

Chapter 175 – High Demonkin's Might

"Night Revenant is too much! How can he attack those people without even giving them a warning? Is he not afraid that they might be Upper-class Nobles from Slumber City?"

"It seems that *that* person from Death Curse has completed the trial. Otherwise, there's no way Death Curse's members would act so arrogantly."

"But those people are truly unlucky. Even the commander can't get away unscathed from an Advanced Combat Puppet's magic cannon. Those people must have been wiped out already..."

The expressions of the Purple Light Trading Firm's members turned ugly when they saw the Death Curse adventurer team's Advanced Combat Puppet suddenly take action against Shi Feng's team.

Originally, Shi Feng's team had been their Purple Light Trading Firm's hope. After all, players who'd appear in this area would typically be from Slumber City. And since Shi Feng's team dared to travel outside with so few people, it proved that they were strong. Hence, there was a high chance that this might be a team under the command of one of Slumber City's Upper-class Nobles.

After all, Upper-class Nobles were a special group of existences out of Slumber City's several hundred million players. They had many followers, and they also enjoyed greater authority in Slumber City. Even Slumber City's various powers would try their best to partner with these Upper-class Nobles. Meanwhile, if an Upper-class Noble was willing to pay the price, even the peak powers in Slumber City would get a headache.

Typically, only those who had managed to become Slumber City's Vice City Lord would dare to provoke Upper-class Nobles. However, to become a Vice City Lord, not only would a player need to have 100 Temple Knight players with Tier 4 strength as followers, but they would also need to complete the Temple Trial.

For Death Curse, gathering 100 Temple Knights wasn't a difficult task. However, the difficulty of completing the Temple Trial was on an entirely different level.

Many experts had challenged the Temple Trial throughout these years. However, only three people managed to complete it. These three people were essentially invincible existences in Slumber City, and they were also Slumber City's mainstays.

The Purple Light Trading Firm had only managed to gain its current standing and strength in Slumber City because it was backed by one of these three people.

However, if *that* person from Death Curse managed to complete the Temple Trial, it'd be a nightmare for the Purple Light Trading Firm since the two organizations were long-time enemies.

While the Purple Light Trading Firm's members were lamenting over the situation, the destructive beam fired by Death Curse's Advanced Combat Puppet didn't hit its mark as intended. Instead, just when it

was about to hit Shi Feng's team, the beam suddenly got deflected and struck the nearby ground, instantly evaporating the rocks and trees within a 100-yard radius.

"The Magic Destruction Cannon's beam got deflected?! How is this possible!?"

"The commander is one of the top 100 Knights in Slumber City, but even he can't deflect that powerful beam. Who is that person?"

The Purple Light Trading Firm's members couldn't help but be astonished as they looked at the dagger-wielding woman standing before Shi Feng's team.

The Advanced Combat Puppet's Magic Destruction Cannon was a weapon specifically meant to target Temple Knights since it possessed the power of a Tier 4 Spell cast by a Tier 4 Mythic monster. Even players with the identity of Temple Knight would die instantly to this attack unless they possessed a Lifesaving Skill.

This was also why Night Revenant had instructed the Advanced Combat Puppet's user to use the Magic Destruction Cannon without hesitation. Even an Upper-class Noble's team would evaporate under this attack unless the team similarly had an Advanced Combat Puppet to tank the hit.

Yet, now, a member of Shi Feng's team had managed to deflect the Magic Destruction Cannon's attack with nothing but the tattered dagger in her hand. This was simply unbelievable.

At this moment, the Purple Light Trading Firm's members weren't the only ones surprised by this situation. Even Crimson Heart, Blood Hammer, and the others on Shi Feng's team couldn't help but be surprised.

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If they were back in their homeworlds, they could similarly replicate this feat easily. However, while subjected to the Stratified Abyssal Realm's various penalties, there was no way they could deflect an attack of such caliber.

Yet, Hidden Soul had accomplished it. Moreover, she had executed the feat as effortlessly as she was walking...

When Maria saw the magic runes on Hidden Soul's body, shock filled her heart as she muttered, "Is she a High Demonkin?"

"What? She's a High Demonkin?" Blood Hammer's eyes widened when he heard Maria's guess.

Demonkins were considered an incredibly rare race, and even ordinary Demonkins already possessed talent rivaling some of the weaker higher lifeforms.

Meanwhile, High Demonkins were a race that was rarer than even Demidragons.

If Demidragons were known for their physical strength and High Elves for their magic, then High Demonkins were known for their spatial manipulation, which was an incredibly rare ability in God's Domain.

One could say that High Demonkins were the favored child of space!

Typically, players would have to master the use of their Mana Domain and reach the World Creation standard before gaining some spatial manipulation capabilities. In other words, players would need to master the power that only an extremely small portion of Tier 5 players could master.

However, High Demonkins could skip this step entirely. Although their spatial manipulation ability was far from rivaling that of Tier 5 experts who had achieved World Creation, it still wasn't something players beneath Tier 5 could come into contact with.

Simply put, under a situation where the difference in strength wasn't particularly big, it'd be incredibly difficult for players to harm a High Demonkin. Even touching a High Demonkin was a challenging task.

"These people are likely to be Temple Knights from another city, Vice Commander. I don't think it'll be wise for us to continue taking action..." a Level 116 Assassin youth wielding a Fragmented Legendary Dagger said, frowning as he looked at Hidden Soul's distant figure.

In addition to being an Assassin himself, he was also one of the top 100 Temple Knights in Slumber City. However, even he doubted that he could replicate Hidden Soul's feat. He felt that only Temple Knights ranked among the top 30 could do so.

Meanwhile, every one of Slumber City's top 30 Temple Knights was a monstrously powerful expert that even Death Curse's commander would have difficulty dealing with.

"So what if she's strong? Does that make me weak?" Night Revenant said as he looked at the Assassin youth contemptuously. "Leave those people to me. You guys focus on annihilating Purple Light's members."

The Assassin youth nodded and stopped speaking.

If Slumber City's top 30 Temple Knights were considered monsters, Night Revenant was also a monster. Moreover, he was a monster ranked among the top 10 of Slumber City's Temple Knight Ranking List.

Night Revenant was also the biggest reason why Death Curse dared to intercept Purple Light's caravan.

Meanwhile, after Night Revenant issued his command, he promptly dashed toward Shi Feng's team, leaving behind afterimages in his wake.

"This person must be very strong since he dares come at us alone even after seeing the scene just now," Maria commented as she watched Night Revenant rapidly approaching them. "Judging by his appearance, he should be a Tigerkin. This race excels in Strength and speed. Magical classes, make sure not to let him get close to you! I'll go and block him! Everyone else, attack him in the meantime! It doesn't matter even if you hit me to attack him!"

"No need. I can handle him by myself," Hidden Soul said, shaking her head before vanishing from her location.

Chapter 176 – Splitting Metal

“That Tigerkin’s strength shouldn’t be underestimated, Guild Leader Black Flame. In terms of combat standards, he’s most likely a fourth-floor expert already,” Maria said worriedly to Shi Feng when she saw Hidden Soul taking the initiative to meet Night Revenant in battle. “It’ll probably be difficult for her to deal with him all by herself...”

Maria could tell that Hidden Soul possessed extraordinary combat standards. The other party was undoubtedly at the World Tower’s third-floor standard already. Even Maria wasn’t confident that she could win against Hidden Soul.

However, it was also apparent that Night Revenant was superior to Hidden Soul when it came to combat standards. Moreover, Night Revenant was a native of the Stratified Abyssal Realm, so he should have long since adapted to the environment here. These two factors would put Hidden Soul at a considerable disadvantage.

Crimson Heart also nodded in agreement with Maria’s words.

This was their first day in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, so it’d be wiser if they moved carefully. Regaining the levels they lost from death might not be a problem, but it’d be extremely challenging to recover any weapons or equipment they lost.

Since Night Revenant was charging at them all by himself, the wiser decision to make would be to focus their firepower and dispose of him first.

“She’ll be enough,” Shi Feng calmly said. “Rather than interfere with her fight, we should first focus on helping the Purple Light Trading Firm. It’s obvious that Purple Light’s members can’t hold out for much longer. If we wait until Death Curse’s side takes care of Purple Light’s members, Death Curse will have a much easier time dealing with us.”

Even Shi Feng lacked the strength to go up against hundreds of experts all by himself in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

If Hidden Soul could keep Death Curse’s strongest expert busy all by herself, it would save them a lot of energy. However, if they were to commit their entire team to deal with one person, the situation would quickly turn disadvantageous for them.

Maria, Crimson Heart, and the others quickly came to a realization when they heard Shi Feng’s words. Immediately, they followed Shi Feng to reinforce Purple Light’s members.

Their team of 20 might be able to kill Night Revenant if they worked together. However, by the time they killed Night Revenant, Purple Light’s members would have most likely been annihilated already. At that time, they’d have to face Death Curse’s several hundred members all by themselves, and they’d become the ones to die next.

They didn’t fall for it? While exchanging blows with Hidden Soul, Night Revenant couldn’t help but be surprised when he saw Shi Feng and the others bypassing them and advancing toward the distant

battlefield. “Your leader is smart to send you, his team’s strongest member, to keep me busy while he and the rest of his team deal with the others.”

Night Revenant was not only in possession of two Fragmented Legendary items, but he also possessed the hidden class Soulwalker. He could last a long time even if he had to go against over a dozen Temple Knights simultaneously. Moreover, there was also zero chance of these Temple Knights killing him. Hence, the best decision for Shi Feng’s team would be to prioritize the other experts of Death Curse.

It was also a wise decision for Shi Feng’s team to send their High Demonkin to keep him busy. Honestly, even Night Revenant found it tricky to deal with Hidden Soul.

High Demonkins were famed for being sticky and slippery opponents. This was especially true when a skilled expert like Hidden Soul played this race. Even after trading several dozen blows with Hidden Soul, Night Revenant had not landed even a single attack on the other party. Whenever his attacks were about to land on Hidden Soul, his weapons would simply pass through her body as if it were an illusion. Yet, he was also certain that he wasn’t fighting an illusion since Hidden Soul’s retaliation was very much real.

Under such a situation, Night Revenant couldn’t chase after Shi Feng and the others even if he wanted to.

However, when Night Revenant saw Shi Feng and the others reaching the other battlefield, he suddenly smiled and said, “It’s a pity all of your actions are futile!”

As soon as Night Revenant finished speaking, another metal giant measuring over a dozen meters in height suddenly appeared among Death Curse’s team. This metal giant was Death Curse’s second Advanced Combat Puppet, and it had promptly swung its massive saber at Shi Feng’s team as soon as it appeared.

Meanwhile, in addition to carrying power at the Tier 4 standard, the Advanced Combat Puppet’s attack was also enhanced by Mountain Splitter, a Bronze Combat Technique. Setting range aside, the raw power of this attack was superior to even the Advanced Combat Puppet’s Magic Destruction Cannon. Even a Mythic monster would fall into a weakened state if it got hit by this attack. There was no way players could defend against it at all.

“Impossible! A second Advanced Combat Puppet?!”

The expressions of Purple Light’s members turned incredibly ugly when they saw a second Advanced Combat Puppet appearing among Death Curse’s team. It was especially true for Wordless Ember, Sleeping Quicksand, and the middle-aged man leading the team.

Advanced Combat Puppets were an extremely rare commodity in Slumber City. Normally, they would only be used to defend strategic locations such as mines. They were also incredibly useful against monster armies.

Even the Purple Light Trading Firm, as powerful as it was, only had five Advanced Combat Puppets in its possession. If it weren’t for the importance of the cargo they were transporting this time, they would have never been willing to assign an Advanced Combat Puppet to defend their caravan. After all, using it

for caravan protection meant that one of their strategic resource nodes would have to go without the support of an Advanced Combat Puppet. This would put the resource node at huge risk of being destroyed by monster tides.

However, Death Curse only had four Advanced Combat Puppets. Yet, the adventurer team had sent two to target their caravan. This was simply absurd!

At this moment, though, Hidden Soul, who was fighting against Night Revenant, suddenly laughed.

“Futile?”

“What did I get wrong?” Night Revenant asked, feeling a little confused when he saw Hidden Soul stop attacking him.

“Firstly, I’m not the strongest member of my team,” Hidden Soul said. “Secondly, I’m afraid a mere Advanced Combat Puppet is far from enough to stop Guild Leader Black Flame’s sword!”

“Not enough to stop his sword?” Night Revenant nearly laughed when he heard Hidden Soul’s words.

An Advanced Combat Puppet could easily block a Temple Knight’s attack even without relying on any combat techniques. Meanwhile, an attack from an Advanced Combat Puppet using a Bronze Combat Technique was something even Death Curse’s commander would have to avoid. Otherwise, Advanced Combat Puppets wouldn’t have become the various powers’ most important trump card.

However, just when Night Revenant was about to say something, he was interrupted by the abrupt exclamations of his team members on the other battlefield.

“He blocked it?!”

“He blocked the Mountain Splitter!”

“Did he use an Invulnerability Skill?”

The eyes of Death Curse’s members bulged when they saw Shi Feng single-handedly stopping the Advanced Combat Puppet’s saber. Moreover, in addition to stopping the weapon that was much bigger than he was, Shi Feng had also blocked the Advanced Combat Puppet’s attack without moving an inch from his spot or taking a single point of damage...

As expected of the nation once inhabited by Ancient Gods. It’s astonishing that the residents here have managed to develop their Combat Puppet manipulation to such a degree, Shi Feng thought, feeling a little surprised when he saw that the saber before him was creating a void in the surrounding space.

It was much more challenging for players to manipulate a Combat Puppet than manipulate their in-game bodies. Even Shi Feng would have difficulty executing a Bronze Combat Technique with a Combat Puppet.

Moreover, the Advanced Combat Puppet’s attack had already reached the Tier 4 Peak standard. If it were before he had converted into an Ancient Human and obtained the Abyssal Eye, Shi Feng wouldn’t

have been able to divert the attack's power with Sword's Transmigration. He would have most likely needed to use one of his trump cards to block the attack.

"So what if you blocked my attack? I can simply wear you out with the Advanced Combat Puppet's limitless Stamina!" the middle-aged man manipulating the Advanced Combat Puppet said as he executed Mountain Splitter against Shi Feng one more time.

Unlike players, Combat Puppets didn't rely on Stamina to operate. So long as they had enough Mana, Combat Puppets could keep on fighting forever. At most, the player manipulating the Combat Puppet would exhaust some Concentration when executing a combat technique with the Combat Puppet. However, since players didn't have to move inside Combat Puppets, they recovered Concentration much more quickly than if they were fighting themselves.

Moreover, Advanced Combat Puppets possessed incredible defensive capabilities, and even an all-out attack from a top-30 Temple Knight would, at most, shave off one durability point. With the Advanced Combat Puppet's 3,000 points of durability, it'd take several thousand attacks from a top-30 Temple Knight to destroy it.

A player would probably die from exhaustion if they had to execute several thousand all-out attacks consecutively.

This was also why even the various cities' top 100 Temple Knights would choose to flee whenever they came across an Advanced Combat Puppet.

However, Shi Feng did not try to defend against the Advanced Combat Puppet's attack this time. Instead, he deflected the attack slightly using the Winter of Eternal Night, causing the massive saber to slide to the side. Then, he raised the Winter of Eternal Night with both hands and executed a vertical slash against the metal giant before him.

First Sword, Lightshadow!

Immediately, an illusory greatsword appeared in the air and descended on the Advanced Combat Puppet at lightning speed. Then, after the illusory greatsword disappeared, the Advanced Combat Puppet suddenly stopped moving and split in half. As for the Domain Realm expert manipulating the Advanced Combat Puppet, he had converted into particles of light and vanished without a trace...

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Chapter 177 – Limit Breaker?

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TL Notes:

Purple Light Trading Firm -> Purple Light Chamber of Commerce

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When Shi Feng bisected Death Curse's Advanced Combat Puppet, silence suddenly enveloped the entire battlefield. Even the members of Purple Light and Death Curse had stopped fighting to look at the destroyed Combat Puppet.

"It got destroyed?"

"He destroyed it with just one attack?"

"No! Impossible! That's an Advanced Combat Puppet we are talking about! I must be dreaming! How can a player possibly accomplish such a feat?!"

Everyone was greatly shocked by the sight of the bisected Advanced Combat Puppet.

Advanced Combat Puppets were known for being nigh-invincible existences in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's various cities. At the same time, they were the various powers' trump cards. Meanwhile, even the administrators of the various cities would have great difficulty destroying an Advanced Combat Puppet.

Yet, now, one of these nigh-invincible existences had failed to survive even one attack from Shi Feng and gotten bisected like a piece of tofu...

"Could that person be a Tier 4 NPC in disguise?" Wordless Ember muttered, his eyes filled with disbelief as he looked at Shi Feng.

When it came to being a Swordsman, Wordless Ember felt that he could easily rank within the top five of Slumber City. Meanwhile, the only Swordsman who could achieve a convincing victory against him in Slumber City was the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce's backer, Laura Crader.

However, Wordless Ember was certain that the destructive power Shi Feng had just exhibited was something even Shimmering Sword Laura Crader could not accomplish. Yet, it should be known that Laura Crader was the closest person to becoming a Limit Breaker in Slumber City.

It might make sense if Shi Feng was a Limit Breaker since it was rumored that Limit Breakers could destroy Advanced Combat Puppets in one hit. However, Shi Feng couldn't be a Limit Breaker. After all, once a player became a Limit Breaker, they could only remain in the Stratified Abyssal Realm for a short time before having to leave for a higher world.

So, if Shi Feng wasn't a Limit Breaker, the only plausible explanation for his unbelievable strength was that he wasn't a player but a Tier 4 NPC instead.

"No, it should be his sword! When he attacked just now, I could feel the power gathered within his sword reaching the Limit Breaker standard," Sleeping Quicksand said, shaking her head as she observed Shi Feng. "The sword he wields is most likely extraordinary even among Fragmented Legendary Weapons. In addition, he also has extraordinary combat standards. I believe he should be able to rival those administrators."

"The administrators?"

When Wordless Ember heard Sleeping Quicksand's evaluation, his fighting spirit promptly flared up. Slumber City might have a player population of several hundred million. Still, the number of Swordsmen who could spar with him numbered only a handful, let alone Swordsmen who could match the city's administrators. If he could engage in an all-out fight with Shi Feng, he was certain that it would greatly help his swordsmanship.

Meanwhile, when Shi Feng defeated the Advanced Combat Puppet, Crimson Heart, Blood Hammer, Gentle Snow, and the others who followed him also couldn't help but be shocked.

They had long since known that Shi Feng possessed astounding strength. After all, he had managed to single-handedly tank the Tier 4 Dark Titan. However, that raid had taken place in God's Domain, where they didn't have to suffer the Stratified Abyssal Realm's severe penalties. Moreover, Shi Feng had used all of his strength to tank the Dark Titan back then.

However, they couldn't help but feel that rather than grow weaker, Shi Feng had grown stronger after entering the Stratified Abyssal Realm instead...

"That person is too dangerous, Commander! We might also lose the other Advanced Combat Puppet if we keep on fighting! Should we continue?" a Berserker clashing against Echoing Judgment, Purple Light's commander, asked through the team chat urgently.

"Retreat!" Night Revenant commanded without hesitation, his eyes filled with shock as he looked at Shi Feng. Then, a cold glint flashed in his eyes as he swore, "We'll pay him back for this in Slumber City sooner or later!"

Night Revenant never expected to encounter an existence rivaling Slumber City's administrators in a 20-man team. He also didn't expect to lose an Advanced Combat Puppet. If news of this spread, Death Curse would definitely suffer a huge loss in reputation.

After saying so, Night Revenant promptly disappeared into his shadow, preventing Hidden Soul from perceiving his movement and presence.

He left? Just like that? Hidden Soul grew a little disappointed when she saw Night Revenant and the other members of Death Curse retreating. *I might have been able to achieve a breakthrough in that Silver Footwork if I could clash with him a little longer...*

Hidden Soul had gained a significant harvest from fighting with Night Revenant. Particularly, the evasive techniques Night Revenant employed was undoubtedly the strangest out of all evasive techniques she had seen used by Assassins. If it weren't for her talent as a High Demonkin, she would have likely been led astray by Night Revenant's movements and gotten hit on numerous occasions.

Meanwhile, after Death Curse's members swiftly withdrew from the battlefield, Purple Light's members couldn't help but sigh in relief. The size of Death Curse's team exceeded their team by more than two times. They had also fought many battles against monsters before Death Curse had ambushed them, so they didn't have much Stamina remaining. Had the fight with Death Curse continued for a few more minutes, they would have most certainly suffered annihilation.

“Thank you for your assistance. If not for you all, our entire team would have died here,” Echoing Judgment said gratefully after approaching Shi Feng quickly. “My name is Echoing Judgment, the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce’s commander. May I know how I should address you all?”

“Black Flame,” Shi Feng answered without hesitation.

Everyone else in Shi Feng’s team also introduced themselves one after another.

“It seems you all possess extraordinary skills if you can operate outside with so few people. Could you all be from the Dark Sanctuary?” Echoing Judgment asked somewhat excitedly when he saw that there were players with higher races, such as Hidden Soul and Maria, in Shi Feng’s team.

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Typically, players in the Stratified Abyssal Realm would operate in teams of 200 at the very least for the sake of survival. If a team operated with only 20 members, the team either had an Upper-class Noble or was made up of overconfident players. In the latter case, they were usually ignorant newcomers who were setting foot into Level 100-plus maps for the first time.

Aside from these two scenarios, there was also one more possibility for a small team of 20 to appear in a Level 100-plus map.

These players were from the Dark Sanctuary, the center of the Stratified Abyssal Realm!

It was rumored that the Dark Sanctuary possessed the secret for players to become Limit Breakers. However, the Dark Sanctuary was isolated from the rest of the Stratified Abyssal Realm, and it was incredibly challenging to get into and out of the Dark Sanctuary.

Players seeking to get out of the Dark Sanctuary needed to complete a trial with a participation limit of 20 players per team. Meanwhile, each trial completion would only grant players one exit opportunity. Moreover, teams that sought to leave the Dark Sanctuary could only spend a limited time outside the Dark Sanctuary.

For outsiders seeking to enter the Dark Sanctuary, the conditions they needed to meet were even stricter. Not only did they have to complete a trial, but they also needed to find trial certificates before they could even qualify to challenge the trial. Trial certificates dropped randomly in the Stratified Abyssal Realm’s Level 100-plus maps, and only after gathering 20 certificates could players challenge the Dark Sanctuary’s entry trial.

The various cities’ peak powers all sought to enter the Dark Sanctuary and search for the secret to becoming a Limit Breaker. Unfortunately, even until now, not even one of Slumber City’s powers had managed to gather 20 certificates. In fact, there weren’t even 20 certificates in total in the entire city.

On the other hand, though, there were some players who had managed to come out of the Dark Sanctuary. These were all players belonging to the Dark Sanctuary’s various powers, and every one of these players was incredibly powerful. These players had specifically left the Dark Sanctuary to trade with powers outside the Dark Sanctuary, and many powers had skyrocketed in strength because of their trades with the Dark Sanctuary’s players.

Meanwhile, one of the easiest ways to identify whether a team was from the Dark Sanctuary was by looking at the number of higher races the team had. Higher races were incredibly rare in the various cities. They were so rare that there wouldn't be more than a handful of higher races in a city of several hundred million.

Yet, Shi Feng's small team of 20 had two higher races. Moreover, one of them was a High Demonkin, and the other was a Demidragon. Both were extremely powerful races, even among higher races. There was no way any city outside of the Dark Sanctuary could come up with a team with two of these higher races.

Thus, the only explanation was that Shi Feng's team came from the Dark Sanctuary!

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Chapter 178 – Hypersensitivity

As soon as Echoing Judgment finished asking his question, the other Purple Light members promptly looked at Shi Feng's team, their eyes filled with excitement and desire. Even Wordless Ember and Sleeping Quicksand wore looks of interest on their faces. Meanwhile, Shi Feng and the others couldn't help but be surprised and confused by this situation.

"Are you perhaps not from the Dark Sanctuary?" Echoing Judgment asked, feeling a little confused when he saw Shi Feng's team remaining silent.

Although the levels of Shi Feng's team members were somewhat low, this was a normal situation in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. After all, it was incredibly easy for players to meet death out in the fields. Moreover, leveling up became absurdly challenging after Level 110, each subsequent level-up requiring several times the EXP of the previous level-up. Depending on a player's class, the increase in EXP requirement could even reach tenfold. Yet, each death would cost players to lose one entire level...

Meanwhile, if Shi Feng's team truly came from the Dark Sanctuary, it was completely normal for them to suffer multiple deaths in their process of completing the exit trial. So, it was understandable that their levels were so low. However, if Shi Feng's team wasn't from the Dark Sanctuary, it'd be strange why they were so low-leveled despite having such great strength.

"You've guessed correctly. We are indeed from the Dark Sanctuary," Shi Feng said without breaking his composure even in the slightest. "We had to go through a lot of trouble to come out here, and our goal this time is to find some long-term partners."

Shi Feng had heard about the Dark Sanctuary located in the Stratified Abyssal Realm inhabited by Ancient Gods. He even knew about some of the Dark Sanctuary's secrets.

Although he could also lie that they were players from another city, they didn't have much knowledge regarding the Stratified Abyssal Realm's current state of affairs. If they pretended to be from another city, their act would get exposed very easily.

Of course, there was also the option of being truthful and saying they came from outside the Stratified Abyssal Realm. However, if they did that, it would put them in a passive state.

This was because the Stratified Abyssal Realm's native players knew that players from outside the Stratified Abyssal Realm were pushovers. Regardless of how powerful an organization these outsiders came from, none of these outside organizations could set foot into the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

Moreover, native players also knew that outsiders needed to go through a lot of trouble to enter the Stratified Abyssal Realm. This meant that outsiders didn't really have much to offer.

To make matters worse, many outside powers had access to the Stratified Abyssal Realm. It was just that each power could only send a very small number of players into the Stratified Abyssal Realm. This meant that native powers would have no lack of outside powers to partner with. So, the native powers would typically squeeze outside powers for everything they've got.

However, it was a different story for the Dark Sanctuary.

The Dark Sanctuary was located in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, and it was a place countless players in the Stratified Abyssal Realm sought to enter. It was just that the various powers were currently stuck outside the Dark Sanctuary. Even so, it was only a matter of time before the various powers got into the Dark Sanctuary. Meanwhile, to ensure their entry into the Dark Sanctuary went smoothly, the various powers based outside the Dark Sanctuary strongly revered and desired to partner with the Dark Sanctuary's local powers.

When Crimson Heart, Blood Hammer, and the others heard Shi Feng's words, they couldn't help but look at him in astonishment. They didn't think that Shi Feng would dare tell such a lie. Was he not afraid of getting exposed?

However, Echoing Judgment and the other Purple Light members simply took Shi Feng's words at face value.

It's no wonder he can exhibit destructive power rivaling Limit Breakers. The Dark Sanctuary truly is an extraordinary place. I wonder when we'll be able to gather twenty certificates? Wordless Ember thought to himself in excitement.

It was the dream of every player in the Stratified Abyssal Realm to become a Limit Breaker and leave this world. After all, only by becoming a Limit Breaker could they reach the rumored place in the real world, acquire much longer lifespans and youth, obtain their own city, and set foot into the true Upper World. They wouldn't have to constantly worry about living space and food like they were now.

"You're finding partners?" Echoing Judgment's smile grew even brighter when he heard Shi Feng's words. "May I know if you are willing to partner with the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Black Flame? We are willing to show you our absolute sincerity!"

"Partner with you?" Shi Feng simply revealed a faint smile as he looked at Echoing Judgment. "May I know what you can offer us? You should know that there aren't many things that aren't available in the Dark Sanctuary."

“Yes, I am aware of that. However, Slumber City’s local specialty, the Hypersensitivity Potion, is unique in the entire Stratified Abyssal Realm. I’m certain this thing will be of great help to you,” Echoing Judgment said, smiling as he took out twenty dark-blue potions and handed them to Shi Feng. “You can check the description yourself if you don’t believe me. You can also take these twenty Hypersensitivity Potions as thanks for helping us.”

“Commander, aren’t you giving away too many...” Wordless Ember whispered to Echoing Judgment.

The Hypersensitivity Potion was Slumber City’s local specialty. Not only could it double players’ EXP gain, but it could also put players into a Hypersensitive state. When training under the Hypersensitive state, players could achieve improvements much more quickly than usual. Moreover, the potion lasted 12 hours and a Cooldown of only two natural days.

The Hypersensitivity Potion was also the main reason Slumber City’s experts were stronger and more numerous than most other cities.

However, the Hypersensitivity Potion had an incredibly low production volume, so even powers based in Slumber City could only acquire a very small amount. Meanwhile, Purple Light could only obtain around 100 bottles each month.

“No, this is Purple Light’s show of sincerity! Moreover, it is thanks to Mr. Black Flame’s team that we managed to protect our Dark Crystals!” Echoing Judgment said.

Their caravan carried the Dark Crystals they had gone through great lengths to acquire from several cities. Meanwhile, these Dark Crystals would allow the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce to elevate its contribution in Slumber City to the next level. Compared to the benefits they stood to gain from these Dark Crystals, 20 Hypersensitivity Potions was a small price to pay.

Afterward, Echoing Judgment looked toward Shi Feng and asked, “May I know if you are interested in this Hypersensitivity Potion, Mr. Black Flame?”

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng and the others were done reading the Hypersensitivity Potion’s introduction, their hearts pounded rapidly. They never thought they would come across such a godly item in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

There was no power in God’s Domain that would complain about having too many experts. It was especially true for experts at the Void Realm standard or above. Although there were many external items in God’s Domain that could be used to nurture experts, few could match the Hypersensitivity Potion in terms of efficiency.

If they could purchase the Hypersensitivity Potion in large quantities, the benefits they could gain would be no less than if they managed to recruit the Stratified Abyssal Realm’s experts into their respective Guilds.

“We’d be lying if we said we weren’t interested in this potion,” Shi Feng said as he put the Hypersensitivity Potions into his bag. Then, he looked toward Echoing Judgment and asked, “But how does Purple Light plan on trading this potion? Also, how many can you supply? Judging by this item’s

efficacy, it should be quite difficult to obtain it, right? I'm guessing that its supply should also be very limited."

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Chapter 179 – Upper-class Noble

When Shi Feng finished speaking, Crimson Heart and Blood Hammer promptly turned to Echoing Judgment.

While they didn't know to what extent the Hypersensitivity Potion could affect players, everything was just like Shi Feng said. It was unlikely that an item as precious as the Hypersensitivity Potion could be produced in large quantities. Naturally, the amount Purple Light would be willing to trade would be even fewer. If Purple Light only offered to trade a few dozen bottles, such a small amount wouldn't mean much to them.

"You can rest assured of the Hypersensitivity Potion's volume. Purple Light has many connections in Slumber City," Echoing Judgment said with a faint smile. "So long as the price is right, obtaining even a thousand bottles wouldn't be a problem for Purple Light."

"Even a thousand bottles won't be a problem?" Shi Feng was slightly surprised by Echoing Judgment's claim. At the same time, a look of interest appeared on his face. "May I know how much you plan to sell these Hypersensitivity Potions for?"

If he could get his hands on a thousand Hypersensitivity Potions, Zero Wing's main force could achieve significant growth within a short period. This would greatly help in Zero Wing's development.

A Guild's promotion was closely tied to Team Dungeons in God's Domain. This was because Guild Promotion Orders were mainly found in high-difficulty Team Dungeons. So, if a Guild sought to raise its rank, it would need to have a sufficiently strong main force.

The strength of the Guild's main force was especially important for a Cross-Border Guild. Unlike the standard Guild promotion process, Cross-Border Guilds didn't only require Guild Promotion Orders to get promoted. A Cross-Border Guild also needed to pass the Adventurer's Association's strength evaluation.

Different from the Guild ranking system adopted by the various God's Domain, the Greater God's Domain's Guild ranking system separated Guilds into Common, Bronze, Silver, and Gold ranks. Meanwhile, to get from a Common Guild to a Bronze Guild, a Guild would need to have 100 experts who have reached the World Tower's second floor.

In other words, a Guild would need to have 100 Void Realm experts to qualify to become a Bronze Guild. In Shi Feng's homeworld, this was a requirement that only a portion of superpowers could fulfill.

Meanwhile, the difference between the benefits a Common Cross-Border Guild and a Bronze Cross-Border Guild enjoyed was massive. This was because Guilds could only establish Branch Guilds and Guild Settlements in the various cross-border regions after becoming a Bronze Cross-Border Guild. This was also why, once a God's Domain gained access to the Greater God's Domain, the gap between superpowers and non-superpowers would only grow larger and larger.

"Thirty Dark Crystals per bottle or one Tier 3 Dark Skill Book for five bottles. We won't add in any additional charges. We only hope to maintain a long-term partnership with you, Mr. Black Flame," Echoing Judgment said sincerely. "Of course, you can also provide us with Upper-class Nobles as offerings. We can offer you 30 Hypersensitivity Potions per Upper-class Noble. You won't find a better price than this in Slumber City."

Wordless Ember and Sleeping Quicksand were rendered speechless when they heard Echoing Judgment's offer. Like Echoing Judgment said, the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce truly wouldn't be earning any profit from this transaction. They were doing it solely to befriend Shi Feng's team.

"Upper-class Nobles as offerings?" Shi Feng nodded after hearing Echoing Judgment's words. "Okay. We'll think about it."

Shi Feng knew about the Dark Crystal Echoing Judgment mentioned. It was something similar to the Seven Luminaries Crystal in that it contained energy of high purity. However, unlike Seven Luminaries Crystals, Dark Crystals only contained dark energy.

In terms of value, the Dark Crystal was much more valuable than the Seven Luminaries Crystal. This was because Dark Crystals were much rarer in both the various God's Domain and the Greater God's Domain. It was one of the precious resources that were highly contested among the various powers.

If Shi Feng wanted to acquire Dark Crystals, he could only do so through the Stratified Abyssal Realm. The difficulty of obtaining Dark Crystals from outside the Stratified Abyssal Realm would only increase and not decrease. As for Tier 3 Dark Skill Books, while obtaining them wasn't difficult, he would need to make a trip back to God's Domain, which evidently wasn't possible right now.

Thus, the only way Shi Feng could acquire a large number of Hypersensitivity Potions was most likely through the Upper-class Nobles Echoing Judgment mentioned. Only, he lacked information on Upper-class Nobles. He couldn't ask about Upper-class Nobles, either, since doing so would most likely expose his lie about being a player from the Dark Sanctuary.

Crimson Heart and Blood Hammer also remained silent as they looked at Echoing Judgment. They both understood that they would have to first enter Slumber City and learn more about the Stratified Abyssal Realm before they could start trading with the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce.

"Oh, right. Please take these. These emblems prove that you are Purple Light's VIP customers," Echoing Judgment said as he took out twenty light-purple, diamond-shaped emblems and handed them to Shi Feng. "This must be your first time leaving the Dark Sanctuary. After entering the Stratified Abyssal Realm's Level 100-plus maps, you'll first have to pass the Abyssal Tower's strength test if you want to live in an NPC City. Your test results will determine the status you gain in the city, and the level of

authority you enjoy will also change with this status. You'll need to gain a Civilian status before you are allowed to live in the city. Otherwise, you'll be driven out without question.

"You have caused Death Curse to suffer significant losses this time, so I'm afraid you'll come into some trouble in Slumber City. However, with Purple Light's VIP customer certification, you can take the Abyssal Tower's test once without paying any City Contribution Points. So long as you manage to gain a Noble status in Slumber City, Death Curse will have difficulty troubling you in the city.

"If you manage to become Upper-class Nobles, Death Curse won't dare to recklessly take action against you."

"Thank you," Shi Feng said, smiling as he accepted the twenty emblems.

Although they had ended up offending Slumber City's Death Curse adventurer team for helping the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce, they had managed to save plenty of trouble thanks to Purple Light. They had even learned about the Hypersensitivity Potion and a few other important pieces of information. Overall, this was a worthwhile transaction.

"We are only repaying the favor you've done for us," Echoing Judgment said, shaking his head. "It is also because of us that you've ended up offending Death Curse."

After Shi Feng exchanged a few more pleasantries with Echoing Judgment, he distributed Purple Light's VIP customer certifications and the Hypersensitivity Potions to his teammates. Then, under Echoing Judgment's invitation, their team followed Purple Light to Slumber City.

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Stratified Abyssal Realm, Slumber City:

On the main street where every inch of land was worth its weight in gold, there sat a Battle Arena that had over twenty floors and occupied an area the size of a sports stadium. Currently, inside one of the Battle Arena's combat rooms, over a dozen Level 115-plus experts wearing the Temple Knight Emblem laid flat on the ground around a Level 118 middle-aged man wielding two greatswords.

"Interesting. He managed to not only scare off Night Revenant but also destroy an Advanced Combat Puppet in one hit?" The middle-aged man smiled when he read the message he had just received. "This level of destructive power is already enough to put him in the top five of Slumber City. It's already been two years since the top five ranks in Slumber City have changed owners. I wonder who is stronger between him and me and Death Curse's Solitary Soul?"

"Is there even a need to guess? You're definitely the stronger one, Boss Wolf. With the Legacy you obtained, the Shimmering Sword is probably the only person in Slumber City who can match you now," a Level 116 young man said reverentially as he sat up from the ground and looked at the middle-aged man named Wolf Emperor.

The five experts occupying the top five ranks of Slumber City's Temple Knight Ranking List currently were the city's three administrators, Death Curse's Commander Solitary Soul, and Wolf Emperor. Out of

these five experts, Wolf Emperor was the only person who had climbed to this position without establishing his own organization or relying on others.

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Because of this, Wolf Emperor had many admirers and followers in Slumber City.

“That’s not necessarily true,” Wolf Emperor said, shaking his head. “Solitary Soul has already completed the temple trial, and he should have gained a significant harvest. Even I have no idea how strong he has become already.”

The Level 116 youth didn’t say anything. He simply thought that Wolf Emperor was being too humble. After all, Wolf Emperor had already converted to a higher race, and his strength could no longer be compared to the past.

At this time, the youth suddenly received a message. Then, after reading the message, he quickly said, “Boss, a friend of mine from Death Curse just messaged me. The group of people who defeated Death Curse has already arrived in Slumber City, and Death Curse’s three vice commanders have already gone to meet them. It seems that they plan to get rid of these people to restore their reputation.”

“Death Curse has always been overbearing, so it’s not surprising that they’re making a move, especially not after Solitary Soul’s recent achievement. But are those three planning to act together?” Wolf Emperor grew a little interested when he heard about Death Curse’s actions. “Let’s go. We’re going to take a look as well. Those three have never acted together aside from when they tried to stop the Shimmering Sword.”

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Chapter 180 – Hidden Ancient God’s Legacy

Slumber City, central district:

“This city is simply astounding... There are Refinement Realm experts and above walking around everywhere. The Shops here are even selling Hall of Fame-level Epic Equipment. The powers back home will probably lose their minds if they find out about this...” Su Qianliu muttered as she looked at the players and Shops around her.

“Probably? More like definitely,” Lin Yaoyue said with a bitter smile. “I can already feel myself on the verge of a mental breakdown...”

Lin Yaoyue thought that she had already raised her evaluation of the Stratified Abyssal Realm to a sufficiently great extent after watching the battle between Purple Light and Death Curse. However, after arriving in Slumber City, she quickly realized that she had still underestimated how wide of a gap there existed between their homeworld and the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

In their homeworld, Refinement Realm experts would be treated as a mid-level mainstay at the very least if they joined a first-rate Guild. Refinement Realm experts were so rare that Mysterious Moon didn't have more than 1,000 such experts under its command. Yet, Lin Yaoyue could spot well over a thousand Refinement Realm experts just by glancing at the street in front of her.

The rarity of Hall of Fame-level Epic Weapons and Equipment was even greater. Even first-rate Guilds would only have a very small number of such items. Yet, these items were being sold in almost every Shop present on Slumber City's main street. Although these items were being sold for Demon Coins, which was the Stratified Abyssal Realm's main currency, rather than normal Coins used in God's Domain, the procurement rates of both currencies shouldn't be all too different.

Meanwhile, Hall of Fame-level Epic Weapons could easily go for five or six thousand Coins if sold in the Miniature Ancient World. Yet, in Slumber City, these same weapons only cost around five or six hundred Demon Coins to purchase. Hall of Fame-level Epic Equipment was even cheaper, each piece selling for a little over 100 Demon Coins only.

After arriving in Slumber City, Lin Yaoyue suddenly realized that Mysterious Moon, a high and mighty top-tier first-rate Guild, wasn't so high and mighty as she thought. In fact, she couldn't help but doubt whether their homeworld's top-tier first-rate Guilds could match the average adventurer team here in strength.

According to the information they've learned from Purple Light, the minimum requirement to establish an adventurer team in Slumber City was to have at least three Novice Temple Knights. Meanwhile, Novice Temple Knights were typically Void Realm experts or above. Moreover, the minimum requirement to join most adventurer teams was to be at the Refinement Realm standard.

At this moment, Lin Yaoyue couldn't even match a Novice Temple Knight in combat standards. Yet, there were well over ten thousand adventurer teams in Slumber City...

"You don't have to feel dejected," Shi Feng said as he looked at Su Qianliu and Lin Yaoyue. "This Stratified Abyssal Realm has existed for at least forty years already. In a situation where their levels and tiers are being heavily restricted, the only way the players here can grow stronger is by developing their technical skills. In this respect, they are vastly superior to even the Super Guilds in our God's Domain. If you were to experience the same restrictions they face for multiple years, your combat standards wouldn't be any weaker than theirs."

Their God's Domain had only launched ten years ago. Ten years might seem like a long time, but it was nothing compared to other God's Domains. Their God's Domain was no different than an infant compared to some of the older God's Domains.

The Stratified Abyssal Realm they were currently in had already existed for over forty years. This meant that this Stratified Abyssal Realm was over thirty years ahead of their God's Domain in terms of development. This point alone was enough to give the native players here a massive advantage over the players in their God's Domain.

"The Abyssal Tower is just ahead, Mr. Black Flame. We should hurry over there quickly," Echoing Judgment hurriedly said as he pointed at an ancient tower some distance ahead. "I just received a report

saying that Death Curse's three vice commanders and their subordinates are swiftly making their way to us. You and your team members still do not have official status in Slumber City, while Death Curse's vice commanders and their subordinates are all nobles in Slumber City. They can take direct action against you without having to suffer sanctions from the NPCs. Conversely, if you retaliate against them, the NPCs will take action against you."

"Okay," Shi Feng said, nodding. Understanding that they were in a rush for time, he quickly led his team toward the Abyssal Tower, which measured several hundred meters in height.

In the Stratified Abyssal Realm's NPC Cities, NPC guards were essentially invincible existences. This was because even the weakest among them were Level 130, Tier 4 NPCs. In contrast, players here couldn't go beyond Level 120, Tier 3. Thus, so long as the NPC guards took action, any player they targeted would almost certainly die.

If players wished to live safely in Slumber City, they would have to obtain a Civilian status first and foremost. With this status, so long as they weren't the ones picking a fight, even players with the Noble status could do nothing against them.

Shortly after Shi Feng and the others entered the Abyssal Tower and registered for the tower's test, a group of players wearing Death Curse's emblem arrived in the tower's lobby. Meanwhile, the arrival of these players instantly created a commotion in the lobby.

"It seems you've moved quite quickly, Judgment!" Night Revenant said to Echoing Judgment when he failed to see Shi Feng's team in the lobby. Then, wearing a sneer, he continued, "It's a pity that your actions are futile! Now that the commander has become a Vice City Lord in Slumber City, it doesn't matter even if they become nobles! A Vice City Lord still has the authority to banish them from the city for some time! All they're doing now is delaying the inevitable!"

"Solitary Soul succeeded?" Echoing Judgment's expression turned a little ugly when he heard Night Revenant's words.

Echoing Judgment had heard that Solitary Soul, Death Curse's commander, had entered the Temple and challenged the temple trial a few days ago. However, the temple trial was incredibly challenging, so much so that only three people have managed to pass it thus far. While Solitary Soul was talented, it shouldn't be so easy for him to cross the final hurdle. Not to mention, Solitary Soul had failed the trial only two months ago.

In Echoing Judgment's opinion, there was no way Solitary Soul could make much progress in just two short months. So, it should be highly unlikely that Solitary Soul could clear the temple trial.

However, Echoing Judgment had guessed wrongly, which was terrible news for them.

With the authority of a Vice City Lord, Solitary Soul could easily banish players with the Noble and Civilian status from the city for a certain period. Although he could only banish a certain number of players each month, he'd have no problem targeting twenty players.

“That’s right! The commander has already succeeded! We are only here to keep an eye on those people!” Night Revenant said with a faint smile. “Those outsiders will quickly learn how foolish it is to help Purple Light in Slumber City!”

“Crazy bastards!” Echoing Judgment realized that Death Curse was serious about taking action when he saw that more and more Death Curse members were gathering in the lobby. Immediately, he turned to Sleeping Quicksand and said, “Quicksand, take a team to the Corroded Ruins right away! Commander Laura has been grinding there throughout this period, but communication is prevented there. I need you to look for her and figure out a way to invite her back! So long as Commander Laura can come back before the test ends, Solitary Soul won’t dare to recklessly take action!”

“Understood.” Sleeping Quicksand nodded and quickly left the Abyssal Tower with a small team.

Their Chamber of Commerce was looking to partner with Shi Feng’s team. If Shi Feng’s team ended up suffering Death Curse’s crazed retaliation because of Purple Light, Purple Light would become a laughingstock in Slumber City in the future.

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Abyssal Tower, trial space:

While the situation in the lobby was getting heated, Shi Feng wore a shocked and confused expression after entering the trial space. This was because a series of system notifications had rang in his ears as soon as he entered the trial space.

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System: You have entered the trial space. You have one natural day to challenge the trial. You will be rewarded based on the floor you reach. You cannot leave the trial space regardless of whether you die or not. However, you are allowed to log off and rest during this time.

System: It is detected that your Mana Body is at the Legendary rank. You have fulfilled the condition set by the Ancient Abyssal God. Do you wish to challenge the Abyssal Trial to acquire the Ancient Abyssal God’s Legacy?

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Chapter 181 – Mana Suppression

“The Ancient Abyssal God’s Legacy?”

The unexpected system notification surprised Shi Feng.

The Ancient Abyssal God was rumored to be the Abyss’s creator and one of the oldest Ancient Gods. Although the Ancient Abyssal God had suddenly disappeared for some unknown reason, some of the

power the Ancient God had left behind had sparked massive wars in the Greater God's Domain. Some hegemonic powers had even vanished from the Greater God's Domain because of these wars.

However, rumors also mentioned that the Ancient Abyssal God did not leave any Legacies behind due to his abrupt disappearance. It was even rumored that the Abyss was only half completed when the Ancient Abyssal God disappeared.

However, even if it was incomplete, the Abyss still had the strength to clash with the Greater God's Domain.

Shi Feng found it hard to believe that the missing Ancient Abyssal God had actually left one of his Legacies in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. Even though the Legacy had an extremely stringent activation condition, it was still unbelievable nonetheless.

However, it was also understandable that this Legacy had remained undiscovered until now. After all, it was incredibly hard to obtain a Legendary Mana Body, so much so that one couldn't necessarily find even one player with a Legendary Mana Body in an isolated God's Domain. The chances of a player obtaining a Legendary Mana Body in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, a place that was severely lacking in Legacies and imposed many restrictions on its players, were even lower.

The Stratified Abyssal Realm's players might have very high combat standards, but they were inferior to the players in Shi Feng's homeworld when it came to Mana Bodies. Even powerful experts like Echoing Judgment and Sleeping Quicksand only had Gold Mana Bodies, while most other experts in Purple Light only had Silver Mana Bodies. None of them even had an Epic Mana Body, let alone a Legendary Mana Body.

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System: You have one minute to decide whether to accept the Abyssal Trial. If you fail to decide, you will be given the standard trial by default.

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Upon hearing this new system notification, Shi Feng dared not hesitate for even a moment longer as he promptly said, "Yes!"

Legacies of Ancient Gods were incredibly rare in the Greater God's Domain, and even hegemonic powers would have difficulty getting their hands on one. It was also proven that every Ancient God's Legacy could overturn the status quo in the Greater God's Domain. Needless to say, the Legacy of the Ancient Abyssal God, one of the oldest Ancient Gods in existence, wouldn't be in any way inferior in this regard.

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System: Abyssal Trial activated. Please kill all of the monsters on the fourth floor in one natural day. You will receive the Legacy left behind by the Ancient Abyssal God should you succeed.

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Kill all of the monsters on the fourth floor in one day? That's one difficult challenge... Shi Feng's expression grew heavy when he saw the notification.

According to the information Echoing Judgment provided, the Abyssal Tower had five floors.

The number and strength of the monsters players faced would increase with each subsequent floor they climbed. Meanwhile, players would gain the Civilian status in the city so long as they cleared the first floor, the Noble status if they cleared the second floor, and the Upper-class Noble status if they cleared the third floor.

Out of the hundreds of millions of players based on Slumber City, those who managed to become Upper-class Nobles did not exceed a hundred. Moreover, every one of these Upper-class Nobles was a veteran player who had honed their strength for many years.

As for the fourth floor, not one person in Slumber City had managed to clear it thus far. This was because the Trial Tower's trial wasn't merely a simple test of a player's combat standards but rather a test of a player's adaptability.

Shortly after Shi Feng activated the Abyssal Trial, the scenery before him changed into a lush, primal forest. A gigantic hourglass had also appeared in the sky above him, showing his remaining time in the trial space.

What a powerful Mana suppression!

After arriving in this primal forest, Shi Feng promptly felt an invisible force suppressing his Mana. The suppression was so strong that none of his Mana could flow out of his body. Moreover, he found that apart from dark-element Mana, no other elements were present around him.

So that's why there are so few Upper-class Nobles even though there are so many third-floor experts in the city. Just this Mana suppression alone is enough to reduce a player's combat power to 10% or lower, Shi Feng thought in realization.

Mana suppression was a much more troublesome penalty than the prohibition of Mana usage.

The prohibition of Mana usage would only prevent players from using Skills and Spells. However, the suppression of Mana would not only prevent players from using Skills and Spells, but it would also make it incredibly difficult for players to use combat techniques. This was because the constant disruption to the Mana inside a player's body would prevent the player from exerting stable and precise control over their bodies.

Naturally, executing Mana Techniques would be even more of an impossible challenge.

Meanwhile, if players couldn't use any Skills, Spells, combat techniques, or Mana Techniques, they would be left with only normal attacks. In such a situation, one could easily imagine how much of their original combat power players would be left with.

Before Shi Feng could adapt to this new and hostile environment, two Level 110 Great Lord ranked Abyssal Hounds emerged from the surrounding bushes and lunged at him.

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[Abyssal Hound] (Demonic Beast, Great Lord)

Level 110

HP 60,000,000

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Shi Feng unsheathed the Winter of Eternal Night and swung it almost instinctively when he sensed the Abyssal Hounds.

However, before his attack could connect, the two Abyssal Hounds sensed it and reacted like veteran experts, twisting their bodies in mid-air and evading the attack with less than half a centimeter to spare.

They're at the Refinement Realm?

Shi Feng was stunned by the two Abyssal Hounds' actions. He might not have gone all-out with his attack, and there was a slight delay in his execution, but he still had Basic Attributes at the Tier 4 standard. Even if the Abyssal Hounds were Agility-type Great Lords, they still shouldn't be able to dodge his attack unless they were at the Refinement Realm standard.

However, Shi Feng didn't have any time to dwell on this matter. While he was in a daze, the two Abyssal Hounds simultaneously activated the Tier 3 Skill Flame Roar.

Flame Roar was an AOE attack. Shi Feng dared not face the attacks head-on, so he promptly side-stepped twice and evaded the Abyssal Hounds' Flame Roars. Then, he lunged forward and executed a downward strike at the nearest Abyssal Hound.

Shi Feng's attack this time was much faster than before. With the Abyssal Hound's nearly two-meter-long body, there was no way it could evade the attack in time.

Clang!

Sparks flew, followed by a metallic clang that echoed throughout the forest.

Just when Shi Feng's sword was about to hit the Abyssal Hound, the Great Lord had leaped backward with its large frame and deflected the weapon with its front claws. Although the impact had sent the Abyssal Hound flying several meters backward and landing on the ground unsteadily, the Great Lord had lost less than 200,000 HP from the exchange.

The Abyssal Hound had 60 million HP, so this damage was nothing. It could recover to full HP once its battle recovery ticked five seconds later.

It even knows how to deflect attacks?

When Shi Feng looked at the Abyssal Hound that was baring its fangs at him, he suddenly felt as if he was facing a veteran Refinement Realm expert rather than a dumb monster. Moreover, this was a Refinement Realm expert with the Basic Attributes of a Tier 3 Great Lord.

Before Shi Feng could launch another attack, three more Abyssal Hounds slowly stepped out of the surrounding bushes and coordinated with the first two Abyssal Hounds to form an encirclement around Shi Feng.

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Chapter 182 – A Different Way to Use Mana

When Shi Feng looked at the five Abyssal Hounds surrounding him, he quickly understood why so many players in Slumber City still didn't have the Civilian status.

The Abyssal Tower's first-floor trial alone was already pitting players against five Great Lords with combat standards at the Refinement Realm. Not to mention, the trial also subjected players to a powerful Mana suppression. Even a Refinement Realm expert fully geared in top-tier Epic Weapons and Equipment would only meet with death in such a situation.

The only way a Refinement Realm expert could conquer the first-floor trial was using brute force.

Players could not leave the Abyssal Tower even after dying in the trial. Instead, they would be resurrected within the trial space without losing any EXP.

In contrast, monsters killed in the trial could not resurrect. Their HP wouldn't even be reset when players died. Instead, they could only recover their HP by relying on their recovery. In other words, they could only recover 2% of their HP every five seconds.

Thus, if players were sufficiently tenacious and possessed sufficiently high Basic Attributes, it was theoretically possible for them to complete the first-floor trial.

"Since the monsters will grow stronger the further I progress, I'll use you guys to adapt to this environment first."

When Shi Feng saw the five Abyssal Hounds gradually closing in on him, he didn't take the initiative to attack. Instead, he entered a defensive state and focused on adapting to his current environment.

There were only several dozen players who had managed to clear the Abyssal Tower's third floor in Slumber City. Logically, one would assume that every one of these players was a top-ranking Temple Knight. However, that wasn't the case at all. Many of these players weren't even Temple Knights, let alone top-ranking Temple Knights.

The reason for this strange phenomenon was because most players in Slumber City had failed to adapt to the Abyssal Tower's combat environment. Conversely, the non-Temple Knight players had learned to adapt to the environment in the Abyssal Tower and maximize the use of their combat power. Adding on the fact that there were no death restrictions, it wasn't exactly impossible for these supposedly weak players to whittle the monsters in the trial to death.

Thus, what Shi Feng needed to do now was simple—learn to adapt to the trial’s environment. If he were to wait until he reached the third or fourth floors to do so, the difficulty would increase drastically.

Learning to adapt to the trial’s combat environment wasn’t a difficult task for Shi Feng, either.

As a Grandmaster Magician, the understanding and control he had over Mana were far superior to the average expert. Since the trial was interfering with the flow of his Mana, what he needed to do was figure out a way to make his Mana flow along with this powerful interference.

Of course, accomplishing this feat was easier said than done. It was especially so since he was currently in combat.

Meanwhile, with each subsequent attempt Shi Feng made to adapt to the interference, the flow of Mana in his body also became smoother and smoother.

After the trial went on for a little over an hour, Shi Feng suddenly swung his sword and sent the five Abyssal Hounds flying over a dozen meters away. He also left a bone-deep wound in each of the Great Lords and caused them to lose over a million HP.

Sure enough, I managed to recover a good portion of my strength after adapting the flow of my Mana to this Mana suppression. Although I can only use 60% of my usual strength, using Basic Combat Techniques from time to time shouldn’t be a problem anymore, Shi Feng thought as he looked at the damage he had caused to the Abyssal Hounds. Then, he turned his gaze to the Winter of Eternal Night in his hand and furrowed his brows, thinking, *But why does this new flow pattern look like it’s trying to draw a magic array inside my body?*

He wouldn’t have noticed this little detail if it were before he had become a Primal Human and gained the Eyes of Reality. However, thanks to his enhanced senses, he could clearly feel that the flow of the Dark Mana within him was being used to outline a very complicated magic array.

Moreover, this magic array was so ingeniously designed that its construction did not affect the flow of the Dark Mana within him in the slightest. It was essentially watching someone using the existing parts in a machine to perform an entirely different action without modifying the parts.

The complexity of this magic array is roughly at the Master standard. With the current control I have, I should be able to replicate it. After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng decided to try drawing the magic array.

Based on his observation, this magic array was designed to operate with Dark Mana specifically. It could not accommodate any of the other elements at all. This meant that players would need to draw the magic array using Dark Mana only. The level of control required to accomplish this task was so high that even experts with Mana Domains would find it incredibly challenging.

Fortunately, the Abyssal Tower’s environment had greatly suppressed the flow of the other elements. So, Shi Feng had a much easier time manipulating the Dark Mana within his body.

Subsequently, Shi Feng resumed evading the Abyssal Hounds’ attacks while drawing that special magic array using his Dark Mana.

His first attempt failed...

His second attempt also failed...

Although Shi Feng faced failure after failure, each failed attempt also increased his familiarity with the drawing process. Initially, he could only draw the magic array's contour. However, gradually, he started producing magic arrays with great clarity.

After a little over a dozen hours and several hundred failed attempts later...

Success!

After evading the attack of an Abyssal Hound, Shi Feng suddenly opened his eyes and swung his sword.

This time, Shi Feng did not sense any suppression coming from his surrounding environment. On the contrary, his body felt much lighter than normal. He even had a feeling that his body had merged with the surrounding space.

When Shi Feng swung his sword, a dark light briefly enveloped the weapon before it connected with the Abyssal Hound. Immediately afterward, the Great Lord got sent flying over a hundred meters away like a ragdoll, its HP falling by 10%.

What a powerful amplification effect! Shi Feng was greatly surprised as he looked at the dissipating dark light surrounding the Winter of Eternal Night. *This magic array can forcibly increase the strength of a player's Mana?*

The biggest difference that separated players of different tiers was the strength of their Mana.

The higher a player's tier, the stronger the Mana within their body would become. Meanwhile, the stronger a player's Mana, the greater the destructive power they could exhibit with their attacks. It was similar to how the Spells of magical class players would become more powerful when cast in an environment with dense Mana.

Yet, the trial space's magic array could forcibly increase the strength of a player's Mana. Although the magic array's effect required an environment rich in Dark Mana to achieve peak performance, it was amazing nonetheless.

After all, apart from some rare weapons, equipment, and tools, the only other way players could increase the strength of their Mana was by increasing their tier.

Yet, this magic array allowed players to achieve a similar effect without having to rely on anything aside from their bodies. This magic array would shake even the Greater God's Domain if its existence was made known.

Chapter 183 – Pseudo-Sword Emperor

After Shi Feng heavily injured one of the Abyssal Hounds, the four other Abyssal Hounds seemingly got stimulated as they stopped executing any evasive maneuvers. Instead, they began frenziedly trading blow for blow with Shi Feng. As soon as Shi Feng attacked one Abyssal Hound, the other three promptly moved to his sides and either tried to bite him or attack him with Tier 3 Skills and Spells.

This reckless way of fighting was one of the tactics players used most frequently in PvP. It was also the most troublesome fighting method for players to deal with.

Meanwhile, if the Abyssal Hounds were to employ this strategy against a Refinement Realm expert of the same level, the expert would have no choice but to trade life for life if they wanted to clear the trial.

This is a good decision. Unfortunately, it is useless against me!

Shi Feng smiled as he looked at the three Abyssal Hounds attacking him. Immediately, he switched his footwork and activated the Tier 3 Skill Dispersing Slash.

After drawing the magic array in his body, Shi Feng could feel the Mana suppression acting on him losing 80% of its effect. In his current state, not only could he use combat techniques normally, but he could also use Skills and Spells. Though, due to the surrounding environment, the effects of his Skills and Spells would be weakened significantly.

Immediately, several dozen sword lights shot out to Shi Feng's surroundings, every one of these sword lights destabilizing the space around them as they pierced through the three Abyssal Hounds.

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

Once the sword lights disappeared, the forest around Shi Feng became littered with small craters. As for the three Abyssal Hounds, each of them lost over ten million HP and fell into a heavily injured state. Even an ordinary Tier 3 player could kill them effortlessly in their current state.

The magic array increased my destructive power to such an extent? Shi Feng was astonished when he saw how his attack had heavily injured the Abyssal Hounds and deformed the surrounding terrain. Isn't this power already close to the level of a Tier 4 Skill used by an actual Tier 4 player?

The reason there was a massive gap between Tier 3 and Tier 4 players was because the destructive power the two could exhibit were on entirely different levels.

It was true that Tier 3 players were akin to superhumans. However, when it came to destructive power, Tier 3 players were only at the level of destroying large boulders with their attacks. However, upon reaching Tier 4, players would have the ability to single-handedly destroy an entire city.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng undoubtedly possessed this ability already.

In addition to having Basic Attributes and Physique rivaling Tier 4 players, the strength of his Mana was also at the Tier 4 standard now. The only difference that separated him from an actual Tier 4 player now was his lack of Tier 4 Skills and Spells.

At this moment, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that he was a pseudo-Tier 4 Sword Emperor.

Subsequently, Shi Feng defeated all five Abyssal Hounds in under thirty seconds, received a huge amount of EXP, and leveled up to Level 111 directly.

After Shi Feng defeated the five Abyssal Hounds on the first floor, the scenery around him instantly changed, and he found himself standing on a desolate wasteland facing a bunch of Grand Lord ranked Minotaurs. Meanwhile, as soon as these large Minotaurs saw Shi Feng, they promptly attacked him with their tridents.

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While time passed inside the Abyssal Tower, the number of players gathered in the Abyssal Tower's lobby also continued increasing.

"What's going on? Why are all of Death Curse's experts here?"

"It's not just Death Curse. Purple Light has also gathered all of its experts. Could they be planning on fighting here?"

"I heard that Death Curse tried to rob Purple Light's caravan and failed. On top of that, Death Curse also lost an Advanced Combat Puppet. This is a huge loss for Death Curse since losing that Advanced Combat Puppet was no different than losing one of its mines. It'd be strange if Death Curse didn't try to take revenge for this loss."

"It's not Purple Light that destroyed Death Curse's Advanced Combat Puppet. I heard that it was the doing of a group of outsiders."

"No wonder Death Curse has mobilized so many people. Death Curse has always vied to become the fourth-ranking power in Slumber City. Now that Solitary Soul has become a Vice City Lord, he's probably thinking of putting on a show of force by dealing with those outsiders."

"Quick, look! Wolf Emperor is here!"

When the players in the lobby saw how many experts were gathered in the Abyssal Tower, they faintly realized that the status quo in Slumber City might be changing today. It was especially true after they saw Wolf Emperor, one of Slumber City's top five experts, making an appearance.

"Why is Wolf Emperor here?" Night Revenant's expression turned somber when he looked at the middle-aged man carrying two greatswords on his back.

Wolf Emperor!

This was a name known by every player operating in Slumber City. He was also the role model for the many independent experts in Slumber City.

Wolf Emperor had merely been your average Refinement Realm expert twenty years ago. Wolf Emperor had also been in his thirties already at the time, so one could say that he had already reached the limits

of his potential. The best he could hope for with his slowed growth was to reach the Flowing Water Realm in this lifetime.

However, that wasn't what had happened at all.

Unlike the average genius who'd shine from a young age, Wolf Emperor was the very definition of a late bloomer. He had reached the Void Realm at 40, the Domain Realm at 45, and Slumber City's top 50 rankings at 50. Now, at the age of 54, Wolf Emperor had become publicly acknowledged as one of Slumber City's top five experts.

Moreover, Wolf Emperor didn't become famous just by growing stronger at a late age. He had also grown his fame through a series of battles.

Wolf Emperor was a living inspiration for many players who were either deemed to have no talent or exhausted their potential. In fact, some of the current Temple Knights in Slumber City had only gained their current status because of the motivation they received from looking at Wolf Emperor's achievements.

Hence, Wolf Emperor had become a living legend in Slumber City, and many Temple Knight-level experts had willingly become his followers.

Although Wolf Emperor had never established an organization of his own, he was the player with the most Temple Knight-level experts under his command. Wolf Emperor himself was also an Upper-class Noble, an existence inferior to only Slumber City's three administrators.

Now that Wolf Emperor had shown up in the Abyssal Tower, Night Revenant would be delusional if he said that Wolf Emperor's appearance wouldn't affect Death Curse's plans.

While Night Revenant was having a headache over Wolf Emperor's appearance, a dark figure suddenly appeared in the lobby.

This dark figure moved silently. However, the instant this dark figure appeared, everyone in the lobby felt chills crawling down their backs. Some Temple Knight-level experts even stepped back, their minds subconsciously telling them to keep their distance from this dark figure.

"Commander!"

When Night Revenant saw this dark figure, confidence surged within him once more. This was because this dark figure was none other than Solitary Soul, the commander of the Death Curse adventurer team and Slumber City's publicly acknowledged number one expert!

"What's the situation?" Solitary Soul asked Night Revenant in a low voice.

"They'll be coming out soon. Once they come out, we'll lock onto them immediately and ensure that none of them can hide their names or run away!" Night Revenant reported respectfully.

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While Slumber City's various powers and experts were gradually gathering in the Abyssal Tower, Shi Feng had finally defeated the last Mythic ranked Twin-Headed Flying Dragon on the Abyssal Tower's fourth floor. At the same time, his level had also gone up from 112 to 113.

Thank goodness I'm a pseudo-Tier 4 right now. Otherwise, it'd be impossible to clear this fourth floor.

Shi Feng breathed a sigh of relief as he looked at the nine Twin-Headed Flying Dragons around him. He had to die several times to eliminate all nine of these Mythic monsters.

The Twin-Headed Flying Dragons had two billion HP each. If his Mana hadn't been strengthened to the Tier 4 standard, he would have never been able to kill all nine of these Mythic monsters. After all, even with his Mana strengthened, he could only deal a few million damage with his Tier 3 Skills and Spells. Even a solid blow with a Bronze Combat Technique only allowed him to deal four to five million damage.

Meanwhile, along with the collapse of the final Twin-Headed Flying Dragon, a system notification rang in Shi Feng's ears.

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Chapter 184 – Seven Luminaries Codex

System: Congratulations! You have completed the Abyssal Trial and gained the Abyssal Tower's recognition. Rewarding the Abyss Legatee title.

System: With the Abyss Legatee title, you will enjoy status equivalent to a Magistrate in any city in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. In addition, all dark-type monsters within a 200-yard radius of you will be weakened by 30%.

System: You have activated the Mythical Quest Twilight of the Gods.

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A Mythical Quest?

Shi Feng's mind blanked out when he saw the system notifications, his mind having difficulty believing this to be true.

In the world of God's Domain, even Epic Quests were already enough to cause apex experts to grow ecstatic. This was because the rewards of any Epic Quest could offer even Tier 5 experts to achieve qualitative improvements, the rewards ranging anywhere from Fragmented Legendary items to powerful Legacy items.

However, Epic Quests were both loved and hated by players. This was because players would be given a severe penalty should they fail to complete an Epic Quest. Some Epic Quests could even ruin a player's whole account.

As for Legendary Quests, which were one rank above Epic Quests, they could cause an entire God's Domain to go crazy.

This was because any Legendary Quest could rewrite the status quo in an entire God's Domain. The completion of a Legendary Quest could easily result in the birth of a new superpower. Hence, even Tier 6 God-ranked experts were constantly searching for clues relating to Legendary Quests.

As for Mythical Quests, which were one rank above Legendary Quests, the chances of one appearing in a God's Domain was almost zero. This was because quests of this rank could affect the entire Greater God's Domain.

In the Greater God's Domain, standing above the various peak powers and hegemonic powers were apex powers.

How powerful were apex powers exactly?

Any power that dared to bare its fangs against an apex power would disappear from the Greater God's Domain. Either that or they would choose to submit under a different apex power. There was no third option.

Meanwhile, the main reason the Greater God's Domain's apex powers were able to achieve their current positions was because every one of them had completed a Mythical Quest. Thanks to the Mythical Quest they completed, they were able to establish foundations and gain power beyond the imagination of the various hegemonic powers.

Unfortunately, Mythical Quests were exceedingly rare, so much so that the various hegemonic powers were willing to pay one Legendary item just for a clue that could potentially lead to a Mythical Quest.

During Shi Feng's previous life, he had spent several years just to find a few clues relating to Mythical Quests. Even then, his findings were more than enough to cause the various top-tier hegemonic powers to grow envious. After all, those top-tier hegemonic powers were only short of one Mythical Quest to become an apex power.

Yet, now, Shi Feng had directly activated a Mythical Quest...

Shortly after the system notifications appeared, a gigantic shadow figure suddenly appeared in front of Shi Feng.

The instant this shadowy figure appeared, Shi Feng felt an unprecedented power bearing down on his body. This power was so strong that it made the Divine Might of Tier 6 Gods look insignificant in comparison.

Right now, Shi Feng had a feeling that the shadowy figure before him could erase his entire existence with just a thought. Even Tier 6 Gods would probably have difficulty moving before this shadowy figure.

"You've done a good job completing the Abyssal Trial, little lifeform," the shadowy figure said as he nodded at Shi Feng. "But you are still too weak to obtain my Legacy. Even holding onto my Legacy might cause you to suffer unimaginable disasters in God's Domain. If you wish to inherit my Legacy, you will need to obtain one item first."

Find the original at h*sted novel.

“Obtain one item?”

Shi Feng wasn't all too surprised by the shadowy figure's claim that his Legacy would bring unimaginable disasters. The shadowy figure might only be a phantom of his real self, but he was already the strongest existence Shi Feng had met to date.

If the shadowy figure appeared with his real body, Shi Feng couldn't even begin to imagine how powerful the other party would be.

So, the difficulty of obtaining the shadowy figure's Legacy would naturally be incredibly high.

“Yes. I'll leave this item with you. Figure out a way to restore its power. Only after it has recovered can it help you inherit my Legacy.”

After saying so, the shadowy figure waved his hand and summoned a pitch-black ancient tome in front of Shi Feng.

Unlike the average book, this ancient tome exuded an aura rivaling that of Tier 6 Gods. An ordinary Tier 3 expert couldn't even get near this ancient tome, let alone hold it with their hands.

The Seven Luminaries Codex?!

Shi Feng was dumbfounded when he received the ancient tome.

Current players of God's Domain were most likely unfamiliar with the Seven Luminaries Codex. Even the various Super Guilds were unlikely to know about it. At best, they would know about the Seven Luminaries Scripture.

The complete Seven Luminaries Scripture's value could be said to be above Legendary items. This was because the Scripture contained many forbidden magic arrays. With the complete Scripture in hand, players could even use Craftsman-rank Magic Arrays to seal Tier 6 God-ranked experts.

However, the Seven Luminaries Scripture was only a replica of the Seven Luminaries Codex. Even the Seven Treasures that existed in God's Domain were merely items the Three Goddesses made to replicate the Codex.

Of course, the Seven Luminaries Codex before Shi Feng wasn't the complete version. Instead, it was only a fragmented item. Or, more specifically, it was the Codex's general outline.

It was rumored that the Seven Luminaries Codex was one of the Godly Relics that had existed since the birth of God's Domain. It was also rumored that it had the power to destroy an entire God's Domain.

Of course, these were merely the descriptions recorded in the Greater God's Domain's Great Galaxy Library. Whether these descriptions were true or false, nobody knew. This was because nobody had managed to obtain even the smallest of clues regarding the Seven Luminaries Codex throughout the several hundred years the Greater God's Domain had existed.

“First, find a way to recover its power. We will meet again once it is fully recovered. However, you best restore it as soon as possible since it won’t last long with its current power. If you cannot find the seven remaining fragments in time, it will disappear completely with no hope of restoration,” the shadowy figure said before disappearing.

Before Shi Feng could say anything, another system notification rang in his ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have accepted the Mythical Quest Twilight of the Gods.

Quest content: Restore the Seven Luminaries Codex before its power fades completely. Rewards unknown. Penalties unknown.

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Sure enough, I don’t have any refusal rights.

Shi Feng didn’t know whether to laugh or cry when he looked at the Seven Luminaries Codex in his hands.

The Seven Luminaries Codex was a bona fide Godly Relic. If he managed to fully restore it, even Tier 6 God-ranked experts would have to run if they saw him. Even Tier 6 God-ranked experts with Legendary Weapons were no exception.

Of course, this great power came with a correspondingly great price. If he failed to complete this Mythical Quest, the consequences would be unimaginable. Even account deletion would probably be considered the lightest penalty for failing a Mythical Quest.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng couldn’t help but tap his finger on the Seven Luminaries Codex, eager to see what was on the Seven Luminaries Codex’s Attribute Panel.

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Chapter 185 – Godly Relic

Shi Feng couldn’t help but gasp when he finished reading the Seven Luminaries Codex’s Attribute Panel.

What powerful Skills! As expected of a Godly Relic birthed alongside God’s Domain! I can’t believe it has such power even in its current fragmented state!

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[Seven Luminaries Codex] (Legendary Rank [Current])

One of the Godly Relics birthed along with God’s Domain. The Seven Luminaries Codex carries seven powers of creation. Currently, the Codex has been deprived of all seven of these powers and only

retains a small trace of Eternal Energy. Only by collecting all seven powers can the Codex's power be restored.

Cannot be destroyed.

Cannot be traded.

Cannot be dropped.

The Eternal Energy in the Codex will dissipate over time. (Currently, there are 365 days remaining until the Codex's energy dissipates completely.)

Additional Active Skill 1-

Omni-Refinement: Refine all elements and substances unconditionally. No Cooldown.

Additional Active Skill 2-

Elemental Search: Reveal all mineral veins within a 100,000-yard radius.

Cooldown: 1 natural day

Additional Passive Skill-

Seven Luminaries Guidance: Automatically detects fragments of the Seven Luminaries Codex within a 1,000,000-yard radius.

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Omni-Refinement's ability to refine all elements and substances was a power that every power in God's Domain would yearn to obtain. For Lifestyle Players, Omni-Refinement was a godly ability.

The process of refining materials was the foundation of any production process. It was also the most important step in manufacturing an item. Moreover, the higher the rank of an item, the more difficult the refining process would be, and the lower the success rate would be. However, Omni-Refinement could complete this step with perfection.

It wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say that players could get rich just by relying on the Omni-Refinement Skill.

For example, players could refine Magic Crystals into Mana Stones[1]. Typically, this was a process that required a Master Alchemist. Meanwhile, in addition to the material cost of 100 Magic Crystals per Mana Stone, Master Alchemists would also charge two Magic Crystals for their labor since the refinement process involved time and energy.

However, with the Seven Luminaries Codex, Shi Feng could refine 100 Magic Crystals into a Mana Stone with the push of a button, his efficiency many times greater than the average Master Alchemist. Even if he charged others a labor cost of only one Magic Crystal per Mana Stone, he could still make a killing. After all, he'd only need, at most, one second to produce a Mana Stone. That meant he could earn one

Magic Crystal per second. With there being 48 hours a day in God's Domain, he could easily earn up to 170,000 Magic Crystals per day.

In the current Miniature Ancient World, 170,000 Magic Crystals were already the daily Magic Crystal income of a first-rate Guild.

Aside from Omni-Refinement, Elemental Search was also a Skill that could cause the various powers in God's Domain to lose their minds. Even the Greater God's Domain's various powers were no exception.

Whether it was the production of items or the construction of settlements, both required a large amount of ores. Meanwhile, the most reliable way of obtaining ores was through mining mineral veins.

However, mineral veins were extremely rare in God's Domain, and even the most common Copper veins and Iron veins could cause powers to go to war with each other. This was because every mineral vein had a chance of Magic Stones. It was simply a question of how big the production volume was.

Meanwhile, Magic Stones were one of the basic materials needed in the construction of towns and cities. It was also used to produce various daily items and furniture. Hence, the demand for Magic Stones was always higher than its supply, and mineral veins were highly contested among the various powers.

In addition, the higher a mineral vein's rank, the rarer it would be. Veins capable of producing Magic Crystals had even become a symbol of wealth and strength for Guilds. After all, no matter how powerful a Guild Settlement was, the amount of Magic Crystals it could generate per day couldn't hold a candle to even the most common Magic Crystal-generating vein.

With the Elemental Search Skill, it would become much easier for Zero Wing to search for mineral veins.

So this is why none of the Greater God's Domain's peak and hegemonic powers stand a chance against the various apex powers. Just this damaged Seven Luminaries Codex is already enough to elevate a hegemonic power's strength to the next level. An apex power with a complete Godly Relic simply isn't an opponent any peak or hegemonic power can hope to compete against, Shi Feng thought to himself as he looked at the Seven Luminaries Codex.

Although Shi Feng had long since known that the Greater God's Domain's apex powers were not existences to be trifled with, only now did he understand just how frightening those apex powers were.

It should be known that only 99 Godly Relics had existed at God's Domain's birth, and every one of them possessed different functions.

Out of those 99 Godly Relics, the Seven Luminaries Codex only ranked 45th according to the Godly Relic Ranking List kept in the Great Galaxy Library. Yet, some of the Greater God's Domain's apex powers were in possession of Godly Relics ranked within the top 30.

Moreover, the amount of time these apex powers had existed far surpassed the various superpowers in his homeworld.

According to his knowledge, the youngest apex power in the Greater God's Domain had risen to its position over 600 years ago. In other words, this apex power was already in possession of a Godly Relic

for over 600 years. Just thinking about the advantages this apex power had racked up using its Godly Relic throughout all these years sent shivers down Shi Feng's spine.

Not to mention, this was only the youngest apex power in the Greater God's Domain. There were still apex powers that had existed for a much longer time, such as the Seven Luminaries Alliance.

A year? Shi Feng couldn't help but frown when he saw the timer displayed on the Attribute Panel. *It seems I'll have to enter the Greater God's Domain as soon as possible.*

Although Shi Feng knew the clue for another Mythical Quest and said Mythical Quest was related to a top-30 Godly Relic, he would need to reach Tier 5 first to get ahold of this clue. There was also no saying whether this clue was reliable or not.

Hence, it would be much more realistic to rely on the Seven Luminaries Codex for his rise in God's Domain.

However, the Seven Luminaries Codex's fragments were scattered across the Greater God's Domain, and finding them would be incredibly challenging. This was the case even with the help of the Seven Luminaries Guidance Skill.

Fortunately, his quest only required him to restore the Seven Luminaries Codex, not to restore it within a year. While the Codex might run out of energy in a year, so long as he managed to find one of the Codex's fragments within a year, he should be able to restore some of the Codex's energy and extend his quest's time limit.

I guess I have no choice but to take things one step at a time.

Shi Feng sighed when he thought about the challenges that awaited him in the future. Then, he carefully put the Seven Luminaries Codex into his bag, called up the trial's interface, and chose to leave the trial space.

Although he only needed to find one fragment for now, it was still an incredibly challenging task.

The Greater God's Domain was simply massive. Out of the twelve Starfields that existed in the Greater God's Domain, just one Starfield already contained over a thousand God's Domains. Trying to find a fragment in these many God's Domains was no different than finding a needle in a haystack...

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TL Notes:

[1]players could refine Magic Crystals into Mana Stones:

Uh, I guess the author forgot that he used to categorize "refinement(精炼)" and "synthesis(合成)" separately? The process of turning Magic Crystals into Mana Stones used to be considered "synthesis" in the past.

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An example of “refinement” and “synthesis” being categorized separately:

(Chapter 374)

[Philosopher’s Stone]

Active Effect: Due to being damaged, the Philosopher’s Stone possesses less than a seventh of its original strength. It can only be used for Alchemical Conversion, Elemental Refinement(元素精炼), Alchemical Synthesis(炼金合成), and Elemental Strengthening.

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Changes made to Chapter 184:

This was because nobody had managed to obtain even the smallest of clues regarding the Seven Luminaries Codex throughout the several hundred years the Greater God’s Domain had existed.

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This was because nobody had managed to obtain even the smallest of clues regarding the Seven Luminaries Codex throughout the past several hundred years.

Edit reason: I’m leaving this part vague since this chapter mentions that even the youngest apex power had risen to its position over 600 years ago.

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Chapter 3112

Chapter 186 – Gathering of Hegemons

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TL Notes:

Changed “Shimmering Sword” to “Glimmering Sword” for reasons.

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Slumber City, Abyssal Tower’s lobby:

“Everyone from our main force is here now, Commander. The outer team’s 600-plus Novice Temple Knights have also finished gathering outside the city. With this, Purple Light will be utterly powerless to protect those people,” Night Revenant reported to Solitary Soul. Then, he smiled and added, “If Purple

Light's members dare to intervene outside the city, we'll make it so that none of them can return to the city alive!"

The Purple Light Chamber of Commerce might be one of Slumber City's peak powers, but it had the fewest Temple Knights and Novice Temple Knights out of all the peak powers in Slumber City. More specifically, Purple Light had fewer than 30 Temple Knights and a little over 300 Novice Temple Knights.

The only reason Purple Light was even considered a peak power was because of its wide business connections. Purple Light had trade deals with even the peak powers of several neighboring cities. Because of these connections, Purple Light had the most Combat Puppets out of all powers in Slumber City, its Combat Puppet count exceeding 100.

If a Novice Temple Knight was given control of a Basic Combat Puppet, they could exhibit combat power rivaling official Temple Knights. However, Purple Light's Combat Puppets were typically reserved for the protection of important resource nodes, and few of its Combat Puppets were stationed in Slumber City.

Meanwhile, the transportation of Combat Puppets was incredibly troublesome since they couldn't be stored in ordinary Spatial Bags. Only Epic Spatial Bags could store Combat Puppets, and the average Epic Spatial Bag could store around ten Combat Puppets.

However, Epic Spatial Bags were rarer and more expensive than even Fragmented Legendary items, and Purple Light only had a few of them. Not to mention, Purple Light's Combat Puppets were still needed to defend its resource nodes.

All in all, the combat power Purple Light could afford to mobilize in Slumber City was, at most, around a dozen Temple Knights and a hundred Novice Temple Knights.

"Good. Have everyone get ready. Those people should be coming out soon," Solitary Soul said, nodding.

"Wolf Emperor's side remains a problem, Commander. Seeing as Wolf Emperor is still here, it's clear that he plans on watching. If he decides to help the other side in a crucial moment, we'll most likely have difficulty taking down those people..." Night Revenant said as he warily glanced at the middle-aged man drinking alcohol at the distant bar.

In addition to being one of the top five experts of Slumber City, Wolf Emperor also had around fifty Temple Knight-level experts following him. If he decided to help Purple Light's side, it would put Death Curse at a considerable disadvantage.

"Ignore him. That battle maniac has already promised not to intervene on the condition that I duel him afterward," Solitary Soul said nonchalantly.

"He's growing restless already?" Night Revenant couldn't help but take a few extra glances at Wolf Emperor when he heard Solitary Soul's words.

It was widely known that Wolf Emperor was a battle maniac. It was also obvious that Wolf Emperor had already converted to a higher race, so his strength must have seen significant improvements. Although Night Revenant had guessed that Wolf Emperor would challenge the other top five experts of Slumber City after making these improvements, he didn't think that the other party would make a move so soon.

“It’s fine. Even if he didn’t come to find me, I would have gone to find him for a duel sooner or later,” Solitary Soul said, a trace of fighting spirit surfacing in his eyes.

Slumber City’s three administrators were extremely elusive and hard to meet.

Although Solitary Soul had recently become one of Slumber City’s administrators, he still had no idea how strong he was compared to the other top five experts. He also didn’t know whether he could become the strongest expert in the city, so he needed to test his strength against a sufficiently strong opponent.

However, out of the four other top-five experts, three were Slumber City’s administrators, and all three were extremely elusive and hard to meet. This left only Wolf Emperor as a potential opponent for Solitary Soul. Now that Wolf Emperor had taken the initiative to challenge him, it couldn’t be better news for him.

While Solitary Soul and Night Revenant were talking, a commotion suddenly erupted in the lobby. Immediately, Solitary Soul, Night Revenant, and the other Death Curse members turned toward the source of the commotion.

At this time, the crowd in the lobby suddenly moved aside and opened up a path for a woman with long light-blue hair. The woman wore a silver crown on her head, covered her body in silvery-white light armor, and carried a beautiful longsword that gave off a light-blue sheen around her waist. The woman looked like a goddess of war as she slowly walked down the aisle created by the crowd.

“The Glimmering Sword!”

“I must be hallucinating! Why is the Glimmering Sword here?”

“Crap! What day is it today? I can’t believe three out of Slumber City’s five hegemony have gathered in the Abyssal Tower!”

Many players in the lobby widened their eyes in shock when they saw the Level 120 woman with light-blue hair appearing in the Abyssal Tower.

Lauder Crader!

In addition to being the owner of the nickname “Glimmering Sword,” Laura Crader was also publicly recognized as the most talented individual Slumber City had seen in the past few decades. Unlike Wolf Emperor, who had carved his legacy in Slumber City step by step, Laura Crader had appeared very abruptly. By the time people learned about her existence, she had already defeated the two administrators of Slumber City at the time and became Slumber City’s number one expert.

Good! Quicksand made it in time! Echoing Judgment breathed a deep sigh of relief when he saw Laura Crader appearing in the lobby.

Unlike what most people assumed, the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce wasn’t subordinated to Laura Crader. Instead, Lauder Crader owed Purple Light a favor due to the help Purple Light had offered her many years ago. Hence, Laura Crader publicly announced that Purple Light was under her protection.

It was also because of Lauder Crader's announcement that most powers in Slumber City dared not provoke Purple Light throughout all these years. Death Curse was the only exception since the adventurer team sought to dominate the entire Slumber City.

"Glimmering Sword! I didn't think you would make an appearance for Purple Light. It seems I have underestimated Purple Light's place in your heart," Solitary Soul said, a hint of astonishment in his eyes when he saw Laura Crader approaching him.

"I owe Purple Light a huge favor. Now that Purple Light needs my help, I naturally won't stand by and do nothing," Laura Crader said as she looked at Solitary Soul calmly. "I'll get to the point. Give up on targeting those people. Otherwise, our two adventurer teams will have no choice but to go to war!"

After Laura Crader finished speaking, the lobby fell silent as everyone stared at her in surprise. They didn't think that the Glimmering Sword would be willing to go to war with Death Curse for the sake of some outsiders.

Laura Crader's Glimmer adventurer team might be powerful, but Death Curse was no pushover. If the two adventurer teams went to war, both sides would suffer severe losses.

"What a wonderful threat!" Solitary Soul laughed. "Unfortunately, there is nothing you can do to stop those people from dying today! Moreover, I'm very curious to test whether you really are as strong as the rumors make you out to be!"

After Solitary Soul finished speaking, the intensity of his aura suddenly spiked. Immediately, most of the players present, including Echoing Judgment and the others, felt their hearts constrict in fear.

Tier 4! Echoing Judgment couldn't help but look at Solitary Soul in disbelief. How can his aura be at the Tier 4 standard?!

Tier 4 was a tier no player in the Stratified Abyssal Realm could reach. However, Echoing Judgment wasn't a stranger to a Tier 4 existence's aura because he had watched a fight between Tier 4 NPCs in the past. Meanwhile, the aura Solitary Soul currently radiated was just as strong as the aura those Tier 4 NPCs exuded.

He got himself a piece of Legendary Equipment? Wolf Emperor thought as he looked at Solitary Soul, a hint of fear and excitement appearing in his eyes. This is interesting. I didn't think that old fox had kept so much strength hidden. With this, even the Glimmering Sword will have trouble against him.

Wolf Emperor would often wander around picking fights. So, this wasn't the first time he had come across a player with a Tier 4 aura.

While silence enveloped the lobby, multiple streaks of light suddenly appeared in the Abyssal Tower's teleportation hall, signifying that someone had just completed their test in the tower. Meanwhile, these people were none other than Shi Feng and his team.

Chapter 187 – Miserable Fate?

Once the flashes of light disappeared, the figures in the Abyssal Tower's teleportation hall entered the sights of everyone in the lobby.

"Are they the players Death Curse is targeting?"

"How pitiful these people are. I doubt even the Glimmering Sword can protect them now."

"They asked for it. Out of everyone they could have provoked, they just had to choose Death Curse. Things would have never turned out like this had they not chosen to help Purple Light."

"I heard that Death Curse had prepared a death curse for these people. So long as these people get banished out of the city, Death Curse's members will immediately place this curse on them. If they get killed with this curse in effect, not only will they lose three levels, but they'll also have a high chance of dropping the items on their bodies and in their bags."

"If they get killed a couple of times with this curse and fall below Level 100, they will be forcibly sent back to the starting zone. If that happened, they'd have to compete for those few teleportation slots all over again if they want to enter Level 100-plus maps again."

"It took me half a year to secure a teleportation slot for myself back then. Now that the starting zone's player population has grown larger, getting a teleportation slot has become even more difficult. My nephew is still stuck in the starting zone even after struggling for over a year..."

When the spectating crowd saw Shi Feng and his teammates appearing in the lobby, they couldn't help but look at Shi Feng's team sympathetically.

Laura Crader's arrival might have surprised everyone, but judging by the current situation, the mighty Glimmering Sword might have trouble keeping her position as Slumber City's number one expert today. Needless to say, she'd be even more powerless to protect Shi Feng's team.

In addition, Solitary Soul was now a Vice City Lord in Slumber City. Although Laura was similarly a Vice City Lord, she did not have the right to stop Solitary Soul from banishing other players from the city. Hence, Laura could only threaten Solitary Soul and figure out a way to make him give up on targeting Shi Feng's team.

"Revenant! Identify their names!" Solitary Soul said, smirking as he looked at Shi Feng's team.

"Roger!" Night Revenant also smirked as he said, "Everyone, do it!"

After Night Revenant finished speaking, multiple Death Curse members hiding among the crowd crushed the crystal rune in their hands. Immediately afterward, a magic array appeared in the eyes of these Death Curse members, the magic array giving their eyes a golden glow.

Holy Seal's Eye? Shi Feng was quite surprised as he looked at the Death Curse members with glowing golden eyes.

Holy Seal's Eye was an incredibly precious Master-rank Identification Skill. Not only could it see through the Black Cloak's concealment effects, but it could also see through high-ranking disguises.

Most importantly, Holy Eye's Seal could be used to analyze Master Magic Arrays and above, assisting players in decoding the various magic barriers in God's Domain. This ability was especially crucial when players were raiding ancient ruins. Out of the many ancient ruins that existed in God's Domain, most of them would have some sort of barrier that prevented players from entering. Meanwhile, players could only enter these ruins after cracking these barriers.

Hence, a Holy Seal's Eye could easily sell for the price of a Level 100 Epic Weapon in God's Domain.

Meanwhile, to obtain their real IDs, Death Curse had used twenty Holy Seal's Eye. If the various powers of God's Domain were to learn of this, they would definitely curse at Death Curse's prodigal behavior.

"We've verified their IDs already, Commander!" Night Revenant said as he sent the IDs of Shi Feng's team members to Solitary Soul. Then, he turned to look at Shi Feng's team with a gleeful look.

"Dammit!" Echoing Judgment's complexion turned ashen when he saw Death Curse's members using as many as twenty Holy Seals' Eye. He didn't think that Death Curse would go to such lengths to get revenge on Shi Feng's team.

So long as Solitary Soul managed to find out the IDs of Shi Feng's team members, he could easily get them banished from Slumber City using his privileges as a Vice City Lord. There was also nothing anybody could do about it.

Echoing Judgment had also tasked someone to secretly check the situation outside the city, so he knew that Death Curse had mobilized nearly 100 Temple Knights and 600-plus Novice Temple Knights to ensure that Shi Feng's team did not escape. Death Curse had even set up a Master Magic Array at the city's entrance. There was no way Shi Feng's team could survive once they got removed from the city.

It was also unlikely that Laura could save Shi Feng's team from Death Curse.

Meanwhile, after Solitary Soul typed in the IDs of Shi Feng's team members into Slumber City's management interface, he couldn't help but frown as he said, "They have eight Upper-class Nobles?"

"Eight Upper-class Nobles?!" Night Revenant couldn't help but look at Shi Feng's team in disbelief when he heard Solitary Soul's words. "How is this possible?!"

Upper-class Nobles were special existences in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's various NPC Cities.

So long as players acquired the status of an Upper-class Noble in a city, not only would they enjoy an extremely high status in the city, but they would also gain voting rights to determine the direction of the city's development. Meanwhile, even Vice City Lords didn't have the authority to deal with Upper-class Nobles.

Aside from those privileges, Upper-class Nobles would also gain a passive aura that weakened the dark-type monsters around them. It was also because of this aura that the various powers and experts were very keen on recruiting and befriending Upper-class Nobles.

However, it wasn't an easy task to become an Upper-class Noble. Take Slumber City, for example. Even after several decades of development, less than a hundred players had managed to become an Upper-class Noble in Slumber City. The number of Upper-class Nobles in the city was significantly lower than even the number of official Temple Knights.

Yet, now, it was revealed that Shi Feng's small team of twenty had as many as eight Upper-class Nobles. That was already more than the Upper-class Nobles that Death Curse had. In other words, Shi Feng's team of twenty had greater speaking rights than Death Curse in Slumber City. This was simply unbelievable.

At this time, even Echoing Judgment was stunned by Solitary Soul's words. Unlike Death Curse's members, Echoing Judgment knew that this was the first time Shi Feng's team members had come into contact with the Abyssal Tower. Yet, despite this being their first time challenging the Abyssal Tower, eight of them had managed to become Upper-class Nobles. Shi Feng's team was simply a gathering of monsters.

Of those present, only Shi Feng found this situation unsurprising. Not only did God's Domain possess complete Legacies, but it also had an environment that was much more conducive for Mana development. Hence, God's Domain's players were vastly superior to the Stratified Abyssal Realm's players when it came to Mana control.

Based on Shi Feng's evaluation of the Abyssal Tower, so long as a God's Domain player reached the World Tower's second-floor standard, they could almost certainly clear the Abyssal Tower's third floor and become an Upper-class Noble.

"So that's why Purple Light has gone as far as to call on the Glimmering Sword to help you," Solitary Soul said, his expression growing even colder as he looked at Shi Feng's team. "But so what if eight of you are Upper-class Nobles? The rest of you are only ordinary Nobles! I can still banish these twelve from the city for 48 hours!"

As soon as Solitary Soul finished speaking, a group of fully-armed NPC guards walked in from the Abyssal Tower's entrance. Every one of these NPC guards was at Level 130 or above. The two guard captains were even Level 135, Tier 4 NPCs.

"What a crazy bastard. He's actually planning on making an enemy out of eight Upper-class Nobles," Wolf Emperor commented. When he saw the NPC guards appearing, he understood that Solitary Soul intended to take care of Shi Feng's team and establish his dominance over Slumber City, even if it meant making an enemy out of eight Upper-class Nobles simultaneously.

However, Wolf Emperor also had to admit that Solitary Soul had the qualifications to act arrogantly. After all, with a piece of Legendary Equipment in his possession, Solitary Soul could not only stand at the apex of Slumber City, but he could even extend his reach into Shadow City, the most prosperous and powerful city in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's northern region.

After the several dozen NPC guards walked up to Blackie and the others, one of the guard captains took out a piece of parchment and recited, "According to Slumber City's rules, as punishment for challenging Vice City Lord Solitary Soul's authority, you will be banished from the city for 48 hours. Please follow us out of the city!"

“Black Flame, is it?” When Night Revenant saw that the NPC guards were about to take Blackie and the others away, he turned to Shi Feng and laughed, saying, “This is what happens when you offend Death Curse! Of course, this is only the beginning. You will soon learn what kind of miserable fate awaits you for going against Death Curse!”

“Miserable fate?”

Shi Feng couldn't help but chuckle at Night Revenant's remarks. Then, he walked straight up to the stern-looking NPC guards.

Chapter 3114

Chapter 188 – This Person Must Be Crazy!

When the spectating crowd saw the several dozen NPC guards surrounding Blackie and the others, they couldn't help but look at them sympathetically.

Normally, Blackie and the others would have been the envy of many players since they now possessed Slumber City's Noble status. This was because, in a certain sense, the status of players in the various NPC Cities was much more important than their strength in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's Level 100-plus maps.

In Slumber City, players with the Civilian status would only enjoy the privilege of being able to live in the city. Without a higher status, they couldn't take on more than a certain number of City Contribution Quests each month, own private housing, or open their own Shop. They couldn't even enter Slumber City's Advanced Auction House, only having access to the standard Auction House.

However, it was a different story for players with the Noble status.

Whether it was challenging more City Contribution Quests or purchasing private housing and Shops, neither of these things were a problem so long as a Noble had enough Demon Coins.

Moreover, so long as players had the Noble status, they could earn Demon Coins much more quickly than Civilian players. This was because Noble players could earn a significant sum of Demon Coins each month just by renting properties to Civilians. There wasn't a need to worry about there being a lack of customers, either, since less than 3% of the city's player population had the Noble status.

Of course, Nobles couldn't purchase an unlimited number of Lands or Shops. Depending on their City Contribution Points, they could buy two at minimum and five at maximum.

Even so, a Noble with five plots of Land or Shops could retire for the rest of their lives without worrying about living expenses in the real world. Many Nobles had even relied on this method to live without working for over a decade already.

However, at this moment, this Noble status was turned into a complete joke because of Solitary Soul.

Because Solitary Soul had evoked his rights as a Vice City Lord, Blackie and the others were getting banished from Slumber City for 48 hours. Moreover, this banishment duration would not decrease if Blackie and the others went offline. The banishment period would only end after they had spent 48 hours outside of Slumber City.

With the Death Curse adventurer team's strength, 48 hours was more than enough for its members to kill Blackie and the others at least a dozen times, causing them to fall under Level 100 and forcibly teleported back to the starting zone.

Moreover, even if Death Curse didn't target Blackie and the others, it would be impossible for a team of twelve players to survive for 48 hours out in the fields. After all, it was extremely dangerous to roam out in the fields without a team of one or two hundred players.

It was especially true when night arrived. Not only would the number of monsters increase at night, but the combat standards of monsters would also increase significantly. Even an Upper-class Noble's team wouldn't dare to casually operate outside at night.

It was so dangerous at night that players wouldn't necessarily be safe even if they stood directly outside the city. This was because a large number of monsters would attack Slumber City at night.

Seeking shelter in a different NPC City wasn't an option, either.

The various NPC Cities in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's Level 100-plus maps were located incredibly far apart from each other. Even if players traveled nonstop, they would still need around two days(96 in-game hours) to reach move from one city to another. If players traveled at a normal pace, the journey would take up to five or six days.

Hence, there was no way Blackie and the others could reach another NPC City within 48 hours.

In other words, getting banished from Slumber City for 48 hours was no different than a death sentence.

"Quick! Look over there! Their leader is walking over to the NPC guards!"

"Could he be trying to reason with those guards?"

"He's just going to waste his energy if he's thinking of doing that. The NPC guards will kill even players with the Noble status when provoked. Now that they are in the midst of executing an order, they might even kill players who enter their cordon. Not to mention, these NPCs will only stubbornly carry out their orders and won't listen to reason."

The spectating players shook their heads when they saw Shi Feng suddenly approaching the NPC guards.

NPC guards were essentially gods in the various NPC Cities. They were also the last thing players wanted to approach. This was because NPC guards did not listen to reason. So long as players violated the law, the NPC guards would kill them on the spot. Even Upper-class Nobles were no exception.

Even if the NPC guards weren't in the mood for bloodshed, it was also pointless to try to reason with them. The only thing on their mind was to carry out their orders. Everything else was not within their consideration.

Rather than try to obstruct the NPC guards from carrying out the banishment process, what Shi Feng should be doing was figure out a way to amass some strength and ensure that his banished companions could survive out in the fields.

Did he lose his mind to anxiety? Night Revenant couldn't help but laugh when he saw Shi Feng moving closer and closer to the NPC guards. Or does he think that his Upper-class Noble status is enough to make those NPC guards listen to him?

Upper-class Nobles might enjoy a high status in Slumber City, but they still lacked the qualifications to challenge the city's laws. Even Vice City Lords like Solitary Soul and Laura Crader didn't have the qualifications to do so. Otherwise, the Glimmering Sword wouldn't have gone through the trouble of using the threat of war to try and stop Death Curse's actions.

Meanwhile, when Echoing Judgment saw Shi Feng's actions, he swiftly ran after Shi Feng in an attempt to stop him from moving any closer to the NPC guards' cordon. Unfortunately, he was still a step too late...

Not only did Shi Feng cross the NPC guards' cordon, but he had even approached the two NPC guard captains directly and stood in their way. If his intentions hadn't been clear enough before, it was now very obvious that he was trying to stop these NPC guards from apprehending his teammates.

Is he crazy? Night Revenant nearly gaped in shock when he saw Shi Feng intercepting the NPC guard captains.

The difference between intruding on the NPC guards' cordon and obstructing the NPC guard captains' actions was like night and day.

In the former case, the NPC guards would, at most, kill the intruding player once. However, in the latter case, the NPC guards would apprehend the obstructing player and imprison them for half a month to an entire month. This was worse than getting killed three or four times.

Meanwhile, when the two NPC guard captains saw Shi Feng appearing before them, their first reaction was to reach for their weapons. However, just when everyone thought that the two guard captains were about to strike at Shi Feng, the two guard captains suddenly froze, a hint of fear appearing in their eyes as they looked at Shi Feng.

The two guard captains behaved like two rats standing in front of a mouse, neither daring to move a muscle.

"Esteemed Lord Legatee!" The two guard captains saluted Shi Feng after coming to their senses. Then, they asked respectfully, "May we know what orders you have for us?"

Chapter 189 – Difference in Status

The words of the two NPC guard captains surprised and stunned everyone present in the lobby.

“I must be hallucinating! Since when did NPC guards start treating players so respectfully?!”

“Could those guards be fake? He’s already crossed the cordon. Even the Glimmering Sword with her Vice City Lord status would be killed if she did that. Yet, why aren’t these guards taking action?”

Everyone was confused when they saw the NPC guard captains behaving so respectfully in front of Shi Feng. Even Echoing Judgment, who had tried to stop Shi Feng, froze as he looked at this situation in disbelief.

NPC guards were incredibly rigid, and they would never show mercy to players. Even players who had received the Vice City Lord status could only get NPC guards to move when ordering them to exercise their authority to banish players. Moreover, these NPC guards would only show these Vice City Lords a cold expression throughout their entire interaction.

Yet, now, the two NPC guard captains wore a look of reverence as they faced Shi Feng.

Indeed! Reverence!

This was an expression that one would typically only see civilian NPCs making when standing in front of players with the Upper-class Noble or Vice City Lord status. Or, more specifically, NPCs would only show such an expression when the player they faced possessed a vastly superior status.

Could his status be higher than even Vice City Lords? Echoing Judgment wondered as he looked at Shi Feng in disbelief.

Over the past several decades, the Vice City Lord status was known to be the highest status a player could achieve in the Stratified Abyssal Realm’s NPC Cities. It was also a symbol for the Stratified Abyssal Realm’s strongest combatants. This fact had remained unchanged throughout the past several decades.

Aside from Echoing Judgment, Night Revenant was similarly confused by this situation.

Obstructing NPC guards from carrying out their duties was an offense punishable by death. Even Vice City Lords would be killed mercilessly if they tried to do so. There was no room for negotiations whatsoever.

While everyone was bewildered by this situation, Shi Feng pointed at Blackie’s group and said to the two NPC guard captains, “These are my friends. I can assure you that they have never done anything to challenge a Vice City Lord’s authority. This is just the slander of Vice City Lord Solitary Soul!”

“We trust in your words, Lord Legatee. In addition, since these people are your friends, they can naturally keep on living in the city. However, they will still have to abide by Slumber City’s laws. Otherwise, even if they are your friends, they will still have to face Slumber City’s punishment, Lord

Legate,” one of the guard captains said as he did a knight’s salute. Then, he said to the NPC guards surrounding Blackie’s group, “Everyone, stand down. These people are innocent.”

“Understood!”

The NPC guards promptly kept away their weapons and stopped targeting Blackie’s group.

Meanwhile, the NPC guards’ behavior thoroughly dumbfounded everyone present.

“Even a Vice City Lord’s authority is useless against him?”

“I must be dreaming! This is a banishment order from a Vice City Lord! Even another Vice City Lord wouldn’t have the authority to dismiss this order! Who is that guy?”

“I heard the guard captain referring to him as Lord Legatee just now. Could there be an obtainable status higher than the Vice City Lord status?”

“How can that be? Vice City Lord has been the highest obtainable status in the various NPC Cities for so many years already. How can an outsider like him have a status higher than the Vice City Lords of Slumber City?”

Shi Feng’s action of getting the NPC guards to withdraw with only a few words greatly shocked the spectating crowd. Even the executives of Slumber City’s various powers, such as Echoing Judgment, gaped in shock at this sight.

Before today, the authority of Vice City Lords was unshakable in the various NPC Cities. What Shi Feng just did was unprecedented in Slumber City. Moreover, the NPC guards had withdrawn from the scene so decisively, making it seem like the Vice City Lord’s position Solitary Soul had gone through great lengths to obtain was nothing but a joke.

“How did you do it, Guild Leader?” Blackie asked through the team chat. Although he was still feeling a little nervous even after seeing the NPC guards withdraw, he couldn’t hold back his curiosity any longer.

Blackie wasn’t the only one curious to know what had happened exactly. Crimson Heart, Blood Hammer, and the others were also eager to learn about the situation.

Their team of twenty had entered the Stratified Abyssal Realm together. This was also their first time entering the Abyssal Tower and obtaining status in Slumber City. Yet, just when they thought that they were finally on the same starting line as Shi Feng after obtaining an Upper-class Noble status, they came to realize that Shi Feng was still leagues ahead of them.

Crimson Heart and Cleansed Rue were especially confused by this situation since the two of them were well aware of Zero Wing’s situation. They were the ones who brought Shi Feng into this Stratified Abyssal Realm, so they knew that this was definitely Shi Feng’s first time visiting this Stratified Abyssal Realm. In addition, even if Shi Feng possessed more knowledge about God’s Domain than they did, there were many different Stratified Abyssal Realms in God’s Domain, and not all information on the various Stratified Abyssal Realms was universal.

Yet, after entering this Stratified Abyssal Realm, not only did the gap between them and Shi Feng not shorten, but it even felt like it was growing larger and larger.

Moreover, it was also because of Shi Feng that Hundred Flower Palace's members managed to survive the ordeal this time.

"Nothing special. It's just that my authority is slightly higher than his," Shi Feng explained through the team chat.

"Slightly higher?" When Blood Hammer heard Shi Feng's answer, he couldn't help but ask, "Could you have cleared the fourth floor's trial already, Guild Leader Black Flame?"

The Abyssal Tower's trial space had five floors. So long as one managed to clear the third floor's trial, one would gain the status of an Upper-class Noble.

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Blood Hammer and the others had struggled desperately just to clear the third floor's trial. Even then, they had barely managed to complete it before they ran out of time. As for the fourth floor's trial, it wasn't an exaggeration to say that it was a despair-inducing challenge.

Not only did they have to go up against Mythic monsters on the fourth floor, but they even had to fight nine of them simultaneously.

It should be known that the Abyssal Tower's trial wasn't merely a test of strength. It was also a test of adaptability.

However, adapting to the trial space's Mana environment was simply too difficult of a task. Just getting their bodies to adapt to the flow of the trial space's Dark Mana was already their limit. They had no energy to spare to research and construct the magic array outlined by the Dark Mana.

"Mhm. I passed it by luck," Shi Feng said, nodding.

Players would need to successfully construct the magic array composed entirely of Dark Mana if they wanted to have a chance at clearing the fourth floor's trial.

However, normally, even a Grandmaster Magician like himself shouldn't have been able to construct the magic array within such a short period of time. This was because the arrangement of the Dark Mana was rather unique. If he hadn't become a Primal Human and obtained the Eyes of Reality, which allowed him to see the Dark Mana's operating principles clearly, he wouldn't have been able to see the magic array's entire structure. Naturally, he wouldn't have been able to draw the entire magic array, either.

Meanwhile, realization dawned on Blood Hammer, Crimson Heart, and the others when they saw Shi Feng nodding. They also couldn't help but smile bitterly over the gap between them.

If Shi Feng had managed to conquer the despair-inducing fourth-floor trial, it was completely understandable for him to obtain a position above Upper-class Nobles. It wouldn't even be strange if he had managed to obtain status surpassing that of Vice City Lords.

According to Echoing Judgment, not a single player in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's various NPC Cities had ever managed to clear the Abyssal Tower's fourth floor. Echoing Judgment had even gone as far as

to say that the fourth-floor trial was a prank by the Main God System, and no player could ever complete it.

On the other side, Echoing Judgment breathed a deep sigh of relief when he saw the NPC guards disbanding their cordon.

Now that Shi Feng's team could remain inside Slumber City, there was nothing Death Curse could do against them. At most, Shi Feng's team would have to be a little more careful when leaving the city. However, now that Shi Feng's team had eight Upper-class Nobles, they'd have no trouble gaining many followers and the partnership of Slumber City's various peak powers.

However, as soon as Echoing Judgment sighed in relief, Shi Feng set his sights on the two NPC guard captains once more and asked, "Captains, in view of Vice City Lord Solitary Soul's slanderous behavior towards my friends, may I know if I have any authority to sanction him?"

Chapter 3116

Chapter 190 – Who Isn't a Pseudo-Tier 4 Nowadays?

"Sanction a Vice City Lord?"

"What is he thinking? A Vice City Lord is already an administrator of the city. Even the City Lord probably doesn't have the authority to sanction a Vice City Lord."

Shi Feng's words instantly caused a commotion to erupt in the lobby.

Although Shi Feng didn't speak very loudly, everyone present was a Tier 3 expert. With their keen senses, they could hear even the sound of grass rustling over one hundred yards away if they wanted to, let alone a player speaking within one hundred yards.

While the spectating crowd was discussing Shi Feng's words, the two NPC guard captains surprisingly remained silent for a moment. Then, they looked at Shi Feng with serious expressions on their faces.

"Esteemed Lord Legatee, while you are the Abyss's successor, according to Slumber City's laws, unless a Vice City Lord has violated Slumber City's bottom line, even Lord City Lord and Lord Magistrate do not have the authority to arbitrarily sanction a Vice City Lord," the younger of the two guard captains said.

"I knew it. How can anyone possibly sanction a Vice City Lord? Vice City Lords have the authority to determine a city's development direction. Even if he has greater authority than a Vice City Lord, there's no way he can sanction one without a valid reason."

"It's like how Vice City Lords can't target Upper-class Nobles, basically. But this guy really knows how to dream. Is he not afraid of sowing a permanent grudge with Death Curse?"

The surrounding spectators didn't feel particularly surprised when they heard the guard captain's answer.

A Vice City Lord was an NPC City's administrator. Meanwhile, the birth of an administrator was incredibly challenging. In addition to completing the temple trial, a player would also need to establish a power that ranked within the top 10 of the city's Contribution Ranking List.

In other words, an NPC City could only have a maximum of ten Vice City Lords at a time. One could easily imagine how high a status a Vice City Lord enjoyed.

However, since the Stratified Abyssal Realm's launch until now, aside from the mysterious Dark Sanctuary, the only NPC City known to have all ten of its Vice City Lord positions filled was Shadow City, the city located in the Level 120 map Dark Desert. Other NPC Cities only had around two or three Vice City Lords. NPC Cities with four Vice City Lords, such as the current Slumber City, could already rank among the top.

"Lord Legatee, if Vice City Lord Solitary Soul has offended you, according to the sacred rules set by the God of the Abyss, you can initiate an Abyss Battle under the witness of the God of the Abyss. If you defeat Vice City Lord Solitary Soul, it will prove that Vice City Lord Solitary Soul is guilty. In that event, he will be stripped of his status as a Vice City Lord!" the older of the two guard captains suddenly added. "However, the Abyss Battle is a sacred duel. You can only initiate it three times in your life, so please use it with caution."

I can sanction him in such a way? Shi Feng was a little stunned.

Originally, Shi Feng didn't hold much hope of dealing with Solitary Soul via the city. After all, a Vice City Lord held considerable influence over the NPC City they belonged to. He had only asked if he could sanction Solitary Soul since he was curious what his status as the Abyss Legatee would allow him to accomplish.

Shi Feng wasn't the only one surprised by this situation right now. Everyone else was similarly taken aback by the older guard captain's words.

"How is this possible?!"

"A Vice City Lord can actually be sanctioned arbitrarily? What kind of authority does this Legatee status have?"

Everyone in the hall stared at Shi Feng in astonishment. Some of the Upper-class Nobles enjoying the show couldn't help but gulp nervously, a hint of fear appearing in their eyes.

The position of Upper-class Nobles was only slightly lower than Vice City Lords in the various NPC Cities. So long as a Vice City Lord wasn't crazy or an Upper-class Noble wasn't hellbent on going against a Vice City Lord, Upper-class Nobles were essentially untouchable existences.

However, it was now revealed that Shi Feng's status afforded him the authority to sanction even Vice City Lords. If even Vice City Lords weren't safe from him, Upper-class Nobles naturally weren't, either. Meanwhile, without an NPC City to rely on, Upper-class Nobles would be reduced to nothing but a tool that inflicted a weakening debuff on dark-type monsters.

“This is going to be interesting.” A smile appeared on Wolf Emperor’s face as he looked at Shi Feng. “Solitary Soul already has a piece of Legendary Equipment now, so I can’t even begin to guess his current strength. If this Lord Legatee dares to challenge Solitary Soul, I can use this opportunity to see how strong Solitary Soul has become.”

Wolf Emperor wasn’t interested in the conflict between Shi Feng and Solitary Soul in the slightest. His original goal had always been to challenge Solitary Soul after seeing the other party becoming a Vice City Lord. After all, while Solitary Soul might be the weakest out of the four Vice City Lords, the man was still a Vice City Lord nonetheless. Depending on how easily he managed to defeat Solitary Soul, he might consider whether he was strong enough to challenge Slumber City’s strongest expert, Laura Crader.

However, that was before Wolf Emperor had found out that Solitary Soul had obtained a piece of Legendary Equipment. He couldn’t begin to estimate how strong Solitary Soul had become. He even suspected that Solitary Soul might have already become the strongest expert in Slumber City. After all, any Legendary Equipment could grant players the strength to transcend tiers.

“I doubt that kid will dare challenge Solitary Soul, Boss Wolf. After all, even the Glimmering Sword will have to be wary of Solitary Soul right now. Moreover, he only has three chances to initiate an Abyss Battle. It’s not worth wasting one of these precious chances on Solitary Soul,” the Level 116 Swordsman youth standing next to Wolf Emperor said, shaking his head. He doubted that Shi Feng would foolishly challenge Solitary Soul to a duel.

Everyone in the lobby could sense the frightening aura Solitary Soul radiated. Unless Shi Feng was also a Vice City Lord-level expert with a piece of Legendary Equipment, it was unlikely he could defeat Solitary Soul.

However, as soon as the Swordsman youth finished speaking, Shi Feng turned to Solitary Soul, who was looking at him contemptuously, and calmly said, “Then, on my name as the Abyss Legatee, I will initiate an Abyss Battle with Vice City Lord Solitary Soul!”

Since Death Curse wanted to use them to set an example, Shi Feng naturally wouldn’t mind using Death Curse to make a name for himself, either. After all, fame was something necessary if he wanted to develop his own power in Slumber City.

With his current strength, he was confident he could fight against even God-ranked experts who had reached Tier 4 already. Not to mention, Solitary Soul wasn’t even a true Tier 4 player.

Hahaha! This kid must be crazy! Does he really think he is invincible just because he managed to destroy an Advanced Combat Puppet? Night Revenant couldn’t help but laugh when he saw Shi Feng challenging Solitary Soul.

Originally, they had been having trouble figuring out a way to get Shi Feng’s team kicked out of the city. After all, if they failed to take care of Shi Feng’s team, their plan to re-establish Death Curse’s position in Slumber City would fail miserably.

Yet, now, Shi Feng was sending himself to them.

“You want to challenge me? Good! Very good!” Solitary Soul laughed as he looked at Shi Feng. “I thought that my first opponent after becoming a Vice City Lord would be the Glimmering Sword. But since you want a fight, I’ll fulfill your wish. I can also use this chance to let the Glimmering Sword know who is the true number one in Slumber City!”

As soon as Solitary Soul finished speaking, glowing runes suddenly started appearing on the black leather top he wore, the runes drawing the surrounding Mana to him. Immediately, everyone in the lobby felt the Mana around them suppressing them. Even the Temple Knight-level experts present found their bodies becoming incredibly heavy, their flexibility dropping by several grades.

What a powerful Mana Domain! Has it reached the Tier 4 standard already? Wolf Emperor subconsciously gasped when he experienced the effects of the Mana Domain radiated by Solitary Soul.

As an Upper-class Noble, Wolf Emperor naturally possessed a good grasp over Mana. He was even at the level of being able to form a Mana Domain already. Even so, his Mana Domain was only useful for increasing the power of his Skills and Spells.

However, Solitary Soul’s Mana Domain was actually capable of suppressing other players. The power of this suppression was even on par with the Mana Domains of Tier 4 NPCs. While subjected to this Mana Domain’s effects, Wolf Emperor felt that he could, at most, exhibit 50% of his usual combat power.

After Solitary Soul unleashed his Mana Domain, Echoing Judgment, Crimson Heart, Blood Hammer, and the others all wore ugly looks on their faces.

One of the main reasons Tier 4 existences could stomp on Tier 3 existences was their Tier 4 Mana Domain. In front of a Tier 4 player with a Mana Domain, Tier 3 players would be no different from ants unless they possessed Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

However, unlike everyone else, Shi Feng simply shrugged and calmly said to Solitary Soul, “Do you honestly think that you’re the only pseudo-Tier 4 in Slumber City?”

Immediately, a ripple of Mana spread from Shi Feng’s body. Then, following the spread of this ripple, the suppression everyone experienced vanished without a trace.

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Chapter 191 – Slumber City Shaken

A Tier 4 Mana Domain?! Night Revenant stared at Shi Feng in disbelief when he saw Solitary Soul’s Mana Domain getting pushed back. How is this possible?!

The biggest difference separating Tier 3 and Tier 4 players was the strength of their Mana.

With the Mana Body they had just created, Tier 3 players could just barely extend their Mana out of their body, using it to strengthen their Skills and Spells to a certain extent. However, after reaching Tier

4, players would gain the ability to manipulate the Mana around them, using it to strengthen their Skills and Spells by a significant margin. They could even suppress their enemies with their Mana.

It was obvious that Shi Feng's Mana Domain had reached the Tier 4 standard. In fact, based on the situation, Shi Feng's Mana Domain was stronger than even Solitary Soul's. Otherwise, Solitary Soul's Mana Domain wouldn't have lost its effect.

"What a powerful Mana Domain!" Astonishment flashed across Wolf Emperor's eyes when he felt the suppressive effects of Solitary Soul's Mana Domain disappearing.

When a Tier 3 player's Mana reached the Tier 4 standard, they'd have an overwhelming advantage over other Tier 3 players. Setting aside the significant amplification effect such Mana could bring, just the ability to prevent one's opponents from utilizing the Mana around them would put one's opponent in a very disadvantageous situation. In a direct clash between Tier 3 Skills and Spells, the side that couldn't make use of their surrounding Mana would most likely be killed instantly.

Although Wolf Emperor didn't know how strong Shi Feng's combat standard was, it was obvious that Shi Feng stood at the pinnacle of Slumber City when it came to Mana. Shi Feng definitely had the qualifications to fight against Solitary Soul.

At this time, even Laura Crader, who had remained silent and wore a disinterested look this entire time, couldn't help but take a closer look at Shi Feng.

Standing next to Laura, Sleeping Quicksand also couldn't help but look toward the unassuming Shi Feng when she noticed the change in Laura's gaze. *Is he really that strong?*

Laura might not have said anything, but Sleeping Quicksand understood that Shi Feng had already gained Laura's recognition. It should be known that Laura was publicly recognized as the strongest expert in Slumber City, and never had anybody in the city manage to gain her recognition. Even when Solitary Soul revealed his possession of a piece of Legendary Equipment, Laura had only grown a little wary of him.

How powerful! So, this is Guild Leader Black Flame's strength? Lin Yaoyue's eyes burned with a passionate flame as she looked at Shi Feng.

Lin Yaoyue used to be a Tier 4 expert on the main continent, so she understood just how big of a gap there was between Tier 3 and Tier 4 Mana. Typically, even if a Tier 3 player managed to form a Mana Domain at Tier 3, the most they could do with it was improve their control over Mana. They couldn't increase the inherent strength of their Mana.

Normally, if a Tier 3 player wished to improve the standard of their Mana without increasing their tier, they'd have to rely on the help of Legendary Weapons and Equipment. However, Shi Feng obviously didn't possess any Legendary Weapons and Equipment since he had come from the Miniature Ancient World like herself. In the current Miniature Ancient World, obtaining even Fragmented Legendary items was no different than a dream, let alone Legendary items.

Without Legendary items, the only other way players could raise the standard of their Mana from Tier 3 to Tier 4 was to rely on themselves. However, this was a mythical feat that only a handful of players could accomplish even on the main continent.

It should be known that every one of those players was a peerless monster. They were invincible existences even among Tier 6 God-ranked experts, and every one of them could instill fear into even the Five Great Super Guilds. As for other Super Guilds, they didn't even dare to offend these peerless monsters.

Unfortunately, none of those peerless experts were willing to accept followers for some reason. It didn't matter even if the person asking to be a follower was a Tier 6 God-ranked expert. This situation had caused countless experts and powers on the main continent to sigh in disappointment.

Currently, though, there was no doubt that Shi Feng had already reached the level of those peerless monsters!

Amazing! As expected of someone from the Dark Sanctuary! With this kind of strength, he should have no trouble ranking among the top 10 of Shadow City! Echoing Judgment inwardly exclaimed as he looked at Shi Feng. At the same time, he became even more determined to partner with Shi Feng.

There might be incredibly few players from the Dark Sanctuary operating in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's Level 100-plus maps, but it wasn't exactly difficult to meet with them. This was because almost those from the Dark Sanctuary would eventually move their base of operations to Shadow City.

Hence, so long as one traveled to Shadow City, one could easily come across powers from the Dark Sanctuary.

However, according to his understanding, there were many powers based in the Dark Sanctuary, and not all of these powers were equally strong. Although any power capable of exiting the Dark Sanctuary would almost certainly be a peak power or greater, there were still differences between them.

Based on the frightening strength Shi Feng had just displayed, Echoing Judgment was certain that Shi Feng was stronger than most of the Dark Sanctuary experts in Shadow City. After all, experts whose Mana had reached the Tier 4 standard were extremely rare, even in the Dark Sanctuary. There was no way an ordinary peak power would be willing to send such a powerful combatant out of the Dark Sanctuary.

In fact, the Dark Sanctuary's powers would usually take the initiative to recruit experts with Tier 4 Mana in Shadow City, and their promises to these experts were enough to cause countless experts in the Stratified Abyssal Realm to drool in envy. Based on this situation, it could be seen just how high of a position experts with Tier 4 Mana held in the Dark Sanctuary.

While everyone was marveling at Shi Feng's Mana Domain, the sound of a bell ringing suddenly came from the Abyssal Tower's topmost floor, the sound echoing throughout the entire Slumber City.

Many players were confused by this ringing sound. However, before they could get to the bottom of this situation, everyone in the city received an announcement from the system.

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Slumber City Region System Announcement: Legatee Black Flame has initiated an Abyss Battle against Vice City Lord Solitary Soul. Following the ancient agreement, this duel will be conducted under the witness of the God of the Abyss. All players in the city will also have the chance to witness this battle. Players will only have ten seconds to make a decision.

Slumber City Region System Announcement: Those who do not decide within the time limit will forfeit their right to witness the Abyss Battle.

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“What’s going on?”

“Who’s this Black Flame? He actually has the authority to challenge a Vice City Lord?”

“Solitary Soul is one of Slumber City’s top five experts. He has even completed the Temple Trial recently. Is the person who challenged Solitary Soul insane?”

“Regardless, this is a rare opportunity to see Solitary Soul in action. The last time he fought against someone publicly was when he challenged a few of the top 10 experts previously. He’s been immersed in training ever since, and nobody knows how strong he is exactly now.”

Following the system announcement, curiosity filled Slumber City’s various powers and independent players. Everyone was curious to learn about the person known as Black Flame and how strong Solitary Soul had become after completing the Temple Trial. Hence, everyone chose to spectate the Abyss Battle without hesitation.

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Chapter 192 – Legendary Equipment’s Might

Slumber City, Abyssal Tower:

Following the ringing bell sound, an ancient and sacred aura spread across Slumber City, this aura instilling a sense of awe and submission into everyone in the city.

After this aura swept across the entire city, players who had chosen to spectate the Abyss Battle found themselves teleported to a magnificent arena located in the middle of a sea of stars.

The arena was massive, occupying an area of over a dozen sports stadiums. It could easily fit several hundred thousand spectators simultaneously. Of course, that definitely wasn’t enough to accommodate Slumber City’s several hundred million players. However, players weren’t teleported directly to the arena’s spectator stands.

Instead, players were teleported to the countless independent spaces that existed within the arena, and each of these independent spaces had a replica of the main arena. So, even though the main arena itself could only accommodate several hundred spectators, it could, in reality, allow all of Slumber City's players to spectate the upcoming Abyss Battle simultaneously.

The only people on the arena's stage currently were Shi Feng and Solitary Soul, and both of them were at Level 120. Evidently, the Main God System had equalized their levels for the sake of fairness.

Meanwhile, after the participants and spectators were teleported to the arena, a timer appeared above the stage, indicating the seconds left until the Abyss Battle's start.

Ten... Nine... Eight... Seven...

"I am really surprised. I didn't expect you to have not only significantly higher authority than me but also Tier 4 Mana. You can find yourself a place even in Shadow City with your strength and status," Solitary Soul said to Shi Feng, smiling after he scanned the stage. "If you hadn't disrupted our plans, we would have never wanted to make an enemy out of you.

"Unfortunately, you've made the wrong choice from the very beginning, which leaves us with no choice but to eradicate you and your team. This outcome will not change even if your Mana has already reached the Tier 4 standard!"

When Solitary Soul finished speaking, the timer also finished counting down. Then, Solitary Soul's figure thoroughly vanished from the stage.

What a skillful Soundless Steps! When Hidden Soul saw Solitary Soul disappearing from her sight, a solemn expression appeared on her face. Not only has he perfectly concealed his presence, but he's also using his killing intent to layer his concealment. He's even managed to create up to nineteen decoys. How much of a monster is he?

Although Hidden Soul was sitting on the spectator stands, everything taking place on the stage was perfectly presented to the spectator stands. So, watching the fight from the spectator stands was no different than watching it directly on stage.

Meanwhile, Soundless Steps happened to be a combat technique Hidden Soul was also skilled at. It was also the reason she dared to assassinate Tier 6 God-ranked experts.

For a skilled Assassin, it wasn't difficult to perfectly conceal their aura. What was difficult was using one's killing intent to misdirect one's target. Meanwhile, the more decoys one tried to create using killing intent, the more difficult it would be to accomplish the feat.

Currently, Hidden Soul could create up to sixteen decoys only. Moreover, that was after she had become a High Demonkin. If she wanted to further increase that number, the complexity of the technique would increase by several times. Meanwhile, as far as she knew, not even one of her many Assassin friends could create nineteen killing intent decoys.

In addition to showing how skillful he was, the fact that Solitary Soul could create nineteen decoys with his killing intent meant that he could fake his attacks up to nineteen times. So long as Shi Feng made even one error in his judgment against Solitary Soul, it could become a fatal mistake.

No matter how powerful a Tier 3 player was, there was a limit to the number of reactions they could make simultaneously. A player would be considered an expert among experts if they could carry out twelve or thirteen reactions simultaneously. Typically, this was the level that Domain Realm experts were at.

In the case of Tier 6 God-ranked experts, while they might be more skilled than the average Domain Realm expert, most God-ranked experts could only carry out around fourteen or fifteen simultaneous reactions. Hence, with her ability to create up to fifteen decoys in the past, she could fell even Tier 6 God-ranked experts if they weren't careful.

However, against Solitary Soul's nineteen decoys, the average Tier 6 God-ranked expert would fall with a 100% certainty...

At this moment, Hidden Soul wasn't the only person who had realized Solitary Soul's prowess. Crimson Heart, Blood Hammer, and the others similarly wore grave expressions on their faces.

It was especially true for Blood Hammer and Marion. They never thought they would come across such a terrifying expert in Slumber City, which was only one of many NPC Cities in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

"A fourth-floor expert!" Blood Hammer couldn't believe his eyes when he saw Solitary Soul disappearing from his perception. "Weren't Stratified Abyssal Realms supposed to have only a handful of fourth-floor experts? Why are there so many fourth-floor experts in this Stratified Abyssal Realm?"

According to the information Blood Hammer collected through eavesdropping on the conversation of others, he knew that Solitary Soul only ranked among the top five of Slumber City when it came to strength. More specifically, he ranked fourth or fifth. This meant that there were three or four more players of Solitary Soul's caliber in Slumber City.

There were hundreds of NPC Cities found in the Stratified Abyssal Realm's Level 100-plus maps. If every NPC City had around five fourth-floor experts...

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While Blood Hammer and Marion were in a daze, Shi Feng briefly scanned the empty stage before him and said, "Put away your little tricks! This move is useless against me!"

After saying so, Shi Feng brandished the Winter of Eternal Night.

Sword's Orbit!

After Shi Feng had continually developed Sword's Orbit during his previous life, it had already reached the standard of Bronze Combat Techniques. The instant he executed the combat technique, several dozen sword lights spread out from him like a blooming lotus flower. Not only could each of these sword lights reach up to several dozen yards away, but every one of them also left a dark rift in space as they moved away from Shi Feng.

The sword lights left no room to hide on the stage, and Solitary Soul was quickly forced to break his footwork and come out of Stealth. However, before any of the sword lights could hit him, he suddenly switched to a seemingly slower footwork. Then, as if Solitary Soul had become a ghost, Shi Feng's sword lights passed through him harmlessly as he rapidly closed the distance between himself and Shi Feng.

When Solitary Soul moved within ten yards of Shi Feng, the two daggers he wielded suddenly snapped forward like whips, leaving behind countless afterimages as they executed over a dozen different feints and attacks in the blink of an eye.

What a well-honed Godspeed Reflex!

Shi Feng couldn't help but be surprised by the rapid shifts Solitary Soul executed in his attack. Even so, he did not stop brandishing the Winter of Eternal Night.

Sword's Orbit could be regarded as Shi Feng's roots. It was also the defensive technique he was most proficient in. After developing it to the Bronze standard, the combat technique was improved significantly. In the technique's current state, unless he was going up against an overwhelmingly stronger opponent, it was highly unlikely for any attack to break through his defenses.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang out on the stage, each subsequent explosion louder than the one before. The explosion count quickly reached into the hundreds, and it felt as if several hundred missiles were bombarding the stage. Space in the middle of the stage had also shattered completely, several dozen one-hundred-meter spatial tears forming on the stage. At one point, the explosions had gotten so powerful that their shockwaves had even spread through the barrier isolating the stage, reaching the rest of the arena.

After the explosions ended, Solitary Soul's figure appeared among the mending spatial tears. At this time, Solitary Soul had already lost 30% of his HP, and both of his hands showed faint signs of trembling.

This scene dumbfounded the spectating audience.

"What's going on? Solitary Soul is actually at a disadvantage?"

"How strong is this Black Flame guy?"

The spectating crowd widened their eyes in shock when they saw Shi Feng completely intact.

Solitary Soul's strength was widely known and recognized. Yet, even with a piece of Legendary Equipment, Solitary Soul had still lost to Shi Feng in a direct confrontation.

However, Solitary Soul didn't seem to mind this outcome as he looked at Shi Feng with a calm expression.

"I can see why you dared to challenge me. Your Strength Attribute is simply monstrous," Solitary Soul said as he tried to shake the numbness out of his hands. Then, narrowing his eyes fiercely, he continued, "I had thought of saving this move for the Glimmering Sword, but now it seems that I'll have to use it on you first!"

Immediately after Solitary Soul finished speaking, the glowing runes covering his black leather top shone with a much brighter glow. At the same time, everyone in the arena could feel something change within Solitary Soul. Specifically, everyone experienced a suppressive effect that resulted from a difference in Life Rating.

“You’ve thoroughly entered the Tier 4 standard already?” When Shi Feng sensed the change in Solitary Soul’s Life Rating, he realized that the Assassin was no longer a Tier 3 player. Instead, Solitary Soul was now a bona fide Tier 4 player.

Previously, Solitary Soul’s Physique, Basic Attributes, and Mana might have reached the Tier 4 standard already, but he still wasn’t a true Tier 4 player. He was only a pseudo-Tier 4 player.

In fact, when it came to the Strength Attribute, Shi Feng wasn’t the least bit afraid of Solitary Soul.

In addition to being a Primal Human, Shi Feng was also in possession of the Winter of Eternal Night and the Abyssal Eye, two top-tier Fragmented Legendary items. He might not be able to match a player with a Legendary Weapon, but he had no problems matching an Assassin with only one piece of Legendary Equipment.

Not to mention, while everyone in the Stratified Abyssal Realm was subjected to the power of darkness, he had the Abyssal Eye’s help to halve the effects of this suppression. Hence, when it came to the Strength Attribute, there was no way Solitary Soul could beat Shi Feng.

Now, however, Solitary Soul had clearly reached Tier 4 already. His Life Rating was completely different from that of a Tier 3 player.

“Indeed. I have now transformed into a Tier 4 Shadow Manipulator. All of my Basic Attributes have increased by 40%, and I have also gained access to all Tier 4 Skills and Taboo Skills available to the Shadow Manipulator class,” Solitary Soul said, a hint of excitement appearing in his eyes. “Now, I’ll let you experience the strength of a true Tier 4!”

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Chapter 193 – Abyssal Power

As soon as Solitary Soul finished speaking, he instantly split into several dozen illusions of himself, each giving off a similar presence as his original body. Then, every one of these doppelgangers appeared around Shi Feng in the blink of an eye and attacked him simultaneously.

Spatial Mirage! Hidden Soul frowned when she saw Solitary Soul’s doppelgangers filling the stage.

Spatial Mirage was a Tier 4 Taboo Skill that allowed the user to split into several dozen copies of themselves. However, the user could reduce the number of doppelgangers they summoned if they could not control all of them. Meanwhile, not only were the doppelgangers real entities, but they also had the

exact same Basic Attributes as the user. In addition, so long as even one doppelganger remained alive during the Skill's one-minute duration, the original body would not die.

Because of Spatial Mirage's effects, it was labeled as the strongest single-target Skill out of all Tier 4 Skills available to Assassins. After all, not only did the Skill allow its user to rain their opponent with a large number of attacks, but it also allowed the user to stay near-invincible for one minute.

"Come!"

Shi Feng stopped holding back when he saw Solitary Soul's doppelgangers attacking him from all directions. Immediately, he activated World of Frost, the Winter of Eternal Night's second Active Skill.

If he wanted to go against a Tier 4 Taboo Skill in his current state, his only option was to use a Tier 4 Skill or Spell. He'd only be seeking an early death if he used a Tier 3 Skill or Spell. This was because there was a great disparity in the Mana Tier 3 and Tier 4 Skills could access.

In God's Domain, a clash between Skills would often be decided by the Mana each side held. It wouldn't matter even if a Skill's effect was superior. It would most likely lose if it went up against a Skill that had carried significantly more Mana. Hence, it was impossible for low-tier Skills to go up against high-tier Skills.

The current Winter of Eternal Night might not be at its peak, but its Additional Skills were already at the Tier 4 standard. In a certain sense, its Skills were even stronger than the average Tier 4 Skill and Spell.

Immediately, nine frost swords appeared around Shi Feng, each frost sword carrying 120% of his Strength. Then, Shi Feng executed Sword's Orbit once more against Solitary Soul's doppelgangers.

Unlike before, Shi Feng was executing Sword's Orbit with nine weapons this time. Hence, the galaxy of stars that formed around him created a much tighter defensive network than before. Moreover, every one of the stars that surrounded him exerted destructive power at the Tier 4 Peak standard.

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

The clash between swords and daggers taking place right now was many times more intense than before. For a time, the stage looked like it was hosting a fight between two 1,000-man teams rather than a duel between two players, the scene flabbergasting the spectating audience.

"They're so strong!"

"So, this is a Vice City Lord-level fight?"

"Even though I'm a Temple Knight already, why do I get the feeling that I won't last more than a move against them?"

When Slumber City's many experts saw the clash between Shi Feng and Solitary Soul, they felt their worldview shattering. No matter how they looked at it, there was no way they could interfere in such a high-level fight. In fact, if it weren't for the barrier isolating the stage from the rest of the arena, they doubted that they could even spectate the fight from such a close distance. Any stray attack that struck them could probably kill them instantly.

The might of Legendary Equipment is truly extraordinary! Wolf Emperor inwardly exclaimed, his blood boiling in excitement. At the same time, he also mentally assessed how long he could last against Shi Feng and Solitary Soul in a fight.

In the meantime, on the stage, Solitary Soul had clearly gained the upper hand after activating Spatial Mirage. He had an overwhelming advantage in both numbers and raw power. Although Shi Feng's defense was nigh impeccable, his nine frost swords creating a barrier that neutralized the attacks of Solitary Soul's doppelgangers, it was inevitable for cracks to appear after defending against such a large number of attacks over such a long period of time.

Sure enough, Shi Feng eventually started to let one or two doppelgangers slip past his defensive network from time to time. Although he had promptly rectified these mistakes by deflecting the doppelgangers' attacks with his sword, Solitary Soul's doppelgangers wielded Strength rivaling Level 120 Superior Mythics. Even after he redirected a portion of their attacks' power, he still suffered over 10,000 damage per hit.

Currently, Shi Feng's HP was at an extraordinary 1.27 million, thanks to his Tier 4 Basic Attributes. That was more than double what the average Tier 3 MT had. However, a loss of 10,000 HP per attack was not something he could afford to shrug off due to Solitary Soul's extremely high attack frequency.

After roughly fifty seconds had passed since Solitary Soul activated Spatial Mirage, Shi Feng had already lost two-thirds of his HP. In comparison, Solitary Soul's losses were much smaller. Although Solitary Soul had lost a few dozen doppelgangers due to his fearless attack method, he still retained over twenty doppelgangers. Meanwhile, so long as even one of his doppelgangers lived, his main body would not die.

"You really are a tough bastard to survive for so long," Solitary Soul said, scoffing when he saw that he only had a short time left before Spatial Mirage's effect ran out. "But everything is over now!"

Tier 4 Legacy Berserk Skill, Shadow Possession!

The strength of Solitary Soul's aura skyrocketed once more, reaching a point where many of the spectating Tier 3 players found themselves having difficulty breathing.

Is this his true strength?

Wolf Emperor's expression grew serious when he saw this sudden turn of events. Based on his perception, Solitary Soul gave off the same presence as the Superior Mythic Bosses he had encountered in the past. If Solitary Soul combined the raw power of a Superior Mythic monster with combat techniques, he could unleash devastating destruction.

Subsequently, Solitary Soul's remaining doppelgangers attacked Shi Feng from multiple directions, their speed so fast that many of the Tier 3 experts present couldn't even keep up with them.

"Over? Do you honestly think you're the only one with a Berserk Skill?"

When Shi Feng saw Solitary Soul's doppelgangers coming at him again, he promptly activated the Berserk Skill that came with the Abyssal Eye.

Abyssal Power!

This would also be the first time Shi Feng used this Skill after obtaining the Abyssal Eye. Immediately, the Berserk Skill increased his Defense by 100%, Strength by 150%, Agility by 60%, Physique by 50%, and Endurance by 100%.

Boom!

At this moment, black fog surrounded Shi Feng, and his eyes turned pitch-black completely, the transformation making him look like the incarnation of darkness. The flow of time around him also started to slow down. As for the nine frost swords, they disintegrated due to their inability to coexist with the power of the Abyss.

However, Shi Feng didn't feel surprised by this and held the Winter of Eternal Night horizontally.

In God's Domain, Berserk Skills could not coexist with many Skills. Normally, when players used a Berserk Skill in a duel with another player, it meant that they were ready to end the fight by either killing their opponent or getting killed.

In a situation where Solitary Soul had an overwhelming advantage in Basic Attributes, Shi Feng decided it was best if he didn't withhold his Berserk Skill.

"Disappear!"

Immediately, Shi Feng executed a horizontal slash against the doppelgangers coming at him from all directions.

Second Sword, Holy Devour!

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Chapter 194 – New Hegemon

When Shi Feng swung his sword, crimson flames swept across the stage and incinerated everything into nothingness. The sight of the sea of flames devouring even space itself caused the spectating crowd to gasp.

"What a terrifying Mana Technique! Who the hell is this guy?" Wolf Emperor exclaimed, a grave expression appearing on his face.

Mana Techniques might be common in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, but most of the Mana Techniques in the hands of Slumber City's peak powers could only exhibit power rivaling Tier 3 Skills and Spells. There were also a few Mana Techniques capable of reaching the standard of Tier 4 Skills and Spells, but those were Dark-type Mana Techniques.

However, the Mana Technique Shi Feng used was clearly of the fire element. Yet, in addition to being capable of incinerating even space itself, those flames also gave Wolf Emperor the feeling that he would get burnt into nothingness so long as they touched him.

The power of this Mana Technique far surpassed the power of the average Tier 4 Skill and Spell.

It should be known that Mana Techniques did not have Cooldowns like Skills and Spells. So long as players had enough Stamina and Concentration, they could use Mana Techniques multiple times in a row. Hence, Mana Techniques were worth much more than Skills and Spells on the market.

On average, it would take a Tier 3 Dark-type Skill or Spell to match the value of a Mana Technique capable of exhibiting Tier 3 power. In the case of a Mana Technique capable of exhibiting power surpassing Tier 4 Skills and Spells, Wolf Emperor couldn't even begin to imagine its value since he had never heard of such a Mana Technique appearing in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

However, the powerful flames Shi Feng created did not deter Solitary Soul in the slightest. Immediately, several of his doppelgangers began brandishing the daggers they wielded, the phantom of a dark wolf appearing around each of these doppelgangers as they charged at the oncoming sea of flames.

He even has a Dark-type Mana Technique? How much strength has Solitary Soul kept hidden? Echoing Judgment's expression turned incredibly gloomy when he saw the wolf phantoms on the stage.

The Mana Technique Solitary Soul just used had clearly reached the Tier 4 standard already. Moreover, it was even a Dark-type Mana Technique. Combined with his Legendary Equipment, Solitary Soul could easily rank among the top five of Shadow City, the number one City in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

Even Laura Crader was unlikely to be Solitary Soul's match now.

At this point, Echoing Judgment could already foresee Death Curse becoming the number one power in Slumber City. Once that happened, Purple Light's days in Slumber City would be numbered...

However, before Echoing Judgment could lament the fate of Purple Light for long, the sea of flames and wolf phantoms clashed.

Boom!

A deafening explosion echoed throughout the entire arena, and the resulting shockwaves caused the stage's defensive barrier to shake violently. Although the barrier eventually calmed down without breaking, everyone still couldn't help but feel insecure when they saw the space above the entire arena turning into an empty void.

Once the dust settled, the spectating audience couldn't help but be dumbfounded by what they saw.

"How is this possible?!"

"The stage got destroyed?!"

"Is this the strength of Vice City Lord-level players?"

At this time, the stage used to host the fight was nowhere to be seen, and taking its place was a massive crater. Moreover, spatial tears filled the space above the crater, the area rendered completely inhospitable.

Meanwhile, hovering above the crater were five figures, of which four belonged to Solitary Soul's doppelgangers. At this time, though, these doppelgangers had already lost over 10% of their HP. Evidently, they had suffered some damage from the feedback of the clash just now.

"Who are you?! How can you overpower even my Heaven Devouring Wolf?!" Solitary Soul shouted, a hint of fear flashing past his eyes for the first time as he looked at Shi Feng.

Heaven Devouring Wolf was the greatest fortuitous encounter Solitary Soul had come across. It was also his strongest trump card. With this Mana Technique, he was confident he could challenge even the ten Vice City Lords of Shadow City and achieve good results.

Yet, even though Solitary Soul had already used Heaven Devouring Soul against Shi Feng, not only did he fail to kill Shi Feng, but he didn't even manage to deal a single point of damage to Shi Feng. The only change he noticed was Shi Feng's slightly paler complexion. In comparison, he had suffered some damage from the clash...

At this time, Solitary Soul wasn't the only one confused by this situation. Even Wolf Emperor and the other spectators were greatly shocked.

Solitary Soul's strength was clear for all to see. In addition to having a piece of Legendary Equipment, he even possessed a Dark-type Mana Technique.

Yet, Solitary Soul had still lost to Shi Feng even with such favorable conditions. This was simply unbelievable!

"Who am I? I'm the person who's about to send you on your way!"

Shi Feng didn't bother offering Solitary Soul with any explanations. Instead, he promptly executed a horizontal slash, unleashing another Holy Devour at the other party.

Immediately, a sea of flames devoured the space within the defensive barrier once more, the coverage of the attack leaving Solitary Soul with no choice but to resist it with Heaven Devouring Wolf again.

Once...

Twice...

Thrice...

Solitary Soul's doppelgangers lost a portion of their HP every time they blocked Shi Feng's attacks. At the same time, the doppelgangers' complexion also grew increasingly paler, and the trembling of their hands worsened continuously.

Seeing this scene, the spectating audience finally understood what it meant to truly overwhelm a person by force. Solitary Soul could neither dodge nor block Shi Feng's attacks perfectly. The only thing he could do was watch as his HP gradually disappeared...

After Shi Feng executed Holy Devour for the tenth time, Solitary Soul's four remaining doppelgangers faded out of existence, and Solitary Soul's main body appeared before everyone's eyes. At this time, though, Solitary Soul's HP had already fallen to zero. Then, his vision darkened, and his body lifelessly fell into the crater.

At the same time, the melodious sound of ringing bells echoed throughout the arena, and the victor's name was displayed above the stage-turned-crater.

Black Flame!

"The commander actually lost?!"

When Night Revenant and the other members of Death Curse saw Solitary Soul's body disintegrating into countless particles of light, an incomparably ugly expression appeared on their faces. None of them could believe what had just happened.

Night Revenant was especially dumbfounded by this outcome.

In Night Revenant's opinion, Shi Feng was merely an outsider from who knows where. Meanwhile, there were countless such outsiders appearing in Slumber City every day. Even if these outsiders possessed incredible individual strength, there was little they could do in Slumber City. In front of Death Curse, these outsiders were still insignificant existences.

Yet, Shi Feng had not only caused Death Curse to lose an Advanced Combat Puppet, but he had also defeated Death Curse's commander now. He had even permanently deprived Death Curse of his status as a Vice City Lord. How could Night Revenant possibly bring himself to believe this situation?

"He won?!"

"Crap! How strong is this guy?!"

"I think the Glimmering Sword is the only person who can match him now."

After the spectators fell silent for a moment, they quickly broke into exclamations. It was especially true for the executives of Slumber City's various powers. The way they looked at Shi Feng and his team had changed completely.

After all, Death Curse was thoroughly finished in Slumber City now.

Even if Solitary Soul possessed incredible individual prowess and could possibly rank among the top three of Slumber City, without his status as a Vice City Lord, its development in Slumber City would be severely restricted.

A player's status was incredibly important in the NPC Cities of the Stratified Abyssal Realm's Level 100-plus maps. This was because many of the various NPC Cities' benefits required players to have a certain status to obtain.

Now that Death Curse had offended Shi Feng, someone with authority greater than even Vice City Lords, the adventurer team would have a very difficult time surviving in Slumber City. Not to mention, seven of Shi Feng's teammates were also Upper-class Nobles.

In the meantime, inside the crater, Shi Feng suddenly noticed that an item had appeared in place of Solitary Soul's body. Moreover, this item radiated an incredibly familiar aura.