

## Chapter 2861 – Natives?

Demon Mist Valley, outer region:

Due to the red mist shrouding the Demon Mist Valley all year round, the forbidden land was very humid, abounding with lush vegetation.

Unlike the plants found in the outside world, the plants here seemed self-aware as they constantly moved about slowly. This made one feel they were traversing a maze when they traveled through the valley.

“Dammit! Those people sure know how to run! If they’d just tamely let us kill them, we wouldn’t have to suffer so much!” a Level 143, Tier 4 female Swordsman grumbled in dissatisfaction.

“That might be the case, but we also have to thank these people,” a Level 143, Tier 4 male Berserker standing beside the female Swordsman said. “If not for these native Tier 4 experts, we wouldn’t have an opportunity to earn Alliance Contribution Points.”

“I guess that’s true. So long as we gather a few more points, we will be able to stay in the luxury zone where those major powers stay,” the female Swordsman said, nodding. A hint of anticipation flashing across her eyes, she continued, “I heard that the luxury zone even sells drugs that extend one’s lifespan. We can also use the extra points we earn to exchange for those drugs.”

“I’ve heard about them too. Normally, those things are reserved for the upper-class young masters and young ladies. Ordinary people like us have no chance to touch these things,” said a middle-aged man who was a Level 145, Tier 4 Elementalist. “Now, though, those major powers have no choice but to ask professionals like us for help to take over this backwater world. It’s a pity that the natives here are too

inferior. Their control over Mana, Skills, and Spells is terribly clumsy. If they were a little better, we would have more targets to hunt and more points to earn.”

As these Tier 4 players were chatting merrily, a party of players was eyeing them with contempt.

“These mercenaries really know how to dream. Do they think they can exchange for those life-extending drugs so easily?” Jade Leaf commented as she looked at the bragging Tier 4 experts in disdain. “Even our Guild has trouble getting our hands on a few bottles, yet they think mercenaries like them can exchange for some?”

“Jade, you can’t say that. If we don’t provide these people with some benefits, how would we get them to work for us?” Awakened Abyss said, smiling. “Moreover, thanks to this operation, we also get to exchange for those precious life-extending drugs without limit this time. This is a rare opportunity from the higher-ups.” In the world they lived in, life-extending drugs were incredibly precious items. Even children of major families like themselves had great difficulty getting their hands on a bottle. However, they could now use the Alliance Contribution Points they earned from killing native Tier 4 experts to exchange for these drugs—a precious opportunity, even for them. After all, who wouldn’t want to live a longer life?

Before Awakened Abyss could continue speaking, a Level 144, Tier 4 Ranger suddenly approached him in a hurry.

“Commander, we found traces of a group of people. These should be auras left behind by natives,” the Ranger reported in a quiet tone. “Three of the auras belong to the three people we were pursuing earlier.”

“Good! Gather everyone for an ambush!” Awakened Abyss commanded with a smile. “So long as we kill them once, we’ll see how Shining Tiger will continue bringing their members here to grind!”

The main reason the eastern continent's native superpowers continued to survive was their Tier 4 experts leading teams into forbidden lands to grind. Killing the native superpowers' Tier 4 experts once would be more than enough to deal a heavy blow to the native superpowers—especially if the death penalty players suffered were increased. While EXP meant very little to Tier 4 players, it was a different story for weapons and equipment. If Tier 4 experts suddenly lost two or three pieces of their equipment, the native superpowers would definitely suffer heartache. It would also be very challenging for these native Tier 4 experts to recover from their losses.

“Understood!”

At Awakened Abyss's command, the Ranger promptly contacted the other members of their hunting group to gather at the specified ambush point.

In a woodland in the Demon Mist Valley's outer region...

“If we continue running in this direction for another four to five hours, we should be able to leave the Demon Mist Valley,” Sixteenth Cloud said excitedly as she pointed at a mountain range looming in the distance.

The Demon Mist Valley's terrain continuously changed. The one constant in this place was the mountains. Meanwhile, the distant mountain range was none other than the one Sixteenth Cloud's party had passed through to enter the forbidden land.

The sight of this same mountain range meant that their journey was nearing its end.

Once they left the Demon Mist Valley, they could teleport to safety using a Return Scroll. At that time, the Outerworld invaders wouldn't be able to chase them.

Sorrowful Silence and the Tier 4 Guardian Knight also grew excited when they saw the distant mountain range.

The three of them had been inflicted with a curse that drastically increased the death penalty they suffered and would randomly resurrect them within the forbidden land.

Previously, they thought that they no longer had any hope of surviving this ordeal. Now, their hopes were rekindled.

It would've been incredibly difficult for their party of three to escape the outer region by themselves. After all, the outer region had not only Outerworld players hunting them but also powerful monsters roaming everywhere. If they got entangled with monsters for too long, the resulting commotion would definitely attract the Outerworld players to them.

However, when following Shi Feng's party of four, they actually did not encounter a single monster. It was as if those monsters had vanished from the map. They had to marvel at Shi Feng's party's heaven-defying luck.

Now, all they needed to do was run to that distant mountain range. After that, they would be able to fly freely in the sky like birds.

However, when the seven arrived at the foot of the mountain range, a magic barrier suddenly enveloped them. Given its 1,000-yard radius, one could easily tell that it was at the Master standard. Even Superior Mythic monsters would have difficulty breaking out of it.

"Not good! We got fooled!" Sixteenth Cloud's complexion paled when she saw the barrier forming

She had thought that they had already shaken off the Outerworld players' pursuit. Evidently, these Outerworlders had simply waited for them to throw themselves into this trap.

With this area sealed with a Master Magic Barrier, they had no hope of escaping whatsoever.

Just then, a savage and brawny Level 145 man emerged from the forest in front of Shi Feng's group and said with a sadistic look, "You people have made me wait for a very long time. Let's see how you get out of this situation now!"

The last time his hunting group had come across Shining Tiger's party, it should've succeeded in annihilating the trio. However, the instant Sixteenth Cloud noticed the ambush, she had decisively fled with her party before his hunting group could trap them with a barrier.

This time, his hunting group had discovered traces of Sixteenth Cloud's party early and managed to discern where the party was heading. And with this information, his hunting group could easily set up an ambush.

At this time, Sixteenth Cloud couldn't help looking at Shi Feng with guilt. "Guild Leader Black Flame, this is all my fault. If I had suggested we take another exit, they wouldn't have caught us."

The Demon Mist Valley didn't have just one exit. Had they chosen any of the other exits instead, they wouldn't have gotten trapped.

"Vice Commander Cloud, you don't need to blame yourself," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "After all, I was the one who asked you to find the nearest exit. Even if you didn't guide us, we would've had to clean up these hindrances sooner or later."

Upon hearing Shi Feng's words, the approaching brawny man automatically frowned.

"Clean up us hindrances? What big words you have there!"

"Commander Eagle, why are you wasting time speaking with these people? These ignorant natives just don't know how large the gap between them and us is! Let's just get rid of them now!"

Shi Feng's words enraged the Outerworld players surrounding his party. In their opinion, the residents of this God's Domain were no different from natives living in an undeveloped wilderness. Yet, these natives weren't kneeling and begging them for mercy but even treating them like annoying flies. Such arrogance was beyond salvation.

However, while the Outerworld hunting group's 30-plus Tier 4 experts and 100-plus Tier 3 experts were raising a ruckus, the brawny man leading them turned his gaze toward Awakened Abyss's group.

"Commander Abyss, you're finally here. May I know if your group will be taking action, or will you leave it to us?"

## **Chapter 2862 – Hunter? Or Hunted?**

Quasi Eagle's words agitated the Tier 4 experts around him so much that they wished they could charge forward and finish off the seven native players in front of them immediately.

Currently, the Alliance's price for native Tier 4 experts was 300 Contribution Points per kill. If a curse was used on the kill, they would receive 1,000 points.

These prices represented a fortune, even for the luxury zone's residents, let alone residents of the commoner zone like themselves. If converted into income, 1,000 Alliance Contribution Points were equivalent to ten years of salary for an ordinary person living in the luxury zone.

Indeed! The Interstellar Alliance's bounty for native Tier 4s was that high!

This demonstrated the Interstellar Alliance's determination in acquiring this God's Domain.

More importantly, Alliance Contribution Points could be exchanged for money but not vice versa. Meanwhile, Alliance Contribution Points could be used to exchange for many items and resources that normally could not be bought with money.

Hence, the seven Tier 4 players in front of them were basically walking treasure troves. Even if they split the points among their group, they would still earn a significant income.

However, Awakened Abyss did not respond to Quasi Eagle's question. Instead, he stared at the group of native players in front of him. More precisely, he was looking at the cloaked man standing at the head of this group. Despite being surrounded by over 100 Tier 4 combatants and suppressed by a Master Magic Array, this cloaked man remained incredibly calm.

"Guild Leader Black Flame! You've really made me search for you!"

Awakened Abyss ignored everyone around him, focusing solely on Shi Feng, the words he uttered carrying endless rage and killing intent.

Although Awakened Abyss had eventually gotten rescued from Sky Spring City's prison, his reputation in the Guild had still plummeted. As a result, despite being one of the Guild's top three talents, he had no choice but to complete a bunch of meaningless missions, such as hunting down Shining Tiger's Tier 4 experts.

Hence, Awakened Abyss bore deep hatred for Shi Feng. Only, after the World Passage opened, he had not obtained any information on Shi Feng's whereabouts, so he had no opportunity to reclaim his honor.

However, Shi Feng ignored Awakened Abyss's anger and hatred entirely. Looking at the young man, Shi Feng said calmly, "So, it's Commander Abyss of Hundred Ghosts. It seems you've improved a lot since we last met."

Awakened Abyss was evidently much stronger than when Shi Feng saw him in Sky Spring City.

The young man had not only reached Level 145 but even broken through the 100% threshold of his Mana Body; his Mana Body's Completion Rate definitely rivaled Fithalia's.

Most importantly, aside from sporting Epic Set Equipment, Awakened Abyss also had three Fragmented Legendary items on him. Given that he was at the Domain Realm and had gotten far in the Realms of Truth, the combat power he could display was most likely superior to the average Tier 4 NPC's.

"That's right! This is all thanks to you, Guild Leader Black Flame!" Awakened Abyss gnashed his teeth at Shi Feng's words. "Since we had the fortune of meeting today, how about we – 11



Just as Awakened Abyss was about to propose a duel, Jade Leaf hurriedly tugged his sleeve and said quietly, "Abyss, don't mess around! His strength has already reached monstrous levels! Moreover, the Elder told you that now still isn't the time for us to make an enemy of Black Flame!"

Awakened Abyss had been imprisoned in Sky Spring City, so he had not witnessed the battle outside the Secret Covenant Tower.

Back then, not only did Shi Feng single-handedly slay hundreds of weakened Tier 4 Faux Saint Saboteurs as if he was cutting up a bunch of vegetables, but he also revealed extraordinary trump cards.

Shi Feng also possessed an incredibly powerful Mana Domain. When he deployed his Mana Domain, none of the Faux Saint Saboteurs managed to exhibit more than half of their usual combat power.

While one of the reasons Windshadow had chosen to surrender to Zero Wing was indeed the Mobile Fortress's threat, a larger part was Shi Feng's trump cards. Hence, he had chosen to surrender and compensate Zero Wing.

Although their hunting group currently had a significant advantage in numbers and even had a Master Magic Array suppressing Shi Feng, Jade Leaf still couldn't see their group having any chance of victory against Shi Feng's party.

At Jade Leaf's reminder, Awakened Abyss gradually cooled down.

"I know!"

Although Awakened Abyss wanted nothing more than to kill Shi Feng right now, his circumstances were no longer the same as before. He could no longer afford to act willfully. Take Jade Leaf, for example. In addition to protecting him, she was also tasked with supervising him.

If Awakened Abyss dared defy Windshadow's command and Jade Leaf reported his disobedience, it wouldn't matter whether he managed to kill Shi Feng or not; nothing good would come of it. In fact, he might get even more marginalized in the Guild.

After Awakened Abyss finished his conversation with Jade Leaf, he turned to Quasi Eagle.

"Commander Eagle, remove the barrier! We're leaving!"

At Awakened Abyss's words, Quasi Eagle and the other Tier 4 experts of the hunting party were all stunned.

"What's going on?" Sixteenth Cloud also goggled in shock. She couldn't understand why the situation had taken such an unexpected turn.

While she wasn't aware of the history between Awakened Abyss and Shi Feng, she could tell from the anger and hatred Awakened Abyss had displayed toward Shi Feng a moment ago that Awakened Abyss wouldn't let them go. In fact, it was already incredible that Awakened Abyss did not take action immediately.

Yet, Awakened Abyss was now saying to let them go. If not for her clearly sensing the resentment Awakened Abyss radiated, she would even suspect that Awakened Abyss had merely been feigning anger before and that he actually had an excellent relationship with Shi Feng.

Let alone Sixteenth Cloud, even Shi Feng found this situation surprising. He couldn't help wondering if Awakened Abyss had blown a fuse or two in his brain from his previous outburst and had a slip of the tongue.

“Commander Abyss, what are you saying?” Looking at Awakened Abyss in confusion, Quasi Eagle asked, “We’ve expended so much manpower and resources to hunt them down, yet you want us to just release them?”

It wasn't easy to hunt down and surround the native superpowers' Tier 4 experts, who were now operating very cautiously.

If it were before, they would've required a team of only a dozen or so Tier 4 combatants to hunt down a handful of native Tier 4s. Now, they needed to mobilize over a hundred Tier 4 combatants just for three of Shining Tiger's Tier 4 experts.

Since their hunting group had surrounded seven Tier 4 experts—four more than expected—they would make a fortune if they simply finished the job. Yet, Awakened Abyss was telling them to let these Tier 4 experts go. For a moment, Quasi Eagle suspected that Awakened Abyss had gone crazy.

In response, Awakened Abyss clenched his fists and repeated, “Yes, let them go.”

Sixteenth Cloud and her two Guildmates heaved a deep sigh of relief at Awakened Abyss's affirmation. Although they didn't know why such a situation was happening or who exactly Awakened Abyss was, Awakened Abyss appeared to be the leader of this hunting group. And since the leader had spoken, her party should be safe.

However, contrary to the Shining Tiger trio's expectations, Quasi Eagle, the mercenaries' leader, behaved as if he had not heard Awakened Abyss's command. He didn't call off his subordinates or remove the Master Magic Array

"Sorry, but I cannot listen to your words, Commander Abyss. I don't know what kind of relationship you have with this Guild Leader Black Flame, but I need to take care of my brothers. We went to great lengths to trap these people in a barrier. If we let them go now, my brothers will have nothing to eat!" Looking at Awakened Abyss, Quasi Eagle smiled faintly and said, "Since you are unwilling to take action, we will do it instead. If you can't bear to watch, you can shut your eyes and stand aside. I promise we won't let your friends suffer and will finish the battle quickly!"

"I support you, Boss! Commander Abyss, even if you're the leader, you have to ask our weapons first whether we agree with your commands!"

"That's right! Commander Abyss, if you can't bear to attack your friend, just stand aside!"

The other mercenaries promptly voiced their agreement with Quasi Eagle. Players like them relied on bounties to make a living. Now that they had found themselves a big catch, there was no way they would let their prey get away.

When Awakened Abyss heard these mercenaries' words, he had an urge to puke blood.

"You..."

When did I become friends with Black Flame?

Despite his anger at the mercenaries' comments, Awakened Abyss was actually delighted about this situation. In fact, he wished these mercenaries would blow up this situation even further. At that time, even if the higher-ups of his Guild wanted to pin the blame on him, they couldn't.

Although Awakened Abyss was slightly displeased that he wouldn't get revenge with his own hands, watching Shi Feng get killed wasn't a bad option, either.

Jade Leaf, on the other hand, frowned at this sight. She never thought that these mercenaries would be so crazy. These mercenaries were treating a monster like Shi Feng as an average Tier 4 expert under the command of the native superpowers. Instead of conducting detailed research on the man, the only thing they had in their minds was money.

"Jade, you saw it yourself. I tried to let him go, but these people aren't willing to do so. There's nothing I can do about this." Pretending to be angry, Awakened Abyss said, "These mercenaries simply aren't treating me like their leader at all. That's why I've been saying that I'm not suited to leading these mercenaries. After this mission, you must talk to Elder Windshadow for me."

"Forget it! We're leaving!" Jade Leaf couldn't be bothered with these mercenaries.

The instructions of the Guild's higher-ups were simple: they were to avoid making an enemy out of Zero Wing, no matter what, for the moment. However, since they had no control over these mercenaries, the higher-ups naturally couldn't blame them for negligence if the mercenaries acted on their own.

Jade Leaf promptly drew Hundred Ghosts's members aside, refusing to participate in this affair.

"Good!" Seeing Jade Leaf moving away, Quasi Eagle smiled and said, "Brothers, time to work! Make sure not to show too ugly of a scene to our dear Commander Abyss!"

The other mercenaries present laughed, all them gazing at Shi Feng's group with ill intentions.

"Friends, don't blame us for this! We're only doing this to make a living. For our sake, I'll have to trouble you to suffer a little bit!" Quasi Eagle said as he looked at Shi Feng's group of seven, his eyes radiating killing intent.

"Trouble?" Shi Feng chuckled. "It seems you people have made a mistake."

"Mistake?" Quasi Eagle eyed Shi Feng strangely. "What mistake?"

"You've mistaken the roles of the hunter and the hunted in this situation!"

After saying so, Shi Feng extended his Mana Domain, instantly enveloping a 2,000-yard radius in his Mana and shattering the magic barrier trapping the seven.

## **Chapter 2863 – Peerless Overlord**

World Creation?! How is this possible?!

Sixteenth Cloud gaped in shock when she saw the magic barrier disappear and the pressure weighing down her body vanished. She simply couldn't bring herself to believe this situation.

Even acquiring a Mana Domain was already tough for Tier 4 players; anyone who managed to do so would become an absolute powerhouse among Tier 4 existences.

Meanwhile, World Creation was something even Tier 5 existences had difficulty achieving.

Anyone who reached the World Creation standard could create a small world of their own, which was much more powerful than a barrier created using a magic array. It was akin to a passive, large-scale magic barrier.

What was even more amazing was that the owner of this small world could isolate enemies from the ambient Mana. So long as the trapped enemies had yet to reach Tier 5 or the World Creation standard or did not possess Fragmented Legendary items capable of countering a World Creation Mana Domain, resisting the owner of the small world was impossible.

In front of a World Creation expert, Tier 4 experts were hardly any different from Tier 2 and Tier 3 players; they just had stronger Basic Attributes and physiques.

Let alone Sixteenth Cloud, even Awakened Abyss and Jade Leaf were stunned by this situation.

“How can he be at the World Creation level already?! Isn’t he just a native?!”

Awakened Abyss couldn’t believe his eyes as he looked at Shi Feng. Even in the God’s Domain they came from, only experts standing at the apex of the world had reached the World Creation standard—all of them old monsters belonging to the few transcendental powers.

However, Shi Feng’s appearance indicated he was only 30, at most. Moreover, the God’s Domain he lived in was not only sparse in Mana but also lacking in Legacies. No matter how Awakened Abyss looked

at it, there was no way anyone in this God's Domain could achieve such strength at this stage of the game.

"So, this is his hidden strength?" Jade Leaf was horrified by this revelation.

Previously, when Windshadow told her that Shi Feng was still hiding a lot of his strength and that they needed to be careful around him, she hadn't thought much of his warning. She had reminded Awakened Abyss to avoid clashing with Shi Feng simply because she did not want to disobey Windshadow's orders.

However, after Shi Feng revealed his hidden strength, Jade Leaf found him much scarier than even Windshadow's predictions.

The next moment, before Quasi Eagle and the other mercenaries could snap out of their daze, Shi Feng's Light of Two Worlds swung toward them.

Tier 4 Skill, Lightning Edge!

Countless sword lights descended from the sky, creating a mesmerizing river of light.

Quasi Eagle and the other mercenaries indeed possessed combat power at the Tier 4 standard. Moreover, even the weakest Tier 3 expert among them was at the Refinement Realm standard. However, since they couldn't tap the ambient Mana, none of the defensive maneuvers and Lifesaving skills they used could withstand Shi Feng's attack.

As a result, apart from Quasi Eagle and a Tier 4 Elementalist, both of whom had broken through the 100% threshold of their Mana Bodies, everyone else lost their lives to the sword lights.



When the river of light disappeared, a ravine dozens of meters deep and nearly a thousand meters long had formed in the forested region, with weapons and equipment strewn inside it.

How is this possible?!

Quasi Eagle, who had survived thanks to a Tier 4 Defensive Skill, was stupefied when he saw most of his team of more than 100 Tier 4 combatants wiped out.

When he and the surviving Elementalist looked at Shi Feng again, they shuddered involuntarily, horror swamping their hearts. The two of them finally understood that what Shi Feng had said earlier was true. From start to end, their team had merely been a bunch of clowns. They arrogantly thought of Shi Feng's group as sheep for the slaughter, not knowing that they themselves were the actual sheep.

World Creation... No wonder Awakened Abyss conceded without hesitation... Quasi Eagle smiled bitterly as he looked at Shi Feng.

The loss of levels was a small matter for Tier 4 players like them. However, the loss of weapons and equipment wasn't something that they could recover from easily.

"Boss, what should we do?" the Level 144, Tier 4 male Elementalist asked Quasi Eagle in a panic. "There's no way we can get away from him inside this small world. We also can't fly inside the Demon Mist Valley."

Once a World Creation expert unleashed their Mana Domain, escape was impossible especially for players like themselves.

At the Elementalist's question, Quasi Eagle gritted his teeth and said to Shi Feng, "Friend, my brother and I surrender. We are willing to compensate you with two pieces of top-tier Epic Equipment for each of us. What do you think?"

Quasi Eagle's proposal surprised Awakened Abyss and the other Hundred Ghosts members.

The commander of the Wild Hunt mercenary group was considered above average among the Tier 4 experts in their God's Domain. For him to actually bow down to another was simply unbelievable.

Quasi Eagle was known to be a ruthless person in their God's Domain.

He had once gone up against a Guild all by himself. Despite getting killed more than a dozen times, he still did not give up clashing with the Guild. Eventually, the Guild in question suffered a major loss in a Guild war. And with Quasi Eagle incessantly targeting the Guild's experts, the Guild had no choice but to concede and provide all sorts of compensation to Quasi Eagle to put this feud to rest.

This incident had spurred Quasi Eagle's rise to fame. He had then gone on to establish the present Wild Hunt mercenary group, which had a reputation as a pack of mad dogs in their God's Domain.

Yet, Quasi Eagle was actually taking the initiative to admit defeat after suffering such a small setback. How could Awakened Abyss and the others not find this situation surprising?

Unfortunately, Shi Feng showed no interest whatsoever in Quasi Eagle's proposal. "Three pieces! We'll pay three pieces of Epic Equipment each!" Quasi Eagle said, gritting his teeth. "Even if you kill us, the

most we will drop is two items each. Top-tier Epic Equipment is rare even in the present God's Domain. This is definitely a worthwhile transaction for you!"

Normally, Quasi Eagle wouldn't have minded getting killed.

However, he currently had a precious treasure on his person, and it had a certain chance of dropping upon death.

It was precisely thanks to this treasure that he had managed to break through his Mana Body's 100% threshold. Meanwhile, this was only the tip of the iceberg of what this treasure had to offer.

Although he didn't know what exactly this treasure was, since it had such an ability, it was definitely more valuable than even Fragmented Legendary items. He naturally wouldn't dare bet on the chance that it wouldn't drop. Hence, he endured the humiliation of surrendering.

However, before Quasi Eagle could finish speaking, Shi Feng had already slashed out with the Abyssal Blade.

First Sword, Lightshadow!

"You lunatic!"

When Quasi Eagle and the Elementalist saw the towering greatsword descending toward them, they promptly activated another Lifesaving Skill. The two of them then fled in different directions, neither daring to receive the descending greatsword.

They could clearly sense the frightening power the illusory greatsword carried. This attack was most likely much stronger than even that of Superior Mythic monsters. Receiving it would be suicide.

One slash... Two slashes... Three slashes... As Quasi Eagle and the Tier 4 Elementalist used up one Lifesaving Skill after another, Shi Feng executed Lightshadow time and again. After five consecutive slashes, Quasi Eagle and the Elementalist finally fell to the illusory greatsword and transformed into ashes, each of them dropping two items as they died.

This scene rendered Awakened Abyss and Jade Leaf speechless for a long time.

So, this is the power of World Creation? Sixteenth Cloud similarly found herself at a loss for words when she saw Quasi Eagle getting killed in just a few moves.

Her party of three had previously clashed with the mercenary commander. Despite the three of them working together to fight him, they were still at a disadvantage. Yet, Shi Feng had overwhelmed Quasi Eagle and another Tier 4 expert, who had also broken through the 100% threshold of his Mana Body, so much that the two couldn't even retaliate.

Afterward, Shi Feng collected the loot from Wild Hunt, then glanced at Hundred Ghosts's group. Awakened Abyss and the dozen or so Tier 4 experts around him shuddered involuntarily. A few of them even stumbled two steps back.

Shi Feng turned to Sixteenth Cloud and the others.

"Let's go."

Leaving behind the petrified members of Hundred Ghosts, Shi Feng led Sixteenth Cloud and the others straight out of the Demon Mist Valley.

## **Chapter 2864 – Astonishing Zero Wing**

“He’s finally gone.” Jade Leaf heaved a deep sigh of relief when Shi Feng’s group disappeared into the distance. Previously, she thought that Shi Feng would take action against them. Although they weren’t afraid of getting killed, losing equipment would still impact them to a certain extent.

“Black Flame!” Awakened Abyss glared at the distant sky. “Just you wait! I’ll get back at you one day!”

Although Shi Feng was indeed powerful, he wasn’t an invincible existence.

This was especially true in the War of Worlds. Let alone Tier 4 World Creation experts, even Tier 5 NPCs were incapable of stopping their invasion. Otherwise, so many kingdoms on the eastern continent wouldn’t have fallen so soon after the War of Worlds began. Now, while it might seem like both sides had reached a balance, they were merely accumulating their strength. Moreover, it wouldn’t be long before the next large-scale operation began.

“Abyss, you’d better not mess around. Black Flame is much scarier than we initially expected. If you disrupt the Alliance’s plans, even Elder Windshadow won’t be able to protect you,” Jade Leaf warned. “What we need to do now is notify the Elder about Black Flame as soon as possible.”

Although a peerless overlord like Shi Feng couldn’t affect the overall situation of the war between the two God’s Domains, he could still affect the outcome of some war theaters.

“I know.” Awakened Abyss nodded. “After this operation, I’ll return to headquarters and apply for a trial slot.”

“You’ll apply for the trial now? Isn’t it too soon?” Jade Leaf asked in surprise.

The God’s Domain they came from was different from this God’s Domain. Their world had plenty of Legacies. One of the more valuable Legacies Hundred Ghosts possessed was an ancient trial, and the entry slots for this trial were generally reserved for the Guild’s top talents.

However, while this ancient trial could provide significant growth to players, it also came with significant risks. Failure would put players’ souls into a weakened state for a long period. Moreover, every top talent in the Guild had only one opportunity to challenge this trial.

“If I can improve my strength now, I can earn more Contribution Points in the upcoming war. So long as I accumulate enough points, I can just exchange for another trial slot.”

Awakened Abyss had long considered challenging the ancient trial.

The Interstellar Alliance was adamant in acquiring the eastern continent; hence, it had offered incredibly lavish rewards to those willing to contribute to this cause. With his status as one of Hundred Ghosts’ peerless geniuses, acquiring another slot for future use wouldn’t be difficult so long as he made enough contributions in the war.

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His only problem was that he needed to achieve World Creation in this trial.

Previously, Awakened Abyss had only heard rumors regarding the strength of World Creation, but he hadn't known exactly how powerful the ability to create a small world was. However, after seeing Shi Feng's battle, he finally understood the power of World Creation. This was why he had decided to challenge the trial ahead of time.

Arctic Canyon, Zero Wing City:

Several bright flashes appeared above the teleportation array inside Zero Wing City's Teleportation Hall as Shi Feng's party of seven teleported into the city.

So, this is Zero Wing City?

Sixteenth Cloud was astonished when she arrived inside the Teleportation Hall.

What incredibly dense Mana!

Although she had long since heard rumors that Zero Wing City's Mana was extraordinary, she found that the city was even more amazing than the rumors had depicted it to be.

Zero Wing City was bustling with people. All sorts of NPC merchants and NPC nobles were walking down the street outside the Teleportation Hall. She spotted even Tier 4 NPCs wandering the city.

If not for her coming to Zero Wing City to sign a partnership contract with Zero Wing on behalf of Shining Tiger, she would've never realized that Zero Wing City was such an amazing place.

Fithalia, MacAffrey, and Crimson Witch were also shocked by the city.

Not only did Zero Wing City possess superior Mana to the Starlight Fortress's, but its security standard was also incredible. There were even Tier 4 NPCs patrolling the city. Zero Wing City's security standard was something no other Guild City in God's Domain could even imagine having.

While the various superpowers boasted Tier 4 NPCs of their own, these NPCs were Personal Guards the various superpowers nurtured. The superpowers treated every one of these NPCs as their most precious combatants, normally using them to defend entire towns or cities single-handedly.

However, in Zero Wing City, Tier 4 NPCs were actually tasked with leading patrol squads. Moreover, there wasn't just one such patrol squad patrolling the city streets but many. The Tier 4 NPCs that were precious in the eyes of the various superpowers were no different from cabbages in Zero Wing City. Shi Feng, though, did not find this situation particularly surprising. Zero Wing City was currently the only Main Guild City in God's Domain. It was even situated in the Arctic Canyon, a high-level neutral map. The number of Tier 4 NPCs seeking to develop themselves here would naturally be significant. Hence, Zero Wing City could recruit a group of Tier 4 NPCs to serve as soldiers.

Not to mention, Zero Wing City's Mana environment rivaled that of the ancient God's Domain, making the city even more attractive to Tier 4 NPCs. After all, if one wished to develop themselves further, one would need to improve one's understanding of Mana.

However, Shi Feng had to admit that Zero Wing City had truly made significant progress while he was gone. Not only had the strength of the city's NPC soldiers improved, but even the players occupying the city had grown stronger. Now, the players here were all Tier 3 or above, with even the lowest-leveled among them at Level 136. He had even noticed quite a few Tier 4 players in the city. On the way from the Teleportation Hall to Zero Wing's Residence, Shi Feng had spotted more than ten Tier 4 players, which meant that Zero Wing City was even more prosperous than the Starlight Fortress. After all, any



player capable of entering Zero Wing City now was a member of either Zero Wing or one of the Guild's partners, and this drastically reduced the number of players capable of entering the city.

Apart from that, the number of Zero Wing's members present in the city had reached an incredible number.

When Zero Wing City was first opened after its promotion to Main City, only several tens of thousands of Zero Wing members had entered it. Yet, according to the information Shi Feng received from the Guild Residence, there were more than 500,000 Zero Wing members in the city now.

Given that one needed to be at least Tier 3 to operate around Zero Wing City, Zero Wing currently had at least 500,000 Tier 3 players under its command.

This number definitely surpassed that of ordinary superpowers by a large margin and rivaled what Super Guilds had.

"Guild Leader, this is our Guild's latest development report," Liang Jing said with a hint of pride as she handed Shi Feng a statistics report.

Although a lot of things had occurred on the eastern continent during Shi Feng's absence, because of the Mobile Fortress and three Guild Cities, Zero Wing managed to hurdle most of these problems. In fact, during the War of Worlds, Zero Wing City had practically become a shelter that all players sought to enter. Many annihilated Guilds and wandering adventurer teams had chosen to join Zero Wing, which resulted in Zero Wing's member count skyrocketing

If not for resource limitations, the Guild's member count would've most likely doubled by

now.

Amazing!

Shi Feng was astounded when he read the numbers on the report. At present, Zero Wing's total Tier 3 member count already exceeded 800,000, more than 500,000 of which were operating in Zero Wing City. The rest were operating in Stone Forest City, Silverwing City, and the Mobile Fortress.

However, this still wasn't the most astonishing part.

What was more important was that Zero Wing now had 73 Tier 4 players under its command. This number was even higher than what the average Super Guild had.

For a moment, Shi Feng even wondered if he had returned to the wrong Guild.

After all, super-first-rate Guilds currently had only a dozen or so Tier 4 players, with stronger ones having 20. Super Guilds had only around 30 or 40. Only existences like the Five Great Super Guilds had over 70 Tier 4 experts.

Moreover, according to Liang Jing's report, Zero Wing still had over 40 players stuck inside their respective Tier 4 Legacy Lands, and half of them were expected to succeed in their promotion. In other words, Zero Wing would soon have over 100 Tier 4 experts under its command.

Of course, the main reason Zero Wing could produce such frightening numbers was Zero Wing City's environment. The environment here allowed players to continuously improve their knowledge of and control over Mana.

Looking at Shi Feng's surprised expression, Liang Jing suggested, "Guild Leader, several more Outerworld superpowers arrived on the eastern continent recently, and some of the eastern continent's superpowers got annihilated as a consequence. I think we should absorb the Tier 3 and Tier 4 players of these fallen superpowers.

"Since our income of resources has reached a bottleneck, and we can support only so many Guild members with what we currently have, I wish to open Zero Wing City further. With the city's advantages, we can easily acquire even more resources. Then, we can recruit more experts into Zero Wing."

Shi Feng nodded in agreement with Liang Jing's suggestion.

The War of Worlds was indeed a scary event, but it was also a good opportunity for development. This was because the moment the World Passage opened, the players of the two God's Domains were enemies. Not only were players from the two God's Domains incapable of adding each other as friends, but they couldn't communicate with each other through the system, either.

In addition, players of the two worlds could kill each other without accumulating any Crime Value. In fact, native players would even receive gifts and EXP from killing Outerworld players-albeit significantly lower EXP than the EXP awarded for killing monsters and NPCs.

Most importantly, native players couldn't join Outerworld Guilds and vice versa. Hence, native forces were the only option available to members of fallen superpowers. "We should indeed open Zero Wing City further to the public." Smiling, Shi Feng added, "Before that, though, we still need to do something."

“We still need to do something?” Liang Jing parroted in confusion. In her opinion, Zero Wing had already done everything possible and reached its current development limit. To expand its forces further, the only option it had was to open up Zero Wing City. As for Zero Wing’s other territories, developing them any further was impossible at present.

“That’s right.” Nodding, Shi Feng took out a document and said, “Prepare the materials on this list for me. I need them immediately.”

Further opening Zero Wing City to the public was a must. However, before doing so, he needed to complete the intercontinental teleportation array. With it, the city’s opening would generate much better results.

## **Chapter 2865 – Special Loot**

After Liang Jing left the room to prepare the listed materials, Shi Feng finally had time to sort through the loot from the Outerworld players.

Even the weakest among Quasi Eagle’s group was a Tier 3 player with Tier 4 combat power, so they all possessed excellent equipment, especially those Tier 3 players. If he could gather a complete set of their equipment, he would be able to increase Zero Wing’s number of Tier 4 combatants by one.

As Shi Feng inspected the loot, he couldn’t help feeling some awe at the Outerworld players’ equipment.

Every one of those Tier 3 experts was actually geared in Tier 3 Mana Set Equipment. In the current God’s Domain, a full set could easily sell for over 10,000 Gold.

However, compared to the Tier 4 experts' loot, the Tier 3 experts' loot was inferior by a large margin. Even the worst item dropped by the

Tier 4 Outerworld players was Level 150 Epic Equipment; some of them had even dropped parts of Epic Set Equipment. Judging by the loot, Shi Feng could say with certainty that these Tier 4 Outerworld players were using full sets of Epic Set Equipment.

Even the current Zero Wing didn't have Epic Set Equipment.

Setting aside how rare Epic Set Equipment was, even if one found a way to obtain a set, one would still have to expend an incredible amount of time and manpower to acquire the full set. After all, there was no way to gather a full set just by killing one type of Boss monster; one would have to kill multiple types of Bosses. Moreover, these Bosses were not guaranteed to drop the equipment one desired. In other words, if one didn't kill a large number and variety of Bosses, gathering a complete set of Epic Set Equipment would be impossible.

Meanwhile, killing a bunch of Level 150 Mythic ranked Bosses was a task that required a large number of Tier 4 players.

Of course, one part of an Epic Set Equipment from the Outerworld players didn't prove anything.

However, Shi Feng didn't have just one part but five. Moreover, this was merely the loot he got from killing Tier 4 experts of an Outerworld mercenary group. He could easily imagine how excellent the equipment of the Outerworld superpowers' Tier 4 experts was and how many Tier 4 experts these superpowers possessed. Otherwise, it would be impossible for a measly mercenary group to gather so much Epic Set Equipment.

No wonder the eastern continent's superpowers are powerless to retaliate. In terms of equipment standards alone, they are already behind by more than half a year. Not to mention, there is also the massive difference in the number of Tier 4 experts. Shi Feng's head ached as he looked at the items before him.

Originally, he thought that the difference between Earth's God's Domain and the Interstellar Continent's God's Domain lay only in the number of Tier 4 experts and combat techniques they possessed. Now, he found that there was a massive gap even in weapons and equipment.

He had to admit that the threat level of the Outerworld's players and forces exceeded his expectations.

After all, even now, Zero Wing could manufacture only individual pieces of Epic Equipment. Moreover, the production volume was incredibly low since only a handful of players could make them.

And worse, according to the statistics report regarding Zero Wing's Tier 4 members, less than 30% of them were currently equipped with five or more pieces of Level 150 Epic Equipment. The rest had only three or so pieces of Level 150 Epic Equipment on average. As for Epic Set Equipment?

Dream on!

Zero Wing's Tier 4 experts had that many pieces of Level 150 Epic Equipment mainly because of the Arctic Canyon. In addition, Yan Ya and Cleansing Whistle had returned from the ancient God's Domain with a large number of Level 150 Epic Equipment. If not for these factors, Zero Wing's Tier 4 experts would be even more poorly equipped right now.

However, it wasn't exactly accurate to describe Zero Wing's Tier 4 experts as poorly equipped. At the very least, they were much better equipped than the native superpowers' Tier 4 experts. They were only inferior when compared to the Outerworld's Tier 4 experts.

It seems I'll have to start acquiring some top-tier Epic Weapons and Equipment once I finish setting up the intercontinental teleportation array. Otherwise, even if we have enough Tier 4 experts, we still won't be able to go up against the Outerworld's superpowers. While it was indeed important for one to acquire Legacy Guidances and improve one's control over Mana after reaching Tier 4, that didn't mean one could just ignore one's weapons and equipment. After all, there was at least a 20% difference in Basic Attributes between a full set of disparate Epic Equipment and a full set of Epic Set Equipment. This difference would become even more significant with amplification by Skills and Mana control. After Shi Feng finished inspecting the weapons and equipment dropped, he set his sights on a shabby, crystalline statue. When he inspected the statue, though, he was stunned.

An Eternal Item?

No matter how he looked at the crystalline statue, it appeared ordinary. Yet, when he tried inspecting it, he actually failed to get any information. All he got was a bunch of "Unknowns." Moreover, when he carefully spread his senses around the statue, he felt an urge to devour this statue, just like when he received the World Stone from Phoenix Rain.

Immediately, Shi Feng activated Omniscient Eyes to identify the statue.

Due to his Mana Body having reached the 120% threshold, Omniscient Eyes took less than 30 seconds to finish the appraisal.

[Origin Statue] (Eternal Item)

Effect 1: Guides the principle of all things.

Effect 2: Indestructible object.

Guides the principle of all things?

Shi Feng was momentarily confused by the item description. The World Stone's description stated that it could stabilize the principle of all things. It had allowed him to log in and out of the game freely while in the ancient God's Domain. However, what did the system mean by guiding the principle of all things?

Just as Shi Feng was wondering about the Origin Statue's function, Liang Jing contacted

him.

"Guild Leader, I've prepared the materials you asked for. I can have them delivered to the Teleportation Hall now."

"Okay. I'll head over right away."

At Liang Jing's report, Shi Feng stopped studying the Origin Statue in his hand. After casually storing it in his bag, he hurried to the Teleportation Hall to strengthen the existing teleportation array. Only with the modification could the teleportation array manipulate enough Mana to connect with the western continent's spatial node and form a stable teleportation channel.

And once a stable channel was established, easy travel between the two continents would become possible. He would no longer have to trouble himself with searching for unreliable ancient teleportation arrays.

Zero Wing City, Battle Arena:



The Battle Arena covered an area of several sports stadiums. Presently, the establishment was crowded with players, and even Tier 4 players were waiting in line to reserve a combat room. The liveliness here was even more exaggerated than the Auction Houses of imperial capitals.

Looking at MacAffrey and Crimson Witch, who had just exited a combat room, Fithalia asked curiously, "Affrey, what do you think of the combat room's effects?"

Initially, they had visited the eastern continent to assist Zero Wing and deepen the relationship between Divine Tribe and Zero Wing.

However, after experiencing Zero Wing City's Mana, they couldn't suppress their curiosity about the effects of training in such an environment. Hence, they came to this place to sate their curiosity. After all, the Battle Arena was the only place in Zero Wing City that allowed players to do combat.

"How should I put it..." After pondering for a moment and mentally sorting his words, MacAffrey said, "If the Starlight Fortress's training efficiency is a 10, then this place is above 30."

"Isn't that too much of an exaggeration?" Fithalia couldn't help feeling skeptical of MacAffrey's evaluation.

Although she knew that MacAffrey was an austere person and that Zero Wing City's environment was extraordinary, MacAffrey's evaluation of the city's training effect was simply too exaggerated in her opinion. For players of their caliber, the quality of their training environment would need to be significantly better for them to see any improvements to their training efficiency. Hence, no matter how excellent Zero Wing City's environment was, she couldn't bring herself to believe that someone like MacAffrey would see his training efficiency triple.

“No! It’s not an exaggeration! Commander Fithalia, although the Mana here isn’t misty, when you start manipulating the ambient Mana, you’ll discover that its density is actually much greater than the Mana mist you find in the outside world,” Crimson Witch insisted earnestly. “If you fight against an expert of the same caliber in this environment, the insights you can get are on a completely different level. This is especially true for your control over Mana. I really don’t know how Zero Wing accomplished this. They actually managed to let a Guild City have such dense Mana. You can even view the operating principles of Mana with such high clarity!”

“She’s right. If I can train here, I’m confident I can further improve my Mana Body in less than ten days,” MacAffrey said, nodding. He then looked enviously at the Zero Wing members in the building.

The Divine Tribe trio had the fortune of visiting Zero Wing City only because they had followed Shi Feng to the eastern continent. If not for Shi Feng granting them access, they wouldn’t have been able to enter the city. They also wouldn’t have realized how astonishing the city’s environment was.

Meanwhile, Zero Wing’s members could actually enjoy the environment here every day. How could he not envy them?

At his current standard, increasing his Mana Body’s Completion Rate by even 1% was incredibly challenging. Yet, in Zero Wing City, he saw the chance to improve his Mana Body rapidly.

A glimmer appeared in Crimson Witch’s eyes as she insisted, “Commander Fithalia, we must recommend establishing a temporary Residence in Zero Wing City to the Grand Elders and Guild Leader once we return. It doesn’t matter even if we have to pay a significant price. The short-term effects might not be obvious, but the long-term benefits for the Guild are absolutely unimaginable. Surpassing the Five Great Super Guilds might even become possible.”

Fithalia smiled wryly at Crimson Witch's strong recommendation. "I want to, but once the intercontinental teleportation array is activated, I'm afraid it'll become difficult for Divine Tribe to secure a temporary Residence."

Once Zero Wing's intercontinental teleportation array began operating, so long as the two continents' superpowers were not stupid, they would understand just how valuable Zero Wing City was, not to mention the extraordinary Mana environment in this place.

She could easily imagine how many superpowers would seek to garrison Zero Wing City at that time.

"No! You can't say that, Commander Fithalia!" Looking at Fithalia, MacAffrey suddenly smiled and said, "I heard that Black Flame lives in Yuantian City's Upper Zone. With your family's influence and connections, if you personally paid him a visit, wouldn't he agree to a partnership immediately?"

Fithalia was a potential successor of a powerful family based in the Upper Zone. Her beauty and figure in the real world were also at the level of toppling nations. If she personally visited someone in the Upper Zone and sincerely proposed a partnership, hardly anyone in the Upper Zone would refuse her.

Upon hearing MacAffrey's suggestion, Crimson Witch nodded in agreement.

"You...two!" Fithalia sputtered, rendered speechless by her two companions.

However, before Fithalia could say anything more, a sudden commotion came from outside the Battle Arena. Then, the Mana in the city grew violent and irritable.

When Fithalia and her companions walked out of the lobby, they promptly noticed a tower of light rising from the Teleportation Hall's direction.

## Chapter 2866 – Astonishing Transformation

“It’s done!”

Shi Feng grew ecstatic as he took in the pillar of light rising from the teleportation array in front of him.

Previously, he had indeed been certain that he could strengthen the teleportation array until it could handle enough Mana to support a teleportation channel connecting the two continents. However, when he began working, he started to have doubts.

After all, the teleportation channel had to span not only the distance between the two continents but also the distance between the western continent’s edge and the Starlight Fortress, which was nowhere near the ocean. If the teleportation array didn’t have enough Mana for this additional distance, it still wouldn’t connect with the spatial node in the Starlight Fortress.

Fortunately, he succeeded in the end.

At this time, Liang Jing called him and asked in a panic, “Guild Leader, did something happen on your side? A pillar of light suddenly came from the Teleportation Hall. Right now, everyone in the city is talking about it, thinking that something big happened there.”

The Teleportation Hall was an important economic resource for Zero Wing City. At the same time, it was the foundation of the city’s prosperity.

In the absence of a Guild Residence and the teleportation array, players could only run to the distant Arctic Canyon. If this were to happen, Zero Wing's partner forces and their members would definitely be less enthusiastic about visiting Zero Wing City.

"Relax. Everything's fine," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "I just completed the teleportation array connecting the two continents. From now on, we can freely teleport to the western continent from the Teleportation Hall, and there won't be any restrictions on time or headcount."

"We can freely teleport to the western continent?"

Liang Jing was momentarily stunned, her mind failing to process Shi Feng's words. Her eyes were wide with disbelief as she looked at Shi Feng's face on the screen. Before the World Passage's activation, connecting the two main continents held great importance only in terms of trade.

However, after the World Passage opened, battlefields appeared all over the eastern continent, and massacres became common out in the wild. Due to the chaos and constant threats, many of the eastern continent's powers and players sought to develop on the western continent.

Unfortunately, there was a limited number of ancient teleportation arrays on the eastern continent. Even among the superpowers, very few could travel between the two continents. Moreover, even these few superpowers could transport only a small number of elites at a time.

Now, Shi Feng was telling her that Zero Wing City's Teleportation Hall could facilitate travel to the western continent without any restrictions. How could she possibly believe this?

If news of this matter were to get out, a tsunami of players would flood Zero Wing City within a day.

This function would overturn the situation on the eastern continent; it was game-changing.

“Yes. Didn’t you propose to open Zero Wing further?” Smiling, Shi Feng said, “Now that the intercontinental teleportation array is completed, you can announce to the public that Zero Wing City will be fully opened to the public starting today. Our partner and subordinate forces will enjoy a 70% discount on all teleportations!”

Originally, he had not intended to fully open Zero Wing City so soon. However, the city’s development was astonishing, hitting a bottleneck already. To further spread Zero Wing’s influence, he could only fully open Zero Wing City to the public.

In this way, Zero Wing could attract an ocean of wealth and resources to Zero Wing City, as well as more expert players to the Guild.

“Fully open the city? Guild Leader, isn’t this a little...too soon?” Liang Jing panicked at Shi Feng’s words. “Zero Wing City’s present environment and security standards are already enough to drive many players and superpowers wild. Once news that our Teleportation Hall is connected to the western continent spreads, we will definitely become a thorn in the eyes of all forces on the eastern continent. Even the Outerworld’s forces will probably go nuts over Zero Wing City.”

Liang Jing didn’t even need to think about what would await Zero Wing City if the city were fully open to the public.

It would definitely spark massive changes in the entire eastern continent-no, the entire God’s Domain!

The intensity of the changes would not be the slightest bit inferior to the World Passage's activation. At that time, Zero Wing would become the focal point of the entire God's Domain even if it tried to maintain a low profile.

With access to such frightening resources and influence, Zero Wing would soon grow into an existence that could surpass even the Five Great Super Guilds combined. This definitely wasn't an outcome any superpower-native or Outerworld-would be willing to see.

Hence, as long as news of Zero Wing City's full opening spread, Zero Wing would become the common enemy of all native and Outerworld superpowers.

While Zero Wing had recently grown significantly, it definitely couldn't go up against so many superpowers simultaneously. Not to mention, the Outerworld superpowers were existences that had successfully destroyed more than a dozen kingdoms.

Moreover, the number of Tier 4 NPCs a kingdom commanded far exceeded Zero Wing's number of Tier 4 experts. The royal capitals of NPC kingdoms had stronger defenses than Zero Wing City, yet these cities had still fallen in the end.

Of course, a large part of why these kingdoms had fallen was the Outerworld's NPC forces. However, nobody could say for certain that the Outerworld's players couldn't guide or cooperate with the Outerworld's NPC forces to target Zero Wing.

Naturally, Shi Feng understood Liang Jing's concerns. In an earnest tone, he explained, "I understand, but this is a problem we will have to face sooner or later. Thus, we should strike while the iron is hot and strengthen Zero Wing in one fell swoop. If we succeed, we'll have a much better chance at contending with the native and Outerworld superpowers."

Previously, Sixteenth Cloud had provided him with plenty of information regarding the Outerworld's various forces. Hence, he understood that the main reason the eastern continent had yet to fall completely was that only a small portion of the Outerworld's superpowers and NPC forces had crossed the World Passage. However, as more time passed, more Outerworld NPC and player forces were bound to arrive on the eastern continent. Eventually, Zero Wing would have to go up against these Outerworld forces.

To put it simply, Zero Wing wasn't in a race against the various forces but against time.

Under these circumstances, the Guild would naturally be better off developing as quickly as possible.

Rather than acquiring small amounts of resources and developing slowly in secret, Zero Wing would be better off going big and developing rapidly while the Outerworld's forces were still settling down in the eastern continent.

Not to mention, Zero Wing currently had a lot of partner forces already. With these partners, it wouldn't necessarily be impossible for Zero Wing to go up against the native and Outerworld superpowers that had yet to develop themselves adequately. "This..."

Liang Jing was momentarily at a loss for words.

In her opinion, Shi Feng's decision was simply absurd. However, she didn't have a better suggestion.

"Relax. I know what I'm doing," Shi Feng consoled when he saw Liang Jing's hesitancy. "Just get everything prepared on your side. Also, notify Melancholic and Youlan about this. I'm afraid you three will be very busy in the future."



Liang Jing had no choice but to nod helplessly.

Shi Feng had always acted more like a figurehead than an actual Guild Leader. Although he had laid a massive foundation for the Guild, he would leave the Guild's daily maintenance and operation to others. Naturally, Liang Jing felt incredibly frustrated by this situation, and she frequently wished she could curse him to his face. Deep down, however, she still felt happy and excited for some inexplicable reason. After disconnecting the call, Liang Jing promptly began making the necessary preparations, while Shi Feng headed to Zero Wing City's City Lord's Mansion.

City Lord's Mansion, second underground floor, statue room:

At this time, apart from Shi Feng, everybody else had been told to leave the room. Shi Feng had also temporarily removed the entry rights for core members and ordered the two Tier 4 Fine-Gold Guards outside to prevent anyone from approaching the room.

Now that my Concentration is at Tier 5, and my understanding of and control over Mana have reached their limits, it's about time I tried breaking through to Tier 5.

Looking at the Ancient Beast Sculpture in front of him, Shi Feng began constructing an entirely new Mana Body.

## **Chapter 2867 – Promotion to Tier 5**

Although Shi Feng had never tried to create a personalized Mana Body, he was very confident of success, now that he had grasped the basic use of Mana's various elements and his Mana Body had reached a 120% Completion Rate.

After spending close to an hour inside the statue room, Shi Feng finished constructing a brand-new Mana Body. Simultaneously, the sound of a system notification entered his ears.

System: The strength of the constructed Mana Body is at 144% of your current Mana Body. It is not at the Tier 5 standard.

Shi Feng revealed a wry smile as he looked at the system notification. Sure enough, constructing a Tier 5 Mana Body isn't easy. In his opinion, the new Mana Body he constructed was perfect. He had thoroughly implemented the basic properties of the various elements of Mana into his Mana Body. He had even built an Elemental Magic Array for each element, making it much easier to manipulate the ambient Mana.

Hence, he never thought that the strength of the new Mana Body would be at only 144% of his current Mana Body.

From what he heard in his previous life, the requirement for the constructed Tier 5 Mana Body would depend on the rank of the player's existing Mana Body. The higher the rank, the lower the requirement.

Take the Gold Mana Body, for example. One would need to construct a Mana Body that was at least 300% stronger to meet the Tier 5 Mana Body standard.

On the other hand, a Bronze Mana Body's owner would need to reach 500% to get promoted to Tier 5.

This was why expert players needed to secure the best Mana Body possible at Tier 3. This decision didn't just relate to the strength of one's Mana. It also served as a massive hurdle to reaching Tier 5.

If I didn't meet the requirement even with 144%, it seems I'll need to reach at least 200% to get promoted to Tier 5 with an Epic Mana Body.

After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng took out the Sword Saint's Legacy he had obtained in the ancient God's Domain. He then began accepting the Legacy Guidance in silence.

The Mana Body he constructed just now was already the limit of his current abilities.

In his opinion, there were three possible reasons behind his failure to meet the requirements.

The first was that his control over Mana was insufficient.

The second was that his understanding of Mana was insufficient.

The third was that his understanding of Mana Bodies was insufficient.

Shi Feng felt that his control over and understanding of Mana had already reached the limits of Tier 4. It should be impossible to improve on them any further. Not to mention, the Dragon phantom in the trial had praised his level and even stated that some Tier 5 Dragons might not be able to rival him in these two aspects.

Hence, these two aspects were unlikely to be his stumbling block.

In that case, the problem should lie with his poor understanding of Mana Bodies. Meanwhile, solving this problem was simple.

Previously, he had refrained from accepting the Sword Saint's Legacy Guidance because he was afraid of wasting it. Back then, he felt that his foundation was still lacking and that he still needed to accumulate more strength. The stronger he became, the greater his harvest from the Legacy Guidance.

However, his foundation had now grown so sturdy that even Tier 5 Adult Dragons might not be a match for him. It was the perfect moment for him to accept the Sword Saint's knowledge.

Following this, time passed rapidly inside the statue room. A flood of information kept pouring into Shi Feng's mind. The more information he browsed through, the brighter his eyes became. Thanks to this information, many of his questions had gotten answered. He also grew increasingly mesmerized by the Sword Saint's knowledge. After the Legacy Guidance was over, Shi Feng stared at the Ancient Beast Sculpture idly, his mind immersed in the knowledge he gained.

While Shi Feng quietly processed the Sword Saint's Legacy Guidance, a commotion raged in Zero Wing's Guild Cities.

Just a moment ago, Zero Wing had announced that it would open Zero Wing City to the public. All players could teleport to Zero Wing City via Sky Spring City and enter it from the Arctic Canyon.

Everyone who received this piece of news found it to be unbelievable.

"Awesome! This is great!"

“I heard that you could raise your training efficiency by several times inside Zero Wing City. I never thought that Zero Wing would open such an amazing place to the public.” “That’s not all of it. Did you see the levels of Zero Wing’s members? Not that long ago, I was at roughly the same level as their Tier 3 members. Now, they’re at least three levels above me. The grinding speed in the Arctic Canyon is simply ridiculous.”

Nowadays, no player on the eastern continent was unaware of Zero Wing City’s existence. However, as Zero Wing had reserved the city for its exclusive use, everyone not affiliated with the Guild could only watch in envy from the sidelines. Even the various superpowers were helpless against Zero Wing City.

Now that Zero Wing City is open to the public, how could they not feel excited?

Less than half an hour after Zero Wing’s announcement, practically every native player and player force on the eastern continent had found out about it.

Fire Wing Empire, Secret Pavilion’s headquarters: As the most well-informed transcendental organization in God’s Domain, the Secret Pavilion was one of the first Guilds to learn of Zero Wing City’s public opening. It had even found out detailed information, such as Zero Wing City’s entrance fee pricing and current player population. “Uncle Yuan, it seems Zero Wing finally plans on giving its all.” Purple Jade smiled as she read the detailed report in her hands. Looking at Yuan Tiexin, she said, “This development will probably make the eastern continent’s superpowers pretty anxious.”

At this time, Purple Jade’s aura had already undergone a massive transformation. Not only did she give off an otherworldly vibe, but she also exuded an indescribable feeling of sharpness. She was now a Level 153, Tier 4 Sword Emperor. The Mana she radiated even appeared somewhat misty. If Shi Feng were to see her now, he would be surprised.

“Zero Wing’s development has reached a bottleneck. If the War of Worlds did not take place, it might’ve been able to continue developing quietly for some time.” While sorting through the reports spread across his desk, Yuan Tiexin was slightly surprised when reading the news on Zero Wing. “However, now that the Outerworld players have intruded into the eastern continent, Zero Wing has to open Zero Wing

City to acquire even more resources if it wants to make any further progress. However, it is also a risky move, given Zero Wing's current state.

"I initially thought Zero Wing would maintain a low profile for a while longer; Black Flame's opening the city as soon as he returned was beyond my expectations. I can't help thinking that he is rushing things a little too much."

Yuan Tiexin did not doubt that Shi Feng had opened Zero Wing City to the public because of the Outerworld players' invasion. However, while doing so would allow Zero Wing City to develop rapidly, it would also turn the city into an eyesore.

The Outerworld superpowers were not as easy to deal with as the eastern continent's native superpowers. Not to mention, the Outerworld superpowers definitely would not wish to see the remnant forces of the native superpowers they defeated flocking to Zero Wing's banner and creating a colossal native power.

Previously, the Outerworld superpowers had refrained from targeting Zero Wing because the latter had always operated like a turtle, limiting its members' activity to the vicinity of its strongholds. With Zero Wing's Guild Cities' and Mobile Fortress's immense defensive capabilities, devouring the Guild was a very challenging proposition. The Guild Cities of other superpowers posed much easier targets.

However, now that Zero Wing had fully opened Zero Wing City to the public, even a fool could foretell the consequences of this action. With the city's massive advantages, Zero Wing would become the strongest and largest Guild on the eastern continent. Moreover, it wouldn't take long for this future to come to fruition.

Given this situation, although Zero Wing was a tough nut to crack, the Outerworld superpowers would still choose to annihilate Zero Wing first for the sake of their future.

However, unlike Yuan Tiexin, not only did Purple Jade not feel confused by this situation, but it had even ignited her fighting spirit. “Uncle Yuan, since you’re free right now, why don’t we go take a look at Zero Wing City? I’ve been thinking of visiting Guild Leader Black Flame. I’ve improved a lot after returning from that place, but I haven’t had a chance to test myself. I can use this chance to ask Guild Leader Black Flame for some guidance and see which one of us has made greater improvements during this period.”

After she returned from her training, nobody among the Secret Pavilion’s younger generation could match her. Since she had always set Shi Feng as her target, she was very curious to see whether she could now defeat him and become God’s Domain’s number one Swordsman.

“Alright. Since you wish to go, I’ll go with you.” Yuan Tiexin revealed a bitter smile as he took in Purple Jade’s spirited look. She had been restless ever since completing her training. However, he also felt that Shi Feng would be a good opponent for the current Purple Jade.

Afterward, Yuan Tiexin and Purple Jade departed the Secret Pavilion’s headquarters and teleported to Sky Spring City.

While the eastern continent was in an uproar over Zero Wing City’s opening...

Inside the City Lord’s Mansion of Zero Wing City, Shi Feng’s eyes opened abruptly. Amazing! As expected of a complete Legacy Guidance from an ancient Sword Saint!

After processing the Sword Saint’s Legacy Guidance, Shi Feng finally understood what exactly a complete Legacy Guidance was. He also understood why Fire Dance would make such significant improvements after experiencing the Legacy Guidance.

The Legacy Guidance described the properties and usage methods of the various elements of Mana in detail and provided a comprehensive introduction to the components and basic applications of the Mana Body.

Although the information provided mainly targeted the Swordsman class, it was also beneficial to the other classes. This was especially true for the information on the Mana Body's components. Of course, if one lacked a good understanding of the fundamental properties of Mana's various elements, one would have difficulty understanding all of the information provided. Naturally, one's improvements would also be limited. This was because all of the Mana Body's basic applications mentioned in the Legacy Guidance required familiarity with the various elements of Mana. My previous considerations for the Mana Body were too arbitrary. Moreover, they were all modifications based on my existing Mana Body when the Tier 5 Mana Body is essentially something completely different.

When Shi Feng thought about the Mana Body he previously created, he couldn't help laughing at his ignorance.

Why were Tier 5 entities so much more powerful than Tier 4 entities?

It was because Tier 5 existences possessed Life Ratings far superior to Tier 4 existences. The two couldn't even be considered the same type of creature. Yet, he had foolishly tried to use his Tier 4 Mana Body as a base for his Tier 5 Mana Body. His idea was fundamentally flawed.

Another reason contributing to a Tier 5 existence's strength was their powerful Mana. The Mana flowing within their bodies was no longer gaseous or misty; instead, it was liquid. Hence, when constructing a Tier 5 Mana Body, one had to liquefy their Mana.

If one couldn't achieve such Mana, constructing a Tier 5 Mana Body would naturally be impossible.

After thinking up to this point, Shi Feng began his second attempt at constructing his Tier 5 Mana Body.



Liquefying one's Mana might be incredibly difficult for others, but it wasn't an impossible task for a Grandmaster Magician like Shi Feng. All he needed to do was integrate a magic array that condensed Mana within his Mana Body.

Moreover, he had even identified the magic array for this job.

The Twelve-array Magic World! The Twelve-array Magic World was an ancient magic array created by a Saint. Although its simplicity meant even Master Magicians could learn it, Shi Feng felt that this magic array was incredibly powerful, particularly its ability to improve the Mana affinity of those within its range. At the very least, such a feat was still beyond him even now.

Shi Feng began trying to integrate the Twelve-array Magic World with the Mana Body he constructed.

One failure...

Two failures...

Three failures...

Time passed rapidly as the number of failures piled up. After an unknown amount of time had gone by with success still nowhere in sight, Shi Feng began to doubt his plan's feasibility. However, just when he considered giving up...

System: Congratulations! You have successfully constructed a new Mana Body. The constructed Mana Body's strength is at 336% of your current Mana Body and has reached the Tier 5 standard. The created

Mana Body is evaluated to be at the Epic rank. Do you wish to replace your current Mana Body with it and get promoted to Tier 5?

A Tier 5 Epic Mana Body?

Shi Feng was momentarily dumbfounded. He had known that so long as he succeeded, his personalized Mana Body wouldn't be of low quality; it would reach the Gold rank at the very least. However, he never expected that integrating the Twelve-array Magic World into his Mana Body would yield such an astonishing result.

He immediately chose to replace his Mana Body without hesitation.

He had created this Mana Body out of sheer luck. If he tried re-creating it, he wouldn't necessarily achieve a similar standard. Hence, he naturally had to accept it.

## **Chapter 2868 – Sword Saint**

When Shi Feng chose to replace his existing Mana Body, the Mana within the room practically vanished. His new Mana Body had drawn even the Mana stored within the deep void.

Like a hungry beast, his new Mana Body devoured the Mana around it, nourishing itself continuously.

This phenomenon lasted for more than a minute before it finally stopped, and the room's Mana gradually recovered.

Tier 5!

So, this is the power of Tier 5?

When Shi Feng sensed the frightening power his body exuded effortlessly and the indescribable feeling of omnipotence, he finally understood why even Tier 4 World Creation experts couldn't defeat a bona fide Tier 5 existence.

He also fully understood the strength and terror of Tier 5 existences.

Compared to when he was a Tier 4, the Mana flowing inside his Mana Body was many times denser. The volume of his Mana had also increased by more than tenfold. Now, even the world around him was having trouble holding his Mana.

If even the world of God's Domain itself could not withstand the Mana of a Tier 5 existence, there was no need to mention the small world created by a Tier 4 World Creation expert.

Moreover, this wasn't the only factor that made Tier 5 existences powerful.

System: Congratulations! You have become a Tier 5 Blade Saint (Sword Saint). All Basic Attributes +5,000, all Resistances +500, Mana recovery rate increased by 300%, all physical and magical attacks received that are below Tier 5 will be weakened by 40%, all Basic Attributes increased by 150%, physique increased by 200%, and reaction speed improved by 100%. Rewarding 200 Legacy Skill Points.

He had received a flat increase of only 2,000 points to all Basic Attributes when he got promoted to Tier 4 yet received a 5,000-point boost for reaching Tier 5. None of his weapons and equipment could provide such a significant amount of Basic Attributes, not to mention the massive boost to his physique.

Right now, even if he replaced all his equipment with Bronze Equipment, he could still beat up a Tier 4 expert fully geared in Epic Equipment. In terms of Basic Attributes, he could match a Tier 4 expert with several pieces of Fragmented Legendary Equipment.

Only a Legendary Weapon could offset this difference. As for Legendary Equipment, the Basic Attributes provided would still be slightly insufficient to fill the gap.

Of course, Basic Attributes didn't represent everything. If a Tier 4 expert's combat standards surpassed a Tier 5 expert's, the Tier 4 expert could still emerge victorious in a fight.

With this power, I will have no problem fighting even Tier 5 NPCs. After seeing his Basic Attributes, Shi Feng felt more confident about Zero Wing's future development.

His Strength and Agility Attributes both exceeded the 60,000 mark already. Typically, a Tier 4 Berserker fully geared in Epic items would have only around 15,000 Strength at Level 150. And even if the Berserker possessed a top-tier Fragmented Legendary Weapon, the Berserker would only have about 22,000 or 23,000 Strength. As for NPCs, according to the research of players in his previous life, a Level 180, Tier 5 NPC would have around 70,000 or 80,000 points in their main Basic Attributes.

While Shi Feng was still inferior to Tier 5 NPCs in Basic Attributes, this difference wasn't impossible to overcome. Moreover, now that he had reached Tier 5, every level-up he achieved would significantly boost his Basic Attributes. With his current equipment, he could easily breach the 80,000 mark once he reached Level 180.

Not to mention, his combat standards were much superior to the average Tier 5 NPC's. Overall, he was already more than capable of contending with Level 180, Tier 5 NPCs.

Of course, while he might have the ability to fight Tier 5 NPCs, he wasn't so arrogant as to provoke Tier 5 NPCs.

After all, he currently could cope with the most common Tier 5 NPCs, but if a Tier 5 NPC possessed even a single piece of Legendary Equipment, he would have to avoid them like the plague. It seems I'll have to get Fire and the others to search for some God Crystals.

In an era where Gods had secluded themselves from the world, Tier 5 existences were indeed the apex combatants of God's Domain. However, there were still significant differences even among Tier 5s; the possession of Legendary Weapons and Equipment played a vital role in this difference.

Only after obtaining a Legendary Weapon or Equipment could a Tier 5 expert enter the leading echelon of Tier 5 existences and walk around God's Domain without fear. Such a Tier 5 expert would be an invincible existence short of Tier 6 Gods.

However, if a Tier 5 expert did not own a Legendary Weapon or Equipment, they would only be second-rate among Tier 5 existences, regardless of any heaven-defying combat standards. While they might be able to contend against Tier 5 experts belonging to the leading echelon, they would never be part of it.

Indeed. The difference between having a Legendary item and not having one was precisely that massive.

In the past, every Tier 5 expert capable of transcending tiers to fight Tier 6 God-ranked experts owned a Legendary Weapon or Equipment, with some even having more than one.

If Shi Feng wanted to roam God's Domain without fear, obtaining a Legendary Weapon or Equipment was of utmost importance. After Shi Feng familiarized himself with his Tier 5 Mana Body, he left the statue room.

However, when he stepped into the City Lord's Mansion's lobby, he was stupefied by the sight that greeted him. People crowded the room to capacity. Apart from the Zero Wing members maintaining order, the other players in the lobby were members of Guilds and adventurer teams. These players were lined up in front of the service counters to rent either a Shop or a private house in Zero Wing City. They had bloodshot eyes and frantic looks on their faces as they waited in line.

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If not for the 200 Tier 3 NPCs, three Tier 4 NPCs, and many Tier 3 members of Zero Wing maintaining order, a fight would've long since broken out in the lobby.

Didn't I tell Liang Jing to raise the rentals for the Shops? Did she make a mistake? Shi Feng found this scene very puzzling.

Anyone who wasn't a fool could tell how popular Zero Wing City currently was. However, Zero Wing City had limited Land. Even if it was now a Main City, it still didn't have enough Land to satisfy the eastern continent's entire player population. Hence, to maximize Zero Wing's profits, raising rentals was a must.

Shi Feng approached one of the service counters to inspect Zero Wing City's Shops' rental prices. However, what he saw made him gasp. How ruthless is she?!

Even a small Shop located in Zero Wing City's outer area had a rental of 3,000 Magic Crystals and 600 Gold per week-more than double the price Shi Feng intended.

The amount of Magic Crystals Liang Jing charged was particularly maddening. Ever since the Outerworld players invaded the eastern continent, Magic Crystal production had plummeted, and the various native powers had suffered immensely.

In Shi Feng's opinion, renting a small Shop in the city's outskirts for 1,000 Magic Crystals would already be pushing the envelope.

Liang Jing's price of 3,000 Magic Crystals was no different from daylight robbery.

As for the Shops located on Zero Wing City's main street, the minimum price was 20,000 Magic Crystals. One couldn't even use Coins to offset part of the rent. Moreover, one had to bid for these Shops in an auction.

Despite these cut-throat prices, players still filled the City Lord's Mansion's lobby. Shi Feng found this situation utterly unbelievable.

For a moment, he even wondered if Magic Crystals had suddenly depreciated during his seclusion.

Just when Shi Feng thought of contacting Liang Jing to ask her about Zero Wing City's situation, he suddenly received a call.

The caller was none other than Liang Jing.

“Guild Leader, can I interrupt you for a moment?” Liang Jing asked anxiously. “Did something happen to Zero Wing City?” Shi Feng asked strangely. “No, it’s just that the Secret Pavilion’s people came to visit. Aside from them, three of the Five Great Super Guilds have sent representatives to us. There are a lot of them, and some of them don’t seem to be here with kind intentions,” Liang Jing said nervously. “They are waiting in the Residence’s reception room right now, and they say they must meet with you, no matter what.”

The Secret Pavilion was a transcendental power, while the Five Great Super Guilds were godlike existences in the virtual gaming world. If news that three of the Five Great Super Guilds had arrived were to spread, it would cause a sensation.

“Alright, I got it. I’ll head over now. Have them wait for a moment.”

Shi Feng chuckled when he heard Liang Jing’s words, not at all surprised by this situation. After all, the current Zero Wing City was no ordinary city. What would be strange would be these titans of the gaming world not showing any reaction.

He immediately left the City Lord’s Mansion and made his way to Zero Wing’s Residence.

## **Chapter 2869 – Apex Gathering**

Zero Wing Residence, top-floor reception room:



As the primary Guild Residence of a Main City, Zero Wing's Guild Hall was a 30-story-tall building almost 200 meters high. One had an unobstructed view of the entire Zero Wing City if one looked out the top-floor reception room's windows.

Since Zero Wing City was located in a snowland and backed by the endless sea, the view here was unique for players who often operated around NPC cities surrounded by greenery.

Unfortunately, none of the dozen or so people currently seated in the reception room showed any interest in admiring this beautiful scenery. Instead, they focused on sizing up each other.

"Zero Wing City has attracted a lot of bigwigs." Yuan Tiexin was a little shocked as he observed the room's occupants. "Mythology's Grand Elder Situ Qingtian, Netherworld Empire's Grand Elder Nether King Relos, and even the Solar Temple's Honorary Elder Chiyang Tianhe. It seems these Guilds are serious this time."

Three of the Five Great Super Guilds had sent representatives to Zero Wing City. Moreover, these representatives were all key figures in their respective Guilds' management, individuals fully capable of making decisions on behalf of their respective Guilds. Usually, meeting even one of these individuals would be challenging. Yet, three of them had gathered in Zero Wing City.

However, Yuan Tiexin's surprise didn't last too long.

After all, Zero Wing had created too huge a scene this time; the Five Great Super Guilds could no longer ignore it.

At this stage of the game, there was probably no Guild uninterested in a teleportation array that could facilitate unrestricted travel between the two main continents. The ongoing War of Worlds only served to make this intercontinental teleportation array even more precious. If not for another important matter occupying the Secret Pavilion's Guild Leader, Yuan Tiexin wouldn't be the one sitting in this room, representing the Secret Pavilion.

“Netherworld Empire sure moved fast. It has been active only on the western continent all this time, yet it sent an old guy like the Nether King here,” Matt of Mythology said, surprise appearing in his eyes as he looked at a bald old man in a white robe. “It hasn’t been long since I last met him, yet this old guy’s strength has already improved so much. The Mana he’s radiating has nearly doubled in density. I also see two new pieces of equipment on him.”

“That’s normal. He wouldn’t have given Odin so much trouble if he hasn’t made any significant improvements after all this time,” Situ Qingtian, the white-haired old man seated beside Matt, said calmly. He then glanced at the masked young man standing behind Relos and continued, “That masked kid behind Nether King, though, is quite something. Although I can’t say for certain, he shouldn’t be any weaker than Prosciutto.”

Surprised by Situ Qingtian’s assessment, Matt looked toward the masked youth and asked, “Is he that strong?”

The Silver Ghost Prosciutto was already the strongest among Mythology’s younger generation. Not only did he possess excellent equipment, but his Mana Body had even exceeded the 110% Completion Rate already. Now, only a handful of people within the Guild could defeat him.

After hearing Situ Qingtian’s assessment, Cold Shadow, who sat on the elderly man’s other side, also looked at the masked youth in surprise.

Situ Qingtian had instructed countless students, and his insight was many times superior to that of youngsters like Matt and herself. Since Situ Qingtian had given the masked youth such an evaluation, the youth definitely couldn’t be underestimated.

“It’s not just that masked kid. The long-haired kid sitting beside Chiyang Tianhe isn’t any weaker, either,” Situ Qingtian said, smiling as he looked at the long-haired, male youth seated some distance away from

him. "I have to say that times have changed. He looks to be around twenty-six or twenty-seven years old, yet he has already reached the peak of the Domain Realm's second step. It's been three decades since I last saw such talent."

When Situ Qingtian finished speaking, Cold Shadow was surprised again. Even now, she was barely touching the fringes of the Domain Realm's second step, and it would still take a lot of time and effort for her to reach it, let alone climb to the peak of the second step.

Experts capable of reaching this step were as rare as a phoenix's feather in the virtual gaming industry. If such an expert could take one more step forward, they would become an existence standing at the very apex of God's Domain.

Situ Qingtian did not lower his voice when speaking. He also didn't talk through a private channel. Hence, every Tier 4 expert in the reception room heard his words loud and clear.

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All of the youths present, including Purple Jade and Netherworld Empire's masked youth, turned reflexively to look at the long-haired youth carrying the blood-red greatsword, their eyes full of fighting spirit.

"Situ Qingtian, you're still the same gossiping bastard as before!" Chiyang Tianhe said, glaring at Situ Qingtian. "While our kid has indeed made a breakthrough recently, do you think I can't see through that young lass beside you? "If I'm not mistaken, she has at least four Fragmented Legendary items on her, right?"

As soon as Chiyang Tianhe finished speaking, everyone's head snapped toward Cold Shadow. The masked youth and the long-haired youth, in particular, looked at her with fiery gazes.

Nowadays, Epic Weapons and Equipment were a lot more common in God's Domain. Fragmented Legendary items, on the other hand, were still incredibly rare even for the various superpowers. Even in Netherworld Empire and Solar Temple, less than 30% of their Tier 4 experts had even one Fragmented Legendary item, while their Grand Elders would be fortunate to have one or two Fragmented Legendary items.

Yet, Chiyang Tianhe had revealed that Cold Shadow owned at least four Fragmented Legendary items. How could they not envy her?

After reaching their level, every Fragmented Legendary item could provide them with significant improvements. The total improvement four Fragmented Legendary items could provide would be massive.

"This old bastard!" Cold Shadow glared at Chiyang Tianhe.

A display of talent would, at most, make others envious. However, weapons and equipment were a different story. Unlike talent, others could snatch these items. With her current strength, she wouldn't stand a chance if two or more of the people present attacked her. After all, every person in the room was a bona fide monster.

Looking at Cold Shadow, Chiyang Tianhe smiled and asked, "What is it? Do you wish to take action, young lass?" "Chiyang Tianhe!" Glaring at Chiyang Tianhe coldly, Situ Qingtian threatened, "Do you think we won't dare make a move?"

Immediately, the atmosphere in the room solidified, an indescribable sense of coldness spreading throughout the room. At this development, the members of Mythology and Solar Temple instinctively gripped their weapons.

If an ordinary Tier 4 expert were to stand in this heavy atmosphere, they would most likely break out in a cold sweat and flee the scene immediately.

“What rotten luck. Just what are these people trying to do?”

Yuan Tiexin grew a little nervous as he looked at the members of the two Super Guilds.

Mythology’s and Solar Temple’s Tier 4 experts were far from ordinary. This was especially true for Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe. A fight between them would be a calamity. The others in the room might even become collateral damage if things got too out of hand.

To make matters worse, Netherworld Empire’s members also showed signs of restlessness. Evidently, if Mythology and Solar Temple fought, Netherworld Empire wouldn’t mind joining in the fray.

Just as a fight was about to ensue, the woman standing by the room’s door all this time suddenly stepped forward. She was none other than Fire Dance. At this time, not only was Fire Dance at Level 155 already, but the quality of the Mana she radiated was also much more powerful than when she first entered the statue room.

Looking at the members of Mythology and Solar Temple, Fire Dance warned, “Everyone! This is Zero Wing’s territory. Fighting is forbidden here. I ask you to show Zero Wing some respect.”

“Show Zero Wing respect?” Glancing at Fire Dance, Chiyang Tianhe said nonchalantly, “Sure. As long as you can get Situ to shut up, I won’t have any problems!”

Not one to fall behind, Situ Qingtian looked at Fire Dance and said, “Young lady, this old man isn’t trying to disrespect Zero Wing, but Chiyang Tianhe has gone too far. So long as you can get that old ghost to apologize to us, we won’t take any direct action.”

The two old men’s rejoinders rendered Yuan Tiexin and Purple Jade speechless. Fire Dance was indeed powerful, but she was still slightly weaker than the two old men. At most, she could contend against the younger generation of Mythology and Solar Temple. Hence, it was impossible for her to silence the two Guilds all by herself.

Moreover, based on the words spoken by Chiyang Tianhe and Situ Qingtian, the two of them were clearly trying to make a show of power to Zero Wing. If Fire Dance failed to deal with this situation appropriately, she would make a fool of herself and Zero Wing.

However, without any hesitation, Fire Dance calmly told the two old men, “If you two refuse to give up, then please leave Zero Wing City. Zero Wing does not welcome such guests!”

## **Chapter 2870 – Shi Feng’s Sword**

Fire Dance’s words resounded like thunder in the reception room, causing silence to descend on the room momentarily. Yuan Tiexin and Purple Jade also stared at Fire Dance reflexively.

Has she lost her mind?

Both Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe were big shots who spoke and acted on behalf of their respective Guilds.

The two had behaved rudely to show off their power and gain an advantage in their upcoming negotiations with Zero Wing, but Fire Dance's words cornered them; they couldn't back down without harming their reputation. If these two old men got angry for real, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Although Zero Wing City had many Tier 4 players and NPCs defending it, if the two old men were intent on making a ruckus, it would take a long time for the city to suppress them. They might even escape capture. After all, this wasn't the first time they had done such a thing.

Most importantly, the two of them represented Mythology and Solar Temple, two of the Five Great Super Guilds.

Moreover, compared to the other three, these two Super Guilds held far greater influence on the eastern continent. The two Guilds might currently be incapable of retaliating against Zero Wing, but as holders of reserve seats for God's Domain's Twelve Great Guilds, they could ruin the Twin Towers Kingdom and Star-Moon Kingdom with just a word. Now that the Outerworld's forces were rapidly expanding their influence, the NPC kingdoms and empires had limited combat power to spare. As a result, the united army these countries formed couldn't protect every kingdom on the continent. With the resumption of the war imminent, if Mythology and Solar Temple requested the NPC forces not to defend the Twin Towers Kingdom and Star-Moon Kingdom, the two kingdoms would face swift destruction.

Without the support of these two kingdoms, even if Zero Wing had Zero Wing City and the ability to teleport between the two continents, its income would still plummet.

This was because most of the independent players and Guild players visiting Zero Wing City could reach the city only via Sky Spring City's Teleportation Hall. It wasn't possible to teleport to Zero Wing City from other NPC cities. If Sky Spring City disappeared, these players would naturally lose the means to teleport to Zero Wing City.

Meanwhile, Zero Wing couldn't garrison any other NPC city at this time.

The special rights Zero Wing received from the War God's Temple as a reward from the reserve seat competition were a one-time privilege. If Zero Wing wished to garrison another NPC city, it would have to become a reserve for God's Domain's Twelve Great Guilds. However, this wasn't possible right now.

This was also precisely the reason Mythology, a Guild that had been suppressing Zero Wing all this time, dared to come to Zero Wing's doorsteps and negotiate for partnership.

The next moment, Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe turned to Fire Dance, a hint of coldness and playfulness in their eyes.

"Little girl, we traveled a long distance to come to negotiate a partnership with Zero Wing. Is this how Zero Wing treats its guests?" Situ Qingtian asked as he visually inspected Fire Dance. Revealing a faint smile, he continued, "If Zero Wing doesn't wish to partner with Mythology, Mythology will naturally find it unfortunate and frustrating. However, if Zero Wing comes across difficulties in the future, don't blame Mythology for not helping."

"Situ's words might not sound nice, but they are logical." Chiyang Tianhe also looked at Fire Dance and said in a deep voice, "We came here with kind intentions. Now that the Outerworld's forces have invaded the eastern continent, only by cooperating will we be able to stop their advance. If we separate on bad terms here, the Twin Towers Kingdom and Star-Moon Kingdom will suffer."

When Fire Dance heard the two elderly men's words, her complexion sank.

She never expected the two of them to suddenly stand on the same side and work together to pressure Zero Wing.



Seeing Fire Dance's grim expression, Situ Qingtian chuckled and said, "I know you have your own difficulties, young lady. I'm sure you just made an unintentional mistake just now. Your words represent only your thoughts, right?"

At this time, Situ Qingtian did not dare to truly offend Zero Wing. After all, the benefits of Zero Wing City were too great to pass on. However, he still had to teach Fire Dance a lesson and let her know that she couldn't provoke just anyone in God's Domain.

Chiyang Tianhe, who remained seated, nodded and chimed in, "That's right. There are some things you can't say arbitrarily, little girl. Elders like us might be able to ignore such a transgression, but if it were anyone else, your words would have severe consequences!" Nether King Relos shook his head and sighed at this situation.

Fire Dance was too young. Because of her inexperience, she had failed to notice that Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe had aimed for such an outcome right from the very beginning. They had deliberately made a commotion in the reception room in the hopes of hooking Fire Dance. Now that she had taken action on Zero Wing's behalf, she was bound to suffer humiliation.

Driving away Mythology's and Solar Temple's members wouldn't be possible unless Zero Wing was willing to abandon the profits of the Twin Towers Kingdom and Star-Moon Kingdom.

Just when Fire Dance was at a loss as to what to say, the doors to the reception room suddenly opened. A tall figure then entered, looked at Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe, and demanded coldly, "Do you old fools think Zero Wing's main force commander cannot represent Zero Wing? Or do you think Zero Wing is a pushover?"

"I can tell you now that Fire Dance's previous words represent my will! You may leave now!" Shi Feng did not speak loudly, but a bone-chilling cold enveloped the entire room at his words. Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe, in particular, were dumbfounded. Even Relos, who had been a spectator all this time, was stunned. He never thought that Shi Feng would chase off Mythology and Solar Temple without any negotiations.

“Guild Leader Black Flame, aren’t you going a little too far?” Situ Qingtian asked in a cold voice. “Our two Guilds have come in sincerity. Are you going to abandon the Twin Towers Kingdom and Star-Moon Kingdom just because of a little girl’s few words?”

At this time, Chiyang Tianhe interjected hurriedly, “Guild Leader Black Flame, must you take things so seriously? We were merely making a joke.”

“Abandonment is a joke?” Looking at the two elderly men before him, Shi Feng sneered, “You two think too highly of yourselves! I’ll give you five seconds to leave! Otherwise, I’ll send you back myself!”

Shi Feng’s words shocked everyone present once more.

Is he really going to do that? When Yuan Tiexin looked at Shi Feng, he felt that Shi Feng was even crazier than Fire Dance.

Fire Dance had merely acted to preserve Zero Wing’s reputation. However, Shi Feng was blatantly declaring war on Mythology and Solar Temple.

After this declaration, even if Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe previously wanted to pursue negotiations for a partnership, they wouldn’t do so anymore. “Good! Very good!” Situ Qingtian suddenly smiled as he looked at Shi Feng. “This old man admires your will to make an enemy out of Mythology and abandon two kingdoms. However, I’m curious to see how you plan on sending this old man back!”

After saying so, Situ Qingtian stood up and unsheathed the dark greatsword slung on his back. Simultaneously, not only did his body radiate a frightening aura, but the Mana surrounding him also

took on a near-liquid form, sparkling as it circled his silvery-gray armor. Sensing the pressure he radiated, Fire Dance and the other youngsters in the room subconsciously took a step back.

As expected of this old bastard! His Mana Body has broken through the 115% threshold! He can probably hold his own against even a Superior Mythic monster of the same level now! Relos was astonished when he sensed Situ Qingtian's unparalleled aura.

"Everyone has been saying that you are God's Domain's strongest, Guild Leader Black Flame. This old man has been curious about the validity of this rumor for a long time now!"

After Situ Qingtian unleashed his aura, Chiyang Tianhe, who sat nearby, also stood up and raised a crimson staff. The white robe he wore instantly transformed into a robe of flames, making it seem as if the God of Fire had just descended to the mortal world. The aura he radiated was not the slightest bit inferior to Situ Qingtian's, and his level had even surpassed Situ Qingtian by one, at Level 154 already.

Amazing! So, these are the apex combatants of these two Super Guilds? Yuan Tiexin was astounded as he looked at Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe.

Under normal circumstances, the average Tier 4 expert would have difficulty fleeing from a Superior Mythic monster of the same level, let alone fighting one. Yet, these two elderly men now radiated an aura rivaling that of a Superior Mythic monster of the same level. Their combat power ranked at the very top of God's Domain at this stage of the game. Now, even a dozen Tier 4 experts working together would most likely have difficulty suppressing Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe. Not to mention, the two's combat standards were incredibly close to reaching the Beyond Domain Realm.

Let's see how you recover from this now, Black Flame!

Cold Shadow, who now stood at a side, grew excited when she saw that Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe intended to take action.

She might not know precisely how powerful Chiyang Tianhe was, but she knew how powerful Situ Qingtian was. Moreover, it had been a long time since she had seen Situ Qingtian take action.

With the two of them working together, even a monster like Shi Feng would have difficulty defeating them within a short period.

A fight between Shi Feng, dubbed God's Domain's strongest expert, and two legendary figures in the virtual gaming industry deserved to be called an apex battle in God's Domain. If both sides fought for a sufficiently long time, she might gain enough insight to improve her combat standards further.

Cold Shadow wasn't the only person with such thoughts. Purple Jade, Netherworld Empire's masked youth, and Solar Temple's long-haired youth were similarly curious to see how this fight would play out.

"Since you two want me to send you back, I'll grant you your wish!"

After glancing at the two elderly men, Shi Feng stopped concealing his aura and Mana. Immediately, the space within the room froze, a stifling pressure enveloping everyone. Even Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe subconsciously stumbled two steps back, their eyes filled with fear and confusion as they gaped at Shi Feng. Tier 5?

The same question simultaneously ran through the minds of the two elderly men. However, before they could respond to the situation, Shi Feng suddenly appeared before them, his movements so fast that it seemed as if he had split into two. Shi Feng then stabbed their hearts with his sword.

Afterward, Shi Feng returned to one entity, now standing quietly by the window wall behind the two elderly men. And before anyone realized what had happened, the sword in his hand was already back in its sheath, as if Shi Feng had never drawn it.

Meanwhile, Situ Qingtian's and Chiyang Tianhe's HPs, which exceeded ten million, had zero out by the time everyone realized what was going on. The two's bodies then collapsed to the ground, neither managing to react from start to finish.

## **Chapter 2871 – Tier 5?**

“They're dead?”

The spectators in the room were stunned to see Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe collapsing to the floor, their minds failing to process this situation.

Cold Shadow and the long-haired youth from Solar Temple, in particular, appeared petrified, their bodies remaining utterly motionless as they stared at the two sprawled corpses. How is this possible!?

The instructor failed to endure even a single hit?

Compared to everyone else present, Cold Shadow and the long-haired youth had a much better understanding of Situ Qingtian's and Chiyang Tianhe's strengths.

Setting aside the fact that the two elderly men had combat standards close to the Beyond Domain Realm, just their Basic Attributes and Mana Bodies were more than enough for them to combat Superior Mythic monsters of the same level.

Despite being so monstrously powerful, Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe had failed to mount even the slightest bit of resistance to Shi Feng before dying. This was simply unbelievable.

Yuan Tiexin and Purple Jade were similarly astonished at this situation, their minds unable to recover from the shock even after a long time.

They had expected a heaven-defying battle and even felt that Shi Feng had been unwise to provoke Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe. After all, if these two Superior Mythic equivalents went all out, destroying Zero Wing's Residence wouldn't be impossible for them. Even if Shi Feng eventually succeeded in killing them, Zero Wing would still have to pay a significant price.

Yet, now...

However, unlike everyone else present, Nether King Relos's attention wasn't on Situ Qingtian's and Chiyang Tianhe's corpses. Instead, he stared at Shi Feng's figure standing calmly by the window wall, his eyes wide with fear and horror.

"A Tier 5 Sword Saint?"

Although it was only an instant, Relos had felt unprecedented fear overwhelming his body when Shi Feng executed his attack. That spine-chilling fear hadn't come from just witnessing Shi Feng's frightening power. Instead, it was an instinctive, bone-deep fear.

Relos was no ordinary Tier 4 player; he was someone who had developed his Mana Body to an incredible extent. If he were facing a player of the same tier, his body wouldn't have such a reaction.

The only way Relos could explain this situation was that Shi Feng was no longer a Tier 4 player. Instead, Shi Feng was already a Tier 5 Sword Saint!

Although Relos had subconsciously muttered to himself, he had not done so on a private channel. Hence, no matter how soft his voice had been, the Tier 4 experts present heard him loud and clear.

“Tier 5?”

Everyone turned toward Shi Feng, one after another. Previously, they had been so shocked by Situ Qingtian’s and Chiyang Tianhe’s deaths that they had forgotten about Shi Feng’s existence and the brief stagnation and fear they had felt.

How is this possible?! He’s reached Tier 5 already?!

Cold Shadow and the long-haired youth wore grim expressions as they looked at Shi Feng, their minds in denial.

Shi Feng no longer concealed his power. Hence, everyone in the room could feel tremendous pressure originating from a difference in Life Rating. Shi Feng’s Life Rating was something no Tier 4 player could possess, no matter what. If a Tier 4 player’s Life Rating were equated to a bonfire, then Shi Feng’s Life Rating was like the scorching sun. Unless he deliberately suppressed and concealed his Life Rating, there was no way anybody could fail to notice it. Is this why he dares to ignore the two Super Guilds?

When Yuan Tiexin looked at Situ Qingtian’s and Chiyang Tianhe’s corpses and then at Shi Feng’s nonchalance, the shock in his heart multiplied exponentially.

Meanwhile, Purple Jade was at a loss for words, a complicated expression on her face.

She had come to Zero Wing City to determine her growth and whether she could catch up to Shi Feng

However, let alone catching up, the two of them weren't even standing on the same playing field anymore.

Tier 5!

In the current era, Tier 5 existences were already considered the apex existences of God's Domain. They were capable of single-handedly destroying an entire kingdom, monsters that no current Tier 4 player could hope to go up against. "Guild Leader!"

Fire Dance's eyes brimmed with jubilation and shock when she looked at Shi Feng.

This revelation was too shocking!

If Zero Wing still had to be fearful of the Five Great Super Guilds before, then it could now ignore their existence. After all, the gap between Tier 4 and Tier 5 was utterly massive. Even if the Five Great Super Guilds had many monstrously strong players and even individuals at the Beyond Domain Realm, none of them would be a match for a Tier 5 existence.

Unless the Five Great Super Guilds similarly produced a Tier 5 expert, it wouldn't matter, even if they attacked Zero Wing with a large number of Tier 4 experts.



Not to mention, destroying a Guild City was child's play for a Tier 5 player. Only a Main City-level Guild City could repulse a Tier 5. Moreover, if one didn't have any means of retaliation, even a Main City would eventually fall to a Tier 5 player.

While Fire Dance was inwardly celebrating Shi Feng's achievement, Shi Feng turned his sights to Cold Shadow and the long-haired youth from Solar Temple. He then said calmly, "I only dealt a small punishment to the two of them today. If your two Guilds pull such a stunt one more time, I won't mind visiting your headquarters!"

Cold Shadow and the long-haired youth did not have any thoughts of refuting Shi Feng. They promptly left the reception room, together with their Guild members.

Netherworld Empire's and Secret Pavilion's members quietly watched with complicated feelings as the two Super Guilds' members left. Before, they had been treating Zero Wing as just another superpower. However, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to call Zero Wing the number one Guild of God's Domain now.

Not only did Zero Wing possess a Tier 5 Sword Saint, but it even had a holy land like Zero Wing City. At this point, even the Five Great Super Guilds couldn't hope to compete with it. Given enough time, Zero Wing was sure to become God's Domain's number one Guild.

At this point, Relos suddenly stood up from his seat, approached Shi Feng, and said respectfully, "Guild Leader Black Flame, I, Relos, wish to establish a partnership with Zero Wing on behalf of Netherworld Empire. We do not want much. We only need one temporary Guild Residence in Zero Wing City. In return, Netherworld Empire will provide Zero Wing with resources and business connections in the western continent. We will also establish a military alliance with Zero Wing to resist the Outerworld players. May I know what you think of this proposal, Guild Leader Black Flame?"

Although Relos's respectful demeanor and sincere offer might seem surprising to others, the masked youth from Netherworld Empire and Yuan Tiexin did not find this situation unexpected at all.

While reaching Tier 5 might not be impossible for an expert like Relos, it would still be incredibly challenging. This was because the promotion to Tier 5 had nothing to do with a player's combat standards. Instead, it depended entirely on one's control over and understanding of Mana and the ability to construct a Tier 5 Mana Body.

Before reaching Tier 5 himself, Relos would only be seeking death if he behaved arrogantly in front of a Tier 5 existence.

Not one to fall behind, Yuan Tiexin also extended a similar partnership offer on behalf of the Secret Pavilion. The only difference was that the Secret Pavilion would only help defend Zero Wing City and Stone Forest City; it would not take part in any other battles.

"Sure, I can agree to your conditions," Shi Feng said after hearing the two Guilds' offers. "However, I have an additional condition."

Upon receiving this encouraging response, Relos grew a little excited and prompted, "Please speak, Guild Leader Black Flame."

Initially, Relos thought that Shi Feng wouldn't agree to his offer and would choose to monopolize Zero Wing City's resources. Shi Feng's willingness to negotiate was a positive outcome.

Yuan Tiexin also nodded in agreement with Relos's words.

Shi Feng smiled and said, "My condition is simple—a complete Guild Legacy. If your two Guilds can provide me with your complete Guild Legacies, I can give you temporary Residences in Zero Wing City immediately!"

Zero Wing was not lacking in resources at the moment. So long as Zero Wing City remained standing, the Guild would have no trouble acquiring resources. However, a Guild's development did not rely solely on resources. It also needed manpower and talents.

Hence, acquiring a complete Guild Legacy was of utmost importance for Zero Wing. Only with a complete Guild Legacy could Zero Wing reliably nurture its experts to the Domain Realm. "Okay, I agree to your condition on Netherworld Empire's behalf!" Relos answered without hesitation.

Upon hearing Relos's response, Yuan Tiexin gritted his teeth and said, "The Secret Pavilion has no problem with this, either."

When Shi Feng heard the two Guilds' positive replies, he inwardly sighed in relief. After all, a Guild Legacy was the root of a Guild. Many Guilds would rather face annihilation than share their Guild Legacy. He then nodded and said, "Good! I wish our three Guilds a happy partnership from now on!"

Shortly afterward, Shi Feng signed a contract with the Secret Pavilion and Netherworld Empire, taking an essential step toward Zero Wing's becoming God's Domain's number one Guild.

As Shi Feng concluded his discussion with the two Guilds, news of his promotion to Tier 5 and his killing Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe in Zero Wing City quickly spread and reached the ears of God's Domain's various powers.

For a time, the entire God's Domain was in an uproar!

## Chapter 2872 – God’s Domain Shaken

Zero Wing City, Battle Arena: “Guild Leader Black Flame has been promoted to Tier 5?” Sixteenth Cloud was stunned when she read the report she received. Looking at Sorrowful Silence, she asked, “Have you verified this?”

Although quite a number of God’s Domain’s Void Realm experts had gotten promoted to Tier 4 already, with Domain Realm experts even making considerable progress in developing their Mana Bodies, everyone was still a long way from reaching Tier 5.

Creating a Tier 5 Mana Body was an entirely different matter from improving the Completion Rate of one’s Mana Body.

Since most Tier 4 experts hadn’t even developed their Mana Bodies to a significant extent, getting promoted to Tier 5 shouldn’t be possible.

Hence, Sixteenth Cloud found it truly hard to believe that Shi Feng had already reached Tier 5.

However, instead of getting the answer she hoped for, Sorrowful Silence nodded solemnly. He then said in a shocked voice, “Yes, I happened to be in another reception room at the time, negotiating with Zero Wing’s representative for a long-term lease of the Battle Arena’s combat rooms. My room was quite close to the reception room used to host the Secret Pavilion and the three Super Guilds. Every Zero Wing member on the floor reacted strongly. I also saw Mythology’s and Solar Temple’s members leave the Residence, looking grim.”

In reality, Sorrowful Silence didn't just hear about Shi Feng's promotion to Tier 5 from Zero Wing's members. He had also personally experienced the frightening aura Shi Feng had exuded. Despite being in an entirely different room, he had still sensed that aura clearly, and it had been much stronger than the auras of the Tier 5 NPCs he had come across before.

Of course, the Tier 5 NPCs Sorrowful Silence met previously had never displayed any killing intent. They had even been actively suppressing their auras. In comparison, Shi Feng had not held anything back when he attacked Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe.

This was why Sorrowful Silence was confident Shi Feng had reached Tier 5.

"This is interesting." Sixteenth Cloud revealed a hint of joy and excitement after hearing Sorrowful Silence's confirmation. "Now that Zero Wing has a Tier 5 combatant and opened Zero Wing City to the public, the eastern continent's status quo will get reshuffled!"

"That's right! Thank goodness we're already strategic allies with Zero Wing!" Sorrowful Silence said, nodding in agreement with Sixteenth Cloud.

Tier 5 existences were different from Tier 4 existences. Tier 4 players couldn't capture a Guild City all by themselves. That was a task that required a large number of Tier 4 players.

When Tier 4 players were still scarce, Zero Wing might've been able to pose a significant threat to the various superpowers, but it didn't threaten their roots.

However, the situation had changed.

A Tier 5 player could effortlessly capture a Guild City—even a superpower’s headquarters

—which meant that Zero Wing had the power to uproot and destroy superpowers.

Moreover, now that Zero Wing’s expert count had skyrocketed, it was entirely capable of expanding its territory and occupying more Guild Cities. It wouldn’t face a manpower shortage even if it captured five or six more Guild Cities.

When the eastern continent’s various powers received this piece of news, the superpowers that had always been working against Zero Wing fell into an awkward situation. This was especially true for Starlink. Upon learning about Shi Feng’s promotion to Tier 5, Starlink’s executives all had ashen complexions. Inside the Guild Leader’s office of Starlink’s Residence in the Dark Night Empire...

“Commander, now that Black Flame has gotten promoted to Tier 5, he definitely won’t spare Starlink. Should we migrate our experts to the western continent now?” a Level 150, Tier 4 female Ranger suggested as she looked at the handsome youth quietly reading documents in the office.

“How many times have I told you to refer to me as Guild Leader? I am no longer just the commander of Tremorous Clown but Starlink’s Guild Leader as well,” Lu Tiandi said as he glanced at the enchanting female Ranger.

“Yes, Guild Leader,” the Ranger responded calmly as she looked at Lu Tiandi. She then repeated, “Should we migrate now?”

“That won’t be necessary.” Looking at the report in his hands, Lu Tiandi explained nonchalantly, “Black Flame’s promotion to Tier 5 is indeed a big problem for us, but there’s no need for us to be afraid of him yet. The eastern continent’s situation is no longer the same as before. The Outerworld’s forces are Zero Wing’s biggest problem. Black Flame’s promotion to Tier 5 should pose a considerable headache for those Outerworld players.

“Moreover, Zero Wing has severed all chances of friendly relations with Mythology and Solar Temple. In the next war, the eastern continent’s native NPC forces will definitely not provide Star-Moon Kingdom and the Twin Towers Kingdom with any support. At that time, Zero Wing might not even be able to defend its own Guild Cities, let alone target other forces.

“If I were Black Flame, I wouldn’t have exposed myself as a Tier 5 so soon and become a target for the Outerworld forces. Instead, I would focus on raiding Dungeons and World Bosses to raise my Guild’s strength. God’s Domain isn’t a single-player game. A single Tier 5 player cannot stop all of the Outerworld’s NPC forces!”

The enchanting Ranger’s eyes brightened at Lu Tiandi’s words. “Doesn’t this mean we have a chance?”

“We can forget about Silverwing City since the Outerworld forces will capture it. On the other hand, we can get our hands on Stone Forest City since it is close to the Dark Night Empire. Even if Black Flame is Tier 5, he can defend only one location at a time. Once the war resumes, he’ll be preoccupied with Zero Wing City. At that time, we can find an opportunity to secure Stone Forest City!” Lu Tiandi said, smiling. “However, this isn’t something we can accomplish alone. Go and contact the superpowers that have a grudge against Zero Wing now. I believe they will be more than willing to come on board this plan.”

“Yes, sir!” The Ranger nodded.

While God’s Domain’s various powers were reeling from the news of Shi Feng’s promotion to Tier 5 and preparing countermeasures, Shi Feng had finalized his discussion with the Secret Pavilion and Netherworld Empire over the specifics of their partnership.

“Guild Leader, now that we have the two Guild Legacies, we can probably nurture a batch of Void Realm experts and possibly Domain Realm experts within a short period,” Fire Dance said. When she thought

about how the Secret Pavilion and Netherworld Empire would be sending all their information on the Realms of Refinement to Zero Wing's headquarters tomorrow, she couldn't help feeling excited.

Although the Guild Legacy Zero Wing received from Unyielding Soul previously was indeed valuable, the information provided allowed Zero Wing to nurture experts only to the Flowing Water Realm at a reliable rate. It was still a far cry from a complete Guild Legacy. After all, only Void Realm experts could serve as a superpower's mainstay. Zero Wing had far too few of such peak experts.

The only reason Zero Wing managed to produce as many Tier 4 experts as it had now was the various God's Domain Legacies and excellent training environment the Guild possessed. Even then, these Tier 4 experts could only rank among the lower rungs of Tier 4 players.

"That's right!" Shi Feng nodded. He similarly felt happy over this matter.

Only when Zero Wing possessed a complete Guild Legacy of its own could it become a true titan in God's Domain. Once the Guild had the Secret Pavilion's and Netherworld Empire's Guild Legacies, it would no longer have to worry about lacking peak experts. Zero Wing could also recruit more talented players since these talents would no longer have to worry about Zero Wing lacking a Guild Legacy.

"Guild Leader, what should we do next?" Fire Dance asked. "Now that we've become enemies with Mythology and Solar Temple, the Outerworld forces will target Star-Moon Kingdom and the Twin Towers Kingdom once the war resumes. Should we start withdrawing our forces from those two kingdoms?"

Mythology and Solar Temple held significant influence in the eastern continent. It was also certain that the Outerworld forces would target Zero Wing. However, with Zero Wing's current strength, defending Star-Moon Kingdom and the Twin Towers Kingdom wouldn't be feasible. To reduce Zero Wing's losses, the Guild ought to begin pulling its forces out of these two kingdoms as soon as possible.



“Next?” Chuckling, Shi Feng said, “Go and gather all of the Guild’s Tier 4s now.” “Gather all of the Guild’s Tier 48?”

Shi Feng’s command confused Fire Dance. With the imminent war, what they should do was relocate the Mobile Fortress and Silverwing City. Otherwise, once the Outerworld’s NPC army arrived, Zero Wing would lose both strongholds.

“Yes.” Smiling, Shi Feng said, “Since I’ve reached Tier 5 already, it’s about time we took care of the trouble over at the Orc Empire. We’ll also use this opportunity to let the various superpowers know the consequences of offending us!”

The current God’s Domain had far too little knowledge of Tier 5 existences. Even if Shi Feng had killed Situ Qingtian and Chiyang Tianhe, the various superpowers only knew that he was much stronger than Tier 4 players. They still didn’t understand what Tier 5 represented.

“I’ll have them gather right away!”

Fire Dance burned with eagerness when she heard Shi Feng’s words.

Ever since she had gotten promoted to Tier 4, she had never had a good fight or launched an all-out war against other superpowers. She also wasn’t the only person to hold such sentiments. The other Tier 4 experts in the Guild harbored similar thoughts. Now, they finally had the opportunity to display their strength.

Orc Empire, Silverwing City:

Droves of people came and went on the city's main street. More than half of these people were NPCs from the neighboring kingdoms and empires.

Due to the World Passage's opening and the invasion of the Outerworld's player and NPC forces, both native players and NPCs had their range of activity restricted significantly. As the strongest city in the Orc Empire, one capable of fending off attacks from anything below Tier 5, Silverwing City had already become a mecca for the neighboring kingdoms' and empires' players and NPCs. Moreover, the news of Black Flame reaching Tier 5 sent the number of players visiting Silverwing City skyrocketing, resulting in overcrowding. All of these new arrivals sought to join Zero Wing and develop long-term in Silverwing City. At this time, Tier 4 experts radiating frightening auras appeared in Zero Wing's Residence, one after another. The arrival of these experts instantly silenced the bustling Residence. Even the players lining up to take the test to join the Guild couldn't help feeling frightened.

"What's going on with Zero Wing? Why have so many Tier 4 experts gathered?"

"Are they here to maintain order since there are so many people applying to join the Guild?"

"Amazing! So, this is Zero Wing? I saw over 50 Tier 4 experts already! Some Super Guilds don't have this many Tier 4 experts!"

"That's not all of it! Look at their equipment! Every one of them has at least three pieces of Level 150 Epic Equipment! I wonder when I'll be able to get one for myself?"

The eyes of the players lined up in the Residence's courtyard widened in shock as they took in Zero Wing's Tier 4 experts.

Previously, they had recognized that Zero Wing was a powerful Guild but felt that it had become a superpower in God's Domain only because of Zero Wing City and Black Flame's undefeated legend. Upon seeing the situation now, they realized that Zero Wing's foundation was far more terrifying than they thought. Not only did Zero Wing possess far more Tier 4 experts than most superpowers, but these experts also had superior equipment standards compared to the various superpowers' Tier 4 experts.

Currently, over 50 Tier 4 experts were gathered in the courtyard. This was a spectacular scene that those present would rarely get to see in their lifetimes. Not to mention, these Tier 4 experts were not repressing their auras at all. When these auras overlapped, they came together to generate an aura far more frightening than that of Superior Mythic monsters. Even Tier 3 experts shuddered involuntarily, forced to keep their distance from these Tier 4 experts.

"Why would Zero Wing gather so many Tier 4 experts here? Is it conducting a major operation or something?"

"This is indeed unusual. A Guild would gather so many of its Tier 4 experts in one place only for a special event."

As the number of Tier 4 experts kept increasing, the non-members in the courtyard felt something amiss. Even Zero Wing's members started growing antsy at this situation.

Ji Luorong looked at Violet Cloud, who had just arrived in the courtyard, and asked, "Big Sis Violet, do you know why the Guild Leader suddenly summoned us?"

"I don't know, either. Big Sis Fire suddenly contacted me and told me to come here right away," Violet Cloud replied, shaking her head. She then visually inspected Ji Luorong and exclaimed in surprise, "Luorong, your Mana Body is at the 110% Completion Rate already?! You've made so much progress!"

Ji Luorong had joined Zero Wing only recently. Although Zero Wing was much stronger than before, the fact that Ji Luorong managed to increase her Mana Body's Completion Rate from under 105% to her current 110% proved that she was monstrosly talented. "Hehe. It's because of the Sword Saint Legacy Big Sis Fire gave me. If not for it, I would've taken much longer to reach 110%," Ji Luorong said, smiling. Inwardly, she still felt a little delighted. After all, only a tiny number of experts in God's Domain had managed to develop their Mana Bodies to a 110% Completion Rate at this stage of the game.

However, when Ji Luorong carefully sensed the Mana surrounding Violet Cloud's body, her delight instantly vanished.

The Mana close to Violet Cloud had already liquefied. Although it was limited to a small portion of her Mana, it was still better than nothing.

The fact that Violet Cloud could accomplish this feat meant that her Mana Body's Completion Rate had already reached 115% or above, according to what Shi Feng told them. She might've even reached the 120% Completion Rate already.

At this time, a masked, middle-aged man clad in black approached Ji Luorong. The aura this man radiated practically rivaled that of a Superior Mythic monster. This middle-aged man was none other than Crimson Mask, another Eternal Glory member who had joined Zero Wing. "Commander, why did Big Sis Fire suddenly call for us? Is something big going on?" Crimson Mask asked curiously as he looked at Ji Luorong

"I don't know. Big Sis Fire only told me to come here as soon as possible and nothing else." Ji Luorong shook her head. When she noticed the qualitative transformation of Crimson Mask's demeanor, she couldn't help sighing to herself ruefully.

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Initially, Crimson Mask had opposed Eternal Glory's joining Zero Wing. He felt that even without joining a Guild, he could still develop Eternal Glory to great heights. However, after a few bouts with Fire Dance and receiving a sound thrashing each time, Crimson Mask had changed completely. Now, he was even referring to Fire Dance as Big Sis.

However, Crimson Mask was much more fortunate than someone else, his fate considerably better.

Besides Crimson Mask, a lunatic named Invincible Swallow had come to Zero Wing to challenge Violet Cloud, and the fate this lunatic suffered was simply terrible. That fight could be described as an adult beating up a toddler. Afterward, when Invincible Swallow returned for a rematch at a later date, Violet Cloud just so happened to be out on an errand. Aqua Rose had been present at the time, so he challenged her instead.

After that match, Invincible Swallow began questioning his life. Even now, he was still training crazily in Stone Forest City's Battle Arena every day.

While Zero Wing's Tier 4 members wondered why Fire Dance had suddenly gathered them, a man and a woman approached the courtyard from a distance. These two people were none other than Shi Feng and Fire Dance.

Shi Feng was just walking casually, yet his steps distorted the space around him. It was as if the surrounding space couldn't contain his presence and could crumble at any time.

In addition, as Shi Feng did not bother concealing his aura, everyone present gasped involuntarily when they sensed it. Although Shi Feng wasn't directing any hostility at anyone, merely letting his aura radiate freely, the Tier 4 players present felt their bodies becoming incredibly heavy as if someone had tied metal weights to their bodies. As for the Tier 3 players present, they instinctively retreated from Shi Feng, not daring to move even an inch closer to him.

"He's the Guild Leader?" Crimson Mask was shocked as he looked at Shi Feng.

Before today, Crimson Mask had only ever heard the name of Black Flame. From the gossip circulating inside Zero Wing, he knew that Shi Feng was Zero Wing's number one expert and that his existence was the linchpin of the entire Guild.

Crimson Mask had thought that Shi Feng was only slightly stronger than Fire Dance. However, given this situation, Shi Feng wasn't just somewhat stronger than Fire Dance. He was practically standing on a whole other level.

Aside from Crimson Mask, many of the Tier 4 experts who had joined Zero Wing recently were also stunned by Shi Feng's terrifying aura.

After glancing at the crowd gathered, Fire Dance reported to Shi Feng, "Guild Leader, apart from the two Vice Guild Leaders and around a dozen others, who are currently occupied with important matters, all of the Guild's Tier 4 members are here."

"Not bad!" Shi Feng nodded in approval as he scanned the crowd before him.

A total of 59 Tier 4 players waited in the courtyard, their levels ranging from Level 148 to Level 156. More than half of these players had broken through the 100% threshold of their Mana Bodies already, with nearly 20 having reached the 105% threshold and seven at the 110% threshold. The seven to reach 110% Completion Rate or above were Violet Cloud, Fire Dance, Ji Luorong, Alluring Summer, Yan Tianxing, Yi Luofei, and Silent Blade.

One could consider this lineup a spectacular force at this stage of the game.

At this time, Cola, who had already reached Level 150, could no longer hold back his excitement, asking, "Guild Leader, are we going to raid the Orc Capital City?"

The Orc Capital City's core area was a special secret land. The degree of danger in this secret land closely rivaled that of a God Mode Regional Dungeon. The loot inside was likewise incredible. However, one required a sufficiently large team of Tier 4 players to raid it. This was why nobody had succeeded in raiding it even now. Meanwhile, Zero Wing currently had 59 Tier 4 players and one Tier 5 player gathered. They were already more than qualified to raid the Orc Capital City's secret land.

When everyone heard Cola's words, they immediately grew restless.

After all, this was a Level 150-plus secret land they were talking about. They would definitely gain significant harvests if they raided it. "No, I didn't gather you here for the Orc Capital City, but for something else instead," Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

"Something else?" Cola and the others grew confused. "That's right." Smiling, Shi Feng explained, "To ensure our survival in the upcoming war and Zero Wing's future development, I plan on annihilating Ancient Rock City and eliminating Beast Emperor from the Orc Empire!"

## **Chapter 2874 – Descending upon Ancient Rock City**

Orc Empire, Ancient Rock City: The walls of Ancient Rock City were over 50 meters tall. Despite numerous Faux Saint monsters roaming the barren land outside the city walls, the Tier 3 players patrolling atop the walls completely disregarded these monsters as if they did not exist.

Surprisingly, the Faux Saint monsters that most of the eastern continent's players regarded as a nightmare showed no intentions of attacking Ancient Rock City. They behaved like scarecrows under the city walls.

At this time, a merchant caravan, composed of over a hundred players and over a dozen horse-drawn carriages, slowly approached Ancient Rock City from a distance. Despite catching sight of these players, the countless Faux Saint monsters roaming the barren land outside Ancient Rock City behaved as if they did not see this caravan.

Looking at the Level 120 Faux Saint monsters around him, a Level 136, Tier 3 Swordsman escorting the caravan exclaimed, "The Sacred Heart Amulet Saint's Hand sold us is amazing. Those Mythic Faux Saint monsters ignore us even when we're only 30 yards away from them."

Even NPCs were helpless against the Faux Saint monsters running rampant in the many neighboring kingdoms and the Black Dragon Empire. The danger made it increasingly difficult for merchant caravans to make money.

However, so long as a caravan carried a Sacred Heart Amulet, it could avoid the Faux Saint monsters' attacks altogether.

At the Swordsman's words, the Level 137, Tier 3 Guardian Knight sitting at the head of the caravan looked at the Sacred Heart Amulet in his hand. With a hint of ambition in his eyes, he said, "I know, right? We must buy some more of these Sacred Heart Amulets in Ancient Rock City! We can make a fortune reselling them in the neighboring kingdoms and empires!"



The Sacred Heart Amulet was a non-bag space item. Although players could wear it on their person, they couldn't store it in their bags. It also couldn't be transported by teleportation.

However, Saint's Hand sold the Sacred Heart Amulet only in Ancient Rock City. None of Saint's Hand's other Residences sold it.

Many merchant players and adventurer teams had realized that they could make a fortune by purchasing the Sacred Heart Amulets in bulk from Ancient Rock City and reselling them in the neighboring kingdoms and empires.

Nowadays, many Faux Saint monsters roamed the territories of the neighboring kingdoms and the Black Dragon Empire. Leaving the safety of towns and cities would expose players to not only the standard monsters but also a large number of Faux Saint monsters. The Sacred Heart Amulet could mitigate the danger.

More importantly, the Sacred Heart Amulet was a Consumable, so it was always in high demand in the neighboring kingdoms and the Black Dragon Empire. Selling these amulets in these countries wouldn't be a problem.

The main reason their Fighting Tiger adventurer team had invested a considerable fortune into hiring more than a dozen Advanced Carriages was to make an even bigger fortune off these amulets.

At this time, a Level 136, Tier 3 female Ranger standing atop the leading carriage pointed at a distant silhouette and shouted, "Commander, we're almost at Ancient Rock City!"

"Okay! Everyone, get yourselves ready, newbies especially! Ancient Rock City is different from other Guild Cities!" the leading Guardian Knight shouted through the team chat. "Although the city prohibits

fighting, it is still a bona fide Dark City! There are tons of Dark Players there, so make sure not to get marked by them! Otherwise, we'll be in a ton of trouble once we leave the city!"

At the Guardian Knight's words, the team's veterans promptly took out a Magic Scroll for the Tier 1 Mana Guard Spell and used it on themselves. With the Mana Guard active, the common tracking mark would be ineffective against them.

Upon seeing this, the newbies to Ancient Rock City also took out the Magic Scrolls they prepared and used the scrolls on themselves.

As the caravan trundled increasingly closer to Ancient Rock City, the newbies couldn't help gasping in shock at their first sight of the towering stronghold.

Ancient Rock City was undoubtedly the most spectacular Guild City they had ever seen in their careers in God's Domain. Not only did the city have walls over 50 meters tall guarding it, but it covered an area rivaling NPC Main Cities.

Most importantly, two 30-meter-tall Faux Saint monsters flanked the city's entrance. The two monsters wore steel plate armor, and each carried two gigantic swords.

If one inspected these two monsters with an Identification Skill, one would find that they were Level 160 Superior Mythic ranked Faux Saint Slayers!

The aura of these two Faux Saint Slayers sent involuntary shudders through all the players entering Ancient Rock City. Just by standing there, the two Superior Mythics made everyone feel as if their souls would get devoured.

Besides the two Faux Saint Slayers standing guard, more than 30 Evil Dark Dragons wheeled in the sky above Ancient Rock City. These 50-meter-long Evil Dark Dragons radiated auras close to rivaling the Superior Mythic ranked Faux Saint Slayers'. When the Fighting Tiger adventurer team arrived before the city gate, the members spotted a long line of players and NPCs waiting to enter the city.

Many of these NPCs exuded dense bloodlust, which proved that they roamed the dark side of God's Domain. At this time, however, even Tier 4 NPCs were obediently waiting in line.

"Amazing! There are so many Tier 4 monsters and NPCs here! Even a kingdom's capital city isn't comparable to this place!" the first-time visitors among Fighting Tiger exclaimed.

"Of course. Ancient Rock City is Saint's Hand's main headquarters. Moreover, the city has already become a mecca for the dark forces operating in the neighboring kingdoms and the Black Dragon Empire. If we include the city's defensive structures, even the Outerworld forces will have difficulty taking down Ancient Rock City. Now, many well-known and top adventurer teams are developing here," the leading Guardian Knight explained. "From what I heard, the superpower Miracle has also dispatched many experts to garrison Ancient Rock City. Ancient Rock City is the safest city in the Orc Empire! Nobody will dare target it!"

The Saint's Hand member conducting inspections nearby overheard the Guardian Knight's words and couldn't help putting on a prideful expression.

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Currently, Ancient Rock City was only one step away from becoming a Main City. Its combat power far exceeded that of Guild Cities of the various superpowers. Had Saint's Hand not been wary of the Outerworld's NPC forces, it would've long since flattened the neighboring kingdoms and the Black Dragon Empire, becoming an existence surpassing the Five Great Super Guilds.

However, as the Fighting Tiger adventurer team was undergoing inspection, a gigantic figure suddenly approached Ancient Rock City from the distant sky. Its speed was as fast as a mighty gale, and it stopped only after arriving in front of the city. The steel behemoth over 100 meters long hung in the sky roughly 400 yards from Ancient Rock City, overlooking the entire city. Several dozen players stood on this steel behemoth.

At this steel behemoth's appearance, the entire Ancient Rock City went into an uproar.

"It's the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship!" "That's Zero Wing's Flying Ship!" "Quick, look! Isn't that Black Flame?!"

Nowadays, almost everybody in God's Domain was familiar with the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship. After all, this thing had long since become Zero Wing's signature. Zero Wing was even using some of these Flying Ships to transport cargo across the sea, to the envy of many superpowers. However, Zero Wing's sudden visit to Ancient Rock City confused many of the city's players. Meanwhile, upon spotting the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, the Evil Dark Dragons patrolling the city's airspace let loose deafening roars. The two Faux Saint Slayers standing guard by the city's entrance also raised their heads and gripped their weapons, going on full alert against the Flying Ship.

As everyone in Ancient Rock City fell into panic and confusion, Shi Feng looked down at the city below from aboard the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship and shouted, "Five minutes! I will give you five minutes to withdraw from the city if you do not wish to get dragged into Saint's Hand's problem!"

"Anyone who doesn't withdraw after five minutes will disappear from God's Domain together with Ancient Rock City!"

## **Chapter 2875 – Ancient Rock City in Peril**

“Is Zero Wing planning to attack the city?”

“This is crazy! Zero Wing must’ve lost its mind! How dare they attack Ancient Rock City?!”

Inevitably, Ancient Rock City’s inhabitants doubted Shi Feng’s declaration, with many of them considering it a joke.

Saint’s Hand had continuously strengthened Ancient Rock City. Currently, the city’s defenses were superior to those of other Guild Cities, and the combatants stationed within the city were more than enough to instill fear in the various superpowers. Not to mention, the dark forces of over a dozen countries gathered in the city. Apart from Dark Guilds, there were also plenty of NPC forces among these dark forces. These forces had paid a considerable price to settle in Ancient Rock City and even treated the city as their base of operations.

Anyone who dared to attack Ancient Rock City would make an enemy of these dark forces.

Be it Dark Guilds or dark NPC forces, every one of them had at least two or three Tier 4 combatants under their command. Moreover, Miracle had recently garrisoned the city, so there should be close to 200 Tier 4 combatants defending Ancient Rock City right now. One could conquer an entire kingdom with that many Tier 4 combatants.

Most importantly, Ancient Rock City was currently an Advanced Guild City, only one step away from becoming a Main Guild City.

Ancient Rock City’s resident players weren’t the only ones shocked by this situation. Beast Emperor, who was conducting research in the City Lord’s Mansion, inadvertently crushed the research instrument he held when he received news of Zero Wing’s sudden arrival.

“Black Flame, how bold of you! It seems you’ve gotten arrogant while I was lying low!” Beast Emperor growled with a cold glint in his eyes. “Lord Beast Emperor, Black Flame is rumored to have reached Tier 5 already. Should we notify the Sacred Envoy?” the Level 152, Tier 4 Berserker, who had made the report, asked.

News of Shi Feng’s promotion to Tier 5 had long since reached the ears of God’s Domain’s various powers. Meanwhile, a Tier 5 player was an existence even Saint’s Hand had to be wary

of.

Putting away the tools on his table, Beast Emperor glanced at Saint’s Hand’s Guild Leader, Furious Fist, and smiled lightly. “No need. Call for some people and come along with me. I want to see what exactly gives Black Flame the confidence to act arrogantly in my Ancient Rock City!”

After saying so, Beast Emperor turned around and left. A robust man with black skin covered in flashing runes, who stood guard before the research room, silently trailed him.

“Yes, sir!”

Furious Fist hurriedly followed after the robust man.

Less than three minutes after Shi Feng’s declaration, many players and adventurer teams, afraid of trouble, had already withdrawn from Ancient Rock City. Only Dark Players and a few courageous normal players chose to remain.

At the same time, players from the various dark adventurer teams and Dark Guilds also gathered at Ancient Rock City's entrance, one after another, and watched the fleeing players.

"These cowards! Zero Wing sent only a few dozen players, yet these people are already running away!"

"Zero Wing is famous, after all. It's normal for them to run away. Not to mention, Black Flame is also here. It'd be strange for them not to escape."

"These people are simply idiots! Zero Wing won its past battles only because of the powerful defenses of its cities!"

"That's right! So what if Zero Wing managed to produce a Tier 5 player? We'll teach these guys what it means to offend us dark forces!"

The Dark Players revealed expressions of rage and excitement as they looked up at the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship. Zero Wing's reputation was through the roof right now. Moreover, Shi Feng had gotten promoted to Tier 5. Hence, players were starting to consider Zero Wing God's Domain's number one Guild.

If a battle were to occur in the outside world, Dark Players like themselves would indeed be afraid of Shi Feng. However, it was a different story if the battle took place inside Ancient Rock City. With the city's magic array, they could still take him on with the many Tier 4 players they had. Not to mention, a large number of Faux Saint monsters protected Ancient Rock City, including two Superior Mythic ranked Faux Saint Slayers.

Even if they couldn't kill Shi Feng, they could, at least, make the other members of Zero Wing suffer!

As the five-minute limit approached, the number of players retreating from Ancient Rock City also increased. At this time, the players that had withdrawn from Ancient Rock City suddenly felt a chill envelop their bodies. Even Tier 3 experts found themselves partially kneeling on the ground.

The next moment, a group of 40 players flew out from the City Lord's Mansion. Apart from Furious Fist and Saint's Hand's Tier 4 executives, 17 players on the team were people that none of Ancient Rock City's inhabitants had ever seen before.

These 17 players looked nothing like humans. Not only were their bodies pitch-black, but there were also flashing runes engraved all over their bodies. These players' auras were also stronger than even that of Superior Mythic monsters. When combined, their auras transformed into a tsunami that swept through the entire city and its surroundings.

"Amazing! Is this Saint's Hand's rumored Bloodstained Knight Legion?"

"That's not all! Even Beast Emperor left the City Lord's Mansion! It seems we'll have a good show this time!"

"Indeed. I heard that Beast Emperor has constantly been plotting revenge on Zero Wing after getting slaughtered at the Secret Covenant Tower. Now that Zero Wing has come knocking on his door, there's no way Beast Emperor will spare Zero Wing!" The various major powers' experts standing atop the city walls were surprised when they saw Beast Emperor and the Bloodstained Knights making an appearance. At the same time, they were shocked by the power Saint's Hand displayed.

The superpowers on the eastern continent had always been fearful of Saint's Hand, and this situation greatly confused the various major powers. However, after seeing Saint's Hand's top combatants, they realized that the superpowers' fear of Saint's Hand wasn't without basis.



Setting aside the fact that Saint's Hand had over 20 Tier 4 experts at the Void Realm or above, just the 17 rumored Bloodstained Knights were more than enough to instill fear into any player force.

After all, even a Tier 4 player would tremble in fear if they had to go up against a Bloodstained Knight, let alone 17 Bloodstained Knights simultaneously. That would be a nightmare.

Shortly afterward, Beast Emperor's group arrived above the city gate. Seeing this, the various powers' leadership promptly stepped forward to greet Beast Emperor. Thousand Miles, one of Miracle's Vice Guild Leaders, was even among them.

Thousand Miles's actions astonished the various major powers present. They never thought that even a superpower like Miracle would defer to Beast Emperor.

After Beast Emperor responded to a few greetings, he flew into the air with his subordinates and glared at Shi Feng on the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship. He then said coldly, "Black Flame! You and I could've stayed out of each other's way in the Orc Empire, yet you chose to come to attack me! So long as you apologize right now, I can ignore this transgression for the time being! Otherwise, none of you will be returning alive today!"

After Beast Emperor finished speaking, a frightening amount of Evil Energy erupted from the 17 Bloodstained Knights behind him, distorting the surrounding space and muddying it. The terrifying power within the Evil Energy made even those who had fled more than a thousand yards from the city tremble.

Moreover, the two Faux Saint Slayers had flown to flank the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship, while the 30-plus Evil Dark Dragons had surrounded it, thoroughly sealing off all of Zero Wing's escape routes.

The fleeing players gasped at this scene. With such a force under Saint's Hand's command, the Guild could take on even an empire!

"Dammit! I thought Saint's Hand was going to suffer this time, but it seems I miscalculated!" "Zero Wing has always relied on Black Flame to survive. Now, it seems Zero Wing has finally met its match. If this situation isn't handled properly, apart from Black Flame, the other Zero Wing members present probably won't leave alive."

At this time, even a fool could tell how powerful Saint's Hand's forces were. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that even an NPC force with a Tier 5 combatant under its command wouldn't dare to offend Saint's Hand casually, let alone Zero Wing. "Apologize?" Shi Feng laughed. "Beast Emperor, it seems you're growing senile. Have you forgotten how you died at my hands last time?"

"You...bastard!"

Shi Feng's words enraged Beast Emperor.

However, before Beast Emperor could say anything more, Mana exploded from Shi Feng's body. Immediately, an indescribably heavy pressure descended on the entire Ancient Rock City.

World Creation!

The next moment, Beast Emperor and the others plummeted to the ground one after another. Even the Tier 4 experts standing on the city walls found themselves on one knee under the strong pressure.

## Chapter 2876 – Shock!

“Impossible!”

Every player inside Ancient Rock City nearly had their eyes fall out of their sockets when they saw Beast Emperor and the other Tier 45 plummeting to the ground. Even the Zero Wing members present were stunned. This scene thoroughly exceeded their imagination.

In the current God’s Domain, Tier 4 players were already considered peak combatants and displayed a Guild’s foundation.

Yet, under Shi Feng’s Mana Domain, Beast Emperor and the other Tier 4 combatants on his side could exhibit only 20% or so of their usual combat power. They even lost their ability to fly and manipulate ambient Mana.

In the blink of an eye, these existences that originally stood at the peak of God’s Domain had become no different from Tier 3 players.

At this time, let alone a Tier 5 player like Shi Feng, even Tier 4 experts could slaughter Ancient Rock City’s defenders.

“This is the strength of Tier 5s?”

When the players who had evacuated Ancient Rock City looked at Shi Feng hovering proudly above the city, an indescribable sense of shock and horror filled their hearts. As veteran players of God’s Domain, they knew that a significant difference existed between tiers. They also knew that a Tier 5 player undoubtedly stood at the apex of all players in the current God’s Domain.

However, only after witnessing the power of a Tier 5 player did they understand how large the gap between Tier 4 and Tier 5 was. In front of a Tier 5 existence, Tier 4 players would only be making fools of themselves if they tried to win by zerg tactics!

The Tier 4 monsters among Ancient Rock City's defenders, though, weren't as badly off as the Tier 4 players. Because monsters mainly relied on their Basic Attributes and rarely manipulated the ambient Mana to do combat, their penalty was not as large as the Tier 4 players'.

Regardless, the Mythic ranked Evil Dark Dragons still had their combat power reduced by half, whereas the Superior Mythic ranked Faux Saint Slayers had theirs reduced by 30%. Moreover, all of them lost their ability to fly. Against Tier 4 players capable of flight, they would be at a significant disadvantage.

Unlike everyone else, Shi Feng wasn't surprised at the scene before him.

Everyone failed to understand that his Mana Domain was different from the average Mana Domain. Existences at the World Creation standard could create a small world within their Mana Domains. The power of such a Mana Domain was on an entirely different level compared to the average Mana Domain.

Even a Tier 5 existence would be at a disadvantage if they got caught within a Tier 5 World Creation expert's Mana Domain without any countermeasures, let alone Tier 4 players and monsters.

Meanwhile, after experiencing this unexpected turn of events, a hint of fear had surfaced in Beast Emperor's eyes. Despite this situation, he still sneered, "Black Flame, don't get too delighted just yet. Don't forget that this is Ancient Rock City!"

As soon as Beast Emperor finished speaking, an enormous, threefold magic array manifested from the City Lord's Mansion. After the magic array gathered Mana from the surroundings for a brief moment, it released pulses of Mana that enveloped the city. Immediately, the city defenders felt the heavy pressure on their bodies disappear.

Now, although Shi Feng's Mana Domain still subjected everyone to a certain degree of suppression, their combat power had recovered to 80% of their usual. More importantly, they had also regained their ability to fly. Shi Feng was slightly surprised when he looked at the barrier enveloping Ancient Rock City. "What a powerful barrier. It seems you've invested quite a lot into this city."

His Mana Domain could render even Master Magic Barriers useless. One would need to use at least a Grandmaster Magic Barrier to contend with his Mana Domain. Meanwhile, Grandmaster Magic Arrays were incredibly rare in God's Domain, let alone a Grandmaster Magic Array that could cover an entire city. The value of every set of scrolls for such a magic array could rival that of Fragmented Legendary items.

"Black Flame! Do you think you're the only one with the means to defend cities?" Looking at Shi Feng, Beast Emperor sneered, "This is an Ancient Grandmaster Magic Array! Although Ancient Rock City hasn't reached the Main City level yet, it is no weaker than a Main City in terms of defense! Although you're Tier 5, don't even think about taking down Ancient Rock City!"

A Main City's defensive magic array was wholly capable of withstanding Tier 5 attacks. So long as the magic array had a constant energy supply, even Tier 5 existences shouldn't think of penetrating it.

Meanwhile, exhausting the energy supply of a Main City's defensive magic array wasn't something just one Tier 5 existence could accomplish. One would need several Tier 5 individuals or siege weapons with Tier 5 destructive power to do so.

However, Zero Wing only had one Tier 5 combatant now. In other words, breaking through Ancient Rock City's defensive barrier would be nothing but a pipe dream!

When Beast Emperor finished speaking, the members of the various powers in Ancient Rock City sighed in relief. They then looked at Shi Feng with sneers on their faces.

“Black Flame, so what if you’re Tier 5?”

“That’s right! What can you do by yourself?!”

When Shi Feng had extended his Mana Domain before, everyone within Ancient Rock City had felt strong pressure overwhelming them. Saint’s Hand’s Tier 4 experts were no exception.

However, now that Ancient Rock City had deployed its defensive magic array, even a Tier 5 player like Shi Feng would be helpless against them. Next, all they needed to do was fight a war of attrition, something they did not fear in the slightest. After all, Ancient Rock City had accumulated a massive stockpile of Magic Crystals from the sales of Sacred Heart Amulets.

Not to mention, the Outerworld’s NPC forces would soon begin the second war against the eastern continent’s native forces. And in this upcoming war, the Outerworld forces would set Zero Wing as their primary target. Zero Wing couldn’t afford a war of attrition with Ancient Rock City at all! The longer it fought, the worse off it would be in the upcoming war!

“Guild Leader, let’s attack the barrier together! I want to see how long it can last against our combined attacks!” Fire Dance said, gnashing her teeth as she looked at Ancient Rock City’s arrogant residents. “That’s right! If it’s Spells with Tier 5 power, I can use a few as well! I refuse to believe we can’t break this barrier!” Zhao Yueru said, nodding in agreement with Fire Dance.

For other Tier 4 players, exhibiting Tier 5 power would indeed be a challenging task. However, her Frostflame's Wrath was a top-tier Fragmented Legendary Weapon. With it, the fire- and ice-type Tier 4 Spells she cast could exhibit Tier 5 power. "No, that won't be necessary," Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

Zhao Yueru was a bona fide mobile turret. If he hadn't gotten promoted to Tier 5, she would rank at the very top of Zero Wing in terms of firepower.

However, besieging a city was different from attacking monsters. The defenders inside the city could launch attacks to counter Zhao Yueru's Spells. The defenders could even target her directly, preventing her from casting her Spells altogether. This would drastically reduce Zhao Yueru's ability to damage the defensive magic array. Having only the occasional Tier 5 attack land on the defensive magic array would yield hardly any effect.

"But we can't just sit still and do nothing, right?" Zhao Yueru said in annoyance.

Although she knew that she couldn't contribute much, it was still better than nothing.

Moreover, if they allowed Saint's Hand to continue behaving so arrogantly, it would deal a massive blow to Zero Wing's morale. After all, Zero Wing had already declared to the public that it would capture Ancient Rock City.

Currently, everyone was watching this fight; the various powers absent from this battlefield were no exception. They were all observing every detail of the battlefield and tensely awaiting the outcome of this siege.

If Zero Wing won, then the various superpowers would no longer dare entertain thoughts of resisting Zero Wing on the eastern continent. However, if Zero Wing returned foiled, many superpowers would begin having designs on Zero Wing. They might even ally with Saint's Hand to deal with Zero Wing.

“Of course not,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “I’m merely saying that you don’t need to take action. All you need to do is watch.”

“Just watch?” Zhao Yueru looked at Shi Feng in confusion.

The Guild City in front of them rivaled a Main City. How could they possibly capture it just by looking at it?

The other Zero Wing members present were also confused, failing to understand what was going through their Guild Leader’s mind.

However, Shi Feng did not bother explaining himself. Instead, he flew to an altitude several hundred meters above Ancient Rock City and began chanting an incantation, his chanting causing the surrounding Mana to swarm toward him.

Upon seeing Shi Feng’s actions, Ancient Rock City’s defenders laughed. “Are you trying to use a Tier 5 large-scale destruction Spell?” Beast Emperor sneered as he looked at Shi Feng. “This is nothing but a futile struggle! Let alone a Tier 5 Sword Saint like yourself, even a Tier 5 Divine Mage can’t do anything against Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic array!

“Everyone, prepare for battle! Target the Flying Ship!”

Beast Emperor ignored Shi Feng’s attack, as there was no way weakened Tier 4 attacks could do anything against Shi Feng. However, it was a different story for the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship. The Flying Ship wouldn’t last long before a barrage of Tier 4 attacks. It would fall quickly even if Zero Wing’s Tier 4 experts defended it.



The many Tier 4 magical classes atop the city walls promptly began casting their respective Spells, while the other Tier 4 ranged classes launched attacks at the Flying Ship. The 30-plus Evil Dark Dragons took to the skies and bombarded the Flying Ship.

The Zero Wing members aboard the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship felt an invisible pressure weighing down their bodies.

Upon seeing the oncoming attacks, Fire Dance yelled hurriedly, “Magical classes, deploy defensive magic arrays!”

Even a Tier 5 Legendary monster would suffer if it tried to take on the attacks of more than a hundred Tier 4 individuals, let alone Tier 4 players like themselves. Moreover, the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship only had Tier 4 combat power.

However, just as the two sides were about to clash, Shi Feng finished his incantation’s final verse.

Suddenly, the sky darkened, and a spatial tear spanning over a thousand yards appeared above Ancient Rock City. The spatial tear made it seem as if the sky was about to collapse, inevitably drawing everyone’s attention.

“What is Black Flame trying to do?”

Questions filled everyone’s mind as they gazed at the gigantic spatial tear.

Simultaneously, everyone felt an inexplicable chill overwhelm their heart. They could sense something terrifying in the spatial tear, and this feeling made even their souls shudder with dread.

Before anyone could say anything more, a gigantic claw the size of a four-story building extended from the spatial tear. Subsequently, a titanic figure gradually emerged from the spatial tear, blotting out the sky completely.

When everyone eventually discerned the identity of this figure, they were dumbfounded.

“A Dragon?!”

### **Chapter 2877 – Divine Dragon’s Might!**

“A Tier 4 Dragon?!”

“It’s a real Tier 4 Dragon!” Any veteran of God’s Domain would have heard of the creatures known as Dragons. Ancient Rock City’s inhabitants, who were at Tier 3 on average, had an even better understanding of Dragons. However, when everyone in Ancient Rock City saw the Dragon in the sky, they finally understood how terrifying Dragons were. The Tier 4 Dragon that had just appeared above Ancient Rock City was around 500 meters long, its massive body blotting out the sun. Its aura covered a radius of several thousand yards, making every Tier 3 player in that area shudder involuntarily. Compared to the Tier 4 Evil Dark Dragons protecting Ancient Rock City, this Tier 4 Dragon was akin to a God.

“This is a fake! This must be a fake!”

“How can a player summon a real Tier 4 Dragon?!”

The various powers’ experts standing atop the city walls revealed expressions of shock and horror.

A Tier 4 Dragon rivaled Tier 5 existences. Current Tier 4 players couldn’t afford to provoke it. Likewise, it shouldn’t be something players could control. Nevertheless, Shi Feng had summoned a Tier 4 Dragon. How could they believe this?

This situation was even more unbelievable and shocking than Shi Feng’s promotion to Tier 5. After all, given enough time, a Dragon would reach Tier 5 without fail.

Meanwhile, a Tier 5 Dragon was practically an invincible existence in God’s Domain!

“Everyone, don’t panic! While a Tier 4 Dragon is scary, Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic array isn’t weak, either!” Saint’s Heart’s Guild Leader, Furious Fist, shouted hurriedly when he saw the panicked defenders. “It’s just one more Tier 5 combatant! So long as we combine our strengths, Black Flame will still be helpless against us!”

Furious Fist’s words calmed Ancient Rock City’s experts somewhat. When they remembered how extraordinary the city’s defensive magic array was, they felt that defending against Zero Wing’s assault wouldn’t be impossible.

However, regardless of this battle’s outcome, most likely nobody in God’s Domain would dare provoke Zero Wing anymore. Zero Wing would also officially become God’s Domain’s number one Guild.

After all, which player force in God's Domain could contend against the combination of a Tier 5 player and a Tier 4 Dragon?

At this time, some of the Dark Guilds based in Ancient Rock City started regretting making an enemy of Zero Wing. While they might escape tragedy today, thanks to Ancient Rock City, what about the future?

They couldn't possibly hide in Ancient Rock City forever, right?

While the various Dark Guilds regretted their decisions, Thousand Miles's complexion turned indescribably ashen as he looked at the Dragon in the sky.

Noticing Thousand Miles's pallidness, Furious Fist asked, "Vice Guild Leader Miles, what's wrong? Is there a problem with that Dragon?"

No matter how many times Furious Fist inspected the Dragon hovering in the sky with his ordinary Identification Skill, the result said this Dragon was the real deal. Moreover, there was no doubt that the Dragon was Tier 4, and it had reached Level 165. However, he couldn't get any further information on the Dragon without a higher-ranking Identification Skill.

As a Vice Guild Leader of Miracle, Thousand Miles should have a high-ranking Identification Skill, so it wouldn't be strange if he managed to see some more information.

A look of despair appeared on Thousand Miles's face as he said, "That's not just a Dragon... That's a Divine Dragon! A Silver Divine Dragon!"

“Divine... Dragon?” Furious Fist was stunned. Glaring at Thousand Miles, he demanded, “Brother Miles, you’re not joking with me, right? If you are, this joke isn’t funny at all.” Divine Dragons were kings among the Dragon race. An ordinary Dragon and a Divine Dragon were as different as an ordinary monster and an Archaic Species. The two were completely different creations.

Turning to Furious Fist, Thousand Miles smiled wryly and said, “I wish that were the case, but do you think I’m joking?”

Thousand Miles regretted using his high-ranking Identification Skill on the Dragon. Had he not probed any further, he would’ve held some hope for victory in his heart. Now, though, no such hope existed.

Meanwhile, when the players who had fled Ancient Rock City gazed at the distant Silver Divine Dragon, they were flabbergasted for a long time.

“Is this why Zero Wing was confident in attacking Ancient Rock City?” “A Divine Dragon!? I must be dreaming!” “That’s right! This must be a dream! I just reached Tier 4, so how could Black Flame have reached Tier 5 and gained control over a Divine Dragon already?! This is a dream!”

Many people began deluding themselves as they looked at the Silver Divine Dragon, none of them willing to face reality.

However, Beast Emperor, who stood atop the city gate, had no plans of giving up. Glaring at the Divine Dragon in the sky, he ranted with a maniacal expression, “Black Flame! So what if you have a Divine Dragon?! My Ancient Grandmaster Magic Array can stop it!”

The Silver Divine Dragon in the sky suddenly opened its maw before Beast Emperor could continue. The next instant, all Mana within a 10,000-yard radius vanished, and everyone within this area felt indescribably stifled.

“Roar!”

Accompanied by a deafening roar, a beam of divine light devoured the entire Ancient Rock City.

Divine Dragon’s Breath!

When the dazzling divine light descended upon Ancient Rock City, it forced all players within a radius of several tens of thousands of yards to shield their eyes. The divine light gradually faded away, and only then did everyone open their eyes again to inspect the breath attack’s effect.

“This... How... Impossible!” When the players standing several thousand yards from Ancient Rock City saw the city again, they were utterly dumbfounded. The Divine Dragon’s Breath didn’t just shatter Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic array. It had even vaporized the towering City Lord’s Mansion at the center of the city-along with almost every player and building in the city. Taking their place was a massive crater that spanned the entire city. Only the Tier 4 experts on the city walls who managed to activate their Lifesaving Skills in time and the two Faux Saint Slayers had survived the attack.

Everything inside Ancient Rock City’s perimeter wall had been reduced to a wasteland.

“No! No! This isn’t possible!”

Beast Emperor fell into chaos and madness as he looked at what remained of his city. And he wasn’t alone. Furious Fist’s mind also stopped working at this cataclysmic scene, his body crumbling powerlessly to the ground.

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All of the investments we've made!

All of the forces we've gathered!

Gone!

As if they were nothing but a joke!

Thousand Miles, who had also survived the ordeal, was rendered speechless for a long time.

One attack!

It had taken just one attack for Ancient Rock City, a city rivaling Main Cities, to disappear!

Who could believe this?

Zero Wing's members aboard the Crimson Dragon Flying Ship were similarly stunned by this scene. This was especially true for Ji Luorong and Crimson Mask, who had been active on the western continent until recently. An indescribable sense of shock filled the two.

The western continent had legends describing the Dragons' devastating power and how a single breath attack could destroy entire cities. There were also stories of kingdoms meeting their end because they had angered a Dragon.

Previously, Ji Luorong and Crimson Mask treated these stories as mere folklore.

Now, they finally understood that those stories weren't just legends to embellish God's Domain but facts!

In reality, even Shi Feng was shocked by this outcome.

This is the power of a Divine Dragon?

When Shi Feng saw the ruin before him and Auerbeck's nonchalant demeanor, he was momentarily at a loss for words.

Shi Feng had seen Tier 6 God-ranked experts single-handedly destroy cities in the past. However, compared to the power displayed by those Tier 6 God-ranked experts, Auerbeck's performance gave Shi Feng a much greater shock.

This was because Auerbeck was only at Tier 4!

Originally, Shi Feng thought that Auerbeck's breath attack would, at most, deplete a significant portion of the defensive magic array's energy. Yet, the entire city had disappeared.



He couldn't help looking at the crazed Beast Emperor apologetically. He even wanted to tell Beast Emperor that he hadn't done this on purpose.

Of course, while Shi Feng pitied Beast Emperor, he did not show the latter any mercy. Unsheathing the Abyssal Blade, he activated the Tier 4 Darkness Bind, binding Beast Emperor and the other surviving defenders.

Now that Ancient Rock City's defensive magic array was no more, Beast Emperor and the others were subject to the full power of Shi Feng's Mana Domain. Without the ability to manipulate the ambient Mana, Beast Emperor and the others were basically Tier 3 players with above-average Basic Attributes. Hence, they were utterly incapable of resisting Shi Feng and got caught easily. And under the restraint of Darkness Bind, they couldn't die even if they wanted to.

After Shi Feng destroyed Ancient Rock City and captured Beast Emperor and the others, news of this battle spread like wildfire across the entire God's Domain.

## **Chapter 2878 – Ancient Rock City's Secret**

Fire Dragon Empire, Flame Dragon City, Mythology's Residence:

A Tier 3 Ranger barged into the meeting room occupied by Mythology's executives, earning the dissatisfaction of Situ Qingtian and the others in the room.

Looking at the Ranger, Situ Qingtian asked in a displeased tone, "Did something happen?"

“It’s news of Zero Wing!” the Ranger said hurriedly. “According to your orders, we’ve kept tabs on Zero Wing. However, just a moment ago, Zero Wing...destroyed Ancient Rock City!”

Upon hearing the Ranger’s words, Cold Shadow responded dubiously, “Impossible! It’s only been around ten minutes since Zero Wing arrived at Ancient Rock City! Even if Black Flame is Tier 5, they can’t possibly capture the city so quickly!”

Ancient Rock City was Beast Emperor’s base, and the man had long since armed the city to the teeth. Beast Emperor also had the Evil God’s Temple’s backing, a powerful existence capable of going against the War God’s Temple. Although Shi Feng was a Tier 5 player, capturing Ancient Rock City should be tough. “No! Vice Guild Leader, Zero Wing didn’t capture Ancient Rock City! It razed the entire city in one blow! Ancient Rock City is now a ruin!” the Ranger countered, shaking his head. He then took out a Magic Crystal Recorder and placed it on the meeting table. “This is the battle video we received.”

Immediately, the Magic Crystal Recorder projected the image of a Dragon. With just one breath attack, this Dragon leveled the entire Ancient Rock City, leaving nothing unscathed. “A Tier 4 Divine Dragon!”

“It managed to destroy the entire Ancient Rock City in one hit?”

Deathly silence enveloped the meeting room momentarily as Mythology’s executives stared at the video projection with gloomy expressions. Shock and fear also surfaced in their eyes. Their astonishment was so obvious that even the reporting Tier 3 Ranger could sense it.

No wonder... No wonder he dared refuse our two Guilds’ partnership... So this is the reason for his confidence... Cold Shadow looked at the Tier 4 Divine Dragon and the ruined Ancient Rock City in the video with complicated feelings.

Shi Feng had been a minor character unworthy of her attention in the past when Zero Wing was a Guild reliant on external items to defend its territories. Yet, both Shi Feng and Zero Wing were now bona fide titans that even Mythology could not and would not dare to offend.

What was even more laughable was that just a moment ago, Mythology's executives had been discussing how to take revenge on Zero Wing in secret. Now, however... Black Flame! I indeed underestimated you before! Situ Qingtian's gaze grew cold as he looked at the video projection. Repressing the reluctance in his heart, he uttered slowly, "Temporarily halt all retaliation against Zero Wing we discussed before!"

Practically every superpower in God's Domain had heard about Shi Feng killing Situ Qingtian in Zero Wing City. As a result, Situ Qingtian's reputation had taken a nosedive. Although Situ Qingtian yearned to take revenge on Zero Wing, he knew full well that doing so right now would be no different from suicide.

With the combined strength of a Tier 5 player and such a frightening Divine Dragon, Zero Wing could destroy every Guild City in God's Domain.

"Dammit! Are we going to let Zero Wing go, just like that?" a Mythology executive complained in a hate-filled voice.

Situ Qingtian shook his head. Looking at Shi Feng's projected image, he sneered, "Of course not! There is only one thing we need to do now, and that is wait! We wait until the start of the second war! Even if Zero Wing has Black Flame and that Divine Dragon, it still can't stop the Outerworld's advance!"

"Also, start searching ancient ruins for clues to the Tier 5 promotion! Spare no cost at all! We must have our own Tier 5!" Although Situ Qingtian did not wish to admit it, the era of Tier 4 was already over. Tier 5 players would rule the future. If Mythology did not have its own Tier 5 player, its position as one of the Five Great Super Guilds would be in danger.

Shortly after Situ Qingtian issued his command, the other superpowers of God's Domain also issued similar commands. They frantically searched ancient ruins for clues to help their Tier 4 experts get promoted to Tier 5 as quickly as possible while quietly awaiting the arrival of the second War of Worlds.

Meanwhile, inside the Orc Empire's Ancient Rock City, Fire Dance and the other Tier 4 experts of Zero Wing finally killed the two surviving Faux Saint Slayers. The deaths of the two Superior Mythic monsters granted everyone a generous amount of EXP, and they all managed to gain at least one level.

However, compared to the EXP the Faux Saint Slayers contributed, Shi Feng was more interested in the pitch-black stones the two monsters dropped after death.

Previously, whenever players killed Mythic ranked Faux Saint monsters, the player who landed the finishing blow would have a dark-gray mist invade their body. This gray mist would increase the player's affinity with Mana for a lengthy period.

This was also why Shi Feng had not taken action against the Faux Saint Slayers and had instead allowed Fire Dance and the others to kill the two monsters.

Yet, the two Slayers did not release any mist from their bodies. Instead, they each dropped a fist-sized stone.

What dense Soul Energy!

Shi Feng was surprised when he spread his senses across the two black stones.

When his Concentration had reached Tier 5, his soul had also undergone a qualitative improvement. It was akin to his soul liquefying. However, compared to the Soul Energy in the pitch-black stone, his Soul Energy was nothing. After all, these two stones were solidified Soul Energy.

“Guild Leader, are those things useful?” Cola asked curiously as he looked at the black stones in Shi Feng’s hands.

“More than that!” Smiling, Shi Feng said to Zero Wing’s members, “They’re even better than Fragmented Legendary items! Is there anyone here with Concentration at the Tier 4 Peak standard?”

After Zero Wing’s members exchanged glances, only Violet Cloud stepped forward.

“Guild Leader, my Concentration reached the Tier 4 Peak standard recently. However, the two Vice Guild Leaders should’ve reached this standard too.”

“Good! Take this soul stone. Afterward, find a quiet place and eat it. It should increase your Concentration standard. If you’re lucky, you might even raise it to Tier 5,” Shi Feng said as he handed one of the black stones to Violet Cloud. He then said to the others, “If anyone else manages to reach the Tier 4 Peak standard, you can get this soul stone from

me.”

The other Zero Wing members nodded their heads, none of them objecting to Shi Feng’s method of distribution.

However, when Beast Emperor, who was restrained in a corner, saw Shi Feng's actions, he dearly wanted to strangle Shi Feng to death. Shi Feng was actually treating the two Faux Saint Slayers' cores as a snack and letting others eat them. This was simply outrageous!

He had fed the two Faux Saint Slayers the souls of tens of thousands of Tier 3 players to transform their cores into a Soul Core.

So long as he had a Soul Core, he could create another Faux Saint Slayer. Yet, Violet Cloud received one of these Soul Cores as a snack.

"Black Flame! You'll pay for this!" Beast Emperor bellowed as he glared at Shi Feng. "It doesn't matter even if you caught me! The Evil God's Temple's rise is already a foregone conclusion! At that time, the Faux Saint army will devour everyone from Zero Wing!"

"Foregone conclusion?" Shi Feng laughed. Looking at the restrained Beast Emperor, he pointed at the ruined Saint's Hand Residence in the distance and asked, "Are you talking about that secret land beneath your Guild Residence?"

"I-I don't know what you're talking about!" Beast Emperor stammered in a panic.

"No need to pretend. Do you think Tier 5 is a joke?" Shi Feng rolled his eyes at Beast Emperor.

While Ancient Rock City's defensive magic array was still active, Shi Feng hadn't been able to sense the secret land's existence. However, with the defensive magic array gone, nothing in Ancient Rock City could hide from his Tier 5 World Creation Mana Domain.

Moreover, Shi Feng had already been suspicious about how Beast Emperor had managed to develop Ancient Rock City to its current level. Zero Wing had poured an astronomical amount of resources into developing Stone Forest City and Zero Wing City. Yet, the two cities were still stuck as Intermediate Cities, far from becoming Advanced Cities. So, how did Ancient Rock City develop into an Advanced City that was close to becoming a Main City?

Only a fool wouldn't suspect there was a secret behind this achievement!

"Black Flame!" Beast Emperor was momentarily enraged at Shi Feng's ridicule. However, he soon calmed down and said, "So what if you've discovered the Evil God's Secret Land? Do you think you can defend it? Even if you've captured me, I will still spread this information to the entire God's Domain! At that time, even the Outerworld forces will be drawn here! Do you think you can stop all of them?"

The Evil God's Secret Land was originally his biggest secret and something he had invested heavily in. This secret land was also why he had gained his current power.

Although the Evil God's Secret Land would be of significantly less help to those not belonging to the Evil God's Temple, the benefits were still enough to drive everyone in God's Domain wild.

"How would I know if I don't try?"

Suddenly, Shi Feng executed a slash at Furious Fist, instantly killing him. As Furious Fist collapsed reluctantly to the ground and transformed into countless particles of light, two items appeared in his place.

Of the two items Furious Fist dropped, one was a piece of Epic Equipment, while the other was a token.

“You!” Beast Emperor’s complexion paled when he saw the token.

This token was none other than Ancient Rock City’s City Lord’s Token. With this token, one could take control of Ancient Rock City. Only, Beast Emperor couldn’t figure out how Shi Feng knew Furious Fist had held the City Lord’s Token.

“It seems my luck is good.” Shi Feng was a little surprised when he saw the City Lord’s Token. “It dropped on the first kill.”

Beast Emperor nearly fainted when he heard Shi Feng’s words.

What Beast Emperor didn’t know was that aside from Beast Emperor, everyone else held no value as prisoners in Shi Feng’s opinion. Meanwhile, the City Lord’s Token couldn’t be taken out of the city. Otherwise, it would be automatically teleported back to the City Lord’s Mansion after some time. And with how precious the City Lord’s Token was, Beast Emperor naturally wouldn’t leave it to just anyone. The person holding the token would have to be a Tier 4 Guild executive of Saint’s Hand at the very least.

Hence, if Furious Fist hadn’t dropped the City Lord’s Token, Shi Feng would have killed Saint’s Hand’s Tier 4 experts one by one until it dropped.

The instant Shi Feng picked up the City Lord’s Token, a system notification rang in his ears.

## **Chapter 2879 – Colossal Wealth**



System: Congratulations! You have obtained Ancient Rock City's City Lord's Token. Do you wish to bind the token? Once bound, you will become Ancient Rock City's ruler and obtain full authority over the city.

Shi Feng chose to bind the token without hesitation.

System: Binding in progress. You will have full authority over Ancient Rock City after four hours. You should not move beyond 1,000 yards from the city during these four hours. If you leave this area or get killed during this time, the binding process will be canceled, and you may not make another binding attempt for one natural day.

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Four hours? Shi Feng was a little surprised by the notification. Has it reached the Main City standard already?

When one tried to bind the City Lord's Token of a Guild City, the binding time would depend on the city's rank. Main City-level Guild Cities normally took four to six hours to bind.

"Guild Leader, did something happen?" Fire Dance asked when she saw Shi Feng's strange expression.

"It's nothing. I just didn't expect Ancient Rock City to be this special," Shi Feng said, glancing at the raging Beast Emperor. Smiling, he continued, "Since we have to wait for four hours, let's pay that Evil God's Secret Land a visit."

"Black Flame, don't get too delighted just yet! It's useless even if you've obtained Ancient Rock City! That secret land isn't a place you can touch! Without my means of entering, you can't obtain anything inside that secret land!" Beast Emperor sneered. "I'll spread the secret land's entry methods to all your

enemies and even those Outerworld people! At that time, you can only watch as they take all of the secret land's treasures right before your eyes!"

Zero Wing could indeed better defend itself after acquiring Ancient Rock City. However, Beast Emperor also knew very well that the Outerworld forces had already deemed Zero Wing an eyesore.

Once the Outerworld's army arrived, neither Star-Moon Kingdom nor the Orc Empire would survive. At that time, the Outerworld forces would snatch the Evil God's Secret Land from Shi Feng, and Shi Feng would be helpless to resist them.

However, Shi Feng ignored Beast Emperor and led Zero Wing's members to Saint's Hand's Residence.

Although Ancient Rock City was now in ruins and Saint's Hand's Residence had been leveled, the Guild Warehouse was situated on the first underground floor, so Saint's Hand's Guild Warehouse remained intact.

After Shi Feng's group took care of the one Tier 4 NPC and several Tier 3 NPCs guarding the Warehouse, they gained full access to it.

Everyone from Zero Wing salivated when they stepped into Saint's Hand's Guild Warehouse.

The Warehouse, which was the size of two sports stadiums, was packed with all sorts of items. Gold Coins covered the floor, and Magic Crystals formed numerous mounds. At a glance, they estimated it held at least three million Gold Coins and four million Magic Crystals. This stockpile of Magic Crystals was only slightly inferior to Zero Wing's. "We're rich! Guild Leader, we're rich!" Fire Dance exclaimed in excitement as she looked around the Warehouse. "With all these Coins and Magic Crystals, we won't have to worry about upgrading the buildings of our cities anymore!"

Zero Wing City's public opening had indeed generated a lot of additional income. Unfortunately, the Guild's expenditure still exceeded that amount.

This was because Zero Wing City's public opening necessitated an increase in the city's security. The city had to recruit many NPC soldiers to fill as many of the 30,000 slots as possible.

While Zero Wing could skim on the benefits provided to the hired soldiers by virtue of Zero Wing City being a Main City, the cost of employing Level 150-plus, Tier 3 NPCs was still high. With everything taken into account, maintaining a Tier 3 NPC cost five Gold Coins.

If Zero Wing City filled all 30,000 of its soldier slots with Tier 3 NPCs, the NPC soldiers' daily upkeep alone would total 150,000 Gold! Moreover, this still did not include the NPCs' weapons and equipment or the maintenance cost for the Tier 4 NPCs hired.

Simply put, Zero Wing's daily expenditure had skyrocketed after Zero Wing City's public opening. At this time, the Guild's stockpile of Coins was close to empty. Fortunately, thanks to Saint's Hand's contribution, Zero Wing's Warehouse would soon be rich again.

Seeing Fire Dance's joy, Shi Feng chose to hide the fact that Ancient Rock City's reconstruction would probably eat up all of this money. Zero Wing might even need to provide additional funds.

"Guild Leader, come here quick! There are Seven Luminaries Crystals here!" Blackie said after opening a chest as tall as he was. With glittering eyes, he continued, "There are at least 50,000 units here! That's even more than what we have!"

Before Shi Feng left for the western continent, he had tasked Blackie with acquiring as many Seven Luminaries Crystals as possible. Hence, Blackie placed particular importance on the crystals. However,

Zero Wing's Warehouse currently had only around 30,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal despite his efforts. And if it weren't for Zero Wing having a monopoly over the Arctic Canyon, this amount would be even lower.

Yet, Saint's Hand's Warehouse had more than 50,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

"That's nothing! Blackie, come over to my spot! I'll let you know what real wealth is!" shouted Cola, who stood in another corner of the Warehouse, as he pointed at the several hill-sized chests beside him. "All of these chests here are full of Epic materials or above! From what I can tell, there are at least 300,000 Epic materials, 20,000 Inferior Legendary materials, and 3,000 Legendary materials!"

Everyone, including Shi Feng, was stunned when they heard Cola's words.

This was on the level of a kingdom's treasury!

Ordinary kingdoms might not even reach this standard. Only high-ranking kingdoms would have so many rare materials.

However, upon hearing Cola's words, Beast Emperor, who had been dragged along to the Warehouse, turned livid, his eyes becoming bloodshot.

He had accumulated these materials by ransacking multiple kingdoms with the Faux Saint army and destroying numerous NPC cities. Yet, all his efforts had ended up benefiting Zero Wing.

Afterward, Shi Feng tasked Blackie with sweeping through the Warehouse and transporting everything back to the Guild Warehouse in Zero Wing City. He then brought Fire Dance and the others to a secret room on the second underground floor.

The secret room was only the size of a basketball court, with a pitch-black door in the middle of it. Upon entering the room, Fire Dance and the others felt an incomparably powerful pressure enveloping their bodies.

Fire Dance had unlocked her Mana Body beyond the 110% Completion Rate already, yet even she had difficulty walking inside the secret room. After three steps, the pressure was so strong that she couldn't move her body. If an ordinary Tier 4 player were to enter this room, they would most likely crumple to the floor, unable to advance even a single step.

“Hahaha! I already said that you people would never be able to touch the Evil God's Secret Land!” Beast Emperor laughed when he saw Fire Dance and the others immobilized. He then looked at Shi Feng and taunted, “Black Flame, it's the same even if you're Tier 5! Without my special method, none of you should think of entering!”

Beast Emperor had reached the peak of Tier 4 already. He also had the benefit of being an Evil God worshipper. Nevertheless, he still struggled to enter the Evil God's Secret Land. This was why Beast Emperor was confident that Shi Feng would be helpless against the Evil God's Secret Land even though he had discovered its existence. “Is that so?”

Shi Feng stepped into the secret room after glancing at the laughing Beast Emperor.

**Chapter 2880 – God Mode Secret Land**

“What bold words! I want to see just how far you can go!”

Beast Emperor watched with ridicule and complacency as Shi Feng entered the secret room. He was fully confident that the Evil God’s Secret Land would repel Shi Feng.

However, after Shi Feng entered the room...

One step... Two steps... Three steps...

Apparently unhindered by the oppression the pitch-black door exerted, Shi Feng advanced 20 steps without stopping. He showed no signs of discomfort whatsoever. It was as if the pressure that rendered even experts at the peak of Tier 4 helpless was nothing to him.

“???”

Confusion flooded Beast Emperor’s heart as he looked at Shi Feng.

What’s going on?

When Shi Feng arrived before the pitch-black door, let alone Beast Emperor, even Fire Dance and the others were stunned.

“How did you do it, Guild Leader?” Fire Dance asked, unable to contain her curiosity.

The intensity of the pressure she felt from the secret room was unprecedented. Even the Divine Might she experienced in Lightforged City could not compare. After taking three steps into the room, she could no longer advance by even another inch. She couldn't even lift her feet.

While Tier 5 players were indeed stronger than Tier 4 players, the disparity shouldn't be so significant. Logically, there was no way Shi Feng would remain unaffected by the room's oppression.

At Fire Dance's question, the other Zero Wing members also looked at Shi Feng curiously.

"How did I do it?" Seeing everyone's curious expressions, Shi Feng smiled faintly and said, "I just walked here, of course. However, I did use a little technique."

"Technique?" The Zero Wing members were momentarily stunned. They hadn't seen anything peculiar about Shi Feng's gait. He had merely walked to the door in a normal fashion. Moreover, how could a technique completely mitigate such terrifying pressure? However, when Beast Emperor heard Shi Feng's words, he stared at the latter as if he had just seen a ghost. "No! Impossible! Who are you?! How can you know such a technique?!"

There was indeed a trick to approaching the pitch-black door. However, Beast Emperor had never told anyone this trick. He was the only player in God's Domain who knew it.

Moreover, even if one knew the trick, one still couldn't approach the door without the Evil God's blessing.

Shi Feng couldn't help rolling his eyes at Beast Emperor.

“The technique required to approach this door is indeed complicated, but do you think the fundamental technique to manipulate the various elements of Mana is unique to the Evil God’s Temple?”

When Shi Feng saw the pitch-black door and the hurdle Fire Dance and the others faced after entering the secret room, he quickly noticed a similarity between the secret room and the Dragon Temple’s trial area.

In the Dragon Temple’s trial, players had to construct a bridge using Mana’s various elements.

The secret room, on the other hand, was filled with chaotic Mana. The closer to the pitch-black door, the more chaotic the ambient Mana was. What players needed to do was return this chaotic Mana to its original state. Only by doing so could players approach the door.

Simply put, both places tested players’ usage of the various elements of Mana.

For Shi Feng, who had already mastered the basic usage of the various elements of Mana, approaching the pitch-black door was a walk in the park. It was much easier than the trial in the Dragon Temple, which had required him to expend a lot of Concentration and manipulate a significant amount of Mana. The secret room, on the other hand, did not put a burden on his Concentration or require him to manipulate a lot of Mana.

“The secret land aside, this room is quite a good training spot for those seeking to learn the basic usage of the various elements of Mana.” Scrutinizing the secret room, Shi Feng said happily, “I was worrying about how to help everyone accomplish this, so this saves me a lot of time.”

It wasn’t easy to learn to manipulate the various elements of Mana independently. Even if he provided Zero Wing’s members with an explanation, the learning process would be highly inefficient without a reference. They could be taking a dead end for all they knew. The secret room just so happened to provide players with an environment for testing their application of the various elements of Mana. It was undoubtedly a precious training ground.



One would also have an easier time getting promoted to Tier 5 if they trained here, as having the ability to manipulate the individual elements of Mana was crucial in constructing a Tier 5 Mana Body.

When Beast Emperor heard Shi Feng's words, he promptly fainted.

Ignoring the unconscious Beast Emperor, Shi Feng set his sights on the pitch-black door.

The door was five meters tall and two meters wide, made of a material Shi Feng didn't recognize. When he opened the door, a pitch-black whirlpool greeted him. The vortex exuded Divine Might, and players at Tier 4 or below shouldn't even think of setting foot into this whirlpool.

After Shi Feng inspected the whirlpool with Omniscient Eyes, a few lines of information appeared before him.

(Evil God's Secret Land]

God Mode Secret Land

Raid Level 150-200

What a powerful secret land! The displayed information astonished Shi Feng. Now, he understood why Beast Emperor was confident he couldn't obtain the Evil God's Secret Land.

Secret Lands were like Dungeons in God's Domain. The higher their ranking, the higher their raid difficulty. God Mode was the highest difficulty for secret lands. Unlike Dungeons, though, secret lands would not reset.

According to Shi Feng's memories, there were less than ten Level 150-plus God Mode Secret Lands in the entire God's Domain. Meanwhile, even Tier 6 God-ranked experts could fall in a Level 150-plus God Mode Secret Land!

However, countless player forces would seek to enter a Level 150-plus God Mode Secret Land. It was also a place all Tier 5 players had to enter.

This was because these secret lands held clues to the Tier 6 promotion!

Which player who had climbed to Tier 5 wouldn't wish to advance further and reach Tier 6?

Hence, God's Domain's various forces would fight over any Level 150-plus, God Mode Secret Land that appeared.

It seems I'll now have to defend Ancient Rock City, no matter what. Shi Feng sighed as he looked at the Evil God's Secret Land.

Due to the Outerworld forces' invasion, he had intended to defend Ancient Rock City only temporarily. After all, Zero Wing had limited combat power. In its current state, just defending the Guild Cities it already had from the Outerworld's player and NPC forces would be difficult. Adding Ancient Rock City to the list would only make things even more difficult for the Guild.

However, the Evil God's Secret Land was extraordinary. Shi Feng might've ignored it if it were only an Asura Mode Secret Land, but a Level 150-plus God Mode Secret Land was something he had to protect at all costs. After all, finding another secret land of such caliber wouldn't be easy, even for him.

The entrances of Level 150-plus God Mode Secret Lands typically appeared at random locations and existed for only a set period. Thus, none of the superpowers in his previous life had ever managed to occupy a Level 150-plus God Mode Secret Land.

On the other hand, the entrance to the Evil God's Secret Land in Ancient Rock City was fixed. This increased the entrance's value drastically. Moreover, this Evil God's Secret Land might very well hold the key to Shi Feng's promotion to Tier 6.

Following this, Zero Wing's logistics members began ransacking Saint's Hand's Warehouse, while Shi Feng taught Fire Dance and the others the fundamental technique to manipulate Mana's various elements.

Like so, four hours went by in the blink of an eye, and Shi Feng received a notification.

System: Congratulations! You have become Ancient Rock City's ruler. Do you wish to reconstruct Ancient Rock City?

"Reconstruct!" Shi Feng said in a determined tone.

System: A God Mode Secret Land has been discovered. Do you wish to integrate the secret land with Ancient Rock City?

