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Chapter 155 – Gentle Snow’s Strength?

Sealing Labyrinth, first underground floor:

As soon as Shi Feng’s party entered the dimly-lit labyrinth, they immediately felt a suppressive power causing their bodies to feel heavier. However, this power didn’t achieve this effect by strengthening the gravity acting on them. Instead, it influenced their minds into thinking that their bodies had grown heavier. Meanwhile, under this suppressive effect, they’d be fortunate if they could exhibit even half of their usual combat power.

No wonder the Tower Alliance didn’t dare to raid the labyrinth with just half of the key, Cleansed Rue thought to herself, frowning when she felt the mental oppression that came from all directions. Not only does this place make our bodies feel heavier, but it also inhibits our ability to manipulate Mana. It’d be impossible to release a Mana Domain in this environment.

Although none of their Basic Attributes had changed, their combat standards had plummeted the moment they entered the Sealing Labyrinth. Despite being at the Domain Realm, Cleansed Rue could, at most, exhibit combat standards at the Flowing Water Realm right now.

As for Rain Song and Still Moon, who were only at the Void Realm standard, they could, at most, exhibit combat standards at the Refinement Realm. Paired with their equipment standard, each of them could just barely cope with a Grand Lord of the same level by themselves right now.

It should be known that Rain Song and Still Moon were both capable of fighting against Tier 4 Mythic monsters of the same level to a standstill under normal circumstances. Moreover, they could hold their ground for a relatively long time.

However, unlike Hundred Flower Palace’s members, neither Shi Feng nor the Tower Alliance’s six representatives were surprised by this situation.

One could not interpret a Sealing Labyrinth using the standards of the average Dungeon. Sealing Labyrinths were incredibly mysterious, and it was rumored that Ancient Gods were responsible for creating them. In front of an Ancient God, even a Tier 6 God was no different than an infant. Meanwhile, when operating inside a construction built by Ancient Gods, unless one had already reached Tier 6, one would have no choice but to comply with the rules set inside the construction.

Meanwhile, a minute after Shi Feng’s party started traversing deeper into the labyrinth, they heard fighting coming from a passage a short distance ahead. When they moved closer to the source of the noise, they saw Blood Hammer’s party clashing against a hundred or so Level 110 Gargoyle Guards.

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[Gargoyle Guard] (Grand Lord)

Level 110

HP 500,000,000

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Upon seeing the stats of these Gargoyle Guards, Crimson Heart and the other Hundred Flower Palace members couldn't help but frown.

These Gargoyles were equipped with weapons and possessed bodies made out of Demonized Rock, which was much tougher than steel. In addition to having three-meter-tall bodies, they also possessed four arms. So, their combat style was completely different from humans. They also possessed combat standards at the Trial Tower's seventh-floor standard.

With their current circumstances, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that each one of these Gargoyle Guards was as strong as an expert like Rain Song. Just the thought of fighting over a hundred of these Gargoyle Guards with their party of six gave Hundred Flower Palace's members goosebumps.

However, in front of the Tower Alliance's party, these Gargoyle Guards were of no threat at all. It was especially so for Blood Hammer and the Demidragon woman, who were responsible for opening a path for the party.

Blood Hammer could easily knock the Gargoyles away with just one swing from his hammer. Some of the Gargoyles he sent flying would even hit other Gargoyles and send them flying as well, creating a domino effect. If speaking purely in terms of the Strength Attribute, Blood Hammer was already on par with Level 110 Mythic monsters.

The performance of the Demidragon woman was even more exaggerated. The two shields she wielded looked more like powerful blunt weapons than shields. With just a hit using her shield, she could easily send the Gargoyle Guards in her path flying several dozen meters away, every one of these Gargoyles losing a small chunk of their HPs. Some of the Gargoyles she struck were even sent smashing into the labyrinth walls, and these Gargoyles had to struggle for quite some time before they could free themselves from the walls.

Meanwhile, because of Blood Hammer and the Demidragon woman, the other four members of the Tower Alliance's party could advance with relative ease. They didn't have to waste any Stamina and Concentration on these Gargoyle Guards.

Before a minute had even gone by, the Tower Alliance's party had already advanced a significant distance. Before entering deeper into the labyrinth, though, Blood Hammer had turned to look at Shi Feng's party, a trace of gloating and disdain in his eyes. Then, after the Tower Alliance's party progressed deeper into the labyrinth, some of the Gargoyle Guards that had fallen behind began returning to their original positions one after another...

"Dammit!" Rain Song cursed when she saw the Tower Alliance's party disappearing from her vision, her eyes filled with resignation. She didn't think that the Gargoyle Guards would stop chasing after the Tower Alliance's members. With this, they couldn't chase after the Tower Alliance's party even if they wanted to.

Although Rain Song was a Guardian Knight, she wasn't a Tier 4 Mythic monster. She might be able to hold her ground against four or five Gargoyle Guards simultaneously if she had healing support. Still,

there was no way she could mimic the Demidragon woman and fend off several dozen Gargoyle Guards all by herself. She doubted she could do so even if she activated her Berserk Skill.

Meanwhile, Crimson Heart also grew silent when they saw Blood Hammer's party disappearing.

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The gap in strength between their parties was too massive.

With her current strength, she could cope against a dozen or so Gargoyle Guards by herself. However, if she had to take on so many of these Gargoyles by herself, she wouldn't have any energy to spare on opening up a path. Not to mention, she still needed to reserve some energy to protect their party's healer and mage.

"We don't need to try and keep up with them. It's fine if we just progress at our own pace," Shi Feng suddenly said. "Sealing Labyrinths typically have five floors, and the suppression effect worsens with every floor you progress. The number of monsters you face will also increase. So, it's impossible to clear the labyrinth within a short time. What we should do now is to familiarize ourselves with the combat style of these Gargoyle Guards. Otherwise, it'll only get more and more difficult for us to progress later."

Sealing Labyrinth were constructions built by Ancient Gods. While it was true that these Sealing Labyrinths functioned as seals for pathways leading to the Stratified Abyssal Realm, they also served as trials and Legacies.

However, few people would actually notice these functions. Everyone was so focused on getting to the Stratified Abyssal Realm that they failed to realize that the Sealing Labyrinth itself was also one big treasure trove.

"Guild Leader Black Flame, every one of these Gargoyle Guards has 500 million HP. Moreover, they'll swarm us as soon as we approach them. Out of everyone in our party, I'm afraid you are the only one who can survive fighting against so many of them..." Rain Song said with a bitter smile.

Rain Song had personally witnessed Shi Feng in action, so she knew that he could exhibit strength at the Tier 4 standard. With such strength, the Gargoyle Guards would be no different than Common monsters to Shi Feng.

However, it was a different story for everyone else in the party. They didn't possess Tier 4 strength, nor were they Tier 6 God-ranked experts.

If over a hundred Gargoyle Guards swarmed them, even if Shi Feng managed to show amazing performance and pin down several dozen Gargoyle Guards by himself, it would still be useless. After all, the rest of them would still need to cope with a dozen or so Gargoyle Guards each.

Even assuming they managed to stay alive, they would still have to figure out a way to kill the Gargoyle Guards. However, with the Gargoyle Guards having 500 million HP each, their party would probably die from exhaustion before they could kill even one Gargoyle Guard...

“If all you’re worried about is getting surrounded, that’s a simple problem,” Gentle Snow said as she looked at Hundred Flower Palace’s members. “I’ll restrain their movements for you. Combined with your skills, they’ll probably have a hard time forming a proper encirclement around you.”

“You’ll restrain them?” Cleansed Rue couldn’t help but look at Gentle Snow in confusion.

The Sealing Labyrinth prohibited the use of Magic Scrolls and tools. It was also this limitation that gave Hundred Flower Palace and the Tower Alliance a headache.

“My Mana Domain happens to be proficient at this aspect,” Gentle Snow frankly stated.

After saying so, Gentle Snow walked ahead of the party. Then, as she moved closer and closer to the Gargoyle Guards, everyone could feel the surrounding Mana growing cold and stagnating.

A Mana Domain?! How is this possible?! Cleansed Rue was filled with disbelief as she looked at Gentle Snow. How can she still form a Mana Domain while being subjected to the mental oppression here?

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Chapter 156 – Advanced Lineage Crystal

As soon as Gentle Snow extended her Mana Domain, the hundred or so Gargoyle Guards guarding the passage immediately had their mobility and reaction speed slowed dramatically, their bodies behaving as if submerged inside a swamp. Their combat standards had also fallen to the Trial Tower’s fifth-floor standard. Even a first-rate expert could easily toy with the Gargoyle Guards in their current state.

Space Freezing?! Crimson Heart was greatly shocked when she saw Gentle Snow’s Mana Domain. Is she really a Berserker?

Even Cleansed Rue, who used to be a Tier 5 Divine Mage, could not release her Mana Domain in an environment with such powerful mental oppression. Yet, not only did Gentle Snow manage to use her Mana Domain, but she had also managed to execute Space Freezing with it.

This had already gone beyond surprising and reached the realm of fantasy!

It should be known that Space Freezing was an advanced method of using a Mana Domain, and it was impossible to execute without profound knowledge of Mana. The technique was so complex that only a small minority of Tier 5 magical class experts could execute it. Yet, Gentle Snow had successfully used Space Freezing despite being a Berserker.

“Let’s join in as well. She won’t be able to handle so many Gargoyle Guards by herself,” Shi Feng said when he saw that Hundred Flower Palace’s members remained in a daze. “I’ll distract the Gargoyles while the rest of you focus them down.”

The Gargoyle Guards might have had their combat standards reduced to the Trial Tower’s fifth-floor standard, but they were still Level 110 Grand Lords. A group of more than a hundred Gargoyle Guards

was more than capable of wearing out a Domain Realm. If they didn't reduce the Gargoyle Guards' numbers quickly, even Shi Feng would be whittled to death, let alone Gentle Snow.

Meanwhile, after hearing Shi Feng's reminder, Crimson Heart and the others promptly snapped out of their daze and began taking action.

The formation Crimson Heart and the others took was simple. Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue would focus on dealing damage, Still Moon would focus on healing, and Rain Song would focus on guarding Gentle Snow.

Maintaining a Mana Domain while in combat was very taxing for players. There was also the ever-present mental oppression in the labyrinth. If Gentle Snow were to fight and keep her Mana Domain functioning normally in this situation, her Concentration would deplete rapidly. So, to reduce Gentle Snow's burden, the best solution would be to have her avoid combat.

For a time, Shi Feng could be seen distracting over 90% of the Gargoyle Guards while the rest tried to target Gentle Snow. However, due to the Gargoyles' weakened combat standards and slugging movements, none of them could get past Rain Song.

As for Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue, they frenziedly targeted a specific Gargoyle Guard, with Shi Feng sneaking in a few blows from time to time.

The Gargoyle Guards might have 500 million HP, but the battle recovery effect did not exist in the Sealing Labyrinth. This was true for both players and monsters.

In addition, both Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue were capable of using basic combat techniques at a masterful level, every basic combat technique they executed allowing them to deal over a million damage. If they combined their basic combat techniques with Tier 3 Skills and Spells, they could cause several million damage per attack. One could say that the two of them had thoroughly utilized their near-Tier 4 Basic Attributes.

Crimson Heart's damage output was especially noteworthy as she executed up to four combat techniques every three seconds. She had perfectly incorporated basic combat techniques into her every move, reaching the Realms of Truth's entry-level in the truest sense.

Under the combined attacks of Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue, the first Gargoyle Guard fell in less than two minutes. At the same time, Gentle Snow and Hundred Flower Palace's four members saw their experience bars increasing by a small but visible chunk.

Roughly an hour later, Gentle Snow became the first player in the party to level up, her level increasing from 103 to 104. Her leveling speed here was not the least bit slower than the grinding expedition Shi Feng held for Zero Wing's members in the Burning Land.

As the number of Gargoyle Guards decreased, Shi Feng also got to attack more and more frequently. This, in turn, accelerated the party's speed at killing the Gargoyle Guards.

After another two hours passed, the last of the 100-plus Gargoyle Guards collapsed and disintegrated into dust.

“Something dropped?”

When the last Gargoyle Guard disappeared, Rain Song noticed that the Grand Lord had actually dropped an item. Specifically, it was a dark-gold colored crystal that was the size of a fingernail.

Initially, Rain Song had thought that the Gargoyle Guards did not have any loot since none of the Gargoyle Guards they defeated had dropped anything. She thought that they were merely here to contribute EXP to players. She didn't think that the last Gargoyle Guard they defeated would actually drop something.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng saw the dark-gold crystal, a hint of excitement suddenly flashed in his calm eyes.

This Sealing Labyrinth is amazing! I didn't think this place would drop something like this! Shi Feng couldn't help but smile when he picked up the dark-gold crystal.

“Did something good drop, Guild Leader?” Gentle Snow asked, her curiosity piqued when she saw the excited look on Shi Feng's face.

“It's an Advanced Lineage Crystal,” Shi Feng said, not bothering to withhold information on the dark-gold crystal from Gentle Snow. “This is an amazing item that's highly sought after even among Outerworld experts.”

Normally, Sealing Labyrinths would only drop the standard Lineage Crystal. Although they also had a chance of dropping Advanced Lineage Crystals, the drop-rate was abysmally low. Players were unlikely to see an Advanced Lineage Crystal drop even after looting over a hundred normal Lineage Crystals.

However, so long as an Advanced Lineage Crystal dropped, it would cause even Outerworld experts to lose their minds.

The opportunity to convert to a non-human race might not be anything special to Outerworld experts. However, the opportunity to convert to a higher creature was an entirely different story.

The “higher creature” here wasn't referencing the standard higher races such as pure-blooded Elves and Giants. Instead, it referred to higher lifeforms with superior Life Ratings.

Take the Demidragon woman from the Tower Alliance, for example. Despite being at Tier 3, her Life Rating was already close to rivaling the Life Rating of Tier 4 human players. This was also why the Demidragon woman managed to show such extraordinary performance against the Gargoyle Guards.

Meanwhile, the Advanced Lineage Crystal was an item capable of instantly transforming a normal human player into a higher lifeform like the Demidragon.

“Can it let players become very strong?” Gentle Snow asked, an interested look appearing on her face.

“Of course. If you absorb this thing, it wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say that you'll become invincible among those of the same tier,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “But absorbing this crystal requires the help of a magic array that's constructed using a large amount of Mana Stones. If you're interested, I can sell it to you for a member price of ten million points.”

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Shi Feng was already incredibly generous with his price of ten million points.

If it were up to the Greater God's Domain's various powers, they'd charge their members a minimum of one top-tier Fragmented Legendary item or something of equal value for an Advanced Lineage Crystal.

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Chapter 157 – Two Worlds' Parties

"Ten million points?"

Gentle Snow was astonished when she heard Shi Feng's offer. She didn't think that the dark-gold crystal would be worth as much as the Ancient God's Blood.

While she didn't know what "invincible among those of the same tier" meant exactly, she had personally experienced the Ancient God's Blood's powerful effects. The Ancient God's Blood might not have given her any additional Basic Attributes, but the improvements it did provide had allowed her to achieve a qualitative leap in strength. These changes would also be very useful when she tried to ascend to higher tiers in the future.

At this time, Gentle Snow suddenly realized why Shi Feng had demanded all of the loot inside the Sealing Labyrinth. Evidently, Shi Feng had done so for the Advanced Lineage Crystals.

The Ancient God's Blood was an item that assisted players in ascending to higher tiers, while the Advanced Lineage Crystal granted players unparalleled strength among those of the same tier. If a player could get their hands on both of these items, they'd gain an unimaginable advantage over other players.

So long as Zero Wing was given enough time, Gentle Snow was certain Zero Wing would grow into a behemoth that would overshadow even the Five Great Super Guilds.

After Shi Feng's party rested for a moment, they continued progressing deeper into the labyrinth.

The Sealing Labyrinth was massive, and the first floor alone was already one-third the size of a standard grinding map. Fortunately, all Shi Feng's party needed to do was head to the center; they didn't have to explore the entire floor.

Even so, Shi Feng's party had still taken over half a day to clear the labyrinth's first underground floor.

Meanwhile, during this half a day, Gentle Snow and Hundred Flower Palace's members saw a significant improvement in their combat technique proficiency and levels. Gentle Snow had reached Level 105, while Crimson Heart and the others reached Level 106. They could kill the Gargoyle Guards with much greater efficiency thanks to this improvement.

However, with each subsequent floor the party progressed, Crimson Heart and the others also grew increasingly anxious. After all, unlike their party, the Tower Alliance's party had progressed through the labyrinth without killing any monsters. At the rate their two parties progressed, there was a high chance that the Tower Alliance's party would've already cleared the labyrinth when they reached the fifth floor...

After four days of constant fighting, Shi Feng's party finally reached the Sealing Labyrinth's fifth floor. Meanwhile, Crimson Heart and the others no longer panicked as soon as they arrived. After all, the labyrinth remained unconquered even though they had already reached the fifth floor. This meant that the Tower Alliance's party was still having trouble clearing it. Evidently, the labyrinth's difficulty was much greater than they imagined.

Since that was the case, they might as well listen to Shi Feng's commands and focus on increasing their levels and combat technique proficiency.

Their party had made significant improvements during these past four days. In addition to all of them reaching Level 109, they had also made significant improvements in their proficiency in the Realms of Truth.

Crimson Heart, for example, had already reached the Ascension Realm, which was the second stage of the Realms of Truth. It was also the standard that Blood Hammer and the other Tower Alliance members were at. She was only slightly inferior to them due to her lacking experience. Even so, she was already capable of incorporating advanced combat techniques into her every move.

However, out of the five of them, the person who made the most improvements in the Realms of Truth was undoubtedly Gentle Snow. She had entered the Sealing Labyrinth with only a little knowledge of the Realms of Truth. Now, though, she had already set foot into the Truth Realm. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that she was monstrously talented.

Of course, aside from Gentle Snow, Crimson Heart, and the others, Shi Feng had also acquired a significant harvest during these past four days. Firstly, he had already reached Level 110 and remained stuck there due to the Sealing Labyrinth's restriction. Secondly, he had acquired four Advanced Lineage Crystals and 182 normal Lineage Crystals from all the Gargoyle Guards they killed.

One could say that Shi Feng had thoroughly capitalized on the pioneering benefits of this Sealing Labyrinth.

The only unfortunate part was that there were hardly any monsters on the Sealing Labyrinth's fifth underground floor. They would come across a group of 200-plus Level 112 Gargoyle Guards from time to time. At this point, a group of this size could no longer threaten Shi Feng's party of six.

After wandering on the fifth underground floor for around six hours, Shi Feng's party arrived at the heart of the fifth floor. It was also the location where the Gate of Crossing was located.

The Gate of Crossing was a fifty-meter-tall spatial fissure shrouded in darkness. Currently, though, the fissure was thoroughly sealed by golden runes.

Meanwhile, a short distance away from the spatial fissure, the Tower Alliance's party could be seen fighting against a thirty-meter-tall, pitch-black metal giant.

"A Titan?"

Rain Song was dumbfounded when she saw the metal giant.

If Dragons were known as the symbol of destruction in God's Domain, then Titans would be considered the symbol of strength. Similar to the Dragon race, the Titan race was one of the apex races in God's Domain, and they were known to be invincible among those of the same tier. They were also the worst nightmare for players.

Titans were monsters that resembled NPCs the most. In addition to being extremely intelligent, they also wielded Super-Ancient Spells that NPCs of the same tier couldn't wield.

If players in God's Domain were given a choice, they'd rather face a Dragon of the same tier than a Titan.

"No, that's not a Titan," Crimson Heart said as she observed the Tower Alliance's fight with the metal giant. "The metal giant is clearly a Tier 4 Mythic monster. Even if the Tower Alliance's members are monsters in their own right, there is no way they stand a chance against a Tier 4 Titan."

"That's right. That giant isn't a Titan," Shi Feng said, nodding in agreement with Crimson Heart as he observed the metal giant fight. "It should be a dead Titan that has been turned into a puppet. However, while its combat standard might not come close to a living Titan, its Basic Attributes should be no different than an actual Tier 4 Titan. It should also lack the ability to use Super-Ancient Spells.

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[Dark Titan] (Mythic)

Level 112

HP 15,000,000,000

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If a Tier 4 Titan appeared in a Sealing Labyrinth that only allowed up to Level 110 players to enter, the Ancient God that created the Dragonfall Secret Land had definitely created the secret land with ill intentions. The Ancient God definitely did not intend for players to clear the secret land.

After all, under normal circumstances, even a team of 100 Tier 4 experts had little to no chances of beating one Tier 4 Titan. Challenging a Tier 4 Titan at Tier 3 was simply an absurd notion. Ancient Gods were probably the only existences capable of accomplishing such a feat.

At the same time as Shi Feng's party arrived at the labyrinth's heart, Blood Hammer and the others also noticed their arrival.

"How did they get here?"

A hint of surprise appeared in the Demidragon woman's eyes when she glanced at Shi Feng's party. They hadn't killed a single Gargoyle Guard on their way here, and they had done so with the express purpose of hindering Shi Feng's party's progression. After all, Shi Feng's party did not possess the strength to go up against the Gargoyle Guards. Meanwhile, if Shi Feng's party couldn't reach the Guardian Boss, the Tower Alliance would be able to monopolize 90% of the entry slots for the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

Yet, now, Shi Feng's party had appeared at the Guardian Boss's location. Moreover, all six of them looked alive and healthy.

"It seems we've underestimated them a little," Blood Hammer said as he glanced at Crimson Heart and the others. Then, in a contemptuous tone, he continued, "But it doesn't matter even if they managed to reach this place. There's no way they can deal with this Dark Titan. The only thing they can do is watch us fight it."

Even in the Tower Alliance's party, the only person capable of tanking the Dark Titan was Maria, the Demidragon woman. The Dark Titan's Basic Attributes were simply too much for most Tier 3 players to handle. In terms of Basic Attributes, it was definitely on par with Superior Mythic monsters of the same level. Only Maria, who wielded Fragmented Legendary Shields and possessed Strength surpassing the average Tier 4 player, could receive the Dark Titan's attacks and survive.

If any other Tier 3 MT were to try and tank the Dark Titan's attacks, they would die in one move.

"Ignore them! We need to break away from the fight quickly!" Maria said, her voice sounding a little hurried. "We've only shaved away 20% of the Boss's HP, yet we've already expended over half of our Stamina and Concentration! We need to think of a better solution to raid this Boss!"

Upon hearing Maria's words, Blood Hammer and the others couldn't help but look at the Dark Titan in frustration.

The Dark Titan simply had too much HP.

Their party had already reached the Guardian Boss on their second day inside the Sealing Labyrinth. Afterward, they had constantly been coming up with strategies to raid the Dark Titan. However, even until now, their most successful attempt only saw them shaving off 30% of the Dark Titan's HP. Moreover, they had nearly exhausted themselves and gotten teamwiped on that attempt.

Subsequently, Blood Hammer and the others quickly withdrew from the Dark Titan's sphere of activity. Then, once the Dark Titan had stopped chasing them, they sat down and started resting.

There was no foreign energy inside the Sealing Labyrinth, so they didn't have to concern themselves with their bodies being corroded. Moreover, Stamina and Concentration recovery rates were seemingly boosted here. So long as they remained outside of combat and ate some food, they could quickly recover to their peak conditions. This had also made raiding the Boss significantly easier.

"They seem to have given up, Guild Leader," Gentle Snow said, a surprised look appearing on her face when she saw the Tower Alliance's party resting in the distance.

Based on the fight's progression, she could tell that it was only a matter of time before the Tower Alliance's party defeated the Dark Titan. Yet, the Tower Alliance's party had suddenly given up on the raid.

“Since they are stopping, we’ll take their place,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “You’ll use your Mana Domain, Snow, while Rain Song and I will distract the Boss. Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue, you two look for opportunities to strike.”

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Chapter 158 – Differences Between Parties?

When Shi Feng’s party started approaching the Dark Titan, the Tower Alliance’s members noticed their actions.

“Are they planning to fight the Dark Titan?”

A look of shock appeared on Maria’s face as she looked at Shi Feng’s party. While it was true Shi Feng’s party no longer had to worry about level suppression since they had already increased their levels, the Dark Titan couldn’t be compared using the Gargoyle Guards.

The labyrinth’s mental oppression existed even in the Boss area, so none of them could exhibit their usual combat standards.

Maria could only tank the Dark Titan because she was a Demidragon and possessed a Fragmented Legendary Shield that reduced all damage she received from attacks under the Tier 5 standard by 60%. Even then, she would still lose one-third of her HP from just one of the Dark Titan’s punches.

Meanwhile, from what Maria could tell, Rain Song, the only MT in Shi Feng’s party, was only geared in Epic Weapons and Equipment. She wasn’t playing as a rare race or higher lifeform, either. With such circumstances, Rain Song would probably disappear from just one punch.

“They might be thinking that since we can safely retreat from the Dark Titan, they can probably give it a try as well,” Blood Hammer said, laughing when he saw Crimson Heart and the others charging at the Dark Titan. “This is good. It’ll save us the trouble of worrying about their interference when we are fighting the Boss. Once they get teamwiped here, it’ll take them a few more days before they can come back here.”

Previously, Blood Hammer had been worried that Shi Feng’s party would try to sneak in some attacks and increase their contributions while their party was keeping the Dark Titan busy. Meanwhile, this was not an outcome the Tower Alliance wished to see.

However, so long as Shi Feng’s party died here, they’d have to spend the next few days making their way back to the fifth underground floor.

“We need to come up with an effective strategy quickly. Our food and potions are limited, so we can’t afford to waste too much time with the Dark Titan,” the elven man said, returning everyone’s attention to the problem at hand. “With the Grandmaster Mana Recovery Potions I have left, we can make, at

most, ten more attempts. If we can't beat the Dark Titan in ten attempts, I'll need to head back to restock my potions."

Upon hearing the elven man's words, the other five players in the party couldn't help but feel a little pressured.

The elven man contributed 40% of their party's damage against the Dark Titan by virtue of his Dark Elf race resonating with the Sealing Labyrinth's environment. If they lost the elven man's damage contribution, raiding the Dark Titan would become impossible.

While the Tower Alliance's members were discussing their raid strategy, Shi Feng's party had already arrived before the Dark Titan.

The twenty-meter-tall Dark Titan was like a six-story building. Even without wielding any weapons, it could already cover a huge range with its arms and legs. Unless players were capable of moving up to thirty yards in the blink of an eye, there was no way they could dodge an attack from the Dark Titan.

When Shi Feng, who moved at the forefront of the party, entered the Dark Titan's attack range, the Dark Titan sent a punch flying at him without hesitation. The Dark Titan's punch caused even the surrounding space to crack and stagnate, making it incredibly challenging for players to move around in this space.

"He's charging at the forefront even though he isn't an MT? Is he looking to die?" Maria's eyes widened in shock when she saw Shi Feng's actions.

Shi Feng was a Swordsman. Yet, rather than trying to assist in dealing damage from the side, he was the first to charge into battle. Seeing this situation, Maria couldn't help but suspect that Shi Feng had wrongly chosen his class.

However, just as the Dark Titan's fist was about to reach Shi Feng, a ripple of energy suddenly spread across the battlefield and enveloped the Dark Titan, causing the Dark Titan's movements to slow down significantly.

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"Space Freezing?!" When the elven man saw the Dark Titan's movements showing visible signs of slowing down, he promptly noticed the cause. Then, he turned to look at Gentle Snow, shock and confusion on his face as he muttered, "How can she use a Mana Domain while under such powerful mental oppression?"

The elven man was also an expert capable of casting a Mana Domain at Tier 3. However, when subjected to the labyrinth's mental oppression, he felt as if needles were constantly pricking his brain. Under such a situation, he couldn't even calmly manipulate his Mana, let alone form a Mana Domain.

Before the elven man could get over his shock, something even more shocking took place on the battlefield.

Even after Gentle Snow had inhibited the Dark Titan's movements with her Mana Domain, Shi Feng showed no intentions of dodging the Dark Titan's attack. Instead, he created a spatial tear as he swung the Winter of Eternal Night at the Dark Titan's fist.

Sword's Transmigration!

Boom!

A loud explosion resonated throughout the spacious hall as fist and sword collided. The shockwaves of the impact also caused cracks to appear in the surrounding space.

"He blocked it?"

Maria's eyes were filled with disbelief when she saw Shi Feng holding his ground against the Dark Titan's attack. Although the floor under him had cracked and shattered, he had only lost one-fifth of his HP from the attack. He was even more of an MT than an MT like herself.

Meanwhile, as soon as Shi Feng's HP dropped, Still Moon, the Cleric, promptly cast a Healing Spell and healed his HP back to full.

As expected of a Titan. It truly does have astounding Strength. The power of its punches is definitely at the Tier 4 Peak standard already, Shi Feng thought. Then, when he saw the Dark Titan swinging its other fist at him, he promptly switched to wielding his sword with both hands above his head.

First Sword, Lightshadow!

Suddenly, the phantom of a gigantic greatsword appeared above Shi Feng. Then, this greatsword descended and smashed into the Dark Titan's fist.

Boom!

The sound of the explosion was much more resonant this time. The impact had even caused a storm to brew within the underground hall. Even Maria and the others, who sat over a thousand yards away, could feel the impact's shockwaves.

Meanwhile, unlike the previous exchange, not only did Shi Feng not take any damage this time, but he had also managed to rebuff the Dark Titan's fist, the Mythic monster's entire arm thrown backward. The Dark Titan had even lost its footing for a moment, being forced to take half a step back before it managed to stabilize its body.

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A damage value exceeding over a million appeared above the Dark Titan's head.

Although this couldn't be considered a significant amount of damage, the eyes of the Tower Alliance's members nearly fell out of their sockets when they saw this outcome.

"Impossible!"

"He managed to repulse the Dark Titan's attack? How strong is that attack of his?"

"The Dark Titan's attacks are at the Tier 4 Peak standard on average. Seeing as he managed to not only repulse the Dark Titan's attack but also damage it, his attack must be very close to the Tier 5 standard already."

“Tier 5?! Wasn’t their God’s Domain supposed to be one that only appeared recently?!”

The Tower Alliance’s members couldn’t help but be shocked and confused as they looked at Shi Feng.

Logically, even a Tier 3 player wielding a Fragmented Legendary Weapon couldn’t exhibit power nearing the Tier 5 standard. The only possibility a Tier 3 player could execute such a feat was if they wielded a Legendary Weapon. However, that clearly wasn’t possible.

“Graysword, you’re a Swordsman as well. Can you tell what floor he is on?” Maria asked as she looked at the Half-demonkin, who wielded a gray greatsword, sitting next to her.

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Chapter 159 – Fourth-Floor Expert

“I can’t say for certain,” the Half-Demonkin named Graysword answered. Graysword was a tall and robust man with dark-gray skin covered in pitch-black runes. After quietly watching Shi Feng’s battle for a moment, he hesitantly said, “But according to my experience as a Swordsman, anyone capable of executing a Saint-level Mana Technique to such a level of perfection should be a fourth-floor expert.”

“A fourth-floor expert?! Blood Hammer couldn’t help but turn to look at Graysword in disbelief when he heard the Half-Demonkin’s words. “Their God’s Domain shouldn’t have access to the Greater God’s Domain yet, so how can an expert of such caliber appear there already?”

Before a God’s Domain gained access to the Greater God’s Domain, it would typically categorize its experts based on the Realms of Refinement.

However, in the Greater God’s Domain, there was only one publicly acknowledged categorization for strength—the World Tower.

The World Tower was similar to the Trial Tower available in every God’s Domain, and all players in the Greater God’s Domain ranked their strengths based on their performance in the World Tower.

However, compared to the Trial Tower, the World Tower’s difficulty was significantly greater. So long as players managed to clear the World Tower’s first floor, they would be publicly recognized as experts in the Greater God’s Domain. Meanwhile, experts of such caliber were welcomed by the various powers in the Greater God’s Domain.

If a player successfully cleared the second floor, they’d become an expert that even the Greater God’s Domain’s various peak powers would actively try to recruit. Meanwhile, experts such as Hundred Flower Palace’s Cleansed Rue would be at the World Tower’s second-floor standard.

Going one step above would be the third-floor experts. These experts were also known as God-ranked experts.

Typically, only Tier 6 God-ranked experts would be capable of clearing the World Tower's third floor. Of course, there were bound to be exceptions since not everyone would have the fortune to reach Tier 6. After all, besides having sufficiently high combat standards, players would also need to have sufficient fortuitous opportunities to get promoted to Tier 6.

The current Hundred Flower Palace's Crimson Heart could just barely be considered a third-floor expert. Everyone in the Tower Alliance's party was similarly at this standard. Unfortunately, they were all stuck at the cusp of reaching Tier 6.

As for experts capable of clearing the World Tower's fourth floor, these were existences capable of ranking within the top ten in their God's Domain. Even the Tower Alliance only had one such player in its midst.

It should be known that the difficulty of the World Tower's third and fourth floors was worlds apart from each other. The fourth floor's challenge was so difficult that every one of their God's Domain's current fourth-floor experts had only managed to clear the fourth floor after gaining access to the Greater God's Domain and sparring numerous times with the God-ranked experts there.

Thus, Blood Hammer found it hard to imagine that a God's Domain that had yet to gain access to the Greater God's Domain could produce an expert of such caliber. Not to mention, said expert was only at Level 110 and had come to a place like the Sealing Labyrinth.

"If that's the case, it might be worth befriending Hundred Flower Palace," Maria said. While watching Shi Feng singlehandedly tanking the Dark Titan, she couldn't help but reevaluate the importance of Hundred Flower Palace. "The Stratified Abyssal Realm is the gathering place for the various God's Domains' newbies. Setting aside the native players, the strongest players there are third-floor experts like us. There is no way any power would send a fourth-floor expert there. If we can get a fourth-floor expert's help, we'll have a much easier time establishing a foothold in the Stratified Abyssal Realm."

The Stratified Abyssal Realm might be a gathering place for the various God's Domains' newbies, but it was also a place highly contested by the powers of the various God's Domains. This was because aside from being rich in rare resources such as the Seven Luminaries Crystal, the Stratified Abyssal Realm was also home to many players with superior talent.

Due to the Stratified Abyssal Realm's nature, many of its native players grew faster than players based in normal God's Domains. Their chances of becoming second-floor and third-floor experts were also several times higher. Occasionally, fourth-floor experts would even appear in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. Meanwhile, these experts had become a resource fought over by the Greater God's Domain's various powers.

If Guilds could recruit these native experts to their cause, it would significantly help their development. After all, competition in the Greater God's Domain was incredibly harsh. NPC protection also did not exist in the Greater God's Domain. Thus, if a Guild wished to establish a foothold in the Greater God's Domain, it would need many capable experts.

Meanwhile, so long as the Stratified Abyssal Realm developed to a certain extent, it would become a part of the Greater God's Domain. Once that happened, recruiting the Stratified Abyssal Realm's experts

would become significantly more difficult since every power in the Greater God's Domain would be competing over these talents. Hence, before the Stratified Abyssal Realm merged with the Greater God's Domain, the various Guilds needed to enter the Stratified Abyssal Realm and snatch up as many of these experts as possible.

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While Maria and the others were holding their hushed discussion, the Dark Titan's HP was rapidly decreasing due to the attacks of Crimson Heart, Cleansed Rue, and Shi Feng.

Every one of their attacks dealt over a million damage. From time to time, Rain Song would also take over Shi Feng's job of tanking the Dark Titan, giving Shi Feng the opportunity to execute Lightshadow and shave off over ten million of the Boss's HP.

Monsters in the Sealing Labyrinth did not have any battle recovery, so every HP the Dark Titan lost would be permanent so long as it remained in combat. Thus, even though the Dark Titan had 15 billion HP, it would eventually fall so long as Shi Feng and the others did not run out of Stamina and Concentration.

However, the Dark Titan wasn't as easy of an opponent as everyone thought. When its HP fell to 30%, it suddenly let loose an angry roar. Then, an identical copy of itself split from its body.

"It can even use Dark Division?" Crimson Heart's complexion paled when she looked at the two Dark Titans before her.

Dark Division was a Tier 4 Super Spell that allowed users to create a perfect copy of themselves. Although the Spell only had a short duration of several minutes, the doppelganger created would possess all of the original's Basic Attributes, Skills, and Spells. Moreover, even if the doppelganger was killed, it would not affect the main body in any way.

They already had their plates full dealing with one Dark Titan. Only death would await them if they had to deal with two Dark Titans.

"The Boss would use such a move at 30% HP? How is anyone supposed to raid it?" Blood Hammer couldn't help but be dumbfounded when he saw this development. He never thought that the Dark Titan would have such a move in store.

Previously, he thought that his party still had a chance of raiding the Dark Titan. All they needed to do was come up with a viable strategy. However, after seeing the Dark Titan use Dark Division, he no longer thought as such. After all, there wasn't a second person in their party capable of tanking the Dark Titan's attacks.

"But this is a chance for us," Maria suddenly said, her eyes glowing with excitement as she looked at the two Dark Titans.

Currently, neither of their parties could go up against the Dark Titan on their own. They could only get past this Guardian Boss if their parties worked together.

"Indeed. They'll have no choice but to cooperate with us now," Blood Hammer said, smiling.

However, going against Maria and Blood Hammer's expectations, Shi Feng had long since expected such a development. As soon as the Dark Titan used Dark Division, he promptly activated the Winter of Eternal Night's World of Frost.

Immediately, nine frost swords appeared around the two Dark Titans, each frost sword carrying 120% of Shi Feng's Strength. Although the Sealing Labyrinth's mental oppression prevented Shi Feng from displaying his full potential, he still managed to manipulate the nine frost swords to the point where every frost sword could execute a basic combat technique. Meanwhile, with the help of the nine frost swords, Shi Feng was able to keep both Dark Titans pinned down.

"Is he really just a fourth-floor expert?"

This scene dumbfounded Blood Hammer and the others.

While they found it shocking that Shi Feng had managed to single-handedly suppress the Dark Titan's berserk mode, they found it even more shocking that he could exert such a high degree of control over the nine frost swords with their current circumstances. The level of control Shi Feng exhibited was simply astounding.

At this time, even Crimson Heart, Gentle Snow, and the others were stunned by this situation.

Under the Sealing Labyrinth's powerful mental oppression, the most they could do was execute one basic combat technique at a time. Yet, in addition to executing basic combat techniques with all nine frost swords, Shi Feng was also simultaneously clashing with the Dark Titans directly...

Subsequently, time passed by quickly. Two minutes after the Dark Titan used Dark Division, the Spell's duration expired, and the second Dark Titan disappeared.

Meanwhile, as soon as the second Dark Titan's disappearance, Shi Feng promptly attacked the original Dark Titan with all nine Frost Swords.

World of Frost had a three-minute duration, which was only one minute more than the Dark Titan's Dark Division. In a situation where everyone's Stamina and Concentration were rapidly depleting, he needed to take advantage of every opportunity to kill the Dark Titan as soon as possible.

The Dark Titan already had its hands full fighting Shi Feng, so it naturally didn't have any leeway to defend against the nine frost swords. As a result, the nine frost swords had free rein over the Dark Titan's defenseless body, causing over three million damage per attack.

Subsequently, the Dark Titan's HP bar could be seen draining at a rate visible to the naked eye.

Seeing this, Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue also stopped holding back, both of them activating their Legacy Berserk Skills and doubling their Basic Attributes. They intended to shave away the Dark Titan's remaining HP in one fell swoop.

20%... 10%... 3%... 1%...

Boom!

Eventually, the Dark Titan fell to its knees as its HP reduced to zero.

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TL Notes:

[1]World Tower: The World Tower(世界塔) mentioned here is different from the World Tower(世界之塔) located in Dragonheart Island. If I were to translate 世界之塔 in a more direct manner, it'd be "World's Tower" or "Tower of the World."

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Chapter 160 – Astonishing Harvest

When the Level 112 Mythic ranked Dark Titan died, a bright glow enveloped everyone except Shi Feng as they reached the highest level permitted in the Dragonfall Secret Land.

Immediately afterward, a system announcement rang in the ears of both Shi Feng's party members and the Tower Alliance's party members.

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Regional System Announcement: Sealing Labyrinth unlocked. The pathway to the Stratified Abyssal Realm will be unlocked in ten minutes.

Regional System Announcement: Sealing Labyrinth unlocked. The Sealing Labyrinth will be converted into a standard region in two natural days, and the entry limit into the region will be removed.

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Upon hearing the system announcements, Crimson Heart and the other Hundred Flower Palace members couldn't help but grow ecstatic.

"We did it! Big Sis Rue!" Rain Song cheered while shaking Cleansed Rue by the shoulders. "Our party will get to monopolize 90% of the entry slots now!"

The Dark Titan might not have battle recovery, but raiding it was still a great challenge. Had the raid continued for ten more minutes, most of them would have collapsed from Stamina and Concentration exhaustion.

Fortunately, the Dark Titan's HP ran out before they collapsed from exhaustion.

"You made a huge contribution to the Guild this time, Rue. If not for you, we would've lost out on this huge opportunity," Crimson Heart said as she looked at Cleansed Rue

If not for Cleansed Rue strongly recommending Hundred Flower Palace choose Zero Wing as its partner and agreeing to Shi Feng's seemingly absurd demands, Hundred Flower Palace would've most likely ended up with only 10% of the Stratified Abyssal Realm's entry slots.

However, rather than feeling joyful about being praised, Cleansed Rue wore a complicated look on her face as she looked at Shi Feng.

The first time Cleansed Rue met Shi Feng was in front of the Primordial Demon Court. At the time, Shi Feng had caused her and Hundred Flower Palace to suffer a huge loss. Yet, now, Shi Feng had helped Hundred Flower Palace secure 90% of the Stratified Abyssal Realm's entry slots. She even felt an indescribable sense of reliability when she looked at Shi Feng's back right now...

Meanwhile, some distance away from Shi Feng's party, the Tower Alliance's party of six wore indescribably ugly looks on their faces.

Originally, they had entered the Sealing Labyrinth thinking that they would be securing 90% of the Stratified Abyssal Realm's entry slots. They had never thought that Hundred Flower Palace would be the one to monopolize 90% of the slots instead.

Although they had thought of forcing their way into the raid halfway through to rake in some contributions, they eventually decided against doing so. This was because there was no benefit in doing so. It wouldn't change the outcome in any way. Hundred Flower Palace could simply stop attacking the Boss and switch to annihilating them instead. After all, the agreement the Tower Alliance signed with Hundred Flower Palace did not state that they could not attack each other. They merely agreed to open the Sealing Labyrinth together and split the entry slots for the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

While the two Guilds' members were busy celebrating and sobbing, Shi Feng, who stood before the Dark Titan's corpse, wore a dumbfounded look on his face.

"I really cannot understand what Hundred Flower Palace is thinking. The entry slots might be important, but the loot of this Boss probably isn't much worse than those slots," Gentle Snow exclaimed, shock coloring her face as she looked at the items scattered across the ground.

She used to be the Guild Leader of Ouroboros, a first-rate Guild, several years ago, so she had seen the loot of Mythic Bosses on numerous occasions. She had even seen the loot of many Superior Mythic Bosses.

However, all of them paled compared to the Dark Titan's loot.

This was because the density of the Mana the dropped items carried was on an entirely different level.

In the past, the strongest item Gentle Snow had seen might have radiated dense Mana, but the Mana the item radiated remained invisible to the naked eye. However, every one of the items the Dark Titan dropped was currently radiating mist-like Mana.

How powerful must these items be for them to radiate such frightening Mana?

"This loot has indeed exceeded my expectations," Shi Feng similarly exclaimed. "If they were to see what the Dark Titan dropped, they would have also regretted agreeing to our deal."

For a Mythic monster, the Dark Titan did not drop many items. It had dropped only 32 items in total. Moreover, 30 of them were materials.

However, these were all incredibly special materials.

Abyssal Heart Fragments!

If what they got was the complete Abyssal Heart, they would've had an Inferior Divine Artifact ranked material on their hands. Even so, as the fragments of an Inferior Divine Artifact ranked material, the Abyssal Heart Fragments were still rated as Legendary materials.

When added into the production of weapons and equipment, an Abyssal Heart Fragment had a 50% chance of granting the item a Mana Amplification effect. In addition, it also had a 20% chance to upgrade a Dark-Gold item to an Epic item and a 1% chance to upgrade an Epic item to a Fragmented Legendary item.

Typically, one could exchange for a Fragmented Legendary item with just ten Abyssal Heart Fragments. This meant that the Dark Titan had dropped three Fragmented Legendary items' worth of Abyssal Heart Fragments.

It should be known that a first-rate Guild would, at most, have several dozen Fragmented Legendary items. So, three Fragmented Legendary items were still a considerable fortune for a first-rate Guild.

Not to mention, in addition to the thirty Abyssal Heart Fragments, the Dark Titan had also dropped one Fragmented Legendary item and one Primal Lineage Crystal.

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[Abyssal Eye] (Ring, Fragmented Legendary Rank)

Equipment Requirement: Strength 1,500, Agility 1,200

All Attributes (Increases according to the user's level)

When equipped:

Increases all Attributes by 40%;

Reduces all hostile dark-type effects by 50%;

Ignore Levels +10

Additional Skill 1: Dark Star. Continuously cause dark damage to a radius of 500 yards for ten seconds.

Cooldown: 30 seconds.

Additional Skill 2: Abyssal Power. Grants the wearer the power of the Abyss, increasing Defense by 100%, Strength by 150%, Agility by 60%, Physique by 50%, and Endurance by 100% for three minutes.

Cooldown: 3 hours

Possession of the Abyssal Lord. Destroyed by the Eternal Spear, the Abyssal Eye's core has been split into four fragments. The Abyssal Eye will restore itself when the three other core fragments are collected. Current restoration progress (0/3)

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Rings were much rarer than weapons and equipment in God's Domain. Typically, even the various superpowers' Tier 5 experts would only be using Epic Rings, while most Tier 4 experts would still be stuck using Dark-Gold Rings. Moreover, the level of these rings would be far beneath the players using them.

Due to their rarity, rings would typically be valued one rank higher than their actual rank. For example, a Dark-Gold Ring would be valued similarly as an Epic Equipment.

Meanwhile, the rarity of Fragmented Legendary Rings was close to rivaling the rarity of Legendary Equipment. Not to mention, the Abyssal Eye was originally a Godly Relic. So long as he could find the three remaining core fragments, he could return the ring to its former glory. Hence, its value was many times higher than the average Fragmented Legendary Ring.

However, compared to the Abyssal Eye, Shi Feng cared more about the dark crystal in his hand.

This dark crystal was none other than the Primal Lineage Crystal.

It was also an item that Shi Feng had never thought he would obtain, and its value was much higher than even the Abyssal Eye.

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TL Notes:

I've decided to capitalize the "physique" stat from now on. I didn't capitalize it initially since I wasn't sure if it was an actual in-game parameter. When I realized that it was an in-game parameter afterward, I continued keeping it at lowercase for consistency. But looking at it now, it feels strange leaving "physique" uncapitalized.

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Chapter 161 – Primal Lifeform

There existed three ranks of Lineage Crystals in God's Domain: the normal Lineage Crystal, the higher-ranking Advanced Lineage Crystal, and the highest-ranking Primal Lineage Crystal.

Primal Lineage Crystals were the only means for players to convert into a primal lifeform. However, Primal Lineage Crystals were so rare that their rarity surpassed even Legendary items. To put it into perspective, a typical God's Domain would only have around a dozen primal lifeforms.

In terms of Life Rating, primal lifeforms did not exceed higher lifeforms such as Demidragons by much. Some primal lifeforms were even inferior to Demidragons when it came to Life Rating.

However, there was one aspect in which primal lifeforms had an insurmountable advantage over the higher lifeforms—World Affinity!

Among the many creatures in God's Domain, primal lifeforms started with the highest World Affinity.

In God's Domain, it was widely known that the higher a player's World Affinity was, the higher their affinity with Mana would be. At the same time, they would also have an easier time perceiving the operating principles of Mana.

If the average player started with one point in World Affinity, a primal lifeform would start with three points in World Affinity. Even players who had reached Level 1 World Authority wouldn't have such high World Affinity. Most importantly, the World Affinity gained through converting to a primal lifeform stacked with the World Affinity players gained through World Authority.

Moreover, the World Affinity gained this way wouldn't disappear even if players left the God's Domain they came from. This was because it wasn't a blessing granted to them by their homeworld but rather an inherent part of their strength instead.

Of course, converting to a primal lifeform wasn't an easy task. Aside from requiring a Primal Lineage Crystal, one would also need 10,000 Mana Stones to activate the Primal Lineage Crystal.

Mana Stones were much rarer than Magic Crystals. Although Master Alchemists could synthesize Mana Stones using Magic Crystals, the conversion ratio was 1:100. Moreover, the synthesis success rate wasn't 100%. In other words, it'd cost at least one million Magic Crystals to convert to a primal lifeform. It simply wasn't a cost the average person could afford.

This saves me a lot of trouble, Shi Feng thought as he put the Primal Lineage Crystal into his bag.

Originally, Shi Feng had planned on using an Advanced Lineage Crystal to increase his Life Rating. Then, he would head to the main continent and pick up an Inferior Legendary Quest to increase his World Authority in preparation for his Tier 5 promotion.

Not all Tier 6 God-ranked experts were equals. In fact, the difference in strength between God-ranked experts was much greater than even the difference between Tier 3 and Tier 4 players. If he did not pave a solid foundation for himself, even if he reached Tier 6, he would merely be an insignificant Tier 6 God-ranked expert in his sub-world and the Greater God's Domain.

Shi Feng might seem very strong right now, but that was only because of a few factors, namely the Winter of Eternal Night, his Legendary Mana Body, and his superb control over Mana. In the Winter of Eternal Night's case, it was a Fragmented Legendary Weapon that closely rivaled Legendary Weapons. In the case of his Mana control, he was confident that nobody could match him in this regard at Tier 3. Even if the Tier 6 God-ranked experts on the main continent reverted to Tier 3, none of them could match him.

However, once he climbed to higher tiers, these advantages would quickly grow insignificant. If he climbed to higher tiers without increasing his advantages, the gap in strength between him and his peers would shrink continuously, and some might even surpass him.

It should be known that even the Tier 5 experts on the main continent had much greater advantages accumulated than he currently did, let alone the main continent's Tier 6 God-ranked experts. This was because every veteran Tier 5 expert on the main continent would have several Fragmented Legendary items, with some even having Legendary Weapons and Equipment. In addition, they also possessed a large number of Tier 5 Skills and Spells.

The difference between a player wielding a large number of Tier 5 Skills and a player with only one or two Tier 5 Skills was bigger than the difference between a human and a dog.

This was also why few Tier 5 and Tier 6 experts were willing to enter the Miniature Ancient World. Entering the Miniature Ancient World would mean losing all the advantages they had accumulated over the years. There wasn't even a guarantee they could accumulate as many advantages in the Miniature Ancient World as they previously had on the main continent.

Shortly after Shi Feng had sorted out the Dark Titan's loot and equipped the Abyssal Eye, the chains binding the spatial fissure started shattering one after another. At the same time, the spatial fissure's size also expanded by several times, occupying nearly half of the entire hall.

Subsequently, the spatial fissure radiated a powerful attraction force that caused everyone to subconsciously gravitate toward it. Shi Feng and the others had to resist with all their strength just to avoid getting sucked into the spatial fissure.

At the same time, a system notification rang in everyone's ears.

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System: Gate of Crossing activated. The wielder of the complete key may safely teleport up to 20 people to the Stratified Abyssal Realm through the Gate of Crossing. Once used, the key will enter a Cooldown period of ten natural days to accumulate energy. The key will also be required to safely return from the Stratified Abyssal Realm. Those without the key's protection, please enter with caution.

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"Why are there only twenty slots?" Rain Song couldn't help but be confused when she heard the system notification.

Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue also couldn't help but be surprised and frown at this revelation.

According to the information they found through investigating the Dragonfall Secret Land, they discovered that the Stratified Abyssal Realm was a massive place. It was much larger than even the empires on the main continent. Although the Stratified Abyssal Realm had a strict level limit, its player population should amount to one billion at the very least. After all, aside from the countless native powers, plenty of experts from the various God's Domains also operated there.

In their opinion, the teleportation gate should accommodate a thousand players at a time, at the very least. Otherwise, how were foreign players like themselves supposed to thrive in the Stratified Abyssal Realm?

Yet, now, the system was telling them that they would only receive twenty entry slots.

After setting aside the Tower Alliance's two slots, they still had to split half of the remaining 18 slots to Zero Wing. This meant that Hundred Flower Palace would only have nine entry slots.

What could they possibly do with just nine slots?

The amount of items nine players could carry was incredibly limited. There was no way they could establish a long-term trade channel with just nine players. Not to mention, the currency used in the Stratified Abyssal Realm was different from the currencies they used.

"This is much better than we initially anticipated."

Unlike Hundred Flower Palace's members, Blood Hammer, the leader of the Tower Alliance's party, revealed an excited expression when he heard the system notification. Although they were four or five entry slots shorter than their initial expectations, the Cooldown of the Gate of Crossing here was only ten days. That was significantly better than some of the other gates with month-long Cooldowns.

If Blood Hammer were to learn that Hundred Flower Palace's members had come into the Sealing Labyrinth thinking that they could acquire 1,000 entry slots into the Stratified Abyssal Realm, he would probably laugh himself to death.

The Stratified Abyssal Realm was a special location that connected the many worlds of God's Domain.

If every God's Domain could periodically send 1,000 players into the Stratified Abyssal Realm, it wouldn't take long before the various God's Domains' players outnumbered the native players. If that were the case, the various Stratified Abyssal Realms wouldn't have remained under the absolute control of the various native powers all this time. The various God's Domains' powers wouldn't have had to try to butter up to the Stratified Abyssal Realms' native powers.

Being able to gain nine entry slots every ten days was a privilege that could make even the Greater God's Domain's various peak powers grow envious.

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Chapter 162 – New Expansion Pack

Nine slots? Shi Feng was greatly surprised when he heard the system notification. It seems I'll have to make ample preparations for this.

Shi Feng possessed an in-depth understanding of the Stratified Abyssal Realm. The average Gate of Crossing could only accommodate five or six people, with larger ones accommodating up to ten people.

Yet, not only could the Gate of Crossing before them teleport up to twenty players at a time, but it only had a short Cooldown of ten days. The value of this Gate alone was several times greater than the combined value of several Tier 6 God-ranked experts.

It should be known that in addition to allowing players from God's Domain to travel to the Stratified Abyssal Realm, the Gates of Crossing also allowed players native to the Stratified Abyssal Realm to travel to God's Domain. The only difference was that the Stratified Abyssal Realm's native players needed to pay an exorbitant price in Seven Luminaries Crystals to travel to God's Domain.

According to Shi Feng's knowledge, the amount of Seven Luminaries Crystals that native players needed to pay to leave would differ depending on their combat standards. The higher a player's combat standards, the more Seven Luminaries Crystals they needed to fork out when leaving the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

Even experts at the World Tower's first-floor standard were already required to pay 1,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to leave, while second-floor experts were required to pay 3,000 units.

However, 1,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal was a sum that a second-rate Guild would need two months to collect. Although first-rate Guilds and superpowers could collect a lot more Seven Luminaries Crystals, it simply wasn't worthwhile to do so.

Players who reached the World Tower's first floor might be recognized as experts in the Greater God's Domain, but they weren't exceptionally rare or powerful experts. They wouldn't even be considered top-ranking experts in the various first-rate Guilds.

As for second-floor experts, while they were indeed powerful combatants, the cost to teleport a second-floor expert out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm was 3,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal. Even a first-rate Guild could only afford to teleport one such expert out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm once every two months.

Not to mention, due to the Stratified Abyssal Realm's restrictions, native experts were at a very low level and tier. So, Guilds would have to invest a lot of time and resources to develop these experts to their full potential.

For a God's Domain that had yet to gain access to the Greater God's Domain, the Stratified Abyssal Realm's true value lay in the trade opportunities it offered.

The Stratified Abyssal Realm possessed various precious resources that weren't available in God's Domain. Even if they set aside the Stratified Abyssal Realm's unique resources, the Skills, Spells, combat techniques, and Mana Techniques the Stratified Abyssal Realm possessed were also far superior to what was available in their God's Domain.

Due to the various Stratified Abyssal Realms having a very low level cap on average, the native players there compensated for their lacking levels and tiers by developing their Skills, Spells, combat techniques, and Mana Techniques.

It was especially true when it came to the development of combat techniques and Mana Techniques. The various Stratified Abyssal Realms had far surpassed the many worlds of God's Domain and reached

an entirely different level. Moreover, different Stratified Abyssal Realms would have different civilization cultures and development paths. Because of this, the variety of combat techniques and Mana Techniques the various Stratified Abyssal Realms possessed was so large that it could astonish even the Greater God's Domain's hegemonic powers.

If an isolated God's Domain could gain access to these combat techniques and Mana Techniques, these techniques would greatly help its development.

Meanwhile, nine entry slots were already more than enough for Shi Feng to do many things in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

Afterward, Shi Feng, Crimson Heart, and Blood Hammer agreed to meet before the Gate of Crossing two days later. Though, after factoring in the time needed to traverse the Sealing Labyrinth, they would only have one day to prepare once they returned to their respective God's Domains. So, they were considerably tight on time.

After agreeing on a time, everyone promptly took out a Return Scroll and teleported back to their respective God's Domains.

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Miniature Ancient World, Abyssal Star City:

When Shi Feng and Gentle Snow teleported back to Zero Wing's Residence, they quickly noticed that the Residence was missing some of its liveliness and prosperity. Many Guild members in the Residence also wore looks of frustration and envy.

Before Shi Feng could even begin to wonder what had happened while he was gone, a series of message notifications rang in his ears.

After checking his message interface, Shi Feng found that several dozen people had messaged him these past few days. Among these people, Su Qianliu and Blackie had sent him the most messages, each of them sending several dozen messages.

Did something happen? Shi Feng grew a little confused as he looked at the several hundred unread messages in his inbox.

Before leaving, Shi Feng had already informed Su Qianliu and Blackie that he would be taking care of something important and that they shouldn't contact him unless it was something urgent. It was especially true for offline communication. He told them that unless Zero Wing was under the threat of destruction, they absolutely should not try to contact him in the real world.

The Sealing Labyrinth was a special location that granted access to the Stratified Abyssal Realm, so players were prohibited from communicating with the outside world or logging out of the game while inside it. Although players wouldn't be put into real danger for logging out of the game, their in-game souls would be weakened for a certain period as a penalty.

"It seems something big happened while we were away," Gentle Snow said. "Yaoyue messaged me saying that a new expansion pack called 'Primordial Demon's Awakening' appeared while we were away."

Along with the introduction of this expansion pack, a special building appeared outside the various NPC Cities. This building leads to a primordial secret land, and players can hunt for Mounts in that secret land. Moreover, the leveling inside is at least two times faster.”

“Hunt for Mounts?”

Realization dawned on Shi Feng when he heard Gentle Snow’s words.

Mounts could greatly increase a player’s leveling speed and range of movement. However, there was still no reliable way to acquire Mounts in the Miniature Ancient World. Even Shi Feng had only obtained his Mount in the Primordial Demon Court by chance. Now that a reliable means of acquiring Mounts had appeared, it wasn’t strange to see players causing a huge commotion over it.

However, this was a huge problem for Zero Wing. After all, Zero Wing’s operations were based in Abyssal Star City. It didn’t have a base of operations in any NPC City. So, there was no way Zero Wing could compete against the various powers.

“But entering this primordial secret land isn’t an easy task. Players will have to raid Team Dungeons to acquire the secret land’s teleportation tokens, and each Team Dungeon will only drop around a dozen tokens. Moreover, even after entering the secret land, players are only allowed to stay there for a limited time,” Gentle Snow explained. “So, the various powers are frantically searching for and raiding Team Dungeons right now. Many powers have started a fight over Team Dungeons, and even Mysterious Moon has already suffered over 10,000 casualties.”

“There’s a dramatic difference in leveling speed between players with and without Mounts. Team Dungeons also appear randomly in the various maps, so not even the various superpowers can monopolize them. Even small Guilds will try to compete for some Team Dungeons in this situation. So long as they get into the Team Dungeon, there’d be nothing other powers can do about it. So, it’s normal for Mysterious Moon to suffer such losses,” Shi Feng said. He wasn’t surprised that Mysterious Moon had suffered so many casualties. Mounts were a key factor that could decide a Guild’s future. No Guild would be willing to give up on the opportunity to acquire a large number of Mounts.

While Shi Feng and Gentle Snow were conversing, Su Qianliu suddenly approached them in a hurry.

“You’re finally back, Guild Leader,” Su Qianliu said as she looked at Shi Feng, who had just walked out of the Residence’s Teleportation Hall. “Something big has happened while you were away. Had you taken even a day longer to reply, Blackie and I would’ve had to contact you by force.”

“Did something happen to Zero Wing?” Shi Feng asked in confusion.

The current Zero Wing was prospering greatly in the Miniature Ancient World. Although the new expansion pack had thrown a monkey wrench into Zero Wing’s development plans, it wasn’t so bad that the Guild would face destruction.

“It’s not Zero Wing,” Su Qianliu said, shaking her head. “But it isn’t completely unrelated to Zero Wing, either. Specifically, something major has taken place over at the Asura Mercenary Alliance. Chief Administrator Hidden Soul and many other peak experts intend to withdraw from Asura...”

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TL Notes:

For those wondering, “peak powers” and “hegemonic powers” are two new terms the author has introduced. Hegemonic powers are above peak powers. I don’t know how they compare to the superpowers in Shi Feng’s God’s Domain, though.

Also, Su Qianliu, Blackie, and the others still aren’t aware that the Asura Mercenary Alliance is actually owned by Zero Wing. Hence, Su Qianliu’s manner of speaking.

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Shi Feng was a little stunned by Su Qianliu’s words, his mind failing to process those words immediately.

Hidden Soul wasn’t some nobody. Su Qianliu and the others might not be aware of it, but Hidden Soul was an outer member of Zero Wing. It was also under Shi Feng’s suggestion that Hidden Soul had established the Asura Mercenary Alliance and recruited a large number of independent experts for Zero Wing.

However, the action of establishing the Asura Mercenary Alliance wasn’t only beneficial to Zero Wing. It was also beneficial for Hidden Soul herself.

No player in God’s Domain could progress very far if they relied only on themselves. If a player wished to reach the apex of God’s Domain, they’d need a large amount of resources that required a lot of manpower to obtain.

This was also why Shi Feng had chosen to establish Zero Wing and the Asura Mercenary Alliance.

Zero Wing and Asura might not look like much right now, but once they took shape, both organizations would be extremely useful in helping him acquire the astronomical amount of Seven Luminaries Crystals required to reach Tier 6. He would also have a much easier time obtaining high-tiered Skills, high-tiered Spells, and Legendary items.

In order to become an apex expert in God’s Domain, players didn’t just need to have incredibly high combat standards. They also needed Fragmented Legendary items, Legendary items, and a large collection of high-tiered Skills and Spells. A player would only become complete as an apex expert after meeting all these requirements. Meanwhile, the requirements to become a true Tier 6 God-ranked expert were even higher.

In a certain sense, Legendary items and Tier 5 and Tier 6 Skills and Spells were even more important for Tier 6 God-ranked experts.

Almost every Legendary item in God’s Domain could grant players the strength to transcend tiers. Suppose that, by some miracle, an ordinary expert managed to get his hands on two or three Legendary

items. If a Beyond Domain Realm expert with no Legendary items were to fight this ordinary expert at the same tier, the fight would end with an overwhelming victory in the ordinary expert's favor.

However, searching for and obtaining Legendary items involved a lot of time and effort. If Shi Feng tried to do everything by himself, all he'd end up with was nothing.

This was something Hidden Soul was also well aware of. It was also why she had gladly agreed to help him establish the Asura Mercenary Alliance. With Asura's support, she, too, could develop her strength much more rapidly.

Yet, now, Su Qianliu was telling him that Hidden Soul wanted to withdraw from the Asura Mercenary Alliance. No matter how Shi Feng thought about it, this situation simply didn't make sense.

"I'm sure you are also aware of Asura's situation, Guild Leader. It is only thanks to Chief Administrator Hidden Soul that Asura has attracted so many powerful experts and customers. It is also thanks to these customers that Zero Wing has managed to earn enough funds to keep itself afloat and even purchase Shadow's Lan Hua Tower. Not to mention, Chief Administrator Hidden Soul has also helped out with training Zero Wing's recruits. If Chief Administrator Hidden Soul were to leave..." Su Qianliu dared not continue her words after speaking up to this point. "Guild Leader, they are currently holding a meeting in Asura's headquarters. Can you head over there and try to dissuade Chief Administrator Hidden Soul and Asura's executives from leaving?"

If Hidden Soul were to leave, the Asura Mercenary Alliance wouldn't be the only one affected. Zero Wing would also have its development severely impacted. However, the fact that Asura was still silent about this situation meant that there was still room for negotiations.

Unfortunately, Su Qianliu didn't have any rights to speak in the Asura Mercenary Alliance, so she couldn't stop Hidden Soul from leaving. Shi Feng was the only person in Zero Wing who had speaking rights in Asura.

"Alright, I'll go and take a look," Shi Feng said, nodding. After saying so, he promptly made his way toward Asura's headquarters, questions filling his mind.

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Inside the top-floor conference room of Asura's headquarters...

On the surface, it was announced that Asura was currently holding a meeting between its executives. In reality, though, there were only four people seated inside the large conference room.

On one side of the conference table sat Hidden Soul and a ferocious man looking to be in his fifties. On the other side sat Liu Wusheng and Blue Sheath.

Currently, all four of these people had already reached Level 107. They were two levels higher than the Miniature Ancient World's frontline experts, and even the various superpowers' peak experts would be shocked if they saw these four people's levels. This was because even the various superpowers' peak experts were only at Level 106. Not to mention, at Level 107, Hidden Soul and the others would no longer have to worry about the problem of level suppression when roaming Level 110-plus maps.

“Are you intent on withdrawing, Miss Soul?” Liu Wusheng asked as he looked at Hidden Soul. “Won’t you consider talking things out with Mr. Black Flame?”

“Further discussions are unnecessary,” Hidden Soul said, shaking her head. “The Flower of Seven Sins has already issued its ultimatum. If my old friends and I do not leave Asura, the Flower of Seven Sins will begin targeting Asura in all aspects. I’m sure I don’t have to explain to you what the Flower of Seven Sins is capable of, Mr. Liu. If we do not leave, Asura’s future will be ruined. I’m sure this isn’t something Guild Leader Black Flame wishes to see. Not to mention, Guild Leader Black Flame is still missing. If we delay our withdrawal any further and the Flower of Seven Sins begins to take action, all of Asura’s customers are certain to leave. The same goes for Asura’s experts.”

After hearing Hidden Soul’s words, Liu Wusheng opened and closed his mouth several times. However, no matter how he racked his mind, he simply couldn’t come up with any rebuttals.

The various first-rate powers in God’s Domain might not know the full extent of the Flower of Seven Sins’ capabilities. However, it was a different story for Witch’s Sin, a Guild that had secretly reached the standard of the various superpowers already.

The Flower of Seven Sins’ might not have as many members as any of the Five Great Super Guilds, but the number of experts it possessed absolutely exceeded every one of the Five Great Super Guilds.

Moreover, because the Flower of Seven Sins wasn’t a Guild but a covert organization instead, there was no use placing a bounty on it. Members of the Flower of Seven Sins typically kept their identities hidden. Most members didn’t even know where the organization’s main headquarters was located.

According to rumors, the Great Commander was the only person who knew exactly how many members and trump cards the organization had. Not even the six other commanders of the organization knew about these details.

Meanwhile, so long as someone was willing to pay the price, the Flower of Seven Sins would dare to accept even a commission for the heads of the Five Great Super Guilds’ Guild Leaders. Moreover, not only was there a precedent of this situation, but the Flower of Seven Sins had even completed the commission successfully.

Although Liu Wusheng didn’t know why the Flower of Seven Sins had decided to target Hidden Soul, an ex-commander of the organization, it was a fact that the assassination organization had issued a warning to the Asura Mercenary Alliance. However, judging by the fact that only the four of them had received this notice, he could also tell that the Flower of Seven Sins didn’t wish to offend Asura too much. The organization only wished for Asura to keep its hands out of Hidden Soul’s problem.

However, there wasn’t anything Asura could do about this situation, either. Others might not be aware of Asura’s current situation, but Liu Wusheng was. If Asura tried to go against the Flower of Seven Sins, it’d be no different than trying to crack a rock with an egg.

Black Flame, the person behind the Asura Mercenary Alliance, might come from an incredibly strong power, but how much strength could this extraordinary power employ in this God’s Domain?

It should be known that the Flower of Seven Sins was one of the strongest powers in this God's Domain. Getting targeted by the Flower of Seven Sins would be an absolute nightmare for Asura.

"Interesting. So it's a warning from the Flower of Seven Sins?"

While Liu Wusheng was racking his mind for a solution, the doors to the conference room suddenly opened. Then, a chuckle that Liu Wusheng and Hidden Soul were familiar with came through the doors.

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"Guild Leader Black Flame!"

Liu Wusheng and Hidden Soul were both surprised by Shi Feng's sudden appearance. However, the two wore different expressions when they saw Shi Feng, the former looking pleasantly surprised and the latter looking ashamed.

"Level 110?!"

The ferocious middle-aged man seated beside Hidden Soul was similarly surprised when he saw Shi Feng. However, the reason for his surprise was different from Liu Wusheng and Hidden Soul.

Unlike the others present, the ferocious middle-aged man had a special Identification Skill that allowed him to ignore the concealment effects of Black Cloaks. Hence, even though Shi Feng was hiding his information with a Black Cloak, he could see Shi Feng's level the instant Shi Feng had entered the room.

Liu Wusheng, Hidden Soul, and Blue Sheath were all experts with extraordinary senses. Although the middle-aged man had exclaimed in a very soft voice, the three of them still managed to hear his words loud and clear. Meanwhile, all three of them couldn't help but turn to look at Shi Feng in even greater surprise after hearing the middle-aged man's mutterings.

"Have you really reached Level 110 already, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Liu Wusheng asked, unable to hold back his curiosity. It should be known that his current level of 107 already allowed him to look down on the entire Miniature Ancient World. He could even move about freely in Level 115-plus maps at this level. Although Liu Wusheng had expected Shi Feng to be above him in levels considering the other party's strength, he didn't expect there to be such a huge difference.

If it were in the past, reaching Level 110 wouldn't be a big deal since it was only a minor turning point for players. At most, players would receive more Basic Attributes from their Level 150 Epic Weapons and Equipment.

However, that all changed ever since the introduction of the most recent expansion pack.

The primordial secret land that got introduced with the expansion pack had two separate maps with different level limits. The first map only allowed players under Level 110 to enter, while the second map

only allowed players between Level 110 and Level 120. Before reaching Level 110, players couldn't enter the second map.

Currently, the first map only dropped Mounts up to the Mysterious-Iron rank. Meanwhile, a Mysterious-Iron Mount's combat power only rivaled Lord-ranked monsters of the same level. A Mount of this rank could just barely be of help to expert players.

On the other hand, the primordial secret land's second map dropped up to Secret-Silver Mounts. Meanwhile, a Secret-Silver Mount possessed strength rivaling High Lords of the same level. With such combat power, a Secret-Silver Mount could be of significant help to players out in the fields. After all, most of the monsters found in even Level 115 maps were only at the High Lord standard.

Not to mention, no powers were competing over the second map yet. So, the acquisition rate for Mounts in the second map would surpass the first map.

"I have indeed reached Level 110 for some time now." Shi Feng nodded, not bothering to hide his level. However, he couldn't help but be surprised as he looked at the middle-aged man beside Hidden Soul.

The Black Cloak might not be infallible, but a top-tier Identification Skill would still be required to see through a Black Cloak's concealment effect.

Such Identification Skills were not commonly available in God's Domain. Even a top-tier first-rate Guild wouldn't have more than ten people with such Identification Skills. Yet, despite being an independent expert, the middle-aged man owned one such Identification Skill.

Shi Feng had already memorized the names and appearances of the many experts in God's Domain who possessed such top-tier Identification Skills. Yet, even though the middle-aged man named Frenzied Smile was already at the Domain Realm, Shi Feng had no recollection of this person whatsoever.

When Hidden Soul noticed the look of surprise on Shi Feng's face, she took the initiative to introduce the middle-aged man beside her, saying, "Let me introduce you. This person here is Frenzied Smile, one of the former Seven Great Elders of the Flower of Seven Sins' Board of Elders. Ever since he retired from his position, he has always lived a secluded life. I had to go through a lot of trouble to find him."

"Greetings, Guild Leader Black Flame," Frenzied Smile said as he stood up and nodded at Shi Feng. "Although I've heard Commander Soul speak many things about you before, it would seem that you are even more amazing than she described."

"You flatter me, Elder Smile," Shi Feng said with a smile. "The fact that you are willing to join the Asura Mercenary Alliance is an honor for Asura."

Domain Realm experts were highly contested among the various superpowers. Even the Five Great Guilds were no exception. This was because Domain Realm experts had the strength necessary to lead and safeguard important locations. They also had a considerable chance of becoming a Tier 6 God-ranked expert in the future.

However, upon hearing Shi Feng's words, Frenzied Smile's expression immediately grew a little awkward. Then, he said, "I'm afraid I'll have to disappoint you, Guild Leader Black Flame. While my

friends and I are interested in becoming a part of Asura, Death Omen, the current commander for the Flower of Seven Sins' Sin of Pride, has already issued an ultimatum to Asura. If we insist on joining Asura, not only will we bring no benefit to the mercenary alliance, but we will even bring trouble with us instead."

Hidden Soul wore a somber expression when she heard Frenzied Smile's words.

Death Omen was Hidden Soul's younger cousin sister, and the girl was incredibly talented. Originally, Death Omen was one of the potential contenders for the title of Pride in the Flower of Seven Sins. However, the title eventually landed in Hidden Soul's hands, and Hidden Soul became the Sin of Pride's first commander in God's Domain.

Now, though, Death Omen had become the Sin of Pride's new commander.

If Death Omen was the only person Hidden Soul was going up against, she could have simply ignored the girl's threat. After all, Death Omen only held command over the Sin of Pride. The problem was that Supreme Sky stood behind Death Omen.

Supreme Sky was the owner of Greed, and he was the second most powerful person in the Flower of Seven Sins, coming behind only the Great Commander. Meanwhile, Supreme Sky was typically responsible for handling most of the Flower of Seven Sins' affairs.

Hence, Death Omen's threat could also be regarded as the will of the Flower of Seven Sins.

As a former commander of the Flower of Seven Sins, Hidden Soul was fully aware of what it meant to go against the will of the Flower of Seven Sins. If the Asura Mercenary Alliance did not heed the Flower of Seven Sins' warning, the only outcome awaiting Asura would be elimination.

There was no way Asura, in its current state, could go up against the Flower of Seven Sins. After all, even a veteran Super Guild like World Dominators was no different than an infant before an adult when going up against the Flower of Seven Sins. The only powers capable of truly contending with the Flower of Seven Sins were the Five Great Super Guilds, existences that had existed for more than a hundred years.

"Aren't you underestimating Asura too much, Elder Smile?" Shi Feng suddenly laughed as he looked at Frenzied Smile's awkward expression. "The Flower of Seven Sins might be strong, but that doesn't make Asura a pushover. Since the Asura Mercenary Alliance has decided to let Hidden Soul become its Chief Administrator and even have her recruit former members of the Flower of Seven Sins like yourself without consulting the Flower of Seven Sins beforehand, it means that Asura has never cared what the Flower of Seven Sins would think of this decision."

Hidden Soul was momentarily stunned when she heard Shi Feng's words. She never expected Shi Feng to say such words.

At this moment, an array of emotions filled her heart. There was excitement, anxiety, and shame.

It should be known that even the various superpowers would grow fearful when hearing the name of the Flower of Seven Sins, let alone receiving a warning from the assassin organization. After all, there were precedents of the Flower of Seven Sins destroying entire superpowers in God's Domain.

At this moment, Hidden Soul wasn't the only person stunned by Shi Feng's words. Liu Wusheng was similarly dumbfounded.

Was this the prelude to an all-out war between the Asura Mercenary Alliance and the Flower of Seven Sins?

"Are your words true, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Frenzied Smile asked as he looked at Shi Feng with a serious expression. "I'm not sure if you know this, but the Flower of Seven Sins has enough strength and wealth to destroy even the superpowers in God's Domain."

"The Asura Mercenary Alliance will never regret its decisions. If the Flower of Seven Sins wishes to target Asura, Asura won't mind giving the Flower of Seven Sins a fight," Shi Feng said affirmatively.

"Good! As expected of a power Commander Soul has settled on!" Frenzied Smile laughed. "Since the Asura Mercenary Alliance is willing to go to such an extent for retired folks like us, we won't back down, either! We are willing to fight with the mercenary alliance!"

"Elder Smile?" Hidden Soul couldn't help but feel exasperated when she heard Frenzied Smile's words. Frenzied Smile had evidently included her in his declaration.

"Don't tell me you're willing to give in like this, Commander Soul?" Frenzied Smile asked as he looked at Hidden Soul. "If you still choose to quit even after Asura has agreed to help us, you're going to disappoint us old folks."

Hidden Soul hesitated for some time after hearing Frenzied Smile's words. Eventually, though, she gritted her teeth and said, "Fine! I'll fight with Supreme Sky, then! Even if I lose, I'll be damned if I don't knock out a few of his teeth!"