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Chapter 75 – One Person’s Strength

Inside the Ancient Demon Court, Su Qianliu and the others remained wholly unaware of what was going on outside. Even if they did know what was going on, they wouldn’t be in the mood to care since they were currently in shock over the environment inside the Ancient Demon Court.

“What violent Mana!”

“So, this is Hell Mode?”

Everyone’s faces paled when they looked at the dilapidated settlement and the Death Energy that filled the streets before them. Although they had long since known that an Ancient Demon Court’s Hell Mode wouldn’t be an easy challenge, they never thought it would be this difficult.

Setting aside the violent Mana that constantly inflicted pain onto their bodies and affected their ability to control their bodies, just the Death Energy that filled the settlement’s streets was more than enough to instill despair into them.

Death Energy was a special type of energy with extremely powerful corrosive effects. It might be fine if it was present in scant amounts. At most, it would only prevent players from operating their bodies normally. However, if the presence of Death Energy was so dense that it was visible to the naked eye, it would be fatal to players.

Even if Death Energy was only visible as a thin layer of gray gas, it was already more than enough to corrode players’ minds and rapidly reduce their Concentration. Meanwhile, if players’ Concentration fell below the critical threshold, their characters would become an empty shell, and it’d be no different than if they had died.

“I’m afraid there’s no way we can raid this Ancient Demon Court, Guild Leader. Setting aside the violent Mana, just the Death Energy that’s floating in the air is already too much for us to handle. Apart from those with a Gold Mana Body, everyone else would die in under thirty minutes...” Su Qianliu said, a bitter smile forming on her face as she looked at Shi Feng.

Originally, before entering the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court, she had thought that they might have a chance at clearing it. After all, their team was not weak by any means. However, after entering the Ancient Demon Court, she realized that she had been too naive...

With such a harsh environment, even the Five Great Super Guilds’ main force would probably have difficulty surviving in such an environment.

Not to mention, the Bosses in Level 100 Hell Mode Team Dungeons were typically Tier 4 Mythic monsters that had their HP, Attack Power, and Defense boosted significantly. After getting strengthened, their overall strength could rival Mythic ranked Archaic Species found in the outside world. Meanwhile, seeing as they were inside a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court, the Boss they had to face was probably on par with Mythic ranked World Bosses. In other words, they had to face a Mythic monster with at least 50% more Basic Attributes than the average Mythic monster...

“Death Energy and violent Mana?” After surveying their surroundings, Shi Feng nodded and said, “It seems we got lucky.”

“Lucky?”

When Happy Snow heard Shi Feng’s words, she couldn’t help but roll her eyes at him. She felt that Shi Feng was truly skilled at consoling people.

How could their current situation even be considered lucky?

Faced with such dense Death Energy, Happy Snow felt that she could, at best, last half an hour with her Peak Silver Mana Body. As for the others with weaker Mana Bodies, they probably wouldn’t last more than fifteen minutes. As soon as they stepped into the settlement before them, they’d be taking a ride on hell’s tour bus. They could probably meet God even without fighting.

“We are indeed very lucky,” Shi Feng said, calmly smiling when he saw the look of contempt Happy Snow was giving him. “Ancient Demon Courts are products of the ancient era. When we consider the fact that the Ancient Demons were suddenly wiped out and the Ancient Demon Courts were sealed, we can consider ourselves lucky that all we have to face right now is a little Death Energy and some Mana fluctuations left behind from back then.”

Shi Feng had visited quite a few Ancient Demon Courts during his previous life. Among them, many had much harsher environments than the one they currently faced. In one instance, not only did he have to deal with violent Mana and dense Death Energy, but he also had to be wary of a temporal storm that was capable of obliterating everything. Even a random gust of wind that came out of that temporal storm could severely injure a Superior Mythic. Meanwhile, the temporal storm back then had covered the entire settlement. The scene back then was both beautiful and devastating.

In comparison, the Ancient Demon Court here only had violent Mana and Death Energy. Among the many Ancient Demon Courts in existence, it could be considered a relatively mild one.

“What should we do next, Guild Leader? We have no way to retreat now, but we can’t progress in such an environment, either. Even with my Gold Mana Body, I doubt I can last more than an hour. If I have to fight monsters on top of that, I don’t think I can last more than twenty minutes,” Blackie said anxiously as he looked at the settlement ahead.

While a Gold Mana Body was stronger than a Silver Mana Body, it wasn’t invincible. It merely provided players with stronger adaptability.

“Don’t worry. Since I decided to come here, I naturally came prepared,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

“Whether it is the violent Mana or Death Energy, both are merely a form of external energy. Why do you think a Gold Mana Body can have a better time adapting to harsh environments?”

Upon hearing Shi Feng’s question, Blackie immediately came to a realization as he said, “It’s because of the enhanced control it provides toward Mana! So long as we can control the Mana around us, we’ll be able to resist the Mana and Death Energy here!”

“That’s right.” Shi Feng nodded. “Rather than a Dungeon, an Ancient Demon Court is more like a trial for players. If players can control their Mana well, they can drastically reduce the pressure they face from the surrounding environment.”

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, whether it was the violent Mana or Death Energy surrounding him, both had stopped half an inch away from his body. It looked as if there was an invisible barrier surrounding him.

What powerful Mana control! Firecloud mentally exclaimed when he saw what Shi Feng just did.

Forming a Mana Barrier around one’s body was easier said than done. This was due to the way players visualized Mana. It was especially true when the Mana in question came from one’s own body. The average player couldn’t see or touch Mana at all, and the only way they could manipulate their Mana to form an external barrier was through relying on magic arrays.

The process of forming an external Mana barrier was essentially players compressing the Mana they radiated to form a dense coating of Mana around their bodies. It shouldn’t be mistaken with the action of severing one’s Mana flow to prevent one’s Mana from leaving one’s body. The two achieved entirely different effects, and the former was much more difficult to accomplish than the latter.

Meanwhile, the closer the compressed layer of Mana got to one’s body, the denser it would become. As a result, the resistance it put up would also grow stronger. Without incredible control over Mana, there was no way a player could compress their Mana to within half an inch of their body.

With Shi Feng’s reminder, everyone present started compressing their Mana to form a barrier that repelled the violent Mana and Death energy surrounding them.

Fortunately, everyone present was a veteran expert. They possessed excellent control over Mana, and everyone managed to form a barrier that was, at most, one-yard thick. In Su Qianliu’s case, she managed to form a half-inch thick barrier with ease, and none of the surrounding violent Mana and Death Energy managed to affect her in the slightest.

“Well done.” Shi Feng nodded approvingly when he saw that everyone had more or less managed to resist the surrounding environment’s effects. “Alright, let’s start the raid for real now. I’ll be splitting you all into three separate teams from now on. All Guardian Knights and Shield Warriors will be in Team One, the remaining melee players will be in Team Two, and all ranged players will be in Team Three. Without my command, nobody in Team Two is allowed to take action. As for Team One, you are only allowed to use your shields to block the attacking monsters. You are forbidden from attacking and attracting aggro. For Team Three, you will attack whichever monster I tell you to attack. You are not allowed to attack any other monsters.”

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Chapter 76 – Guild Leader?

After splitting the team into smaller groups, Shi Feng led the team to within 500 yards of the settlement. Upon reaching this point, a large group of fully-armed Elemental Golems suddenly marched out of a corner of the main street and entered their view. The Elemental Golems were of varying sizes, the smaller ones measuring around two or three meters and the larger ones measuring up to eight meters. At a glance, there should at least be ten thousand Elemental Golems in the group.

Apart from their large numbers, these Elemental Golems also behaved like a well-trained army. The golems wielding shields stood at the front, the golems wielding spears stood in the middle, and the golems wielding staves stood at the rear.

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[Elemental Destroyer] (Great Lord)

Level 105

HP 300,000,000

[Elemental Annihilator] (Grand Lord)

Level 106

HP 1,000,000,000

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“Crap! Are you kidding me?! Why do these monsters have so much HP?!”

Blackie felt his scalp turning numb when he saw the Elemental Golems’ stats. The HP of these golems was at least twice as high as monsters of similar rank and level found in the outside world.

Su Qianliu, Happy Snow, Firecloud, and the others also frowned at this situation. Unlike monsters, players were restricted by the Hidden Attribute known as Stamina. In other words, the amount of time they could spend fighting was limited. It was especially true during intense fights.

Right now, their team only had 300 players. Normally, they’d have exhausted most of their Stamina even if they fought against just two or three thousand Great Lords of the same rank. Yet, now, not only did they have to face over ten thousand Great Lords and Grand Lords, but these monsters even had unusually high amounts of HP...

Rather than a trial, what awaited them ahead was a massacre!

“Guild Leader, it’s too disadvantageous for us to fight against such a larger group of monsters. We’ll run out of Stamina before we can even finish them. I suggest that we split the team and conduct guerilla warfare using the small alleys,” Su Qianliu suggested.

Fighting a large-scale battle while being severely disadvantaged in numbers wouldn’t benefit them in any way. In comparison, while splitting up the team across the settlement’s alleys would scatter the team’s strength, it would also reduce the number of monsters each player needed to face. This, in turn, would reduce their Stamina consumption and increase their endurance in battle.

The Elemental Golems were merely monsters with high physical and magical resistances. They didn't have extraordinary combat standards. At most, their combat standard reached the Trial Tower's fifth-floor early-stage standard. In a situation where the gap in Basic Attributes wasn't too significant, first-rate experts would have no problem going up against three or four golems at a time.

Blackie, Happy Snow, Firecloud, and the others also nodded in agreement with Su Qianliu's suggestion. After seeing the scale of the monster army before them, they finally understood why the Ancient Demon Courts and various secret lands remained the private playground of only first-rate powers and above.

Without a significant advantage in Basic Attributes, experts of their caliber had no way of fighting large-scale fights in these dangerous locations whatsoever. Faced with so many tanky monsters, it wouldn't matter even if they worked together. There was simply no way they could achieve victory.

Although it was a bit of a pity to split up their combat power, this was the best solution available to them. Afterward, all they could do was hope that a few healers could survive until the dust settled so that they could resurrect those who had died in battle.

"No need to go through such hassle," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "While these Elemental Golems might be numerous, they have a fatal weakness."

"Fatal weakness?" After thinking for a moment, Su Qianliu asked, "Is it the density of their surrounding Mana?"

Unlike other creatures, Elemental Creatures relied heavily on Mana. The more violent and denser the surrounding Mana, the stronger Elemental Creatures would become. Of course, the reverse was also true.

Nodding, Shi Feng said, "That's right. The reason why these golems have such high HP is largely due to the violent Mana here. So long as we lower the density of the ambient Mana or stabilize it, we can nullify the buffs of these golems."

Ancient Demon Courts existed to test players, not to kill them. Thus, there were tricks to raiding every Ancient Demon Court. So long as players found the trick, the raid difficulty would plummet.

This was also why Shi Feng dared to challenge a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court with Su Qianliu and the others.

After Shi Feng finished speaking, everyone's eyes glowed in excitement as they turned toward Su Qianliu.

"Don't look at me. The Mana here is too violent. It'd take an incredibly powerful Mana Domain to expel or stabilize the Mana here," Su Qianliu said with a bitter smile when she noticed the hopeful gazes everyone was giving her. "I might have a Peak Silver Mana Body, but my Mana control still isn't enough for me to cast a Mana Domain..."

After hearing Su Qianliu's words, Happy Snow and Firecloud turned toward Blackie.

Blackie's Mana Body was stronger than even Su Qianliu's. Moreover, he had even completed his Gold Mana Body at an 85% Completion Rate. A Mana Body of this caliber could rank at the top even among the various superpowers' top-tier talents.

"Me?" Scratching his face awkwardly, Blackie said, "I'm no good, either. With my control over Mana, I don't even know if I can cast a Mana Domain after reaching Tier 4, let alone now."

Blackie might have a Gold Mana Body, but the way he obtained it could be considered borderline cheating. If he hadn't relied on Shi Feng's real-time instructions and some luck, it would've been impossible for him to construct a Gold Mana Body with an 85% Completion Rate.

In comparison, Su Qianliu had relied entirely on her own efforts to construct her Peak Mana Body. When it came to Mana control, she was undoubtedly much better than him.

Upon hearing Blackie's helpless words, everyone present despaired a little. If even the team's two strongest magical class players couldn't cast a Mana Domain, it was even more impossible for everyone else.

"You don't need to worry about the matter with the Mana Domain. I have a solution for that," Shi Feng suddenly said. "Just follow my orders afterward and attack the Elemental Annihilators that charge forward. Magical classes, don't hold anything back and dump everything you have."

He has a solution?

Su Qianliu couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in surprise and confusion. After all, players could only create a Mana Domain when they had developed their Mana control to an extreme level. It wasn't something that could be obtained via words alone.

However, before Su Qianliu and the others could figure out Shi Feng's words, the Elemental Golems had already moved within 50 yards of their team. This distance was already within the attack range of Great Lords and Tier 3 players. Tier 3 Assassins could even cross this distance in just two steps.

"Attack!" Shi Feng commanded, having already moved within 40 yards of the nearest Elemental Annihilator.

Upon hearing Shi Feng's command, everyone stopped holding back and used their Skills and Spells one after another. The magical class players, in particular, used their trademark moves right off the bat, bombarding the Elemental Annihilators charging at the forefront with AOE Spells and large-scale Combination Spells. Some had even used Tier 3 Curses.

For a time, the land between both sides turned into a sea of flames. The ground also shook violently as if a meteor had just hit the ground.

What power! Is this the effect of violent Mana?

Happy Snow was a little dumbfounded when she saw the devastated battlefield.

Even though they were only casting Tier 3 Spells, the raw power their Spells exuded rivaled Tier 4 Spells. Because of their Spells, the Elemental Annihilators had their advance forcibly halted, and damages exceeding a million appeared above their heads one after another.

However, before everyone could celebrate this situation, what took place next instantly extinguished the confidence they just recovered—the cracks on the Elemental Annihilators' bodies were rapidly mending, and even their HPs were healing at a rate visible to the naked eye. The recovery speed of these monsters was far superior to the monsters found in the outside world.

At this time, the shield-wielding Elemental Destroyers had also caught up to the Elemental Annihilators. Then, with their shields raised, these Elemental Destroyers blocked the oncoming Skills and Spells without getting affected in any way.

Subsequently, when less than 30 yards separated both sides, and Firecloud and the other tanks were subconsciously trembling while wielding their shields...

“Halt!”

A low voice suddenly echoed throughout the team.

Immediately afterward, an invisible ripple spread across the entire battlefield, causing the violent Mana to settle down and Mana density to plummet.

Meanwhile, along with these abrupt changes to the ambient Mana, all Elemental Golems standing within the affected area had their Movement Speeds reduced drastically and their HPs reduced to less than one-third of their original. Moreover, their body sizes had shrunk by half, their Basic Attributes had fallen by over 30%, and their battle recovery had halted completely...

“Guild Leader?”

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Chapter 77 – Flying Improvements

Su Qianliu's eyes widened in shock as she looked at Shi Feng. She dared not believe that such a powerful Mana Domain actually came from Shi Feng.

A Mana Domain!

It was something that only those who had achieved incredible mastery over Mana could possess. It should be known that even the various superpowers' top-tier geniuses wouldn't necessarily be able to cast a Mana Domain when they first reached Tier 4.

Yet, now, Shi Feng had cast a Mana Domain as a Tier 3 Swordsman. Moreover, the strength of his Mana Domain was so great that it could even suppress Grand Lords in all aspects. This was a feat that she had only ever heard of in rumors...

Meanwhile, Happy Snow, who stood guard beside Su Qianliu, was also dumbfounded by this situation. Then, after snapping out of her daze, she asked Su Qianliu, "Is he really just Shadow's former Guild Leader, Big Sis Qianliu?"

At this moment, Su Qianliu and the members of her adventurer team weren't the only ones shocked and confused by this situation. Blackie and the others, who had stayed with Shadow all these years, also couldn't help but doubt their eyes as they looked at Shi Feng.

"Brother Feng! No, Guild Leader! You..." Blackie was at a loss for words as he looked at Shi Feng's Mana Domain. Compared to the shock he received when he received the Holy Annihilation Mana Technique from Shi Feng previously, the shock he felt now was many times greater.

There were more than ten thousand Great Lord and Grand Lord ranked Elemental Golems here! Yet, now, with just one move, Shi Feng had crippled every one of these powerful monsters!

"Alright, I know what you want to say, but our priority now is to clear out these Elemental Golems first," Shi Feng said as he pointed at the golems ahead.

"Right! We have to get rid of these golems first!"

Immediately, Blackie, Su Qianliu, and the others promptly snapped out of their daze and got serious. Then, following Shi Feng's command, the melee players of the team charged at the Elemental Annihilators.

Due to Shi Feng's Mana Domain, the mighty Elemental Golems were nothing but a joke now. Under the Mana Domain's effects, not only did the golems lose a significant portion of their Basic Attributes and HP, but their reaction speeds had also dropped by 30% or more. Now, instead of being stronger than their counterparts in the outside world, these Elemental Golems had become weaker instead.

For a time, Happy Snow and the team's other melee players slaughtered the Elemental Annihilators and Destroyers, converting these monsters into EXP for everyone.

Unlike Team Dungeons, the monsters in Ancient Demon Courts provided much higher EXP than monsters found in the outside world. It was even more so for the monsters in a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court. After including the level-gap bonus, the EXP the Elemental Golems provided was several times higher than their counterparts in the outside world.

In less than four hours, the team wiped out the 10,000-plus Elemental Golems. Meanwhile, the abundant EXP everyone received had boosted Blackie and the others from Level 100 to Level 103. As for Shi Feng, Su Qianliu, and the others, they had leveled up from 102 to 104. In the current Miniature Ancient World, they were undoubtedly at the forefront when it came to levels.

However, compared to the EXP they gained, everyone paid more attention to the loot the Elemental Golems dropped.

As Elemental Creatures, the Elemental Golems did not drop any Coins. Instead, they dropped Magic Crystals and various types of Elemental Cores. On average, a Magic Crystal would drop for every two or three Elemental Destroyer killed.

Magic Crystals was a hard currency on the market. It was needed for many aspects of God's Domain. Since players weren't allowed to bring Magic Crystals with them when they entered the Miniature Ancient World, the current market value of Magic Crystals was around 50 Silver each. Moreover, one wouldn't necessarily be able to buy any Magic Crystals even if one had the money. Yet, now, the Elemental Golems had dropped over 6,000 Magic Crystals.

In addition, the Elemental Golems also dropped over a thousand Level 100 and Level 105 weapons and equipment. Although they were all at the Fine-Gold rank, they were still better than the Level 100 Secret-Silver ranked beginner's equipment.

Seeing the Elemental Golems drop over a thousand Fine-Gold Weapons and Equipment, everyone couldn't help but be amazed by the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court's profitability. If they came here at Level 150, the harvest they could acquire would be massively beneficial to their Guild.

"Guild Leader, something good dropped," Blackie said excitedly as he ran up to Shi Feng with a dark-red plate armor in his hands.

"Tier 3 Mana Equipment?" Shi Feng also grew interested when he saw the magic patterns and magic arrays engraved on the chest piece.

Mana Equipment was different from conventional equipment. They were not divided by ranks, only tiers. The boost to Basic Attributes Mana Equipment provided was also changed according to the user's level. They were similar to Epic Weapons and Equipment in a sense. Moreover, the Basic Attributes Mana Equipment provided could rival the average Epic Weapon and Equipment. The Skills and Spells that came with Mana Equipment even possessed superior effects than most Epic Weapons and Equipment.

The only flaw with Mana Weapons and Equipment was the fact that they were consumables. They would become useless once their durability ran out. They couldn't be repaired from conventional equipment.

"It is indeed Tier 3 Mana Equipment, but it isn't the same Mana Equipment that we know," Blackie said, shaking his head. Then, in an even more excited tone, he continued, "Instead, it's a piece of Ancient Mana Equipment. I've already had Qianliu check it, and this Ancient Mana Equipment doesn't have the same durability limitation as ordinary Mana Equipment. We can replenish its durability using Magic Crystals!"

"How many pieces did we get?" Shi Feng asked, his eyes lighting up in excitement when he heard Blackie's words.

According to Blackie's introduction, this Ancient Mana Equipment was none other than the mainstream equipment used in the Greater God's Domain. If they could collect a full set of this Ancient Mana Equipment, the boost in combat power it could provide to a player would surpass even that of an Epic Set Equipment. After all, apart from providing players with a significant amount of Basic Attributes, this Ancient Mana Equipment could also help players significantly in their control over Mana, Skills, and Spells. It could even help players with their combat techniques to a certain extent.

Meanwhile, Blackie chuckled and raised five fingers upon hearing Shi Feng's question.

"Five pieces?" Shi Feng grew a little disappointed when he saw Blackie's response.

If only five pieces dropped, there definitely weren't enough to make a set. The average Mana Equipment came in six-piece sets, while the best came in eight-piece sets. Meanwhile, Mana Equipment that wasn't in a complete set would only be slightly stronger than Dark-Gold Equipment of the same level.

"No, it's fifty pieces! A whopping fifty pieces dropped! We hit the jackpot this time!" Blackie laughed.

"Moreover, out of these fifty pieces, we managed to come up with six complete sets! Three sets are for physical melee classes, one is for physical ranged classes, and two are for magical classes."

"Can you speak in full next time?" Shi Feng rolled his eyes at Blackie. Inwardly, though, he was very excited over this situation. Six sets of Ancient Mana Equipment would greatly help their current team.

"I already brought a physical melee set here for you. Here, try it on," Blackie said as he took the remaining five set pieces out of his bag. "You are Zero Wing's Guild Leader, after all. Others will laugh at us if you keep wearing beginner's equipment."

When Shi Feng took a look at the equipment he currently used, he felt that Blackie's words made sense. Although the Winter of Eternal Night was a Fragmented Legendary Weapon, it was still no excuse for him to wear beginner's equipment as Zero Wing's Guild Leader. Zero Wing would become a joke if others saw him in such a state.

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Chapter 78 – Tier 4 Threshold

As soon as Shi Feng put on the Nightwatcher Set, the Tier 3 Ancient Mana Set Equipment, his aura instantly underwent a complete transformation.

Shi Feng had to admit that the Nightwatcher Set really made him stand out like a sore thumb. Not only was the armor set strikingly pitch-black, but it was also engraved with blood-red runes all over. The armor even emitted a faint black mist.

In the blink of an eye, he had gone from looking like an ordinary passerby to looking like a gent who had just stepped out of hell.

Aside from appearances, the Nightwatcher Set also provided astonishing bonuses in Basic Attributes. Shi Feng's Strength Attribute instantly reached the Tier 4 threshold upon donning the armor set.

That's right!

The Tier 4 threshold!

It wasn't just "close" to reaching the Tier 4 standard. Instead, it was "at" the Tier 4 standard already. Now, he could exhibit power at the Tier 4 standard even without employing any techniques. At this time, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to describe him as a humanoid beast.

As for the five remaining Ancient Mana Equipment Sets, Shi Feng allocated them to Blackie, Su Qianliu, Happy Snow, Firecloud, and Desolate Star, a Ranger and a vice commander in Su Qianliu's adventurer team. Upon distributing these sets, the team's overall combat power instantly increased by a significant margin.

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Outside the Ancient Demon Court, due to the sky outside darkening, the inside of the cavern also grew darker and colder.

Unlike before, there were over a thousand expert players currently gathered in the cavern, and even the weakest among them was a first-rate expert. The number of Refinement Realm experts had also increased to over a hundred. Such a team was a force to be wary of no matter which part of God's Domain the team was put in.

"I can't believe the mighty One-eyed Ghost actually got toyed by a nameless junior. If the Guild Leader learns of this, he'll probably laugh for half a year," a wild-looking man carrying a large saber on his back said, laughing as he looked at One-eyed Ghost.

Yet, despite this wild-looking man's ridicule, One-eyed Ghost had surprisingly chosen to remain silent. He did not do anything else besides glare at the other party to express his dissatisfaction.

Seeing One-eyed Ghost's abnormal behavior, the other members of Nature Hall also chose to remain silent, none of them daring to speak up for him.

There was only one person in the Guild who dared to speak with One-eyed Ghost in such a way was none other than Stalwart Bear, Nature Hall's strongest Tier 5 player. In addition, Stalwart Bear was the second strongest expert in the Guild after Nature Manifestation, Nature Hall's Guild Leader and the Guild's only Tier 6 God-ranked expert. Moreover, he was also Tyrant Blade of the Five Blades, an equivalent ranking list to the Eight Sword Meisters.

"Since everyone is here already, should we discuss our subsequent plans, Stalwart Bear?" a woman with short hair and crimson eyes from Hundred Flower Palace suddenly spoke up. However, her tone indicated that she had no intentions of discussing anything whatsoever despite her words.

Meanwhile, as soon as this short-haired woman finished speaking, the silence in the cavern grew even heavier, and many people couldn't help but lower their heads to reduce their presence.

"Don't tell me they're going to start a fight?"

When Rain Song saw Stalwart Bear's expression suddenly growing cold, she turned to Cleansed Rue, hoping that she could try to dissuade the short-haired woman from aggravating the already tense situation.

Of those present, the only ones qualified to participate in a fight between Stalwart Bear and the short-haired woman were Cleansed Rue and One-eyed Ghost. So, apart from them, nobody else had the qualifications to speak.

“Don’t look at me. There’s nothing I can do about Crimson Heart,” Cleansed Rue said in a helpless tone.

Crimson Heart!

Hundred Flower Palace’s First Vice Guild Leader!

Whether in terms of combat standards or individual combat power, Crimson Heart was second only to Hundred Flower Palace’s Guild Leader. She was an existence that rivaled Tier 6 God-ranked experts. Even after entering the Miniature Ancient World, Cleansed Rue still didn’t think she could match Crimson Heart.

“I can’t believe you’d actually come to the Miniature Ancient World, you crazy woman. It seems Hundred Flower Palace is betting everything on this place,” Stalwart Bear casually said. He remained unfazed even in the face of Crimson Heart’s oppressive aura.

“Aren’t you the same, you barbarian?” Crimson Heart calmly responded. “Well? Do you plan on going in, or stand guard outside?”

“Go in?” Stalwart Bear rolled his eyes at Crimson Heart. Then, he sneered and said, “Do you think Nature Hall runs a charity? Since these bastards dare mess with Nature Hall, they naturally have to pay the price. Isn’t it just a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court? We can clear it any time we want.”

After hearing Stalwart Bear’s words, Crimson Heart took a look at the time. It was nearing ten hours since Shi Feng’s team had entered the Ancient Demon Court. After so much time had passed, even if Shi Feng’s team was still alive inside, their Stamina and Concentration should be close to depletion, so it wouldn’t be long before they exited the Dungeon. Realizing this, Crimson Heart looked at Stalwart Bear and stated, “Two hours! Hundred Flower Palace will only wait for two hours! After two hours, you must enter the Dungeon with us!”

Hearing Crimson Heart’s condition, Stalwart Bear cooperatively nodded and said, “So be it. I refuse to believe they can last for that much longer.”

Meanwhile, after Stalwart Bear and Crimson Heart ended their “discussion,” everyone couldn’t help but sigh in relief. One-eyed Ghost and Cleansed Rue were especially relieved. After all, they knew just how important the Ancient Demon Court meant for their two Guilds. They couldn’t afford to be careless with it at all. If they wasted too much time waiting for Su Qianliu’s team to come out, there was a high risk of the various superpowers finding out and coming to contest it. If that happened, their chances of acquiring the Ancient Demon Court would reduce significantly.

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Meanwhile, inside the Ancient Demon Court...

“Guild Leader, the Boss has appeared!”

Chapter 3005

Chapter 79 – Mana Equipment Set's Effects

Upon hearing the Assassin scout's report, Shi Feng promptly assembled the resting members of his team and made his way to the Assassin's location. Even though everyone had already been fighting in the Ancient Demon Court for ten long hours, none of them showed any signs of exhaustion. On the contrary, every one of them wore excited expressions on their faces.

After grinding in the Ancient Demon Court for many hours, everyone had to admit that a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court was a paradise for players. After killing only two groups of 10,000-plus Elemental Golems, Blackie and the others new to the Miniature Ancient World had already reached Level 104. Shi Feng, Su Qianliu, and the members of Su Qianliu's adventurer team had even reached Level 105.

However, compared to levels, what surprised everyone more was the Ancient Mana Equipment they acquired.

Originally, they only had enough pieces to complete three sets. Now, they had 11 complete sets and 26 individual pieces.

However, considering the Guild's future development, Shi Feng did not distribute the five new sets to anyone. Instead, he intended to put these sets into the Guild Warehouse and let Guild members exchange for them using points.

Nobody objected to Shi Feng's decision, either. On the contrary, everyone strongly supported it.

The Tier 3 Ancient Mana Equipment Sets were incredibly valuable. Previously, the people Shi Feng had assigned the sets to were Zero Wing's core executives, such as Su Qianliu, her two vice commanders, and the talented Happy Snow. Every one of them was a Refinement Realm expert. As for Blackie, he was the person in charge of Guild affairs. He also had a Gold Mana Body. Thus, it wasn't strange for him to receive a set as well.

Apart from those five players, the others were essentially equals. If Shi Feng allocated the five new sets to someone, those who didn't get chosen would probably feel unreconciled. In that case, the wisest and fairest method of distributing these sets would be to put them up for exchange using GCPs. Everyone would have to rely on their own abilities to acquire the sets.

There was also no need to worry that nobody would try to exchange the sets. Everyone had already witnessed the set in action before, and they couldn't help but drool over it.

Before Blackie donned his Ancient Mana Equipment Set, the Grand Lord ranked Elemental Annihilators were still tough opponents for him. However, after putting on the set, every one of his Tier 3 Offensive Spells could easily impact the movements of the Elemental Annihilators. If he used a Tier 3 large-scale destruction Spell, he could even heavily injure the Elemental Annihilators. Overall, the set had doubled the power of his Spells.

Compared to the Ancient Mana Equipment Set, the six-piece Epic Equipment Sets he had seen in the past might as well be wall decorations.

Those without the Mana Equipment Set weren't the only ones surprised by the set's effects. Su Qianliu was also surprised by the effects.

The average Epic Weapon and Equipment could only grant players powerful Basic Attributes, physique bonuses, and additional Skills.

However, the Mana Equipment Set was different. Although it didn't provide as huge of a boost to Basic Attributes, the boost it provided to the power and control of the user's Skills and Spells was on an entirely different level.

As an ex-Tier 4 player, Su Qianliu could cast her Spells with a 90% Completion Rate on average and 95% at best previously. However, after receiving the Mana Equipment Set's bonuses, she could cast all of her Tier 3 Spells at 100% Completion Rate, with some even reaching up to 102%.

A 10% increase might not seem like much, but beyond 85%, every 1% increase in Completion Rate would improve a Skill or Spell's effects by at least 10%. That number would increase to 20% or higher past the 100% Completion Rate threshold.

In other words, Su Qianliu had the effects of her Spells improved by at least 100% after putting on the Mana Equipment Set.

At this time, Su Qianliu even had the illusion that her current self was not much weaker than when she was still at Tier 4 in the outside world. She was only missing a few Tier 4 Spells and a stronger physique.

Meanwhile, if even the Ancient Demon Court's mobs had already provided such a huge harvest, the harvest they could acquire from clearing the Ancient Demon Court would be unimaginable.

Subsequently, after everyone ran for some time, they arrived in front of a dilapidated tower. Although a huge portion of the tower had crumbled away due to the erosion of time, the tower still measured over 200 meters in height. It looked like a huge mountain as it stood in the middle of the settlement.

Meanwhile, situated at the bottom of this tower was a gigantic, pitch-black snake with two heads.

Each of the snake's heads was the size of a two-story house, and the snake's body measured over a hundred meters in length. If it wasn't curled up right now, it could probably oversee the entire settlement if it decided to extend its body.

"The system must be insane! How can anyone get past a Twin-headed Destruction Snake?!" Blackie cried out in frustration as he looked at the slumbering snake ahead.

The Twin-headed Destruction Snake!

It was one of the top-ranking Demonic Beasts found during ancient times. Although its Life Rating was only slightly stronger than the average Archaic Species and nowhere near Dragons, they were much more formidable than Dragons in certain aspects—specifically, the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's Eyes of Destruction.

The Demonic Beast's Eyes of Destruction could launch powerful mental attacks against all targets they gazed upon. Depending on the target's strength, the Eyes of Destruction could even destroy the target's soul.

Meanwhile, mental attacks were the most difficult type of attack to block in God's Domain since player's Defense was utterly useless against it. Players could only rely on their mental fortitude to resist them.

If players failed to resist the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's mental attacks, their souls would crumble, and they would die on the spot.

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[Twin-headed Destruction Snake] (Ancient Demonic Beast, Mythic)

Level 106

40,000,000,000

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"As expected of an Ancient Demon Court. It's no wonder why the various superpowers are the only ones capable of raiding Ancient Demon Courts. This difficulty simply isn't something we can tackle," Firecloud said with a bitter smile.

In Firecloud's opinion, the Twin-headed Destruction Snake before them was even more frightening than a Dragon of the same level and tier. Its HP of 40 billion was simply maddening. There was simply no way they could finish off the Boss before they exhausted their Concentration.

"Forty billion HP?" Su Qianliu also couldn't help but gasp when she saw the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's stats.

Originally, she thought they had a chance of raiding the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court successfully after their team had received such a significant boost in strength. However, looking at the Twin-headed Destruction Snake, she realized that it was merely wishful thinking.

Setting aside the Boss's combat standards, just the Boss's Eyes of Destruction and frightening HP was already more than enough to dash any hopes for them to raid it.

This was no longer a matter of lacking Basic Attributes. Faced against Tier 4 Mythic ranked Eyes of Destruction, Tier 3 players would last no more than five minutes before their souls crumbled. Meanwhile, killing the Twin-headed Destruction Snake in five minutes was nothing but a fool's dream.

It's a Twin-headed Destruction Snake?

At this time, Shi Feng also frowned when he looked at the slumbering twin-headed snake. Although he had long since known that it wouldn't be easy to raid a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court, he didn't think that his luck would be this bad.

Before reaching Level 120, the average Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court would only be an ordinary Superior Mythic. Although the Boss they currently faced wasn't a Superior Mythic, it was a top-ranking Ancient Demonic Beast. After factoring in the bonuses in HP and Basic Attributes the Twin-headed Destruction Snake received for being a Dungeon Boss, it was a much more challenging opponent than the average Superior Mythic found in the outside world.

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TL Notes:

I will be using "Equipment Set" instead of "Set Equipment" from now on to make it easier to describe sets in plural.

Chapter 3006

Chapter 80 – Ten Million With One Sword

"Should we retreat now, Guild Leader?" Blackie asked as he looked toward Shi Feng.

Without a Tier 4 team, there was no way they could take down the Twin-headed Destruction Snake. It didn't matter even if they had a Mana Domain on their side. This was because top-tier Ancient Demonic Beasts were born with Mana Domains. Thus, unless they had a Master Magic Barrier, they would have no choice but to fight the Twin-headed Destruction Snake at its peak.

"Retreat?" Shi Feng rolled his eyes at Blackie. "We went through a lot of trouble to get here. How can we just retreat?"

"But we'll suffer a huge loss if we fail to kill the Boss and die," Blackie said reluctantly as he looked at his own level. "We'll only lose 20% EXP if we get killed by mobs inside the Ancient Demon Court. But if we get killed by the Final Boss, we'll lose an entire level..."

Had they challenged the Twin-headed Destruction Snake before they increased their levels, they could've just challenged it without any worries. However, everyone on the team had already reached Level 104 or Level 105. They had already surpassed most players in the outside world in terms of level. Most importantly, Level 105 was a small milestone that allowed players to equip Level 105 weapons and equipment.

So long as everyone on the team equipped themselves with Level 105 Fine-Gold Equipment, they could head to a Level 110 map to train and widen the gap between them and other players. After all, due to the significant level suppression in the Miniature Ancient World, even Refinement Realm experts wouldn't dare to grind in Level 110 maps before reaching Level 105.

However, if they got teamwiped by the Final Boss now, they would lose a significant portion of the advantages they had accumulated in the Ancient Demon Court.

Shi Feng naturally understood what was going through Blackie's mind. Smiling, he said, "Although this Twin-headed Destruction Snake is powerful, we aren't without a chance."

"We still have a chance?"

Blackie was stunned. Then, he subconsciously turned to the Twin-headed Destruction Snake in the distance. He had a feeling that their entire team combined wouldn't even be enough to fill one of the twin-headed snake's mouths.

Su Qianliu and the others also felt that Shi Feng was joking with them when they heard his words. After all, nobody on their team could last more than a few minutes against the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's Eyes of Destruction.

"We naturally aren't able to resist the Eyes of Destruction for long periods." After stretching his body a little, Shi Feng chuckled and said, "But what if we make it so that it can't open its eyes for long periods?"

"Preventing it from opening its eyes?" Su Qianliu grew confused as she watched Shi Feng walk forward. "But where would we find enough experts to target all of its eyes?"

The simplest method to deal with the Twin-headed Destruction Snake was to target its Eyes of Destruction. So long as one could seal its eyes, the Twin-headed Destruction Snake would be no different than an ordinary Mythic monster.

However, the Twin-headed Destruction Snake had a total of eight eyes, four on each head. The Boss also possessed strong regenerative strength, and it could repair any injuries in just one second. Meanwhile, even the Boss could launch its mental attacks if even one of its eyes remained open.

In other words, players needed to attack all eight eyes once every second. Moreover, these attacks needed to destroy all eight eyes.

To make matters worse, the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's combat standard was at the Trial Tower's seventh-floor early-stage standard. Thus, it'd take at least eight Refinement Realm experts to accurately target and destroy the Boss's eyes.

Currently, setting aside whether they had enough Basic Attributes, they didn't even have eight Refinement Realm experts on the team...

However, Shi Feng did not bother explaining himself. Instead, he looked toward Su Qianliu and asked, "Can you guys seal four of its eyes?"

After thinking for a moment, Su Qianliu said, "If it's only four eyes, me, Happy Snow, Firecloud, and Desolate Star can just barely handle one each."

"That's enough, then. I'll take care of the other head by myself," Shi Feng said, nodding. "Everyone else, just focus on dealing damage. Tanks, your job is to prevent the Boss from charging into the crowd and using AOE attacks. Healers, all you need to do is keep the five of us healed."

"You are going to seal an entire head by yourself, Guild Leader?" Su Qianliu couldn't help but be stunned when she heard Shi Feng's words. "Wouldn't that put a lot of pressure on you..."

Su Qianliu recalled that Shi Feng was quite strong before she left Shadow. Even so, he was only at the Half-step Refinement Realm standard back then.

Of course, it had been several years since she left Shadow, so Shi Feng must have made some improvements during this period. The fact that Shi Feng managed to cast such a powerful Mana Domain was proof of that. Meanwhile, seeing that he had made such significant improvements in his Mana control, he should've made some improvements in his combat standard as well. At this time, he might have already reached the Flowing Water Realm or the Flowing Water Realm's peak.

However, destroying four Eyes of Destruction in one second wasn't an easy task. It was especially true when Shi Feng needed to face the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's physical and mental attacks while doing so. Even a Void Realm expert would have trouble accomplishing such a feat.

In addition, the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's high HP meant that they would be in for a long battle. Meanwhile, a long battle also meant more chances to make mistakes, and even one slip-up in this battle could cost everyone their lives.

However, before Su Qianliu could finish speaking, Shi Feng had already charged toward the Twin-headed Destruction Snake.

Subsequently, when Shi Feng moved within 100 yards of the Twin-headed Destruction Snake, the Boss immediately woke up, lifted its head, and opened its eight eyes.

When the eight crimson eyes the size of study desks opened, everyone's worlds had seemingly distorted, and everyone had difficulty telling which direction was which. At the same time, an intense headache assaulted everyone's minds, making it impossible for them to stay calm.

"Its mental attacks are too strong! We can't even get close at this rate!" Firecloud said, clenching his teeth as he looked at the Twin-headed Destruction Snake.

Meanwhile, Su Qianliu also frowned in this situation, her complexion paling slightly from the intense headache she experienced. At this time, her head hurt so much that she couldn't even cast a Tier 3 Spell, much less attack the Boss with Shi Feng...

However, while everyone was despairing over the situation, Shi Feng had jumped into the air and arrived above the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's heads. Then, he unsheathed the Winter of Eternal Night in mid-air.

"Close those damned eyes!"

Eight Extreme Slashes!

The next moment, Shi Feng brandished the Winter of Eternal Night, creating eight crescent moons that tore through space and landed on the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's eight eyes. The Boss had just opened its eyes, so it couldn't keep up with Shi Feng's actions at all.

Psh... Psh... Psh...

"Roar!"

The Twin-headed Destruction Snake's two heads let out a painful howl, the intense pain coming from its eyes causing its massive body to distort and flatten the surrounding streets...

Subsequently, frightening damages appeared above the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's left head one after another.

-1,035,445!

-2,130,546!

-1,120,648!

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Damages exceeding one million appeared one after another, the total damage racking up to over ten million and causing everyone to gape in shock.

Chapter 3007

Chapter 81 – Hell Mode’s Evaluation

Everyone gaped in shock at the damage Shi Feng dealt.

“Big Sis Qianliu, didn’t you say that the Guild Leader was only a Tier 3 Half-step Refinement Realm expert before? Are you sure he’s not a Half-step Domain Realm monster instead?” Happy Snow asked as she looked toward Su Qianliu dubiously.

She could more or less accept that Shi Feng possessed a Mana Domain. After all, a Mana Domain was the product of having superb control over Mana.

However, the Eight Extreme Slashes technique was an advanced combat technique that even sword-wielding Tier 5 experts had difficulty executing. Any expert capable of executing this technique below Tier 6 was more than qualified to compete for a spot among the Eight Sword Masters.

“This...”

Su Qianliu was momentarily rendered speechless. She didn’t know whether to laugh or cry in this situation.

The little girl beside her had never doubted her words before today. Yet, this was already the second time she had questioned her today.

However, rather than getting angry, Su Qianliu was ecstatic at being questioned.

If she were to point out what was most important in God’s Domain, she would have only one answer—experts!

It was especially true for monster-caliber experts capable of fighting thousands by themselves!

Why could Shadow never become a first-rate Guild after developing in God’s Domain for a decade?

Why could Su Qianliu’s adventurer team never enter the ranks of well-known adventurer teams in the Black Dragon Empire?

The answer was simple. It was because they lacked a truly powerful expert to protect the Guild’s interests.

Take Tier 6 God-ranked experts, for example. Even if a Guild had only one Tier 6 God-ranked expert and zero Refinement Realm experts, it would be publicly recognized as a top-tier first-rate Guild, and even the various superpowers wouldn't dare to mess around with it for no good reason.

Zero Wing might be a new guild right now, but so long as it had a Half-step Domain Realm expert like Shi Feng leading it, it'd have no trouble rising through the ranks of God's Domain at all.

At this time, apart from Su Qianliu, the other members of Su Qianliu's adventurer team also grew excited, their confidence in Zero Wing's future skyrocketing.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng saw that everyone was still staring at him idly, he couldn't help but shake his head and smile helplessly. Then, he asked, "How long are you guys going to continue watching? Can you start fighting the Boss now?"

Shi Feng wasn't surprised by everyone's reaction to his show of strength. On the contrary, this was the effect he wanted. After all, a Guild's leader needed to be someone that members could put their trust in.

Although Su Qianliu had joined Zero Wing with her adventurer team, the loyalty of her adventurer team's members remained with her, not him. If he wanted to have these experts follow his orders willingly, he needed to let them understand his strength. Otherwise, he'd have a challenging time ahead of him as Zero Wing's Guild Leader.

After Shi Feng finished speaking, everyone promptly recovered their senses and began attacking the Twin-headed Destruction Snake. Moreover, nobody showed any resistance toward Shi Feng's orders any longer. Now, everyone followed his orders with respect and expectations.

Meanwhile, with Su Qianliu and the other Refinement Realm experts joining in, the team quickly sealed all eight of the Boss's Eyes of Destruction. Now, everyone simply needed to give their all in attacking the Boss without having to bother about anything else.

"Speed up the damage output! The Boss's recovery speed will only increase as the battle progresses! All melee players pay attention to the Boss's tail swipe and magic attacks!"

Shi Feng issued commands to the team one after another while repeatedly destroying four of the eight Eyes of Destruction.

In reality, Shi Feng was more than capable of handling all eight Eyes of Destruction by himself. After all, not only did he have his experiences as a Tier 6 Sword God in his previous life, but his Strength Attribute had also reached the Tier 4 threshold already.

The Twin-headed Destruction Snake's mental attacks were no trouble to him, either. These mental attacks might affect other players, but they were no different than a gentle breeze to him. The threat level of these mental attacks wasn't even comparable to that of the Boss's Tier 4 Skills and Spells.

However, when considering Zero Wing's future development, Shi Feng decided to use the Twin-headed Destruction Snake to train everyone. After all, opportunities for players to come across mental attacks in

God's Domain were few and far between. Meanwhile, players could develop their Concentration standard by a certain extent when defending against mental attacks.

Thus, it was fine even when Su Qianliu and the others slipped up and allowed the other four Eyes of Destruction to regenerate from time to time. Their mistakes would allow everyone to experience the Boss's mental attacks. Then, everyone could figure out ways to adapt or resist these mental attacks.

Subsequently, time passed by quickly. Without realizing it, everyone had already fought against the Twin-headed Destruction Snake for over an hour and whittled the Boss's HP to just 10%.

When the Boss's HP reached 10%, it also entered a berserk state. Although its Basic Attributes remain unchanged, it started releasing AOE mental ripples even with all eight of its eyes destroyed.

Although these Tier 4 mental ripples weren't as powerful as the direct Tier 4 mental attacks from before, they were still very effective against Tier 3 players. While subjected to stinging pain in their mind and body, everyone couldn't exert more than 50% of their combat power.

This situation forced everyone to find a way to defend against the mental ripples while attacking the Twin-headed Destruction Snake. As a result, the fall of the Boss's HP slowed down significantly, and casualties also began appearing one after another.

Meanwhile, faced with this dangerous situation, everyone's minds became even more focused, which, in turn, subtly improved everyone's Concentration standard.

Eventually, though, the Twin-headed Destruction Snake still fell under everyone's attacks, and countless particles of holy light started raining down from the sky, brightly illuminating the dusky sky.

"We won!"

"We did it!"

"Awesome! We actually got the First Clear of a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court!"

The surviving members of the team collapsed to the ground and cheered when they saw the light shower and the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's corpse. At this time, even Su Qianliu had a hard time believing that they had completed the raid.

On the main continent, Ancient Demon Courts were the various superpowers' exclusive playground. Although first-rate Guilds could also raid an Ancient Demon Court, several first-rate Guilds would need to work together to do so.

Yet, now, their newly-established Guild had just raided an Ancient Demon Court!

Moreover, it was even a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court!

While everyone was cheering in celebration, a golden glow enveloped many players in the team as these people leveled up from 104 to 105. As for those who were originally at Level 105 already, they saw their experience bars filling up by a large margin. The amount of EXP the Twin-headed Destruction Snake gave was enough to make up for two days' worth of solo grinding.

At the same time, the system's mechanical voice also entered everyone's ears.

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System: Congratulations! Zero Wing has obtained the First Clear for the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court. Rewarding all participants with 10 Miniature Ancient World Reputation Points and 5 Legacy Skill Points. Loot quality upgraded by one rank. Guild's World Reputation +500.

System: Raid evaluation for the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court is S-rank.

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"S-rank?! Crap! We got an S-rank evaluation!" Blackie couldn't help but rub his eyes in shock when he read the pop-up notification before him. "Am I dreaming?"

"No way!" Firecloud was also thunderstruck after he took a closer look at the system notification. "It really is an S-rank evaluation!"

The Ancient Demon Court had five evaluation ranks: D, C, B, A, and S. However, even when raiding the Hard Mode Ancient Demon Court, the various superpowers could usually only obtain an A-rank evaluation. Yet, now, their team had obtained an S-rank evaluation for Hell Mode. This situation simply felt unrealistic.

Of those present, only Shi Feng found this outcome normal.

The Ancient Demon Court's evaluation system was based on two main criteria: time and casualty count. For the first criteria, the average clear time for the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court was around 16 hours, so their clear time of under 12 hours was considerably fast. For the second criteria, a team would receive an excellent result so long as the number of deaths did not exceed 200.

The fact that they were the first team to clear this Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court also added bonus points to their evaluation. Thus, it wasn't impossible for them to acquire an S-rank evaluation.

Chapter 3008

Chapter 82 – Astonishing Reward

When the system notification ended, hundreds of items started raining down from the sky. Every one of these items radiated a dazzling golden glow, some of them even radiating a purplish-golden glow coupled with a frightening amount of Mana.

In a matter of moments, the several hundred items reached the ground and formed a small mountain in front of everyone. Meanwhile, when everyone saw these items, their mouths watered, and their eyes turned red.

"So, this is the loot of a Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court?"

When Blackie saw the many Epic items and several unidentifiable items among the mountain of loot, his eyes widened in shock.

"I doubt even a Superior Mythic's loot can match 10% of the loot here," Happy Snow commented, her eyes glowing in excitement as she looked at the loot mountain.

When their adventurer team had been operating in the Black Dragon Empire, the strongest Boss they had fought was a Superior Mythic. However, the quality of the loot that Superior Mythic dropped was nowhere near being a comparison to the Twin-headed Destruction Snake's loot. Even without checking the exact quality of the items dropped, she could already tell just how amazing the dropped items were simply through the intensity of the Mana they radiated.

The Mana the several unidentifiable items radiated was especially frightening. There was no way these items could be mere Epic items. This left them with only one possibility...

Fragmented Legendary items!

Even after their adventurer team had fought hard in the Black Dragon Empire for many years, they had not obtained even one Fragmented Legendary item before. Yet, now, as many as four Fragmented Legendary items have dropped!

We really hit the jackpot this time.

Shi Feng also couldn't help but grow excited when he scanned the items on the ground. This was because he had noticed two familiar items among the pile of loot. One was the key to the Ancient Demon Court's outer gate, and the other was the teleportation stone for the inner zone. Both these items were crucial in taking control of the Ancient Demon Court.

With these two items, he could turn this Ancient Demon Court into Zero Wing's private playground, and there would be nothing outsiders could do about it.

Immediately, Shi Feng stepped forward and collected these two items.

But these two items I have never seen before...

Shi Feng collected the two other items that radiated a frightening amount of Mana. of the two, one was a dark-gray crystal inscribed with runes, and the other was a sealed wooden box.

Having never seen the two items before, Shi Feng used Appraisal Eyes on them.

How is this possible?!

Shi Feng instantly lost his composure when the two items' stats appeared before him, his eyes colored with shock.

"Did something good drop, Guild Leader?" Blackie curiously asked when he noticed the shock on Shi Feng's face.

"No, these aren't just good items! These are priceless treasures!" Shi Feng said, laughing as he looked at the two items in his hands.

If these two items were merely Fragmented Legendary items, Shi Feng would've only been a little excited. However, the identity of the two items before him had completely exceeded his expectations. Any one of them could cause the entire God's Domain to go crazy.

The dark-gray crystal was named the Settlement Rune Crystal. Although this item did not have a rank, it was a priceless treasure in the Miniature Ancient World. This was because this crystal could be used to summon an ancient settlement in any location in the Miniature Ancient World.

At this time, the various powers of God's Domain had yet to even find a place to settle down in the various NPC Cities, let alone establish a foothold outside of NPC Cities. So, the value of an ancient settlement went without saying.

As for the item sealed inside the wooden box, it was similarly an amazing item.

The Ancient Mana Equipment Set Design!

Unlike the Mana Equipment Set he currently wore, the set recorded in this design did not have its stats restricted to Tier 3. Instead, it followed the rank system of mainstream equipment used in the Greater God's Domain.

The design recorded the production method of two sets. The first set was a Dark-Gold ranked eight-piece set that could be used from Level 100 to Level 120, while the second set was an Epic ranked eight-piece set that could be used from Level 100 to Level 150.

The main material used to produce the Dark-Gold set was Magic Crystals, and 1,000 Magic Crystals were needed for each production attempt. As for the supplementary materials needed, although they were rare, they weren't particularly expensive. Overall, it'd take only around 100 Gold to gather one set of secondary materials.

Although the Dark-Gold Mana Equipment Set's Basic Attributes couldn't compete against the Tier 3 Mana Equipment Set, the bonuses the Dark-Gold set provided was slightly better. Moreover, the Dark-Gold set was a good fit for the Miniature Ancient World's environment. If players equipped the set, they could significantly extend their activity time in the fields.

If he could equip everyone in the Guild with a set, it would boost Zero Wing's speed of development.

"Blackie, once you head back, see if you can recruit a few Master Forgers and Master Alchemists into the Guild," Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought. "The conditions are negotiable, but make sure to keep everything confidential."

"Master Forgers and Alchemists?" Blackie was a little confused by Shi Feng's request. However, he still nodded and said, "Okay, I'll try to find some afterward, but don't get your hopes up. After all, you know how it is with Lifestyle Masters. Every one of them has a high status in God's Domain."

"It's fine so long as you can get in touch with them," Shi Feng said, smiling.

Afterward, Shi Feng had Su Qianliu and the others sort out the remaining loot, the harvest exciting everyone for a long time.

The Twin-headed Destruction Snake had dropped over 300 items. Eight were Epic items, of which three were weapons and five were equipment. The weapons were a staff, a short sword, and a longbow. All three Epic Weapons could be used from Level 100 to Level 150. Although not as much as the Tier 3 Mana Equipment Set, Blackie and the others still saw a significant improvement to their combat power when they equipped the Epic Weapons.

Apart from the Epic items, the Boss had also dropped various Legendary and Inferior Legendary materials. These were all crucial materials in producing Epic Weapons and Equipment.

However, compared to the weapons, equipment, and materials, what truly excited Su Qianliu and the others were three flutes.

“This Dungeon is simply amazing! I can’t believe it drops Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold Mounts!” Firecloud exclaimed, his eyes glowing as he looked at the three differently shaped flutes in Su Qianliu’s hand.

Mounts might not be considered rare on the main continent today, but the Miniature Ancient World had only opened recently. So, Mounts were practically non-existent here.

Players were incapable of flight before they reached Tier 4. And even if they could fly, they couldn’t fly very fast or long. However, if players managed to acquire a Mount, they could increase their travel speed several times without worrying about Stamina consumption.

Aside from traveling, Mounts could also be used to improve a player’s overall combat power. It was especially true for Mounts at the Fine-Gold rank or above. A Fine-Gold Mount might not have superb combat power when summoned, they could provide buffs to players, increasing their combat power by at least 20%. Naturally, a Dark-Gold Mount would be even stronger.

Meanwhile, out of the three Mounts that the Boss had dropped, one was the Dark-Gold ranked Thunder Wolf, and two were the Fine-Gold ranked Shadow Panther.

“This panther looks so cute! Guild Leader, can I have one please?” Happy Snow begged Shi Feng coquettishly after seeing the sample images of the Shadow Panther.

Happy Snow did not ask for the Dark-Gold ranked Thunder Wolf since it would naturally go to Shi Feng. After all, as the Guild Leader, Shi Feng was the face of Zero Wing. It’d be strange if he used an inferior Mount or no Mount at all.

However, it was a different story for the Fine-Gold ranked Shadow Panthers.

“Bros before hoes, Guild Leader!” Blackie hurriedly said.

He wouldn’t have cared who the Shadow Panthers went to if they were on the main continent. However, in the Miniature Ancient World, a Fine-Gold Mount was a powerful tool for leveling.

Surprisingly, Firecloud also nodded in agreement with Blackie. He could concede on any other item, but he absolutely would not concede on the cool-looking Shadow Panthers.

Seeing that everyone wanted one of the Shadow Panthers, Shi Feng chuckled and said, “Since everyone wants them, we’ll have the top ten contributors this time roll the dice. That’d be fair for everyone.”

Everyone readily accepted Shi Feng's suggestion, and the top ten contributors after Shi Feng promptly rolled the dice.

After several elimination rounds, the winners of the two Shadow Panthers were Blackie and Su Qianliu. However, Su Qianliu had given her Shadow Panther to Happy Snow, causing the young girl to grow ecstatic.

"Alright, now that we've gotten everything we came here for, it's time you follow us back to Hundred Flow City," Shi Feng said as he looked at Su Qianliu. "We'll leave Rock Devil City alone for now and come back to develop there in the future."

Su Qianliu and her companions did not have any objections toward Shi Feng's arrangement. They had yet to settle down in Rock Devil City, so it didn't matter even if they changed bases of operation.

Afterward, Shi Feng led everyone through the portal that had appeared after the Boss's death and teleported out of the Ancient Demon Court.

Chapter 3009

Chapter 83 – Zero Wing?

Meanwhile, outside the Ancient Demon Court, chaos had ensued.

Not long ago, the Glory Tablet outside the Ancient Demon Court had suddenly displayed that Shi Feng's team had cleared the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court, the tablet listing the names of the players on the team and the Guild the team was affiliated to. Meanwhile, everyone outside the Ancient Demon Court momentarily fell silent upon seeing these names.

"Zero Wing? What is this Guild? Why have I never heard of it?"

"Don't tell me it's the new Guild Su Qianliu's adventurer team joined?"

"That's Hell Mode we are talking about! How can a new Guild clear it?! Could it be a bug?"

The many experts present couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the name of the Guild displayed on the Glory Tablet.

With their team's strength, even clearing Normal Mode is going to be a challenge, so how did they manage to clear Hell Mode? Could it be that the Ancient Demon Court's Hell Mode is only a front? Rain Song wondered as she looked at the pitch-black skull hovering above the entrance portal.

Su Qianliu might have been a Tier 4 expert on the main continent, and her adventurer team might have four or more Refinement Realm experts, but such a team line-up was nothing compared to the various first-rate Guilds' main force. If even first-rate Guilds like Hundred Flower Palace and Nature Hall needed to work together to raid an Ancient Demon Court, there was no way Su Qianliu's team could raid it successfully.

Yet, not only did this insignificant team clear the Ancient Demon Court, but it had also done it on the Hell Mode difficulty. This situation was akin to a mockery of their two Guilds' inability and foolishness...

"Big Sis Rue, do you think that we might have misunderstood the Miniature Ancient World's Ancient Demon Courts?" Rain Song asked, voicing her confusion to Cleansed Rue. "Could it be that the Ancient Demon Courts here are much easier than we believed them to be?"

"We can't exclude that possibility."

Cleansed Rue was also feeling a little dazed as she looked at the Glory Tablet. She had never expected such an outcome, and she couldn't help but regret her decision to remain outside.

Setting aside the Hell Mode Ancient Demon Court's actual difficulty, just the fact that Su Qianliu's team had managed to clear it was undoubtedly a slap to their two Guilds' faces.

To make matters worse, they had lost the Ancient Demon Court to an unrated Guild under a situation where they had mobilized their best experts. If news of this situation got out, their two Guilds would become a joke in God's Domain.

Had she known this would happen, she wouldn't have wasted time waiting for reinforcements outside. Instead, she would've entered the Ancient Demon Court with One-eyed Ghost immediately after Su Qianliu's team entered it.

"Alright, what's done is done. There's no use for regrets," Crimson Heart, clad in her sacred white armor, said when she saw Cleansed Rue's regretful expression. "As a Vice Guild Leader, the first thing you should do isn't to regret, but to figure out how you can make up for your mistakes!"

"Vice Guild Leader Crimson is correct," One-eyed Ghost, who was standing some distance away, said when he heard Crimson Heart's words. Then, he revealed a cold smile as he continued, "I have indeed underestimated Su Qianliu's new Guild. However, this is the end of the line for them. I will let them know how foolish their actions are!"

The team led by one of the Eight Sword Meisters had actually gotten toyed by a no-name Guild. If news of this got out, he would absolutely become a laughingstock. The only way he could salvage this situation now was to kill every member on Su Qianliu's team, take back what was rightfully his, and make the other side into the laughingstock instead!

"Well said! It's been a while since I've encountered such interesting people. We must take good care of these people and make sure they learn that there are some things that they can't simply lay their hands on!" Stalwart Bear said, nodding in agreement with One-eyed Ghost's words. Then, he looked toward Crimson Heart and said, "Crazy woman, my suggestion is for us to use our Guild War Orders and kill them until they delete their accounts! What do you think?"

The Guild War Order was a privilege afforded to all Guilds, and it could be used to lock down an entire map. However, the Guild War Order had limited duration and a considerably long Cooldown. If they wanted to lock down a map for a considerable period, they would need to use at least two Guild War Orders.

“Okay,” Crimson Heart agreed without hesitation.

“Do you think Su Qianliu lost her mind, Big Sis Rue?” When Rain Song saw Crimson Heart and Stalwart Bear agreeing with each other to use their Guild War Orders, she couldn’t help but pity Su Qianliu and her team. “Had she raided with us, she could’ve more or less acquired some benefits. Yet, she chose to monopolize the Ancient Demon Court right in front of our faces...”

The Guild War Order was different from magic barriers used to seal maps. Apart from prohibiting teleportation inside the targeted map, the Guild War Order also prevented players from logging out of the game while inside the map. Players would have to walk out of the affected region before going offline. Otherwise, even if players forcibly logged out of the game, their characters would remain in God’s Domain, and they could still be resurrected, killed, lose items upon death. Moreover, the item drop-rate after death would be extremely high.

Thus, the Guild War Order could be considered the biggest trump card of the various Guilds in God’s Domain. Unless conflict between two Guilds had escalated to an unsalvageable point, Guilds wouldn’t typically make use of their Guild War Order.

Now that Crimson Heart and Stalwart Bear had decided to use Hundred Flower Palace’s and Nature Hall’s Guild War Orders, one could see just how angry the two of them were.

“...”

Cleansed Rue remained silent in response to Rain Song’s question. This was because she couldn’t understand why Su Qianliu would make such a foolish decision, either. Did Su Qianliu really think that her small team could go against their two Guilds? Or was she so foolish that she had never considered these problems?

However, their two Guilds had long since made it clear how much importance they placed on the Ancient Demon Court.

Moreover, since Su Qianliu had already told them the Ancient Demon Court’s location, her only option was to cooperate. Trying to monopolize the Ancient Demon Court in such a situation was simply foolish. It might be fine if she had failed to monopolize the Ancient Demon Court, but if she succeeded, what she had to face next was the wrath of their two Guilds.

Meanwhile, the wrath of two top-tier first-rate Guilds wasn’t something a newly-established Guild could endure. Faced with such a situation, there would only be one outcome for the new Guild—annihilation! Complete and utter annihilation!

Yet, for some inexplicable reason, Su Qianliu had done exactly that. She had given up on cooperating with their two Guilds without hesitation and cleared the Ancient Demon Court in front of them...

Of course, there was another possibility, and that was the fact that Su Qianliu had never cared about what their two Guilds thought since the very beginning.

However, in Cleansed Rue’s opinion, the likelihood of that being the case was minuscule.

While Cleansed Rue was immersed in her thoughts, an energy ripple suddenly spread from Stalwart Bear. The energy ripple spread across a massive area, spreading all the way to Rock Devil City and covering nearly half of the city.

“A Guild War Order?! What’s going on?!”

“The notification says this is Nature Hall’s Guild War Order. Is Nature Hall declaring an all-out war against another Guild?”

“Investigate! Find out which power Nature Hall is trying to target immediately!”

The activation of Nature Hall’s Guild War Order immediately stirred the various powers based in Rock Devil City, everyone’s reactions ranging from curious to fearful. They were curious to find out which power had provoked Nature Hall to a point where the top-tier first-rate Guild had used its Guild War Order, and they were fearful that this Guild War Order might be targeted at them.

Hence, the various powers based on Rock Devil City promptly dispatched a large amount of manpower to look into the situation.

Meanwhile, around 20 minutes after Nature Hall activated its Guild War Order, flashes of light suddenly appeared in front of the Ancient Demon Court’s entrance portal one after another.

In the blink of an eye, a team of nearly 300 players had appeared in front of Hundred Flower Palace’s and Nature Hall’s members.

Chapter 3010

Chapter 84 – Confidence?

“What?! They actually dared to come out?!”

“Do these people really think that our two Guilds will just let them go after they’ve cleared the Ancient Demon Court?”

Hundred Flower Palace’s and Nature Hall’s members couldn’t help but be surprised when they saw Shi Feng’s team appearing in front of the portal. They never thought that Shi Feng’s team would dare come out so soon. The foolishness of these people had gone beyond their imagination.

An Ancient Demon Court in the Miniature Ancient World was a resource that even the various superpowers would go crazy for, let alone first-rate Guilds like Hundred Flower Palace and Nature Hall.

In their opinion, Shi Feng’s team must’ve long since prepared themselves to make an enemy out of their two Guilds, and they must be planning on hiding inside the Ancient Demon Court for some time. After all, the Guild War Order had a limited duration. Even if their two Guilds worked together, they could, at most, seal the region for two days. Once their two Guilds ran out of Guild War Orders to use, they would have to switch to using magic barriers instead. At that time, it was entirely possible for Shi Feng’s team to escape.

Yet, now, Shi Feng's team had left the Ancient Demon Court less than an hour after clearing it...

"Wait! Their levels..." Crimson Heart exclaimed, a look of shock appearing on her face when she looked at Su Qianliu and the players around her. Level 105?

Upon hearing Crimson Heart's exclamation, the other members of the two first-rate Guilds also used their respective Identification Skills to check the levels of Zero Wing's members.

"Level 105?! How are their levels so high?!"

"How did they do it?"

Everyone was shocked and confused as they looked at the levels of Zero Wing's members.

In the current Miniature Ancient World, the average level of mainstream players was only Level 102. Even the various superpowers' monsters were nowhere near reaching Level 105.

Past Level 100, every subsequent level-up in God's Domain required a significant amount of EXP. Meanwhile, if players wanted to grind by killing large numbers of Great Lord-ranked monsters, they would typically need to do so in a team. This meant that they would have to share the EXP among multiple players, which would reduce their grinding efficiency. Overall, it would take an expert around three to five days to level up once. Even grinding maniacs would still need around two to three days to level up once. Moreover, this time would further increase as players reached higher levels.

Yet, now, Zero Wing's members were at Level 105 on average. They were at least ten days ahead of the various superpowers' expert teams in terms of leveling progress.

If it were on the main continent, a difference of ten days would be insignificant. However, the Miniature Ancient World had only opened recently. Having a ten-day lead was a massive advantage. Zero Wing's members could even head to Level 110 maps to grind and further widen their advantage.

However, Hundred Flower Palace's and Nature Hall's members weren't the only ones in shock right now. Su Qianliu and the others were similarly given a shock after exiting the Ancient Demon Court.

"Hundred Flower Palace's Crimson Heart!"

"Stalwart Bear of the Five Blades!"

"What's going on?! Why are there so many Tier 5 experts here?!"

Blackie and the others were both excited and nervous when they saw the two first-rate Guilds' members that were glaring at them. This was a situation they had never encountered during the many years they spent in Shadow.

Whether it was Crimson Heart or Stalwart Bear, both were myth-like bigshots in God's Domain. Under normal circumstances, one would have difficulty meeting even one of them. Yet, now, both of them were gathered at the same location. After including the Frostflame Goddess Cleansed Rue and One-eyed Ghost of the Eight Sword Masters, there were a total of four Tier 5 experts currently gathered here!

Have these two Guilds lost their minds?! They sent nearly half of their Tier 5 experts here just to secure the Ancient Demon Court?! Do they not care about the situation on the main continent anymore?!

Su Qianliu's complexion paled when she saw Crimson Heart and Stalwart Bear. Although she had already expected the two Guilds to blockade the Ancient Demon Court's entrance, she never expected them to be this desperate. Not only did they dispatch Cleansed Rue and One-eyed Ghost, but they had also dispatched Crimson Heart and Stalwart Bear. At this point, the two Guilds had practically dispatched half of their combat power to the Miniature Ancient World. Moreover, they had gathered all of it in front of the Ancient Demon Court.

In this situation, even with the help of the Tier 3 Ancient Mana Equipment Sets, their team would be unlikely to escape...

"Level 105? So this is your confidence."

After both sides remained silent for a moment, a figure suddenly appeared by the teleportation portal. This figure appeared like a ghost, and the aura he radiated also resembled that of a ferocious ghost. Bathed in this aura, Su Qianliu and the others felt as if their bodies had been submerged into a quagmire, and they couldn't help but feel suffocated.

"It seems One-eyed Ghost has made significant improvements again," Crimson Heart commented when she saw One-eyed Ghost charging ahead. Then, she turned to Stalwart Bear and indifferently asked, "The footwork he used is the Bronze Footwork Phantom Ghost, right?"

"That's right." Stalwart Bear nodded in delight. "Thus far, he and the Guild Leader are the only ones who have mastered it. With this footwork, he should have no problems getting into the top three in the next Sword Meister competition."

While Stalwart Bear was talking, One-eyed Ghost had also executed his footwork again, instantly arriving in front of Su Qianliu and the others like a ghost.

"You have really toyed with our two Guilds, Su Qianliu. It seems all of us have underestimated you," One-eyed Ghost said as he looked at Su Qianliu. Then, he unsheathed the blood-red greatsword on his back and coldly said, "But if you think that you can escape from us just because you have a level advantage, then you are sorely mistaken. You have two options right now. The first is to hand over all of the loot and delete your accounts, and the second is for me to kill you until you delete your accounts! Take your pick!"

As soon as One-eyed Ghost finished speaking, the players maintaining the magic barrier enveloping the area around the portal also strengthened the barrier's output. Now, apart from reducing Zero Wing's members' Basic Attributes by 20%, the barrier also reduced their reaction speed by 20%.

Chapter 3011

Chapter 85 – Determining Superiority in One Battle

Su Qianliu couldn't help but smile bitterly in her heart when she looked at One-eyed Ghost and the 100-plus Refinement Realm experts around them.

The current situation was completely outside of her expectations.

She had never thought that the Guild Shi Feng created would have such a strong foundation. She also didn't expect Shi Feng to set his eyes on the Ancient Demon Court, something which Hundred Flower Palace and Nature Hall had already set their sights on, and clear it in Hell Mode.

Every one of these miracles was essentially a provocation for the two first-rate Guilds.

Although Su Qianliu could empathize with the two Guilds, she really wanted to say one thing to One-eyed Ghost right now:

She really didn't do it on purpose...

However, Su Qianliu also understood that nothing would change even if she said that now. This was because Zero Wing had already acquired the Ancient Demon Court. If Zero Wing wished to retain ownership over the Ancient Demon Court, it would have to fight against the two first-rate Guilds.

After letting out a deep sigh, Su Qianliu said in the team chat, "Guild Leader, I will distract One-eyed Ghost with Firecloud. I doubt Crimson Heart, Stalwart Bear, and Cleansed Rue would hurry to take action. If everyone on the team scatters and flees, it is unlikely the three of them will pay attention to you. At that time, try to break out of the encirclement. So long as you can break through, our efforts today will not go to waste."

Firecloud also nodded in agreement. Although they were currently suppressed by a magic barrier, with the effects of their Tier 3 Ancient Mana Equipment Set, he should have no problems holding One-eyed Ghost back for some time if he worked together with Su Qianliu. After all, they could already exhibit power at the Tier 4 standard with their Tier 3 Skills and Spells. With him holding the line at the front and Su Qianliu launching Spells at the back, it was entirely possible for them to clash against a monster-level expert like One-eyed Ghost.

Hearing Su Qianliu's words, Blackie and the others also readied themselves to put their lives on the line.

However, after seeing everyone's resolve, Shi Feng casually looked at One-eyed Ghost and said, "No need to go through such trouble. If these are all the forces they have here, they cannot stop me."

After saying so, Shi Feng started walking step by step toward One-eyed Ghost.

"Guild Leader?"

Su Qianliu was stunned when she saw Shi Feng walking toward One-eyed Ghost. She never thought Shi Feng could settle for a frontal confrontation.

However, before Su Qianliu could react to the situation, Shi Feng had already moved within ten yards of One-eyed Ghost.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng's words and actions had also surprised the two first-rate Guilds' members.

“We cannot stop you? What bold words you have there, punk!” One-eyed Ghost’s eyes twitched, his expression turning grim as he looked at Shi Feng. He never thought that some no-name ant would dare disregard him to such an extent. “It seems you are eager to die first! In that case, I’ll grant you your wish!”

After saying so, One-eyed Ghost swung his crimson greatsword, sending several crescent blades flying at Shi Feng.

Advanced Combat Technique, Fragmented Moon!

“The vice commander is really mad now. He actually used one of his ultimate moves right off the bat.”

“That’s right! With this, that kid won’t last more than a move.”

Nature Hall’s members couldn’t help but be awed when they saw the crescent blades flying toward Shi Feng.

Fragmented Moon was one of One-eyed Ghost’s ultimate moves, and it merged four sword lights to form one crescent blade. Although One-eyed Ghost was only at Tier 3 right now, every crescent blade he unleashed carried power at the Tier 4 standard. This move simply wasn’t a move ordinary experts could block.

Even if a well-equipped Tier 3 Berserker received one of these crescent blades with their weapon, they would get knocked back by over a dozen steps. A Swordsman like Shi Feng would fare even worse if he tried to block those crescent blades.

Subsequently, when the crescent blades were about to reach Shi Feng, Shi Feng suddenly brandished the Winter of Eternal Night.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

A series of metallic sounds echoed throughout the cavern.

To everyone’s surprise, not only did Shi Feng shatter the several crescent blades, but he had done so without taking even half a step back. He behaved as if nothing had happened, and he looked at One-eyed Ghost as if saying: Is this all you got?

“Good! It seems you’re not all talk!” One-eyed Ghost’s expression turned chilly when he saw Shi Feng neutralizing his attack. “Let’s see how many times you can repeat this!”

Getting serious, One-eyed Ghost suddenly transformed into an afterimage.

Bronze Footwork, Phantom Ghost!

For a time, One-eyed Ghost started appearing and disappearing around Shi Feng like a ghost. The afterimages he left behind looked incredibly realistic, making it impossible for others to pinpoint his real body.

“What speed!”

Firecloud's expression grew heavy as he watched One-eyed Ghost flickering around the battlefield. Previously, he thought that he could match One-eyed Ghost for a moment if he worked together with Su Qianliu. However, looking at things now, he realized that he had been very naive. Currently, he couldn't even keep up with One-eyed Ghost with his eyes, let alone stop him...

Meanwhile, after the afterimages increased to a critical number, they suddenly sent sword lights flying at Shi Feng from multiple directions.

Is this the strength of one of the Eight Sword Masters? Su Qianliu felt her scalp tingling when she saw the numerous sword lights striking at Shi Feng from different directions. Although she had long since known that there was a big gap in strength between her and One-eyed Ghost, she didn't think it would be this huge.

At this time, she couldn't even keep up with One-eyed Ghost's movements, let alone fight him.

Subsequently, just when the countless sword lights were about to cut Shi Feng into shreds, Shi Feng brandished the Winter of Eternal Night once more.

Boom!

Space exploded, and a shockwave enveloped a radius of several dozen yards around the epicenter.

Immediately afterward, One-eyed Ghost's figure appeared in front of Shi Feng, his crimson greatsword stopped just half a yard away from Shi Feng, unable to proceed even an inch forward.

He blocked it?!

Before anyone realized it, a hint of shock and gravity had appeared on One-eyed Ghost's angry expression. Even Crimson Heart, Stalwart Bear, and Cleansed Rue couldn't help but be surprised and confused as they looked at Shi Feng.

One-eyed Ghost's execution of Phantom Ghost was undoubtedly perfect. When going up against this footwork, unless one possessed extraordinary reaction speed and an absolute perception toward one's surrounding environment, it'd be impossible to stop One-eyed Ghost's attack.

"Isn't the Guild Leader a little too amazing, Big Sis Qianliu?! He's actually holding his ground against one of the Eight Sword Masters!" Happy Snow exclaimed, her eyes glittering with excitement when she saw Shi Feng holding his ground against One-eyed Ghost.

His strength is on par with a Sword Meister? Su Qianliu also grew ecstatic when she saw Shi Feng coming out unscathed.

At this point, it wouldn't matter even if they lost this battle and had to start a new account. So long as Zero Wing had Shi Feng, it was only a matter of time before it became a first-rate Guild in God's Domain.

"Guild Leader?"

As for Blackie and the others, they gaped in shock at this scene, feeling as if they were coming to know Shi Feng for the first time.

The strength Shi Feng previously displayed in the Ancient Demon Court was already plenty surprising. However, the strength he currently displayed was on an entirely different level.

This was one of the Eight Sword Meisters they were talking about!

Excluding Tier 6 God-ranked experts, the Eight Sword Meisters were the strongest sword-wielding experts in God's Domain. Every one of them stood at the apex of God's Domain, and they could single-handedly threaten a Guild.

Yet, now, Shi Feng was standing toe-to-toe with a Sword Meister. This meant that he was already standing at the apex of God's Domain. In comparison, Shadow and Lan Hailong were nothing but jokes.

Chapter 3012

Chapter 86 – One Sword to Reach the Apex!

"It seems I have really underestimated you. I did not think a Domain Realm expert would settle down in a small Guild. It explains why Su Qianliu dared to openly challenge us," One-eyed Ghost coldly said as he looked at Shi Feng's cloaked figure. "However, don't you think you are being overconfident if you think you can provoke our two Guilds?"

After saying so, One-eyed Ghost suddenly vanished from everyone's vision.

However, unlike before, One-eyed Ghost's disappearance this time also caused the surrounding Mana to grow rampant, and even space itself had started trembling.

"I want to see how many times you can stop my attacks!"

After learning that Shi Feng wasn't an ordinary expert, One-eyed Ghost stopped holding back, choosing to unleash his Mana Domain immediately. Then, in conjunction with his Bronze Footwork, he activated his Tier 3 Legacy Skill Bloodshadow Thrust.

Bloodshadow Thrust was the fastest sword attack One-eyed Ghost could execute at Tier 3. Upon activating the Skill, One-eyed Ghost would execute thirteen consecutive thrusting attacks, each one faster than the one before. When paired with Phantom Ghost, even Stalwart Bear, one of the Five Blades, wouldn't dare to face One-eyed Ghost directly. This was because the speed of this attack simply wasn't something one could respond to with a Tier 3 physique.

Meanwhile, after One-eyed Ghost vanished from everyone's vision, the only sign indicating that he was still here were the streaks of red light zipping around the battlefield.

One streak...

Three streaks...

Seven streaks...

Each streak of red light that appeared moved faster than the other. Even spatial tears had started appearing around the battlefield by the ninth streak.

When Shi Feng saw the thirteen red light streaks coming for him, he revealed a faint smile. Then, after entering a casual stance, he started brandishing the Winter of Eternal Night.

Sword's Transmigration!

Immediately, sword lights also appeared around Shi Feng one after another and clashed with the oncoming red light streaks.

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

Every sword light caused space to shatter and the ground to tremble. The intense shockwaves and explosions gave everyone the illusion that the sky was falling.

When all thirteen light streaks disappeared, dust enveloped the entire cavern. Then, once the dust settled, everyone could see two figures standing on the battlefield. At this time, though, one of them was no longer wielding his sword. Or, more specifically, this person's arm, together with his sword, had fallen to the ground.

"How is this possible?!"

Everyone was stupefied when the dust thoroughly settled.

This was because the person who had lost his arm was none other than One-eyed Ghost. Moreover, his severed arm wasn't the only injury One-eyed Ghost suffered. There were also numerous deep cuts covering his body, and his HP had sharply fallen under the 25% threshold, entering a critical level.

"The vice commander actually lost!?"

Nature Hall's members were in disbelief when they saw that One-eyed Ghost was heavily injured while Shi Feng remained completely unharmed.

Although One-eyed Ghost was no longer as strong as he was on the main continent after entering the Miniature Ancient World, the techniques and combat standard he cultivated remained. Now that he had also mastered the Bronze Footwork Phantom Ghost, he could potentially rank among the top three of the Eight Sword Meisters. Other than God-ranked experts, there was probably nobody capable of defeating One-eyed Ghost without taking any damage.

Yet, now, not only did One-eyed Ghost lose to a no-name Swordsman, but he had even suffered a miserable defeat.

At this time, One-eyed Ghost also turned to look at Shi Feng, his eyes filled with shock. However, a moment later, he sneered and said, "Your skills truly amaze me. This is the first time I have seen someone capable of such swift attacks at Tier 3. Even the top three Sword Meisters pale in comparison. However, if you think that you can act arrogantly in front of our two Guilds just because of that, you should think again. If you don't hand over the Ancient Demon Court's key, none of you should think of leaving here today!"

As soon as One-eyed Ghost finished speaking, Healing Spells suddenly started landing on him one after another, instantly regenerating his HP back to full. Even his severed arm had regenerated completely.

Immediately afterward, the one hundred Refinement Realm experts on standby surrounded Shi Feng.

“These people are despicable! I can’t believe they’re resorting to bullying with numbers after losing a one-on-one fight!” Happy Snow said angrily when she saw the many Refinement Realm experts getting ready to fight. “Let’s join in as well, Big Sis Qianliu!”

Nodding, Su Qianliu said, “Mhm. Everyone, get ready. We’ll try to blast a hole in the barriers afterward. With the Guild Leader’s skills, he should have no problem escaping the two Guilds’ pursuit.”

With the help of magic barriers and magic arrays, it wouldn’t be a problem for a hundred Refinement Realm experts to whittle down a Domain Realm expert. It was especially true when both sides were still at Tier 3.

After all, all players had limited Mana and concentration. Meanwhile, fighting against Refinement Realm experts was an entirely different experience than fighting against ordinary experts. One would need to combine powerful combat techniques and Skills to kill Refinement Realm experts. Meanwhile, doing so would put a huge burden on one’s Stamina and Concentration.

Hence, in a situation where one didn’t have an advantage in tiers, even a Domain Realm expert wouldn’t dare to face one hundred well-equipped Refinement Realm experts. Not to mention, Nature Hall and Hundred Flower Palace had four apex experts on their side.

Just when Su Qianliu and the others were about to reinforce Shi Feng, Shi Feng glanced at One-eyed Ghost and indifferently said, “Me? Arrogant? No, it is you people who are arrogant! Do you honestly think you can do anything against me with just a hundred Refinement Realm experts?”

After saying so, Shi Feng took a step toward the nearest Refinement Realm expert. Then, with him at the center, the Mana within a 100-yard radius instantly vanished, the sudden change causing the Refinement Realm experts and One-eyed Ghost to feel suffocated.

Meanwhile, upon sensing the surrounding Mana disappearing and his Mana Domain getting overwhelmed, One-eyed Ghost couldn’t help but be stunned as he exclaimed, “This is...a true Mana Domain?!”

However, before One-eyed Ghost could make any further reactions, Shi Feng had already raised the Winter of Eternal Night. Then, concentrating all of the Mana he gathered from his surroundings into the sword, he transformed the weapon into a Mana greatsword that measured one hundred yards in length and swung it.

First Sword, Lightshadow!

Boom!

This was the first time Shi Feng had executed Lightshadow after his Strength Attribute had reached the Tier 4 threshold, and everywhere the sword of light passed through transformed into a pitch-black void. Even a Tier 4 Mythic monster would suffer serious injuries if struck by this attack. A Tier 3 player would be utterly helpless against this attack.

The instant the sword of light made contact with One-eyed Ghost's body, his HP fell to zero instantly, and even his body had disintegrated into nothingness...

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng completed his attack, an unprecedented silence enveloped the cavern as everyone dazedly stared at the broken space around Shi Feng.

Chapter 3013

Chapter 87 – True Monster

"He died..."

"I must be dreaming! How can he kill a hundred Refinement Realm experts in one move?! This must be a dream!"

Hundred Flower Palace's and Nature Hall's members couldn't help but doubt their eyes when they saw One-eyed Ghost and the 100 Refinement Realm experts evaporating from the battlefield.

They were aware that massive gaps could exist even between Tier 3 experts. Take One-eyed Ghost, for example. They were unlikely to beat him even if they ganged up on him. However, even though they couldn't beat him, they could see and understand why they were inferior to him.

The current situation, though, was something they couldn't even understand...

At this time, let alone the two Guilds' experts, even Su Qianliu and the others were flabbergasted by this situation. The attack Shi Feng just executed had already exceeded their common sense of what a Tier 3 player was capable of, and it was something none of them had seen before.

"What just happened, Big Sis Rue?! Why couldn't I sense even a bit of Mana fluctuation coming from him just now?!" Rain Song asked as she turned to Cleansed Rue, her eyes filled with shock and confusion. "That attack's power was close to reaching the Tier 4 Peak standard! How can a Tier 3 player like him unleash such power without using any Tier 3 Super Skills?!"

Space in God's Domain was incredibly stable, and attacks would typically have to reach the Tier 4 Peak standard to shatter space into oblivion. Unless a Tier 3 player used a Tier 3 Ancient Super Skill or Spell, it should be impossible for them to achieve such power.

However, Rain Song had failed to sense any Mana fluctuations coming from Shi Feng just now. In other words, Shi Feng had unleashed that extraordinary attack just now without employing the use of any Skills or Spells. Instead, he had relied entirely on his techniques to execute that attack.

Even as someone who used to be at the peak of Tier 4, Rain Song had never heard of a Tier 3 player being able to execute an attack at the Tier 4 Peak standard.

“He should’ve used some kind of Mana Technique just now,” Cleansed Rue said, a grim expression on her face as she looked at Shi Feng. “However, out of all the Mana Techniques I know, none of them are capable of unleashing such destructive power.”

“You two can stop guessing. That was indeed a Mana Technique,” Crimson Heart suddenly said as she watched the space around Shi Feng slowly mending itself. “But this Mana Technique should be...a God’s Legacy.”

“A God’s Legacy?!” Upon hearing Crimson Heart’s words, Rain Song immediately turned to look at Shi Feng, her voice trembling as she muttered, “Doesn’t that mean...he is...”

“Mhm, it is just as you guessed.” Look at Shi Feng, Crimson Heart’s complexion sank slightly as she said, “He should be a Tier 6 Sword God!”

“Crazy! This is crazy! Why would someone like him come to this place?!” Rain Song ranted almost frantically as she looked at Shi Feng.

Tier 6 God-ranked experts stood at the pinnacle of God’s Domain. Unless Tier 6 Gods appeared, they would be near-invincible existences.

Currently, the reason why so many experts had chosen to abandon their achievements on the main continent and enter the Miniature Ancient World was so that they could hopefully ascend to greater heights. Even Tier 5 experts were no exception.

However, it was a different story for Tier 6 God-ranked experts. As individuals who had already reached the theoretical finish line of God’s Domain, Tier 6 God-ranked experts did not need to enter the Miniature Ancient World. After all, no matter how great of a fortuitous encounter they came across in the Miniature Ancient World, the best they could achieve was to climb back to Tier 6. Rather than waste their time doing such a futile action, they’d be better off doing other, more productive things.

At this moment, Rain Song wasn’t the only one confused by this situation. Even Cleansed Rue, a Tier 5 expert, was similarly confused.

For what reason did a Tier 6 God-ranked expert like Shi Feng come to the Miniature Ancient World? Did he come here to bully noobs because he had nothing better to do?

While Cleansed Rue and the others were feeling shocked and confused, Shi Feng, who stood in mid-air, turned to Crimson Heart and Stalwart Bear. Then, like a god looking down at a bunch of ants, he asked, “Do you still want to continue?”

Even before obtaining the Tier 3 Ancient Mana Equipment Set, Shi Feng had never cared about any first-rate Guild. Now that he had the Mana Equipment Set, the only Guilds that could enter his eyes were Super Guilds. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have left the Ancient Demon Court with his team.

Meanwhile, upon hearing Shi Feng’s question, the two first-rate Guilds’ members couldn’t help but turn to look at Crimson Heart and Stalwart Bear, anxiety coloring their faces.

Previously, they had looked at Shi Feng and his team as if they were ants. Now, though, the situation had made a complete reversal, and Shi Feng could decide their life and death with just a thought.

It should be known that a Guild War Order was sealing the map they were currently in, so they couldn't log out even if they wanted to. Moreover, Shi Feng's team could even freely resurrect them after killing them. If Crimson Heart and Stalwart Bear answered poorly, everyone here would have a bleak future ahead of them...

"You jest, Sir." After a moment of silence, Crimson Heart frankly said, "If you wish to leave now, I doubt we'll be able to stop you even if we wanted to."

Shi Feng's attack just now had already destroyed the magic barrier enveloping his team. At this time, even Su Qianliu and the others could freely leave the cavern, let alone Shi Feng.

Hearing Crimson Heart's words, Stalwart Bear helplessly gestured for Nature Hall's members to step aside and open a path for Zero Wing's team.

Meanwhile, neither Crimson Heart nor Cleansed Rue was surprised by how decisively Stalwart Bear responded.

With Stalwart Bear's personality, he would've fought to the very end if Shi Feng wasn't a Tier 6 God-ranked expert. It wouldn't matter even if Nature Hall's team ran the risk of annihilation. He would take his chances so long as he had the slightest possibility of victory.

However, the only solution to a Tier 6 God-ranked expert was another Tier 6 God-ranked expert. Without a Tier 6 God-ranked expert on his side, the only thing Stalwart Bear could do in this situation was to take the loss. This was because it was incredibly difficult to topple a God-ranked expert using numbers. If he did that, he would only be worsening his losses. Not to mention, they were currently in the Miniature Ancient World. Making an enemy out of a Tier 6 God-ranked expert here was no different than courting death.

After seeing the two first-rate Guilds' members opening a path, Shi Feng locked the Ancient Demon Court's entrance and said through the team chat, "Let's go."

Meanwhile, whether it was Su Qianliu or Blackie, both of them couldn't help but stare at Shi Feng in a daze.

Being able to win against one of the Eight Sword Meisters was already an astonishing feat. Now, Shi Feng had even wiped out a hundred Refinement Realm experts in a single move. Even the legendary experts of God's Domain were probably incapable of such a feat when they were at Tier 3.

Chapter 3015

Chapter 89 – Small Guild?

Hundred Flow City, Teleportation Hall:

At this time, three players geared in Level 100 Dark-Gold Equipment Sets walked out of the Teleportation Hall and entered the restaurant opposite the Candlelight Hotel. Then, while having a light meal, they scrutinized the Candlelight Hotel across the street.

If someone were to carefully observe these three players, they would find that despite looking only around 20 years old, these three players radiated an aura of sharpness and confidence that one would rarely find on ordinary experts. In addition, all three of them were Half-step Refinement Realm experts.

“Is that where Zero Wing’s members are resting?” a male Berserker carrying a spear on his back asked while scrutinizing the dilapidated hotel across the street. Then, a look of surprise flashed across his eyes as he muttered, “What a strange hotel...”

Although the Candlelight Hotel looked dilapidated and inferior to the other brand new hotels in the city, the number of players entering the establishment was astonishingly high. He had already spotted several players entering the Candlelight Hotel in just one minute. Even more surprising was that these people had entered the hotel sneakily and hurriedly. These people would look around their surroundings, making sure that nobody was paying attention to them before swiftly entering the hotel.

“It’s normal for it to be strange. Otherwise, there’d be no reason why the higher-ups of our two Guilds would ask us to infiltrate the place, right?” a female Elementalist with a refreshing appearance said, a look of interest appearing on her face as she looked at the Candlelight Hotel.

“That’s right.” The last of the trio, a robust male Shield Warrior, nodded. Then, in an excited tone, he said, “So long as we can join Zero Wing and become Zero Wing’s core members, we’ll be able to join the ranks of executives and receive priority training from our Guilds.”

“I really don’t know what the higher-ups are thinking. Why would they have us of all people infiltrate a Guild? Shouldn’t this job be left to those outer elite members?” the Berserker youth said, a pondering look on his face. “It’s excessive to do this even for another first-rate Guild, let alone a newly-established Guild.”

The three of them ranked among the top five of their respective Guilds’ new recruits this year. They were also graduates of top-tier God’s Domain Academies. Yet, instead of providing them with proper training, their Guilds had tasked them with infiltrating a newly-established Guild. Even the various superpowers wouldn’t dare to take such an extravagant action.

“Why are you thinking so much about it?” the female Elementalist asked as she glanced at the Berserker youth. Then, she happily said, “Judging by how suddenly the higher-ups gathered us this time, they probably didn’t have a lot of time to prepare and decided to have us fresh graduates take on this job instead. Not only do we have a clean resume, but we’ll also have an easier time getting accepted as core members in a small Guild like Zero Wing. This is a transaction that’s beneficial to our Guilds and ourselves. Rather than complain, we’d be better off trying to finish our task as quickly as possible.”

The robust Shield Warrior nodded, expressing his agreement with the Elementalist.

“I guess you’re right.” After thinking it over, the Berserker felt he might have been overcomplicating things. “In that case, let’s finish our meals and hurry inside. The sooner we join Zero Wing, the sooner we’ll be able to finish the higher-ups’ task.”

Afterward, the trio quickly finished their meals, replenishing their Stamina and Concentration back to full. Then, they crossed the street and entered the Candlelight Hotel.

However, the moment the trio entered the Candlelight Hotel, they couldn't help but be startled.

"What dense Mana!"

Although the Mana outside was already plenty dense, the density of the Mana inside the Candlelight Hotel was even more terrifying. Standing inside the hotel made them feel like they were standing inside a cloud of mist made up of Mana. Their thoughts became much clearer and calmer as soon as they entered the building.

"How may I help the three of you?" Blakeana the NPC asked with a smile when she saw the trio entering the hotel.

"We are here to join Zero Wing," the Berserker said, getting straight to the point.

"Very well. Zero Wing's registration booth is over there," Blakeana said as she pointed at a corner of the lobby.

At this moment, there was not a soul standing in front of Zero Wing's registration booth. The only person at the booth was a bored-looking man dressed in a dark-gray robe. Judging by the booth's state, it didn't seem like Zero Wing was a Guild worthy of two top-tier first-rate Guilds' attention.

However, the trio didn't put too much thought into the matter. After all, this was their Guilds' instructions. No matter how terrible Zero Wing was, they still needed to join it.

Immediately, the trio approached the registration booth.

"Are you three here to join Zero Wing?"

When Blackie saw the three youths approaching the booth, his eyes promptly glowed in excitement.

Hours!

It had already been hours since he had set up this booth!

Yet, not even one person had come forth to ask about joining Zero Wing throughout this time. Now that three people had come forth simultaneously, Blackie was so moved that he was about to break into tears.

"Mhm. The three of us just graduated from our respective academies. We plan to develop in Hundred Flow City, so we are looking to join a Guild," the Berserker youth said, nodding. "But the three of us do not wish to become cannon fodder. We want to become core members directly. May I know what the requirement is to become a core member?"

The female Elementalist and robust Shield Warrior also nodded to express their agreement with the Berserker youth's words.

In the current state of God's Domain, it'd be incredibly difficult for small Guilds to recruit new members. It was especially true for graduates of God's Domain Academies. Even if a fresh graduate chose to join a small Guild, they would typically ask to become core members directly. Otherwise, they could simply join a large Guild and become an internal member there instead.

“You want to become core members directly?” Blackie grew a little embarrassed when he heard the Berserker youth’s words. “This... I’m afraid it’ll be difficult to fulfill your demand...”

“Difficult?” Smiling nonchalantly, the Berserker youth said, “You can rest assured of our strength. Our equipment might not look like much, but we are confident in our combat standards. May I know what’s the combat standard requirement to become a core member in your Guild? Is it the seventh floor’s early stage? Or the seventh floor’s middle stage?”

For the typical small Guild, players would only need to reach the Trial Tower’s sixth-floor late-stage to become a core member. Even if Zero Wing was a unique case, there was no way its requirement would exceed the seventh-floor early stage.

Meanwhile, as Half-step Refinement Realm experts, the three of them could clear even the seventh-floor late-stage. With their current combat standards, they could even become core members in second-rate Guilds, let alone a small Guild like Zero Wing.

In response, Blackie looked at the three youths for some time before awkwardly saying, “Refinement Realm...”

Chapter 3016

Chapter 90 – Hidden Foundation

“???”

The spy trio fell into a daze as they looked at Blackie’s slightly chubby body.

“What about elite members?” the Berserker youth asked.

“Refinement Realm...” Blackie repeated, scratching his head awkwardly.

The trio was rendered speechless by Blackie’s words. Didn’t this basically mean that only Refinement Realm experts were allowed to join Zero Wing?

“Cliff, do you think this person saw through our intentions?” the female Elementalist secretly asked through the team chat.

It should be known that if a Refinement Realm expert chose to join a first-rate Guild, they would immediately be accepted into the Guild’s main force and given the position of core members. Yet, now, newly-recruited Refinement Realm experts could only become elite members in Zero Wing. No matter how she looked at this situation, it was simply absurd.

“I don’t think so. We were only asking about Zero Wing’s recruitment standards. We have never specifically expressed our intention to join Zero Wing,” the Berserker youth named Dusk Cliff replied.

“What should we do, then?” the female Elementalist asked in exasperation. “This Guild is simply insane.”

The robust Guardian Knight nodded in agreement. If he wasn't here on a mission assigned by his Guild's higher-ups, he would've cursed at Blackie already.

"Refinement Realm? Aren't your standards a little too high?" After giving the matter some thought, Dusk Cliff looked back at Blackie and asked, "The three of us are at the seventh floor's middle-stage standard. What position will we be given if we join your Guild?"

"You can become internal members so long as you accumulate enough Guild Contributions," Blackie said in embarrassment. If it weren't for Shi Feng's maddening requirements, Zero Wing could've more or less recruited some expert players by now.

"Internal members?"

The spy trio breathed out a sigh of relief when they heard Blackie's words. At the very least, they could still join Zero Wing with their strength. Had Blackie said that the minimum requirement to join was also the Refinement Realm standard, they would've probably exploded in anger on the spot.

Seeing the hesitant expressions on the three youths' faces, Blackie hurriedly said, "Our Guild offers excellent benefits to internal members. So long as you become an internal member, you'll get the opportunity to exchange a Mana Technique Legacy that will help you significantly in reconstructing your Mana Body and reaching Tier 4."

Upon hearing Blackie's words, the trio looked at each other briefly before turning back to Blackie, a hint of disdain flashing past their eyes. If it weren't for their Guilds' request, they would've probably turned around and left already. After all, no matter how they looked at it, the person before them was undoubtedly a scammer.

First, it was the absurd entry requirement into Zero Wing. Now, Blackie was saying that internal members could exchange for an incredibly precious resource in God's Domain. If they didn't know any better, they'd think that Blackie was recruiting players for a Super Guild rather than a newly-established Guild.

No, even the various Super Guilds wouldn't give their recruits the chance to exchange for a precious Mana Technique!

However, despite the disdain they held in their hearts, they still kept up their act on the surface.

"Mana Technique? Okay! The three of us will join!" Dusk Cliff said, pretending to be excited.

Meanwhile, when Dawn Moon, the female Elementalist, saw Dusk Cliff's performance, she couldn't help but marvel at the man's acting skills and lament over their fate.

All three of them were geniuses who graduated from top-tier God's Domain Academies. Dusk Cliff, in particular, was even the third-ranking genius among Nature Hall's new recruits this year. Yet, here he was, forced to react excitedly over joining a small Guild that was recently established...

Afterward, the trio signed a standard contract for Zero Wing's internal members with Blackie, inwardly sighing in relief when they placed their signatures on the paper. They had finally completed the first step

of infiltrating Zero Wing with this. Afterward, all they needed to do was think of ways to improve themselves, accumulate Guild Contribution Points, and become core members as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, as soon as the three youths signed their contracts, Blackie saw Shi Feng walking down from the second floor. Hurriedly, he walked over and proudly said, "Guild Leader, look how amazing I am! I just secured us three internal members!"

"This person is Zero Wing's Guild Leader?"

When Dusk Cliff and the others heard Blackie's words, they promptly scrutinized Shi Feng's cloaked figure.

At this time, Shi Feng gave off the feeling of an ordinary civilian. If not for Blackie taking the initiative to greet him, they would've thought that Shi Feng was merely an ordinary player staying in the Candlelight Hotel. He didn't look like a Guild's Guild Leader whatsoever.

"Three Half-step Refinement Realm players?" After scanning the three youths, Shi Feng nodded and said, "That's quite a good achievement for people your age."

When Dusk Cliff and the others heard Shi Feng's words, they couldn't help but sneer inwardly. They didn't think that Zero Wing's Guild Leader would spot similar nonsense to the Vice Guild Leader.

While they couldn't be considered the best for reaching the Half-step Refinement Realm standard at 20 years old, they were still top-tier among their peers. Not to mention, they could potentially reach the Refinement Realm at any time, becoming a true expert in God's Domain.

"Do you have any more questions about our Guild?" Shi Feng asked as he looked at the trio.

"No," Dusk Cliff said.

"In that case, I have a task to give you," Shi Feng said. "I have a group of new recruits who have just finished the first phase of their training and require testing. Can the three of you spar with them?"

"Testing?" Dusk Cliff inwardly sneered. Rather than testing the training results of Zero Wing's new recruits, he felt that Shi Feng was trying to test the three of them instead. Even so, he still pretended to be happy as he said, "If it is a command from you, we are more than happy to oblige, Guild Leader."

"Okay, come with me, then," Shi Feng said, nodding. Then, he started making his way to the hotel's basement.

A magic barrier sealed the Candlelight Hotel's basement, and non-Zero Wing members were prohibited from entering it. As soon as Dusk Cliff and the others entered the basement, they promptly noticed that the density of the Mana here was much higher than even the Mana found on the first floor, and they couldn't help but be shocked by this discovery.

They didn't think that a small Guild like Zero Wing would actually have the means to create such a Mana-rich environment. Even the combat rooms found in Advanced Hotels didn't have such dense Mana.

“No wonder the higher-ups are having us investigate Zero Wing. If we can acquire the method to create such an environment, the development speed of everyone in our Guilds will increase by a large margin,” Dawn Moon said in realization.

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Chapter 3017

Chapter 91 – Gathering of Monsters?

A moment later, Shi Feng led the three youths to the largest combat room in the Candlelight Hotel’s basement.

At this time, six people had already gathered inside the combat room with a radius of a hundred yards. Of them, five were young men and women around 17. All five of these youths were only at Level 102, which was the current average for mainstream players, and they were also geared in nothing more than Fine-Gold Equipment. Meanwhile, these youths behaved like frightened rabbits as they stood before a masked female Assassin.

When Hidden Soul saw Shi Feng entering the room with three unfamiliar faces, she asked in surprise, “Are these three the test opponents?”

At a glance, Hidden Soul could tell that Dusk Cliff and the others were already close to reaching the Refinement Realm standard. So long as they could make it a habit to remove all of their unnecessary movements, they would reach the Refinement Realm.

For these three youths to reach such a standard at such a young age was quite an amazing feat, and they could already barely be considered geniuses if put in the various superpowers. Normally, the various superpowers would’ve long since snatched up such youths, so it’d be incredibly difficult to find even one of them unaffiliated to any Guilds. Yet, Shi Feng had found three of such talents.

“Mhm. Will they do?” Shi Feng asked.

“They’ll do.” Hidden Soul nodded. “Let’s begin right away, then.’

Meanwhile, when the trio in question overheard Shi Feng and Hidden Soul talking about them in such a casual manner, they felt their blood pressure rising.

“Alright.” Turning toward the trio, Shi Feng pointed at Wu Lingling’s group of five and said, “You will fight the five of them together. There won’t be any restrictions imposed.”

“The five of them?”

Dusk Cliff and the others couldn’t help but be a little confused when they turned to look at Wu Lingling’s group.

Not only was there a significant gap in equipment standards between their two groups, but there was also a huge gap in combat standards. Based on their observation, they could say with certainty that nobody in Wu Lingling's group had reached the Refinement Realm standard.

With such a huge disparity, even one of them could take on Wu Lingling's group of five, let alone all three of them.

It should be known that they were graduates of Advanced God's Domain Academies. Taking on a bunch of freshmen was a piece of cake for them.

Rather than a test, it'd be more appropriate to call this a bullying session.

However, Dusk Cliff and the others didn't put too much thought into the matter as they quickly got into battle positions.

"Don't blame us for this. This is the Guild Leader's instructions," Dusk Cliff said, expressing his helplessness as he looked at Wu Lingling's group of five.

The requirement of their respective Guilds' higher-ups was for them to become core members in Zero Wing. Now that they were only internal members, they'd have to perform well and prove their worth if they wished to become core members quickly.

Meanwhile, Wu Lingling and the others didn't say anything in response to Dusk Cliff's words. Instead, all five of them quickly got into position, none of them daring to make even the slightest mistake. After experiencing how scary Hidden Soul could be, none of them wanted to experience it for a second time...

"Begin!"

After seeing that everyone was in position, Hidden Soul started the combat room's battle mode.

Immediately, Dusk Cliff and the others drew their weapons and got ready to take action against Wu Lingling and the others.

Meanwhile, as if Hidden Soul's words had triggered something in them, a crazed look suddenly appeared in the eyes of Wu Lingling and the others. Then, before Dusk Cliff's group could react, Wu Lingling the Swordsman activated her Berserk Skill that doubled her Basic Attributes and sent out over a dozen sword lights that locked onto her opponents' vitals.

At the same time, Xiao Yuheng the Ranger and Liu Yuecheng the Cleric also activated their Berserk Skills. Then, Xiao Yuheng started raining arrows down on Dusk Cliff's group while Liu Yuecheng summoned light barriers to surround the trio.

As for Lu Wuxuan the Guardian Knight and Qin Wuchen the Assassin, they had also activated their respective Berserk Skills and appeared in front of Dusk Cliff's group...

Dammit!

Dusk Cliff's group was startled by this situation. They didn't think Wu Lingling's group would be so crazy and scary. Hurriedly, they activated their Berserk Skills and tried their best to block the five's coordinated attacks.

However, the moment they clashed with Wu Lingling's group, Dusk Cliff and the others realized a scary matter. Rather than academy freshmen, it'd be more appropriate to describe the five juniors in front of them as reckless little monsters.

The coordination between the five was excellent, and the way they chained their attacks was seamless. It was as if the five of them were of one body, and they didn't even need to look to know what each other was doing. They had also flawlessly used each other's Skills and Spells to their own advantage.

However, this still wasn't the most frightening matter.

What was even more astonishing was their combat standards. Even though Wu Lingling and the others looked like they were only 17-year-olds, all five of them were already close to reaching the Half-step Refinement Realm. Or, more specifically, they could already exert fine control over their four limbs. Wu Lingling, in particular, was at the Half-step Refinement Realm already.

Subsequently, in less than 30 seconds, all three members of Dusk Cliff's group collapsed to the ground, while everyone in Wu Lingling's group remained alive...

What kind of place is Zero Wing? How can a new Guild produce such a group of little monsters?

Even after Dusk Cliff and the others got resurrected, none of them could believe the outcome of the battle.

These were 17-year-olds they were talking about!

When the three of them were at this age, even the Trial Tower's sixth-floor early stage was far out of their reach, let alone the Half-step Refinement Realm. Yet, now...

Out of the group of five juniors before them, four already possessed combat standards nearing the seventh floor's early stage. One of them even reached the Half-step Refinement Realm standard already.

After factoring in their perfect coordination, they could probably hold their ground against even a Refinement Realm expert.

Meanwhile, after experiencing this fight, Dusk Cliff and the others gradually understood why their two Guilds had tasked them with infiltrating Zero Wing. The Guild known as Zero Wing definitely wasn't as simple as they thought.

In reality, let alone Dusk Cliff's group, even Shi Feng couldn't help but be astonished when he saw how the fight turned out. He didn't expect Hidden Soul to be such a capable trainer.

It had only been a few days since Wu Lingling and the others started training under Hidden Soul. Yet, now, the combat experience they showed already surpassed what Blackie and the others possessed. Moreover, they had already practiced the exercise he taught them to a very high level of proficiency,

and the way they utilized their Skills and Spells even made use of some of the Flowing Water Realm's principles.

At this rate, it probably wouldn't take more than half a month before all five of them reached the Refinement Realm.

Meanwhile, Hidden Soul nodded her head and said, "Not bad. Since all of you passed the test, we can end your training for today. From tomorrow onwards, we'll be conducting your training outdoors."

Upon hearing Hidden Soul's words, Wu Lingling and the others loosened their breaths simultaneously. Their tense expressions also relaxed significantly.

"We finally passed," Wu Lingling said as she patted her chest. Then, she smiled at Qin Wuchen and the others, saying, "Thank goodness our opponents this time weren't strong. I don't ever want to experience getting killed thousands of times again."

"..." Dusk Cliff and the others couldn't help but feel offended as they looked at Wu Lingling. Yet, they had no words to say back to her.

"..." Shi Feng also couldn't help but take a look at the resurrected trio before him.

Chapter 3018

Chapter 92 – That's Right, She Is Only an Outer Member

After the test was over, Wu Lingling and the others logged out of the game to rest. They had been training continuously for a long time before the test, so all of them were incredibly exhausted now. Not to mention, they also had many things they needed to do tomorrow.

Meanwhile, after Wu Lingling's group left, Shi Feng turned toward Dusk Cliff's group and said, "I heard from Blackie that you three wanted to become Zero Wing's core members?"

"Yes."

Dusk Cliff and the others turned to look at Shi Feng, their eyes full of wariness. Even so, their voices did not contain any hesitation when they spoke.

After their fight with Wu Lingling's group, they came to understand that the seemingly ordinary man before them definitely wasn't an ordinary person. This was because the moment they stepped inside this combat room, they immediately noticed how powerful and extraordinary of an existence she was.

Even though Hidden Soul was clearly standing there, none of them could perceive her presence. Although they had never come across such a situation before, they knew that anyone capable of accomplishing such a feat absolutely possessed incredibly high combat standards. This was because even the Tier 5 Assassins they had come across in their respective Guilds were incapable of erasing their presence to such an extent. In other words, Hidden Soul should be top-tier even among Tier 5 experts.

Yet, despite being such a powerful expert, Hidden Soul was not Zero Wing's Guild Leader. Moreover, based on the conversation they overheard, it would seem that this female Assassin was answering to Shi Feng's instructions.

God's Domain was a world where the strong were respected. No matter how respected a Guild's Guild Leader was, so long as this Guild Leader lacked strength, experts stronger than the Guild Leader would, at most, treat the Guild Leader as an equal. There was no way these experts would behave like obedient underlings.

The fact that Hidden Soul was following Shi Feng's orders without question meant that Zero Wing's Guild Leader was stronger than this female Assassin, and under no circumstances should they underestimate him.

Meanwhile, few players in God's Domain would join a Guild without desiring to climb to a high position in the Guild. In the rare case that such players appeared, there was a high chance that they were spies. Hence, rather than deny Shi Feng's question, it'd be best if they openly acknowledged it instead.

"Not bad. It's good to have ambition." Shi Feng nodded.

"???" Dusk Cliff and the others were momentarily stunned by Shi Feng's response.

What did he mean?

Also, why did it feel like Shi Feng had touched a nerve in them?

"Do you see her?" Shi Feng suddenly asked as he turned toward Hidden Soul.

"Her?"

Dusk Cliff and the others also turned toward Hidden Soul, feeling a little confused by Shi Feng's question.

"Mhm." Nodding, Shi Feng said, "She is currently an outer member of Zero Wing."

"Outer member? Her?!"

Dusk Cliff and the others couldn't help but widen their eyes in shock, feeling as if Shi Feng was playing a joke on them. After all, how could an expert, who they suspected to be at the peak of Tier 5, be only an outer member of Zero Wing?

Hidden Soul: "..."

"That's right." Looking at the trio, Shi Feng said, "But you don't need to be surprised. The only reason she is an outer member is because she wants Zero Wing's Mana Technique Legacy but doesn't want to get tied down by restrictions."

"There

Dawn Cliff and the others were shocked. They originally thought Blackie was joking with them when he told them that the Guild offered a Mana Technique for exchange. After all, Mana Techniques were

incredibly precious resources, and even the various superpowers' top-tier geniuses wouldn't necessarily be able to get their hands on one.

Yet, now that a suspected Tier 5 expert had joined Zero Wing for the specific purpose of exchanging Zero Wing's Mana Technique, it proved that the matter of Zero Wing offering a Mana Technique Legacy for exchange was true. Moreover, the Mana Technique in question should be beyond the standard fare. Otherwise, there was no way someone of Hidden Soul's caliber would want it so much that she'd willingly join a small Guild like Zero Wing. After all, the various superpowers would be more than willing to offer her a Mana Technique should she choose to join them.

"Of course." Shi Feng calmly said. "If you can get your hands on that Mana Technique Legacy, not only can you reach Tier 4 in a short time, but you can also establish a sturdy foundation for Tier 5. However, you'll need a significant amount of GCPs to exchange it. Even if you three are internal members now, the technique will still cost you eight million GCPs, so you'll have to work hard if you want it."

"Establish a foundation for Tier 5?"

When Dusk Cliff and the others heard Shi Feng's words, a passionate flame ignited in their eyes.

With their talent, the three of them were confident in reaching Tier 4. Reaching Tier 5 was too difficult of a feat, and the chances of them succeeding were incredibly slim.

Meanwhile, every Tier 5 expert was an existence standing at the apex of God's Domain, and even the various superpowers would treat Tier 5 experts as VIPs. If they could get promoted to Tier 5 in the future, they would instantly ascend to the peak of life.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng offered some words of encouragement to Dusk Cliff's group, the trio also went about doing their own things, leaving only Shi Feng and Hidden Soul inside the combat room.

"You treat your subordinates very well," Hidden Soul said, feeling a little surprised.

"They're not my subordinates," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Or, more precisely, they're not true members of Zero Wing, but rather spies from other Guilds."

"???" Hidden Soul was stunned.

"You know that Zero Wing is very poor. The Guild has hardly any money and resources right now," Shi Feng calmly said. "If I don't give them some encouragement and tell them that the Guild offers Mana Techniques for exchange, would the Guilds behind them willingly send money and resources our way?"

It should be known that 20-year-old Half-step Refinement Realm experts were considered geniuses even by the various superpowers' standards. Yet, three such geniuses had chosen to join Zero Wing instead of a superpower. No matter how one looked at it, there was no way this situation was normal. Otherwise, he wouldn't have bothered wasting so much effort into nurturing Wu Lingling and the others.

"..." Hidden Soul had nothing to say. She felt that Shi Feng's words made a lot of sense.

At this time, Shi Feng suddenly received a message. Then, after reading the message, he looked at Hidden Soul and asked, "Do you have time to go out on a trip with me right now?"

“Go out? Now?” Puzzled, Hidden Soul said, “It’s going to be nighttime soon. The nights here are very dangerous outside.”

“Mhm.” Nodding, Shi Feng said sincerely, “That’s why I am inviting you.”

Hidden Soul: “???”

After opening the system map, Shi Feng pointed at a place several maps away from Hundred Flow City and said, “Don’t worry. It isn’t a dangerous place. We’ll only be making a trip to the Misty Canyon.”

When Hidden Soul took a look at where Shi Feng pointed, she couldn’t help but ask, “You want to visit a Level 120 map?”

The Miniature Ancient World’s level suppression was much stronger than the level suppression on the main continent. Just a difference of five levels would increase a monster’s challenge difficulty by one rank. In other words, if players tried to challenge a Great Lord that was five levels higher, they would essentially be going up against a Grand Lord that was five levels higher. If the monster in question was a Grand Lord, its challenge difficulty would increase to that of a Grand Lord ranked Archaic Species.

If players fought against monsters 15 levels higher, an ordinary Great Lord’s challenge difficulty would directly increase to that of a Mythic monster.

In response to Hidden Soul’s question, Shi Feng canceled the concealment effects of his Black Cloak.

“...” When Hidden Soul saw Shi Feng’s level of 105, she realized that he actually possessed the ability to visit the Misty Canyon. Then, after pondering for a moment, she said, “Five hundred thousand points.”

As a Tier 5 expert rivaling Tier 6 God-ranked experts, her services did not come cheap. It was especially true when she needed 40 million points to exchange for the Holy Annihilation Mana Technique.

“Deal. Let’s go,” Shi Feng said without bothering to negotiate prices. Then, he made his way out of the combat room.

Did I ask for too little? Hidden Soul was a little stunned when she saw Shi Feng’s decisiveness. However, she still quickly sorted out her equipment and followed Shi Feng.

Chapter 3019

Chapter 93 – Ancient Dark-Gold Mount

Outside the Candlelight Hotel, Su Qianliu and the others had long since been waiting here.

Meanwhile, when Su Qianliu saw Shi Feng coming out of the hotel, her first thought was to walk up and greet him. However, before she could do so, she suddenly entered an alert stance when she saw Hidden Soul walking behind Shi Feng. This was because the moment she saw Hidden Soul, her instincts told her that the other party was a monster-level player that could give even the various superpowers a huge headache. There was no doubt that Hidden Soul was much stronger than the likes of One-eyed Ghost.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng saw Su Qianliu's wary expression, he calmly said, "No need to worry. She is with us."

She's one of us? Su Qianliu was shocked when she heard Shi Feng's words, and she couldn't help but scrutinize Hidden Soul's cloaked figure.

The strength of a Guild depended greatly on the number of strong experts it possessed. If one Tier 6 God-ranked expert was enough to elevate a Guild to the status of a top-tier first-rate Guild, then two Tier 6 God-ranked experts could get a Guild recognized as a superpower in God's Domain.

If Hidden Soul truly was Zero Wing's member, Zero Wing's future wouldn't stop at just the first-rate standard. It was entirely possible for the Guild to become a superpower in the future.

"Did you bring the things?" Shi Feng asked, not bothering to elaborate on Hidden Soul's situation.

"Yes." After snapping out of her daze, Su Qianliu handed a spatial bag to Shi Feng and said, "There are 320,000 Magic Crystals here. This is everything I managed to exchange."

"Mhm, this much should be enough," Shi Feng said. After storing the spatial bag away, Shi Feng took out a black flute from his bag space.

A Dark-Gold Mount? Hidden Soul couldn't help but be surprised when she saw the flute in Shi Feng's hand.

Dark-Gold Mounts were by no means on the main continent. At this stage of the game, most Guilds' Guild Leaders would have a Dark-Gold Mount already. However, it was a different story inside the Miniature Ancient World. Since players weren't allowed to bring Mounts with them when transferring here, players would have no choice but to hunt for their own Mounts in the Miniature Ancient World.

However, even until now, no information regarding Mounts had spread in the Miniature Ancient World. Even the various superpowers' Guild Leaders had to use their own two feet to travel here.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng blew on the flute, a black hole immediately appeared on the street outside the Candlelight Hotel. Then, a giant white wolf that measured seven meters tall and had a purple lightning mark on its head walked out of the black hole, its three snowy-white tails swaying slowly from side to side as it moved.

"Is it a monster invasion?"

"No, it's a Mount!"

"Damn! Someone already got a Mount?!"

"What rank is this Mount? Why does it have such a powerful aura?"

The players walking on the street grew restless and confused when they saw the Thunder Wolf appearing. Then, they turned toward Shi Feng's group, their eyes filled with curiosity and envy.

In the current era where players could only travel using their feet, obtaining even a Basic Mount would elevate their leveling efficiency by a significant margin, let alone a Mount that was as big as the Thunder Wolf.

It was common knowledge that a Mount's size reflected their strength to a certain extent. Meanwhile, a seven-meter-tall Mount was at least equal to a Great Lord of the same level in strength. In the current Miniature Ancient World, it would be immensely useful to have a Great Lord on one's side.

"This Mount looks so cool! I'd buy it in a heartbeat even if I have to pay a million Credits for it!"

"Just one million? Are you dreaming? Dark-Gold Mounts go for at least three million even on the main continent, let alone the Miniature Ancient World. Not to mention, with how strong this wolf looks, it might even be an Epic Mount. If that's the case, the various Guilds would probably fight for it even if they have to pay 20 million. A Great Lord ranked Mount isn't just a means of transportation. It can also be incredibly useful in battle. Just this point alone is more than enough for the various Guilds' executives to fight to obtain it."

"That's right. I'd be willing to become the girlfriend of whoever owns such a Mount."

When the surrounding crowd saw the Thunder Wolf sitting down before Shi Feng and sticking its tongue out cutely, they nearly drooled out of envy.

The biggest trouble players currently faced in the Miniature Ancient World was transportation. Even with the speed of a Tier 3 player, it'd take over half an hour just to run from the city to some of the closer leveling spots, while some of the farther ones required one to two hours of continuous running.

As for farther maps, few players would be willing to travel there. This was because of the mysterious energy that filled the Miniature Ancient World. So long as players stepped out of the protection of NPC Cities, this mysterious energy would continuously corrode their bodies, reducing their Stamina and Concentration. This meant that players only had limited time to grind out in the fields. If players spent too much time on traveling, it would impact their leveling efficiency significantly.

Meanwhile, the assistance a Great Lord ranked Mount could provide would absolutely increase the owner's leveling speed by two times or more.

A Great Lord ranked Archaic Species? Shi Feng was similarly astonished when he saw the Thunder Wolf's Attribute Panel.

On the main continent, the average Level 100 Dark-Gold Mount would only start out at the Lord rank. Moreover, even if players nurtured their Dark-Gold Mounts properly, their Mounts could, at most, reach the Great Lord rank.

Yet, now, the Dark-Gold Mount, or, more specifically, the Ancient Dark-Gold Mount before him had actually started out at the Great Lord rank. Moreover, it was even an Archaic Species. In front of it, ordinary Great Lords of the same level were nothing but pushovers.

If he nurtured the Thunder Wolf well, it might even ascend to the Tier 4 Mythic rank in the future. At that time, it'd be a nigh-unstoppable force on land.

However, compared to the Thunder Wolf's combat power, what surprised Shi Feng even more was its Movement Speed. The Thunder Wolf's Movement Speed was close to rivaling that of Tier 3 Common Flying Mounts. In other words, its Movement Speed was on par with that of Tier 4 players.

"Blackie, how about selling me that Shadow Panther of yours? If a Fragmented Legendary item drops in the future, I'll be sure to let you have it first," Firecloud said to Blackie after seeing the Thunder Wolf.

"Scram! I'm a magical class while you're a melee class! We don't even use the same items!" Blackie said contemptuously.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng was done inspecting the Thunder Wolf's stats, he hopped onto its back and looked at Hidden Soul, saying, "Hop on."

In response, Hidden Soul snapped out of her daze and jumped onto the Thunder Wolf's back as well.

"Let's go," Shi Feng said to Su Qianliu and the others as he pulled on the Thunder Wolf's reins.

Immediately, the Thunder Wolf retracted its tongue and stood up. Then, putting force into its legs, it propelled itself forward, transforming into a gale as it sped through the street and vanishing from everyone's vision in the blink of an eye.

What speed!

Hidden Soul, who was riding atop the Thunder Wolf, couldn't help but be surprised once more when she experienced the Mount's speed. She also had to change her evaluation of the Thunder Wolf's usefulness. Now, she felt that the Thunder Wolf could easily increase Shi Feng's leveling speed by three or four times rather than just two times.

Currently, the biggest problem players faced when leveling up wasn't their lacking strength. Instead, it was their limited range of activity. However, with the Thunder Wolf's speed, Shi Feng could increase their range of activity by ten times or more. He could explore places where other players couldn't reach, and all the resources and monsters in these places would belong to him and nobody else. Naturally, his leveling efficiency would increase even further.

After Shi Feng rode the Thunder Wolf out of Hundred Flow City, the many players and powers operating in Hundred Flow City promptly started looking into the identity of the Thunder Wolf's owner.

Meanwhile, with the Thunder Wolf's speed, it only needed to run for 20 minutes before crossing even the farthest maps that current Hundred Flow City players grinded in.

Subsequently, it took another two hours to cross the mountains and forests infested with Level 110-plus monsters.

Finally, after running ceaselessly for four hours, Shi Feng and Hidden Soul arrived at the Misty Canyon, a map infested with Level 115 to Level 120 monsters. It was also the closest large map to the Boundary River.

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Chapter 94 – Town Rune Crystal

Miniature Ancient World, Misty Canyon:

Shi Feng pulled the reins of the Thunder Wolf and stopped in front of the Misty Canyon. Then, he looked back to Hidden Soul and said, “We’re here. It’s your turn next.”

As a Level 120 map, the Misty Canyon was filled with Level 115 monsters or above. Even if he had reached Level 105 already, he would still be under a lot of pressure if he had to fight against monsters ten levels higher. After all, the challenge difficulty of ordinary Great Lords would increase to that of Grand Lord ranked Archaic Species with such a level difference.

Even if his Strength Attribute had reached the Tier 4 threshold already, he wouldn’t dare to go up against several hundred Grand Lord ranked Archaic Species simultaneously. While these monsters couldn’t outright kill him, they were more than capable of exhausting him to death.

Not to mention, the Misty canyon was considered a neutral zone in the Miniature Ancient World. It was also the map that linked two God’s Domains together. The monsters inside weren’t just limited to Great Lords and Grand Lords. Mythic Field Bosses probably littered the place as well. If he came across one of these Field Bosses, he would have difficulty even escaping.

Meanwhile, the Assassin class was the most suitable class for exploring maps. This was because the effects of level suppression did not apply to the perception of monsters. With the Stealth Skill and her combat standard, Hidden Soul could remain undetected even if she moved within 100 yards of a Level 120 Mythic Boss.

“The terrain here is incredibly complex. Are you sure you want to go inside?” Hidden Soul asked after glancing at the canyon ahead.

Rather than a canyon, the Misty Canyon looked more like a giant meteor crater. Moreover, in addition to the complex terrain, mist also enveloped the entire crater, which reduced visibility to less than 300 yards. Even if she scouted the area beforehand, it’d be very easy for them to encounter a group of monsters if they weren’t careful. The chances of such encounters would also increase the deeper they traveled into the Misty Canyon.

“Of course. Why would I bring you here otherwise?” Shi Feng replied in an affirmative tone.

Now that the various powers had increased their efforts in recruiting manpower in the Miniature Ancient World, he needed to do something to make sure Zero Wing didn’t fall behind. Meanwhile, with Zero Wing’s lack of resources and funding, the best solution to improve Zero Wing’s situation was to secure the Misty Canyon.

There were more than ten NPC Cities’ worth of players trying to enter the Boundary River. Meanwhile, these players could only get to the Boundary River through the Misty Canyon. Adding on the fact that there were no NPC settlements located in or near the Misty Canyon, it went without saying that various powers would fight to establish Guild Towns in the Misty Canyon in the future.

Now that Shi Feng had a Town Rune Crystal, he naturally had to secure the best location in the Misty Canyon as soon as possible. Once he did that, not only could he increase the leveling efficiency of Zero Wing's members, but the Guild would also have its funding problem resolved.

Once players reached Level 110, there would be many experts flooding into the Misty Canyon. At that time, there'd be no need to worry about no players coming to rest in Zero Wing's town. It'd also become much easier for Zero Wing to recruit expert players. After all, who could resist the opportunity to get a huge lead ahead of others in the Miniature Ancient World?

"Whatever, it's your choice. But don't blame me if you die."

Hidden Soul stopped trying to dissuade Shi Feng after hearing his answer. Although she didn't know what Shi Feng was trying to do here, she had no reason to give up on an opportunity to earn 500,000 GCPs just by completing a simple task.

Immediately, Hidden Soul jumped off the Thunder Wolf's back and activated Instantaneous Movement, vanishing into mist and disappearing from Shi Feng's perception in the blink of an eye. Seeing this, Shi Feng had to admit that Hidden Soul was indeed a monster.

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After Shi Feng waited for nearly two hours, he received a message from Hidden Soul that contained a detailed road map leading to the Misty Canyon's inner region. Hidden Soul had also marked the layout of monsters along the route and made notes of their rank, level, and perception range.

Her infiltration skills are truly amazing. It's no wonder she managed to kill all those Outerworld God-ranked experts and fight Demon's Gate's Death Wind to a standstill, Shi Feng thought as he looked at Hidden Soul's road map in admiration.

It should be known that the Death Wind was one of Demon's Gate's Nine Great Experts, and he claimed that he had a Divine Eye. In terms of strength, Death Wind was capable of going against an entire sub-world's experts all by himself. No matter how weak a sub-world was, it would have at least several dozen Tier 6 God-ranked experts. In other words, Death Wind was capable of going up against several dozen Tier 6 experts simultaneously.

Yet, Hidden Soul managed to fight Death Wind to a standstill in the past. This showed just how much talent and skill she possessed.

Although the Hidden Soul in this life had only managed to only reach Tier 5, she definitely wasn't as simple as she seemed.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng researched the road map, he recalled the Thunder Wolf and started following the map on foot.

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An hour later...

“We can’t go any further from here. The area ahead of us is infested with Level 120 Grand Lords and Level 120 Mythic Bosses,” Hidden Soul said as she pointed at the area that linked the Misty Canyon and the Boundary River. “I have already explored the surrounding area for locations without monsters and vast terrain as you requested. Two places match your requirements. Take a look at them yourselves.”

After saying so, Hidden Soul marked two locations on Shi Feng’s map of the Misty Canyon.

Of the two locations she found, one was located by a creek near the Misty Canyon’s core region, and the ambient Mana here was incredibly dense. The other location was at the top of a cliff in the Misty Canyon’s inner region, which overlooked a significant portion of the Misty Canyon. Although it had less dense Mana, the location was easily defensible.

Meanwhile, after looking at these two locations, Shi Feng hesitated only for a moment before he had Hidden Soul lead him to the creek.

Mana was the basis of everything in God’s Domain. Denser Mana meant quicker improvements. A Mana-rich area would be especially useful when nurturing newcomers in the Guild.

After circling past a bunch of Level 118 Demonic Beasts, Shi Feng and Hidden Soul arrived before a forest surrounded by a creek.

“That’s the place,” Hidden Soul said as she pointed at the lush forest ahead. “That’s it for our agreement. If you don’t need me for anything else, I will be taking my leave now.”

“Aren’t you curious why I came here?” Shi Feng asked, smiling as he looked at Hidden Soul.

“I might have been curious before, but is there even a need to wonder after seeing all of the actions you have taken here?” In a nonchalant tone, Hidden Soul said, “You are neither here to grind nor search for treasures. You even asked me to find a safe and spacious area. Other than building a town, I can’t think of anything else you would be doing here.”

Hidden Soul wasn’t particularly surprised to learn that Shi Feng was trying to establish a town here. After all, Shi Feng was an Outerworld God-ranked expert. He must possess means beyond the imagination of ordinary powers, so it wouldn’t be strange if he could come up with a Guild Town sp shortly after the Miniature Ancient World opened.

However, in response to Hidden Soul’s words, Shi Feng shook his head and smiled, saying, “You’re only half correct.