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Chapter 115 – Confrontation?

Inside a luxurious five-story mansion in Hundred Flow City...

Currently, 40 players who had reached Level 103 were gathered inside the mansion's fifth-floor conference room. All 40 of these players were fully geared in Epic Equipment, and they radiated an aura that would instill fear into an ordinary Tier 3 expert. Some of these players even radiated dense bloodlust, their bodies surrounded by a faint layer of red mist.

"Why did you suddenly gather us here, Nightingale? Did something happen?" the 30-year-old man radiating the densest bloodlust asked as he looked at Zhuo Yalin coldly, his voice showing no respect for her whatsoever. "You should know how important the Crimson Mist Legion's missions are. We do not have time to waste here with you."

The man's unforgiving words caused the Mysterious Moon experts present to fall silent, none of them daring to say a word as they looked at Zhuo Yalin.

The Crimson Mist Legion!

It was the only trump card legion Mysterious Moon possessed, and the legion's commander was Crimson Seal, the grim-looking man speaking to Zhuo Yalin. At the same time, Crimson Seal was also one of Mysterious Moon's Vice Guild Leaders.

Normally, Crimson Seal should've been responsible for overseeing Mysterious Moon's operations in the Miniature Ancient World. However, the Guild Leader had decided to leave this responsibility to Zhuo Yalin to nurture her into one of the Guild's future leaders. Hence, Zhuo Yalin was technically Crimson Seal's superior in the Miniature Ancient World.

However, because of this situation, Crimson Seal ended up having great opinions about Zhuo Yalin. After all, in terms of management capabilities and combat standards, Crimson Seal was still significantly superior to Zhuo Yalin. It was especially true when it came to combat standards.

In Mysterious Moon, Crimson Seal was a Void Realm expert capable of ranking within the top five in the Guild, and he was just half a step away from reaching the Domain Realm. In contrast, Zhuo Yalin was only a Flowing Water Realm expert.

However, Zhuo Yalin had long since gotten used to Crimson Seal's strictness. So, she smiled and said, "Vice Guild Leader Seal, I know the Guild Leader has assigned many missions to you, but I have gathered everyone here today to make an important announcement."

"An important announcement?" With eyes full of disdain, Crimson Seal said, "What do you think can be more important than collecting the tokens for the Twin Lions City's Greyhawk Outpost?"

World Domination's entry into Hundred Flow City had thoroughly messed up Mysterious Moon's original plans, and this forced Mysterious Moon with no choice but to move their base of operations to the Twin Lions City.

Meanwhile, the competition for the Greyhawk Outpost, the Mana Outpost closest to the Twin Lions City, was already closing. Some of Hundred Flow City's other first-rate Guilds had also moved to the Twin Lions City. Thus, competition for the Greyhawk Outpost was going to be much more intense than the competition for the Darkmoon Outpost.

"The Darkmoon Outpost!" Zhuo Yalin said in a serious tone. "We have already invested a lot into Hundred Flow City. We will incur massive losses if we give up on it now. My intention is for us to follow our original plans and continue competing for the Darkmoon Outpost!"

As soon as Zhuo Yalin finished speaking, many people in the room couldn't help but gasp and look at her in disbelief.

A Super Guild!

This was a giant mountain that towered above the many first-rate Guilds in God's Domain.

Many people in Mysterious Moon might think that their Guild had no reason to fear a confrontation with a Super Guild, but core members like them know that this was nothing but a delusional fantasy. As core members of the Guild, they knew just how big of a gap there existed between Mysterious Moon and a Super Guild.

"Compete for the Darkmoon Outpost?" Crimson Seal couldn't help but laugh when he heard Zhuo Yalin's words. "Are you telling us to attack World Domination?"

"That's right." Zhuo Yalin nodded.

"Are you insane, Nightingale?" Crimson Seal abruptly stood up from his seat and glared at Zhuo Yalin. "The Guild Leader might have left you in charge of the Guild's affairs in the Miniature Ancient World, but he did not grant you permission to send the entire Guild to the grave!"

At this moment, other than Lin Yaoyue, who sat beside Zhuo Yalin, everyone else in the room couldn't help but deeply agree with Crimson Seal.

"That's right! While I understand you find it difficult to accept losing the investments we have made in Hundred Flow City, you can't joke around using the Guild's future, Vice Commander Nightingale."

"World Domination might not have sent many people to Hundred Flow City, but their experts still outnumber us by a large margin. We will only be seeking our own deaths by competing with World Domination."

"Based on our findings, World Domination has dispatched three legions to Hundred Flow City this time. Of them, there is even a trump card legion led by World Domination's Vice Guild Leader Zuo Tiankuang. You are aware of how powerful World Domination's trump card legions are, right, Vice Commander Nightingale? Of each legion's 1,000 members, even the weakest among them is at the Half-step Refinement Realm, and many among them are at the Refinement Realm. The team leaders in the legion

are also at the Refinement Realm's peak at the very least. With our forces, how can we even hope to compete with World Domination?"

For second-rate Guilds and below, they would only know that Super Guilds were existences that shouldn't be offended. However, they were unaware of how powerful a Super Guild was exactly.

A Half-step Refinement Realm expert that would be treated as an integral member of a first-rate Guild would be nothing but the weakest member in a Super Guild's 1,000-man trump card legions. Even in a Super Guild's normal 1,000-man legions, a Half-step Refinement Realm expert could, at most, become a team leader, while the normal members of the legion were first-rate experts at the very least.

Meanwhile, World Domination had dispatched two normal legions and one trump card legion to Hundred Flow City. Faced against such a force, it wouldn't matter even if every first-rate Guild in Hundred Flow City banded together. They still wouldn't be able to go against these three legions from World Domination.

Indeed!

This was the difference between a first-rate Guild and a Super Guild. The two were standing on entirely different levels.

"I understand your concerns," Zhuo Yalin said patiently after hearing everyone's objections. "Which is why Mysterious Moon wouldn't be the only one competing for the Darkmoon Outpost this time. Zero Wing will also be assisting us!"

"Zero Wing?" Upon hearing Zhuo Yalin's words, everyone quickly thought of something. "Is it the Guild established in Hundred Flow City by that Outerworld God-ranked expert?"

Although Zero Wing's existence remained a secret in Mysterious Moon, everyone present was a core expert of the Guild. So, they had more or less heard about Zero Wing and its origins. While Mysterious Moon had thought of partnering with Zero Wing previously, the demands of Zero Wing's Guild Leader Black Flame were simply far too much for Mysterious Moon to accept.

Currently, though, Zero Wing was nothing but an empty shell of a Guild. The only noteworthy expert in Zero Wing was Black Flame. As for the Thousand Flow adventurer team that had joined the Guild, it was nothing but an insignificant existence.

Meanwhile, Crimson Seal sat down again and sneered, saying, "Nightingale, Zero Wing might have a God-ranked expert, but the Darkmoon Outpost's problem isn't something just one God-ranked expert can resolve."

At this moment, even Lin Yaoyue couldn't help but be confused by Zhuo Yalin's decision, let alone Crimson Seal. While Black Flame was indeed powerful, with Zero Wing in its current state, there was very little the Guild could do in the Miniature Ancient World, much less clash against a Super Guild in a direct confrontation.

However, before Zhuo Yalin could offer a response, a knocking sound suddenly came from the door. Then, the person outside the conference room loudly reported:

“Vice Commander Nightingale, Black Flame and his companion have arrived at the mansion’s entrance. Should I let them in?”

“Invite them in.”

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Chapter 116 – Ice Queen

The conference room fell silent when everyone heard Zhuo Yalin’s words. None of them thought Zhuo Yalin had invited Black Flame to this conference.

“What do you think this little girl is trying to do, Vice Guild Leader? Is she really intent on fighting for the Darkmoon Outpost?” the 50-year-old thin man dressed like a knight sitting next to Crimson Seal asked in a whisper.

“I don’t know.” Crimson Seal shook his head. Then, in a resolute voice, he said, “But if that really is the case, I will have no choice but to carry out the Guild Leader’s secret command and deprive her of her authority.”

“I guess that’s the only thing we can do if she is bent on having her way,” the thin man said, nodding. Then, he let out a sigh and muttered, “But it truly is a pity...”

Their Guild Leader and Great Elder had already designated Zhuo Yalin as the future leader of Mysterious Moon. Meanwhile, with the Miniature Ancient World’s launch, the Guild Leader had decided to use this opportunity to nurture Zhuo Yalin.

However, the Miniature Ancient World was crucial to Mysterious Moon’s future. So, as a preventive measure, the Guild Leader had also sent Vice Guild Leader Crimson Seal and several other old fellows like him to the Miniature Ancient World.

On the one hand, they would be assisting Zhuo Yalin in managing the Guild. On the other hand, they would be testing Zhuo Yalin’s capabilities.

Currently, though, they couldn’t help but find Zhuo Yalin’s behavior to be a little too over the board. It was simply absurd to fight against World Dominators just to salvage the Guild’s losses. Let alone them, even the Guild Leader and Great Elder probably wouldn’t wish to see the Guild’s future successor have such a behavior.

Meanwhile, so long as Vice Guild Leader Crimson Seal carried out the Guild Leader’s secret command, it would mean that Zhuo Yalin would thoroughly lose her qualifications to become the Guild’s future successor.

After all, if a Guild wished to survive for a long time, its leaders would need to know when to cut their losses and seek other alternatives. Stubbornly insisting on a path would simply plunge the Guild into the abyss.

While Crimson Seal and the vice commander of the Crimson Mist Legion were having a hushed conversation, the conference room doors suddenly opened.

A moment later, a man and a woman walked into the room. The man wore a Black Cloak and had a pitch-black longsword hanging by his waist, while the woman wore a luxurious dark-red mage's robe. At a glance, the man looked like he was a wanderer in the wilderness, while the woman was a beauty who radiated an air of elegance and maturity.

Meanwhile, upon the arrival of these two people, Mysterious Moon's members couldn't help but look at them curiously. Everyone paid especially close attention to Shi Feng.

"Is he that God-ranked expert?"

"Even though he's standing right in front of me, I can't feel even the slightest hint of his presence. Is this the degree of control a God-ranked expert has over his body?"

Mysterious Moon's experts wore a look of shock and yearning as they observed Shi Feng's every movement.

Tier 6 was a goal that all players in God's Domain dreamed of reaching.

Yet, despite there being several dozen billion players in God's Domain, only a few dozen had managed to reach Tier 6. One could easily imagine how difficult it was to become a Tier 6 God-ranked expert.

Now that everyone got to see a God-ranked expert in person, their previously faded ambitions had ignited once again.

However, not long after everyone started observing the two new arrivals, they couldn't help but gasp in shock.

"Level 106?!"

"How is her level so high?"

Shi Feng was wearing a Black Cloak, so everyone couldn't see his level. However, Su Qianliu wasn't wearing one, so they could easily determine her level by using a simple Identification Skill. Meanwhile, what they discovered blew their minds.

"It seems rumors about the Ice Queen aren't completely baseless," Crimson Seal muttered. He, too, was a little surprised when he saw Su Qianliu's level.

Crimson Seal was the Vice Guild Leader of Mysterious Moon, a first-rate Guild. Thus, he had never paid much attention to the name of Ice Queen Su Qianliu. Or, more specifically, he had never even heard of Su Qianliu before coming to the Miniature Ancient World.

After all, Mysterious Moon didn't have any operations in the Black Dragon Empire. The only information Mysterious Moon had bothered to collect was on the empire's peak experts, first- and second-rate Guilds, and top ten adventurer teams. Meanwhile, Su Qianliu's Thousand Flow adventurer team was barely considered a well-known adventurer team in the Black Dragon Empire. Thus, it was only natural that it did not enter Mysterious Moon's eyes.

Crimson Seal would never have learned about Su Qianliu's name if not for Zero Wing.

However, the current Su Qianliu far surpassed Crimson Seal's initial expectations.

Su Qianliu was only the commander of a well-known adventurer team in the Black Dragon Empire. Yet, in the current Miniature Ancient World, where only an extreme few experts had managed to reach Level 103, Su Qianliu had already reached Level 106...

What rapid leveling speed!

Zhuo Yalin was also surprised by Su Qianliu's level. She never thought that Zero Wing would be so powerful to help Su Qianliu level up so quickly.

Meanwhile, when Mysterious Moon's members had their attention focused on Su Qianliu's level, Shi Feng also arrived before the conference table.

After Su Qianliu briefly introduced both parties, Shi Feng made his way up to the conference stage.

"I believe Miss Nightingale has already informed everyone present of the situation." After sweeping his gaze across the people in the room, Shi Feng got straight to the point and said, "Zero Wing is similarly very interested in the Darkmoon Outpost. Hence, we plan to work with Mysterious Moon to secure it. May I know what everyone thinks about this arrangement?"

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, silence enveloped the room as Mysterious Moon's experts pondered over his words.

They'd be lying if they said they weren't interested in working together with a Tier 6 God-ranked expert. However, if a Tier 6 God-ranked expert was all the assistance Zero Wing had to offer, Mysterious Moon would still be unlikely to win the competition for the Darkmoon Outpost. They were going up against a Super Guild, after all. If they handled this matter poorly, they might end up dragging the entirety of Mysterious Moon into the abyss.

A moment later, Crimson Seal stood up from his seat and glanced at Zhuo Yalin. He felt that Zhuo Yalin was still too much of a greenhorn when handling Guild affairs. Or, more specifically, the mystery surrounding Tier 6 God-ranked experts was far too great. Meanwhile, this mystery had clouded Zhuo Yalin's ability to make a proper judgment. In his opinion, while Zero Wing might have some capabilities, these capabilities were still not enough for it to go against a Super Guild.

Afterward, Crimson Seal turned to Shi Feng and bluntly said, "Mr. Black Flame, you might be a God-ranked expert, but don't you think that you are underestimating World Dominators a little too much? World Dominators's foundations are not something you can uncover just by spending a few days in the Miniature Ancient World. In regards to your invitation, forgive Mysterious Moon for rejecting it."

“You say that I am underestimating World Dominators?” Looking at Crimson Seal, Shi Feng calmly asked, “In that case, may I ask how much do you know about Zero Wing, Vice Guild Leader Seal?”

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, Su Qianliu, who stood beside him, suddenly unleashed a burst of Mana. Su Qianliu’s Mana flooded the room instantly, causing every Mysterious Moon present to experience a suffocating feeling. In addition, everyone also found that they had lost the ability to use the Mana surrounding them...

However, compared to Su Qianliu’s Mana, the aura she radiated was much more terrifying. Faced against Su Qianliu’s aura, many of the Refinement Realm experts couldn’t help but react like frightened rats and instantly retreated by over a dozen yards away from her, their eyes full of wariness as they looked at her.

Tier 4 strength?!

Crimson Seal was dumbfounded as he looked at Su Qianliu.

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Chapter 117 – Extraordinary Foundations

“How is this possible?! Could she have reached Tier 4 already?”

“She’s only at Level 106 right now, so there’s no way she is at Tier 4. It is probably because of her weapon and equipment.”

“That can’t be possible, right? It would take at least a Fragmented Legendary item for her to have such powerful Mana and aura. But her staff is giving off an Epic ranked glow, while her equipment is giving off a Dark-Gold ranked glow. There’s not even one Fragmented Legendary item on her.”

Mysterious Moon’s members felt as if they were standing in the presence of a Mythic monster right now, and they couldn’t help but grow confused by this situation.

Tier 4 strength!

This was the greatest combat power players could muster in the current Miniature Ancient World. Even the various superpowers’ apex experts were only at this level.

However, the various superpowers’ apex experts could only acquire such strength because they had the help of Hall of Fame-level Epic Equipment Sets in addition to their extraordinary combat techniques. Even then, only the raw power of their attacks would reach the Tier 4 standard. The standard of their Mana would still be at Tier 3.

It should be known that Su Qianliu was only at the Flowing Water Realm. Some of the Mysterious Moon experts present were even superior to her when it came to combat standards, let alone the various superpowers' apex experts.

Yet, even without entering combat, Su Qianliu already possessed strength and Mana at the Tier 4 standard. In other words, Su Qianliu possessed the true might of a Tier 4 player.

If Su Qianliu were to enter combat and use Skills, Spells, and combat techniques, she could unleash even greater strength.

If it came down to a fight, even Crimson Seal wouldn't necessarily match Su Qianliu.

At this moment, let alone Mysterious Moon's other members, even Zhuo Yalin and Lin Yaoyue, who were relatively familiar with Zero Wing's members, couldn't help but be shocked.

Is this what Zero Wing is capable of?

Lin Yaoyue's eyes burned with a passionate flame as she scrutinized Su Qianliu. Although she had previously learned from Shi Feng that Zero Wing was an extraordinary existence in the world it came from, she felt that as an Outerworld power, the things it could do here should be incredibly limited.

She felt that she could, at most, acquire some Legacies and combat techniques from Zero Wing, which could, in turn, pave a smoother path for her in the future. If she relied solely on Zero Wing, it'd be impossible for her to become an expert that even the various superpowers feared.

However, she no longer felt that way now!

After the Thousand Flow adventurer team joined Zero Wing, Lin Yaoyue had conducted an investigation into Su Qianliu. According to her investigation, while Su Qianliu was indeed a Tier 4 expert in the Black Dragon Empire, she was only at the Flowing Water Realm standard. She might be able to get into the upper echelons of a first-rate Guild with such standards, but she definitely couldn't become one of the leading executives.

Yet, after joining Zero Wing for a few days, Su Qianliu had gained strength so overwhelming that even Crimson Seal had to fear her!

"How many people with such strength do you think World Dominators has, Vice Guild Leader Seal?" Shi Feng smiled as he looked at Crimson Seal. "Ten? Twenty? Or is it thirty?"

After Su Qianliu returned to Hundred Flow City, Shi Feng had passed the Holy Annihilation Mana Technique to her. In addition, he had also given her a drop of Ancient God's Blood, upgrading her Mana Body to the Gold rank. After combining these factors with the Ancient Mana Equipment Set acquired from the Ancient Demon Court, Su Qianliu's Basic Attributes and Mana were now extremely close to reaching the Tier 4 standard. The only thing she was missing now was a Tier 4 physique and Tier 4 Spells.

"There shouldn't be more than ten," Crimson Seal said after giving Shi Feng's question some thought.

If World Dominators invested all of its available resources and manpower into the Miniature Ancient World, it might be capable of producing 30 Tier 4 combatants.

However, if they were only talking about Hundred Flow City's side, World Dominators probably couldn't even muster five Tier 4 combatants, let alone thirty.

World Dominators might not have trouble getting their hands on Hall of Fame-level Epic Equipment Sets, but it was a different story for Epic Weapons that rivaled Fragmented Legendary Weapons. Even with World Dominators' influence, it could, at most, acquire 30 of such weapons. This was because Epic Weapons of such caliber were even rarer than the average Fragmented Legendary Weapon.

In addition to items, players also needed to be at the Domain Realm to achieve Tier 4 combat power.

In God's Domain, Domain Realm experts were incredibly rare even in the Five Great Super Guilds, let alone World Dominators. Every one of these experts was a core executive in the Guild.

Currently, out of World Dominators's members in Hundred Flow City, only Zuo Tiankuang and his two vice commanders were likely to have Tier 4 combat power. The likelihood of anyone else having such combat power was incredibly low.

"What about experts with combat power close to reaching the Tier 4 standard?" Shi Feng asked.

"There shouldn't be more than 20," Crimson Seal answered definitively.

Although the requirements for achieving combat power close to the Tier 4 standard weren't as strict, players still needed to be at the Void Realm standard at the very least. While Void Realm experts weren't as rare as Domain Realm experts, they were still relatively rare. Typically, they could be seen working as legion vice commanders in the various Super Guilds.

With there being only three legions in Hundred Flow City, there was no way World Dominators could have more than 20 players with combat power nearing the Tier 4 standard based here.

"Less than 20?" After scanning the crowd before him, Shi Feng said, "If Mysterious Moon agrees to partner with Zero Wing, Zero Wing will let everyone here gain strength close to the Tier 4 standard. Will that be enough strength to fight against World Dominators now?"

"What did he say?"

"How is that possible?!"

Mysterious Moon's members couldn't help but feel that Shi Feng was joking with them when they heard his words.

Although achieving strength nearing the Tier 4 standard wasn't as challenging as achieving strength at the Tier 4 standard, it still wasn't something that could be achieved easily. Not to mention, most of the people present were only at the Refinement Realm standard. Trying to achieve such combat power was nothing but a pipe dream for them.

The only feasible way Shi Feng could accomplish such a feat was if he gave everyone here a Fragmented Legendary item each. However, that evidently wouldn't be possible.

Even on the main continent, Super Guilds would have great difficulty taking out 40 Fragmented Legendary items on the spot. Needless to say, the difficulty of doing so in the Miniature Ancient World was exponentially greater.

In response to everyone's doubtful gazes, Shi Feng took out one of the Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Sets in his bag and put it on the conference table. Then, he said, "Won't you find out if I'm telling the truth or not if you take a look?"

Everyone quickly started inspecting the Ancient Mana Equipment Set's effects upon hearing Shi Feng's words.

"A Mana Equipment Set?"

"The eight-piece set effect improves physique by 40%! Isn't this set effect insane?!"

"No! What's truly amazing about this set is the Mana! The Basic Attributes the set provides might be inferior to eight-piece Epic Sets, but the boost it gives toward Mana is simply absurd! It practically doubles the power of all Skills and Spells!"

Everyone couldn't help but gasp when they saw the Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Set's statistics.

Although this standardized set couldn't provide players with Tier 4 Basic Attributes, the improvements it could provide in actual combat were simply ridiculous. With the effects of this set, Tier 3 Skills and Spells used by Tier 3 players would most likely exhibit power at the Tier 4 standard. Moreover, the higher the player's Skill or Spell Completion Rate, the greater the improvements they would see.

For Refinement Realm experts like themselves, if they paired this Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Set with a top-tier Epic Weapon, they could easily hold their ground against a Tier 4 Mythic monster.

No wonder he has such confidence, Crimson Seal thought as he looked at Shi Feng. He finally understood how Su Qianliu managed to gain her current strength.

"Forty sets!" Shi Feng said, smiling as he extended four fingers to the crowd before him. "If you partner with Zero Wing, Zero Wing will provide you with 40 of these Mana Equipment Sets!"

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Chapter 118 – What About Super Guilds?

"Forty sets?!"

"What?! Zero Wing has forty of such Mana Equipment Sets?!"

"I must be dreaming! Even the Five Great Super Guilds will have trouble getting ten of such sets, let alone forty!"

Everyone couldn't help but doubt their ears when they heard Shi Feng's words.

Mana Equipment Sets capable of surpassing eight-piece Epic Equipment Sets in combat performance were unbelievably rare even on the main continent, let alone the Miniature Ancient World. If a Guild could acquire even ten of such sets, it'd be nigh-unstoppable in the current Miniature Ancient World. They couldn't even imagine what they could achieve if they had forty of such Mana Equipment Sets.

At this time, even Zhuo Yalin, who supported partnering with Zero Wing, couldn't help but think that Shi Feng was joking with them. Although she knew that Shi Feng must've come prepared, the promise he just made simply sounded too exaggerated to be true.

If any of the current powers could get their hands on so many Mana Equipment Sets, it'd be a devastating force in the Miniature Ancient World. It could probably even exchange blows with the Five Great Super Guilds if it weren't afraid of the repercussions.

Meanwhile, after taking a deep breath, Crimson Seal looked at Shi Feng with a serious expression and said, "Mr. Black Flame, if what you say is true, then Mysterious Moon will be willing to partner with Zero Wing to secure the Darkmoon Outpost!"

Crimson Seal's sudden change in attitude stunned many of the Mysterious Moon members present.

Of course, everyone could also understand his reaction.

There was probably no power in God's Domain that could turn down the opportunity to gain forty of such heaven-defying Mana Equipment Sets.

"Don't be in such a hurry to make promises, Vice Guild Leader Seal. I still haven't finished speaking," Shi Feng said with a light smile. He wasn't at all surprised by Crimson Seal's sudden change in attitude.

"Although I have talked about the partnership with Miss Nightingale, Zero Wing will not be providing these Mana Equipment Sets for free."

"That is only natural," Crimson Seal said, nodding.

There'd have to be something seriously wrong with the brains of Zero Wing's leadership if the Guild provided the forty Mana Equipment Sets for free.

It should be known that if any power in Hundred Flow City managed to acquire these forty sets right now, it'd become Hundred Flow City's overlord immediately. With these forty sets as a bargaining chip, Zero Wing could also talk with any of the other first-rate Guilds in Hundred Flow City and get a good deal. Zero Wing had no obligation to partner with Mysterious Moon at all.

After saying so, Crimson Seal couldn't help but glance at Zhuo Yalin, who was still in a daze, his evaluation of the girl increasing significantly. Then, he said, "Nightingale is the person in charge of Mysterious Moon's affairs in the Miniature Ancient World. She can represent Mysterious Moon on all matters here. If you have any conditions to make, feel free to state them to Nightingale, Mr. Black Flame."

Crimson Seal wasn't a fool. He naturally noticed the hint in Shi Feng's words. Mysterious Moon only had the opportunity to partner with Zero Wing now because of Zhuo Yalin. Without her, there'd be no

foundation for their two Guilds to negotiate partnership on. Thus, it was only right that he let her handle negotiations with Zero Wing.

The other Mysterious Moon members present also nodded in agreement with Crimson Seal's words, and this situation caused Zhuo Yalin to look at Shi Feng gratefully. Because of a few simple words from Shi Feng, her position in Mysterious Moon had changed completely. Now, she was finally Mysterious Moon's person-in-charge in the Miniature Ancient World.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng also inwardly sighed in relief when he saw this situation. After reaching this point, he could finally begin carrying out his plans. Immediately, he looked toward Zhuo Yalin and said, "Miss Nightingale, since Mysterious Moon has already agreed to the partnership, I can offer Mysterious Moon two methods of acquiring these forty Mana Equipment Sets.

"In the first method, Zero Wing will rent these sets to Mysterious Moon at a rate of 200 Gold and 1,000 Magic Crystals per set per day. In the second method, Zero Wing will sell these sets to Mysterious Moon for 4,000 Gold and 10,000 Magic Crystals per set.

"Zero Wing will only accept one-time payments for both these methods. In addition, after we secure the Darkmoon Outpost, Mysterious Moon must give Zero Wing three of the six Shops in the Outpost. Of them, one must be the Large Shop. Mysterious Moon must also give Zero Wing half of the Darkmoon Outpost's total revenue."

When Shi Feng finished speaking, Su Qianliu, who stood beside him, frowned slightly. Then, she asked in a whisper, "Are you really going to sell them these sets, Guild Leader?"

Although the Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Sets were slightly inferior to the sets looted from the Ancient Demon Court, they were still heaven-defying equipment in the current state of the Miniature Ancient World.

She could understand it if Shi Feng chose to rent these sets to Mysterious Moon. After all, Zero Wing didn't even have the necessary Refinement Realm experts to take advantage of these sets' full potential. However, she couldn't help but be confused by Shi Feng's offer to sell these sets.

If these forty sets were used on Zero Wing, it could allow Zero Wing to trample over the various powers in Hundred Flow City. There'd be no power in Hundred Flow City that could oppose Zero Wing. However, if Zero Wing sold these sets to Mysterious Moon, Zero Wing would be unnecessarily creating competition for itself in Hundred Flow City.

In reality, Su Qianliu wasn't the only one surprised by Shi Feng's offer. Even Mysterious Moon's members were taken aback. None of them thought that Zero Wing would be selling them these Mana Equipment Sets.

It should be known that every Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Set could be used to produce a Tier 4 combatant. In the current era where players were still far from reaching Tier 4, the value of having forty Tier 4 combatants went without saying.

"Don't worry. I know what I'm doing," Shi Feng replied without explaining his decision.

The Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Set might be powerful, but its flaws were also obvious—it had a high upkeep cost. Every durability point consumed required ten Magic Crystals to replenish. Meanwhile, it wasn't strange for the set to lose several, or even over a dozen, durability points after a single battle.

Such expenditure might not be a problem for a first-rate Guild like Mysterious Moon, but it wasn't something the current Zero Wing could afford at all. Not to mention, Zero Wing needed to spend a lot of Coins and Magic Crystals to further its development.

Rather than hold onto a bunch of Mana Equipment Sets that Zero Wing couldn't adequately make use of, it'd be much wiser to convert these sets into Coins and Magic Crystals. He could also pull Mysterious Moon in as an ally for Zero Wing by doing so, killing two birds with one stone.

As soon as Shi Feng finished answering Su Qianliu, Zhuo Yalin promptly said, "Mysterious Moon will choose the second method. We will pay the full amount tomorrow. However, we hope Zero Wing can provide us with the forty sets today. May I know if you can allow that, Mr. Black Flame? After all, there isn't much time left until the competition for the Darkmoon Outpost, and it'd take some time to gather so many Magic Crystals..."

These forty Ancient Mana Equipment Sets were undoubtedly Mysterious Moon's best chance at striking it big in the Miniature Ancient World. She'd be an utter fool not to buy them.

However, an expenditure of 160,000 Gold and 400,000 Magic Crystals was a heavy burden even for Mysterious Moon. It was especially true for the 400,000 Magic Crystals. Mysterious Moon couldn't take out so many Magic Crystals right now even if it wanted to. She'd have to request headquarters to transfer more resources over from the main continent.

"That won't be a problem." Shi Feng nodded.

Afterward, Zhuo Yalin and Shi Feng signed a contract with each other, the contract stating that Shi Feng needed to transfer forty Ancient Mana Equipment Sets to Mysterious Moon by today, while Mysterious Moon needed to pay him 160,000 Gold and 400,000 Magic Crystals by tomorrow.

After signing the contract, Shi Feng took out the forty Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Sets in his bag and handed them to Zhuo Yalin. Then, Zhuo Yalin quickly distributed these sets to the Mysterious Moon members in this room.

A Super Guild, is it? Fighting spirit burned in Zhuo Yalin's eyes when she looked at everyone wearing the Mana Equipment Set. It's about time you learn who's boss!

Ever since the situation in God's Domain had stabilized a few years ago, not a single non-superpower had ever dared to challenge a Super Guild.

However, that was all going to change after today.

Today, Mysterious Moon would become the first non-superpower to challenge a Super Guild after so many years!

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Chapter 119 – The Beginning of Madness

New Moon Forest:

A 100-man team of Level 103 experts geared with Dark-Gold and Epic Equipment was in the midst of fighting against a horde of Undead numbering in the thousands. Although there were quite a few Level 105 Great Lords among these Undead creatures, this expert team quickly and steadily reduced the horde's numbers.

The leader of this 100-man team was a male Berserker wielding a blood-red two-handed saber. In addition to holding off several Great Lords by himself, this Berserker was also issuing commands to his teammates that precisely targeted the weak points of the Undead horde.

In less than half an hour after the battle began, the 100-man team successfully cleaned up the horde of several dozen Great Lord ranked Undead Knights and several thousand other Undead creatures. Not only did the team suffer zero casualties, but they had also expended little Stamina throughout the battle. If they kept up this pace, the team could probably take care of several more Undead hordes of such size without having to take any breaks in between.

"You're really the best, Boss Blade! As expected of the leader of our Guild's Five Demon Generals! You're probably the only person in the Guild who can lead a team so efficiently!" Luo Tiancheng, clad in silver armor and carrying a greatsword on his back, complimented as he approached the Berserker leading the team.

"It's so-so. If Guild Leader Shi were still around, this level of combat would be nothing," Rampant Blade nonchalantly said as he glanced at Luo Tiancheng.

Ever since Shadow's Five Demon Generals disbanded and Guild Leader Shi Feng left the Guild, he had become the only person capable of supporting Shadow's ambitions. Although there were quite a few first-rate experts in the Guild that were close to reaching the Half-step Refinement Realm standard, none of them could take charge in large-scale battles effectively. An example would be two of Lan Hailong's close confidants, Luo Tiancheng and Zhou Yuhu.

As for Gu Yiren and those from World Dominators, they couldn't be relied on whatsoever. This was because Gu Yiren never had any intentions of managing or developing Shadow at all. Since taking over as Shadow's Guild Leader, the only thing he had done was order Shadow's members around to help him with miscellaneous work. Most of the time, Gu Yiren would be doing his own thing with his team from World Dominators. Not once had he helped train anyone from Shadow before.

"You're being too modest, Boss Blade. Now that you've reached the Refinement Realm already, combined with World Dominators' resources, it's only a matter of time before you reach Tier 4 in the future. There's no way that Shi Feng can hope to match you," Luo Tiancheng said, laughing. "Once we complete our mission this time, Chairman Lan will discuss with Guild Leader Gu to let you become the Guild's Acting Guild Leader. At that time, you'll get to manage all of the Guild's affairs."

“Refinement Realm?” Rampant Blade revealed a bitter smile when he heard these words. “I reached this realm over a year later than Su Qianliu. I also heard that Su Qianliu has apparently joined the new Guild that Guild Leader Shi and Blackie established. An expert of my caliber is only strong in a Guild like Shadow.”

In reality, Rampant Blade had received an invitation to join Zero Wing from Blackie. However, he had grown attached to Shadow over the years, and he still had many brothers in Shadow, so he eventually rejected Blackie’s offer.

“You’re putting Zero Wing on too high of a pedestal, Boss Blade. Zero Wing is nothing but a newly-established small Guild with a few thousand members. Even with Su Qianliu’s Thousand Flow adventurer team serving as its base, there’s no way it can compete with our Guild. After all, Shadow now has World Dominators backing it. Once the resources from World Dominators start piling up, our Guild will have many Tier 4 experts in the future. In contrast, Zero Wing is going to have a tough time even surviving,” Luo Tiancheng said in disdain.

In Luo Tiancheng’s opinion, Shi Feng’s statement to make Shadow disappear was nothing but a joke. Even Chairman Lan Hailong had laughed when he heard of it. While the Miniature Ancient World’s launch had indeed granted Shi Feng a lot of advantages and reduced the various powers’ influence, it didn’t change the fact that a Guild required resources and experts to prosper.

Although Shi Feng now possessed high status in Jin Hai Academy, Jin Hai Academy was nothing but a God’s Domain Academy. The things it could do and the resources it possessed were incredibly limited. Trying to go against Shadow, which had several hundred thousand members and controlled ten city states, was nothing but lunacy.

There was also no competition between the experts of Zero Wing and Shadow.

Ever since Shadow received the Guild Legacies from World Dominators, Shadow’s members achieved significantly faster growth. Rampant Blade had even become a Refinement Realm expert thanks to these resources.

Even if Zero Wing had a Refinement Realm expert like Su Qianliu[1], it still couldn’t compete with Shadow in the future. In fact, after Shadow completed the mission assigned by World Dominators this time, World Dominators would be able to control the entirety of Hundred Flow City through the Darkmoon Outpost. Once that happened, Shadow could take advantage of World Dominators’s influence to eradicate Zero Wing.

“Let’s stop talking about this. Have everyone look for the Darkmoon Tokens quickly,” Rampant Blade said, not bothering to refute Luo Tiancheng’s words. Based on the current situation, Shadow was indeed growing stronger and stronger. As evidence, even Luo Tiancheng had reached the Half-step Refinement Realm already. “We need to meet our quota of 200 tokens by today. Otherwise, World Dominators is going to halve our training resources,”

Luo Tiancheng nodded. Then, he hurriedly had everyone on the team sort through the loot. At the same time, he sent the team’s Assassins and Rangers to scout around for more Undead creatures.

Meanwhile, during the time Rampant Blade’s team was looting their kills, Rampant Blade suddenly heard a message notification.

“This... Has Mysterious Moon gone crazy?”

Rampant Blade couldn't help but be stunned when he read the message Gu Yiren sent him.

Meanwhile, noticing Rampant Blade's shocked expression, Luo Tiancheng asked, “What happened, Boss Blade?”

“Mysterious Moon has suddenly declared war on World Dominators!” Rampant Blade said after taking a deep breath. “Moreover, just a few minutes ago, Mysterious Moon annihilated one of World Dominators's 100-man teams...”

“Annihilated?” Luo Tiancheng was also shocked and confused when he heard Rampant Blade's words. “Is Mysterious Moon looking to die?”

It might be fine if it were merely a simple conflict with a few players from a different Guild. World Dominators wouldn't even care if a few of its players got killed. After all, such minor conflicts were frequent in God's Domain. There was no way a Super Guild like World Dominators would bother to pay attention to these trivial matters every day. After all, there were millions of members in the Guild. There'd be no end if it tried to take care of every personal conflict that took place.

However, it was different if an entire 100-man team got annihilated. It was especially true now that World Dominators had declared monopoly over the New Moon Forest. Such an act of transgression represented an entirely different meaning.

War!

This was a declaration of war!

It had already been many years since anyone dared to declare war on a Super Guild. Meanwhile, the last time it happened, a first-rate Guild had gotten erased from God's Domain...

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TL Notes:

[1]Even if Zero Wing had a Refinement Realm expert like Su Qianliu:

This isn't a translation error. Shadow most likely isn't aware that Su Qianliu has become a Flowing Water Realm expert.

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Chapter 120 – Zero Wing?

“All party leaders! Contact all the nearby teams and have them gather at our location immediately!” Rampant Blade shouted after getting over his shock.

Gu Yiren had explicitly stated in his message for all Guilds affiliated with World Dominators to form 1,000-man legions and surround the lake region in the New Moon Forest.

Meanwhile, his goal in doing so was very obvious.

Mysterious Moon had already angered World Dominators. So, now, World Dominators was preparing to make a move against Mysterious Moon!

Under Rampant Blade’s command, his party leaders promptly began contacting the other teams operating nearby, everyone reacting both anxiously and excitedly over this situation.

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“Quick! Bring your team over! Mysterious Moon has declared war on World Dominators, and World Dominators is now planning on taking action against Mysterious Moon! You’re going to miss the show if you don’t hurry over!”

“That’s right! World Dominators must be preparing to take revenge!”

“A top-tier first-rate Guild versus a Super Guild! It’s been many years since something like this has taken place!”

At this time, Shadow’s members weren’t the only ones excited over this situation. The members of World Dominators’s other affiliated Guilds operating in the New Moon Forest also grew restless over this situation.

Ever since the incident where a Super Guild had erased a first-rate Guild took place several years ago, no more of such incidents took place in God’s Domain. At most, conflicts between first-rate Guilds and Super Guilds were limited to small fights. This time, however, World Dominators was evidently planning on getting serious.

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Hundred Flow City:

Inside a Guild-owned three-story mansion located along the city’s main street...

“One first-rate Guild, three second-rate Guilds, and seven third-rate Guilds... It seems World Dominators is really planning on using Mysterious Moon to set an example this time...” a white-clad old man sitting behind a desk muttered as he read the news he just received.

“Do you think we should cooperate with World Dominators this time, Elder Liu?” a woman sitting on the sofa in front of the desk asked. The woman radiated a bold aura, and she was sipping on a cup of tea as she spoke to the white-clad old man.

“Witch’s Sin might have become a pseudo-super-first-rate Guild in these past few years, but we still can’t hold a candle to World Dominators, so we still need to send some people over,” the old man said

with a light smile. “But I don’t believe Mysterious Moon has gone crazy. Since they dare bare their fangs against World Dominators, they must have their reasons for doing so. Take a team with you. I’m sure Zuo Tiankuang won’t make a fuss if we send a team led by one of our Vice Guild Leaders.”

“But remember that you’re only there to spectate. You’re not there to work for World Dominators.”

“I understand,” the woman said as she got up from her seat. Then, with a slight smile, she continued, “I can also use this chance to pick a fight with Nightingale. Hopefully, she won’t disappoint me.”

After saying so, the woman vanished from the office as if she had never appeared here before.

“It seems this little girl is still hung up over the Secret Pavilion’s past evaluation,” the white-clad old man said with a slightly bitter smile when he heard the leather-clad woman’s words.

The woman named Blue Sheath had been entered into the Secret Pavilion’s Rookie Assassin List together with Mysterious Moon’s Nightingale in the past. However, Blue Sheath was ranked one place behind Nightingale at the time. The two of them had known each other since young, and they had always been each other’s rivals. So, Blue Sheath couldn’t help but feel peeved over the evaluation.

Initially, the old man thought that Blue Sheath had forgotten about her rivalry with Nightingale after having most of her time occupied with training under World Dominators. However, it would seem that Blue Sheath had never let go of this rivalry.

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Meanwhile, during the time Witch’s Sin was dispatching experts to the New Moon Forest, a commotion also took place throughout Hundred Flow City.

“What’s going on? Why are so many Guild experts leaving the city together?”

“Don’t you know? Mysterious Moon declared war on World Dominators. World Dominators has decided to deal with Mysterious Moon, so it is now calling on all of its affiliated Guilds to gather at the New Moon Forest. News of this has long since spread throughout the entire city.”

“A first-rate Guild is declaring war on a Super Guild? Did Mysterious Moon’s leadership lose their minds?”

“Who knows? Maybe Mysterious Moon is confident in winning?”

“Not a chance. That’s a Super Guild we’re talking about. The only thing that could come of declaring war on a Super Guild is death.”

The players in Hundred Flow City began discussing Mysterious Moon’s actions as they watched the various large Guilds’ experts leaving the city in large groups. Meanwhile, opinions on Mysterious Moon were split into two camps. One camp felt that Mysterious Moon was simply seeking its own death, while the other camp felt that Mysterious Moon was worthy of becoming the various first-rate Guilds’ role model. Some people also felt that it might be time to rewrite God’s Domain’s history.

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New Moon Forest, New Moon Lake:

The silvery-white lake looked like the moon from afar, and the radiance it gave off illuminated the surrounding forest. The scenery here was spectacular, and many players grinding in the New Moon Forest would often stop by this place to enjoy the view.

At this moment, though, the New Moon Lake's beauty was partially eclipsed by the 10,000 or so first-rate experts gathered beside it.

"Most of the various Guilds' experts have gathered here already, Guild Leader Gu. We can conduct a sweep of the forest at any time," Rampant Blade reported respectfully as he looked at Gu Yiren, who was currently resting underneath a tree.

Although Gu Yiren had never cared about Shadow's affairs and never bothered to help Shadow's members grind, nobody in Shadow dared to question Gu Yiren's strength and authority. Take the current situation, for example. Even though the various first-rate Guilds present originated from ten different Guilds, all of them were under Gu Yiren's complete control.

"Good." Gu Yiren nodded as he swept his gaze across the small army before him. "Split everyone into 1,000-man legions and search the forest. Kill all outsiders you come across!"

"All?" Rampant Blade couldn't help but ask.

A Guild would easily incite anger from the public if it randomly killed players out in the fields. Even when a Guild blockaded a map to fight another Guild, it would, at most, warn non-enemy players to leave the map. Only when these outsiders refused to abide by the warning would a Guild decide to kill them.

"I don't want to repeat myself," Gu Yiren said as he glanced at Rampant Blade. "Also, notify immediately if any of you come across Mysterious Moon's core team. World Dominators must be the one to annihilate them!"

So, this is a Super Guild?

Rampant Blade had his impression of Super Guilds refreshed when he saw Gu Yiren's complete disregard toward making enemies.

Normally, most powers in God's Domain would more or less worry about involving outsiders when declaring war on others. After all, the last thing they wanted to do was to offend a power they couldn't afford to offend.

However, World Dominators didn't seem to care about this in the slightest. Judging by Gu Yiren's tone, it would seem that he wouldn't hesitate to take action even if the other party was another Super Guild.

Afterward, the gathered first-rate experts split into 1,000 legions and spread out in all directions, conducting a thorough search of the entire New Moon Forest.

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Sometime after the hunt for Mysterious Moon's members began, a Ranger from Shadow urgently contacted Rampant Blade and said, "Vice Guild Leader, two of our Assassin parties suddenly got

annihilated less than 1,000 yards away from the New Moon Lake! Moreover, the people who annihilated those two parties are now heading toward your direction!”

“They’re heading for us?” Rampant Blade couldn’t help but grow confused when he heard the Ranger’s report. “Can you send their images over?”

They were using the New Moon Lake as their base of operations this time. To ensure that they had enough forces to dispatch as reinforcements at all times, they had kept a force of 2,000 players by the lake. Gu Yiren’s team from World Dominators was also on stand-by here. Thus, it’d be suicide for any enemies to come to their location.

“Yes. I already captured their appearances with Eagle Eyes. I’ll send the image over now,” the Ranger said, nodding.

A moment later, an image appeared in front of Rampant Blade.

The enemies that killed the two Assassin parties only numbered a few. Meanwhile, every one of them was wearing a Black Cloak to hide their information.

“This is...Zero Wing?”

When Rampant Blade looked at the picture, he quickly noticed two familiar figures.

Although these two players had hidden their player information, they didn’t bother hiding their appearances. So, Rampant Blade instantly recognized Su Qianliu’s and Blackie’s faces.

However, before Rampant Blade could react to this discovery, several figures gradually walked out of the forest ahead of him...

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Chapter 121 – Five is Enough

What are they trying to do? Are they also planning to make an enemy out of World Dominators?

Rampant Blade was astonished and confused when Blackie and Su Qianliu walked out of the forest.

It was already a well-known fact that Mysterious Moon and World Dominators were at war with each other. Moreover, World Dominators had also made it clear that it wouldn’t forgive Mysterious Moon for this slight.

It was already bad enough that Blackie and Su Qianliu’s group had come to the New Moon Forest and gotten rid of two of Shadow’s scout parties. After all, this was already a blatant act of provocation toward World Dominators. Yet, to make matters worse, they had even appeared before Gu Yiren. With the strong stance Gu Yiren was taking in this war, he would absolutely make sure that Blackie and Su Qianliu’s party vanished from God’s Domain.

At this time, Rampant Blade couldn't help but feel conflicted over this situation. Whether it was Blackie or Su Qianliu, both had been his comrades for many years in Shadow. They used to go on adventures and brave all sorts of danger together. So, he did not wish to see the two falling into the abyss.

However, with the situation at hand, there simply wasn't anything he could do to salvage this situation...

Subsequently, the various experts gathered by the New Moon Lake also started noticing Su Qianliu's group one after another.

"Haven't we blocked off the New Moon Forest already? How did these people get in?"

"They're hiding their player information. Could they be Mysterious Moon's helpers?"

"That's possible, but it is also possible that they are not. They might be from a superpower trying to take advantage of this situation to strike at World Dominators. After all, it's not like World Dominators is free of enemies."

The experts present quietly discussed themselves when they saw Su Qianliu's group emerging from the forest.

The current Miniature Ancient World was a chaotic mess as every power in God's Domain sought to get a piece of the pie and become the future leader of God's Domain. Meanwhile, as a Super Guild, World Dominators was a strong competitor for the various superpowers of God's Domain. Now that Mysterious Moon had suddenly declared war on World Dominators, it wasn't strange that some superpowers had decided to muddy the waters.

After Gu Yiren saw Su Qianliu's group, he walked up to them and demanded, "How bold of you to come here! Who are you people? Which superpower are you from? Is it Battle Wolves? Or is it Sacred Temple?"

In Gu Yiren's opinion, the only outsiders who dared come to provoke World Dominators now would either be Mysterious Moon's helpers or World Dominators' rivals. Meanwhile, the possibility of Battle Wolves and Sacred Temple trying to stir up trouble was the highest.

"Zero Wing!" Su Qianliu stated.

"Zero Wing?"

"Where is Zero Wing based? Why haven't I heard of such a superpower before?"

"Could this be a cover name? They're wearing Black Cloaks to hide their identities, after all. How can they possibly expose their real identities now?"

The various experts present couldn't help but be surprised and confused when they heard Su Qianliu's answer.

There was a limited number of superpowers in God's Domain, and every one of them possessed powerful origins. Hence, any player that had played God's Domain for some time would more or less

know about the various superpowers. The various large Guilds' members even had to undergo a compulsory course on the various superpowers' basic information.

"Zero Wing?" a piece of information suddenly flashed across Gu Yiren's mind when he heard this name. "Is it the new Guild that Former Guild Leader Shi Feng established?"

Meanwhile, when Luo Tiancheng saw Su Qianliu, he couldn't help but feel a sense of familiarity. Then, after racking his mind for a moment, he suddenly exclaimed, "You... You're Su Qianliu!"

Su Qianliu's appearance was a sight that almost all veteran members of Shadow would remember. After all, she used to be one of the most beautiful female members in Shadow. On top of that, she also used to be one of the strongest experts belonging to Shadow.

"That's right." Su Qianliu did not deny Gu Yiren's and Luo Tiancheng's words. "We're not here to go against World Dominators today. We're just here to settle some personal grudges."

"Personal grudges?" Gu Yiren sneered as he suddenly thought of something. "Do you mean taking care of Shadow?"

According to his informant, Shi Feng, the former Guild Leader of Shadow, had a thorough falling out with Shadow after Lan Hailong's shameless behavior. As a result, Shi Feng had publicly declared that he would erase Shadow's name from God's Domain.

Originally, Gu Yiren thought that Shi Feng was only speaking out of anger. He never thought that Shi Feng actually planned on carrying out his words.

At this time, Shi Feng, who had hidden both his information and appearance, suddenly said, "That's right. We hope that unrelated people do not interfere to avoid causing unnecessary misunderstandings."

In reality, Shi Feng could've let Mysterious Moon take care of a second-rate like Shadow. However, after thinking it over, he decided that it'd be best if he erased Shadow from God's Domain with his own hands.

"You want to deal with one of World Dominators's affiliated Guilds right in front of our eyes? Do you think we'll allow that?" Gu Yiren asked, laughing. "Don't you think you're being too arrogant? Do you take World Dominators for a decoration?"

"That's right! Who do you think you are? One of the Five Great Super Guilds?" Luo Tiancheng said, fanning the flames. "With just the five of you, do you really think you can do anything to Shadow?"

The other members of Shadow also nodded in agreement, a nonchalant expression on their faces.

Shadow had well over a thousand first-rate experts gathered by the New Moon Lake right now. Among them, there were even a bunch of Half-step Refinement Realm experts. With such a force, they could even take on two Mythic monsters simultaneously, let alone five measly players.

In response, Shi Feng said in a definitive tone, "Five is enough!"

“Five is enough?” Gu Yiren couldn’t help but laugh. Then, his gaze grew cold as he said, “In that case, let me see how you five are going to fight us!”

After saying so, Gu Yiren waved his hand.

Immediately, two dozen Refinement Realm experts from World Dominators charged at Shi Feng’s party of five.

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Chapter 122 – Difference in Strength

Two dozen Refinement Realm experts?

Rampant Blade’s expression grew somber when he saw World Dominators’s experts charging toward Blackie and Su Qianliu’s party. He didn’t think that Gu Yiren’s team members would be this powerful.

It was true that Su Qianliu and Blackie were considered experts even by first-rate Guilds’ standards. It was especially true for Su Qianliu. Not only did she reach the Refinement Realm long ago, but it was even rumored that she had reached the Flowing Water Realm already.

However, even a Flowing Water Realm expert would find it difficult to go up against two dozen Refinement Realm experts simultaneously. Not to mention, these were Refinement Realm experts from World Dominators, a Super Guild. Not only did they have much better training, but they were also fully equipped with Epic Weapons and Equipment...

You overconfident fools! Do you think World Dominators will hold back against you? Luo Tiancheng couldn’t help but sneer as he looked at Shi Feng’s party.

World Dominators was a Super Guild. There was no way it would sit by and watch as one of its affiliated Guilds got targeted. It would become a joke in God’s Domain if it did that.

The two dozen Refinement Realm experts reached within 50 yards of Shi Feng’s party in the blink of an eye. Then, every one of them began revealing their strongest moves, none of them intending to hold back or play around with Shi Feng’s party. At a glance, one could tell that these were all veteran experts with real experiences clashing with other players.

“Restrict them!”

In response to the two dozen Refinement Realm experts’ assault, Blackie waved his staff and cast a Spell without chanting an incantation. Even the Mana fluctuations that came from him were incredibly weak.

Boom!

Along with a loud bang, several hundred shadow vines emerged from the ground beneath the two dozen Refinement Realm experts' feet. In addition, from start to end, none of the shadow vines radiated any Mana fluctuations, the appearance of these vines swift and silent.

What?! Double speed-casting?! Rampant Blade was shocked when he saw Blackie's attack. He felt as if he was coming to know Blackie for the first time.

Double speed-casting!

This was a spellcasting technique that only an extremely few magical class experts could master. Even most Refinement Realm experts were incapable of such a feat.

Yet, now, not only did Blackie effortlessly execute a double speed-casting, but his Mana control was so excellent that he had leaked hardly any Mana throughout the entire spellcasting process. The level of technique Blackie had just displayed was something even Flowing Water Realm experts could not accomplish...

Similar to Rampant Blade, the two dozen Refinement Realm experts were similarly caught off guard by Blackie's response.

The speed of Spells might not be as fast as melee attacks, but Spells made up for their lack of speed with numbers.

Meanwhile, the countermeasure experts had developed to counter Offensive Spells with a large number of attacks was to detect the Mana fluctuations caused by the Spell targeted at them and take evasive measures in advance.

However, if a Spell gave off no Mana fluctuations during its formation, it'd be nigh-impossible to dodge it preemptively. In such a scenario, the only response one could make was to prepare oneself to block the Spell.

The next moment, the several hundred shadow vines lashed out at the Refinement Realm experts simultaneously, causing these experts to lose at least one-third of their HP. Some had even lost half of their HP. The appearances of these experts were also reduced to a mess, and they looked nothing like an expert team from World Dominators...

What a powerful magical class expert! Blue Sheath, who was spectating the battle from a distant treetop, couldn't help but focus her gaze on Blackie.

World Dominators's Refinement Realm experts all possessed Strength rivaling Grand Lords of the same level. Yet, even though these experts had blocked the shadow vines attacking them, they had still lost over one-third of their HP.

In God's Domain, the power of Spells relied on two factors.

The first factor was the player's Basic Attributes, while the other factor was the Spell's Completion Rate. Of these two factors, the latter played an especially important role. With a sufficiently high Spell Completion Rate, one's Spell could exhibit power several magnitudes greater than a similar Spell cast by a player with the exact same Basic Attributes.

Although Blackie's aura felt extraordinary in Blue Sheath's eyes, it was, at most, on par with World Dominators's Refinement Realm experts. This meant that both sides should possess roughly similar Basic Attributes. Thus, the reason Blackie managed to cause so much damage to those Refinement Realm experts despite this fact must mean that his Spell Completion Rate was extremely high!

Impossible! Luo Tiancheng's eyes bulged when he saw the effect of Blackie's Spell. How did he get so strong?

The two dozen Refinement Realm experts made up a frightening force. Yet, with just a simple wave of his staff, Blackie had not only stopped these two dozen Refinement Realm experts' assault, but he had even reduced them into a miserable mess.

Luo Tiancheng was fully aware of Blackie's standards. Back when Blackie was still with Shadow, he had only been a member of the Guild's middle management. Moreover, he was focused mainly on handling Guild affairs, and his combat standard was only at the level of first-rate experts. He couldn't even be considered one of the top-ranking experts in the Guild.

Yet, what was with this situation?"

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng took a look at World Dominators's Refinement Realm experts, he turned toward Happy Snow the Berserker and said, "Go and help Blackie. It'll be tough for him to deal with these people alone."

After all was said and done, Blackie still hadn't reached the Refinement Realm standard. While he might have a Gold Mana Body, the Holy Annihilation Mana Technique, and the Ancient Mana Equipment Set helping him, he could still die easily if he got caught in a melee or targeted by numerous ranged attacks.

Simply put, Blackie was currently a glass cannon. He might have astonishing offensive capabilities, but he wouldn't last more than a few moves in an actual duel with a Refinement Realm expert...

"Fine, then. I'll use these guys to test my recent improvements," Happy Snow said, curling her lips in dissatisfaction.

Immediately, Happy Snow unsheathed the two-handed saber hung on her back. Then, in the blink of an eye, she instantly appeared amidst the two dozen Refinement Realm experts, her speed superior to even Assassins of the same level.

Subsequently, before World Dominators's Refinement Realm experts could react, Happy Snow swung her massive saber at the nearest Shield Warrior.

Advanced Combat Technique, Wolf Pack!

Happy Snow's saber instantly transformed into five phantom wolves that pounced at the Shield Warrior.

However, the Shield Warrior was no pushover. Although he had reacted slowly to Happy Snow's appearance, as soon as he noticed Happy Snow attacking him, he promptly raised his shield and activated the Tier 3 Defensive Skill Iron Wall. Aside from increasing his Defense by 200% and reaction speed by 50%, the Skill also reduced the numbing effects he suffered by 100%.

Other than the Shield Warrior, a nearby Oracle also quickly reacted to Happy Snow's attack. Immediately, the Oracle cast a defensive barrier on the Shield Warrior, the barrier nearly doubling the Shield Warrior's maximum HP.

Boom!

When the first phantom wolf collided with the Shield Warrior's shield, the Shield Warrior stumbled one step backward and nearly lost his balance. As a result, when the second phantom wolf struck, the Shield Warrior promptly lost his balance and fell on his back.

Immediately afterward, the third, fourth, and fifth phantom wolves pounced on the Shield Warrior afterward, instantly tearing through the Oracle's barrier and reducing the Shield Warrior's HP to zero. The Shield Warrior had died so quickly that the nearby healers didn't even have time to heal him.

She killed him in one move?! Rampant Blade couldn't help but gape in shock when he saw Happy Snow killing the Shield Warrior after just one exchange.

Rampant Blade had seen Happy Snow before, and he knew that the little girl had only reached the Refinement Realm recently. Yet, now, she had instantly killed a veteran Refinement Realm expert. It was simply unbelievable!

"Not bad. I like this feeling," Happy Snow stated excitedly as she looked at the Shield Warrior's vanishing body.

Not only did the Ancient Mana Equipment Set increase her Skill Completion Rate, but it had also improved the density of her Mana and her control over Mana. Because of this, she had a much easier time executing combat techniques, and she became able to execute Wolf Pack effortlessly. If it was before she acquired this set, she wouldn't have been able to make use of the Advanced Combat Technique in actual combat.

Of course, the Ancient Mana Equipment Set wasn't the only factor contributing to her success. A more important factor was the Ancient God's Blood Shi Feng had given to her. Thanks to the Ancient God's Blood, her Mana Body had also reached the Gold rank. Moreover, it was even a Peak Gold Mana Body. This improvement had cleared up her mind significantly, and she could now execute combat techniques much more efficiently.

Previously, she could only create four phantom wolves when executing Wolf Pack. Moreover, it was also under a practice setting. Now, not only could she freely execute the combat technique in battle, but she could even create five phantom wolves with it.

"What power! Is she a monster?"

When the other experts from World Dominators saw their companion getting killed, they couldn't help but gulp nervously. If Happy Snow could kill even a Shield Warrior in one move, it went without saying that she could do the same for other classes.

To make matters worse, they still had to keep an eye out for Blackie's ranged attacks. If they received a direct hit from one of Blackie's Spells, they wouldn't even know how they died.

Meanwhile, seeing World Dominators's experts growing cautious, Shi Feng asked, "Do you still want to continue?"

Chapter 3049

Chapter 123 – One Sword for Thousands

Although Shi Feng spoke in a calm and low voice, nobody present dared to underestimate him.

Previously, everyone thought that Shi Feng was simply spouting nonsense when he said that just the five of them were enough.

However, after seeing Blackie's and Happy Snow's overwhelming performance, nobody doubted Shi Feng's words anymore. The combat power Blackie and Happy Snow displayed was something only apex experts could exhibit in the current Miniature Ancient World. Two dozen Refinement Realm experts couldn't even serve as a warm-up for these two players. Only the various Super Guilds' apex experts could possibly fight the two of them.

"It seems Zero Wing cannot be underestimated. Despite being a new Guild, it has so many powerful experts."

"Indeed. But World Dominators isn't a pushover, either. With only five players, Zero Wing will still have difficulty targeting Shadow's members."

Faced with this sudden turn of events, the various large Guilds' experts couldn't help but turn toward Gu Yiren.

Currently, Gu Yiren still held the initiative in his hands. After all, World Dominators currently had the entire New Moon Forest on lockdown. Now, it was up to him to decide whether they would fight or not.

If Gu Yiren chose to fight, his side would most likely sustain severe losses, and his progress in the Miniature Ancient World would slow down significantly.

However, if Gu Yiren chose not to fight, his reputation among World Dominators's various affiliated Guilds would most likely plummet. His actions might even end up affecting World Dominators's prestige.

"Two experts with apex-level strength, is it? I can see why you dare to behave so boldly," Gu Yiren said as he looked at Shi Feng coldly. "However, don't forget where this place is! Apex experts might be powerful, but they aren't invincible in the Miniature Ancient World!"

As soon as Gu Yiren finished speaking, the various Guilds' experts promptly advanced and got ready for battle, their numbers exceeding 2,000.

Aside from first-rate experts, there were also some Refinement Realm and Half-step Refinement Realm experts among these 2,000-plus players. Even if they were up against two experts with apex-level

strength, they could rely on zerg tactics to whittle down and kill the opponent. After all, there was a limit to a player's Stamina and Concentration.

Take Happy Snow, for example. While it was true that she had killed a Shield Warrior in one move, she had done so with the help of an Advanced Combat Technique, something that cost a significant amount of Stamina and Concentration to use.

"How about giving up now, Mister? Nobody can annihilate Shadow today," Tao Yuwei, who stood behind Gu Yiren this entire time, suddenly stepped forward to advise Shi Feng. "World Dominators has similarly dispatched apex experts to the New Moon Forest. If the battle drags out, you won't even have the chance to escape later."

The various Guilds' experts also nodded in agreement with Tao Yuwei's words.

In reality, none of them wished to fight against Shi Feng's group of five. However, Gu Yiren had already made himself clear that he wouldn't let Shi Feng touch Shadow. Thus, even if it meant dying and losing a level, they needed to stop Shi Feng's party. Otherwise, World Dominators would make it so that they couldn't continue surviving in God's Domain.

"So what you're saying is..." Instead of answering Tao Yuwei's question, Shi Feng smiled and asked, "You're not going to give way?"

"You can think of it that way," Tao Yuwei said nonchalantly.

If she came across Shi Feng's party under normal circumstances, she absolutely wouldn't dare to antagonize them at all. This was because her Guild wouldn't go out of its way to target a Domain Realm expert for her sake alone.

However, she was currently working under Zuo Tiankuang's orders, and they were also currently in the middle of a Guild War. If Shi Feng's party killed them, their Guild would definitely avenge them for the sake of its reputation.

Not to mention, so long as Shi Feng's party dared make a move, she would promptly contact Zuo Tiankuang and notify him about the situation here.

With a force of over 2,000 first-rate experts, they had more than enough fodder to keep Shi Feng's party busy until Zuo Tiankuang and the other apex experts arrived.

"In that case, you can be buried together with Shadow!"

Shi Feng absolutely wouldn't let go of this opportunity to heavily damage Shadow. Immediately, he unsheathed the Winter of Eternal Night and enveloped the many experts present in his Mana Domain.

"A Mana Domain?!"

"How does he have a Mana Domain at Tier 3?!"

The various large Guilds' experts were dumbfounded when they felt Shi Feng's frightening Mana enveloping their bodies.

“Disappear!”

Shi Feng swung the Winter of Eternal Night horizontally.

Second Sword, Holy Devour!

Even with the Ancient Mana Equipment Set’s bonuses, it was still a significant burden for Shi Feng to execute Holy Devour. If he tried to execute Holy Devour at full power, he could, at most, use it three times in a battle. After three executions, he would immediately fall into a mentally weakened state. Thus, this was a trump card he wouldn’t casually use under normal circumstances.

However, out of all the attacks in Shi Feng’s repertoire, Holy Devour had the largest AOE.

Shi Feng was only a Tier 3 player right now. If he had to kill 2,000-plus first-rate experts one by one, he’d die from exhaustion before he could even get rid of all of them. Thus, the best solution was to use an attack with a big AOE and reduce the enemy’s numbers as much as possible. Then, he would leave the rest for Su Qianliu and the others to deal with.

Not good!

Meanwhile, when Blue Sheath saw the sudden change in Shi Feng’s aura, she instinctively executed Shadow Walk, an Advanced Combat Technique, and distanced herself from the battlefield. She had also activated Shadow Flash, a Tier 3 Lifesaving Skill that increased her Movement Speed by 300% for five seconds. While retreating, though, she kept a constant look over the battlefield, ensuring she didn’t miss out on anything.

The next moment, before Blue Sheath could move even 100 yards away from her previous location, a scorching light suddenly enveloped her vision, the light incinerating everything in its path and shattering even space itself...

“This...”

Blue Sheath was dumbfounded.

One attack!

It was only one attack!

With just one attack, Shi Feng had extinguished the lives of nearly half of the 2,000-plus experts, erasing even their ashes from the battlefield...

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TL Notes:

[1]apex experts and experts with apex-level strength:

Apex experts refer to Domain Realm experts;

Experts with apex-level strength refer to expert players capable of exhibiting the raw power of Domain Realm experts. They aren’t necessarily Domain Realm experts, though.

Chapter 3050

Chapter 124 – End of an Era

“What is this?”

“Isn’t he just Tier 3?! How can he have such power?!”

“He can already shatter space at Tier 3. Could he be a God-ranked expert?”

When the experts caught outside of Shi Feng’s Mana Domain saw the fragmented void in front of them, they couldn’t help but be dumbfounded.

They had seen experts shattering space with their attacks before. On the main continent, any Tier 4 expert could easily accomplish such a feat. Some of them even used to be Tier 4 experts on the main continent.

However, the Miniature Ancient World had only opened recently. It was impossible for players to even reach Level 120 at this stage of the game, let alone Tier 4.

Yet, the cloaked man before them had accomplished a feat that could typically only be accomplished by Tier 4 players. With just one singular attack, he had exhibited power on par with Tier 4 Taboo Skills at Tier 3!

At this moment, there was only one plausible explanation everyone could come up with for this unbelievable situation.

A Tier 6 God-ranked expert!

An existence capable of turning the impossible possible!

Shadow is really finished this time... When Rampant Blade saw Shadow’s experts disappearing without a trace, he couldn’t help but turn to look at the proud figures of Su Qianliu and the others, his eyes full of bitterness and lamentation.

In the past, he used to hold the same position as Su Qianliu as one of Shadow’s Five Demon Generals. Yet, in the time it took him to reach the Refinement Realm, Su Qianliu and Blackie had already become existences that even World Dominators found tricky to deal with. The two of them were even capable of killing Refinement Realm experts like ants...

In reality, Rampant Blade had felt that Shi Feng was joking when he heard about the other party’s declaration to erase Shadow from God’s Domain. After all, there was simply too significant of a gap between Shadow and Zero Wing.

Now, however...

Over 80% of the experts Shadow had dispatched to the Miniature Ancient World had just been killed. On the surface, it might seem as if these experts had just lost a level and a piece of equipment. However, in the current state of the Miniature Ancient World, this was an irrecoverable loss.

After all, these experts were all geared with top-tier weapons and equipment that Shadow had paid a huge price to procure. It wouldn't be an easy task to replace all of these items. Meanwhile, before they could recover these lost items, Shadow would be much more restricted in what it could do in the Miniature Ancient World. Needless to say, it'd also be impossible for Shadow's experts to catch up to the experts of other Guilds in terms of levels.

Simply put, Shadow had already lost its initiative in the Miniature Ancient World. It had already been kicked off the frontlines and lost the opportunity to contest crucial resources. Naturally, all of the investments it had made thus far were also for naught.

However, these losses still weren't the biggest problem. The biggest problem Shadow now faced was Zero Wing's Tier 6 God-ranked expert!

If it were before the Secret Pavilion's recent move, it wouldn't have been a significant problem for Shadow to be targeted by a Tier 6 God-ranked expert. After all, the God-ranked expert in question wasn't on the main continent. Meanwhile, Shadow's main source of income remained on the main continent.

However, the various powers of God's Domain were currently frantically competing for the Miniature Ancient World's resources. Among these powers, there were bound to be some who wouldn't mind destroying Shadow, both on the main continent and in the Miniature Ancient World, if they could gain a Tier 6 God-ranked expert's favor. Not to mention, they could also reduce the number of competition they needed to face in God's Domain.

Meanwhile, in the distant forest, Blue Sheath couldn't help but sigh in relief when she saw that Shi Feng had stopped attacking.

"What rotten luck. I nearly got killed just now," Blue Sheath muttered under her breath. The attack just now had triggered all of her danger senses, and she felt as if her life was hanging by a thread. It had already been many years since she had experienced such a feeling. "What the hell is Shadow thinking? Even World Dominators wouldn't dare to recklessly provoke a God-ranked expert. But after this mess, World Dominators will have no choice but to pick a fight with this God-ranked expert."

The experts of one of World Dominators's affiliated Guilds had just been annihilated. Even if World Dominators was reluctant to, it would have no choice but to go after Zero Wing. Otherwise, it'd become a laughingstock among the various powers, and no power would be willing to attach themselves to it.

Meanwhile, during the time Blue Sheath was resting, sounds of battle suddenly came from a different location. Moreover, these sounds were rather loud, and Blue Sheath could hear them clearly even though the battle took place several hundred yards away.

"What's causing such a loud commotion? Has Zuo Tiankuang's legion finally started clashing with Mysterious Moon's experts?"

A hint of anticipation appeared in Blue Sheath's eyes as she looked at the intermittent flashes coming from a distant part of the forest. Immediately, she went into Stealth and dashed toward the other battlefield.

Anyone capable of causing such a huge commotion in the current Miniature Ancient World must possess strength at the Tier 4 standard. Out of World Dominators's forces scattered across the New Moon Forest, only the trump card legion led by Zuo Tiankuang possessed Tier 4 combatants. Meanwhile, if Zuo Tiankuang's legion was making a move, it went without saying that they had discovered Mysterious Moon's members.

Thus, Blue Sheath needed to head over to the other battlefield immediately. Otherwise, she might miss out on her chance to challenge Nightingale.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

As the sounds of battle continued echoing throughout the forest, Blue Sheath arrived within 100 yards of the battlefield.

There were several hundred players fighting on the battlefield right now. Of the two clashing sides, the side with greater numbers consisted of players wearing World Dominators's Guild Emblem, while the side with fewer numbers consisted of players wearing Mysterious Moon's Guild Emblem.

Meanwhile, after observing the battle for a moment, Blue Sheath couldn't help but be stunned.

How is this possible!?

Logically, World Dominators should've been at an absolute advantage thanks to their overwhelming numbers. Yet, now, World Dominators's members were fighting a retreating battle, their team of several hundred members getting pummeled by Mysterious Moon's several dozen members.

At this moment, even World Dominators's Zuo Tiankuang was getting pinned down by Mysterious Moon's Vice Guild Leader, Crimson Seal.

However, this still wasn't the most shocking part. What astonished Blue Sheath the most would still have to be the sight of the silver-haired female Assassin dashing around the battlefield, killing one player after another.

Meanwhile, this silver-haired Assassin was also the opponent Blue Sheath was seeking to challenge—Nightingale!

Currently, Nightingale wore leather armor engraved with magic patterns, and her body radiated Mana from top to bottom. The Mana she radiated had even taken on a faint, misty form. As for the two crescent blades she wielded, they were like demonic claws that tore through everything in their path.

Even Lonely Dragon, a Hammer Knight and Zuo Tiankuang's vice commander, couldn't face Nightingale's attacks directly. When confronted with Nightingale's attacks, his only option was to rely on his footwork to evade Nightingale's attacks. Even then, he didn't last more than 30 seconds before he lost all of his HP to Nightingale's crescent blades...

The current Nightingale was so strong that even Blue Sheath dared not move forward to challenge her.

Moreover, Nightingale wasn't the only anomaly on this battlefield. The other Mysterious Moon experts were also exhibiting extraordinary combat power.

Forty?! Since when did Mysterious Moon have so many experts with near Tier 4 strength?!

After observing the battle for some time, Blue Sheath finally understood why World Dominators's members were at such a severe disadvantage.

Although Mysterious Moon only had 40 members on this battlefield, every one of them was an expert with combat power nearing the Tier 4 standard. This number was double of what World Dominators's side possessed. Even though World Dominators's side had more players, most of these players were of no help whatsoever.

In front of an expert with near Tier 4 strength, ordinary Refinement Realm and Flowing Water Realm experts were nothing more than cannon fodder.

After the battle continued for a few more minutes, Zuo Tiankuang had finally died after getting besieged by several Mysterious Moon experts. Along with Zuo Tiankuang's death, the final member of World Dominators's trump card legion had also disappeared from the New Moon Forest...

Chapter 3051

Chapter 125 – Hundred Flow City in an Uproar

Jin Hai City, Downtown Area, Lan Family Mansion:

“What?! Nearly all of our experts in Hundred Flow City got annihilated?! Impossible! Hadn't you been moving with World Dominators?! How can nearly all of you get killed?! Also, you all got killed by Zero Wing of all Guilds?!” Lan Hailong, dressed in a collared suit with two female secretaries standing by his side, bellowed as he glared at Luo Tiancheng through the video call. When he heard the news Luo Tiancheng suddenly brought him, he couldn't help but shoot up from his seat, the grape wine in his hand spilling all over the floor.

Zero Wing was nothing but a small Guild established by someone he had dismissed from his Guild. Yet, now, he was being told that this small Guild had eradicated nearly all of his Guild's experts. How could he possibly believe this?

The most ridiculous part about this was that Zero Wing had accomplished this feat with only one player.

“It's true, Chairman Lan!” Luo Tiancheng said with a helpless and bitter smile. “Moreover, it isn't just us who got done in. Guild Leader Gu and his team also got wiped out by that mysterious Swordsman from Zero Wing. According to Guild Leader Gu's analysis, he suspects that person might be a Tier 6 God-ranked expert...”

One attack!

With just one attack, that mysterious Swordsman from Zero Wing had snuffed out the lives of over a thousand players. The attack had happened so quickly and suddenly that Luo Tiancheng didn't even manage to react to it. Before he knew it, the world around him had turned gray, and his connection with his body was forcibly disconnected. The only thing he managed to see was a cloaked figure holding a sword in the distance.

"A God-ranked expert?! Impossible! How can a small Guild have ties with a God-ranked expert?! Also, Gu Yiren is one of World Dominators's top-tier geniuses! Even a God-ranked expert won't have an easy time killing him in the Miniature Ancient World!"

Lan Hailong instinctively refused to believe Luo Tiancheng's words.

Gu Yiren was one of the people World Dominators had tasked with managing its affiliated Guilds in the Miniature Ancient World.

Setting aside the fact that Gu Yiren was a Flowing Water Realm expert, just the fact that he was considered a top-tier genius in World Dominators meant that he would have received some tools that could save him during desperate times.

The various superpowers might not care much about the lives of their normal members, but it was a different story for the lives of their top-tier geniuses. The cost of even a single death was high in the Miniature Ancient World. If the various superpowers wanted to ensure their advantage in the Miniature Ancient World, they would definitely do everything they could to prevent their top-tier geniuses from dying.

As a Super Guild, there was no way World Dominators would supply its top-tier geniuses with lifesaving items.

Meanwhile, just like Lan Hailong surmised, Gu Yiren had indeed received lifesaving items from his Guild. With the items he had, he could easily survive an assassination attempt from even Domain Realm experts.

Unfortunately, Gu Yiren hadn't expected Shi Feng's attack to be so strong and fast. Everything happened so quickly that he had already gotten killed before he even realized what was going on. Naturally, he didn't have time to use his lifesaving items, either.

Otherwise, even if Shi Feng's attack could shatter space, he couldn't have stopped the activation of a Tier 4 Teleportation Scroll.

"I'm telling the truth, Chairman Lan. You can ask Guild Leader Gu about this yourself," Luo Tiancheng said. When he saw Lan Hailong's crazed expression, he could understand what was going through the other party's mind. If he were standing in Lan Hailong's shoes, he wouldn't have been able to accept this situation, either.

In order to capitalize on the Miniature Ancient World's benefits, Shadow had borrowed a lot of Credits to gear its experts with Level 100 Epic Weapons and Equipment. After all, Shadow's experts had

achieved significant improvements in their combat standards after receiving World Dominators's training resources. If they combined their improved combat standards with Epic Weapons and Equipment, they could go against even the experts of first-rate Guilds.

Yet, now...

After taking a deep breath, Lan Hailong asked, "How many? How many Epic Weapons and Equipment did we lose?"

"Roughly 500 pieces," Luo Tiancheng answered carefully.

Although Shadow had suffered over a thousand casualties in the fight with Zero Wing, not everyone was geared with Epic Weapons and Equipment. After all, even if Shadow had the money, there weren't that many Level 100 Epic Weapons and Equipment available for sale. At a reasonable price, that is.

Because the various powers were frantically buying up Epic Weapons and Equipment, the average price of these items had also skyrocketed. With Shadow's limited financial strength, it could only equip around half of its experts with Epic Weapons and Equipment. Hence, the loss they suffered wasn't as terrible as one would expect.

However, Lan Hailong nearly fainted when he heard Luo Tiancheng's answer.

The average price of a piece of Level 100 Epic Equipment was 300,000 Credits, while the price of a Level 100 Epic Weapon was 700,000 Credits. If he assumed half of the Epic items lost were weapons, his total loss would reach 250 million Credits...

He had already invested all of the money he had into the Miniature Ancient World. A loss of 250 million was no different than a stab to his heart.

"World Dominators! Is World Dominators not going to do anything about this situation?!" Lan Hailong asked, a glimmer of hope appearing in his heart.

Shadow was one of World Dominators's affiliated Guilds, and its experts had suffered annihilation while carrying out a mission for World Dominators. By reason, World Dominators should avenge Shadow. If that happened, there was a high chance that Shadow could recover the weapons and equipment it lost.

Even if they couldn't recover those items, so long as World Dominators offered to help Shadow in Hundred Flow City, Shadow would still have a chance to return to the Miniature Ancient World's frontlines in the future.

However, as soon as Lan Hailong finished asking his question, a voice came from beside Luo Tiancheng:

"That's unlikely to happen. Mysterious Moon has already annihilated all three of World Dominators's legions that are stationed in Hundred Flow City..."

"World Dominators lost? You're saying World Dominators, a Super Guild, lost?"

Lan Hailong was dumbfounded as he looked at Rampant Blade, who had appeared in the video call.

At this time, let alone Lan Hailong, even Luo Tiancheng couldn't help but be dumbfounded by the news Rampant Blade shared.

It was already unbelievable that Zero Wing had a Tier 6 God-ranked expert helping it.

However, a first-rate Guild defeating a Super Guild was even more unbelievable. Even if it were only three of a Super Guild's legions, this matter still sounded like fantasy!

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At the same time, news of World Dominators's defeat also quickly spread throughout the entire Hundred Flow City.

"This is crazy! This world must be going crazy!"

"I didn't think Mysterious Moon had hidden its strength so well. I can't believe even World Dominators is no match for Mysterious Moon."

"Sure enough! Times are changing in God's Domain!"

When the various powers and players learned of this shocking piece of news, some felt admiration toward Mysterious Moon, while some felt that World Dominators had weakened. Most importantly, everyone had come to realize one thing—Super Guilds were no longer unbeatable existences!

Because of this situation, many powers that had been accumulating their strength in secret had begun growing restless, and all of them were thinking of challenging the various superpowers' authority!

Chapter 3052

Chapter 126 – Saint Legacy?

Hundred Flow City, Witch's Sin's Residence:

"Forty? You're saying Mysterious Moon has forty experts with strength nearing the Tier 4 standard?" Liu Wusheng asked, greatly surprised when he heard Blue Sheath's report. Then, realization dawned upon him as he said, "No wonder World Dominators stayed silent after losing to Mysterious Moon. Without mobilizing all of its forces, there's no way World Dominators can deal with those forty experts."

The public was only aware that Mysterious Moon had won against World Dominators, not how Mysterious Moon had achieved this victory. Although this information was already plenty shocking, it was nothing compared to the information Blue Sheath brought back.

"I thought World Dominators would try to recover its lost reputation immediately, but it seems that won't be happening any time soon," Liu Wusheng said as he stroked his beard. "I have truly underestimated Mysterious Moon. I didn't think they would actually be so far ahead of Witch's Sin."

“That’s right! I didn’t think that Mysterious Moon has hidden its strength so deeply,” Blue Sheath said, nodding in agreement.

Challenging a superpower was a necessary process for all first-rate Guilds. Only when a first-rate Guild had managed to achieve a victory against a superpower would the other powers in God’s Domain recognize it as a superpower. Otherwise, nobody would be convinced of the first-rate Guild’s status, and nobody would fear it as they would fear a superpower.

“However, while Mysterious Moon might have snatched the initiative, it is Witch’s Sin’s turn to make a move next!” Liu Wusheng said, his voice filled with determination.

“Actually, Mysterious Moon’s matter isn’t the most shocking thing I saw today, Elder Liu,” Blue Sheath suddenly said. “Before I discovered Mysterious Moon’s fight with World Dominators, I saw something even more amazing!”

“Something even more amazing?” Liu Wusheng couldn’t help but be a little surprised.

If news of Mysterious Moon having forty experts with near-Tier 4 strength got out, it would most likely shake the entire Miniature Ancient World. Nobody would think that World Dominators had grown weaker after losing to Mysterious Moon, either. On the contrary, they would think that World Dominators’s defeat was inevitable. So, Liu Wusheng found it hard to believe that there was something even more amazing than this matter.

“A Tier 6 Sword God has entered the Miniature Ancient World!” Blue Sheath said, uttering every word loudly and clearly. “Moreover, I can guarantee that it’s a Sword God that I have never seen before!”

“A never-before-seen Sword God in the Miniature Ancient World?” Liu Wusheng felt a chill crawling down his spine when he heard Blue Sheath’s words. “Are you certain?”

It should be known that Tier 6 God-ranked experts were high and mighty existences. Even if the Miniature Ancient World had a lot of opportunities and potentially even housed God Legacies, these opportunities were nothing to a true Tier 6 God-ranked expert. There was no way a God-ranked expert would do something as stupid as abandoning their Tier 6 status and restarting their progress in the Miniature Ancient World.

Even the Five Great Super Guilds wouldn’t do such a thing.

The reason for this was simple. The birth of every Tier 6 God-ranked expert required an astronomical amount of Seven Luminaries Crystals. It was why only the strongest among first-rate Guilds possessed Tier 6 God-ranked experts. While the various superpowers had the Seven Luminaries Crystals to produce multiple God-ranked experts, they definitely couldn’t afford to waste these resources.

Hence, there shouldn’t exist a Tier 6 God-ranked expert in the entire Miniature Ancient World.

If such an expert existed, there could only be one explanation.

An Outerworld player!

"I have a record of the battle," Blue Sheath said as she forwarded the video she recorded of Shi Feng's battle.

A Saint Legacy!

This was the first thought that came to Liu Wusheng's mind after watching the video.

Most people would only take Shi Feng's attack at face value when they saw the attack shattering space. However, as a Tier 5 Divine Mage and someone incredibly close to reaching Tier 6, Liu Wusheng possessed much greater knowledge than most players.

Meanwhile, thanks to his knowledge, Liu Wusheng could tell that the main reason Shi Feng could exhibit such power with his attack was due to his extraordinary control and usage of Mana. The level of control and usage Shi Feng had exhibited was simply unheard of.

Out of all the existences Liu Wusheng could think of, the Saints of legends, individuals who had reached the extremities of one particular field, should be the only existences capable of manipulating Mana in such a precise and ingenious manner. Hence, he concluded that in addition to being a Tier 6 God-ranked expert, Shi Feng must also have a Saint Legacy.

"I believe Mysterious Moon shares a close relationship with this Sword God. Otherwise, he wouldn't have appeared in the New Moon Forest when Mysterious Moon was challenging World Dominators," Blue Sheath said, offering her opinion on the matter.

"No! You're completely mistaken!" Liu Wusheng said, shaking his head. "Or, more specifically, everyone in Hundred Flow City is mistaken! This God-ranked expert didn't appear because Mysterious Moon decided to challenge World Dominators! Instead, it is because Mysterious Moon has formed a partnership with this God-ranked expert beforehand that it dared to challenge World Dominators!"

Forty experts with near-Tier 4 strength!

This was a force only a veteran Super Guild like World Dominators could muster at this stage of the game. Newer Super Guilds and other superpowers couldn't muster such a force even if they wanted to.

Mysterious Moon was merely a first-rate Guild that didn't even have a Tier 6 God-ranked expert. How the hell did it come to possess so many experts of such caliber?

"What should we do about this, Elder Liu?" Blue Sheath asked. After thinking it over, she felt that Elder Liu's words made sense. Otherwise, she'd have no way to explain how Nightingale, someone slightly weaker than her in terms of combat standard, possessed the ability to kill a Domain Realm expert like World Dominators's Hammer Knight Lonely Dragon.

"Go and get ready. It's about time we visit Zero Wing as well," Liu Wusheng said, smiling as he stood up from his seat. "We can't let Mysterious Moon monopolize everything! Good things must be shared!"

"I understand." Blue Sheath nodded. "I'll have people find out where Zero Wing is based immediately."

After saying so, Blue Sheath vanished from the conference room, leaving Liu Wusheng by himself.

“An Outerworld player, is it? It seems it’s about time we break free from World Dominators’s control!” Liu Wusheng muttered as he looked out the window.

Witch’s Sin had already reached the standard of a super-first-rate Guild three years ago. Its strength had long since gone beyond the level of even top-tier first-rate Guilds. In addition to having two publicly known Tier 6 God-ranked experts, it also had one other Tier 6 God-ranked expert in secret.

With three Tier 6 God-ranked experts and the Guild’s near-perfect Guild Legacy that allowed it to nurture players systematically until the Void Realm, Witch’s Sin was more than qualified to become a super-first-rate Guild. Even actual super-first-rate Guilds were no better than Witch’s Sin in these regards.

However, Witch’s Sin still chose to conceal its strength and hide behind World Dominators.

This was because the leadership of Witch’s Sin understood that it still wasn’t time for their Guild to reveal its strength. They understood that the pool of water known as God’s Domain was much deeper than most people thought. It definitely wasn’t as shallow as it seemed. Three God-ranked experts were far from enough to accomplish anything great in God’s Domain. Witch’s Sin still required an opportunity.

Meanwhile, now was the chance for Witch’s Sin to rise!

Chapter 3053

Chapter 127 – Astonishing Wealth!

Hundred Flow City, New Moon Forest;

After Shi Feng exterminated Shadow’s and World Dominators’s experts, the other experts on the battlefield promptly scattered like a bunch of frightened birds, leaving only Shi Feng’s party of five behind. In no time at all, the previously lively surroundings of the New Moon Lake had become desolate and silent.

“You’re too cruel, Guild Leader! You ruined my wonderful training opportunity!” Happy Snow complained when she looked at the desolate lakeside area. “I’m already close to breaking through the last barrier. All I needed was to spar with a few more Flowing Water Realm experts.”

Flowing Water Realm experts were incredibly rare in God’s Domain, and opportunities to spar with such experts were even rarer. Unless she went knocking on the door of a Guild with Flowing Water Realm experts, it was unlikely that she would come across such opportunities.

Meanwhile, out of the affiliated Guilds World Dominators had gathered today, some of them had dispatched Flowing Water Realm experts.

Yet... Yet... The battle was already over after she had the chance to execute only one move. The Flowing Water Realm experts standing behind Gu Yiren didn't even get the chance to make a move before Shi Feng killed them.

"It is indeed a pity."

Su Qianliu also revealed a disappointed look in regards to this situation. If Shi Feng hadn't made a move, she could've gotten the chance to spar with true experts like Gu Yiren. Gu Yiren and his subordinates had trained under a Super Guild, so their foundations must be greater than the average Flowing Water Realm expert. If she could spar with such experts, she could definitely improve her combat standards.

"Can you two battle maniacs stop being ungrateful? I think the Guild Leader's actions are right. See how much work he saved you guys?" Blackie reprimanded, curling his lips as he looked at the weapons and equipment scattered across the battlefield. "If we had to kill them one after another, most of Shadow's experts would've fled after realizing they're no match for us. If we allowed that to happen, what's the point of us coming over to intercept them in the first place?"

There were only two ways to affect a Guild in God's Domain.

The first way was through targeting a Guild's experts.

The second way was through targeting a Guild's income.

If one caused sufficient damage through any of these two methods, one could erase a Guild from God's Domain.

Meanwhile, their goal this time was to target Shadow's experts. Apart from being the symbol of Shadow, these experts were also the strength Shadow relied on to raid Team Dungeons. Without these experts, Shadow would no longer have a stable supply of high-quality weapons and equipment.

If it became known that Shadow lacked the ability to raid high-difficulty Team Dungeons and secure high-quality weapons and equipment, who'd possibly be willing to join or stay in Shadow?

Eventually, Shadow would gradually lose its members and eventually be forced to disband.

However, whether it was Su Qianliu or Happy Snow, neither of them bothered themselves with internal affairs. They remained oblivious to the importance of high-quality weapons and equipment to an organization in God's Domain. They also didn't know how to cherish a good opportunity to secure a bunch of high-quality weapons and equipment.

From how Blackie looked at it, if it weren't for Firecloud sacrificing all of his time and energy managing internal affairs, Su Qianliu's Thousand Flow adventurer team would've never managed to survive in the Black Dragon Empire.

Now that Happy Snow and Su Qianliu had joined Zero Wing, they became even more unhinged. They paid zero attention to the Guild's internal affairs and focused entirely on improving their strength. It was especially true after they acquired the Holy Annihilation Mana Technique. Both of them had become crazed battle maniacs.

“Alright, hurry up and collect the loot,” Shi Feng said as he watched Su Qianliu and Blackie bickering with each other. He wasn’t surprised that they had differing opinions, though. Or, more specifically, he had already gotten used to this situation. After all, when they were in Shadow, Blackie was responsible for managing internal affairs, while Su Qianliu was responsible for managing external affairs. It was also the same case in Zero Wing during Shi Feng’s previous life. “This battle is only a warm-up. The real fight has just started.”

“Just started?” Su Qianliu was confused by Shi Feng’s words. “Hasn’t Mysterious Moon defeated World Dominators already?”

These next two days were the most crucial for competing for the Darkmoon Outpost.

After Mysterious Moon had annihilated all three of World Dominators’s legions, the experts of World Dominators’s affiliated Guilds had also fled the New Moon Forest. It was unlikely that World Dominators could organize a force strong enough to go against Mysterious Moon these next two days. Hence, Mysterious Moon was almost guaranteed to secure the Darkmoon Outpost.

Aside from having to wait for Mysterious Moon to transfer the Darkmoon Outpost’s Shops to Zero Wing, there shouldn’t be anything that Zero Wing needed to do these next two days.

“Mysterious Moon has indeed defeated World Dominators,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “But do you honestly think a Super Guild has so little strength? After this incident, World Dominators will most likely start retaliating for real.”

During his previous life, Shi Feng had been the Guild Leader of the number one Guild in God’s Domain. Hence, he knew just how powerful a Super Guild was.

World Dominators might have difficulty mustering a force of forty experts with near-Tier 4 strength, but targeting a first-rate Guild and securing a measly Outpost was child’s play for it.

In God’s Domain, defending one’s possessions was often more difficult than fighting for another person’s possessions.

After this battle, it would be Zero Wing and Mysterious Moon’s turn to defend, while World Dominators would begin its offensive. Meanwhile, only after they had successfully defended their advantage would their victory count!

This was something Mysterious Moon probably understood as well. In fact, Mysterious Moon might have already begun concentrating its strength in Hundred Flow City to solidify its hold over the Darkmoon Outpost.

Meanwhile, the Darkmoon Outpost would become the foundation for Zero Wing’s future development, and a significant amount of money and resources would be necessary to develop it. Hence, Zero Wing needed to take every opportunity it had to secure valuable resources.

After ten minutes of looting, Shi Feng’s party collected all of the items on the ground.

“Crap! Since when was Shadow this rich?! Over half of all these items are Epic ranked!” Blackie couldn’t help but be astonished when he was done sorting through the loot. “Lan Hailong will probably have a heart attack if he learns of this loss.”

They had acquired a little over a thousand weapons and equipment in this battle, and over 600 of them were Epic ranked.

It should be known that they had targeted mainly Shadow's experts during the previous fight, while the number of World Dominators's experts they killed was no more than 100. In other words, over 500 of the Epic Weapons and Equipment they looted belonged to Shadow.

They could already arm a 100-man team to the teeth with this many Epic Weapons and Equipment.

At this time, even Shi Feng couldn't help but feel sorry for Lan Hailong.

A 100-man team's worth of Epic Weapons and Equipment!

At this stage of the game, even first-rate Guilds could only afford to gear their main force to such an extent. This meant that Shadow had just lost an entire main force's worth of equipment...

"Nice! We've hit the jackpot this time!" Firecloud exclaimed excitedly as he looked at the weapons and equipment in his bag. "We won't have to worry about lacking equipment when we recruit more members later!"

The number of Epic Weapons and Equipment they just acquired surpassed even the total number the Thousand Flow adventurer team possessed when the adventurer team transitioned into the Miniature Ancient World. Zero Wing's Guild Warehouse would remain stocked for a long time with this huge influx of weapons and equipment.

"No, we will be selling everything but the Epic Weapons. The sooner, the better," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Moreover, it's best if we can convert these items into Magic Crystals. As for the Guild Warehouse, I'll think of a way to produce more Mana Equipment Sets later."

Setting aside Level 100 Epic Weapons, Level 100 Epic Equipment could only be used in the current stage of the game. Once the various powers entered the Level 120 neutral zone and interacted with the Outerworld players, Mana Equipment would quickly become the mainstream equipment. At that time, other than powerful Epic Weapons and Equipment, everything else would become outdated.

Rather than wait until the Level 100 Epic Equipment lost their value, it'd be better to sell the equipment while they could still get a good price. They could also use the Coins and Magic Crystals they earned to upgrade the Abyssal Star Ancient City.

"Okay. I'll go and get it done," Blackie said, having no opinions regarding Shi Feng's decision. After experiencing the Mana Equipment Set's effects, he could no longer see ordinary Epic Equipment as excellent.

After Shi Feng's party returned to Hundred Flow City, Shi Feng suddenly received an emergency notification from the system. Simultaneously, a window showing the surveillance footage of his villa popped up in front of him.

Why are they here?

Shi Feng couldn't help but be surprised when he saw the scene displayed in the surveillance footage.

Noticing the strange look on Shi Feng's face, Su Qianliu curiously asked, "What's wrong, Guild Leader?"

"It's nothing. Some old acquaintances just appeared outside my house," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

"Old acquaintances? Who?" Blackie asked curiously. He knew that Shi Feng had very few acquaintances in Jin Hai City, and even fewer among them would come knocking on his door at this time.

In response, Shi Feng calmly said, "Lan Hailong.

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Chapter 128 – Fight?

"Lan Hailong? Why is he here?"

Blackie's expression darkened a little when he heard Shi Feng's words. He had spent the past ten years striving for Shadow. Yet, not only did he have nothing to show for it, but he had even gotten thrown away like a used tool by Lan Hailong.

Fortunately, the Miniature Ancient World had appeared, and he had managed to get into Zero Wing. Although he hadn't made any money yet, he could already see the future prospects of the Guild. Zero Wing definitely had a promising future, and it would certainly surpass Shadow by leaps and bounds in the future.

"He's probably here for those Epic Weapons and Equipment. Levels lost can be recovered, but it won't be easy to recover all those Epic items," Su Qianliu said, smiling.

Even her Thousand Flow adventurer team did not possess this many Epic Weapons and Equipment when it transitioned into the Miniature Ancient World. It wasn't hard for her to imagine how devastated Lan Hailong must've felt after finding out about such a loss.

It might be a different story if Lan Hailong didn't know who had come into possession of these Epic Weapons and Equipment. However, in a situation where he knew who had acquired these items, there was no way he wouldn't do something about it.

"Guild Leader, that Lan Hailong must be up to no good! I'll bring people over to your place right away!" Blackie hurriedly said when he recalled the sinister methods Lan Hailong had employed in the past.

"No need. I can take care of it by myself. You go and sell the equipment," Shi Feng said, waving his hand.

"Will you really be fine, Guild Leader?" Su Qianliu asked with some concern.

"Don't worry. It's just Lan Hailong and his thugs. They don't have the strength to do anything against me," Shi Feng said, smiling. "Alright, I'm logging off."

If it were two weeks ago, Shi Feng might have had a little trouble dealing with Lan Hailong. However, the S-rank Nutrient Fluids he consumed had already healed his hidden injuries and revitalized his body cells fully. Combined with his training, he now possessed the physical fitness of a half-step master. Now, he would have no problems facing even martial arts masters.

After saying so, Shi Feng promptly chose to log out of God's Domain.

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Outside Shi Feng's villa...

Under the villa's surveillance camera, Lan Hailong currently wore an ugly expression on his face. His eyes were also vaguely bloodshot, and even his clothes still had a lot of wine stains left on them. At this moment, he was completely devoid of his past arrogance and majesty.

"This bastard simply isn't taking us seriously, Chairman! He's made us wait outside for over ten minutes already!" the muscular and balding Zhou Yuhu said impatiently. "Should I break inside and drag him out?"

Zhou Yuhu was currently Shadow's chief training instructor. He had also participated in many fighting competitions in the city and won many trophies during his younger days. Although his combat standards were inferior to Shi Feng in God's Domain, he was far superior to Shi Feng in combat in the real world. With his physical fitness currently at the half-step Henglian master standard, he could easily take on two or three Shi Fengs simultaneously.

Meanwhile, the security system of Shi Feng's villa might seem excellent, but Zhou Yuhu was confident he could sneak inside without any cameras catching him.

However, after hearing Zhou Yuhu's suggestion, Lan Hailong calmed down a little and shook his head, saying, "Shi Feng now has a Tier 6 God-ranked expert backing him, so he's naturally feeling arrogant! We'll wait!"

Since Lan Hailong had already said so, as Lan Hailong's number one henchman, Zhou Yuhu had no choice but to dismiss his plans and continue waiting.

After another ten minutes had gone by, the villa's door finally opened, and standing behind it was Shi Feng.

At this time, Shi Feng was dressed in a bathrobe, and his hair was still wet. Evidently, he had just come out of the shower.

"Shi Feng!" Zhou Yuhu immediately felt his anger flaring up when he saw Shi Feng's attire. "We've been standing outside for so long, yet you were inside taking a shower?! Are you even taking us seriously?!"

"Do you have business with me?" Shi Feng asked, ignoring Zhou Yuhu as he turned to look at Lan Hailong. Honestly, he wasn't trying to trouble Lan Hailong and Zhou Yuhu by taking a shower. Instead, he had simply taken a shower because his body had grown dirty and sticky after spending many hours cooped up inside his virtual gaming cabin.

“I know you’re very upset with me, Shi Feng.” Seemingly regaining his past majesty, Lan Hailong calmly said, “Now that you have a God-ranked expert standing behind you, it’s natural that you can ignore Shadow and me. However, don’t you know you’ve just brought disaster to yourself?”

“Disaster?” Shi Feng couldn’t help but chuckle when he saw Lan Hailong’s high and mighty behavior. “What is this disaster you speak of, Chairman Lan?”

“Your Zero Wing might have a God-ranked expert backing it, but not only did your people annihilate Shadow’s experts right in front of World Dominators’s many affiliated Guilds, but they’ve also killed Gu Yiren, one of World Dominators’s administrators in the Miniature Ancient World. Do you think World Dominators will let Zero Wing off the hook after this slight?” Lan Hailong asked. When he looked at Shi Feng’s nonchalant expression, he could tell that the other party wasn’t heeding his words whatsoever. So, he continued, “I can tell you now that World Dominators is very angry over this matter. It has even prepared to issue a kill order across the entire Miniature Ancient World.

“That God-ranked expert might not care about having a kill order placed on him, but what about the rest of you?”

“Do you think you can survive the pursuit of the Miniature Ancient World’s countless experts?”

Nodding to Lan Hailong’s words, Shi Feng asked, “So?”

“Hasn’t Zero Wing acquired Shadow’s lost Epic Weapons and Equipment?” Chuckling, Lan Hailong said, “I can make you an offer. Think of a way to sell those items back to Shadow; you can at least give that God-ranked expert an explanation that way. In return, Shadow will plead World Dominators’s side for mercy and forget about issuing a kill order on Zero Wing. This is a deal that is good for both of us!”

Shi Feng quietly looked at Lan Hailong. After listening to Lan Hailong’s offer, he suddenly found that Lan Hailong wasn’t a brainless fool like he thought. The man was simply ignorant of the current situation.

“Your offer is good, but I refuse!” Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

“Don’t delude yourself, Shi Feng! World Dominators’s kill order will be one that can tempt countless experts! There is no way Zero Wing can survive this!” Lan Hailong said, his gaze suddenly turning icy cold. “This is your only chance!”

“Let’s just fight, then!”

After saying so, Shi Feng closed the door and stopped entertaining Lan Hailong and Zhou Yuhu, his actions causing Lan Hailong to grow dumbfounded.

Chapter 3055

Chapter 129 – Arrogant Shi Feng?

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TL Notes:

Made a change to Chapter 128 (20th March 2022):

bounty -> kill order

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“He... He... What does he mean?”

Lan Hailong fell into a daze as he stared at the villa’s shut door.

Fight?

Fight who?

World Dominators? A Super Guild?

“Should I take care of him, Chairman?” Zhou Yuhu suggested.

“Don’t bother wasting your energy,” Lan Hailong said, shaking his head. Then, with a somewhat gloomy expression, he said, “Before I came here, Gu Yiren had already told us not to provoke Shi Feng no matter what for now.”

“Does Guild Leader Gu doubt my strength?” Zhou Yuhu asked angrily. “I’m not trying to boast, Chairman, but my physical fitness has improved significantly since I started receiving World Dominators’s training resources. I’m only a little ways off from becoming a martial arts master. It’s a piece of cake for me to take care of Shi Feng.”

“You should be aware of Gu Yiren’s strength. Do you think you can beat Gu Yiren in a fight?” Lan Hailong asked as he glanced at Zhou Yuhu.

Zhou Yuhu shook his head in response. Gu Yiren’s physical fitness had already reached a realm that was beyond his reach. If they fought seriously, he felt that Gu Yiren could claim his life in a single move.

“Gu Yiren has said that he isn’t a match for Shi Feng. If you still wish to try after hearing this, be my guest,” Lan Hailong said as he looked at the lights on the second floor lighting up. If it weren’t for Gu Yiren’s warning, he would’ve most likely had a similar idea as Zhou Yuhu. After all, there was no way he would take such a slight sitting down.

Initially, Lan Hailong had been skeptical of Gu Yiren’s claims. However, when he recalled how Gu Yiren talked about Shi Feng fearfully and then saw how nonchalantly Shi Feng treated them today, he realized that Gu Yiren might have been speaking the truth.

“Even Guild Leader Gu isn’t a match?” Zhou Yuhu was stunned when he heard Lan Hailong’s words. At the same time, a hint of fear had also appeared in his eyes as he stared at the villa’s second floor. “But are we really going to let this matter slide?”

Since Gu Yiren had already spoken as such about Shi Feng, Zhou Yuhu naturally wouldn’t be so foolish as to barge into Shi Feng’s villa. If he did that, Shi Feng would be completely within his right to take care of

him. Shi Feng could even cripple him without having to worry about any legal repercussions. On the other hand, not only would he have to receive a beating, but he might even get into legal trouble for trespassing onto private property.

“Let this matter slide?” The corners of his mouth lifting slightly, Lan Hailong said, “How can we let this matter slide? Shi Feng might think that he’s become amazing, but he simply has no idea how powerful a Super Guild is! Just wait and see! It won’t be long before Shi Feng comes running to beg me!”

Before coming into contact with World Dominators, Lan Hailong hadn’t thought much of Super Guilds. While he acknowledged that Super Guilds were powerful, he didn’t think they were invincible. He even used to think of challenging a Super Guild if there was an opportunity to do so.

However, after partnering with World Dominators, he realized just how powerful Super Guilds were. The strength the various Super Guilds revealed to the public was merely the tip of the iceberg. Yet, even this small tip was already enough to scare the various non-superpowers into submission.

“But what about all those Epic Weapons and Equipment we lost?” Zhou Yuhu asked worriedly. “Without those items, our main force won’t be able to compete against the other powers’ main force. We’ll also be a step behind in exploring Level 110-plus maps...”

Currently, most of the various powers’ experts in the Miniature Ancient World had already reached Level 103. Some powerful experts had even reached Level 104 already. Meanwhile, once the various powers’ main force members reached Level 105, they would promptly advance into Level 110 maps and widen the gap between them and other players.

However, the Miniature Ancient World had a significantly harsher level suppression system. Without a full suit of Epic Weapons and Equipment, players would have difficulty grinding Level 110 monsters at Level 105.

“We don’t have any other choice. We’ll mortgage one of our Main Cities first and use the money to replace what we lost. I refuse to believe that Shadow can’t survive without that batch of Epic Weapons and Equipment Zero Wing stole!” Lan Hailong said, gnashing his teeth as he looked at the villa’s second floor hatefully. “I want to see just how long Zero Wing can survive against World Dominators’s kill order!”

After saying so, Lan Hailong turned around and walked away. Zhou Yuhu also took one last look at the villa before chasing after Lan Hailong.

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Meanwhile, on the villa’s second floor...

After executing three repetitions of the Body Strengthening Technique, Shi Feng grabbed a bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid out of the fridge and drank it. Then, he climbed into his virtual gaming cabin and got ready to log into God’s Domain.

It seems we’ve thoroughly enraged World Dominators this time. I didn’t think World Dominators would put a kill order on us. Shi Feng frowned a little when he recalled Lan Hailong’s words.

When a player power issued a kill order, it showed that this player power was determined to kill the person or organization they targeted. Simply put, a kill order was a bounty. However, the bounty offered by a superpower was different from what non-superpowers could offer.

The bounty the average power offered wouldn't earn the interest of peak experts. This was because the average power would only offer Credits or Coins for their bounty. At best, it would offer Epic Weapons and Equipment.

However, none of these things could catch the interest of peak experts. After all, a peak expert in God's Domain could easily earn several million Credits from a single commission. Obtaining Epic Weapons and Equipment was a simple task for peak experts as well. Or, more specifically, most peak experts were the ones selling Epic Weapons and Equipment in God's Domain.

Hence, the bounties issued by the average power in God's Domain wouldn't attract the interest of peak experts at all.

However, it was a different story if it were a bounty issued by a superpower. It was especially so if said superpower was a Super Guild, an existence standing at the top among the various superpowers. A Super Guild's bounty could cause even apex experts to go crazy, let alone peak experts.

Whenever a Super Guild issued a bounty, the very minimum reward it would offer was a Fragmented Legendary item!

Fragmented Legendary items were things that even first-rate Guilds had few of. Typically, even first-rate Guilds wouldn't be willing to offer Fragmented Legendary items as a reward for their bounties. However, a Super Guild wouldn't care about that.

Aside from Fragmented Legendary items, Super Guilds would also offer Legacies as rewards.

Of course, these weren't your average Legacies. Instead, they were God Legacies. These were Legacies that even most first-rate Guilds lacked the ability to acquire.

Meanwhile, a God Legacy would have a fatal attraction toward experts stuck in the boundary between Tier 5 and Tier 6. It was similar to how Galaxy Past was adamant in acquiring the Holy Annihilation Mana Technique.

If World Dominators had decided to issue a kill order on Zero Wing, Shi Feng did not doubt that many peak experts and apex experts would come after Zero Wing. While Shi Feng was confident he could repel these attacks without trouble, it was a different story for Su Qianliu and the others.

Currently, the strongest member in Zero Wing after Shi Feng was Su Qianliu. With her combat standards paired with the Ancient Mana Equipment Set, she could fight against an apex expert fully geared in top-tier Epic items. However, while she might be able to fight off one apex expert, what if she had to go up against two or three simultaneously?

Many peak and apex experts had flooded into the Miniature Ancient World in an attempt to reach Tier 6. There was no way these experts wouldn't be interested in a kill order issued by World Dominators.

Even if Su Qianliu and the others grouped up whenever they went out to grind, it probably won't take more than a few seconds before they got sent back to the city. With World Dominators's kill order in effect, Su Qianliu and the others wouldn't even be able to leave the city to level up.

It seems I'll have to open Abyssal Star City ahead of time.

Chapter 3056

Chapter 130 – Surge of Wealth

By the time Shi Feng had returned to God's Domain, the entire Hundred Flow City was already buzzing with activity. Almost every player in the city was talking about the battle in the New Moon Forest feverishly.

"Did you hear? It seems Mysterious Moon has fully occupied the New Moon Forest already! Yet, despite knowing this, World Dominators hasn't dared to send any people there! It seems World Dominators intends to give up on the Darkmoon Outpost."

"Of course I've heard about it. Also, your information is outdated."

"Outdated?"

"According to my sources, World Dominators has already demanded Mysterious Moon to withdraw from the competition for the Darkmoon Outpost. Otherwise, even if Mysterious Moon manages to acquire it, World Dominators will turn the Outpost into a restricted area."

"World Dominators is going too far! It's behaving no different from a bully at this point!"

"I know, right?"

"But Mysterious Moon has also declared that it would fight till the very end. Moreover, it is currently recruiting new players and experts, and the benefits it is offering are excellent. If Mysterious Moon manages to secure the Darkmoon Outpost as well, all of its members will get to save a lot of travel time."

The players on the street discussed the war between Mysterious Moon and World Dominators, and many couldn't help but be enraged by World Dominators's overbearing attitude. At the same time, independent players who had been subjected to the various superpowers' oppression all these years couldn't help but be tempted to join Mysterious Moon. After all, Mysterious Moon was the only first-rate Guild to have achieved victory against a Super Guild these past few years. Now, it had even resolved itself to fight to the bloody end.

"I've also received a different piece of news. I heard that World Dominators is also planning on putting a kill order on a Guild called Zero Wing."

"Zero Wing? Isn't that a newly-established small Guild?"

"I heard that Zero Wing is super-amazing. Despite being only a small Guild, it has a Tier 6 God-ranked expert among its ranks. Moreover, Zero Wing has even annihilated one of World Dominators's affiliated Guilds right in front of World Dominators's face. Right now, World Dominators is planning on offering one God Legacy and over a dozen Fragmented Legendary items as a reward for its kill order. You'll get five points for killing Zero Wing's elite members, twenty points for killing internal members, one hundred points for killing core members, and one thousand points for killing executive members. You can then use these points to exchange with World Dominators."

"Crazy! This is crazy! What is going on with this Miniature Ancient World? It's only been a few days since it opened, yet first it was Mysterious Moon, now it is a newly-established Guild! Is everyone trying to go against World Dominators?!"

"It's also because of this situation that World Dominators is trying to set an example. There's no way anybody couldn't resist the temptation of these rewards. Although it costs twenty million points to exchange for the God Legacy and five million points for each Fragmented Legendary item, it's not entirely impossible to obtain this many points. This is a chance for many ordinary experts in the Miniature Ancient World to access these resources."

"You've tempted me with your words. Should we team up to hunt Zero Wing's members?"

"I'll pass. I heard that while Zero Wing might not have many members, every one of them possesses extraordinary strength. Even the weakest among them is a first-rate expert. Rather than hunt Zero Wing's members, I'd be giving them equipment instead."

When Shi Feng overheard the independent players' discussion, he couldn't help but chuckle.

World Dominators sure is ruthless. To think it would go as far as to use a God Legacy as a bounty. Even I'm feeling a little tempted by this offer. The generosity of this point system should also allow hardworking ordinary experts to exchange for a Fragmented Legendary item.

Setting aside the God Legacy, just the Fragmented Legendary items being offered were already more than enough to tempt most players into action. After all, a Fragmented Legendary item could grant players a massive boost to their combat power, much greater than what the Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Sets could provide.

Even now, Shi Feng only had one Fragmented Legendary item in his possession, while most first-rate Guilds didn't even have thirty Fragmented Legendary items. Yet, now, World Dominators was offering over a dozen Fragmented Legendary items as a reward for its kill order.

When Shi Feng arrived in front of the Candlelight Hotel, he received an urgent call from Blackie.

"Guild Leader, have you received the news yet? World Dominators has placed a kill order on us! Now, practically every player and power in the Miniature Ancient World is talking about this matter. I've even received news saying that some superpowers' experts are considering World Dominators's offer," Blackie said anxiously. "Many of our members have already asked to withdraw from the Guild because of World Dominators's kill order. Moreover, I'm afraid it will be incredibly difficult for us to go out and grind in the future..."

A Super Guild's kill order!

This was the first time Blackie had ever experienced such a situation.

In the past, whenever he learned of Super Guilds placing a kill order on someone, he would simply think of it as an entertaining piece of news. However, now that he was the target of one of these kill orders, he couldn't find it entertaining in the slightest. He also understood what it felt like to be subjected to a Super Guild's kill order. As soon as this kill order appeared, he felt that the whole world had become his enemies. Some of Zero Wing's members were even selling information on their fellow Guildmates.

Since Blackie was an executive of Zero Wing, his head was worth 1,000 points. If others killed him 5,000 times, they'd have enough points to redeem a Fragmented Legendary item from World Dominators. If they killed him 20,000 times, they'd had enough to exchange for a God Legacy.

Twenty thousand times!

That'd be enough deaths to last him for ten years...

"I've heard about it already," Shi Feng said, chuckling as he looked at Blackie's anxious expression. "It's nothing big. Since World Dominators wants to play, we'll play with them."

He had experienced this situation many times during his previous life, so he had long since grown used to it. Adding one more experience to the list wouldn't faze him in the slightest.

"I want to do that too, Guild Leader, but we're dead-ass broke. We don't have anything we can offer as a reward..." Blackie said with a bitter smile.

In addition to a God Legacy, World Dominators had also offered over a dozen Fragmented Legendary items as a reward. These were all items that even apex experts sought to obtain, let alone ordinary experts.

The only thing of roughly equal value Zero Wing could offer was the Standardized Ancient Mana Equipment Sets. However, if they recklessly gave these items away, it might backfire on them instead...

"How is the sale of the Epic Weapons and Equipment coming along?" Shi Feng asked.[1]

"It's going along smoothly," Blackie said excitedly. "You have no idea how popular Epic Weapons and Equipment are on the market right now, Guild Leader. Everything that appears in the Auction House will get bought out almost immediately. Although we've sold only 70% of our Epic Equipment, we've already made 830,000 Gold and 3.26 million Magic Crystals!"

"That much?" Shi Feng was a little flabbergasted. He finally understood Lan Hailong had swallowed his pride to come knocking on his door asking for those Epic Weapons and Equipment. Lan Hailong had even gone as far as to ask to buy those items back.

Because of the various powers' fervent attempt to secure a foothold in the Miniature Ancient World, the value of Epic Weapons and Equipment here had soared even further. Now, it would seem that demand for these items far surpassed supply.

Originally, Shi Feng thought that they could, at most, make two million Gold from the sales of Shadow's Epic Weapons and Equipment. Yet, even though they had only sold 70% of their haul thus far, they've already made over two million Gold in profit.

Even for a first-rate Guild, a sum of 830,000 Gold and 3.26 million Magic Crystals was a significant amount of wealth.

It should be known that Zero Wing's transaction with Mysterious Moon only amounted to 160,000 Gold and 400,000 Magic Crystals. Moreover, the equipment Zero Wing sold to Mysterious Moon came in eight-piece sets. Forty sets in total meant 320 pieces of equipment. Even though there was only a small difference in number, the difference in actual value was massive...

"If we convert all of these Coins and Magic Crystals into Mana Equipment Sets, we might have a chance at fighting against World Dominators," Blackie said, his worries lessening significantly when he recalled how many Coins and Magic Crystals Zero Wing had earned.

"No! It's too much of a waste to convert everything into Mana Equipment Sets! I have a much better use for these resources," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Come over to the Candlelight Hotel quickly. I'll take you to a good place."

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TL Notes:

The part where World Dominators is offering a God Legacy and over a dozen Fragmented Legendary items is very absurd and contradictory to what we've known thus far about the Miniature Ancient World, so I assume that these rewards will be given out on the main continent instead of in the Miniature Ancient World.

Most experts are entering the Miniature Ancient World for an "opportunity" to reach higher tiers, and Fragmented Legendary items are essentially "opportunities" for players who weren't executives of superpowers or first-rate powers. If they can get a Fragmented Legendary item or a God Legacy reserved to their name on the main continent, they probably wouldn't mind starting over a new character on the main continent.

There is also the option of helping others on the main continent acquire these "opportunities" in exchange for real-world benefits (S-rank Nutrient Fluid, Life Potion, etc.)

(A little spoiler, but World Dominators is even going to add a Legendary item in its list of rewards later on. Unless Legendary items have suddenly become worthless, I doubt anyone can acquire a Legendary item in the first few weeks of the Miniature Ancient World's launch.)

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[1]"How is the sale of the Epic Weapons and Equipment coming along?" Shi Feng asked.:

Shi Feng mentioned in Chapter 127 that they would only be selling the Epic Equipment, but the author wrote Epic Weapons and Equipment in this chapter. I'm assuming he forgot, or he just typed "Weapons" out of habit, but I'll leave it as such unless a future chapter proves this otherwise.

Chapter 3057

Chapter 131 – Zero Wing’s Guild Residence

Hundred Flow City, Candlelight Hotel:

At Shi Feng’s command, Blackie promptly used a Return Scroll to teleport back to Hundred Flow City. Then, he hurried his way back to the Candlelight Hotel, not daring to delay for even a moment.

After entering the hotel, Blackie followed Shi Feng to the secret room located in the hotel’s basement. Then, after entering the secret room and making sure that nobody else was around, he finally couldn’t hold back his curiosity any longer as he asked, “Why did you call me back so urgently, Guild Leader? Where are we heading to?”

“To a city. You’ll know once we arrive,” Shi Feng said as he took out a Guild Transfer Scroll from his bag. Then, he handed the scroll to Blackie and continued, “Take this and use it.”

“A Guild Transfer Scroll?!” Blackie’s eyes widened in shock when he saw the magic scroll Shi Feng offered him. “Guild Leader, we have a Guild Residence now?!”

A Guild Transfer Scroll was similar to a Return Scroll. However, instead of teleporting players to a city’s Teleportation Hall, it teleported players to the Guild Residence linked to it instead. The Transfer Scrolls could also only be used by the members of the Guild that produced them.

Since Shi Feng was giving him a Transfer Scroll, it meant that Zero Wing now possessed its own Guild Residence!

“Mhm. We did acquire one some time ago, but I kept it a secret from you guys because of reasons,” Shi Feng said, nodding. Then, he took out another Transfer Scroll for himself and said, “Alright, let’s quickly head over. I have many things I need you to do once we head over there.”

“Okay!” Upon hearing Shi Feng’s words, Blackie promptly activated his Transfer Scroll.

A Guild Residence was something that almost every Guild player would’ve come across. Any Guild with sufficient strength would have their own Guild Residence. Or, more specifically, only after gaining a Guild Residence would a Guild be recognized as such officially.

Meanwhile, a Guild Residence granted many benefits to a Guild’s members, and it was of significant help to the development of a Guild.

When Blackie opened his eyes again, he found that he had arrived inside an ancient-looking city. Many of the buildings in the city also looked somewhat dilapidated.

This Mana... It’s so dense!

Shortly after arriving in the Abyssal Star Ancient City, Blackie quickly realized its uniqueness. Then, when he focused on perceiving his surrounding environment, he couldn't help but grow even more shocked.

Not only is the Mana here much denser than Hundred Flow City's, but its purification properties are also many times greater!

Before meeting up with Shi Feng, Blackie had been grinding in the New Moon Forest, and his body had accumulated a significant amount of foreign energy as a result. Normally, if he rested in Hundred Flow City or any other NPC City, he would've needed an hour to get rid of this amount of foreign energy.

However, upon arriving in the Abyssal Star Ancient City, he discovered that the rate at which the foreign energy in his body disappeared had increased drastically.

Ten minutes!

At most, it would take ten minutes for all of the foreign energy in his body to disappear! The purification rate here was several times faster than any NPC City!

However, this wasn't the end of Blackie's surprise. A moment later, he quickly discovered an even more surprising matter.

The map!

According to his system map, the recommended level for his current area was Level 115 to Level 120!

In the current Miniature Ancient World, this was a map that no player could grind in. Moreover, Misty Canyon that the city was located in was only one map away from the Boundary River...

Noticing the dumbfounded look on Blackie's face, Shi Feng smiled and asked, "How is it? Not a bad place, right?"

Blackie couldn't help but be rendered speechless when he heard Shi Feng's words.

This bastard was blatantly showing off!

How was this just "not bad?" The value of this place was off the charts!

Zero Wing would have a humongous advantage over the other powers if it had access to this city. Setting aside the city's excellent geographical location, just the city's purification ability was already more than enough to put it above any NPC City in the Miniature Ancient World.

If Zero Wing's members could use this city as their base of operations, their leveling speed would be twice as fast as other players at the very minimum. Not to mention, the city itself was surrounded by Level 115-plus monsters. It wouldn't take more than a few minutes of travel for players to reach a grinding spot. In comparison, players operating from Hundred Flow City would need to travel several hours before they could reach a suitable grinding spot.

While Shi Feng was giving Blackie a general introduction of the Abyssal Star Ancient City, a lithe figure suddenly appeared before them. Meanwhile, this lithe figure was none other than Hidden Soul.

"How is recruitment coming along on your side?" Shi Feng asked when he saw Hidden Soul suddenly appearing before him.

The main reason Shi Feng had left Abyssal Star City under Hidden Soul's control was to get her to recruit mercenary players for him. Then, they would use these mercenaries to rapidly develop and defend the city.

"I've recruited a batch already," Hidden Soul said. Then, sighing through her mask, she continued, "But I'm afraid it'll be tough to convince the remainder. At the very least, it's unlikely that they will join right now."

"Are they not interested in the city?" Shi Feng asked curiously. He found it hard to believe that any expert could resist the Abyssal Star Ancient City's temptation.

"It's not that they're not interested. It's just that they don't believe me..." Hidden Soul said with a bitter smile. "However, considering that none of them are willing to join or sign a confidentiality contract, it's too big of a risk to reveal anything to them."

The Abyssal Star Ancient City was too magical. It was especially so for the ancient tower in the middle of the city. It was essentially a holy land for players to learn the operating principles of Mana. They'd be inviting disaster for themselves if they recklessly revealed the ancient tower's secrets to others without having the necessary strength to protect it.

Hence, while trying to recruit her acquaintances, she would only vaguely say that the city was an excellent place to improve one's combat standards. Only after these people had agreed to join and signed a confidentiality contract would she share the tower's secrets with them.

After thinking it over, Shi Feng asked, "How many people are we talking about? What are their standards?"

Hidden Soul raised a finger in response.

"Ten? Or a hundred?" Shi Feng asked in confusion.

Hidden Soul rolled her eyes when she heard Shi Feng's question. Then, in a contemptuous tone, she said, "It's one thousand! Out of these one thousand players, even the weakest is a Half-step Refinement Realm expert, and over half of them are Refinement Realm experts or above. There are also over twenty Void Realm experts and four Domain Realm experts."

"That many? How did you find all these people?" Shi Feng was honestly shocked when he heard Hidden Soul's answer.

Originally, Shi Feng thought that Hidden Soul could, at most, recruit a dozen or so Void Realm experts. Then, they could get these Void Realm experts to introduce their acquaintances to join the mercenary alliance. The best-case scenario would be that they managed to recruit a few hundred experts before the city's opening. In the current state of the Miniature Ancient World, this could already be considered a relatively sizable force.

Meanwhile, Blackie couldn't help but be dumbfounded by Hidden Soul's words.

Over 500 Refinement Realm experts!

Even first-rate Guilds couldn't field so many Refinement Realm experts. In the Miniature Ancient World, this was a force that only the various superpowers could take out.

"Don't ask," Hidden Soul said as she looked at Shi Feng. "The only thing I can say is that if I can open this place for others to visit, I'll be able to recruit even more experts. However, if I have to operate without exposing this city's existence, it'd be difficult for the mercenary alliance to take shape in just ten days."

Seeing the anxious look on Hidden Soul's face, Shi Feng chuckled and said, "Don't worry. You can start sharing some of Abyssal Star City's information with those people from today onwards."

"Aren't you worried that the various superpowers will surround this place once it gets exposed?" Hidden Soul asked as she looked at Shi Feng in surprise.

If the Abyssal Star Ancient City's secrets got out, she did not doubt that the various superpowers would band together to attack this place. Meanwhile, with the city's current defenses, the city would fall instantly.

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Chapter 132 – Abyssal Star Ancient City's Strength

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Chapter 134 – Basis of Partnership

"A significant chance at reaching Tier 6?" Liu Wusheng asked out of curiosity, his eyes widening a little when he heard Shi Feng's words. "I am not trying to doubt your abilities, Mr. Black Flame, but getting promoted to Tier 6 isn't something that can be accomplished with words alone. Even if I obtain a God Legacy, my chances of reaching Tier 6 will only increase by a small margin."

Reaching Tier 6 was the dream of all Tier 5 experts in God's Domain. However, only an extremely small minority could achieve this dream.

Meanwhile, the closer one got to Tier 6, the more they would realize just how challenging it was to reach Tier 6. The difficulty was so high that most people would despair when they learned of it.

Upon hearing Shi Feng's words, Blue Sheath similarly couldn't help but grow interested. Although she was nowhere near meeting the requirements to reach Tier 6 right now, if there was a way to increase her chances of reaching it, she naturally had to secure it as early as possible.

"Since I dare say so, I naturally have the ability to make it come true, Mr. Liu," Shi Feng said with a faint smile. "Moreover, shouldn't we only discuss these things after becoming partners?"

"Yes, you're right, Mr. Black Flame," Liu Wusheng hurriedly said, realizing the blunder he made. He had accidentally revealed his true thoughts in front of Shi Feng. Then, after calming himself, he continued, "But if you talk about entering a partnership, shouldn't you show some sincerity first, Mr. Black Flame?"

After all, Witch's Sin is affiliated with World Dominators. Without sufficient reason, how would we dare betray World Dominators?"

Shi Feng's smile deepened when he heard Liu Wusheng's suggestion. Then, he said, "What you say is correct, Mr. Liu. It will indeed be difficult for you to decide to go against a Super Guild without sufficient benefits."

"Thank you for your understanding, Mr. Black Flame," Liu Wusheng said while caressing his beard. "You might think that World Dominators isn't much for a Super Guild after seeing it lose to Mysterious Moon, but I can assure you that World Dominators is not as simple as it seems. If World Dominators wants to, it can destroy Mysterious Moon effortlessly. Even if Mysterious Moon has 40 Primordial Mana Equipment Sets, it will never be able to defend the Darkmoon Outpost!"

However, Shi Feng simply chuckled in response to Liu Wusheng's reminder.

Nobody had a better understanding of the various superpowers and Super Guilds than him in this world. If he said he was number two when it came to such knowledge, nobody could say they were number one.

Meanwhile, as a veteran Super Guild, the strength and depth of World Dominators were not things someone like Liu Wusheng could uncover.

It was also why Shi Feng had chosen to partner with Witch's Sin and form a mercenary alliance.

Every Guild that managed to become a Super Guild did not possess just powerful experts. Besides that, Super Guilds also had the ability to acquire strategic tools.

Meanwhile, among these strategic tools, many originated from ancient times, and some even originated from primordial times. For most experts in God's Domain, these strategic tools were completely out of their reach. They'd have to have heaven-defying luck to get their hands on even one of these items. However, for a Super Guild with countless experts, they could acquire these tools much more easily and reliably. Meanwhile, if a Super Guild decided to use one of these items, they could easily destroy an entire kingdom.

This was exactly what had happened during Shi Feng's previous life. When their God's Domain connected with the Greater God's Domain and the various Outerworld powers invaded, many Super Guilds used these strategic items to stall the various Outerworld powers' advance. Many of these tools even allowed players to transcend tiers.

The only problem was that these tools were Consumables. Unless absolutely necessary, the various Super Guilds would use these tools.

However, unlike what Shi Feng was thinking, Liu Wusheng interpreted Shi Feng's laugh differently.

Contempt!

From how Liu Wusheng looked at it, Shi Feng was treating the World Dominators he mentioned with contempt!

Ignorant of Liu Wusheng's thoughts, Shi Feng asked, "May I know if you have time to spare right now, Mr. Liu?"

"We don't have anything going on for the moment," Liu Wusheng said, feeling a little confused by Shi Feng's question. "Even if we do have something to do, its importance cant compare to negotiating a partnership with you, Mr. Black Flame."

"In that case, I wish to invite you to come to a place with me, Mr. Liu. Once we reach there, I will let you know that Witch's Sin will not lose out in partnering with Zero Wing," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

Liu Wu Sheng naturally did not object to Shi Feng's suggestion. He was rather curious why Shi Feng was so confident Witch's Sin would be willing to join Zero Wing in opposing World Dominators.

Afterward, Liu Wusheng and Blue Sheath secretly followed Shi Feng out of Hundred Flow City.

After arriving inside a forest several kilometers away from Hundred Flow City, Shi Feng took out a Summoning Flute and summoned his Thunder Wolf.

Upon seeing the Thunder Wolf, Liu Wusheng and Blue Sheath couldn't help but be surprised.

"What a powerful Mount! The strength of this Mount already surpasses the average Great Lord!" Blue Sheath exclaimed in the party chat. She promptly deduced the standard of the Thunder Wolf's strength with just a glance, and she couldn't help but look at the Mount in admiration. "It's a pity that there's still no clear way to obtain Mounts in the Miniature Ancient World. If I can get a Mount like this, my leveling speed will easily double."

"It seems Black Flame's foundations in the Miniature Ancient World aren't as simple as I thought. No wonder he managed to convince Mysterious Moon to go against World Dominators," Liu Wusheng said, his evaluation of Shi Feng increasing even further.

Having a Great Lord as a Mount might not seem special on the main continent, but this was a feat that even Super Guilds couldn't necessarily accomplish in the Miniature Ancient World.

"Get on. We have a long road ahead of us. If you have any business to take care of, it's best if you make the necessary arrangements now," Shi Feng reminded after hopping onto the Thunder Wolf's back.

However, Liu Wusheng and Blue Sheath simply smiled when they heard Shi Feng's reminder. How far could they possibly travel?

A Great Lord-level Mount's speed was several times higher than players. With the Thunder Wolf's speed, it could easily reach any Level 110 leveling spot around Hundred Flow City within two hours.

However, after riding on the Thunder Wolf for some time, Liu Wusheng and Blue Sheath quickly realized that they were sorely mistaken.

Not only did Shi Feng cross Level 110 maps, but he had even crossed Level 115 maps. After advancing nonstop for eight hours, they arrived at the Misty Canyon, a Level 120 map that was essentially a forbidden area for current players.

Meanwhile, after arriving in the Misty Canyon, Liu Wusheng and Blue Sheath saw something that blew their minds.

A city!

There was a city situated deep within the Misty Canyon!

Moreover, many NPC Merchants traveled in and out of the city's entrance. The NPC traffic here was only slightly inferior to the average NPC City.

When Liu Wusheng saw this prosperous city, a frightening thought suddenly appeared in his mind. Unable to help his curiosity, he turned to Shi Feng and asked, "Mr. Black Flame, don't tell me this city is..."

Upon hearing Liu Wusheng's trembling voice, Shi Feng smiled and said, "You've guessed correctly. Zero Wing is the owner of this Abyssal Star Ancient City!"

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TL Notes:

Just a fyi. The term "superpower" refers to all organizations that are on the level of a "superpower." It isn't limited to just Guilds (super-first-rate Guilds and Super Guilds). So, adventurer teams, mercenary organizations, and whatever organization the author decides to come up with in the future can also fall under the category of superpowers.