worldwide feared the Green God Company so much.

"Thirty-two?" Nodding, Wang Xuanming said, "Okay. Give me a map of their general location."

Wang Xuanming was not the slightest bit surprised to find so many Enforcement Robots in a residential area. In fact, this number was significantly lower than what mansion districts would boast. Even an ordinary mansion district would have at least 200 Enforcement Robots on patrol at all times. The security there was truly impeccable. It was only because Shi Feng was living in an ordinary residential area that Wang Xuanming had an opportunity to take action.

Even then, Wang Xuanming was only confident of teaching Shi Feng a small lesson and heavily injuring him. This was because these Enforcement Robots were incredibly fast. The first Enforcement Robot would arrive within eight seconds of the moment he broke into Shi Feng's house. This was also the basic arrangement for ordinary residential areas.

Hence, after Wang Xuanming factored in the time he needed to escape, he concluded that he only had a very short time to do battle. If he delayed too long and got discovered by an Enforcement Robot, he shouldn't even think of escaping. As for putting up a fight against the Enforcement Robots, that was simply suicidal.

"These are the locations of the 32 robots ten seconds ago," Yi Kui said as he transferred the data to Wang Xuanming's quantum watch. Immediately, 32 red dots appeared on the map displayed on Wang Xuanming's watch.

After glancing at the map, Wang Xuanming smiled and said, "It seems Xia Qingying is treating this guy quite well. With this distribution, I'll only have seven seconds to conclude the operation."

"Seven seconds?" Yi Kui frowned at Wang Xuanming's estimate. "How about I attract the attention of those robots?"

There might only be a one-second difference between seven seconds and eight seconds, but a Henglian grandmaster could cross a distance of several dozen meters in one second. Hence, one second was by no means a short period.

"Relax." Grinning, Wang Xuanming said, "Let alone this residential area, I've infiltrated even more dangerous places than this in the past. Seven seconds is more than enough for me already."

If an ordinary Henglian grandmaster were taking action, seven seconds would indeed be insufficient for them to injure a neutralizing grandmaster and escape without getting caught. Not to mention, Shi Feng was a neutralizing grandmaster who had achieved an incredibly high standard in his mental strength.

The control he had over his body was far superior to the average neutralizing grandmaster's, which would make teaching him a lesson even more difficult.

However, this wasn't a problem for Wang Xuanming. After all, he was only half a step away from becoming a mental strength master. The control he could exert over his body was far beyond what an ordinary Henglian grandmaster like Yi Kui could exert.

In a situation where Wang Xuanming fully exerted himself, he would need only three seconds to kill a Henglian grandmaster, let alone a neutralizing grandmaster. Besides, his goal was only to injure Shi Feng heavily.

Yi Kui did not doubt the man in the slightest. After all, not only was Wang Xuanming incredibly famous in Haitian City's Upper Zone, but Yi Kui had sparred with him before and suffered defeat after exchanging a single punch. Moreover, after that exchange, his entire arm had gone numb and became paralyzed for a short period—despite Wang Xuanming holding back.

Before that fight, Yi Kui had never thought that it would be possible for a person to possess such incredible strength. Wang Xuanming's strength could practically rival Superman's. With such strength, it would be child's play for Wang Xuanming to teach Shi Feng a lesson.

After Wang Xuanming made some basic preparations, he promptly sneaked into the residential area by himself.

Wang Xuanming's actions were swift and silent. Despite Yi Kui keeping a close eye on him, the latter disappeared from his sight after just three seconds.

Did his control over his body improve even further?

Yi Kui shuddered involuntarily when Wang Xuanming disappeared into the coverless residential area. This was the first time he had seen someone with such an astonishing grasp of their body and surroundings. If Wang Xuanming decided to take action against him, the consequences would be unprecedented.

Yi Kui felt very fortunate that Lu Tiandi had a good relationship with Wang Xuanming. If the two of them were hostile, then as Lu Tiandi's butler-cum-bodyguard, he would definitely suffer a miserable death.

While Yi Kui was in awe of Wang Xuanming's capabilities, Wang Xuanming successfully evaded the Enforcement Robots one after another and arrived before Shi Feng's residential unit undetected.

However, Wang Xuanming did not rush to break into the house. Instead, he hid in a corner and silently observed his surroundings, then inspected the distribution of the 32 Enforcement Robots.

He was being so cautious because the only way he could enter the house was by breaking down the door; hacking the lock system was simply impossible. Meanwhile, the moment he broke down the door, the nearby Enforcement Robots would take action. Hence, he needed to have a precise grasp of his timing and plan his escape route first. Otherwise, he would definitely get caught.

Good! There are three escape routes! So long as I can teach that Shi Feng a lesson in five seconds, I can get out of this residential area scot-free!

After planning his escape routes on his quantum watch and conducting some mental simulations, Wang Xuanming set his sights on the nearby door. He then put on the helmet he carried, thoroughly concealing his identity. And as soon as he finished mentally preparing himself, he strode forward silently and arrived in front of the door in the blink of an eye.

Subsequently, he kicked the door without hesitation. The door deformed, smashed open in an instant.

Immediately afterward, the alarm in the house rang, and six Enforcement Robots received the alert almost simultaneously. These six Enforcement Robots then dashed straight for Shi Feng's house.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng, who was logged into God's Domain, also received the intruder alert as soon as the alarm sounded, and logged out of the game immediately. His reaction speed was so fast that he completed the entire process in just one second.

However, for a Henglian grandmaster, one second was a long time. Even though the house had a 200-square-meter footprint, Wang Xuanming still passed through the long corridor and arrived in the middle of the living room in just one second.

The next moment, just as Wang Xuanming entered the 60-square-meter living room and was about to charge toward Shi Feng's bedroom, he was stunned.

This was because he discovered a woman with silky, waist-length hair sitting on the living room sofa. Wearing a snow-white nightgown, she quietly regarded Wang Xuanming with eyes that carried neither joy nor sorrow.

Looking at the absolute beauty before him, Wang Xuanming smiled and said, "Miss, it's bad for your skin to stay up this late!"

Wang Xuanming did not stay surprised for long. This was because the information he had acquired had indicated that Shi Feng was living together with two women, who appeared to be Zero Wing's Vice Guild Leaders.

As Wang Xuanming spoke, he did not stop his feet at all. In just a few steps, he had already arrived before Gentle Snow.

Immediately afterward, he executed footwork and split his body into three afterimages. These three afterimages then executed a chop at Gentle Snow simultaneously, the chops breaking the sound barrier.

“Rest up for a week!”

The three chops Wang Xuanming executed were lightning-fast. Facing this move, even a neutralizing grandmaster would barely manage to stop two of the blows.

The next moment, the three chops could be seen landing on Gentle Snow’s body simultaneously.

“Huh?”

However, the instant his hand hit Gentle Snow’s body, Wang Xuanming was stunned.

An afterimage!

Moreover, before Wang Xuanming realized it, another lithe figure had appeared beside him. This figure was none other than Gentle Snow. At this time, Gentle Snow still regarded him with the same emotionless gaze, apparently unaffected by his attack.

Dammit! Where did that guy find such a monster?!



Wang Xuanming stared at Gentle Snow in shock and confusion. He also couldn't understand how Gentle Snow could be so powerful despite being so young.

Before clashing with Gentle Snow, he already had an inkling that she would be a difficult opponent. Hence, he had gone all-out right off the bat to end the fight quickly.

However, when he exchanged moves with Gentle Snow, he understood just how terrifying the woman was.

No!

She's not just terrifying!

She's practically inhuman!

He could clearly tell that Gentle Snow's physical fitness was only at the standard of Henglian masters, which was far inferior to his own. Nevertheless, she had reacted to his attack as if she had long since known what he would do. Moreover, he had even failed to perceive her evasion.

While he was executing his earlier attack, the figure he saw sitting on the sofa had merely been an afterimage his mind had fixated on. The moment he began his attack, Gentle Snow herself had already disappeared from the sofa.

The ability to evade a Henglian grandmaster's mental perception wasn't something that could be gained overnight. It was a high-level technique that had to be cultivated through rigorous training and countless battles involving life and death.

While Wang Xuanming might look like a 25-year-old man, he was, in reality, nearing 35 already. Yet, even at his age, he had just barely touched upon the threshold of this technique.

In contrast, not only had this young woman before him learned this technique, but she had also mastered it to the point where she could dodge the attack of a half-step mental strength master with ease.

Upon thinking up to this point, Wang Xuanming rushed to the door almost immediately. He had no intention of staying here for even a second longer.

If he were to clash against such a monster, it would be impossible for him to produce any results within the limited time available. If he stayed any longer, the Enforcement Robots would catch him.

However, when Wang Xuanming reached the entrance, he found another lithe figure standing by the door. This person was none other than Aqua Rose.

“Scram!”

Looking at the woman dressed in a light-blue nightgown before him, Wang Xuanming grew enraged. Not only had he failed to accomplish his mission, but there was even a monster behind him. If he wasted any more time here, he would definitely fall into the Enforcement Robots' hands.

Hence, Wang Xuanming's first reaction when seeing Aqua Rose was to attack her with everything he had.

The next moment, over a dozen fists could be seen punching at Aqua Rose, every punch carrying the full strength of a Henglian grandmaster. Even a Henglian grandmaster would suffer internal injuries and lose consciousness if they got hit by such a barrage of punches.

However, Wang Xuanming was dumbfounded once he finished executing his attack. When his fists had landed on the woman before him, he felt as if he were shadow-boxing. Not only did his attacks fail to repel the woman, but the woman had even moved closer to him.

By the time Wang Xuanming had executed well over a hundred punches, Aqua Rose stood only half a step away from his two-meter-tall body, her delicate palm smacking his chest.

Despite Aqua Rose only executing a gentle strike, Wang Xuanming felt an intense pain in his chest. The pain was so unbearable that he stumbled two steps back.

How is this possible?! Wang Xuanming gaped at the woman before him in disbelief.

A monster!

Another monster!

At this time, Gentle Snow arrived behind Wang Xuanming and was quietly looking at the burly man.

Wang Xuanming revealed an incomparably ashen expression as he switched his gaze between Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow, wishing he could kill Yi Kui.

How did that man conduct his investigation?

Two inhuman monsters actually lived inside an ordinary residential unit. Even the security level at the mansion areas couldn't compare to the security of this little house.

## **2848 Uproar**

Chapter 2848 – Uproar

At the entrance of the Sixth Southern District...

Ten minutes have gone by already. Looking at his quantum watch, Yi Kui smiled in delight. Mr. Wang should be taking action right about now.

Yi Kui did not doubt Wang Xuanming's strength in the slightest.

If not for the Enforcement Robots being too powerful, Yi Kui would've wanted to spectate the fight at a close distance and see how terrified and helpless Shi Feng was against Wang Xuanming.

After all, a neutralizing grandmaster like Shi Feng would be utterly incapable of resisting Wang Xuanming's strength. The most he could do was run away.

Once Shi Feng was taken care of, dealing with Ji Luorong would become a lot easier.

Just as Yi Kui was entertaining such thoughts, a loud noise suddenly came from the residential area.

Has he started taking action?

Yi Kui grew excited when he heard the noise, and he couldn't help taking a few steps toward the residential area. Although he knew that the most he would see from his location was Shi Feng's building, this was more than enough. He was only curious to find out how many seconds Shi Feng would last against a monster like Wang Xuanming.

Three seconds?

Or perhaps four seconds?

Based on the strength Shi Feng had displayed previously, Yi Kui admitted that the younger man was indeed stronger than himself. However, if it came down to an all-out fight, he would have a great chance of victory. After all, Henglian grandmasters did not possess just incredible defensive capabilities but also recovery abilities far superior to the average person's.

Yi Kui might've suffered significant damage from Shi Feng's palm strike, but he had also recovered from the injury very quickly.

One could say that the only advantages Shi Feng had over the average Henglian grandmaster were speed and destructive power. However, in front of Wang Xuanming, these advantages would be negligible. Hence, Shi Feng would probably last against Wang Xuanming roughly as long as an average Henglian grandmaster would.

After leaving his hiding spot, Yi Kui immediately noticed Wang Xuanming charging into Shi Feng's house. Wang Xuanming's speed was so fast that Yi Kui didn't even catch a clear sight of him.

However, two seconds after Wang Xuanming disappeared into the house, he actually reappeared at the entrance.

He's done already?!

Yi Kui was dumbfounded when he saw Wang Xuanming back at the entrance of Shi Feng's house. He never thought that Wang Xuanming would be so powerful as to end the fight in just one second. With such strength, calling Wang Xuanming a monster wouldn't be an exaggeration at all. Wang Xuanming was on a whole different level from Henglian grandmasters like himself.

However, in the next moment, Yi Kui was stunned once more.

A woman wearing a light-blue nightgown had actually appeared before the entrance without him realizing it. Meanwhile, as if agitated by this woman's appearance, Wang Xuanming promptly launched a flurry of punches at her.

Even from several hundred meters away, Yi Kui could clearly sense the terrifying aura Wang Xuanming exuded.

Madness!

Violence!

Destruction!

Nobody could possibly survive Wang Xuanming's chaotic punches.

Has he lost his mind? Yi Kui was horrified.

If Wang Xuanming had simply taught Shi Feng a lesson and landed the latter in the hospital for several months, the Green God Company wouldn't look too deeply into the matter. At most, it would strengthen the residential area's security and give Shi Feng some compensation.

However, if Wang Xuanming took a life in the Upper Zone, he would touch the Green God Company's bottom line. At that time, the company would definitely conduct a thorough investigation into the matter until it found the culprit. Once Wang Xuanming was caught, even the big shots living in the middle layer wouldn't be able to help him. In fact, he might even drag down Lu Tiandi and Yi Kui as accomplices.

However, before Yi Kui could recover from his shock, he received yet another jolt. This time, his eyes nearly fell out of their sockets.

This was because the woman dressed in a nightgown actually remained unscathed despite facing Wang Xuanming's flurry of punches. She even moved closer and closer to Wang Xuanming and eventually planted a palm on his chest.

The instant the woman's blow landed, Wang Xuanming actually stumbled two steps back and clutched his chest in pain. He also stared at the woman before him with fear in his eyes.

Who is she? Why did such a monster appear in Shi Feng's house?

Yi Kui was shocked and confused as he looked at Aqua Rose, who stood in the corridor outside Shi Feng's house. He even rubbed his eyes to make sure he wasn't hallucinating.

Wang Xuanming, an incredibly powerful Henglian grandmaster, had actually lost to a frail woman.

As Yi Kui gaped in shock, Wang Xuanming added to Yi Kui's confusion by charging forward and attacking Aqua Rose once more. He actually showed no signs of trying to escape from another location.

However, Yi Kui quickly noticed that another woman of extraordinary beauty had walked out of the house. This woman was similarly dressed in a snow-white nightgown and had silky black hair flowing down to her waist. Under the illumination of moonlight, she looked just like a goddess that had descended to the mortal world.

Although this woman did not exude an imposing aura, the indifference in her eyes combined with Wang Xuanming's strange behavior allowed Yi Kui to guess what was going on.

Most likely, the woman behind Wang Xuanming was a monster as well. Hence, he did not choose to enter the house and break out from another location.

After all, if Wang Xuanming were to fight inside the more spacious house, he would have to face those two monstrous women simultaneously. No matter how powerful Wang Xuanming was, he definitely wouldn't have any opportunity to escape under such circumstances. Hence, he could only choose to fight in the narrow hallway and risk a pincer attack.



However, contrary to Wang Xuanming's expectations, Gentle Snow had no intention of double-teaming him. She simply stood aside and quietly looked at the broken door, appearing quite bothered about it. In other words, the broken door seemed much more important to Gentle Snow than Wang Xuanming was.

On the other side, Aqua Rose treated Wang Xuanming's series of desperate attacks as if they were child's play. Not only did she evade all of them effortlessly, but she also landed another palm strike on Wang Xuanming, aggravating his injuries.

Their clash continued for four seconds. At this point, Wang Xuanming could no longer stand steadily, so weakened that even a Henglian grandmaster could go up against him. Trying to escape in such a condition was a luxury he couldn't afford.

Before Wang Xuanming could launch another round of attacks against Aqua Rose, the alerted Enforcement Robots finally arrived at the scene.

After distinguishing everyone's identities, the Enforcement Robots promptly took Wang Xuanming into custody. Once arrested by the Enforcement Robots, even a Henglian grandmaster would have no chance of putting up a struggle.

As Yi Kui watched Wang Xuanming's capture, he noticed Gentle Snow walking out of the house and looking in his direction.

Fear seized Yi Kui's mind, and goosebumps rose all over his body. He instinctively turned around and fled immediately.

She shouldn't have seen me. I was so far away, and I even had my aura concealed. Even if she's a monster, she shouldn't have discovered me.

Yi Kui reassured himself this way as he fled. He repeatedly told himself that he was merely imagining things.

Only after Yi Kui had left Yuantian City's Upper Zone did he finally calm down from receiving Gentle Snow's attention.

That was too damned scary! How can such a monster exist in this world?! Chills crawled down Yi Kui's back when he recalled Gentle Snow's indifferent gaze. I need to have the young master report this matter to the higher-ups immediately! Those monsters aren't things we can offend! Those two women simply aren't human!

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As Yi Kui was fleeing Yuantian City's Upper Zone, Xia Qingying, the base layer's general manager, arrived at Shi Feng's residential area together with several supervisors.

"Who's the fool who would actually dare assault someone in a residential area?" Luo Hanbin frowned as he looked at the broken door before him.

It had already been several years since a home assault had happened in Yuantian City's Upper Zone. The previous occasion had greatly angered the Green God Company. Although the victim had sustained only heavy injuries, not only had the offender gotten banished from the Upper Zone forever, but he was even imprisoned for ten years once outside.

Now that another occurrence had taken place, even if the Green God Company's executives didn't say anything, the managers of Yuantian City's Upper Zone definitely wouldn't spare the offender.

However, when Luo Hanbin entered the house and saw Wang Xuanming being held in place by two Enforcement Robots, his eyes nearly fell out of their sockets.

Wang Xuanming!

A peerless genius of Haitian City's Upper Zone!

Wang Xuanming was a big shot who was only half a step away from becoming a mental strength master. Even a supervisor like Luo Hanbin had to act politely around him. Meanwhile, with Wang Xuanming's strength, he could rank within the top three of Haitian City's Upper Zone's base layer. The man even had a mental strength master as his teacher. With all these conditions, he was almost certain to become a permanent resident of the middle layer.

Let alone Luo Hanbin, even Xia Qingying was shocked.

Originally, she had expected the offender to be an ignorant punk. She never imagined that the offender would be a peerless genius of Haitian City's Upper Zone.

She also couldn't help wondering how Shi Feng had apprehended Wang Xuanming.

With Wang Xuanming's skills, Xia Qingying had only a slight edge over him. She couldn't guarantee she would win if they clashed. And if Wang Xuanming focused solely on escaping, even she wouldn't be able to hold him down for seven or eight seconds.

Looking at Shi Feng sitting on the living room sofa, Xia Qingying blurted out, “You sure know how to surprise people. The last time, you broke the Mental Path’s record. Now, you even brought down Haitian City’s Wang Xuanming.”

Smiling bitterly, Shi Feng said, “An accident. This really is an accident. I never thought that a big shot from Haitian City’s Upper Zone would actually take action against me out of the blue.”

From the time Wang Xuanming had broken into the house and until his apprehension, Shi Feng hadn’t done anything. He had been a spectator all the while. He also never expected an expert like Wang Xuanming to attack him.

Not wishing to reveal Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose’s matters for the time being, he did not dispel Xia Qingying’s misunderstanding.

“Alright, then.” Seeing that Shi Feng didn’t intend to continue speaking, Xia Qingying said, “Now that Wang Xuanming has been arrested, the Green God Company will definitely punish him. Even his teacher won’t be able to do anything about it. However, his teacher is incredibly protective of his students. While he might not be able to do anything about Wang Xuanming’s punishment, he is sure to pick a fight with you. Although we will strengthen the security of this area, you should still be careful. It’s best if you don’t leave the residential area for the time being.”

Even base layer general managers like herself would have a headache dealing with the anger of a mental strength master, let alone Shi Feng, who held only Grade 1 authority.

“Thank you for your warning, General Manager Xia,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

Shortly after Xia Qingying’s group left with Wang Xuanming, word of Wang Xuanming’s assault on Shi Feng’s house spread like wildfire. Even though it was already midnight, everyone in Yuantian City’s Upper Zone still quickly received news of it.

## Chapter 2849 – Hong Xinyuan’s Choice

In one of Yuantian City’s Upper Zone’s mansion districts...

“Uncle Hong, did something happen? Why did you suddenly call for me?” Muxin asked in confusion as she looked at Hong Xinyuan, who was standing by a French window and looking at the night view outside.

She was just about to explore an ancient ruin. She had gathered her subordinates already. If she were lucky, she might discover a Tier 4 Legacy Land or a Legacy Guidance there. These things were incredibly important for the current Frost Heaven.

The War of Worlds would be starting soon. Although her investigation had turned up very little information about the war, she had managed to deduce that they would face players of another world. At that time, the only options left for them would be to conquer or be conquered. It would be different from when players of Otherworlds entered the main continent. There would be no third option available to them.

Hence, Frost Heaven needed to make as many preparations as possible before the War of Worlds began. Naturally, increasing the number of Tier 4 players the Guild had was a top priority.

Kerui, who stood beside Muxin, was also confused by Hong Xinyuan’s summons. She had just fallen asleep, yet before she could get any rest, she was rudely roused out of bed. Hence, she was still incredibly sleepy and wanted nothing more than to crawl back into her bed right now.

“Take a look for yourselves,” Hong Xinyuan said as he passed a document to Muxin and Kerui.

The document was none other than a summary of Wang Xinyuan’s home assault in the Sixth Southern District.

“How is this possible?!”

Muxin couldn’t help doubting her eyes when she read the report.

She had heard of Haitian City’s Upper Zone’s Wang Xuanming. An expert of his caliber could definitely rank as the number one or number two expert in the base layer of Yuantian City’s Upper Zone.

If such an expert decided to take covert action, even the Boulder Corporation would be powerless. All the corporation could do was have its members take shelter in its mansion temporarily.

Nevertheless, Wang Xuanming had not only failed in his attack on Shi Feng but even gotten apprehended. How could anyone possibly believe this?

“He was actually that powerful?”

After reading the report, Kerui was now wide-awake. Simultaneously, a hint of confusion had appeared in her eyes.

“Everything is as the report states.” Looking at Muxin’s surprised expression, Hong Xinyuan said, “I have to admit that I indeed underestimated Shi Feng. It seems that he has kept a lot more secrets than we thought.”

After pondering on the matter for a moment, Muxin asked, “Uncle Hong, do you mean for us to deepen our relationship with Zero Wing?”

“That’s right. You already know what’s coming in the future. When the war begins, even superpowers will have difficulty surviving. If we wish to survive, thoroughly solidifying our alliance with Zero Wing will undoubtedly be a good choice,” Hong Xinyuan said, nodding. “I also plan to sell some of the corporation’s Phantom Potions and Life Potions to Zero Wing. These should be what Zero Wing lacks the most right now.”

“I understand. I’ll contact Zero Wing immediately.” Muxin nodded and promptly left the living room.

Kerui snapped out of her daze. Looking at Hong Xinyuan, she asked, “Uncle Hong, do we need to go to such lengths?”

If Hong Xinyuan were merely trying to form a strategic alliance with Zero Wing, then she could still accept such a decision. After all, the present strength and potential Zero Wing had displayed far exceeded those of the various superpowers. In fact, Zero Wing might even become an existence rivaling the Five Great Super Guilds. The only things the Guild lacked now were time and talents.

However, Hong Xinyuan’s decision to sell some of the Boulder Corporation’s Phantom Potions and Life Potions to Zero Wing greatly confused her. These items served as the foundation for the various corporations. Even the successors of major corporations could get their hands on only a limited number of them.

“You don’t understand. Wang Xuanming isn’t someone who can be defeated so easily. The cards and secrets Shi Feng has hidden are absolutely extraordinary.” Shaking his head, Hong Xinyuan said, “Deepening our relationship with him now will be beneficial for both the corporation and you two sisters.”

In reality, apart from Shi Feng’s great potential, another reason behind Hong Xinyuan’s decision to go to such lengths to befriend Shi Feng was an astonishing piece of information Xia Qingying had leaked to him.

Shi Feng wasn’t the person who defeated Wang Xuanming!

Hong Xinyuan knew that Wang Xuanming’s combat power was only slightly beneath Xia Qingying’s. Hence, defeating Wang Xuanming was an incredibly challenging proposition. Needless to say, defeating him in just a few seconds would be even more difficult.

Only the big shots living in the Upper Zone’s middle layer could defeat Wang Xuanming that fast.

If the Boulder Corporation could befriend such big shots, it would bring much greater benefits to the corporation than simply silently developing its foundations on the base layer.

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At the same time, inside a mansion in the distant Haitian City’s Upper Zone...

“Young master, what should we do?” Yi Kui asked in a worried tone as he looked at Lu Tiandi, who had just exited his gaming cabin. “Yuantian City’s Upper Zone has already apprehended Mr. Wang. If your teacher blames you...”



Wang Xuanming was a bona fide peerless genius. Finding a student like him was difficult, even for the middle layer's big shots. Now that Wang Xuanming had been caught conducting a home assault, he would definitely be banished from the Upper Zone. Without the Upper Zone's various resources, any further improvements would be utterly impossible for him.

After hearing Yi Kui's report, Lu Tiandi smiled and said, "We don't need to do anything! Although the outcome is different from what I imagined, things are still progressing according to plan. Now, all we need to do is sit back and wait."

Wang Xuanming had always been their teacher's favorite pupil, receiving the best resources available. Hence, Lu Tiandi had always gotten short-changed in terms of resources. If not for Lu Xingluo suffering a major failure, his teacher wouldn't have started placing importance on Lu Tiandi at all.

Lu Tiandi's original plan had Wang Xuanming and Shi Feng forming a grudge against each other. In his opinion, with Shi Feng's abilities and potential, Wang Xuanming probably couldn't do anything significant to Shi Feng. Once Wang Xuanming failed in his attack, Shi Feng would definitely retaliate and create a lot of problems for Wang Xuanming. Naturally, Wang Xuanming wouldn't sit still and would retaliate against Shi Feng as well.

Shi Feng had exceeded Lu Tiandi's expectations and defeated Wang Xuanming. However, this was not bad news for Lu Tiandi; in fact, this was the outcome he hoped to see the most.

After all, not only would Wang Xuanming get banished from the Upper Zone now, but Shi Feng would also earn the ire of their teacher. Once their teacher retaliated, Shi Feng would most likely be forced to leave the Upper Zone. In fact, he might even disappear from the world altogether. At that time, Lu Tiandi could plan on taking over Zero Wing.

"According to plan?"

Yi Kui shuddered involuntarily when he saw Lu Tiandi's indifferent smile. He never thought that Lu Tiandi would scheme against even Wang Xuanming.

Ignoring his butler's reaction, Lu Tiandi said, "Alright, move along. I still need you to take care of Ji Luorong's group in God's Domain!"

"Yes, sir!"

Yi Kui responded in a hurry. Although he had long since known that those who stood in Lu Tiandi's way would never have a good ending, he still got frightened when he saw one of Lu Tiandi's schemes coming to fruition.

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Meanwhile, after Wang Xuanming's assault, Yuantian City's Upper Zone arranged for Shi Feng's group to live in a better residential unit. Xia Qingying had an Enforcement Robot stationed near Shi Feng's new house long-term to prevent a similar situation from occurring.

As icing on the cake, the Green God Company gifted ten Phantom Potions and ten Life Potions to Shi Feng as compensation.

However, Shi Feng did not feel happy at all in this situation. On the contrary, he even felt slightly pressured.

Now that Wang Xuanming is in custody, his teacher definitely won't spare me. Even with an Enforcement Robot guarding the house 24/7, it'll probably be difficult to stop the retaliation of a mental strength master.

As Shi Feng studied the information Xia Qingying supplied him, his head ached.

Fu Jiuzhong, Wang Xuanming's teacher, was no ordinary individual. He was an expert that ranked at the top even in the middle layer and wielded incredible authority. He even had influence over several corporations operating in Yuantian City that rivaled the Boulder Corporation in scale.

If Fu Jiuzhong began targeting Shi Feng, Shi Feng would most likely have difficulty acquiring resources from Yuantian City's base layer.

Although it is still a little early, it seems I have no choice but to take on the Divine Dragon's trial.

Even now, Shi Feng still wasn't confident of completing Auerbeck's trial. This was because a Tier 4 Divine Dragon was much stronger than an ordinary Tier 4 Dragon. Even Tier 5 existences were unlikely to be a match for a Tier 4 Divine Dragon.

Originally, Shi Feng had planned to challenge the trial only after further improving his Mana Body.

However, it seemed that he had no choice but to push his plans forward.

It was of utmost importance that he completed the Divine Dragon's trial now!

This was because only by completing Auerbeck's trial would he become the Divine Dragon's true companion. If that happened, Zero Wing could thoroughly solidify its position on the western continent, and the Starlight Fortress could serve a much greater purpose. At that time, Zero Wing would be able to not only recruit talents from the western continent in large numbers but also acquire large amounts of Seven Luminaries Crystals. After all, a Heaven Mode Regional Dungeon produced an astonishing amount of Seven Luminaries Crystals.

With the Seven Luminaries Crystals he acquired, he would then be able to exchange for a bunch of Phantom Potions and Life Potions. Only by securing Phantom Potions and Life Potions in bulk could he achieve a breakthrough in his mental strength in the real world and his Concentration in God's Domain.

After returning to his room, Shi Feng promptly consumed a Phantom Potion and a Life Potion. He then lay in his Fearless Cabin and logged into the game.

## **Chapter 2850 – Divine Dragon's Trial**

Zero Wing City, Zero Wing's Residence:

After Shi Feng came online, the first thing he did was assign tasks to Liang Jing and Youlan, particularly the distribution of the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment he had produced.

He had made more than 200 of these sets, and he tasked Youlan with secretly gathering a batch of Tier 3 experts who could equip them. Once these experts were geared with the Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment, Zero Wing would gain an additional trump card.

Although the modified Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment wasn't as powerful as the original version, there was only a 15% decrease in the Basic Attributes it provided. A Tier 3 player equipped with the modified set could still go up against Mythic monsters of the same level.

In addition, Shi Feng passed the Treasure of Fire to Melancholic Smile and had her procure as many Mysterious Flames as possible. They could offer the Seeds of Flame converted as an award for the Candlelight Trading Firm's forgers and alchemists. By doing so, they could not only increase Candlelight's productivity but also attract more Lifestyle players to join the firm. After all, a Lifestyle player's promotion was largely influenced by their production success rates.

When Melancholic Smile received the Treasure of Fire from Shi Feng, she was shocked. Then, uncontrollable excitement welled up inside her.

She had always had a passion for Mysterious Flames. However, incredibly powerful Mysterious Flames weren't easy to find. And even when the Guild did find some, she didn't have the ability to make it her own. Thus, the Mysterious Flame she currently used was only a Tier 2 Mysterious Flame. No Lifestyle player had managed to absorb either of the two Tier 3 Mysterious Flames sitting in the Guild Warehouse even now.

However, the Purification Crown resolved the hurdle preventing Lifestyle players from absorbing stronger Mysterious Flames and could even produce Mysterious Flames using various types of flames.

Melancholic Smile could already envision the swarms of Lifestyle players fighting to join the Candlelight Trading Firm. At that time, be it the construction of the Crimson Dragon Flying Ships or another Mobile Fortress, Candlelight wouldn't have to worry about lacking talents and manpower.

At the same time, with Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose's return, Zero Wing no longer lacked apex combatants to protect it. Hence, Shi Feng tasked Fire Dance with secretly gathering information on the Seven Treasures and collecting them directly, if possible. The Seven Treasures were not only crucial for his quest, but their various supportive functions were simply heaven-defying, providing incredible help to both individuals and Guilds.

Previously, when players in God's Domain were still low-leveled and weak, the likelihood of them encountering the Seven Treasures was low. However, now that more and more Tier 4 players had begun appearing, the chances of players stumbling over the Seven Treasures were much greater. Not to mention, the present Zero Wing was already far stronger than before.

After its recent rapid development, Zero Wing now had more than 50,000 Tier 3 players under its command—a number that rivaled what the various superpowers had.

In addition, the number of partners Zero Wing had continued to increase. Recently, Frost Heaven had thoroughly solidified its alliance with Zero Wing, drastically increasing Zero Wing's influence on the eastern continent. At this point, Zero Wing could expand its territory already.

Hence, his hunt for the Seven Treasures was no longer an impossible task. Moreover, he had to get his hands on the Seven Treasures to elevate Zero Wing's strength further.

This was because only by gathering all of the Seven Treasures could he fully utilize their power. In fact, the Seven Treasures could even suppress the Endless Abyss.

If Zero Wing could acquire this power, thoroughly making an enemy out of the Five Great Super Guilds wouldn't be a problem. It also wouldn't have to fear the invasion of other God's Domains.

After Shi Feng finished assigning tasks, he promptly teleported to the Starlight Fortress to take on the Divine Dragon's trial so that he could solidify Zero Wing's position on the western continent. At that time, even if the World Seal broke and the War of Worlds began, Zero Wing would have the ability to defend itself against the attacks of the foreign God's Domain's powers.

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Western continent, Starlight Fortress:

The summoning array at the top of the Summoning Tower lit up, and Shi Feng appeared in the Summoning Hall a moment later.

Standing atop the Summoning Tower, Shi Feng had a full view of the Starlight Fortress's situation.

At present, the Starlight Fortress was no longer the same as before. Not only had the number of players visiting the fortress increased massively, but even the weakest among them was at Tier 3. There were even quite a number of Tier 4 experts roaming the streets.

After briefly scanning the fortress, Shi Feng discovered at least ten Tier 4 players, nearly outnumbering what Zero Wing City had.

If not for the Divine Dragon's presence, even if the Starlight Fortress had Divine Tribe and Netherworld Empire's assistance, it would still be very difficult to keep all these players in check, not to mention the large number of visiting NPCs and NPC forces greedily eyeing the fortress.

Yet, due to the Silver Divine Dragon, these players and NPCs had no choice but to lie low.

After checking the fortress's situation, Shi Feng went to the Summoning Tower's Summoning Altar, which was also the Silver Divine Dragon's resting place.

When Shi Feng arrived in the spacious Summoning Altar, what greeted him was the sight of a miniature version of the Silver Divine Dragon Auerbeck. The Divine Dragon, which was only around a dozen meters in length, was sleeping quietly in the middle of the room.

At this time, Auerbeck had already reached Level 164. The aura it released now was on a whole other level. It was also much stronger than the Dragon Shi Feng had slain in the ancient God's Domain.

In fact, Shi Feng found it quite difficult to stand in the aura Auerbeck exuded. If an ordinary Tier 4 player were in his place, they wouldn't even be able to approach the Divine Dragon.

Looking at the fully recovered Silver Divine Dragon, Shi Feng gained further understanding of Divine Dragons. He had to admit that Divine Dragons truly weren't existences humans could offend. Despite Auerbeck being only at the Tier 4 Mythic rank, it was still strong enough to defeat ordinary Tier 5 existences. As for Tier 4 existences, they were nothing but ants in front of a Tier 4 Divine Dragon!

"Little human, you've come." Auerbeck woke up upon sensing Shi Feng's arrival. Looking at Shi Feng with its golden eyes, it said in satisfaction, "It seems you have made your preparations to challenge the trial."

"Yes, Esteemed Divine Dragon," Shi Feng agreed, nodding.

Both his Mana Body and Concentration standards had already reached a bottleneck, and it was unlikely he could make a breakthrough within a short time. If he wished to elevate his strength further, the only way to do so would be by obtaining a Legendary Weapon or Equipment. However, this evidently wasn't a feasible plan, as every Legendary Weapon and Equipment required a lot of time and manpower to acquire.

"Good! Since you're confident in taking on the trial, I will let you challenge it as per our previous agreement. However, let me make this clear. You only have three opportunities. If you fail to pass the trial in three tries, the contract between us will be dissolved," Auerbeck said as it rose from the ground.



“As for the trial you will be undertaking, it is the trial that has been passed down through generations among the Dragon race. Originally, this trial was created for Dragons. However, since you wish to become my companion, you will have to complete the Tier 4 Infant Dragon’s trial at the very minimum!”

A trial for Tier 4 Infant Dragons? Shi Feng was astonished by Auerbeck’s words.

Although he had long since known that the Divine Dragon’s trial wouldn’t be simple, it would seem that he had still underestimated it.

A Tier 4 Infant Dragon could fight even Tier 5 existences. Yet, he was supposed to face a trial created for Tier 4 Infant Dragons.

“I will teleport you to the Dragon Temple. Remember: you will not be able to use external tools there. You must rely on your own strength to conquer the trial. If you die within the trial, you will be teleported back here automatically.”

After saying so, Auerbeck began chanting an incantation in Dragon tongue, generating divine runes around Shi Feng one after another. Five seconds later, Shi Feng was cocooned in countless golden divine runes. He then transformed into a streak of light and disappeared from the Summoning Altar, leaving Auerbeck by himself in the spacious room once more.

After briefly getting dazzled by runes, Shi Feng gradually recovered his sight and found that he stood before a majestic temple.

The temple was tens of thousands of meters tall, and it looked like a huge mountain. Even a Dragon would appear tiny in front of this temple, let alone a human.

As soon as Shi Feng walked up to the thousand-meter-tall door before him, an ancient and deep voice suddenly rang out in his mind.

“A human?”

“No, you’re not a human. How interesting. Auerbeck actually sent you here to take the trial?”

Along with this voice, the phantom of a gigantic Dragon gradually faded into view before Shi Feng. This Dragon was well over a thousand meters tall, and when it appeared, Shi Feng immediately felt stifled. For a moment, he wondered if he was standing before a Tier 6 God.

“It seems that little fellow has a really favorable opinion of you to actually let you take the trial,” the Dragon said as it looked at Shi Feng. Smiling, it continued, “Very well. I will abide by the old contract since Auerbeck has sent you here. You should prepare yourself. You might not be able to pass this trial, but if you do your best, you will still receive great benefits, so make sure to cherish this opportunity!”

After the Dragon finished speaking, Shi Feng found that the view in front of him had changed completely. Now, what was before him wasn’t a massive temple but a broken bridge covered in gray mist. Meanwhile, he was currently standing on this broken bridge, and he could vaguely make out land in the distance.

The instant the gray mist enveloped him, Shi Feng was stupefied.

Eternal Energy!

No!

To be precise, it's Eternal Energy condensed into a mist form!

The moment the gray mist enveloped Shi Feng, his mind felt refreshed like never before. Numerous ideas constantly emerged from the depths of his brain, and he could also view the operating principles of the Mana surrounding him with unprecedented clarity.

Before Shi Feng could recover from his shock, the Dragon's deep voice echoed in his mind once more.

"Repair the broken bridge using Mana. So long as you repair one-third of the bridge, you will pass the trial. Your time limit is three days. However, for every 300 meters you progress, the time limit will get extended by an additional day. If you fail to repair one-third of the bridge when your time runs out, you will have failed the trial."

When the Dragon finished speaking, Shi Feng heard rocks breaking off somewhere nearby. Turning toward the sound's source, he found that the bridge's broken end was continuously crumbling. At this rate of collapse, let alone three days, the remaining portion of the broken bridge would disappear completely in just a few hours. And once the bridge disappeared, he would plunge into the endless darkness below.

## **Chapter 2851 – Mana Reconstruction**

What an amazing bridge!

When Shi Feng spread his senses across the broken bridge, he was astounded.

This was because this bridge was actually made entirely of Mana that had solidified.

Although this Mana was solid, it was akin to sand. He could walk on this bridge without it collapsing like a sandcastle only because of special Mana Constructs holding the grains of sand together.

After thinking up to this point, Shi Feng promptly extended his Mana Domain to take control of these Mana Constructs and prevent the bridge from collapsing any further.

However, the instant he did so, he was stunned.

Manipulating solidified Mana is this taxing? Shi Feng had plenty of experience manipulating Mana that had condensed into a mist or liquid. In fact, he could control liquid Mana as if it were his own arms.

Yet, when he tried manipulating only a small bit of solid Mana, he felt as if he was trying to move arms that had been injected with lead. Not only was the process incredibly strenuous, but even the slightest distraction meant immediately losing control of the Mana.

Meanwhile, the difficulty of maintaining the entire bridge's integrity was akin to holding up a weight of tens of tons. Not to mention, he also had to have this solid Mana move according to his will to reconstruct the collapsed portion of the bridge.

Looking at the continuously collapsing bridge, Shi Feng finally understood just how difficult this trial was.

Let alone reconstructing the bridge, just keeping the bridge from collapsing any further was already a monumental task.

As Shi Feng racked his brain over how to prevent the bridge from collapsing, the phantom of a gigantic Dragon was quietly observing him in a distant cloud of mist.

“His grasp on Mana is too immature. Let alone three days, he won’t last even three hours at this rate.”

After taking a look at Shi Feng’s understanding and control over Mana, the Dragon shook its head and wings, disappearing silently from the mist.

Time passed quickly. Now, less than half of the broken bridge, which was originally over 20 meters long, remained. Moreover, the bridge’s rate of collapse was even accelerating as it grew shorter.

This won’t do. At this rate, the entire bridge will be gone in less than half an hour. I need to think of a way to stabilize a small portion of the bridge first.

Shi Feng had a headache as he looked at the collapsing bridge. He gave up on manipulating the entire bridge and chose to secure only a two-meter-length of the bridge. This was also the maximum amount of solid Mana he could currently manipulate. Any more and the solid Mana would challenge his control.

Everything progressed just as Shi Feng expected. In less than 20 minutes, the portion of the bridge he had given up on collapsed completely, and only the two-meter stretch under his feet remained relatively stable. Even so, this small portion was still disintegrating gradually. How strange. Shi Feng stared in confusion at the drastically slower collapse. The Mana Constructs that had been keeping the bridge together before clearly had their Mana supply cut off and operations stopped after I arrived. However, the bridge’s initial rate of collapse was much slower than when I started controlling it. The rate of collapse accelerated afterward.

When he saw the broken bridge starting to collapse right after he appeared, he thought it signaled the start of his trial and represented his time limit.

However, when he began manipulating the solid Mana, he realized that he had been mistaken. The Mana Constructs keeping the bridge together had simply stopped operating, so the solid Mana would naturally try to revert to its original form.

Is there something wrong with my manipulation method? Shi Feng couldn't help entertaining such a question. However, he promptly shook his head and denied this thought. No, I was simply manipulating the solid Mana according to the original Mana Constructs. There shouldn't be a problem with my manipulation method. Otherwise, the entire bridge would've collapsed instantly instead of breaking apart bit by bit. A Mana Construct was similar to a magic array. If one did not use the appropriate method to manipulate a magic array, it would not activate. This was also the case for Mana Constructs, except Mana Constructs were much more fragile than magic arrays, crumbling if manipulated incorrectly. Due to his understanding of Mana Constructs, Shi Feng had to wonder what exactly he had done wrong in preventing the bridge's collapse.

Due to the Eternal Energy surrounding him, Shi Feng's mind was operating with unprecedented clarity and activity. Numerous ideas came to mind, and he considered the issue from various perspectives.

When less than one meter of the bridge remained, Shi Feng's eyes suddenly widened in realization.

I see! I've been doing things wrong from the very beginning! I shouldn't have tried to force the Mana! Whether manipulating my own Mana or the ambient Mana, I should guide it down the desired path instead of compelling it to do so. While forcing Mana does produce some results, Mana has its own operating principles. Not only is forcing Mana strenuous, but the bridge's Mana will also conflict with my own Mana.

Upon thinking up to this point, Shi Feng immediately began guiding his own Mana into the Mana Constructs holding the broken bridge together. He no longer compelled it to enter the Mana Constructs.

However, guiding Mana was much more difficult than he had thought.

This was because the Mana in the environment was heterogeneous. Even his own Mana was composed of various types of Mana. Needless to say, trying to guide all these diverse types of Mana to do the same thing was an impossible task.

This meant that he had to refine and separate the different elements of Mana in his body and have them do different things.

Originally, accomplishing such a refinement would require a lot of time. After all, the disparate elements of Mana in his body were all intermixed. Just separating them would already drive countless expert players to despair.

To put this task into perspective, one could imagine a player's Mana Body as a box filled with millions of marbles of different colors, and these marbles represented Mana of different elements. If players wanted to use a specific type of Mana within their bodies, they would have to sort through all of these marbles and take out the ones they wanted to use. Doing so would be incredibly difficult and time-consuming. Not to mention, a Mana Body was much more complex than a box of marbles, which would further add to the difficulty.

Fortunately for Shi Feng, he had acquired a Saint's Legacy. Although the Ice World Saint's Legacy focused more on the ice element, the Legacy had provided an introduction to the other elements.

Thank goodness that Saint Legacy mentioned the various elements of Mana. Otherwise, I likely wouldn't have any hope of completing the trial this time.

Shi Feng couldn't help smiling bitterly as he sensed the jumbled Mana flowing within his body.

Previously, when he made use of Mana, he did not bother segregating it at all. He simply used it as it was and didn't find any problem with it. Now, however, he realized that his past actions had thoroughly mixed up the various types of Mana in his body and made them even more difficult to separate. Separating the various types of Mana in his body without knowing their basic properties would be akin to sorting a box of colorful marbles while colorblind—that would be mission impossible.

Immediately, Shi Feng began classifying his Mana based on the Ice World Saint's introduction on the various elements.

Fire-type Mana was violent, scorching hot, and extremely difficult to control.

Ice-type Mana was quiet, cold, and hardly moved.

Wind-type Mana was free, refreshing, and spirited.

Different elements of Mana had their own habits and operating principles. If it were in the past, Shi Feng would've found it impossible to distinguish them in detail. However, Shi Feng was currently a Half-step Grandmaster Magician. While distinguishing between the various types of Mana remained difficult, it wasn't impossible.

One trick he thought of to facilitate this process was constructing a single-attributed Elemental Magic Array for each of the various elements. This magic array would act as a filter and capture only the



specific element of Mana it was made to capture; the other elements would pass through the magic array unimpeded.

This way, whenever he wished to call upon a particular element, he could immediately use the corresponding Elemental Magic Array to gather the Mana he needed.

Originally, constructing these Elemental Magic Arrays within one's Mana Body was a very delicate task. Even a Half-step Grandmaster Magician like Shi Feng would need one or two days to construct all of the necessary Elemental Magic Arrays.

However, thanks to the Eternal Energy surrounding him, Shi Feng spent only 15 minutes constructing all the necessary magic arrays. Immediately, the various elements of Mana in Shi Feng's Mana Body gathered at specific locations, no longer one big heterogeneous mess. Amazing! So, this is the effect of segregating Mana?

When Shi Feng scanned the Mana in his body, he found that not only had its purity undergone a qualitative transformation, but his Mana Body also resonated far more powerfully with the environment. In fact, he also had a much easier time manipulating the magic array responsible for controlling his Mana Body.

Now, he could even operate his Mana Body with a threefold manipulation method.

So, this is why I couldn't cross the 110% threshold despite my Concentration having reached the Tier 4 Peak standard!

Looking at the system notification that had appeared before him, Shi Feng grew ecstatic.

Just a moment ago, his Mana Body's Completion Rate had hit the legendary threshold!

His Mana Body had reached a 120% Completion Rate!

Meanwhile, the instant his Mana Body reached the 120% threshold, Shi Feng sensed his physique improving significantly and his perception of his surroundings rising to a whole other level.

Most importantly, his Mana was not only much denser than before, but its quantity had also doubled.

Now that I'm done segregating my Mana, it's about time I started taking on the trial!

Shi Feng shifted his gaze toward the half-meter-long bridge underfoot.

## **Chapter 2852 – Breakthrough, Tier 5 Concentration**

Even without Shi Feng deliberately maintaining the bridge, the aura he radiated was now enough to slow the bridge's collapse drastically.

A 120% Completion Rate Mana Body truly is amazing. No wonder people thought players could contend against a Dragon of the same tier once a player's Mana Body reached 120% Completion. Shi Feng was astonished as he studied the stabilized bridge underfoot. Despite not making a conscious effort to control his Mana Body, he exerted a powerful stabilizing effect on his surroundings. With how powerful his current Mana Body was, he couldn't even begin to imagine how powerful his Mana Domain had become.

Fighting a Dragon of the same tier and level aside, he could now contend against a Half-step Demon King of the same level, at the very least.

Afterward, Shi Feng began injecting his segregated Mana into the broken bridge.

Once he did so, the broken bridge seemed renewed. The bridge's gradual collapse instantly halted, and its toughness had clearly risen to a whole new level as well. At this time, the bridge could probably receive Tier 4 attacks without sustaining any damage. Amazing! Sure enough, this is the true way to use Mana!

In the past, whenever he activated a Skill or Spell, he would make use of every type of Mana available in his body to manipulate the ambient Mana around him. Achieving a 10% efficiency by doing so would already be fortunate.

This was because most Skills and Spells utilized only a specific element of Mana to activate. To manipulate only a specific type of Mana in the environment, using the corresponding element of Mana to do so would yield the best results. Using other elements would still allow one to exert a certain degree of control; however, the efficiency would be incredibly poor. A backlash might even occur.

Now that Shi Feng had perfectly matched his Mana with the ambient Mana, he could use the ambient Mana's power at 100% efficiency. One could easily imagine how much of a boost to his combat power this change would bring.

After thoroughly stabilizing the broken bridge, Shi Feng shifted his attention to the Mana Constructs keeping the bridge together. Keeping the bridge's Mana Constructs stable and operational could be considered the bottom line for this trial. If he wished to pass the trial, he would need to reconstruct the bridge. Otherwise, all he could do was stand still and stare idly at the distant land until his time ran out.

This is...

After carefully inspecting the bridge, Shi Feng was surprised.

Previously, he had focused entirely on stabilizing the bridge, so he hadn't spent much time observing the bridge itself. Now that his Mana Body had reached a 120% Completion Rate, his perception of his surroundings had improved to a point where it felt as if he had again taken over a Half-step Demon King's body.

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As expected of the Dragon race's trial! This bridge's Mana Constructs are simply phenomenal! Shi Feng sighed in awe as he observed the broken bridge's structure. This bridge has made use of practically every property and operating principle of the various elements of Mana. Without a considerable understanding of these aspects, it would be impossible to create such Mana Constructs.

In God's Domain, it was already a heaven-defying task for players to gain a deep understanding of the operating principles of the various types of Mana. Hence, making proper use of these types of Mana was simply a luxury players couldn't afford.

In fact, even the Ice World Saint's Legacy provided a detailed introduction of only ice-type Mana and just briefly touched on the other elements. Needless to say, the Legacy didn't include instructions on how to use these other Mana types.

However, the bridge Shi Feng stood on perfectly displayed the basic use of the various elements of Mana. It was much better than a simple text introduction! Of course, it wouldn't be an easy task to see how exactly this bridge was constructed.

This was because ordinary Tier 4 existences couldn't get a clear view of the operating principles of Mana, let alone the operating principles of a Mana Construct. Only Dragons with their high Life Ratings could possibly accomplish such a feat at Tier 4.

Even so, this situation was definitely a massive opportunity for Tier 4 players.

The biggest hurdle Tier 4 players needed to cross to reach Tier 5 was the construction of their personalized Mana Body. This process required players to have not only excellent control over Mana but also a profound understanding of the operating principles and usage of Mana and knowledge of the construction of Mana Bodies.

Meanwhile, the broken bridge underneath Shi Feng just so happened to address these problems. Suppressing the impatience in his heart, Shi Feng immediately began reconstructing the broken bridge with his own Mana. Following this, time passed quickly. Although reconstructing the bridge was incredibly challenging, due to the Eternal Energy surrounding him, Shi Feng found that the incomparably complex Mana Constructs weren't impossible to understand.

Despite encountering failure one after another, Shi Feng did not grow disappointed but even became increasingly excited instead. This was because he was making progress with each failure. As he continuously adjusted his utilization of the various Mana types, his control over them also improved in precision and efficiency.

After experimenting for two days straight, Shi Feng finally constructed a half-meter-long bridge. I did it! I finally did it!

An indescribable sense of joy and excitement welled up in Shi Feng's heart as he looked at the portion of the bridge he had reconstructed.

Although the bridge he reconstructed looked much cruder than the original bridge, it did not send him plunging into the abyss below when he tried to stand on it.

Most importantly, he had finally gained a basic understanding of the various Mana Constructs. This meant that he had finally reached a qualified level when it came to utilizing the various elements of Mana!

With these achievements, he was confident he could begin constructing his Tier 5 Mana Body.

Of course, Shi Feng did not let his achievements blind him. He still gave the trial's completion top priority. After all, having a Divine Dragon as a companion was much more important than constructing his personalized Mana Body.

Immediately afterward, he resumed reconstructing the broken bridge and advanced toward the distant land.

Although Shi Feng had spent two days reconstructing his first half-meter-long segment, now that he had a foundation, he could reconstruct the subsequent segments much more quickly. Moreover, he also improved his precision with every segment he reconstructed, which, in turn, made his reconstructions look increasingly refined.

After working for nearly a day, Shi Feng finally reached the 500-meter mark, his achievement extending his time limit by one day.

The distance from the starting point to the distant land is roughly 20 kilometers. So, I'll need to extend the bridge by seven kilometers or so to pass the trial. If I can complete 500 meters per day, I should finish this trial within half a month. After Shi Feng made some rough mental calculations, anticipation filled him.

Although he would be spending much more time in this trial than he initially expected, the harvest he would gain was very much worth the time spent.

After resting for a moment, Shi Feng promptly resumed his job as a construction worker.

Meanwhile, after another eight days had gone by while Shi Feng was reconstructing the broken bridge, a loud tearing sound suddenly appeared in a secret land in the eastern continent.

A spatial channel several kilometers tall and 20 kilometers wide was sealed in this secret land. The moment the loud tearing noise sounded, the divine runes sealing this spatial channel shattered and faded out of existence.

“It is still starting in the end?”

An illusory figure appeared before the spatial channel. After looking at the spatial channel with a complicated gaze, this figure then disappeared without a trace.

At the same time as this illusory figure disappeared, nearly 20 figures emerged from this gigantic spatial channel. Every one of these figures exuded powerful and ancient auras highly incompatible with the surrounding space.

“Hahaha! It’s finally open! Our Guild was even the first to discover it!”

“So, this is an alternate God’s Domain? Why is the ambient Mana here so thin?”

“Although the Mana density is somewhat low here, it is still another God’s Domain. Hurry up and notify the Guild Leader and the others. Tell them that the seal has been lifted and that the World Passage is open. Have them make the necessary preparations. I’ll go ahead with a team to understand the situation of this God’s Domain. We must claim this world for ourselves ahead of the other Guilds!” said the middle-aged man standing at the head of the team.

At the middle-aged man’s words, the team immediately split into two groups: three players returned to the World Passage, while the remaining 15 players charged straight toward the secret land’s exit.

As these foreign invaders were taking action, Shi Feng was struggling inside the distant special space.

I didn’t think that reconstructing the bridge would place such a huge burden on the brain. It’s already been eight days, yet I haven’t even reached the 3,400-meter mark. I’ve also exhausted more than half of my Concentration already.

Shi Feng smiled bitterly as he looked at the distant land.

At this time, he more or less understood why the giant Dragon had such low hopes for him.

Originally, he thought that he could progress 500 meters a day. However, the more time he spent in the trial, the greater the mental pressure he suffered from reconstructing the bridge. Whenever he tried manipulating the bridge’s Mana Constructs, he felt like needles were pricking his mind. Moreover, the degree of pain intensified as he progressed, making the bridge’s reconstruction increasingly difficult. Now, he couldn’t even manage 300 meters in a day. Despite this situation, Shi Feng had no intention of giving up. After all, every moment he spent in this special space allowed him to improve his control over the various elements of Mana.



If possible, he even wished he could spend several months in this special space. However, this obviously wasn't allowed, as proven by the increasingly powerful mental pressure he suffered. This feature was most likely implemented to deal with anyone trying to exploit this special space's benefits. Shi Feng continued pushing forward for the next three days.

By the end of the third day, Shi Feng would suffer intense pain even if he only slightly manipulated his Mana. After the fourth day, Shi Feng's complexion had not only become deathly pale, but even his consciousness was beginning to blur. Meanwhile, as his consciousness grew increasingly hazy, he gradually understood that his time in the trial was coming to an end. This wasn't just because he was running out of time but also because he would thoroughly exhaust his Concentration and collapse after a few more attempts. The next moment, after Shi Feng completed another one-meter-long segment and was about to lose consciousness, the system's crisp and indifferent voice suddenly entered his ears.

System: Congratulations! Your Concentration has reached the Tier 5 standard! It is also detected that your Mana Body has reached the 120% Completion Rate. You have one opportunity to receive a World Blessing and reconstruct your Sea of Consciousness. Do you wish to activate the World Blessing now? (Opportunity will be rejected by default if you do not respond in three minutes.)

## **Chapter 2853 – Upgraded Soul**

Reconstruct my Sea of Consciousness?

Shi Feng was shocked and confused as he looked at the system notification.

The concept of reconstructing one's Sea of Consciousness wasn't foreign to him. In fact, he knew plenty about it.

However, it was precisely because of this that he found this situation unbelievable.

The Sea of Consciousness, to put it simply, referred to a player's soul. It was also something related to the promotion of Tier 5 players to Tier 6. The qualitative transformation of the soul!

Any player who wished to get promoted to Tier 6 needed to have not only a powerful body but also a powerful soul. Only when both requirements were met could players get promoted to Tier 6.

Of the two conditions, the requirement of a sufficiently powerful soul was more difficult to fulfill. This was because the soul was an illusory object. The only thing players could do to upgrade their soul was continuously raise their Concentration standard. By doing so, their soul would automatically grow stronger over time.

However, this form of improvement was incredibly slow. Even if a player's Concentration reached the Tier 5 Peak standard, their soul wouldn't develop that fast. If one wished to let one's soul undergo a qualitative transformation, one would need to experience numerous events that tempered the mind.

Of course, there was an even quicker method to do so-raising one's Concentration to the Tier 6 God-ranked standard!

This was an incredibly frightening Concentration standard where players could continuously modify and improve their Sea of Consciousness through their own will. The benefits a Tier 6 Concentration provided were far superior to those of a Tier 5 Concentration.

In addition, there was also a third method – relying on external items to destroy one's inherent Sea of Consciousness and construct a new one. This method was similar to how players with Tier 6 Concentration modified their Sea of Consciousness, only much more ruthless and thorough.

Reconstructing a Sea of Consciousness meant destroying everything that currently existed and creating a completely new one. It was different from what players with Tier 6 Concentration did; these players would gradually address the flaws of their existing Sea of Consciousness, refining it over time. For Tier 5 players, the opportunity to reconstruct their Sea of Consciousness was both rare and precious.

Shi Feng never even dreamed of receiving such an opportunity before getting promoted to Tier

After pondering in silence for a moment, he chose to accept the World Blessing and the opportunity to reconstruct his Sea of Consciousness.

System: The World Blessing will be granted in 30 seconds. Please make the necessary preparations. The higher your Completion Rate, the better the reconstructed Sea of Consciousness will be.

The higher the Completion Rate, the better?

Not daring to be careless, Shi Feng took a deep breath, stopped work on the bridge, and focused only a portion of his consciousness on stabilizing it to prevent it from collapsing. He planned to give the reconstruction process his all.

Thirty seconds went by in the blink of an eye. Shi Feng felt an unprecedented pain assault him as if his soul was getting ripped out of his body. Had he not absorbed the Tier 4 Hellfire before, he wouldn't have been able to endure this pain at all.

However, after ten seconds of this soul-wrenching pain, it disappeared all of a sudden. Simultaneously, Shi Feng felt his mind go completely blank. As for his soul, what remained of it were only countless soul fragments. Immediately afterward, numerous magic arrays appeared before him. These magic arrays were so complex that despite being a Half-step Grandmaster Magician himself, he was still shocked.

He spotted over a dozen Grandmaster Magic Arrays. As for Master Magic Arrays, they easily numbered over a hundred. Meanwhile, all of these magic arrays joined together to form an incomparably large Soul Array.

System: You have four hours to reconstruct your Sea of Consciousness. Once four hours have passed, the World Blessing will disappear. If you do not achieve at least a 40% Completion Rate by the end of these four hours, your Sea of Consciousness will not be reconstructed. Afterward, as a consequence of having your soul shattered, you will enter a Weakened Soul state for 20 natural days.

Twenty days?

Shi Feng wasn't particularly surprised by the penalty for failure. Opportunities and risks came hand in hand in God's Domain. In fact, a 20-day penalty could even be considered very light.

If a Tier 5 expert were to find out that this opportunity came with such low risks, they would do everything they could to secure it.

Subsequently, Shi Feng stopped thinking about other things and focused on copying the Soul Array into his Sea of Consciousness.

He couldn't decide whether he was fortunate or unfortunate.

The fortunate part of this situation was that he had accepted the World Blessing while in this special space full of Eternal Energy. He would have a much easier time drawing the Soul Array in this

environment. The unfortunate part was that, along with the destruction of his soul, he had lost the ability to stabilize the broken bridge.

In other words, he didn't have four hours to complete the Soul Array at all.

Despite his frustrations, Shi Feng did not give up on this opportunity. Moreover, due to the Eternal Energy's effects, he managed to familiarize himself with the Master Magic Arrays and replicate them with ease. The Soul Array's Completion Rate rose at a rate visible to the naked eye. 1%... 3%... 7%...

In just one hour, Shi Feng had already completed 16% of the gigantic Soul Array. At this rate, he could definitely reach the required 40% within four hours. Even if copying the Grandmaster Magic Arrays later would slow down his progress, reaching 40% shouldn't be difficult.

Another one and a half hours went by, during which the Soul Array's Completion Rate had reached 35%. Shi Feng found his progress unbelievable.

Hence, he attempted to copy his first Grandmaster Magic Array. The instant he completed the magic array, his progress rose from 35% to 38%.

It increased by this much? Shi Feng looked at his progress bar in surprise.

Completing a Master Magic Array didn't even increase his progress by 0.5%. Now, completing just one Grandmaster Magic Array had raised his progress by 3%. Meanwhile, under the Eternal Energy's effects, his speed in copying the Grandmaster Magic Array wasn't much slower than when he worked on the Master Magic Arrays.

Without my support, the bridge can last three hours at most. I only have about 20 minutes left now, so I can only attempt one more Grandmaster Magic Array.

Although Shi Feng guessed that the broken bridge would remain stable for three hours without his support, that was only an estimate. As a precaution, he decided to conclude his attempt after copying one more Grandmaster Magic Array. The Soul Array was massive. However, the crucial parts of the Soul Array were still the dozen or so Grandmaster Magic Arrays, particularly the six serving as the Soul Array's core.

Originally, Shi Feng had thought to complete more Master Magic Arrays to allow the core magic arrays to exhibit greater functionality. Unfortunately, he clearly did not have time for that.

Now, he could only grit his teeth and draw the second core magic array. Time passed quickly. Ten minutes later, Shi Feng finished drawing the second core magic array.

The Soul Array's Completion Rate jumped from 38% to 41%, reaching the system's requirement.

Upon seeing this, Shi Feng chose to complete the reconstruction.

System: Magic Array Completion Rate at 41%. You have met the basic requirement for reconstruction. Your Sea of Consciousness will be reconstructed according to the constructed magic array. Do you wish to begin the reconstruction?

"Reconstruct!"

Shi Feng promptly chose to go through with the reconstruction. Although he had more than an hour remaining before the World Blessing disappeared, if he died midway, his reconstruction attempt would become forfeit as well.

The next moment, after he approved the reconstruction, the Soul Array drawn in his Sea of Consciousness began operating.

Although the Soul Array was still incomplete, just like the system stated, it was functional.

As his Sea of Consciousness's reconstruction began, Shi Feng experienced an unprecedented mental clarity. His mind became much more active, and his reaction speed also improved significantly.

After 20 seconds into the reconstruction, he discovered that his previously blurry Sea of Consciousness had become much more tangible. The change was akin to mist condensing into water. The change might not seem significant, but the density of his Sea of Consciousness had undergone a qualitative transformation.

Although his Sea of Consciousness was still in an illusory state, Shi Feng could tell that his thinking speed had more than tripled. So long as he focused his mind, he could observe the world around him in a decelerated state.

Amazing! Shi Feng was astonished as he inspected his newly reconstructed Sea of Consciousness. No wonder so many Tier 5 experts in the past had been so crazy about reconstructing their Sea of Consciousness. With my current Sea of Consciousness, even though my Concentration is only at the Tier 5 Basic standard, the rate of my soul's improvement is probably faster than someone with Tier 5 Peak Concentration.

His Concentration remained at the Tier 5 Basic standard. However, his soul's strengthening rate was superior to even that of experts with Tier 5 Peak Concentration.

The next moment, when Shi Feng opened his eyes again, his surroundings looked completely different from before.

The range of his mental perception had increased from 100 yards to 500 yards, and his five senses had also undergone a qualitative transformation. Similarly, his body felt more flexible and sharper than ever before.

At this time, even though he wasn't actively manipulating his Mana, the two-meter-long bridge under him actually remained nearly stable.

Moreover, his Concentration was no longer depleted. Instead, it was brimming like never before.

It seems I shouldn't have any problems completing the trial now. Shi Feng smiled subconsciously as he looked at the relatively stable bridge.

Previously, he had to make an effort to ensure that the bridge did not collapse. Doing so had taken up a lot of his focus. Now, he no longer needed to split his attention between the reconstruction and maintaining the bridge's integrity. He only needed to concentrate on reconstructing the broken bridge. This would reduce his mental stress by a large margin.

Following this, Shi Feng resumed reconstructing the bridge. He had a much easier time than before, which allowed him to progress at a flying pace.

After just three more days, his progress finally reached the one-third mark of the entire bridge.



However, Shi Feng had no intention of stopping here. After all, the Eternal Energy in this place was simply wonderful. By staying here, he could not only further his understanding of the various Mana types but also familiarize himself with his new Sea of Consciousness and verify the theories he thought up for his new Mana Body. Hence, he did not rush to exit the trial, continuing to advance and reconstruct the broken bridge.

As Shi Feng got closer to the distant land, he found that he also had to improve the quality of the supports he constructed. Otherwise, the bridge wouldn't be able to withstand the corrosion of the abyss below.

After working for another four days and arriving at the halfway mark, he could no longer advance any further.

However, his failure to progress wasn't because he had exhausted his Concentration but because the supports he constructed could no longer withstand the abyss's corrosion. Short of a qualitative transformation, they wouldn't be able to hold up the bridge at all.

It seems this is as far as I can go.

Shi Feng couldn't help feeling a little disappointed as he looked at the distant land. At this time, it looked much clearer than before. From what he could sense, he should be able to receive massive benefits in that land.

However, with his current standards, it was evidently impossible to construct a bridge of a much higher quality. Shi Feng immediately chose to leave this special space.

## Chapter 2854 – Upgrading the Abyssal Blade

Inside the ancient Dragon Temple... “How surprising!” the Dragon phantom exclaimed in astonishment when Shi Feng suddenly appeared before it. “Despite having the body of a human, you actually managed to clear a trial made for the Dragon race. Moreover, you managed to reach the halfway point. This is a rare achievement, even among the Dragon race.”

“A rare achievement?” Shi Feng was surprised by the Dragon’s words.

The Dragon race was an apex race. The perception of Dragons was definitely far superior to his own. Not to mention, there were even Divine Dragons among the Dragon race. For Divine Dragons, let alone reaching the halfway point, even completing the entire bridge and reaching the distant land shouldn’t be strange. After all, the Life Rating they possessed far exceeded that of humans.

“That’s right. This is a rare achievement,” the Dragon phantom said, nodding. “In the Dragon race’s long history, only five have managed to reach the halfway point while still at Tier 4. Every one of them is a genius of the Dragon race with an excellent Bloodline. Hence, I find it truly incredible that you accomplished the same feat with just the body of a human.”

Shi Feng was surprised once more. He never thought that even among the Dragon race, only five Dragons had reached the halfway point while still at Tier 4.

Reaching the halfway point was indeed a challenging task. Not only would one need to have a sufficiently powerful soul, but one would also need to utilize the various elements of Mana to their very limits.

However, having a powerful soul was a given for Dragons. As for utilizing the various elements’ basic properties, this was also as easy as drinking water for Dragons. Otherwise, there was no way Dragons could be so powerful.

“Normally, Dragons that can reach the halfway point are already adults. I can now see why Auerbeck decided to let you undertake the trial,” the Dragon phantom said, its eyes filled with praise as it looked at Shi Feng. “Now, according to the ancient contract, you may take one of the three Treasure Chests stored within the treasury.”

As soon as the Dragon phantom finished speaking, three massive Treasure Chests appeared before Shi Feng.

The instant these Treasure Chests appeared, the Mana within the Dragon Temple immediately thickened. In fact, a faint hint of Divine Might now wafted into the temple.

As expected of the Dragon race’s reward. I doubt I can get such loot even from killing a Tier 6 God.

Shi Feng was filled with an indescribable sense of shock as he inspected the three Treasure Chests before him.

The trial rewards this time were simply mind-blowing.

If taken to the outside world, any one of these three Treasure Chests could drive the entire God’s Domain wild.

The first chest, named the Blackstone Treasure Chest, gave players one Fragmented Legendary Weapon and two pieces of Fragmented Legendary Equipment that suited them.

The second chest, named the Red Crystal Treasure Chest, contained four items, either Tier 5 Skill Books or Tier 5 Legacy Guidances suitable for the player. The third chest, named the Purple Jade Treasure Chest, rewarded players with 10 to 12 God Crystals.

The Blackstone Treasure Chest aside, both the Red Crystal Treasure Chest and Purple Jade Treasure Chest provided things Shi Feng greatly desired.

At this time, he only needed to create a personalized Mana Body to get promoted to Tier 5. Hence, Tier 5 Skill Books were of great importance to him. If he relied only on Legacy Skill Points, he would be able to acquire only two Tier 5 Skills at best.

God Crystals were equally important to him. This was because God Crystals were needed to upgrade many of the weapons and equipment he possessed, and upgrading these items would provide a tremendous boost to his combat power.

“Pick one.” The Dragon phantom smiled faintly when it saw the gleam in Shi Feng’s eyes. “I will teleport you back in three minutes, so you’d best not take too long in choosing.”

After giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng said earnestly, “I’ve decided. I will go with the Purple Jade Treasure Chest.”

While the Red Crystal Treasure Chest was indeed important to him, he was, after all, still at Tier 4 right now. Moreover, the items appearing inside the Red Crystal Treasure Chest were completely random. If he were unfortunate, he might end up getting four Tier 5 Legacy Guidances.

Moreover, God Crystals weren’t easy to come by. If he missed this opportunity, who knew how long he would have to wait before he received another opportunity to improve his weapons and equipment further?

“Alright, this Purple Jade Treasure Chest is yours,” the Dragon phantom said, lifting a claw. Immediately, the barrier sealing the Purple Jade Treasure Chest disappeared.

Shi Feng chose to open the Treasure Chest without hesitation. After all, there was no way he could bring such a massive Treasure Chest away.

The instant the Treasure Chest opened, Divine Might gushed out of it. Bathed in this Divine Might, even ordinary Tier 4 players would grow fearful and dare not approach the Treasure Chest.

However, now that Shi Feng’s Concentration had reached the Tier 5 standard, resisting this Divine Might wasn’t much of a problem. In fact, he was confident he could stand tall in the presence of even a bona fide Tier 6 God in his present state.

Eleven?

Shi Feng couldn’t help feeling a little disappointed when he saw the number of God Crystals in the Treasure Chest. If not for the Luck Attribute having no effect on high-caliber Treasure Chests, he definitely would’ve activated Divine Providence to boost his Luck.

After all, the value of one God Crystal nearly rivaled that of Fragmented Legendary items. Moreover, God Crystals were just as rare as Fragmented Legendary items.

Although that’s one less God Crystal than I hoped for, I have more than enough to upgrade my weapon now.

The next moment, Shi Feng had the Abyssal Blade absorb four God Crystals without hesitation.

Now that he was at the Half-step Tier 5 standard, only the Light of Two Worlds was an adequate weapon for him. The Abyssal Blade couldn't keep up with him any longer. Hence, he had to upgrade it.

After the Abyssal Blade absorbed the four God Crystals, its Skills got upgraded to Tier 4, and its Basic Attributes underwent some changes.

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(Abyssal Blade) (One-handed Sword, Magic Weapon, Fragmented Legendary Rank)

Equipment Requirement: Strength 3,000, Agility 2,000

Attack Power (235% of Strength Attribute)

Attack Speed (2.3% of Agility Attribute)

All Attributes (Increases according to user's level)

Ignore Levels +35

Attacks have:

70% chance to cause 250% damage;

40% chance to cause 300% damage; Every attack increases attack speed by 2% to a maximum of 30%.

When equipped:

Strength increased by 50%, Agility increased by 50%, Intelligence increased by 35%; Endurance increased by 50%;

Attack Speed increased by 40%; All effects of weapon-related Skills increased by 20%; All item level requirements reduced by 10 Levels.

If wielder belongs to a Swordsman-related class, all Skill Levels +6.

Increase Free Ability Points received for every increase in Level by 2 points.

Equipment Tier 4. Can be evolved (Devour 9 God Crystals to evolve to Tier 5).

Additional Active Skill 1: Darkness Bind (Tier 4). Binds all enemies within a 500-yard radius for 4 seconds and reduces their Defense and Magic Resistance by 100% for 20 seconds. Cooldown: 40 seconds

Additional Active Skill 2: Darkness Domain (Tier 4). Converts an area of 800 yards around the user into a Darkness Domain. Weakens the senses of all enemies within the Darkness Domain and reduces enemies' Basic Attributes by 20%. While inside the Darkness Domain, the user may control up to 36 strands of Power of Darkness. Each strand carries a force equivalent to 150% of the user's Strength and causes 200% darkness damage.

Duration: 60 seconds

Cooldown: 10 minutes

Additional Passive Profound Inheritance: Mana Abyss (Tier 4). The higher the density of the Mana surrounding the Abyssal Blade, the more power the weapon will exhibit. The power of the weapon can be increased up to 150%.

Additional Active Profound Inheritance: Black Dragon's Soul (Tier 4). Grants the user the Black Dragon King's soul and transforms the user into the Black Dragon King. The higher the density of the surrounding Mana, the higher the Black Dragon King's Life Rating will be. Can use the Skill, Dragon Breath.

Duration: 10 minutes

Cooldown: 15 hours A sword recast from the fragments of an ancient, unknown weapon. The Black Dragon King's power has been sealed within the sword, although the Black Dragon King has cursed the weapon. Beyond the immense strength the blade offers, the wielder must face a Backlash after a certain amount of time. If the wielder cannot suppress the Backlash, the wielder will receive the Black Dragon King's curse, permanently reducing all Attributes by 70%.

Unable to be dropped. Unable to be traded.



Unable to be destroyed.

After the Abyssal Blade absorbed the four God Crystals, its Attributes and Skills received significant improvements. Although the Magic Weapon was still no match for the Light of Two Worlds in terms of Attack Power and attack speed, it was still top-tier among Fragmented Legendary Weapons.

Shi Feng felt very satisfied after upgrading his weapon.

Now that he had the Tier 4 Abyssal Blade, combined with his Half-step Tier 5 standard, he was confident he could hold his own even against a real Tier 4 Dragon. After all, once he transformed himself into a Tier 4 Dragon, his combat standards and mastery over the elements would become much superior to the average Tier 4 Dragon's.

Although Shi Feng also had the option of repairing the Disintegration Armor instead of upgrading the Abyssal Blade, he had decided against it. The Disintegration Armor was Legendary Set Equipment. If he couldn't gather the complete set, the equipment requirement of an individual piece would be higher than normal. This would make it impossible for him to equip the Disintegration Armor. After all, Legendary Weapons and Equipment were crafted for Tier 6 Gods. Aside from a few unique Legendary Weapons and Equipment, most would need players to reach Tier 5 at minimum to equip them. If he repaired the Disintegration Armor and ended up unable to equip it, he would definitely die of regret.

Hence, he decided to upgrade the Abyssal Blade instead, to play safe. As for the Disintegration Armor, it wouldn't be too late to find more God Crystals to repair it once he had reached Tier 5.

"It's time to leave," the Dragon phantom said, snapping Shi Feng out of his reverie. It then raised a claw at Shi Feng.

Immediately, divine runes appeared around Shi Feng one after another, enveloping him completely. His body then transformed into a streak of light and disappeared from the Dragon Temple.

When the divine runes surrounding Shi Feng disappeared, he found that he was back in the Summoning Tower's Summoning Altar.

## **Chapter 2855 – Global Transformation**

Inside the Summoning Altar, as the divine runes enveloping Shi Feng disappeared, Auerbeck snapped his eyes open and stared at him in surprise.

“You...succeeded?”

Actually, Auerbeck could tell that Shi Feng had completed the trial the moment he laid eyes on the human. This was because Shi Feng looked completely different in his eyes right now. Although there was no change to Shi Feng's level, the Mana he radiated was completely different from before he challenged the trial. Not only did Shi Feng's Mana blend much better with the ambient Mana, but the quality of his Mana had also undergone a qualitative transformation. The fact that Shi Feng had such exquisite control over his own Mana proved that he had conquered the trial.

However, Auerbeck still found this situation unbelievable. Shi Feng would already be plenty amazing if he managed to complete the trial on his third attempt. Yet, now, Shi Feng had actually completed the trial on his first attempt.

“Mhm, I got lucky.” Shi Feng nodded.

If his Concentration hadn't broken through to the Tier 5 standard at the very last minute, which allowed him to receive the World Blessing to reconstruct his Sea of Consciousness, completing the trial would've been a pipe dream.

"No. It is impossible for someone to pass the trial by relying on luck. It is all because of your own strength," Auerbeck said, shaking his head. "Since you've passed the trial, according to our contract, I, Auerbeck, acknowledge you as my contractor from now on."

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As soon as Auerbeck finished speaking, Shi Feng felt a scorching sensation on his left arm.

Before Shi Feng realized it, the symbol of a silver dragon had been branded on his left arm. Simultaneously, the system's emotionless voice rang out in his mind.

System: Congratulations! You have completed the second phase of the Epic Quest "Void Cage" and received the Silver Divine Dragon Auerbeck's acknowledgment. You have become a true Dragon's Contractor. You now have the ability to call upon the Silver Divine Dragon to fight for you at any time. Rewarding 30 Legacy Skill Points and one level.

Shi Feng's level immediately rose from Level 150 to Level 151. His Legacy Skill Points also increased by 30.

“If you encounter any troubles in the future, call upon me,” Auerbeck said. “With the Contractor’s Mark, I can teleport to your location at any time. However, you should still be cautious. The Contractor’s Mark has limited power. I cannot sense its location in certain areas. Moreover, the current God’s Domain is no longer the same. Although you have made significant growth, if you behave too aggressively outside, you might still fall into a desperate situation. You might even have your soul annihilated.”

“Different? Has the World Passage opened already?” Auerbeck’s words startled Shi Feng.

Auerbeck could defeat even ordinary Tier 5 individuals. Since he was issuing such a dire warning, the current God’s Domain must’ve undergone drastic changes.

“That’s right. The World Passage is completely open now. Existences of another world have invaded this world. In fact, some of God’s Domain’s rules have already changed. You will understand what I mean if you go out and take a look,” Auerbeck said, nodding. He then pointed at the door that was sealed by a magic array and continued, “If you encounter trouble, it is best if you summon me immediately.”

“Thank you for your warning, Your Excellency. I will be careful.”

Shi Feng nodded and mentally noted to himself to be more careful. Afterward, he departed from the Summoning Altar. As for Auerbeck, the Silver Divine Dragon resumed its slumber in the Summoning Altar.

The moment Shi Feng exited the Summoning Tower, he was stunned.

What dense Mana!

The density of the Starlight Fortress's ambient Mana had more than doubled compared to before he went to the Dragon Temple.

Apart from Zero Wing City, probably no other Guild City in God's Domain possessed such dense Mana. Even Stone Forest City couldn't compare.

Moreover, Shi Feng could feel his affinity with Mana increasing while bathed in this dense Mana. He could also perceive the operating principles of Mana with much greater clarity. This place was practically a weakened version of the ancient God's Domain.

However, compared to the Mana environment, the changes to the Starlight Fortress's player population were even more shocking.

Before Shi Feng left to challenge the Divine Dragon's trial, the Starlight Fortress's player traffic had already reached a very frightening level. However, the present fortress's player population had more than tripled since then. Shi Feng even spotted quite a few Tier 4 experts just on the street he was walking on.

Moreover, he sensed the presence of at least 70 Tier 4 experts inside the Starlight Fortress. This number was simply mind-blowing.

However, this still wasn't the most shocking part about the fortress!

Compared to the Starlight Fortress's interior, the fortress's surroundings were much more crowded. From what Shi Feng could tell, well over a million players were lining up to enter the fortress.

These players weren't ordinary players. Even the weakest one among them was a Tier 3 player, and every one of them was at least at Level 135. There were also Tier 4 experts standing in the queue.

If not for these players standing in line obediently, Shi Feng would've suspected that these people were aiming to capture the Starlight Fortress. However, before Shi Feng could recover from his surprise, he saw a group of people charging through the main street toward the fortress's entrance. This group's leader was none other than Magic-eye Goddess Fithalia, the commander of Divine Tribe's Divine Hymn Legion.

At this time, Fithalia had reached not only Tier 4 but also Level 145. Given the intensity of the Mana she radiated, she had broken through her Mana Body's 100% threshold as well. From what Shi Feng could tell, Fithalia should also have at least two Fragmented Legendary items on her. In her current state, she could probably hold her ground against a Superior Mythic monster of the same level.

Moreover, aside from Fithalia, there were three other Tier 4s in the team she led. These three players were at the Void Realm standard and boasted eight or more pieces of Epic Equipment. The only unfortunate part was that none of them had transcended the limits of their Mana Bodies.

Even so, the strength of Fithalia's team was more than enough to raid Superior Mythic monsters of the same level.

However, Fithalia and the others looked anxious as they rushed toward the entrance.

Did something happen?

Curious, Shi Feng stealthily followed Fithalia's team.

Divine Tribe could be considered Zero Wing's strategic ally on the western continent. Moreover, it was tasked with maintaining the Starlight Fortress's security on Zero Wing's behalf. Unless something major occurred, someone of Fithalia's status wouldn't take action. If need be, Shi Feng naturally had to lend her a helping hand.

Shortly afterward, Fithalia's team arrived at the Starlight Fortress's entrance.

At this time, the players outside the entrance were staring curiously at a group of people standing before the fortress's checkpoint.

To be precise, it was a mixed group of NPCs and players. Among these players were five Tier 4s. As for the NPCs, there were actually over a dozen Tier 4s among them.

"Why are people of the Blood Alliance here? Don't the superpowers in the alliance mainly operate out at sea?"

"It is indeed strange. From what I remember, they've never been active on land. Instead, they've been dominating the seas since the start of the game; even the Five Great Super Guilds don't dare offend them out at sea."

"I heard that many naval forces have clashed with the Outerworld's forces at sea. Although neither side managed to secure an advantage, the Blood Alliance suffered heavy losses in these clashes. Rumor has it that the alliance has over five million Tier 3 casualties thus far. Three of the alliance's islands were razed to the ground..."

The players in the queue couldn't help starting heated discussions among themselves as they looked at the Tier 4 players and NPCs. While the Blood Alliance's sphere of operations was mostly limited to the

sea, the Starlight Fortress was nowhere near the sea. Just teleporting from a coastal city to the Starlight Fortress cost nearly six Gold Coins.

“Are they greedy for the Starlight Fortress’s benefits?”

“That’s probably the case. After all, the current Starlight Fortress is simply amazing. Its Mana density and the benefits the Mana provides are much greater than what you can find elsewhere on the continent. Not to mention, it is also near a God Mode Regional Dungeon.”

“That can’t be, right? Don’t they know that a Tier 4 Divine Dragon is guarding this place? That’s not something Tier 4 existences can go up against.”

While everyone wondered why members of the Blood Alliance had come to the Starlight Fortress, Fithalia’s team arrived before the Blood Alliance group.

“Guild Leader Brut, to what do we owe this sudden visit?” Fithalia asked a thin man wearing a gray robe and carrying a dark wooden staff.

The Blood Alliance had arrived with more than a dozen Tier 4 NPCs and three of the Blood Alliance’s top ten Tier 4 experts. It definitely wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that the Blood Alliance came with bad intentions.

“Commander Fithalia, you don’t need to be so nervous. We are not here to ask for trouble. Moreover, we aren’t here to meet you,” Brut said, smiling faintly. “In fact, this matter doesn’t have anything to do with Divine Tribe. We are simply here to find Zero Wing and negotiate a partnership.” “Negotiate a partnership with Zero Wing?” Fithalia laughed at Brut’s statement. “I naturally don’t have a say in such a matter. However, seeing as you’ve brought so many Tier 4 NPCs with you, no matter how I look at it, it doesn’t seem like you’ve come for a friendly negotiation.”



“I didn’t call them here,” Brut countered, shaking his head. “These people are the representatives of various NPC naval forces.”

“Representatives of NPC naval forces?” Fithalia was surprised by Brut’s answer.

If only one NPC force had sent these Tier 4 NPCs, she wouldn’t have found the situation strange. However, it was a different story if these NPCs represented multiple NPC forces. This was something she had to take seriously.

In God’s Domain, the reason many kingdoms and empires had chosen not to spread their influence to the sea wasn’t just the presence of powerful sea monsters. Another reason was the extraordinary strength of many NPC naval forces, with some even having Tier 5 NPCs leading them.

Nodding, Brut said in an indisputable tone, “That’s right. It’s fine if you do not let us enter, Commander Fithalia. However, I don’t mind letting you know that the Blood Alliance plans to requisition a portion of the Starlight Fortress’s temporary Residences to resist the Outerworld invaders.”

## **Chapter 2856 – Half-step Tier 5**

“Requisition?” Fithalia was momentarily stunned by Brut’s words. “Have you lost your mind, Brut?”

Fithalia wasn’t the only person to have such thoughts. The spectating crowd thought so as well.

The Blood Alliance, with its many superpowers and NPC forces, was indeed powerful. However, the alliance's strength was only in the sea.

On the western continent, the Blood Alliance held no advantages. Since the Starlight Fortress was far from the sea, the Blood Alliance had no way to dispatch a large army to the Starlight Fortress.

Moreover, the Starlight Fortress's defenses were something that even the Five Great Super Guilds were helpless against. After all, the fortress had a Tier 4 Divine Dragon guarding it. Even Tier 5 NPCs wouldn't dare go against such an existence.

This was why Zero Wing could retain control over the Starlight Fortress despite having barely any of its own forces stationed on the western continent. Otherwise, the surrounding NPC forces with Tier 5 NPCs leading them would've long since targeted the fortress.

The only measure one could employ to suppress the Starlight Fortress was to place a thorough lockdown on the Star Valley. However, the Blood Alliance clearly didn't have the capability to pull off such a feat.

"Lost my mind?" Laughing, Brut retorted, "I don't think so at all. The Starlight Fortress indeed possesses powerful defensive capabilities, and there are very few forces in God's Domain capable of threatening it. However, if over a hundred Tier 4 NPCs lock down the Star Valley, I wonder how long the Starlight Fortress will last?" "Over a hundred Tier 4 NPCs?"

When Brut finished speaking, the spectating crowd gasped.

Currently, not only were NPCs much higher leveled than players on average, but NPCs were also stronger than players of the same level and tier on average. This was because NPCs' weapons, equipment, Skills, and Spells were superior to those of the average player.

Meanwhile, a force of more than a hundred Tier 4 NPCs was something not even a kingdom possessed.

In other words, the Blood Alliance could actually dispatch an entire kingdom's top combatants to seal a map! "Moreover, I heard that the situation over on the eastern continent is quite adverse, and many superpowers have already gotten annihilated. Even Zero Wing can barely keep itself afloat and can't roam about freely. In such a situation, obtaining resources will naturally be impossible," Brut said. "Without the Starlight Fortress's resources, I believe Zero Wing will have even more difficulty surviving, right?"

"Hence, we are inviting Zero Wing to become a member of the Blood Alliance right now. Not only will we help the Starlight Fortress develop, but we will also help Zero Wing defend against the Outerworld invaders. Wouldn't this situation be the best of both worlds?"

Upon hearing Brut's proposal, nobody present could offer any rebuttals, not even Fithalia.

The chaos on the eastern continent was no longer a secret.

The entire God's Domain had been greatly shaken on the day the World Passage had opened, the sudden event catching countless powers off guard.

After all, a group of unknown player forces had suddenly appeared and taken over many Guild Cities of first-rate Guilds. In fact, these unknown player forces had even laid their hands on the Guild Cities of superpowers.

Originally, these superpowers had planned to retaliate against these unknown invaders. However, when they marched their armies to reclaim their cities, they found a large number of experts already gathered in their captured cities. Moreover, there were even many Tier 45 among these players.

Needless to say, none of the superpowers managed to recapture their cities.

Initially, the various powers of God's Domain thought that this was merely a hidden superpower making its public debut. After all, this wasn't the first time such a situation had taken place. Many player forces would continuously accumulate their strength in secret and make a powerful debut all of a sudden. Hence, the various powers of God's Domain had not placed too much attention on this matter.

However, the next day, over a dozen superpowers had suddenly made their presence known to the world, and the number of Tier 4 players these superpowers commanded far exceeded that of the local superpowers. On that very day, these new superpowers annihilated a local superpower and split up its territory among themselves.

This war had thoroughly stupefied the various powers of God's Domain!

It was one thing to see a new superpower emerge, but it was another thing altogether to see so many superpowers appear out of the blue. Moreover, all of these superpowers boasted an incredible number of Tier 4 players. No matter how one looked at this situation, it was simply unbelievable. After a series of frantic investigations, the various powers of God's Domain eventually discovered that these new superpowers didn't originate from their version of God's Domain but from another God's Domain. Moreover, the players belonging to these superpowers didn't live on Earth but on an Interstellar Continent. The human population of this Interstellar Continent rivaled that of Earth. Most importantly, the average combat standard of these Interstellar Continent residents was much higher than that of Earthlings. This was because the world of God's Domain was everything for these people! In addition, these Outerworld superpowers were much stronger than the native superpowers. In fact, the two couldn't even be compared on the same level.

In less than five days, these Outerworld superpowers had not only destroyed several native superpowers but even taken over seven kingdoms. These kingdoms were now paradises for Outerworld

NPCs, who rapidly harvested the various resources available in these kingdoms to keep growing stronger.

Meanwhile, in response to these invaders, the various native kingdoms and empires had gathered players to fight off these Outerworld players and NPCs. The subsequent war was most likely one of the biggest in God's Domain's history, as several dozen kingdoms and empires had joined hands to counter the invasion. And after fighting dozens of battles, both large and small, the eastern continent's native forces eventually managed to isolate the Outerworld's NPC forces to one corner of the continent.

However, in exchange for this outcome, the eastern continent's native forces had lost nearly one-third of their land.

Moreover, this isolation affected only the Outerworld's NPC forces. The Outerworld's individual NPCs and player forces could still roam freely.

In a situation where native players were inferior in terms of both levels and combat standards, the eastern continent's players were at an absolute disadvantage. Only by cooperating with native NPCs could they resist the Outerworld players.

It was obvious that the eastern continent's native forces would crumble in the near future as more and more Outerworld players and NPCs invaded the eastern continent. In fact, it wouldn't be long before the western continent would get dragged into the war since the various sea zones were already engulfed in the flames of war.

If the Starlight Fortress were to get isolated now, Zero Wing would definitely suffer immeasurable consequences. After all, due to the Outerworld forces occupying many of the eastern continent's resource spots, prices of various resources had more than doubled.

If Zero Wing were to lose the resources from the Starlight Fortress, the Guild would most likely struggle to defend its Guild Cities. In this situation, Fithalia herself was powerless to do anything. Even if Divine

Tribe were willing to help Zero Wing with all of its strength, there was no way Divine Tribe could win against a force of over a hundred Tier 4 NPCs.

Eventually, Fithalia sighed and said, "I understand. I'll convey your words to Zero Wing."

"Good, then." Nodding, Brut said indifferently, "However, our patience is limited. Tell Zero Wing that they only have one day to reply. If they don't give us an answer by then, we will begin sealing the map immediately!" "One day?" Fithalia frowned.

This was too short. It was barely enough time for her to convey the message and for Zero Wing to hold a short discussion among its executives. Zero Wing wouldn't have any time to make the necessary preparations at all. "That's right. Only one day. Zero Wing had best not waste any time! That wouldn't be beneficial to the Blood Alliance or Zero Wing!" Brut said in a determined tone. "I can even tell Zero Wing now that if they refuse our offer, while it might give the Blood Alliance some trouble, I can guarantee that they will suffer 100 times more than us!"

After Brut finished speaking, the Tier 4 NPCs standing behind him promptly unleashed their

auras.

The combined aura of over a dozen Tier 4 NPCs pressured even Fithalia. If not for the buff from standing inside the Starlight Fortress, she might've even succumbed to this mighty aura and stumbled back.

As for the other Divine Tribe members, their complexions had paled. It was evident that they felt very uncomfortable beneath this frightening aura.

However, just as Fithalia was about to speak up, a calm and deep voice suddenly entered everyone's ears.

"A partnership won't be necessary. Zero Wing doesn't need allies like you bunch."

At this voice of rejection, everyone present turned reflexively toward its origin, curious to see who would be so bold as to decide for Zero Wing.

"Who said that? Come out!"

Brute, in particular, reacted with anger and displeasure. He never thought that someone would dare openly challenge the Blood Alliance.

"Black Flame?"

"Zero Wing's Guild Leader has arrived already?"

When everyone present saw the cloaked man approaching Fithalia and Brut, they quickly recognized him, based on the two longswords hanging by his waist, as well as his dark and determined eyes.

"Guild Leader Black Flame?"

Fithalia was stunned when she saw Shi Feng.

This was because Shi Feng's present self was completely different from when she last met him. Not only did his body radiate frighteningly dense Mana right now, but she could also sense a difference in Life Rating between them!

"Half-step Tier 5?!" When the elderly Level 167, Tier 4 NPC at the head of the Blood Alliance's group saw Shi Feng, he gasped in shock.

"Half-step Tier 5? How is this possible?"

When the surrounding players overheard the elderly NPC's words, they similarly gaped at Shi Feng with astonished gazes.

Nowadays, Tier 4 players were no longer as rare as before. Hence, most Tier 3 players in God's Domain no longer found Tier 4 players foreign. At the same time, they also knew just how difficult it was to get promoted from Tier 4 to Tier 5, as well as how wide the gulf between Tier 4 and Tier 5 existences was.

Meanwhile, a Half-step Tier 5 existence referred to Tier 4 individuals who had achieved an incredibly high standard in their control over Mana and their Mana Body. After reaching this stage, so long as a Tier 4 individual successfully constructed a sufficiently strong Mana Body for themselves, they would become a Tier 5 existence—an existence even NPC empires feared greatly.

Yet, in an era where mainstream players had just reached Tier 3 and only an extremely small number of experts had reached Tier 4, they were now being told that Shi Feng had already reached the Half-step Tier 5 standard. No matter how they thought about it, this didn't seem plausible.

However, as a Tier 4 NPC had said these words, they were unlikely to be false.



“I said that. What kind of guidance do you have for me, I wonder, Guild Leader Brut?” Shi Feng asked calmly as he stared at Brut.

## **Chapter 2857 – Black Flame?**

“You’re Black Flame?” Brut was stunned when he saw Shi Feng.

Half-step Tier 5!

In the current era, where the various superpowers barely had any Tier 4 players under their command, a Half-step Tier 5 existence was practically invincible. In fact, one would have difficulty finding a Half-step Tier 5 existence even among the Outerworld’s players and NPCs.

“That’s right. I am,” Shi Feng said, nodding. “So, it’s Guild Leader Black Flame. Everything before was only a misunderstanding. We don’t have any intentions of isolating the Starlight Fortress,” Brut said, smiling fawningly. “Since you aren’t interested in partnering with us, the Blood Alliance won’t force the issue, Guild Leader Black Flame. If there is nothing else, we will take our leave now.”

As soon as Brut finished speaking, he turned around, planning to leave the Starlight Fortress together with the Blood Alliance’s members. He had no intention of staying even a second longer.

“A misunderstanding?” Shi Feng laughed at Brut’s words. “Guild Leader Brut, you brought over a dozen Tier 4 NPCs and came all the way here to declare that you plan to isolate the Starlight Fortress, yet you’re telling me this is a misunderstanding?”

“Since you’ve already come here, then stay here!”

After saying so, Shi Feng manifested his Mana Domain, enveloping a 4,000-yard radius in liquid Mana. As soon as Shi Feng unleashed his Mana Domain, Brut and the others stiffened. Their bodies felt indescribably heavy as if they had sunk into a swamp. The Level 160-plus, Tier 4 NPCs were just barely able to counter this suppression by releasing their own Mana Domains. However, none of them could manipulate the Mana around them.

Fithalia was astonished when Shi Feng took action. She never thought that he would do so without a second word. After all, the Blood Alliance’s side had more than a dozen Tier 4 NPCs. While these NPCs might not be a match for Shi Feng in a one-on-one fight, if they worked together, they could potentially take on even a Tier 5 existence.

“Not good! This is World Creation!” the elderly Tier 4 NPC leading the other NPCs exclaimed, an indescribably grim expression appearing on his face as he stared at Shi Feng.

The fact that Shi Feng was at the Half-step Tier 5 standard was already plenty frightening. That, combined with his control over Mana being at the World Creation standard, meant he could fight Tier 5 existences already. In front of such an expert, even a group of Tier 4 individuals would be insignificant.

What made Tier 4 individuals much more powerful than Tier 3 individuals was their ability to strengthen their abilities using the ambient Mana. However, individuals who had reached the World Creation standard could create a miniature world with their Mana Domain; all the Mana within the Domain would operate by rules favorable to the user and disadvantageous to hostile forces.

Unless one had similarly reached the World Creation standard, manipulating the ambient Mana while standing in a World Creation-level Mana Domain would be impossible. One could only rely on the Mana in one’s body to do battle, essentially losing all the advantages of Tier 4.

World Creation was something Shi Feng achieved after his Concentration had reached the Tier 5 standard. To be precise, he had first reached the Grandmaster Magician standard after his Concentration had reached the Tier 5 standard; then, his Mana Domain had automatically transformed into a miniature world. He didn't even have to transform it consciously.

"Run!" Brut shouted in a panic. "Run? With your abilities?" Shi Feng unsheathed the Abyssal Blade and activated Darkness Bind.

After getting upgraded to Tier 4, Darkness Bind's range had improved tremendously. The next moment, pitch-black chains emerged from the void within a 500-yard radius and instantly constrained the Blood Alliance members' movements. The chains not only prevented the use of Skills and Spells but also drastically reduced their targets' mobility.

Shi Feng appeared before the Blood Alliance members and brandished the Light of Two Worlds.

Tier 4 Legacy Skill, Formless Blade!

Sword's Transmigration! Thirteen sword lights shot at the chests of Brut and the others, so fast that barely any of them managed to react to the attacks in time.

Of the Blood Alliance players, only Brut, who had broken through the 100% threshold of his Mana Body, managed to activate a Tier 4 Defensive Spell in time. Even so, the Tier 4 Barrier he summoned shattered after receiving Shi Feng's attack.

As for the other Tier 4 players, none of them survived the attack. Even a Tier 4 Shield Warrior died on the spot.

The Tier 4 NPCs fared a little better than the players. Because of their significant advantage in levels and equipment, they all managed to activate a Tier 4 Defensive Skill or Spell in time and block the attacks directed at them. Even so, having used up one of their lifesaving measures, these NPCs wouldn't be able to reuse these Skills and Spells within a short time.

However, Shi Feng had no intention of giving the Blood Alliance's members any room to catch a breather. After completing his first attack, he promptly activated Blade Domain and executed Sword's Transmigration once more.

Under Shi Feng's control, the seven magic swords exhibited power at the Tier 5 standard. Brut and the Tier 4 NPCs were cornered and had no choice but to work together to cope with Shi Feng's attacks. Despite not holding anything back, they were still forced to use their lifesaving measures one after another.

For a time, explosions and spatial tears roiled the entrance of the Starlight Fortress. After these noises continued for around 30 seconds, Brut and the Blood Alliance's Tier 4 NPCs all turned into ashes, becoming deader than dead.

"They died, just like that?"

"So, this is Black Flame's strength?"

"Amazing! Isn't he basically a Tier 5 now?!"

The spectators gaped in shock when they saw the Blood Alliance's people annihilated, unable to get their minds around this situation for a long time.

After all, Brut was a Domain Realm expert. If he worked together with more than a dozen Tier 4 NPCs, they could probably raid even Tier 5 Legendary monsters. However, in front of Shi Feng, these powerful individuals were like children. Throughout the fight, they could only defend themselves; they didn't have any leeway to retaliate or even heal themselves. Anyone who slipped up on their defense for even a moment got killed instantly.

At this time, let alone the spectating crowd, even Fithalia was flabbergasted by this situation.

She never thought that a person's combat power could achieve such frightening heights after reaching the Half-step Tier 5 and World Creation standards. With such combat power, Shi Feng could probably go up against a true Tier 5 existence.

Meanwhile, after killing the Blood Alliance's members, Shi Feng didn't hesitate to pocket the items they dropped.

Simultaneously, he marveled at the excellence of the items they dropped. Just the Epic Weapons and Equipment he obtained numbered more than ten. Moreover, every one of them could be used up to Level 150.

After collecting his loot, Shi Feng went to Fithalia's group and said gratefully, "Thank you for helping out with the Starlight Fortress's troubles throughout this period. If not for you all maintaining the fortress, it would've most likely become a mess long ago." From the Blood Alliance's movements, he could tell that many powers on the western continent already had their sights set on the Starlight Fortress. The threat of the Divine Dragon was no longer sufficient to ensure the Starlight Fortress's development. After all, so long as these powers isolated the Starlight Fortress and prevented other players from visiting it, they could easily stifle the fortress's development.

“You exaggerate, Guild Leader Black Flame. However, you dealt a heavy blow to the Blood Alliance; the alliance is unlikely to take this lying down,” Fithalia said. She then added, “We have already conducted a thorough investigation into the Blood Alliance. It consists of more than ten superpowers and quite a number of powerful NPC forces. Some of these NPC forces even have Tier 5 NPCs leading them. This is why even the Outerworld invaders are just barely able to suppress the Blood Alliance and not defeat it outright.”

With Shi Feng’s strength, offending superpowers wouldn’t be a problem. However, it was a different story for NPC forces. Now that NPCs were no longer restricted by the system, so long as there were sufficient benefits to be had, they would be more than willing to take action against players.

If a Tier 5 NPC were to attack the Starlight Fortress, even if the fortress could remain standing, it would still be a nightmare for the fortress.

“Relax. Even if a Tier 5 does come, they can do nothing,” Shi Feng said, chuckling nonchalantly.

If it were before he had challenged the trial, he would indeed hesitate to clash with the Blood Alliance.

However, he now had the ability to contend against Tier 5 existences. Not to mention, the Starlight Fortress even had Auerbeck guarding it. The Silver Divine Dragon could suppress even ordinary Tier 5 existences of the same level.

“Do nothing?” Fithalia’s eyes widened in shock. She couldn’t help growing curious about the basis of Shi Feng’s confidence.

In the current era where Gods had secluded themselves, Tier 5 existences were considered the strongest combatants in God’s Domain. This was the same for the Outerworld. Every Tier 5 individual was a strategic existence that could singlehandedly ensure the safety of a region.

Hence, she found it inconceivable that Shi Feng already had the ability to go up against Tier 5 existences. Not to mention, these were Tier 5 NPCs they were talking about, not Tier 5 players.

“Commander Fithalia, may I trouble you to get me these materials?” Instead of explaining his confidence, Shi Feng took out a list and handed it to Fithalia. “I am willing to purchase them using Magic Crystals at double the market value.”

After taking a look at the materials on the list, Fithalia found that although these materials were rare and valuable, gathering them shouldn't be a problem with Divine Tribe's abilities.

“This shouldn't be a problem, but why would you want to purchase these materials at such a high price? With Zero Wing's abilities, you should be able to gather these materials yourself. There's no need to pay double for them, much less pay in Magic Crystals,” Fithalia asked as she looked at Shi Feng strangely.

Aside from the Magic Elven Stone, the other materials on the list were relatively easy to obtain for a superpower. So long as Shi Feng returned to the eastern continent, he could gather these materials at any time through Zero Wing. There was no need to pay such an exorbitant price.

Not bothering to hide his motives, Shi Feng explained calmly, “I don't have a choice. I urgently need these materials to connect the two continents. I won't have enough if I rely on only the Starlight Fortress's material stockpile, so I have to ask your Guild to acquire them for me.”

Now that he could summon the Divine Dragon to his aid at any time, he could do many things that he dared not do before. “Connect the two continents?” Fithalia momentarily doubted her ears when she heard Shi Feng's words. “How is this possible?!”

The two main continents of God's Domain were incredibly far apart from each other. This was why the various superpowers had desperately contended over intercontinental teleportation arrays. Even so, these teleportation arrays came with a lot of limitations. If Shi Feng really had a way to allow people to travel between the two continents freely, then that would be simply amazing!

However, Shi Feng just smiled in response to Fithalia's doubt and did not explain himself further.

His past self would indeed be incapable of accomplishing such a feat. However, now that he was a Grandmaster Magician, combined with the Starlight Fortress's Summoning Tower, such a feat wasn't particularly difficult.

## **Chapter 2858 – Intercontinental Teleportation Magic Array**

Starlight Fortress, Summoning Tower:

After spending over 80,000 Magic Crystals to purchase all of the materials he needed from Divine Tribe, Shi Feng immediately began working on the Summoning Tower's teleportation array. The Summoning Tower's main purpose was to summon monsters. It was a construction unique to the Starlight Fortress.

However, the Starlight Fortress itself could be considered a Teleportation Tower, as it possessed a teleportation array and a spatial node passed down since ancient times. These inheritances were what allowed the Summoning Tower to summon monsters from other worlds to fight for the Starlight Fortress.

Under normal circumstances, it shouldn't be possible for the Summoning Tower to facilitate intercontinental teleportation.



However, Shi Feng was now a Grandmaster in manipulating magic arrays. He even possessed a Teleportation Magic Array Design. Hence, he could make the impossible possible.

Not to mention, he had also seen quite a few Guild Cities that possessed player-made intercontinental teleportation arrays in his previous life.

To achieve intercontinental teleportation, one needed to fulfill three conditions.

The first condition was to have a Grandmaster Magician.

The second condition was to have a Teleportation Magic Array Design.

The third and most important condition was to have a spatial node on one of the two continents.

Only after fulfilling these three conditions could one construct an Intercontinental Teleportation Magic Array.

Meanwhile, there weren't many spatial nodes on the two continents. In total, they numbered less than 20. Moreover, many of them were in dangerous forbidden lands. However, so long as one managed to secure a spatial node, they could freely travel between the two main continents, no longer subject to the various limitations of ancient intercontinental magic arrays. This was why Shi Feng was adamant about acquiring the Starlight Fortress previously. The only flaw intercontinental teleportation arrays had was their colossal energy consumption. Instead of using Magic Crystals like ordinary teleportation arrays did, an intercontinental teleportation array required Mana Stones as fuel. Moreover, each teleportation cost ten Mana Stones. If the job of synthesizing Mana Stones using Magic Crystals were left to a Master Alchemist, it would cost nearly 1,000 Magic Crystals per teleportation. With such a high cost, even superpowers wouldn't be able to afford to teleport people between continents in large numbers.

However, even with such a limitation, the intercontinental teleportation array was still plenty amazing

After all, the two main continents had different resources. Trading in these resources could net massive profits. Moreover, transportation by teleportation was much more convenient than by air or by sea.

Most importantly, an intercontinental magic array could allow a Guild to synergize its forces on the two continents. This Guild could operate on the two continents as if operating on a single continent, free of the problems arising from operating on two different continents.

This was also one reason Shi Feng had been desperately working to become a Grandmaster Magician all this time.

As Shi Feng was quietly constructing the intercontinental magic array in the Summoning Tower, Divine Tribe's executives suddenly held a meeting in the Guild's temporary Residence in the Starlight Fortress.

"Fithalia, is what you say true? Can Black Flame really connect the two continents?" Great Elder Adolf asked in disbelief as he looked at Fithalia.

When Adolf heard that Shi Feng had reached the Half-step Tier 5 and World Creation standards and single-handedly killed over a dozen Tier 4 NPCs, he had already been incredulous. Yet, Fithalia was now telling him that Shi Feng could also create an intercontinental teleportation array. How could he possibly believe her?

However, Adolf also understood one thing very clearly-Fithalia was never one to exaggerate things. Since she had said so, then this matter was most likely true. Only, he still couldn't help seeking further confirmation from her.

"With Black Flame's personality, it's unlikely he would lie. Not to mention, he doesn't have any reason to lie to us," Fithalia replied after giving the matter some thought. "After all, even if he can't connect the two continents, with the strength and potential he has displayed and the Starlight Fortress's support, should Zero Wing fall on the eastern continent, it can easily rise again on the western continent. Zero Wing won't need our support at all."

"That makes sense." Adolf nodded.

The Starlight Fortress had a Tier 4 Divine Dragon guarding it. Unless a Tier 6 God or a group of Tier 5 existences attacked the fortress, nothing could threaten the fortress. Not to mention, Shi Feng was already highly likely to get promoted to Tier 5. Whether it was now or in the future, he definitely couldn't be underestimated.

"The reason I called everyone here is to recommend that we deepen our partnership with Zero Wing," Fithalia said as she took out a set of documents detailing the eastern continent's situation. After sending a copy to everyone present, she continued, "This is the latest report on the eastern continent's state of affairs. Several more superpowers have come from the Outerworld recently. Although there shouldn't be any large-scale battles occurring between the Outerworld invaders and the eastern continent's natives, friction between the two sides will definitely occur one way or another. Meanwhile, Zero Wing's resources are extraordinary. A battle between Zero Wing and the Outerworld invaders is inevitable."

"Hence, I propose that we have some of the Guild's Tier 4s head to the eastern continent to support Zero Wing. This way, Divine Tribe will have some initiative in future partnerships with Zero Wing."

When Fithalia finished speaking, everyone present promptly nodded in agreement.

Before today, they had merely treated Zero Wing as an ordinary superpower and did not put much thought into their partnership with the Guild. However, after today's incident, they could no longer afford to do so.

This was because Zero Wing possessed not only a Half-step Tier 5 expert but also an intercontinental teleportation array linking the two continents. Once word of this teleportation array got out, the Starlight Fortress would undoubtedly become the western continent's focal point. At that time, the Starlight Fortress's income would definitely multiply by tenfold or more.

If Divine Tribe could get a cut of this pie, it would be of significant help to the Guild. With Divine Tribe's foundations, the resources from the Starlight Fortress might even allow it to rival the Five Great Super Guilds.

"I don't see any problem with this." Looking at Fithalia, Adolf pondered for a moment before saying, "Since we are going to help Zero Wing on the eastern continent, Fithalia, take MacAffrey and Crimson with you. The two of them should be able to help Zero Wing solve many problems."

"Thank you, Great Elder."

Fithalia was overjoyed when she heard Adolf's words.

MacAffrey and Crimson Witch were top combatants of Divine Tribe. The two of them possessed Fragmented Legendary items and were fully geared in Epic Weapons and Equipment. Most importantly, both had broken through the 100% threshold of their Mana Bodies. Crimson Witch, in particular, had even reached the 105% Completion Rate.

Adolf aside, the Completion Rate of Crimson Witch's Mana Body was the highest in Divine Tribe.

If not for Fithalia owning a Fragmented Legendary Weapon, she wouldn't be a match for Crimson Witch.

"I'll contact the two of them in a moment. As for everything else, I'll leave it up to you," Adolf said, nodding.

Originally, Adolf had other plans for MacAffrey and Crimson Witch. However, taking into account Zero Wing's potential, he deemed deepening Divine Tribe's relationship with Zero Wing much more valuable.

Shortly after Divine Tribe's executives concluded their meeting, Shi Feng completed the intercontinental teleportation array at the top of the Summoning Tower.

Good! The spatial coordinates are stable! Now, I just need to set up a corresponding teleportation array on the eastern continent, and the two continents will be connected!

Shi Feng nodded in satisfaction as he looked at the intercontinental teleportation array before him.

This intercontinental magic array was definitely his best creation since he began playing God's Domain. Not only did constructing this magic array require a lot of knowledge and understanding of the various elements of Mana, but he also had to convert a Master Teleportation Magic Array into a Grandmaster Teleportation Magic Array. The difficulty of such a feat was simply extraordinary. Shi Feng suddenly received a call soon after completing the intercontinental teleportation array.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, I have already arranged the matter you asked before," Fithalia said as she looked at Shi Feng through the video chat. Smiling, she continued, "You can head over to the eastern continent together with us at any time. If it's the intercontinental teleportation array in the Hell Forest City Secret Land, we should be able to reach the eastern continent in less than two days."

“Together?” Surprised by Fithalia’s words, Shi Feng asked, “You plan on heading to the eastern continent as well, Commander Fithalia?”

From what he understood, Divine Tribe had never shown any interest in the eastern continent. The Guild had always focused on the western continent. Not to mention, the current eastern continent was an incredibly dangerous place. Most importantly, Divine Tribe had to pay a huge price to send people to the eastern continent.

The superpowers controlling ancient intercontinental teleportation arrays normally charged around 8,000 Magic Crystals and various precious materials per person when facilitating travel between the two continents. Moreover, this was still considered a friendship price.

Even for a superpower, having many people travel between the two continents would still be a considerable expenditure.

In response to Shi Feng’s question, Fithalia nodded and smiled. “Mhm. Our Guild has some matters to deal with on the eastern continent. I’m afraid we will have to trouble you at that time, Guild Leader Black Flame.”

“You’re being too polite, Commander Fithalia. Your Guild has helped me plenty on the western continent,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “If you encounter any trouble on the eastern continent, feel free to look for me.”

“Since you’ve said so, I definitely won’t hold back when that time comes, Guild Leader Black Flame,” Fithalia said, her smile turning even brighter.

“Naturally.” Shi Feng nodded.

Besides Divine Tribe's status on the western continent, just being able to form friendly relations with Fithalia herself was already well worth his time. After all, there weren't many players capable of reaching Tier 6 in God's Domain.

Shi Feng ended his call with Fithalia, then sorted out the Starlight Fortress's income. He collected the 2.14 million Gold and 930,000 Magic Crystals the fortress earned during this period and made his way to the fortress's entrance. And after he met up with Fithalia's group of three, they promptly made their way to the Hell Forest City Secret Land's intercontinental teleportation array.

After waiting for more than a day for the teleportation array to activate, Shi Feng transformed into a streak of light and disappeared from the secret land.

## **Chapter 2859 – Returning to the Eastern Continent**

Eastern continent, Demon Mist Valley:

“What rotten luck. We actually got teleported to a forbidden land.”

Crimson Witch frowned as she observed the faint red mist surrounding her.

Divine Tribe had conducted a thorough investigation into the forbidden lands on both continents. This was because these locations were incredibly dangerous; current players couldn't visit them. Moreover, players would first have to exit the forbidden land before they could teleport out of the map.

After players entered Level 100-plus maps, it was found that these maps possessed plenty of spatial tears and random teleportation points. Any one of these traps had a high chance of teleporting players

to dangerous locations like forbidden lands. Hence, to reduce the chances of their important combatants dying after getting teleported forcibly to a forbidden land, the superpowers investigated the various forbidden lands and provided this information to their members.

The Demon Mist Valley was one of the better-known forbidden lands on the eastern continent.

The reason for its fame was the red mist shrouding the map all year round. Anyone who entered this place, even Tier 48, would have their physique and senses heavily suppressed, unable to exert even half of their normal combat power.

In addition, the monsters in the Demon Mist Valley possessed incredibly powerful Defense and Magic Resistance. The weakest monster here was a Level 130 Great Lord; there were also plenty of Mythic monsters and even Superior Mythic monsters. Even Tier 4 experts would have a very low chance of survival if they got sent to this forbidden land unprepared. Hence, the various superpowers had placed particularly great importance on the Demon Mist Valley.

“Our luck isn’t all that bad. At least we didn’t get sent to the central region. We’re only at the boundary between the inner and outer regions,” MacAffrey, the Silver Lion Legion’s vice commander, said after checking his map. Pointing at the valley in the forest in front, he continued, “We should reach the outer region in three hours if we head in that direction.”

The Demon Mist Valley did not just prevent teleportation, but its red mist also prevented Tier 4 players from flying. In fact, even Flying Mounts could only walk here. “Guild Leader Black Flame, let us hurry out of here. We’ll get surrounded by monsters if we stay for too long. At that time, leaving the Demon Mist Valley will become even more troublesome,” Fithalia suggested as she looked at Shi Feng. Although the red mist heavily suppressed players’ perception, the monsters inside the Demon Mist Valley were unaffected. Hence, monsters would almost always notice players before players detected them. In addition, now that monsters in God’s Domain had gained self-awareness and greater intelligence, they would almost always ambush players in packs. Not to mention, their group was currently in the Demon Mist Valley’s inner region. According to Divine Tribe’s research, the chances of a Superior Mythic monster appearing here was quite high. Quite a number of Mythic monsters also roamed the area.



If their group caused a huge commotion, it could easily attract a pack of Mythic monsters. Even for Tier 4 players like themselves, fighting multiple Mythic monsters was very dangerous.

“Sure.” Shi Feng nodded.

After arriving in the Demon Mist Valley, he had already spread his senses. Despite his perception getting suppressed to just a 2,000-yard radius, he still managed to discover two Mythic monsters and more than 30 Level 140-plus Grand Lords. It would indeed be very troublesome if their small group had to fight against all these monsters.

Following this, the group of four made their way into the valley under Shi Feng’s lead.

Now that Shi Feng’s Concentration had reached the Tier 5 standard and his control over Mana had achieved World Creation, even after walking through the valley for over an hour, the four did not come across a single battle. This situation confused Fithalia and the others, and they could only assume that an army of players had cleared this valley recently.

However, as the group approached the outer region, the density of the monsters in the area also increased. Although Shi Feng had a perception range of 2,000 yards, he still had greater difficulty finding a safe route to travel.

“Huh? Players?”

Suddenly, Shi Feng detected strong Mana fluctuations coming from a forest some distance ahead, indicating a battle taking place there.

After advancing a little more, the group even began hearing sounds of battle.

Shortly after hearing the noise, the group saw a Level 145 Superior Mythic ranked Four-winged Feathered Dragon rising from the forest a thousand yards away. The Feathered Dragon then used a breath attack, turning the forest within a 500-yard radius into ash.

Along with the destruction of a portion of the forest, three figures—one female and two males—entered the sight of Shi Feng’s group. These three players were all Tier 4 players. Shi Feng even recognized two of them. One was Sixteenth Cloud, the Second Vice Guild Leader of Shining Tiger; the other was the Assassin Sorrowful Silence. The only reason the trio managed to survive the Feathered Dragon’s breath attack was the Tier 4 Guardian Knight of the group.

However, after taking on that breath attack, the Guardian Knight did not have much HP remaining. None of the three was a healer, either, so the Guardian Knight could only rely on potions to heal himself. Evidently, it wouldn’t be long before they fell to the Superior Mythic monster.

“Dammit! To think we’ll actually die here!”

Sixteenth Cloud, who wielded a crimson staff, glared at the Four-winged Feathered Dragon’s 60-meter-long frame with inevitable frustration.

“That’s right! We should’ve fought those people outside instead. It would be much better than getting killed by this monster,” Sorrowful Silence said, nodding in agreement.

“There’s no helping it. Who would’ve thought we would encounter such a monster as soon as we ducked into the inner region?” Sixteenth Cloud said with a bitter smile. “I guess fate really wants us dead.”

They had gone to great lengths to escape the Outerworld experts' pursuit, running all the way from the Demon Mist Valley's outer region to the inner region. Originally, they thought they could lose those Outerworld experts after hiding in the inner region. They never imagined that a Superior Mythic monster might be guarding the border. The Four-winged Feather Dragon wasn't just a Superior Mythic monster. It was also the Realm Lord of this area. Even a 20-man Tier 4 team would have difficulty fighting it under normal circumstances, what more under the Demon Mist Valley's suppression?

And worse, the Feathered Dragon could fly. There was no way to escape it. Players that encountered the Feathered Dragon had only two options: kill it or be killed by it. There was no third option.

However, before Sixteenth Cloud and Sorrowful Silence could continue their conversation, the Feathered Dragon flapped its two sets of wings, sending countless wind blades at the three players. The Boss did not give the trio a chance to catch a breather.

Upon seeing the approaching wind blades, Sixteenth Cloud swung her crimson staff, instantly raising a wall of flames in front of the three.

The wall of flames rose over a hundred meters, blocking all the oncoming wind blades. And once the flames stopped the attacks, they transformed into a phoenix that flew toward the Feathered Dragon.

Tier 4 Curse, Phoenix Flame!

Phoenix Flame was actually a Tier 4 Offensive Curse. However, Sixteenth Cloud not only utilized it as if it were a Defensive Curse but even switched it to offense afterward. Her mastery of this Tier 4 Curse was simply superb.

However, just as the phoenix was about to devour the Feathered Dragon, the latter suddenly let loose a deafening roar. Immediately afterward, the flames making up the phoenix got extinguished one after another. The phoenix eventually disappeared before it could reach the Feathered Dragon's body.

“Mana Annihilation!?”

Sixteenth Cloud was thunderstruck when she saw the flames disappearing, her mind unable to accept this situation. If the flames had merely failed to damage the Feathered Dragon because they lacked power, she would still be able to understand it. However, as she held full control over the flames, she could tell that the flames hadn't died naturally. Instead, they got extinguished because the Mana used to create and fuel them had been annihilated. “How can a Boss hold such a Skill?! This is cheating!”

Sorrowful Silence fell into despair as he looked at the Feathered Dragon. Although he didn't know the exact details of the situation because he wasn't the creator of those flames, he could tell that those flames had died due to Mana Annihilation.

In other words, all Spells would be a joke in front of the Feathered Dragon.

Moreover, as an Inferior Dragon, the Four-winged Feathered Dragon possessed incredible Defense. If magical attacks were ineffective against it, it would be a nigh-invincible existence.

After destroying Sixteenth Cloud's Curse, the Feathered Dragon flapped its wings and sent wind blades at the three players once more.

“It seems this is the end for us.”

Looking at the innumerable oncoming wind blades, Sixteenth Cloud could only shrug helplessly and wait for death to claim her.

Originally, she had hoped her Tier 4 Curse would heavily injure the Feathered Dragon, creating an opportunity for their party to escape. However, let alone heavily injuring the Feathered Dragon, she couldn't even damage it. In front of an Inferior Dragon capable of using Mana Annihilation, an Elementalist like herself was nothing but a joke. She was of no threat to it at all.

Yet, just as the countless wind blades were about to strike Sixteenth Cloud and the others, a magic barrier suddenly emerged from the ground before them. The barrier stopped the wind blades, releasing the trio from death's grip.

"Crystalline Barrier?"

When Sixteenth Cloud saw the shattered magic barrier in front of her, she immediately recognized the Tier 4 Spell used to create it. With his keen eyes, Sorrowful Silence quickly noticed some figures emerging from the distant forest. "Vice Guild Leader, there are people coming from over there." At Sorrowful Silence's words, Sixteenth Cloud promptly turned toward the direction he indicated.

What entered her vision were four people, two male and two females, emerging from the forest roughly 500 yards away. It was evident that these four people were responsible for the Tier 4 Defensive Spell that had saved their party.

"Black Flame?"

When Sixteenth Cloud saw one of the cloaked men of the group, she couldn't help her surprise.

She had met with the man known as Black Flame once before, when negotiating with Zero Wing for partnership on behalf of Shining Tiger. However, after that event, she had paid very little attention to Zero Wing, focusing it all on developing Shining Tiger's forces in the Glory Empire.

If not for Shi Feng having accomplished astonishing feats that shook the entirety of God's Domain, she would've long since forgotten his appearance.

## **Chapter 2860 – Eastern Continent's Situation**

Sixteenth Cloud and the others noticed the three people moving behind Shi Feng and were stunned when they saw the faces of these three people.

"No way! Commander Fithalia of Divine Tribe's Divine Hymn Legion is here! Isn't Divine Tribe active only on the western continent?"

"She's not here alone. Even the Silver Lion Legion's Vice Commander MacAffrey and Divine Tribe's Crimson Witch are here. Both of them are Divine Tribe's top combatants. Crimson Witch is probably the one who helped us just now."

"Why did they come here all of a sudden?"

Although Divine Tribe wasn't famous on the eastern continent, it was very well-known on the western continent. The Guild's development had even skyrocketed recently, and it was now an existence close to rivaling the Five Great Super Guilds. Naturally, Divine Tribe was many times stronger than a recently established superpower like Shining Tiger.

Yet, three of Divine Tribe's top combatants were now here. With the ability of these three people, they could normally preside over the Guild affairs on their own. Having the three of them together was akin to Divine Tribe having its trump card legion stroll down the street of a city. Unless Divine Tribe was planning an important operation, such an action would be a complete waste of manpower.

However, before Sixteenth Cloud and the others could recover from their surprise, Fithalia and MacAffrey suddenly appeared beside the Four-winged Feathered Dragon. Fithalia promptly brandished her longsword and bombarded the Realm Lord with a rain of sword lights.

As for MacAffrey, he raised his greatsword and stabbed it into the ground. Subsequently, massive greatswords emerged from the ground and stabbed at the airborne Feathered Dragon.

Compared to the Shining Tiger trio, Fithalia and MacAffrey evidently had far superior control over Mana. Their ordinary Tier 4 Skills nearly rivaled Tier 5 Skills in power. They also perfectly coordinated their attacks, such that the Feathered Dragon could only defend against the attack of one and had no choice but to take the attack of the other.

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Damage exceeding 30 million appeared above the Feathered Dragon's head, the attack provoking a pained cry from the Superior Mythic. Although this amount of damage was nothing compared to the Feathered Dragon's nearly 20 billion HP, Sixteenth Cloud and the others couldn't even damage the Realm Lord.

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"How strong!"

“So, these are Divine Tribe’s top combatants?”

Sixteenth Cloud was astonished when she saw the combat prowess Fithalia and MacAffrey displayed.

Although Sixteenth Cloud recognized that she still couldn’t rank at the very top of God’s Domain in terms of combat power, she was still a Domain Realm Tier 4 expert. She was also fully equipped with Epic Equipment. Yet, compared to Fithalia and MacAffrey, she still had a long way to go before reaching the top of God’s Domain.

However, before Shining Tiger’s trio could overcome their shock from Fithalia and MacAffrey’s display of power, an overbearing sword light suddenly cut through space and sliced off one of the Feathered Dragon’s claws. The attack wrenched an agonized shriek from the Feathered Dragon, and its HP instantly plunged by more than 100 million. The horrified Feathered Dragon immediately flapped its wings and fled the scene like a powerful storm, not daring to remain for even a moment longer. The Feathered Dragon was much faster than the average Tier 4 Flying Mount.

Upon seeing this scene, Sixteenth Cloud and the others reflexively turned toward the origin of the sword light with stunned looks on their faces.

This was because the origin of this sword light was none other than Shi Feng. Currently, he radiated a Mana so dense that it was liquid.

“How is this possible?” Sixteenth Cloud gaped in shock at Shi Feng.



Not only did Shi Feng scare a Superior Mythic ranked Realm Lord away with one attack, but the strength of his Mana was simply unbelievable. The density of his Mana was something she had seen radiating from only Tier 5 NPCs.

However, while the information Shining Tiger obtained said that Shi Feng was indeed powerful to the point where he could slay Tier 4 NPCs-it did not say that he was this powerful.

The attack Shi Feng had used to scare the Feathered Dragon away wasn't a Skill because the attack did not create any Mana fluctuations whatsoever. It was an ordinary attack executed with a combat technique.

Meanwhile, seeing the Feathered Dragon fly away left Shi Feng feeling a little frustrated.

How unfortunate. The Demon Mist Valley's restraint prevented even him from flying. Hence, if a flying monster fled from him, he had no way of catching up. Not to mention, the Four-winged Feathered Dragon was even a Realm Lord.

This was why players had an incredibly difficult time killing Mythic monsters or above in forbidden lands that prevented flight. After all, the majority of the Mythic monsters in forbidden lands could fly. Unless players prepared an ambush beforehand, they could, at most, repel Mythic monsters but not kill them.

"Are you three alright?" After seeing the Feathered Dragon flying into the distance, Shi Feng approached Sixteenth Cloud's group and asked curiously, "This isn't a place ordinary Tier 4s can visit. Why did you come here?"

Unlike the Ruined Mountain Range, which was a forbidden land only for humans, the Demon Mist Valley was a forbidden land for all lifemuch more dangerous than the Ruined Mountain Range. Tier 4 players traveling alone or in a small group could only explore the Valley's outer region, at most.

Normally, if players wished to enter the Demon Mist Valley's inner region, they needed a team of 20 Tier 4 players at the very least. Meanwhile, Sixteenth Cloud's group only had three people. Entering the Valley's inner region was a death sentence for them.

"You misunderstand us, Guild Leader Black Flame. If possible, we wouldn't have chosen to enter this place, either," Sixteenth Cloud replied with a bitter smile. "The three of us entered this place because we had no other choice. Otherwise, the Outerworld Tier 4 experts chasing us would've long since killed

us."

She was both Shining Tiger's Second Vice Guild Leader and a Tier 4 Domain Realm expert. If it were a month ago, nobody would believe her if she told them that other players were hunting her and had even driven her into a desperate situation.

In fact, if Sixteenth Cloud had come across such a situation, she definitely wouldn't tell anyone about it. Now, however, Sixteenth Cloud did not mind revealing this matter to an outsider at all. She also didn't find it damaging to her self-esteem. On the contrary, she even felt proud about the situation.

"The three of you were actually cornered? Is the eastern continent's situation that bad?" Shi Feng was surprised by Sixteenth Cloud's words.

In his previous life, Tier 4 experts remained existences that could not be underestimated, even ten years after God's Domain's launch. Even superpowers with Tier 5 and Tier 6 experts wouldn't have an easy time targeting and hunting down Tier 4 experts keen on escaping

After all, there were simply far too few experts in God's Domain capable of getting promoted to Tier 4, and the bare minimum requirement for players to participate in a hunt for Tier 4 players was to be Tier 4 themselves. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to catch up with and surround the targeted Tier 4 player at all. And while Tier 5 and Tier 6 experts were indeed capable of overpowering Tier 4 experts in a head-on fight, they had to track down their target first before they could do anything. Hence, even for the various superpowers, hunting down Tier 4 experts was a headache.

Yet, Sixteenth Cloud's group of three Tier 4 experts was actually getting hunted. This told Shi Feng that the eastern continent was in far direr straits than what Divine Tribe's report described.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, you must've been away from the eastern continent during this period, right?" Sixteenth Cloud wasn't particularly surprised by Shi Feng's question. Without withholding any information, she replied, "A few days ago, another ten or so Outerworld superpowers arrived on the eastern continent. One of these superpowers is incredibly strong-probably on the level of the Five Great Super Guilds. This superpower has many Tier 4s, as well as Tier 3 experts that exhibit combat power at the Tier 4 standard.

"Because of this superpower's appearance, the originally stable situation on the eastern continent changed instantly. Previously, the Tier 4 experts of the eastern continent's superpowers could still roam the Demon Mist Valley's outer region. Now, however, let alone grinding peacefully in the outer region, we'd be fortunate not to get hunted by those Outerworld experts."

Previously, there had indeed been a huge difference between the eastern continent's superpowers and the Outerworld's superpowers. However, it wasn't as if the eastern continent's superpowers were utterly helpless to fight back. After all, even in the Outerworld, reaching Tier 4 wasn't easy. As a result, the Outerworld's superpowers did not have many Tier 4 players under their command, either.

However, after that superpower showed up, the Outerworld's forces suddenly gained a slew of Tier 4 combatants. This instantly shattered the balance between the two sides and placed native Tier 4 experts like herself at an absolute disadvantage.

Almost all of the eastern continent's resource-rich maps had already become the backyard of those Outerworld players, and trying to level up in these maps was now a monumental challenge for native players. "I see. No wonder you ran all the way here." Shi Feng finally understood the situation.

There were many ways in God's Domain to allow Tier 3 experts to possess Tier 4 combat power. Besides Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment, combat arrays were more than capable of doing the job. However, combat arrays were incredibly rare, and producing them was also extremely troublesome. This was especially true when it came to the materials required. Nevertheless, so long as one managed to manufacture combat arrays capable of granting

Tier 3 players Tier 4 combat power, one would be more than capable of dealing with Tier 4 players.

After all, the precondition for Tier 4 players' invulnerability to zerg tactics was that their opponents were Tier 3 combatants or weaker. If a Tier 4 player had to go up against a group of Tier 4 players, even a Tier 4 apex expert would be pushed to the brink of death very quickly.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, if you plan on leaving the Demon Mist Valley, I'd advise you to wait here for the time being. We entered this place just recently, so those Outerworld experts are probably still hanging around the outer region," Sixteenth Cloud said. "Although those Tier 3 experts with Tier 4 combat power are strong, their resistance to the foreign energy in the environment is still at the Tier 3 standard, so they can't stay in a forbidden land for too long." Judging by Shi Feng's reactions, Sixteenth Cloud guessed that the man had not been updated about the eastern continent's situation for quite some time now.

Although Shi Feng was indeed extraordinarily strong and even had three powerful experts following him, his group would most likely still face a bitter battle if it had to go up against a large number of Tier 4 combatants. If the four weren't careful, they might even end up losing their lives.

At present, the wisest option would be to wait until those Tier 4 combatants had left the forbidden land.

“Thank you for the warning, but that won’t be necessary.” Shi Feng shook his head in response to Sixteenth Cloud’s advice. After voicing his gratitude, he promptly led Fithalia and the others out of the inner region.

When Shi Feng’s party of four had gotten several hundred yards away, Sorrowful Silence and the Tier 4 Guardian Knight turned to Sixteenth Cloud.

“What should we do now?” Sorrowful Silence asked. “Do we wait here?”

Now that the Four-winged Feathered Dragon had fled this place, they should be safe for some time.

“We don’t have a choice. Let’s follow Guild Leader Black Flame,” Sixteenth Cloud replied, gritting her teeth. “It might be impossible to break out of the encirclement with just the three of us, but with the strength of Guild Leader Black Flame’s group, we should have a chance.”

Sixteenth Cloud and the others ran after Shi Feng’s group.