

Chapter 195 – City Promotion!

An Ancient God's possession?

When Shi Feng looked at the fragmented tablet on the ground, he could sense a Divine Might unique to Ancient Gods. Although it was very weak, this Divine Might wasn't something Gods could possess.

If an ordinary Tier 3 player were subjected to this Divine Might, they couldn't even get close to within ten yards of the item. If they tried to, they would either be rendered immobile or unconscious.

Upon seeing the Ancient God's item, Shi Feng promptly picked it up and put it into his bag without hesitation.

In God's Domain, even the possession of normal Gods could cause superpowers and Tier 6 God-ranked experts to go crazy. So, it was truly a pleasant surprise for Shi Feng to obtain an Ancient God's item after killing Solitary Soul.

It should be known that players wouldn't normally drop items when they died in an official duel overseen by the Main God System. Yet, Solitary Soul had still dropped the dilapidated tablet after dying. This showed just how extraordinary of an item the tablet was.

However, before Shi Feng had time to inspect the tablet's information, a system announcement suddenly rang in his ears.

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Slumber City Region System Announcement: Under the God of the Abyss's witness, Vice City Lord Solitary Soul has been deemed guilty. In addition to being deprived of his status as Slumber City's Vice City Lord, he will also lose ten levels and be prohibited from logging into the game for thirty natural days.

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The system announcement repeated three times, the announcement's content causing everyone in the arena to gasp involuntarily.

"Crap! What kind of penalty is this?! Death Curse will probably have to withdraw from Slumber City completely now!"

"Prohibited from logging into God's Domain for thirty days and losing ten levels? With the threat of such a penalty in place, who would dare make an enemy out of Black Flame in Slumber City in the future?"

"Even the Upper-class Nobles will have to tread carefully around this Black Flame from now on."

Slumber City's various powers and independent players grew very fearful of Shi Feng after hearing the system announcement. Even the aloof Upper-class Nobles were no exception.

A drop of ten levels wasn't a huge problem for players living in the Stratified Abyssal Realm since death was a normal occurrence here. However, the thirty-day prohibition from logging into God's Domain was a punishment worse than death.

God's Domain had long since become part of everyone's lives. Many people even relied on God's Domain to make a living. It was especially true for the various powers' executives. If they couldn't log into God's Domain for thirty days, it wouldn't even be surprising if they got eliminated from the frontlines.

While Slumber City's players were discussing this matter, everyone in the arena got teleported back to Slumber City. In Shi Feng's case, he found himself teleported straight to Slumber City's City Hall. There was also an elegant old man standing before Shi Feng with a small wooden box in his hands.

"Greetings, Lord Legatee. I am Florentine, the Magistrate of Slumber City. Under the God of the Abyss's witness, you have exposed the despicable crimes of Vice City Lord Solitary Soul. As a reward for your contribution, you will become Slumber City's new Vice City Lord from today onward. I hope you can make outstanding contributions to Slumber City," the old man said as he took out a black lion emblem from the wooden box and handed it over to Shi Feng.

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Slumber City Region System Announcement: Congratulations to Black Flame for gaining Magistrate Florentine's recognition and becoming Slumber City's First Vice City Lord!

Slumber City Region System Announcement: A player has become Slumber City's First Vice City Lord. Slumber City's system update activated. Slumber City will undergo an update for one natural day. All players in Slumber City will be forcibly logged out in half an hour. Players are advised to make the necessary preparations.

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"The city's getting an update? What's going on?"

"First Vice City Lord? Was there such a status in NPC Cities?"

"Crap! I must be dreaming! It's a city update! Slumber City actually got a city update! The last time a city update happened was when Shadow City filled all ten of its Vice City Lord spots, and this update instantly propelled Shadow City into the Stratified Abyssal Realm's number one city! I never thought our Slumber City would receive a city update as well! Our city's going to soar now!"

Many players were confused by the abrupt city update announced by the system. However, many of Slumber City's veteran powers couldn't help but grow ecstatic by this news.

A city update might be foreign to most ordinary players since the last time a city update appeared was over a decade ago. However, veteran players would definitely remember it still since it had shaken the entire Stratified Abyssal Realm back then.

Meanwhile, a city update was essentially a promotion for an NPC City. Moreover, this promotion would have a huge impact on the city and its players.

Solitary Soul will probably wish to die once he learns about this city update, Echoing Judgment thought as he looked at the system announcement. At this time, even he couldn't help but pity Solitary Soul and Death Curse a little.

In addition to being one of Slumber City's peak powers, the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce also had business dealings with many NPC Cities. It even had some connections in Shadow City. Hence, Echoing Judgment knew just how much help a city update could provide to a city's residents.

At this time, Echoing Judgment could already foresee powers from the neighboring NPC Cities and cities that were even farther away rushing to Slumber City after learning about the city update and partnering with Slumber City's local powers. So, it wouldn't be strange for Slumber City's local powers to see a sudden spike in their strength.

However, Solitary Soul would be missing out on this opportunity. He had even lost his status as a Vice City Lord.

It should be known that Vice City Lords would receive many more benefits from the promotion of an NPC City than other players. These additional benefits were so valuable that they could elevate the strength of a peak power like Death Curse to the next level. After all, a city's promotion would also mean the introduction of new functions.

"This city promotion might be a chance for us to go back, Laura," a three-meter-tall, Level 120 middle-aged man said, smiling as he looked at the woman with light-blue hair standing next to him. "With your current strength, you'll definitely give those people a big surprise."

"Don't get your hopes up. You've seen Shadow City's situation for yourself. Even those ten Vice City Lords from Shadow City don't have any clues to help us get back. We are people who have been ousted, after all. There's no way we can return to the world above so easily..." Laura said, shaking her head.

"The Ancient Abyssal God has sealed this place too tightly. We've been searching for a way to leave since the first appearance of players in this Stratified Abyssal Realm, yet we still haven't found any clues to leave this place..." the middle-aged man said, sighing.

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Meanwhile, inside the Abyssal Tower's lobby...

"First Vice City Lord? Guild Leader Black Flame is always amazing no matter where he goes," Crimson Heart said, a bitter smile forming on her face as she looked at the system announcement. "It seems we'll need to have a chat with the Guild Leader after we log off."

Cleansed Rue, who stood beside Crimson Heart, nodded in agreement.

The Stratified Abyssal Realm's standards were vastly superior to the standards of their God's Domain. Now that Shi Feng had become Slumber City's First Vice City Lord, it meant that Zero Wing had already established a solid foothold in Slumber City. Meanwhile, with Slumber City's support, they could already imagine how frightening Zero Wing's development in the Miniature Ancient World would become.

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While everyone in Slumber City was carrying out their own considerations and plans, Shi Feng borrowed a VIP lounge in the City Hall to inspect the dilapidated tablet in his bag.

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Chapter 196 – Legendary Item

Inside the City Hall's VIP lounge...

When Shi Feng took out the dilapidated tablet, an Ancient God's Divine Might instantly envelop the entire lounge. The presence of the Ancient Abyssal God's phantom in the arena had suppressed the tablet previously. However, now that the tablet was no longer being suppressed, it could unleash its Divine Might in full.

Fortunately, the City Hall was protected by an incredibly strong defensive magic array that could resist being bombarded by Tier 4 attacks for a long time. So, the Divine Might did not affect the building in any way.

It is extraordinary, as expected. Even Tier 4 experts might suffer a mental collapse against such a powerful Divine Might, Shi Feng thought, feeling a little surprised as he looked at the dilapidated tablet in his hands.

The average Ancient God's possession could, at most, prevent Tier 3 players from getting close to them. In the case of Ancient God's possessions that could cause Tier 4 players to suffer a mental collapse, they were incredibly rare even in the Greater God's Domain. Meanwhile, their value typically rivaled Legendary Equipment or more.

Immediately, Shi Feng used his Eyes of Reality to identify the dilapidated tablet.

The Eyes of Reality was an Innate Skill of Primal Humans. When left in a passive state, it would allow Shi Feng to perceive the operating principles of the Mana around him. When used actively, it could serve as a Master-rank Identification Skill that could easily see through various disguises and identify items.

Ten seconds... Twenty seconds... Thirty seconds...

As the Eyes of Reality continued analyzing the tablet, the tablet's Divine Might also grew stronger and stronger. By the one-minute mark, the Divine Might had grown so powerful that Shi Feng's complexion had started to pale.

The Divine Might has already reached the Tier 4 Peak standard after only a minute! What is this item?! Shi Feng was greatly confused as he looked at the dilapidated tablet.

All possessions of Ancient Gods might carry Divine Might, but most would only carry Divine Might at the Tier 4 standard. Even then, these items were plenty incredible already.

However, an item that could radiate Divine Might at the Tier 4 Peak standard was something Shi Feng had never heard of before.

It should be known that the effects of an Ancient God's Tier 4 Peak Divine Might could rival an ordinary God's Tier 5 Divine Might. It could easily cause even Tier 4 players to suffer a mental collapse, forcing them into a slumbering state.

Although Shi Feng had a special technique that could help him resist the effects of Divine Might, he was only a Tier 3 Sword King right now. His body's various parameters might have reached the Tier 4 standard already, but he still wasn't an actual Tier 4 Sword Emperor. So, there was a limit to what the technique could do for him.

Hurry! Hurry up! Shi Feng grew a little anxious as he looked at the loading bar before him.

Currently, the loading bar was already at 90% progress. So long as he could complete the identification process, the Divine Might would automatically revert to its original state.

If he couldn't hold on until the identification process was completed, he would most likely have to wait until he got promoted to Tier 4 before he could try analyzing the tablet again. After all, he was already at the pseudo-Tier 4 standard right now. There was very little he could do to develop his mental capacity.

However, the Ancient God's possession before him would drop on death in its current unidentified state. Moreover, it could only be kept in his personal bag space and could not be traded to other people. This meant that he would have to carry it around with him all the time, and this would greatly restrict his activities.

If this were merely an ordinary item, he wouldn't have minded losing it. However, this was an Ancient God's possession that could radiate Divine Might at the Tier 4 Peak standard. He'd probably die from heartbreak if he lost it.

As the progress bar continued filling up, the Divine Might's strength also continued to grow. Eventually, the Divine Might had grown so strong that Shi Feng started to feel the world around him spin. Evidently, his mind could no longer resist the effects of this Divine Might.

When Shi Feng's vision started to turn gray, the pleasant sound of a notification rang in his ears. This sound signified the completion of the identification process.

Once the tablet was identified successfully, the Divine Might that flooded the room disappeared into the tablet like a receding tide.

Finally... Shi Feng's grayed and blurred vision also started to recover. Then, after taking a moment to recover his bearings, he looked at the tablet in his hands and wondered, *How did Solitary Soul get his hands on such an extraordinary item?*

It should be known that Shi Feng used to be a Tier 6 Sword God. Even if his mental capacity was being limited by his Tier 3 body, his willpower still far exceeded the standards of the average Tier 4 player.

Yet, the dilapidated tablet before him had very nearly caused him to lose consciousness. This was simply unbelievable.

Meanwhile, after the identification process ended, the tablet's information also appeared before Shi Feng.

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[Abyss Workshop Certification] (Legendary Rank Item)

A certification of glory in the past. Although it is now damaged, it can still be used to teleport to the Abyss Workshop.

Cannot be traded.

There is a 30% of dropping on death.

Automatically disappears if stored in a warehouse for more than 30 natural days.

Additional Skill 1-

Abyss Teleportation: Teleport to the Abyss Workshop from any location. Each teleportation will cost 500 Dark Crystals.

Cooldown: 30 natural days

Additional Skill 2-

World-Breaking Teleportation: Forcibly opens a World-Breaking Gate at a pre-designated location. Up to three locations can be saved. Each gate can only transfer up to ten people. Each gate activation costs 3,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

Cooldown: 10 natural days.

While the Abyss Workshop Certification might be damaged, it can absorb God Crystals to restore its power. Current restoration progress (0/10)

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"What?!" Shi Feng exclaimed when he saw the tablet's information.

There were Three Great Workshops in the Greater God's Domain, and every one of them was in possession of the strongest technologies available in the Greater God's Domain. Meanwhile, the Abyss Workshop was one of these Three Great Workshops.

However, the Three Great Workshops were extremely mysterious, and finding them was a huge challenge.

Among the Three Great Workshops, the Abyss Workshop was even rumored to sell Epic Combat Puppets.

An Epic Combat Puppet possessed the strength of a Tier 6 God. Even when driven by a Tier 1 player, an Epic Combat Puppet could clash against a Tier 6 God.

This was a Tier 6 God they were talking about, not a Tier 6 player!

Every Tier 6 God had enough strength to go up against a group of Tier 6 players. If players wanted to kill a Tier 6 God, they'd have to pay a heavy price.

If he could get his hands on several Epic Combat Puppets, he could flatten even the Greater God's Domain's hegemonic powers.

Aside from the ability to teleport to the Abyss Workshop, the Abyss Workshop Certification also had the World-Breaking Teleportation Skill. This Skill was not the least bit inferior to the Abyss Teleportation Skill.

Many worlds in God's Domain were subjected to strict travel restrictions. Examples of such worlds would be the various Stratified Abyssal Realms.

However, with the World-Breaking Teleportation Skill, he could travel back and forth from such restricted worlds with ease in the future.

The only problem was the exorbitant cost of 3,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal per use. An ordinary second-rate Guild probably couldn't even afford to use this Skill even if they got their hands on the Abyss Workshop Certification. After all, Seven Luminaries Crystals was a rare resource in God's Domain. Any location that produced Seven Luminaries Crystals would be heavily contested by the various powers. It wouldn't even be surprising to see Super Guilds going to war over such resource nodes.

However, if it meant being able to freely travel between the Stratified Abyssal Realm and the Miniature Ancient World, Shi Feng wouldn't mind paying the Seven Luminaries Crystals. In fact, considering that he could bring the Stratified Abyssal Realm's players into the Miniature Ancient World, the cost of 3,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal was a very low price to pay.

While Shi Feng was thinking about how he could maximize the use of the Abyss Workshop Certification and obtain a large amount of Seven Luminaries Crystals, another system notification rang in his ears.

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System: You still have 15 minutes to go offline. Please make the necessary preparations.

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Fifteen minutes? I guess I'll log out and get some rest in advance, Shi Feng decided when he saw the system notification. Using Holy Devour ten times consecutively had exhausted his mind significantly. Combined with the Divine Might he had to resist just now, his mind had long since reached its limits. So, now was a good time for him to get some rest.

Subsequently, Shi Feng put the Abyss Workshop Certification away and logged out of the game, his body disappearing from the lounge.

Chapter 197 – Breaking Through The Limits

The midday sun happened to be shining into Shi Feng's bedroom when he climbed out of his virtual gaming cabin. As soon as Shi Feng took his first step out of the cabin, a wave of exhaustion promptly assaulted him, causing him to nearly lose his footing.

Sure enough, the mental burden of using Holy Devour consecutively is significant, Shi Feng thought to himself as he held his aching head.

The Heavenly Blue Saint's Mana Technique was top-notch even in the Greater God's Domain. Even if he were to reach Tier 4 and fully equip himself in Fragmented Legendary items, he would just barely meet the minimum requirement to use Holy Devour without overtaxing his mind and body. So, using Holy Devour consecutively in his current condition was simply foolish.

However, Shi Feng had no choice but to do so to overwhelm and defeat Solitary Soul. Otherwise, his chances of beating Solitary Soul would have been uncertain. After all, Solitary Soul not only possessed a piece of Legendary Equipment, but he had also managed to forcibly elevate himself to the Tier 4 standard through some means.

After getting out of the cabin, Shi Feng walked to the nearby fridge, grabbed a bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid from the fridge, and drank it. Immediately, he felt a source of warmth appearing in his stomach and spreading out to the rest of his body. The exhaustion he felt also lessened rapidly.

However, this recovery effect disappeared less than five minutes later, and a sense of hunger assaulted his mind.

One bottle isn't enough?

Shi Feng could clearly sense that his body had yet to recover and that it was still severely deprived of energy. If he didn't replenish his body's energy, he would most certainly die from hunger.

Left with no better choice, Shi Feng gritted his teeth and took out another bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid from the fridge. Only, even after drinking this second bottle, he still felt a strong sense of hunger.

Why is the consumption so severe?

Shi Feng was shocked when he sensed that he hadn't recovered from even half of his exhaustion even after consuming two bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid. Immediately, he took out another bottle and drank it.

Previously, Shi Feng had acquired a total of one Life Potion and six bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid from Qi Lianshan and the God's Domain Association. If not for the God's Domain Association suddenly deciding to hold the God's Domain Talent Camp, he could have never gotten his hands on such a haul with his current circumstances. After all, both the Life Potion and the S-rank Nutrient Fluid were incredibly valuable items.

In the case of the S-rank Nutrient Fluid, its selling price might be one million Credits per bottle on the black market, but very rarely could one purchase S-rank Nutrient Fluid even if they had the money to do so. This was because S-rank Nutrient Fluid could maintain a person's youth and increase the vitality of a

person's body cells. It could even repair hidden injuries in one's body. Although the S-rank Nutrient Fluid couldn't keep a person youthful forever, if consumed periodically, it could still allow one to retain the youthfulness of a 25-year-old up until the age of 45. Hence, S-rank Nutrient Fluid was very popular among wealthy individuals.

As for the Life Potion, its value was even greater. An ordinary person would have no trouble living up to 150 years old if they consumed Life Potions periodically. They could even retain their youthfulness up to 60 or 70 years old. Because of this, Life Potions were highly desired by the various major corporations' top executives.

After Shi Feng consumed his entire stockpile of S-rank Nutrient Fluid and Life Potion, the sense of hunger he experienced finally disappeared. Immediately afterward, he felt as if he had been resurrected as his perception of the world around him sharpened significantly.

I achieved a breakthrough in my brain activity?

Shi Feng was shocked when he noticed the change in his perception's clarity.

A strong body was necessary to develop a strong mind. Meanwhile, only with a strong mind could he control his body better and liberate more of his body's strength.

Shi Feng's physical fitness was currently at the standard of martial arts masters. Logically, it should have been incredibly difficult for him to achieve any further breakthroughs in his brain activity.

However, Shi Feng could feel that his current brain activity was much higher than before. It was obvious that he had achieved a mental breakthrough.

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I should be only one step away from reaching the standard of mental strength masters with my current mental standard, Shi Feng thought as he exercised his body in his villa's gym, excitement filling him when he realized the full extent of the changes his body had experienced.

Currently, not only had his physical fitness reached the standard of a Henglian master, but even his mental standard was only one step away from reaching the mental strength master standard!

The mental strength master standard was a height that most neutralizing grandmasters would never reach in their lives. Meanwhile, individuals who managed to reach this standard were highly sought after by even the most powerful corporations in the world.

This was because the control that mental strength masters could exert over their bodies had already reached an unbelievable level. Mental strength masters could even unleash all of their body's strength at will.

Normally, the average person could only exert 20% of their body's strength. This was a restriction the brain had imposed on the body to protect it since the body would break if it used too much strength.

However, mental strength masters could ignore this restriction at will. They also wouldn't have to worry about injuring their bodies after unleashing their full strength. Moreover, after becoming a mental

strength master, an individual's lifespan would greatly increase. Because of this, it wouldn't even be an exaggeration to refer to mental strength masters as a new type of human.

Originally, Shi Feng thought that he would have to develop his physical fitness to the standard of neutralizing grandmasters before his mind could reach the mental strength master standard. He didn't think that he would reach it now.

With the amount of control he currently had over his body, he was confident he could triumph over neutralizing grandmasters already. Hence, he could now be considered to be standing at the top of this world's strength pyramid.

I have to consolidate my gains right away. But that's not going to happen with the training equipment I have at home. It seems I'll have to pay the God's Domain Association a visit.

After exercising his body a little, Shi Feng could sense that his improved control over his body was very unstable. This was most likely due to his body's physical fitness not matching the standard of his brain activity.

Simply put, his body couldn't keep up with his brain. If he were to remain in this situation for too long, his brain would definitely start to limit its activity to protect his body.

This absolutely wasn't an outcome Shi Feng wished to see.

Hence, to avoid losing all of his gains, he'd need to undergo some super-physical training to stabilize his condition.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng quickly changed into casual wear and made his way to the God's Domain Association in the city center.

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God's Domain Association:

Throughout the ten years God's Domain had remained in operation, the God's Domain Association had not only hosted various competitions in God's Domain, but had also helped to expand God's Domain's influence over the real world. The Association had also serviced many players of God's Domain.

Every one of the God's Domain Association's branches, be it the main branch or side branches, possessed a comprehensive array of training facilities significantly better than what one could find in a God's Domain Academy. These training facilities could allow players to achieve maximum efficiency in their daily physical training.

Meanwhile, these training facilities were offered exclusively to members recognized by the God's Domain Association. If one became an advanced member of the God's Domain Association, one could even use these training facilities and rest in the Association's accommodations for free.

Aside from providing players with excellent training facilities, the God's Domain Association also offered God's Domain's various powers to rent temporary office spaces in their buildings. Meanwhile, Zero Wing

was currently using one of the office spaces in Jin Hai City's God's Domain Association as its temporary headquarters.

As a Gold Instructor recognized by the God's Domain Association and the Guild Leader of Zero Wing, a Guild recognized by the God's Domain Association, Shi Feng enjoyed benefits vastly better than even the God's Domain Association's advanced members. Hence, he could freely use the Association's training facilities without restrictions.

After arriving at the Association's building, Shi Feng made his way to the top-floor VIP lobby to register for the training facilities. While doing so, he suddenly heard a commotion coming from the lobby's entrance.

At this time, two figures had appeared in the VIP lobby. Both of these people were beautiful women, one of them giving off a calm and cool impression, while the other gave off a bright and sunny impression. Of these two women, one of them was someone Shi Feng was actually incredibly familiar with.

Meanwhile, this person was none other than one of Zero Wing's Vice Guild Leaders during Shi Feng's previous life—Aqua Rose!

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Chapter 198 – Aqua Rose

“Did I forget to wake up today? Aren't those two Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice? Why would two God-ranked experts be in a small city like ours?”

“I can't believe I get to see them in person! I can die without regrets now!”

“I wonder if they'll give me an autograph and a handshake? Both of them are my idols.”

“Are you tired of living? They're the signature characters of Twilight Echo. Do you not see the bodyguards behind them? Every one of them is a 3-star bodyguard from Blackwater. Even a martial arts master will have to take the long way around in front of those bodyguards.”

“But why did they suddenly come here? Shouldn't they be busy preparing for the World Passage's opening? The last I heard, they've been on an expedition at the Ruined Mountain Range.”

“It is indeed strange. It was only recently that I heard the news mentioning them visiting the Secret Pavilion's main headquarters for some business. Yet, after doing business with the Secret Pavilion, they actually came to our small city. Do they have an appointment with some bigshot here?”

Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice's appearance quickly caused a commotion in the VIP lobby. Reaching Tier 6 was the goal of countless players in God's Domain, and players who successfully reached it were

existences standing at the apex of God's Domain. So, everyone in the lobby, regardless of gender, couldn't help but look toward Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice in reverence and longing.

The reactions of the young boys and girls in the lobby were especially intense since they had grown up listening to the tales of Tier 6 God-ranked experts. Meeting Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice here was akin to meeting the characters in historical myths in person. It was only natural that they felt excited.

Not to mention, Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice weren't your average Tier 6 God-ranked expert. They ranked at the top even among other God-ranked experts. In fact, they were the main reason why Twilight Echo had gone from being a first-rate Guild to becoming publicly recognized as a super-first-rate Guild.

While everyone was quietly discussing Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice, the scene that took place next shocked them all.

After arriving in the VIP lobby, Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice slowly made their way toward an unassuming man. The man wore plain casual clothes, and the first impression he gave off was that of an independent player that was only barely getting by in life.

"Crap! Who is that bastard?"

"Don't tell me the two goddesses had come here to meet with that guy?"

"Who is he? I don't recall seeing someone like him before. This is the VIP lobby, so non-members aren't allowed here. Could he be a hidden expert?"

"No way. Why would a hidden expert come to a small place like ours?"

"I recognize him. I think he's Shadow's former Guild Leader and the person behind the creation of Zero Wing, a Guild that's very popular in the Miniature Ancient World right now. But why do I get the feeling that he's different from before?"

"Zero Wing? I think I know which Guild you're talking about. It's the Guild that World Dominators put a kill order on before, right? But World Dominators ended up retracting the kill order because of some organization called the Asura Mercenary Alliance or something."

"That's right. Zero Wing is quite the famous Guild in Jin Hai City right now because of that incident."

"But it still doesn't change the fact that Zero Wing has only been established recently. Moreover, it is only a Guild based in the Miniature Ancient World. It's leagues below even veteran first-rate Guilds, let alone super-first-rate Guilds like Twilight Echo."

"Could Twilight Echo have taken an interest in Zero Wing? Many superpowers are trying to get a cut of the Miniature Ancient World right now, so I'm assuming Twilight Echo is the same. But isn't Twilight Echo thinking too highly of Zero Wing? Is there a need to have the two goddesses make a personal trip?"

"Zero Wing has struck gold now. If it gets into Twilight Echo's good graces, it will have no trouble becoming the number one Guild in Jin Hai City."

When the surrounding crowd saw Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice walking toward Shi Feng, an indescribable sense of envy filled them. Some of the people present also quickly discerned Shi Feng's identity, and they couldn't help but find this situation astonishing. However, when they thought about Zero Wing's current fame in the Miniature Ancient World, they more or less understood why Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice had come to meet with Shi Feng in person.

The time of the World Passage's opening was drawing close. Once the World Passage opened, a war involving the entirety of God's Domain would ensue.

Based on the God's Domain Association's recent announcement, everyone was aware that the World Passage's opening would lead to their world clashing against those who had migrated from Earth to other planets.

This situation led to many people eagerly anticipating the World Passage's opening since this was a huge business opportunity.

Not only would they gain access to new maps, but they could also level up more quickly after reaching Level 200. In addition, a war between two God's Domains would create more opportunities for players to make money. This was because the acquisition of resources required a large amount of manpower. In fact, even though the World Passage had yet to open, the God's Domain Association had already launched a new point system, offering even S-rank Nutrient Fluid for exchange as encouragement for players to explore the Outerworld and plunder the resources of the other God's Domain.

"Mr. Shi Feng, I am Aqua Rose, Twilight Echo's Honorary Elder. May I know if you have time for a chat?" Aqua Rose asked with a charming smile after walking up to Shi Feng.

"Yes, I have some time to spare," Shi Feng said, nodding.

Shi Feng was honestly a little confused by Aqua Rose's visit. He had no dealings whatsoever with Aqua Rose in this life. While he had thought of reestablishing Zero Wing, he had never thought of seeking out all of his old companions in Zero Wing. After all, they had their own lives in this timeline. He was only an outsider to them in this life.

Of course, he would gladly welcome opportunities to form alliances with his old companions.

Subsequently, Aqua Rose looked toward the front desk's receptionist and asked, "Can you give us a place to talk?"

"I'll arrange it immediately!" the receptionist anxiously said as she looked at Aqua Rose.

In no time at all, the receptionist freed up one of the VIP lounges on the top floor for Aqua Rose, Unyielding Ice, and Shi Feng, letting them hold their talk uninterrupted.

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"May I know why you have come to meet a small character like myself, Elder Aqua?" Shi Feng calmly asked after taking a sip of the tea the receptionist had served him.

“Small character?” Aqua Rose chuckled at Shi Feng’s words. “You are too modest, Mr. Shi Feng. How can someone who can connect with an Outerworld God-ranked expert be a small character? Also, the current Zero Wing is no longer a nameless Guild like before. It might not be well-known on the main continent, but it is known by all in the Miniature Ancient World. You’ve even managed to get Mysterious Moon and Witch’s Sin to ally with Zero Wing willingly. This isn’t even a feat that most first-rate Guilds can accomplish.”

Upon hearing Aqua Rose’s words, Shi Feng understood that the other party had done their homework before coming to meet him. So, he frankly said, “Since you know about everything, let’s just get straight to the point, Elder Aqua.”

“Straightforward, as expected!” Aqua Rose’s charming smile deepened. “I’ll say it straight, then. Twilight Echo is willing to invest in Zero Wing. The current Zero Wing might have the Asura Mercenary Alliance backing it, but the Flower of Seven Sins is determined to destroy Asura. Not only has the Flower of Seven Sins increased its bounty, but it has even tasked three of its seven commanders to oversee this matter.

“With Zero Wing’s current finances... Forgive me for being a little rude, but I doubt you can last more than a week before having to disband. Not to mention, the Flower of Seven Sins is specifically targeting the members of Asura’s allied Guilds.”

“Your point?” Shi Feng calmly asked.

Shi Feng’s calmness stunned Aqua Rose a little, a hint of confusion appearing in her eyes. She didn’t think that Shi Feng would be unfazed to hear the Flower of Seven Sins targeting Zero Wing. She found it very hard to believe that Shi Feng was merely the former Guild Leader of a second-rate Guild.

However, Aqua Rose quickly snapped out of her daze as she continued, “Twilight Echo will provide Zero Wing with ample funding. On top of helping you resolve your lack of a headquarters, we will also supply you with S-rank Nutrient Fluids to nurture your experts. In addition, we will also send reinforcements to help you resist the Flower of Seven Sins’ experts. Of course, the reinforcements I am talking about aren’t limited to just Twilight Echo’s experts. Other experts will join in as well, so resisting the Flower of Seven Sins wouldn’t be a problem.”

“What are the conditions?”

Shi Feng did not think Twilight Echo would be so kind as to go to such lengths to help Zero Wing for nothing. However, he’d also be lying if he said the offer didn’t tempt him. After all, S-rank Nutrient Fluids were crucial to his and Zero Wing’s development. Having a large supply of S-rank Nutrient Fluids was one of the conditions needed for a Guild to develop into a superpower.

Chapter 3125

Chapter 199 – Foundation Exposed

“You really do not mince your words, Mr. Shi Feng,” Aqua Rose said, blinking in surprise when she heard Shi Feng’s direct response to her offer. She also couldn’t help but carefully examine the unassuming man before her. “I’ll be blunt and say it directly, then. In exchange for our help in resisting the Flower of Seven Sins...

“We want your physical training method! Specifically, the aerobics that you’ve taught to your students. Of course, what we want is the complete version!”

When Aqua Rose finished speaking, Unyielding Ice, who had remained silent this entire time, also turned to look at Shi Feng with a passionate flame in her eyes.

Every superpower in God’s Domain had its own physical training method that it used to teach its members how to manipulate their bodies’ subtle movements, allowing them to become an expert in God’s Domain. The problem was that these training methods needed to be supplemented with S-rank Nutrient Fluids if a player wanted to become a Refinement Realm expert as quickly as possible.

However, according to the information Twilight Echo obtained, Zero Wing, or more specifically, Shi Feng, possessed a special training method that could allow one to quickly become a Refinement Realm expert, even without using S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

It should be known that the supply of S-rank Nutrient Fluids was incredibly limited. Even corporations partnered with the Green God Company could only purchase a very small amount each year. This limited supply also became a limiting factor for the various superpowers’ growth.

If a superpower could train players into Refinement Realm experts quickly without using S-rank Nutrient Fluids, this superpower would achieve significant improvements.

“So it still got out in the end?” Shi Feng sighed when he heard Aqua Rose’s words. “It seems Wu Lingling’s performance has caught your notice.”

Shi Feng wasn’t particularly surprised by the condition Aqua Rose proposed. After all, the only thing Zero Wing had that could attract the attention of a superpower like Twilight Echo was his aerobic exercise.

“Yes. Your student’s performance in the Secret Pavilion’s competition was very eye-catching. Had Wu Lingling participated in any of the past competitions, nobody would have made a big deal out of her victory. However, it just so happened that the opponent she beat this time was Leili, an incredibly rare genius even by the Secret Pavilion’s standards,” Aqua Rose said, nodding. “I’ve met Leili before, and I can say for certain that the girl is in no way inferior to Ziqiong. The Secret Pavilion has also been vigorously training Leili, so the resources she has access to are beyond what most people her age have access to.

“Yet, such a talented and well-nurtured genius like Leili lost to someone who didn’t even come from an Advanced Academy. Can you imagine our shock when we received this news?”

Leili’s name was well known among the various superpowers of God’s Domain. After all, Purple Jade was already cultivating Leili as her successor. If nothing unexpected occurred, Leili should have no trouble ranking among the top 20 of God’s Domain’s newest generation of geniuses.

In the opinions of the various superpowers' executives, only the peerless geniuses nurtured by other superpowers could possibly match or beat a peerless genius like Leili.

Hence, the actual outcome of the Secret Pavilion's competition was very unexpected.

In the current era where God's Domain's influence had already spread across the globe, it wasn't difficult to discover geniuses from an early age, let alone peerless geniuses. The various superpowers of God's Domain investigate everyone who registered for a God's Domain Academy's entrance test and immediately determine whether any of these applicants were geniuses worthy of their investment. Jin Hai University's God's Domain was no exception.

However, the strange thing was that there was no news about the student named Wu Lingling.

According to the basic threshold set by the various superpowers, they would conduct further investigation on any students who had managed to reach the late stage of the Trial Tower's fifth floor during their entrance test. Although the fifth floor's late-stage was only the standard of ordinary experts in God's Domain, it wasn't an easy goal for 16- and 17-year-old students to reach without experiencing any systematic guidance. Hence, a student would be considered talented in the various superpowers' eyes if they reached this standard during the entrance test.

Yet, Wu Lingling had not entered the scope of investigation of any superpowers. This included Twilight Echo. When Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice first learned of this situation, they had initially suspected that the recruitment personnel had been slacking on their duties and that they had never bothered investigating Jin Hai Academy's entrance test.

However, when they had their trusted aides investigate the matter, it was discovered that Twilight Echo did have a record of Wu Lingling's entrance test. Only, they couldn't help but doubt her eyes when they saw Wu Lingling's test results.

Wu Lingling had only reached the Trial Tower's fifth-floor middle-stage standard!

Non-superpowers might regard teenagers with this combat standard as geniuses, but the various superpowers would only treat such teenagers as mediocre individuals who had no talent.

Yet, such a mediocre student had defeated Leili, the Secret Pavilion's peerless genius. This was simply unbelievable.

When they learned about Wu Lingling's circumstances, two possibilities came to their minds. Either Wu Lingling had hidden her strength in the entrance test, or she came across a fortuitous opportunity sometime after the entrance test.

Eventually, after learning more about Wu Lingling through the Secret Pavilion, they stumbled upon a shocking discovery.

Based on their findings, there was a 90% chance that the reason a mediocre talent like Wu Lingling had managed to defeat Leili was because of the physical training method she had learned from Shi Feng. Meanwhile, thanks to this training method, Wu Lingling had managed to achieve lightning growth in her combat standards.

To validate their conjecture, they had also investigated the other students that had participated in Shi Feng's training. Meanwhile, what they found matched their expectations.

Shi Feng was indeed in possession of an incredibly effective training method. With the help of this training method, even people of mediocre talent could achieve rapid growth in a short period of time.

If they could apply this training method to their Guild, they were certain that Twilight Echo would achieve a massive leap in strength within a short time.

Initially, Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice had found it strange that Shi Feng had managed to get his hands on such a technique. After all, he was only the former Guild Leader of a second-rate Guild.

However, after they watched the replay of the one-sided clash between Zero Wing and World Dominators, they quickly understood how Shi Feng had managed to get his hands on such an amazing training method.

Outerworlders!

Zero Wing's Guild Leader Black Flame was already deemed to be someone from another God's Domain. In that case, everything made sense.

Only an Outerworlder could possibly possess such an amazing training method. After all, even the Five Great Super Guilds did not have such a physical training method.

Meanwhile, as Zero Wing's founder on paper, it was only natural that Shi Feng had deep ties with the Outerworlder known as Black Flame. Otherwise, he would have never been allowed to become Zero Wing's founder.

"So, can I take this as a joint offer from Twilight Echo and the Secret Pavilion?" Shi Feng asked.

Twilight Echo was certainly a superpower in God's Domain. However, it wasn't that much stronger than Witch's Sin, and Witch's Sin didn't even dare to go against the Flower of Seven Sins. So, he had difficulty understanding why Twilight Echo dared to go against the Flower of Seven Sins.

The only explanation Shi Feng could think of was Twilight Echo had partnered with the Secret Pavilion.

After all, the Secret Pavilion was also transcendental power like the Flower of Seven Sins in God's Domain. It was one of the few powers capable of going against the Flower of Seven Sins.

"You've guessed it, Mr. Shi Feng," Aqua Rose said with a smile. She did not bother hiding this information from Shi Feng. "We have indeed partnered with the Secret Pavilion for this deal. However, the Secret Pavilion has always maintained a neutral position and never participated in the struggles between the various powers of God's Domain. So, Twilight Echo will be responsible for overseeing this deal on the surface, while the Secret Pavilion will be assisting in secret. I'm sure you can now understand why it wouldn't be difficult for us to fight against the Flower of Seven Sins, right?"

"The Flower of Seven Sins is like a pack of frenzied dogs. They're incredibly hard to deal with. However, if you are willing to sell us your training method, we will not only guarantee Zero Wing's safety, but we

will also help Zero Wing construct a fully-equipped headquarters in Jin Hai City. On top of that, we will also supply 300 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid for Zero Wing's future development."

"The assistance against the Flower of Seven Sins is unnecessary. Zero Wing can resolve this matter by itself," Shi Feng said, his tone as calm as before. "If you want the training method, I don't mind selling it. However, in addition to a fully-equipped headquarters in Jin Hai City, it will also cost you 1,000 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid!"

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TL Notes:

[1]Ziqiong = Purple Jade's name in real life

Chapter 3126

Chapter 200 – Four Months

"You don't need any assistance, but you want 1,000 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid in return?"

Aqua Rose was stunned by Shi Feng's response. In her opinion, what Zero Wing needed the most right now was help against the Flower of Seven Sins. After all, should the Flower of Seven Sins go all out, even the Asura Mercenary Alliance wouldn't be able to keep itself afloat, let alone Zero Wing. It wouldn't take more than a week for Zero Wing to crumble under the Flower of Seven Sins' pressure.

Yet, Shi Feng was saying that Zero Wing did not need any external assistance...

While the Flower of Seven Sins might not have all of its forces concentrated in the Miniature Ancient World, it shouldn't be underestimated. After all, three of its seven commanders had entered the Miniature Ancient World. Moreover, all three were working specifically to topple the Asura Mercenary Alliance.

Zero Wing might have a Tier 6 God-ranked expert, but there was only so much one person could accomplish. Unless Zero Wing chose to hole itself up in Abyssal Star City, it would never be safe from the Flower of Seven Sins. However, if Zero Wing chose to do that, even if it had Abyssal Star City's advantages to rely on, its limited range of operation would cause it to fall behind the other powers in no time.

Not to mention, 1,000 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid was a significant sum even to God's Domain's various superpowers. In fact, the average superpower couldn't even take out so many S-rank Nutrient Fluids. After all, the supply of S-rank Nutrient Fluids was limited, and one couldn't necessarily buy it even if one had the money to do so.

Meanwhile, the offer of 300 bottles was the best Twilight Echo and the Secret Pavilion could do. After all, their two Guilds needed S-rank Nutrient Fluids to develop their own experts. If they were to

concentrate all of their S-rank Nutrient Fluids on the development of their newcomers, the growth of their experts would stagnate. If they did something as foolish as that, they'd essentially be putting the cart before the horse.

"Your asking price is too much, Mr. Shi Feng," Unyielding Ice said. "Your training method might be effective, but it is only effective up to the Refinement Realm. Even without your training method, we can similarly produce a large number of Refinement Realm experts so long as we are willing to invest a little more time. The most sincere offer we can give you is 300 bottles. I doubt anyone else in God's Domain will make you a better offer."

The offer of 300 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid was a joint effort by Twilight Echo and the Secret Pavilion. If it were up to any other superpower, they would, at most, offer 100 bottles for Shi Feng's training method. After all, the training method in question had limited value since it merely shortened the time it took for geniuses to reach the Refinement Realm. It wasn't worth investing too much into such a training method.

Shi Feng wasn't surprised to hear Unyielding Ice's rejection. Smiling, he asked, "If you find my price not worthwhile, why don't we make a different deal?"

"A different deal?" Aqua Rose caressed her cheek as she looked at Shi Feng curiously. "May I know what kind of deal you have in mind, Mr. Shi Feng?"

"I will nurture your talents for you and help them become second-floor experts in the shortest amount of time possible. In exchange, all you need to do is pay Zero Wing a fee of five bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid per person. However, I will only accept Refinement Realm experts under the age of 18 and Half-step Refinement Realm experts under 17 for training. Of course, you will be responsible for your own talents' S-rank Nutrient Fluid requirements. Even so, I'm sure this is a worthwhile price for your two Guilds," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

"Second-floor experts? It seems you know quite a lot, Mr. Shi Feng," Aqua Rose said as she started to look at Shi Feng more seriously. Then, she shook her head and continued, "However, this transaction is too much of a loss for us. Not only will we have to pay you five bottles per person, but we will also have to be responsible for our talents' requirements. If that's the case, we might as well nurture our talents ourselves. After all, nurturing a genius into a second-floor expert will only cost around a dozen bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid. If we leave our geniuses to you, we might have to spend more than that amount, Mr. Shi Feng."

The term "second-floor expert" might be foreign to most powers in their God's Domain, but as a Tier 6 God-ranked expert, she had long since become very familiar with this term.

The entry standard of a second-floor expert was to have the combat power of a Void Realm expert. Achieving this standard wasn't a difficult task for the various superpowers' peak geniuses. With the training systems available in the current era, these peak geniuses could climb from the Refinement Realm to the Void Realm in just two or three years. Moreover, these peak geniuses would only need five or six bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid per year.

"But what if I say I will need only four months?" Shi Feng asked, smiling.

It wasn't an easy task for a superpower to produce a peak expert. Firstly, not all geniuses had the potential to reach the Void Realm. Secondly, even if a genius had the necessary potential, it would still take them a long time to reach the Void Realm. Depending on their talent, it might take them two to four years to climb from the Refinement Realm to the Void Realm.

Peerless geniuses could shorten this process to under two years, but it would still take more than a year.

"Four months?" Unyielding Ice widened her eyes as she stared at Shi Feng in disbelief. "Are you sure?"

Even a peerless genius receiving the full support of a superpower couldn't go from the Refinement Realm to the Void Realm in just four months, let alone peak geniuses.

If Shi Feng really could turn peak geniuses into Void Realm experts in just four months, it would be of massive help to Twilight Echo. After all, second-floor experts were incredibly rare, even among the various superpowers.

Not to mention, the World Passage was about to open soon, so the demand for peak experts had never been higher. If Twilight Echo could welcome a new batch of peak experts in four months, it would have a much easier time resisting the effects of the Outerworld's invasion.

"Naturally. If any of those peak geniuses fail to reach the second-floor standard in four months, I won't charge you anything for their training," Shi Feng said confidently. "However, they must listen to my every command throughout the training period. If they do not follow my instructions, I cannot guarantee that they will reach the second-floor standard in four months."

If it was before he had visited the Stratified Abyssal Realm, he would never have dared to make such a bold claim.

However, now that he was a Vice City Lord in Slumber City, he could get his hands on a large number of Hypersensitivity Potions easily. If he paired these potions with the talented geniuses of Twilight Echo and the Secret Pavilion, those geniuses would have no trouble becoming second-floor experts in four months.

Although Hypersensitivity Potions were incredibly valuable, S-rank Nutrient Fluids that could be used to repair and replenish the energy of a person's body were much more important to him right now. He also had no reliable way of obtaining S-rank Nutrient Fluids right now. So, it was definitely worthwhile to trade Hypersensitivity Potions for S-rank Nutrient Fluids.

After Aqua Rose pondered in silence for some time, she looked toward Shi Feng and said, "Okay, Twilight Echo accepts this offer. However, I cannot represent the Secret Pavilion on this matter. I can only help relay your offer to them."

The transaction Shi Feng proposed was very favorable for Twilight Echo. Although she didn't know why Shi Feng was so confident, if he could nurture a batch of peak experts in four months, it would definitely be of significant help to Twilight Echo.

"That is only natural." Shi Feng nodded.

Afterward, Shi Feng and Aqua Rose signed a contract to seal the deal. According to the contract, Twilight Echo would be sending 60 of its peak geniuses to Shi Feng to undergo four months of training. Twilight Echo would first pay a deposit of 100 bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids, with the remaining 200 bottles to be paid after Shi Feng had fulfilled his part of the contract. If Shi Feng failed to fulfill his promise, he would hand over the complete version of his training method to Twilight Echo.

Of course, the contract also required Twilight Echo's peak geniuses to follow all of Shi Feng's instructions. If anyone refused to comply, it would be considered Twilight Echo's problem, and the deposit for their training would be forfeited.

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After Shi Feng concluded his discussion with Aqua Rose, he did not rush to make any arrangements. Instead, he had Blackie compile a report of recent events in Zero Wing and Asura. Then, he read Blackie's report while undergoing super-physical training in the God's Domain Association to solidify his mental standards.

"What a bunch of lunatics." Shi Feng couldn't help but frown a little when he finished reading Blackie's report.

Chapter 3127

Chapter 201 – Dangerous Man?

"Guild Leader, the Flower of Seven Sins' attack came too suddenly. Setting aside Asura's side, nearly all of our members who had gone to the primordial secret land had gotten killed. Currently, we have suffered over a thousand casualties already. Just replenishing their equipment will cost us at least 100,000 Gold. If we have them continue exploring the primordial secret land, I'm afraid our losses will be even more severe..." Blackie said with an ugly expression on his face.

Zero Wing had indeed managed to earn a significant amount of Coins through its Candlelight Hotels and Shops in Hundred Flow City and Abyssal Star City. It had even earned some Credits through the Asura Mercenary Alliance.

However, because of the Flower of Seven Sins' abrupt attack, Zero Wing had lost practically all of the money it had earned in recent days. They even had to dip into the Coins they made through selling Shadow's Epic Equipment previously.

If they excluded the Coins and Magic Crystals Shi Feng had used, Zero Wing only had a little over 400,000 Coins in its warehouse right now. These were all of the Coins that were left from selling Shadow's Epic Equipment.

If they were to continue compensating for all of the equipment and progress Zero Wing's internal members had lost because of the Flower of Seven Sins, the funds they had could, at most, last them for a week.

Not to mention, Zero Wing's internal member count was continuously increasing as time passed. Meanwhile, the Credits needed to nurture these internal members mainly came from completing Asura's commissioned quests. Now that it was inevitable for Zero Wing's members to engage in combat with the Flower of Seven Sins' members whenever they were out doing Asura's commissions, Zero Wing was put into a very awkward position.

Although they could now access the Stratified Abyssal Realm's rich resources, they had only opened up some business avenues in Slumber City. It would still take a considerable amount of time before they could start generating notable sums of profit. Before that happened, unless Zero Wing abstained from making any progress and thoroughly holed itself up in Abyssal Star City, the Guild's doom was inevitable.

After pondering for a moment, Shi Feng said, "Have someone retrieve all of the Abyssal Heart Fragments from my personal warehouse and sell them at the Auction House. The money from those fragments should help us survive for some time."

On top of launching an all-out offensive on the Asura Mercenary Alliance and its allies, the Flower of Seven Sins had also doubled the rewards it offered for the bounties it placed on Asura. While the Flower of Seven Sins had worsened its losses by doing so, it had also forced Asura to similarly raise the rewards for its Mount quests. This, in turn, resulted in severe losses for the mercenary alliance.

The Asura Mercenary Alliance was currently paying up to 20 Lineage Crystals per day due to the increased rewards. At this rate, Asura's Lineage Crystal supply wouldn't last more than half a month.

As for Zero Wing, the Guild's situation was even worse than Asura's. It was no wonder Aqua Rose had come to meet Shi Feng, confident that he would accept her offer.

Shi Feng had to admit that with Zero Wing's current lack of foundation, the Guild really couldn't compete with the various superpowers. Whether it was in terms of capital or manpower, Zero Wing was no match for the various superpowers at all.

"Sell the Abyssal Heart Fragments?" Blackie frowned when he heard Shi Feng's words. "Guild Leader, isn't this too much of a loss?"

The Abyssal Heart Fragments were incredibly rare and precious items. If used to produce Epic items, there was a chance the fragments could upgrade the Epic items to the Fragmented Legendary rank. On the main continent, one could exchange for a Fragmented Legendary item using just ten Abyssal Heart Fragments. The fragments were worth even more in the Miniature Ancient World.

Abyssal Heart Fragments could easily go for 20,000 Gold or more in the current Miniature Ancient World since even the various superpowers didn't have a reliable way to acquire Fragmented Legendary items. Moreover, Fragmented Legendary items could provide players with massive improvements in strength. It was especially true for Fragmented Legendary items customized to suit a player. The value of such a Fragmented Legendary item was several times higher than the average Fragmented Legendary item.

However, if they were to sell their Abyssal Heart Fragments now, it was unlikely they could buy the fragments back again for just 20,000 Gold.

“It’s fine. Just sell them. We’ll recover these losses from the Flower of Seven Sins sooner or later!” Shi Feng said definitively.

Honestly, Shi Feng didn’t really mind losing the Abyssal Heart Fragments. Now that he had the Abyss Workshop Certificate, he would have no trouble getting his hands on better items. The only problem was that he needed more time to get his hands on these items.

“I understand. I’ll have someone sell those Abyssal Heart Fragments,” Blackie said, letting out a deep sigh before he hung up the call and contacted one of his trusted aides.

The current situation did not favor Zero Wing, so they had no choice but to endure. However, once they established proper trade channels in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, clashing with the Flower of Seven Sins would no longer be a problem.

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While Shi Feng was on his call with Blackie, Aqua Rose and Unyielding Ice were flying back to Twilight Echo’s main headquarters in their private jet.

“Aqua, isn’t it too risky to leave 60 of our peak geniuses with Zero Wing?” Unyielding Ice asked worriedly.

Twilight Echo faced fierce competition in the newcomer market this year. Even after paying a significant price, Twilight Echo had only managed to recruit 100 peak geniuses. Leaving over half of these peak geniuses with Zero Wing was a risky gamble.

If Zero Wing failed to deliver on its promise, Twilight Echo might end up with a generation gap in peak experts. Even if those 60 peak geniuses eventually developed into peak experts after returning to the Guild, the delay in their growth would still severely affect the Guild’s development. After all, many of the Guild’s veteran experts could no longer perform as well as when they were in their prime. Newcomers were urgently needed to replace them.

“I admit that the partnership this time is a little radical,” Aqua Rose said, calmly acknowledging her risky behavior. “However, if things turn out positive, Twilight Echo will have a better initiative when the World Passage opens.”

“Do you have so much faith in that guy?” Unyielding Ice asked in confusion. She was well aware of Aqua Rose’s personality. Ever since the incident several years ago, Aqua Rose had stopped putting too much faith in other people.

Shi Feng might be an intermediary with Outerworlders, but his promise of turning Refinement Realm experts into Void Realm experts in just four months was too far-fetched. None of the Outerworld powers they encountered before had that kind of ability.

“It’s not that I trust him. It’s just that he really isn’t as simple as he appears,” Aqua Rose said, shaking her head. Then, she faintly smiled as she continued, “Setting aside how he managed to help Wu Lingling become a Refinement Realm expert in such a short time, just the information we have on him right now

makes him a very interesting person. Did you know that he wasn't even at the Refinement Realm a few months ago? Yet, when I sat before him just now, I felt danger coming from him."

"Danger?" Unyielding Ice couldn't help but look at Aqua Rose in shock.

On top of being a Tier 6 God-ranked expert, Aqua Rose's mental strength standard had already reached the master rank, which granted her an incredibly accurate sixth strength. However, even among Tier 6 God-ranked experts, very few could cause Aqua Rose to feel threatened.

Yet, now, Aqua Rose was saying that she had felt danger coming from a second-rate Guild's former Guild Leader?

"Although it is only a thought in my mind, I don't think I am wrong. Zero Wing is likely much more powerful than we imagine," Aqua Rose said, smiling. "Of course, we can't discount the Flower of Seven Sins, either, since Gluttony is the one responsible for targeting Zero Wing. Gluttony's band of lunatics is a menace even to the Five Great Super Guilds. So, there's no saying which side is better."

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Time passed by quickly. After Shi Feng spent a day training and arranging Zero Wing's and Asura's affairs, the one-day system update for Slumber City also ended.

It's about time I get back online.

After looking at the time, Shi Feng climbed back into the virtual gaming cabin in his villa and logged back into God's Domain.

Chapter 3128

Chapter 202 – Upgraded Slumber City

Stratified Abyssal Realm, Slumber City:

When Shi Feng logged back into the game, he found that he had appeared in a different location than when he had logged out of the game. Specifically, he had appeared in Slumber City's central plaza.

"What's going on?!"

"Is this really Slumber City's central plaza?"

The players that had appeared in the central plaza at this time were stunned by the scene in front of them.

Currently, suspended in the middle of the central plaza that covered a one-kilometer radius was a gigantic sphere of water. The water sphere itself had a radius of 400 meters. So long as one focused one's senses on this water sphere, one would realize that this sphere wasn't made out of ordinary water. Instead, it was made of Mana that had condensed into a liquid state.

Meanwhile, the presence of this sphere of Liquid Mana had increased the density of the ambient Mana in the plaza. This, in turn, allowed everyone to experience an indescribably comfortable and refreshing feeling. It felt as if they had just awoken from a deep slumber.

Moreover, the closer one stood to the Mana sphere, the denser the Mana one could enjoy, and the better one's state would become.

An Elven Holy Spring! Isn't this too much of an upgrade?!? Shi Feng was also a little stunned when he saw the large sphere of Liquid Mana in the middle of the plaza.

Native players of this Stratified Abyssal Realm might be unfamiliar with this Mana sphere, but Shi Feng was someone who had traveled around the Greater God's Domain for many years. Hence, he instantly recognized the identity of this Mana sphere.

The Elven Holy Spring!

Constructions in God's Domain were typically divided into three ranks: Basic, Advanced, and Peak. Peak Constructions were generally considered the upper limit of what players could construct in a settlement. Even if a settlement reached the standard of a Holy City, without the necessary construction designs, players could only construct standardized Peak Constructions in it.

However, there existed constructions beyond the Peak rank that wielded unbelievable effects in the Greater God's Domain. These constructions were labeled as Extraordinary Constructions, and they were created using technology that had been lost since the primordial era.

The Elven Holy Spring was one of these Extraordinary Constructions. It was an incredibly rare construction, even in the Greater God's Domain.

Any city that had an Elven Holy Spring could be regarded as a gathering place for Mana since the Holy Spring would elevate the city's Mana density infinitely close to a liquid state. At the heart of the Holy Spring, Mana would even remain in a liquid state.

Meanwhile, players standing near the Elven Holy Spring's core would have their Mana affinity increased. This, in turn, allowed them an easier time improving their Skill and Spell Completion Rates. This feature was so valuable that even Tier 6 God-ranked experts were willing to pay an exorbitant price to practice their Tier 6 Skills and Spells near an Elven Holy Spring.

Moreover, an Elven Holy Spring wasn't just helpful in developing players' Skill and Spell Completion Rates. When present in an environment rich in Mana, players would also have a significantly easier time improving their combat standards and combat techniques. For this reason, Tier 5 and Tier 6 experts in the Greater God's Domain would typically try to buy private housing in cities rich in Mana to use as their home base.

However, most of the Elven Holy Springs that existed in the Greater God's Domain were in the hands of the various hegemonic powers and apex powers. Meanwhile, these powers treated the Holy Spring as a priceless treasure, and they would never allow outsiders to enjoy the benefits of their Holy Spring. At most, they would only allow outsiders to tour the city housing their Holy Spring.

Yet, now, an Elven Holy Spring had appeared in an NPC City inside a Stratified Abyssal Realm. This was simply unbelievable.

While Shi Feng was feeling shocked by the Elven Holy Spring's appearance, a commotion came from the players who tried to approach the Holy Spring.

"What's going on? Why do I have to wait until there are fewer than 1,000 people in the area to move closer? I even have to maintain my position for ten minutes before I can advance? But why can some people already get within 300 meters of the sphere?"

"The 300-meter mark just so happens to be where the Mana starts to transition into a liquid state. Why can only those few people get to enjoy it?"

"I know those people. Every one of them is an Upper-class Noble. It seems that if you want to enjoy the environment inside the 300-meter zone, you'll either need to have a certain degree of status or ensure that there are no more than 1,000 people in the 300- to 500-meter zone. Did you guys not notice your area status? It shows that the area we're currently in isn't a safe zone. We can fight without getting punished by the city in here."

"That's not all. I might be inside the 300-meter zone, but if I want to enter the 100-meter zone, I'll need to make sure that there are only 100 people left within the 200-meter zone. Moreover, I can only stay inside this zone for six hours. Afterward, I'll get forcibly sent out of the 300-meter zone. It seems even Upper-class Nobles won't get to enjoy this environment all the time."

"This is great! I won't have to worry about having too much competition now! I'm definitely getting myself a spot in the 100-meter zone!"

Suddenly, the players in the 300- to 500-meter zone began tearing at each other's necks in an attempt to reduce their numbers to 1,000. The intensity of the fighting was much greater than even a fight between the peak powers of Slumber City.

"Vice Guild Leader, should we join in the fight?" Rain Song asked as she eagerly looked to Crimson Heart.

"It won't hurt to try," Crimson Heart said, nodding.

Aside from Hundred Flower Palace's members, Hidden Soul, Gentle Snow, and the others also got the urge to join in on the action taking place near the Holy Elven Spring. However, unlike Slumber City's native players, they weren't doing so to enjoy the Holy Spring's Mana environment. Instead, they wanted to use this opportunity to clash against the many third-floor experts here. If they could fight against all of these powerful experts in such a Mana-rich environment, they'd have a much easier time improving their combat standards.

The only worry was the EXP they would lose should they die.

Unlike Hidden Soul and the others, Shi Feng's attention quickly shifted away from the Elven Holy Spring to a 400-meter-tall tower situated some distance away from the plaza. Currently, he could see an

endless stream of Mana flowing out from the void and gathering around the tower, causing space and time around the tower to become distorted.

The Matrix Tower!

This was a construction unique to Slumber City. It was also the only construction that produced the Hypersensitivity Potion.

After Slumber City had gotten promoted, the Matrix Tower had also undergone a complete makeover. Before the city's promotion, the tower only measured up to 100 meters in height. The range of its Mana absorption also only extended to the city's surroundings. Now, though, the Matrix Tower was attracting Mana straight from the void. The large amount of Mana it attracted had even distorted space and time around it. This was a massive transformation.

Let's hope there's a change in the production rate.

After instructing Blackie and the others to investigate the latest changes to Slumber City, Shi Feng promptly made his way to the Matrix Tower.

According to Echoing Judgment, the Matrix Tower only produced 7,000 bottles of Hypersensitivity Potion each month. Out of these 7,000 bottles, each Vice City Lord could exchange up to 500 bottles using Dark Crystals. Each of the top five contributing powers of Slumber City could also exchange for 500 bottles, while powers ranked between sixth and tenth could exchange up to 100 bottles each, and powers ranked between eleventh and thirtieth could exchange for 50 bottles each.

Excluding Solitary Soul, Slumber City had three Vice City Lords previously. As a result, 5,500 out of the 7,000 bottles of Hypersensitivity Potion the Matrix Tower produced each month would be assigned ownership as soon as they were produced. As for the remaining 1,500 bottles, they would be auctioned to Slumber City's players for Dark Crystals. It went without saying that such a small amount wasn't enough to satisfy the demands of Slumber City's hundreds of millions of players in Slumber City and thousands of player powers.

If someone wished to acquire a large amount of Hypersensitivity Potions, the most reliable and cheapest way to do so was through the Vice City Lords and the top five contributing powers.

When Shi Feng arrived at the Matrix Tower, the tower's lobby was already crowded with the executives of Slumber City's various powers. Every one of these executives had gathered in front of the exchange counter, their expressions ranging from joyful to worry.

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Chapter 203 – First Vice City Lord's Privilege

"You're here, Guild Leader Black Flame."

Echoing Judgment walked over to greet Shi Feng when he saw Shi Feng entering the lobby.

Upon noticing Echoing Judgment's actions, the executives of the various powers in the lobby also turned to Shi Feng, their eyes filled with wariness and envy.

Demand for Slumber City's Hypersensitivity Potion had always been far above its supply. After Slumber City got promoted and news of it spread across the entire Stratified Abyssal Realm, powers situated in the dozen or so neighboring NPC Cities had promptly dispatched teams to Slumber City. It was obvious that these powers were trying to get a share of the benefits available in the upgraded Slumber City.

Once the representatives of these powers arrived in a few days, competition in Slumber City would definitely become even more intense. At that time, Slumber City might even see the birth of more hegemony.

However, no matter how many new hegemony appeared in Slumber City, Shi Feng would undoubtedly remain the biggest competitor for Slumber City's local powers. Shi Feng's forces might not have a large organization supporting him right now. However, he could still obtain a considerable amount of Hypersensitivity Potions with his status as Vice City Lord. If Shi Feng were to establish his own power in Slumber City like the three other Vice City Lords, he'd be able to lay claim to even more Hypersensitivity Potions.

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Out of the various powers present in the lobby, Death Curse's members bore the most hostility when they looked at Shi Feng.

"Savor your time while it lasts! We'll see how you'll fare once the neighboring cities' powers gather!" one of Death Curse's members said as he looked at Shi Feng with a sneer.

Destruction pursued the great.

Shi Feng might have proven his strength to everyone in Slumber City and even stolen Solitary Soul's Vice City Lord position. Still, Slumber City had already become a pie targeted by the dozen or so neighboring NPC Cities.

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There was no question that Shi Feng was occupying the most resources while having the weakest power in Slumber City currently. Once the neighboring cities' peak powers arrived, they would most certainly set their sights on Shi Feng first. This would also be the quickest way for these foreign powers to establish a foothold in Slumber City.

"It seems you've acquired significant gains from the city's promotion," Shi Feng said, chuckling when he saw that Echoing Judgment was in a noticeably good mood.

"It's not bad. Purple Light managed to just barely squeeze into the top five. It just so happens that the city's top five powers are one of the biggest beneficiaries of the city's promotion," Echoing Judgment said in delight. "But compared to you, Guild Leader Black Flame, Purple Light's gains are probably insignificant."

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“Did Vice City Lords get a bigger share?” Shi Feng asked out of curiosity.

“Much, much bigger than before, so much so that I’m starting to pity Solitary Soul a little. Had he stayed obedient, his adventurer team would have definitely undergone a qualitative transformation.”

“A qualitative transformation? Has the monthly production volume increased by a lot?” Shi Feng asked, feeling a little hopeful.

If Vice City Lords could exchange up to 1,000 bottles of Hypersensitivity Potions a month, he’d have enough to provide for both Zero Wing’s and Twilight Echo’s newcomers. After all, Zero Wing’s members numbered in the tens of thousands only, so there weren’t many talented newcomers to nurture.

“It’d be more accurate to say that it has increased to an entirely different dimension,” Echoing Judgment said, his voice suddenly taking on a serious tone. “Currently, the Matrix Tower can produce 40,000 bottles of Hypersensitivity Potion a month. However, while this might seem like a huge increase, considering the players who might be gathering in Slumber City, I’m afraid this increase isn’t as significant as it seems. Anyway, the exchange rate is similar to before, being at ten Dark Crystals per bottle. According to my sources, each Vice City Lord can exchange up to 3,000 bottles a month.”

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“Three thousand bottles?” Shi Feng couldn’t help but gasp.

Before Slumber City’s promotion, the Matrix Tower only produced 6,000 bottles of Hypersensitivity Potion each month. Now, each Vice City Lord could exchange for half that number. This was a massive increase.

With this many Hypersensitivity Potions, he could even afford to supply the Hypersensitivity Potion to every core member in Zero Wing. At that time, Zero Wing’s core members would definitely see a qualitative improvement in their strength within a short period.

“I have a suggestion, Guild Leader Black Flame. The peak powers in the dozen or so neighboring NPC Cities will be gathering in Slumber City in a few days. Once they establish a foothold in the city, they’ll most definitely band together in secret, and their first target will most likely be you and the three other Vice City Lords. I’m afraid the three other Vice City Lords will most likely have difficulty coping against all of these peak powers even if they work together,” Echoing Judgment said earnestly.

“At that time, they’ll most likely have to split some of their allotted share with the foreign peak powers. Purple Light will most likely suffer the same fate as well. However, how much we give them will also depend on the gap in overall strength between us. My suggestion is for us to work together. What do you think, Guild Leader Black Flame? Would you be willing to join hands with Purple Light?”

“Since you’re offering, I naturally wouldn’t refuse, Commander Judgment,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

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Shi Feng wasn't against Echoing Judgment's suggestion. He also understood that Echoing Judgment was actually trying to help him. After all, the Purple Light Chamber of Commerce was one of Slumber City's peak powers, while he only had a team of twenty. It should be known that their opponents this time were the peak powers of over a dozen NPC Cities. Even if all of Slumber City's powers banded together, they still wouldn't be a match for all of these peak powers. It went without saying that his team of twenty stood no chance at all.

Most importantly, he didn't have the Dark Crystals needed to exchange all 3,000 bottles of his allotted Hypersensitivity Potions. If he could join hands with Purple Light, he could use Purple Light's connections to sell his excess potions for a good price.

Afterward, Echoing Judgment parted ways with Shi Feng to prepare for the negotiations that would take place in a few days. As for Shi Feng, he made his way to one of the Matrix Tower's third-floor VIP reception rooms. This was also the place where Vice City Lords could come to conduct their exchanges.

"Greetings, Lord Legatee. I am Senior Administrator Terrad. I am very happy to serve you today," a Level 130, Tier 4 young man greeted Shi Feng respectfully after entering the room. "This is the list of items available for you to exchange. I believe you will be satisfied with the things listed here."

Shi Feng nodded in response as he accepted the exchange list Terrad offered him. Unfortunately, he wouldn't be exchanging for any items this time since he didn't have a single Dark Crystal on him right now. He was only here to inspect the exchange privileges a Vice City Lord enjoyed.

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What?! Shi Feng was dumbfounded when he saw the exchange list.

According to Echoing Judgment, Vice City Lords should only be able to exchange up to 3,000 bottles of Hypersensitivity Potion per month. Yet, the exchange list in his hands showed that he could exchange up to 6,000 bottles. This was as much as the Matrix Tower's entire monthly production volume before Slumber City got promoted!

What surprised Shi Feng even more, was that the exchange list actually had an item he had seen only once in the Greater God's Domain during his previous life.

The Magic Tactical Vehicle!

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Chapter 204 – Magic Tactical Vehicle

"Do you have the Magic Tactical Vehicles statistics, Mr. Terrad?" Shi Feng asked as he pointed to the Magic Tactical Vehicle's name on the list.

The list might have indicated that he could exchange for the rumored Magic Tactical Vehicle, but it didn't show any useful information regarding the vehicle itself. The list only mentioned that the Magic Tactical Vehicle was a transportation tool. Of course, the price was also present, and it was most certainly exorbitant.

A Hypersensitivity Potion only cost 10 Dark Crystals to exchange, yet a Magic Tactical Vehicle cost 500 Dark Crystals.

Going by the Stratified Abyssal Realm's market situation, one Dark Crystal was worth around 200 Magic Crystals. Though, one would be hard-pressed to find someone willing to trade Dark Crystals for Magic Crystals since Dark Crystals were a crucial resource needed to increase one's City Contribution. Dark Crystals were also the only currency used to exchange for city specialties.

The average power in Slumber City only earned around 200 or 300 Dark Crystals a month. A sum of 500 Dark Crystals would take even the peak powers of Slumber City at least a week to acquire. In other words, even if a peak power were to work hard for an entire month, it could only exchange three or four Magic Tactical Vehicles.

Because of this exorbitant price, Shi Feng felt the need to acquire more information before he decided whether he should plan to purchase it. After all, Magic Tactical Vehicles came in various grades. If what was being offered for exchange was only the most basic Magic Tactical Vehicle, it definitely wouldn't be worth spending 500 Dark Crystals to exchange.

A Basic Magic Tactical Vehicle was only slightly more useful than a Mount as a mode of transport. Compared to the average Land Mount, which could only ride two or three people at a time, a Basic Magic Tactical Vehicle could ride a full party of six, and its Movement Speed only rivaled Dark-Gold Mounts. Aside from the larger capacity, the only other advantage a Basic Magic Tactical Vehicle had over a Land Mount was that it protected players from the corrosion of foreign energies. Players riding in the vehicle wouldn't have to worry about their Stamina and Concentration draining.

"Yes, I do," Terrad nodded as he took out a datasheet and handed it to Shi Feng. "There are two types of Magic Tactical Vehicles available for exchange. One type has no exchange restrictions, while the other can only be exchanged in limited quantities."

"Two types?" Shi Feng accepted the datasheet and scrutinized it. Then, a joyful expression appeared on his face less than a minute later.

As mentioned by Terrad, there were two types of Magic Tactical Vehicles listed on the datasheet. The first type was the Basic Magic Tactical Vehicle, and the second type was the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle.

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The Basic Magic Tactical Vehicle didn't have an exchange limit. He could exchange for as many as he wanted so long as he was willing to pay the price of 500 Dark Crystals per vehicle. On the other hand, he could only exchange up to ten Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicles per month. Moreover, each vehicle cost 3,000 Dark Crystals.

If a layman were to see the difference in price and functionality between the two versions, they would most likely think that it'd be more worthwhile to get the Basic version than the Bronze version. After all, despite costing six times more than the Basic version, the Bronze version had the same Movement Speed and carrying capacity as the Basic version.

However, it was a different story for Shi Feng. He knew exactly how big of a difference existed between the Basic version and the Bronze version of the Magic Tactical Vehicle.

One could say that the former was a mode of transportation, while the other was a tactical-grade weapon. It wouldn't even be an exaggeration to consider the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle as a miniature Mobile Fortress!

Aside from having all of the Basic version's functions, the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle had two more key functions.

The first was a wide-range magic barrier that subjected all enemies within range to a powerful suppression. The suppression was so powerful that even a Tier 4 expert with a Mana Domain couldn't resist it.

The second was an area-specific Mana specialization. The tactical vehicle could greatly strengthen the Mana of up to six players.

The presence of these two abilities on the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle was more than enough to tempt any hegemonic power in the Greater God's Domain. Hegemonic powers would be willing to trade even one Fragmented Legendary Weapon for each Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle. After all, the tactical vehicle was a godsend for invading other God's Domains.

Players would have their tiers suppressed when they tried to invade other God's Domains. Or, more specifically, they would have their Mana suppressed by the foreign world, their combat power falling by half a tier on average. When invading a foreign God's Domain, a Tier 6 God-ranked expert would only be slightly stronger than the native Tier 5 experts.

Of course, due to the rarity of Tier 6 God-ranked experts, they would typically be used to defend important territories rather than to invade other God's Domains. The main force of such invasions was typically made up of Tier 4 and Tier 5 players.

Meanwhile, this was where the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle would come into play. The tactical vehicle's ability to strengthen players' Mana could be used to neutralize the Mana suppression players suffered when invading a foreign world.

Unfortunately, the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle's usefulness was only limited to invading foreign God's Domains. The tactical vehicle wouldn't be as useful when used in one's homeworld. After all, any random superpower or first-rate power would have many Tier 4 and Tier 5 experts under its command. There was only so much the tactical vehicle could do with its limited coverage.

When used in one's homeworld, the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle's usefulness was inferior to a Fragmented Legendary Weapon. It wouldn't even be an exaggeration to say that it was a pile of junk for Tier 5 players.

Of course, this was only true for God's Domains that had already seen the birth of many Tier 5 experts. In the current Miniature Ancient World, the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle was a very powerful weapon. For powers, the tactical vehicle was even more useful than a piece of Legendary Equipment.

While Shi Feng was thinking of asking for a copy of the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle's datasheet, the sound of a call notification suddenly rang in his ears.

"Did something happen, Blackie?" Shi Feng asked, finding it strange that Blackie would call him all of a sudden.

Shi Feng had previously tasked Blackie and the others with investigating Slumber City, and it had only been an hour since he passed down this instruction. Slumber City in its entirety covered a radius of more than 20 kilometers. An hour wouldn't even be enough for Blackie and the others to learn about all of the buildings on the main street, let alone the entire city.

"One of Glimmer's members came to me saying that Laura Crader wants to have a private chat with you, Guild Leader," Blackie said worriedly. "Based on my current understanding, Laura Crader is incredibly mysterious. Aside from Purple Light's and Glimmer's members, she rarely interacts with other people. On top of that, she is also a battle maniac. Not only has she fought a name for herself in Slumber City, but she has also defeated many of the strongest players in the neighboring NPC Cities. I suspect she is thinking of challenging you to a fight after seeing you defeat Solitary Soul, Guild Leader. Do you want to meet her?"

After Shi Feng's fight with Solitary Soul, the name of Black Flame had already been embedded into the minds of everyone in Slumber City. Some players even felt that Black Flame was now the strongest player in Slumber City. This worked very much in Zero Wing's favor since Zero Wing would have an easier time recruiting members and establishing a foothold in Slumber City.

Conversely, if Zero Wing were to lose this fame, its development in Slumber City would slow down to a crawl.

Before Shi Feng's arrival, the Glimmering Sword Laura Crader was recognized by everyone as Slumber City's number one. Unfortunately, nobody knew exactly how strong Laura was. The only thing everyone knew was that the last time she took action, she had defeated the two other Vice City Lords in one strike.

It was true that Death Curse's Solitary Soul had obtained a piece of Legendary Equipment and completed the Vice City Lord's Temple Trial. However, even then, not many people felt that he was a match for Laura Crader. After all, it had already been quite a few years since anybody had seen Laura in action.

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Chapter 205 – Glimmering Sword

“She wants to meet me?”

Shi Feng fell into thought when he heard that Laura Crader wanted to meet him.

Shi Feng had seen Laura Crader in the Abyssal Tower’s lobby previously, and the feeling of strength he felt from her was something he had only come across a few times in the Greater God’s Domain during his previous life.

However, Shi Feng was certain that he had never heard of Laura Crader’s name in the Greater God’s Domain, which was very strange for someone with her strength. It was especially true considering Purple Light’s Wordless Ember and Sleeping Quicksand had made such a huge name for themselves in the Greater God’s Domain.

It should be known that Laura was publicly recognized as Slumber City’s strongest expert. She was also vastly stronger than Wordless Ember and Sleeping Quicksand currently. So, it stood to reason that Laura’s name would spread like wildfire once this Stratified Abyssal Realm was thoroughly integrated into the Greater God’s Domain.

Yet, that never happened during Shi Feng’s previous life, which confused him greatly.

“Okay. Where do I meet her?” Shi Feng asked.

Even if the Glimmering Sword didn’t come to find him, Shi Feng would probably go to find her. According to Echoing Judgment, the Glimmer adventurer team was Slumber City’s number one power, and the adventurer team owned a mineral vein that produced a large amount of Dark Crystals. This was also the vein that produced the most Dark Crystals near Slumber City and the several neighboring cities. Its production volume was at least three or four times greater than the average vein that produced Dark Crystals.

So, one could say that Glimmer was the wealthiest power in Slumber City when it came to Dark Crystals. If anyone in Slumber City was looking to get their hands on a large amount of Dark Crystals, they definitely couldn’t avoid Glimmer. There was even a rumor saying that most of the Dark Crystals sold in Slumber City actually came from Glimmer.

“Glimmer’s headquarters in the central district,” Blackie said. “She will be waiting for you there all day today. But are you really going to meet her by yourself, Guild Leader? Wouldn’t it be too dangerous?”

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Any adventurer team’s headquarters was considered private territory. Meanwhile, unless the property owner had designated their property as a safe zone, NPC soldiers would not intervene even if a fight broke out on the property.

While most players would normally designate their private property as a safe zone, players could also change this setting whenever they wanted. If they wanted to ambush someone, they could simply designate their property as a combat zone.

Because of this setting, players would be at a considerable disadvantage when visiting another player’s private property. After all, most private properties would have some sort of defensive magic array set in

place. While these defensive magic arrays couldn't stop players from leaving, they could subject all enemies in the area to a powerful suppression.

"If Laura Crader truly intends on dealing with me, she wouldn't have to go to such lengths. Glimmer has also never shown any interest in unifying Slumbering City, and neither has it participated in the power struggles in the city," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "Otherwise, with Glimmer's influence over Slumber City, it would have long since unified the city years ago. Death Curse would have never gotten the opportunity to rise, much less unify the city."

"Even so, you still need to be careful. Even if Glimmer doesn't intend on taking action, the same can't be said for the other peak powers in the city," Blackie reminded.

Every power in Slumber City was well aware that Zero Wing would soon rise in Slumber City, becoming another one of the city's peak powers and adding to the already intense competition. Meanwhile, the main contributor to Zero Wing's rise was undoubtedly Shi Feng. If Shi Feng were to get killed even once, it would have a huge impact on Zero Wing.

It was true that Shi Feng possessed astonishing individual strength. However, there were many ways players could use to take down powerful foes. For example, with the help of a Grandmaster Magic Array, a group of Tier 3 players could even take down a Tier 5 expert.

This was also a relatively common occurrence in God's Domain. Grandmaster Magic Arrays might be as rare as Legendary items, but with how unique the Stratified Abyssal Realm was, it wouldn't be strange even if the peak powers here possessed a few.

"Relax. Those powers shouldn't have the time for that right now. The peak powers from other cities will be arriving soon. Those powers are a much bigger threat to the local powers than I am," Shi Feng said, chuckling. "By the way, contact Blood Hammer and tell him that Zero Wing can supply the Tower Alliance with Hypersensitivity Potions. We can supply them with up to 1,000 bottles a month at the price of one Lineage Crystal per bottle."

"One thousand bottles a month? For one Lineage Crystal per bottle?" Blackie was a little stunned when he heard Shi Feng's offer. Although he had long since known that Shi Feng could exchange for a large number of Hypersensitivity Potions after becoming a Vice City Lord, he didn't expect it to be this many. "Will they be willing to take this offer, though?"

"I doubt they'll refuse. Hypersensitivity Potions are much more useful than Lineage Crystals to them," Shi Feng said confidently. Lineage Crystals might be precious in their homeworld, but it wasn't as valuable in the Tower Alliance's homeworld.

Although Shi Feng could also exchange Hypersensitivity Potions to Lineage Crystals with Purple Light, the amount he could get from Purple Light probably wouldn't be as much as he could get from the Tower Alliance.

Based on what Shi Feng gathered, the Tower Alliance should be a superpower very close to becoming a hegemonic power. It was vastly superior to a Chamber of Commerce that was based in only one city in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

In addition, Lineage Crystals were quite valuable in this Stratified Abyssal Realm. So, there wouldn't be any power in the Stratified Abyssal Realm willing to accept a one-to-one trade for Lineage Crystals and Hypersensitivity Potions.

However, it was a different story for the Tower Alliance. The Tower Alliance had entered the Stratified Abyssal Realm with the specific purpose of recruiting experts. So, it would definitely be interested in the prospect of getting its hands on more Hypersensitivity Potions and nurturing its own experts.

"Okay. I'll contact Blood Hammer right away." Blackie nodded excitedly and hung up the call. If Zero Wing could get its hands on 1,000 Lineage Crystals a month, he was confident that Zero Wing could quickly become a superpower in the Miniature Ancient World.

While Blackie was contacting Blood Hammer, Shi Feng arrived in front of Glimmer's headquarters situated in the city's center.

Glimmer's headquarters was a mansion that occupied an area the size of a stadium. Yet, despite its massive headquarters, Glimmer's member count did not exceed 10,000. The adventurer team's size was significantly smaller compared to the city's other peak powers, which had over 100,000 members at the very least.

However, the average strength of Glimmer's members was also the highest out of all peak powers in Slumber City. Even the weakest member in the adventurer team was a Refinement Realm expert. The adventurer team also had the most Novice Temple Knights, the number exceeding 1,000.

As expected of Slumber City's number one power. The number of experts here far exceeds my expectations, Shi Feng inwardly exclaimed as he looked at the players loitering in the mansion's front yard.

At a glance, Shi Feng could see over 30 Temple Knight-level experts in the front yard. Moreover, nearly ten radiated an aura rivaling Death Curse's Night Revenant.

It should be known that Night Revenant was a third-floor expert very close to reaching the fourth-floor standard. He was also a vice commander-level individual in Death Curse. Meanwhile, Death Curse only had four such vice commanders.

Glimmer's strength definitely wasn't as simple as outsiders assumed.

After Shi Feng walked into Glimmer's mansion, a three-meter-tall middle-aged man who was at Level 120 and radiated a Tier 4 aura approached him. Then, after scrutinizing Shi Feng for a moment, the middle-aged man pointed at the innermost room of a nearby corridor and coldly said, "I really don't understand what the commander sees in you. Go in, then. The commander is waiting for you inside."

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Chapter 206 – Golden Law

When Shi Feng walked into the simple yet elegant office, he quickly noticed the room's uniqueness.

Even though the Mana outside was already plenty dense, the density of the Mana inside this office was actually more than double that of the outside world. The Mana here was infinitely close to reaching the liquid state, and Shi Feng felt like he was standing inside the Elven Holy Spring.

A Grandmaster Mana Gathering Array?? Shi Feng was rendered speechless when he saw the room's magic array arrangement.

As its name suggested, a Mana Gathering Magic Array could gather Mana to elevate the Mana density within a specified area. Meanwhile, the higher a Mana Gathering Array's quality, the greater its rarity. One would be hard-pressed to buy Master Mana Gathering Arrays even if one had the money. As for Grandmaster Mana Gathering Arrays, they were incredibly rare even in the Greater God's Domain, and one could even trade it for a Fragmented Legendary item for it.

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Yet, Laura Crader had set up such a valuable magic array in her office. This was simply an extravagance.

It should be known that Grandmaster Mana Gathering Arrays were typically set up together with a Guild Hall's core magic array. While doing so would reduce the magic array's potency since it would need to cover a much larger area, it could still elevate the Guild Hall's Mana to a mist-like standard.

When Shi Feng shifted his attention away from the Grandmaster Mana Gathering Array and focused on Laura Crader, he couldn't help but be stunned momentarily.

Currently, Laura Crader was standing in the room, quietly looking at a stone tablet on the wall. The combination of her long, light-blue hair, silver crown, and radiant light-blue longsword gave her the image of a Valkyrie of legends.

However, rather than Laura's appearance, what stunned Shi Feng was the broken tablet covered in divine inscriptions and patterns.

Shi Feng had seen a broken tablet of a similar type in the Greater God's Domain during his previous life. Meanwhile, the broken tablet's name was capable of shaking the entire Greater God's Domain.

Golden Law!

According to legends, there were 88 Broken Laws in the Greater God's Domain, and every one of them recorded a complete Gold Combat Technique.

It should be known that Silver Combat Techniques were incredibly rare even in the Greater God's Domain. The appearance of one could cause even hegemonic powers to go into a frenzy. This was because any player that mastered a Silver Combat Technique would gain the ability to transcend tiers.

As for Gold Combat Techniques, any player who managed to master one would become an existence feared by even the various apex powers.

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“You’re here. Please, take a seat!” Laura Crader said, smiling when she noticed Shi Feng entering the room. “Let me introduce myself. I am Laura Crader, the commander of the Glimmer adventurer team. I have taken the liberty of inviting you here today because I wish to make a deal with you, Mr. Black Flame.”

“A deal? May I know what you have in mind, Miss Laura?” Shi Feng asked curiously.

Laura was without a doubt the person with the greatest authority and wealth in Slumber City, while he was only an outsider. He found it hard to imagine that he possessed anything that could attract Laura’s attention.

“I’ve also offered this deal to Shadow City’s three Vice City Lords,” Laura said. Then, she pointed at the broken tablet on the wall and said, “Bring my companions and me out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm and into the Greater God’s Domain. I will give you this stone tablet and the Gold Combat Technique recorded on it if you can do that. As someone from outside the Stratified Abyssal Realm, I am sure I don’t need to explain to you the value of a Gold Combat Technique, right?”

“How are you so certain I am from outside the Stratified Abyssal Realm, Miss Laura? Moreover, how are you certain I can take you out of here and to the Greater God’s Domain?” Shi Feng asked, feeling a little surprised by Laura’s offer.

The value of a Golden Law surpassed even Divine Artifacts. Yet, Laura had boldly revealed her possession of one and even offered to give it away. Unless she was sufficiently confident, there was no way she would take such a risk. After all, many powers originating from the Greater God’s Domain operated in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. If they learned about Laura’s possession of a Golden Law, they would use every means they had to snatch it.

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“It’s because I, too, come from outside the Stratified Abyssal Realm. Meanwhile, players from outside the Stratified Abyssal Realm have a completely different approach toward Mana manipulation than players native to the Stratified Abyssal Realm. So, it isn’t difficult to tell the two groups apart,” Laura answered. “As for why I have sought you out to make this deal, it is because you have the necessary qualifications, Mr. Black Flame.”

“Qualifications? What qualifications?” Shi Feng grew even more confused.

“Strength. Any outsider who has reached the fourth-floor standard is qualified to do business with me,” Laura said. “Or, more specifically, only powers capable of sending fourth-floor experts like you into a Stratified Abyssal Realm can help us leave this place.”

“I see.” Realization dawned on Shi Feng.

The task of getting a Stratified Abyssal Realm’s native players out to the Greater God’s Domain before complete integration occurred was incredibly challenging and costly. Moreover, the stronger the native player was, and the sooner one was trying to get this native player out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm, the greater the cost one would have to pay.

Typically, any power willing to let a fourth-floor expert enter a Stratified Abyssal Realm should have extraordinary strength. After all, a player capable of reaching the World Tower’s third floor would

typically be a Tier 6 God-ranked expert already. At worst, a third-floor expert would be a Tier 5 player. It went without saying that a fourth-floor expert would be a Tier 6 God-ranked expert.

Meanwhile, sending a fourth-floor expert into a Stratified Abyssal Realm would mean having this fourth-floor expert abandon his original level and tier. This was not a risk an ordinary power could afford to take.

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“If you don’t have any problems, we can establish a contract now. So long as you bring us out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm and into the Greater God’s Domain, I will hand this Golden Law to you immediately,” Laura said with a serious expression. “In addition, we will also help you once to the best of our abilities. It doesn’t matter whether you want us to clash against the Greater God’s Domain’s hegemonic powers or apex powers!”

Laura spoke in a definitive tone, making it sound like fighting against the Greater God’s Domain’s apex powers wasn’t an impossible task for her.

If players from the Greater God’s Domain were to hear Laura’s statement, they would most likely laugh at her for her ignorance.

However, Shi Feng did not rush to answer Laura, and neither did he ridicule Laura for her suggestion. Instead, he asked, “May I know how many people you are trying to bring out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm, Miss Laura?”

“Four,” Laura answered, a flash of confusion appearing in her eyes as she looked at Shi Feng.

When she offered this deal to other people, their first reaction would be to accept it without hesitation. None of them had bothered asking how many people she was trying to bring out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

When one talked about taking native players out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm, it was only a question of whether one could or could not do so. The question of whether one was bringing a player or a group of players out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm did not exist.

Yet, Shi Feng’s first question was to ask how many players she was trying to bring.

“That’s not too many.” Shi Feng sighed in relief when he heard Laura’s answer.

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If Laura planned to bring the entire Glimmer adventurer team out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm, he would most likely have to disappoint her. After all, he neither had the manpower nor resources to search for a way to bring such a large group of players out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

However, if it was only four players, he could simply spend 3,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystal to open a World-Breaking Gate. Now that he had access to a large supply of Hypersensitivity Potions, obtaining a large number of Seven Luminaries Crystals would be no trouble.

“Do you have a way to take us out, Mr. Black Flame?” Laura asked, her gaze turning fiery when she heard Shi Feng’s words.

“I do!” Shi Feng said definitively. “Only, we might have to change the content of our deal.”

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Chapter 207 – Mind-Blowing Wealth

“Change the content?” Laura quickly suppressed the excitement in her heart when she heard Shi Feng’s words. Then, she asked, “May I know what you have in mind, Mr. Black Flame?”

“Simple. I don’t need any Golden Laws. I only need you to become Zero Wing’s ally,” Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought. “I will also need you to give your full support to Zero Wing’s development in the Stratified Abyssal Realm.”

A Golden Law might be an incomparably valuable item that even the Greater God’s Domain’s various apex powers would fight desperately to obtain. Still, it wasn’t something that was of any use to him right now. Or, more specifically, he didn’t have anyone who could learn the Gold Combat Technique recorded inside the Golden Law.

This was because players needed to reach Tier 5 first before they could learn a Gold Combat Technique. Moreover, that was only the minimum requirement. Whether one could actually learn it was an entirely different story.

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According to Shi Feng’s knowledge, even the Greater God’s Domain’s various apex powers, existences that commanded a large number of Tier 6 God-ranked experts, only had a handful of players who had successfully learned a Gold Combat Technique.

While a Golden Law might seem like a wonderful thing, it was no different from a pie in the sky for the current Zero Wing. It’d be much better if he exchanged for something more practical.

Of course, it would be best if he could get Laura to join Zero Wing, but that evidently wouldn’t be possible. However, there should be no problem getting Laura to enter an alliance with Zero Wing. After all, there weren’t many restrictions or hierarchical problems in an alliance.

Meanwhile, Laura’s adventurer team was Slumber City’s number one power. If Zero Wing could acquire the full support of Glimmer, the Guild would have a much easier time achieving rapid development in Slumber City.

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“If it’s only entering an alliance, I don’t see any problems with that so long as Zero Wing is fine with such an arrangement. But you should know that only four of us will be leaving the Stratified Abyssal Realm.

We're also at Level 120, Tier 3 only. We won't be of much help to you in the Greater God's Domain," Laura said as she looked at Shi Feng incredulously. "As for support in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, so long as it is something Glimmer can accomplish, we will not refuse to help. However, now that the dozen or so neighboring cities have their eyes on Slumber City, I'm afraid there is very little Glimmer can do."

Golden Laws should be the most attractive items to the Greater God's Domain's various powers. Yet, Shi Feng had refused a Golden Order and simply sought an alliance with Glimmer. Zero Wing stood to gain nothing from this deal, no matter how she looked at this.

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As for the Stratified Abyssal Realm's material resources, any hegemonic power worth its salt probably wouldn't pay a second glance at these meager things. The only resource the various hegemonic powers wanted was the Stratified Abyssal Realm's experts. However, recruiting these experts required the Stratified Abyssal Realm to be fully integrated into the Greater God's Domain, and this was a very long process that could take many years.

There was also very little Glimmer could offer Zero Wing in terms of combat support. Currently, over a dozen NPC cities' peak powers have already set their sights on Slumber City. Even if all of Slumber City's local powers banded together, they still wouldn't be a match for all of these peak powers.

So, Laura simply couldn't understand what Shi Feng was thinking.

"It is fine so long as you agree to my terms, Miss Laura. Zero Wing doesn't need any combat support. All Glimmer needs to do is sell Zero Wing Dark Crystals at market value. It would be even better if Glimmer could help sell some of Zero Wing's Hypersensitivity Potions," Shi Feng said, smiling.

His conditions might seem insignificant to Laura, but they were incredibly important for Zero Wing.

Although he also had the option of getting Laura to give him all of Glimmer's resources for free, doing so would impact their partnership in the future. So, a fair deal must be done. After all, with Laura's potential, he believed that she could easily achieve much more than Thousand Sword Saint Wordless Ember and Dawn Saint Sleeping Quicksand.

It should be known that Wordless Ember and Dawn Saint had slain over a hundred Tier 6 experts in a single battle during their prime. Back then, Zero Wing, at its peak, didn't even have 100 Tier 6 experts...

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Meanwhile, it didn't matter how many peak powers he had to go up against so long as he had enough Dark Crystals. The peak powers from the neighboring cities could even band together for all he cared. In front of the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle, those peak powers would be nothing but a joke.

In a situation where everyone was stuck at Tier 3, the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle was God. Even Bronze Combat Puppets couldn't resist the effects brought about by the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle.

"No problem," Laura said without hesitation. "But I need to remind you that Glimmer doesn't have a lot of Dark Crystals on hand. Currently, we only have around 250,000 Dark Crystals. Moreover, I'm afraid

the sale of Hypersensitivity Potions won't go very well. With so many peak powers targeting Slumber City, few people will dare to buy them in bulk if we price them too high. We'd be fortunate if we could get ten Dark Crystals per bottle."

T-Two hundred and fifty thousand?!? Shi Feng was at a loss for words as he looked at Laura.

It should be known that Slumber City's various powers were working tirelessly just to rake in three to five hundred Dark Crystals per month. Even in the case of a peak power like Purple Light, the Chamber of Commerce could only acquire around two to three thousand Dark Crystals per month. Even then, Echoing Judgment already deemed it a considerable amount of wealth.

However, compared to Glimmer, Purple Light was no different than a beggar...

Even if Shi Feng were to use Magic Crystals to trade for Glimmer's Dark Crystals at market price, he wouldn't be able to buy all of them with the two million Magic Crystals he brought. After all, the market value for Dark Crystals was two hundred Magic Crystals per Dark Crystal. With the Magic Crystals he had, he could, at most, buy 10,000 Dark Crystals from Glimmer. That wasn't even 10% of the Dark Crystals in Glimmer's possession...

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Suddenly, Shi Feng had an urge to trade on credit.

However, Shi Feng eventually suppressed this urge. After all, he planned to establish a long-term partnership with the woman known as Laura Crader. It simply wasn't worth abandoning this partnership for just 250,000 Dark Crystals.

I'll have to exchange for some Magic Crystals from Hundred Flower Palace, Shi Feng thought. If he wanted to buy more Dark Crystals from Glimmer, his only option was to look for Hundred Flower Palace for help.

Hundred Flower Palace had entered the Stratified Abyssal Realm intending to extend its operations to this place, so it must have brought a lot more Magic Crystals than he did. Hundred Flower Palace should also be more than willing to part with some of its Magic Crystals if he offered to sell them some Hypersensitivity Potions.

Afterward, Shi Feng signed a God's Domain Contract with Laura.

According to the contract's terms, Laura Crader and her companions would become Zero Wing's allies. In exchange, Shi Feng needed to help Laura Crader and three of her companions leave the Stratified Abyssal Realm within a month. As for how Laura and her companions would get from the Miniature Ancient World to the Greater God's Domain, it was up to them to think of a way.

At the same time, Laura Crader would also sell Dark Crystals to Shi Feng at two hundred Magic Crystals per Dark Crystal. This deal would remain effective over the long term. Unless Glimmer was having difficulties maintaining normal operation, the adventurer team would trade a minimum of 10,000 Dark Crystals to Zero Wing each month.

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Since they signed a God's Domain Contract, the contract's terms would remain in effect so long as both parties remained in God's Domain. If any party breached the terms agreed in the contract, the party that had breached the contract would suffer the contract's penalty no matter which God's Domain they were in. The only real way they could avoid the contract's penalty was if they stopped logging into God's Domain forever.

Meanwhile, after Shi Feng signed the contract with Laura, he promptly exchanged his two million Magic Crystals for ten thousand Dark Crystals. Then, he hurried over to the Matrix Tower.

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Chapter 208 – Returning to God's Domain

Inside the top-floor combat simulation room of Glimmer's mansion...

"Commander, do you really believe that he can take us out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm?" a three-meter-tall middle-aged man asked worriedly as he watched Laura Crader fighting against three simulated Tier 4 NPCs. "We've spent many years saving up all those Dark Crystals. They should have also been our capital to achieve rapid growth in the Greater God's Domain in the future. Yet, you're giving everything to that kid. It will be a huge loss for us if he fails to fulfill his promise."

"I don't know if he can do it, but he is the most promising partner right now," Laura said after repulsing the three Level 120, Tier 4 NPCs she was fighting against. Then, with a hopeful look on her face, she continued, "Ten years. It's been ten years already, yet those three people mingling in Shadow City have yet to find a way to get us out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm. The best they can do is move Temple Knight-level experts out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm. None of their methods of leaving can be used on us."

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"According to them, people with strength like us will most likely have to wait until the Stratified Abyssal Realm is fully integrated into the Greater God's Domain before we can leave. But that's a process that might take ten or even twenty years. We cannot afford to wait that long."

"But Black Flame is different. He seems to have a special means of leaving the Stratified Abyssal Realm. If he can get us out, it doesn't matter how many Dark Crystals we have to give away. So long as we can enter the Greater God's Domain, I will let those people know that I, Laura Crader, am back!"

After Laura finished speaking, the light-blue longsword in her hand suddenly gave off a brilliant glow. Immediately afterward, all three shield-bearing Tier 4 Sky Knights disintegrated into dust and disappeared from the combat simulation room. At the same time, numerous cracks appeared on the room's defensive magic array, which was capable of shrugging off even Tier 4 Curses.

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Slumber City, Matrix Tower:

“Lord Legatee, you’re back so soon? Did you forget something?” Senior Administrator Terrad asked as he looked at Shi Feng strangely. It hadn’t been more than two hours since Shi Feng left, yet he was already back at the Matrix Tower again.

“Yes, I did forget something. I was in such a hurry just now that I left without exchanging anything,” Shi Feng said, his voice sounding much more confident this time around.

“May I know what you plan to exchange, Lord Legatee?” Terrad asked, promptly taking out the exchange list for Shi Feng to inspect.

“I don’t need the list. I plan to exchange for three Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicles and one hundred Hypersensitivity Potions,” Shi Feng said.

“Very well. Your total comes to 10,000 Dark Crystals. Once you complete the payment, we will prepare the items for you immediately,” Terrad said, nodding. Then, he added, “But I need to remind you that the Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle can only be stored in special bags. Moreover, each bag can only have one tactical vehicle. Since you are purchasing three tactical vehicles, they will occupy three of your bag equipment slots. If you do not have enough empty bag equipment slots, please have them prepared first.”

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“I understand,” Shi Feng said, nodding as he handed 10,000 Dark Crystals to Terrad.

Every player would only have five bag equipment slots. This meant that they could carry a total of five spatial bags.

Meanwhile, Magic Tactical Vehicles were considered non-bag space items in God’s Domain. They could only be stored in special bags or Epic Spatial Bags. However, Epic Spatial Bags were incredibly rare, so most people tended to resort to the alternative when transporting non-bag space items.

Fortunately, Shi Feng didn’t bring many things with him to the Stratified Abyssal Realm apart from Magic Crystals. So, even though he didn’t have an Epic Spatial Bag, he could easily open up three bag equipment slots.

Around ten minutes after Shi Feng made the payment, Senior Administrator Terrad returned to the reception room with four spatial bags.

“Lord Legatee, here are your three Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicles and one hundred Hypersensitivity Potions,” Terrad said. Then, in a serious tone, he continued, “This is our first attempt at manufacturing Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicles, so they aren’t the best when it comes to defense. Please use them with caution.”

“I will,” Shi Feng said, not particularly surprised by Terrad’s warning. Instead, he promptly clicked on one of the bags holding the tactical vehicles to inspect the vehicle’s statistics.

Magic Tactical Vehicles weren't siege weapons but rather support items for players. A player would be crazy to use a tactical vehicle to engage in direct combat.

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[Dragonhorn Tactical Vehicle] (Bronze Rank)

Maximum capacity: 6 people

Movement Speed: 270%

Durability 300/300

Possesses Tier 3 Basic defensive capabilities.

Additional Active Skill 1-

Advanced Anti-Mana Barrier: Erects a barrier that inhibits the use of Mana for all hostile units within a 1,000-yard radius. Barrier costs 1,000 Magic Crystals per minute to maintain.

Additional Active Skill 2-

Hexagram Protection: Erects a magic array that greatly strengthens the Mana of up to six people within a 1,000-yard radius. Enhancement works up to the Tier 4 standard. Magic array costs 1,000 Magic Crystals per minute to maintain.

Additional Passive Skill-

Energy Shield: Prevents the inflow of energy from outside the vehicle and outflow of energy from inside the vehicle.

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What a powerful tactical vehicle!? Shi Feng was greatly astonished by the Dragonhorn Tactical Vehicle's parameters.

According to his research, the average Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle should only have an Intermediate Anti-Mana Barrier. Meanwhile, such an Anti-Mana Barrier would only have full effect on Tier 3 players and monsters. Against Tier 4 players and monsters, the barrier's effects would be reduced.

On the other hand, an Advanced Anti-Mana Barrier could thoroughly inhibit Tier 4 players from accessing the Mana around them. The barrier could even cause Tier 4 players to have trouble manipulating the Mana inside their bodies, which would, in turn, reduce the power of their Skills and Spells by 50% or more.

Logically, an Advanced Anti-Mana Barrier was something only an Advanced Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle should have. Yet, it had come with the Dragonhorn Tactical Vehicle.

Of course, in exchange for this powerful barrier, the Dragonhorn Tactical Vehicle's defenses were far below average. The average Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle would have armor at the Tier 3 Advanced standard and durability of 500 points or more. Even a Tier 4 Mythic monster would need quite some time to destroy a standard Bronze Magic Tactical Vehicle. However, in the case of the Dragonhorn Tactical Vehicle, it could, at most, withstand a few dozen hits from a Mythic monster.

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Although its defense is weak, it is just fine for the current Zero Wing, Shi Feng thought as he put away the Dragonhorn Tactical Vehicles and left the Matrix Tower.

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Subsequently, time passed by rapidly. In the blink of an eye, ten days had already gone by since Shi Feng's team arrived in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. During these ten days, everyone had increased their levels to Level 112 or above. Shi Feng had even reached Level 114 and was very close to reaching Level 115.

Aside from leveling up, Shi Feng had also offered to sell some Hypersensitivity Potions to Hundred Flower Palace at the price of 6,000 Magic Crystals per bottle, equivalent to 30 Dark Crystals per bottle. Meanwhile, Hundred Flower Palace had not only agreed to the deal, but it had even bought a whopping 1,000 bottles, allowing Shi Feng to make a profit of 2,000 Hypersensitivity Potions in the blink of an eye.

In addition to Hundred Flower Palace, Blood Hammer had also agreed to the offer Shi Feng proposed, using 1,000 Lineage Crystals to exchange for 1,000 Hypersensitivity Potions. However, the transaction would have to wait until the next time they opened the Gate of Crossing. After all, the Tower Alliance needed time to collect so many Lineage Crystals. For the time being, Blood Hammer had only spent 40,000 Dark Crystals to exchange for 1,000 Hypersensitivity Potions.

The deal with Blood Hammer had allowed Shi Feng to not only recoup the cost of the 1,000 Hypersensitivity Potions, but also had enough leftover to purchase seven more Dragonhorn Magic Tactical Vehicles, buying out his monthly limit of ten. Moreover, even after making all of these trades and fulfilling his own needs, he still had 2,000 Hypersensitivity Potions he could exchange this month.

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As for the neighboring cities' peak powers, they had become a joke five days ago.

As soon as Shi Feng took out a Dragonhorn Tactical Vehicle and elevated the Mana of Gentle Snow, Hidden Soul, and the others to the Tier 4 standard, the various peak powers understood that nobody could shake Zero Wing's position in Slumber City. As a result, nobody dared to have any ideas against Zero Wing.

"The key is fully recharged, Guild Leader Black Flame. If there are no problems on your side, I will be using the key now," Crimson Heart said to Shi Feng as she looked at the glowing ancient key in her hand.

"Okay, let's go back," Shi Feng said, nodding.

Subsequently, Crimson Heart and Blood Hammer activated the magic array on their respective keys. Immediately afterward, Shi Feng's team vanished from Slumber City, transforming into a streak of light that flowed into a space-time fissure and returned to the Miniature Ancient World.

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Chapter 209 – Foundation Takes Shape

Miniature Ancient World, Hundred Flow City:

The Candlelight Hotel, which was brimming with Mana, used to be the most popular location in Hundred Flow City. Now, however, hardly any players could be seen in the hotel's lobby.

Apart from those wearing Zero Wings' Guild Emblem, the only other players in the lobby consisted of a group of 60 youngsters. If one paid close attention to these youngsters, one would realize that every one of them was an extraordinary individual.

Specifically, every one of them was a Refinement Realm expert. On top of that, every one of them had also reached Level 109 already. In the current Hundred Flow City, where the average level of players was only 107, these youngsters definitely ranked at the top in terms of levels. Not to mention, they were all fully equipped in Level 120 Epic Equipment.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that this group of youngsters would be considered a formidable force in any NPC City. First-rate Guilds that had taken control over an entire city would even be fearful of these youngsters.

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Currently, though, it didn't seem like these youngsters were here to rent a room in the Candlelight Hotel as most of them wore impatient looks on their faces.

At this time, a petite girl carrying a tower shield on her back looked at the callous young man standing at the head of the group and said exasperatedly, "Cloud, what is Elder Aqua thinking having peak geniuses like ourselves come to Zero Wing? Special training? Isn't that a joke? The Flower of Seven Sins is currently targeting Zero Wing in all aspects. Even those who have dealings with Zero Wing are put on the Flower of Seven Sins' hit list. Moreover, even non-members of the Flower of Seven Sins can get 1,000 Credits for every targeted player they kill. Not to mention, what kind of training can a Guild like Zero Wing possibly give us?"

"It's basically a nice way of telling us to come and help Zero Wing!"

"I know, right? Everyone is avoiding Zero Wing like the plague right now. Nobody dares to have anything to do with Zero Wing. I heard that Zero Wing's member count has even fallen below 5,000 already, and

the ones remaining are mostly internal members on Zero Wing's payroll," a lanky young man said, nodding. "Zero Wing has so few members right now that it's only limiting its operation to Abyssal Star City's surroundings. It doesn't even have the manpower to compete for the Team Dungeons near Hundred Flow City or hunt for Mounts in the primordial ruins. I bet that Zero Wing must be trying to get us to help it hunt for Mounts."

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"I also guess that. They might make it sound like we are receiving training from Zero Wing on the surface, but we'll actually be helping Zero Wing hunt for Mounts in reality. After all, the various powers have already begun exploring the Boundary Mountain Range's surroundings after amassing a sufficient number of Mounts. I doubt Zero Wing even has even Mounts to form an expedition team right now," a beautiful female Swordsman said, sighing. "We'll definitely have to fight with the Flower of Seven Sins' lunatics a lot from now on. I wonder how Zero Wing is going to compensate us? I spent nearly all of my GCPs to get this set of Epic Equipment. If there's not going to be any compensation, I'm going to have to use Fine-Gold Equipment to replace any pieces that I lose."

The other youths present nodded in agreement with the female Swordsman's words. They couldn't understand why the higher-ups in Twilight Echo had made such an arrangement for them. They even started to wonder if Zero Wing had offered some sort of astonishing deal to Twilight Echo.

It made sense when they thought about it. After all, while they might be Twilight Echo's peak geniuses, they weren't considered full-fledged members of Twilight Echo. Even if they fought for Zero Wing, the Flower of Seven Sins wouldn't consider their participation as a hostile act by Twilight Echo.

However, while fighting against the Flower of Seven Sins could indeed be considered a type of training, if Zero Wing couldn't compensate for their losses appropriately, none of them would be willing to fight for Zero Wing. After all, Epic Weapons and Equipment were incredibly rare and valuable in the Miniature Ancient World. It would take them a considerable amount of time to replace any losses.

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"I doubt that's going to happen. I heard that Zero Wing is poor to the point where it doesn't even have any Dark-Gold Weapons and Equipment in its Guild Warehouse right now. Zero Wing is completely reliant on the Asura Mercenary Alliance to compensate its members. So, all of you best be mentally prepared," the callous youth named Soaring Cloud said, shaking his head. He, too, found this arrangement to be a headache.

Soaring Cloud was one of the top five geniuses of Twilight Echo's new recruits this year, and he was only half a step away from reaching the Flowing Water Realm. Originally, he thought that he would receive Twilight Echo's priority cultivation and secure himself a top spot among God's Domain's latest generation of players. Yet, now, he had ended up in this situation.

If Aqua Rose hadn't promised him that Zero Wing's training would only last for four months and that he would be promoted into a trump card legion's team leader in Twilight Echo as soon as the training was over, he would have never agreed to come to Zero Wing.

While Twilight Echo's geniuses were talking among themselves, more and more Zero Wing members started appearing in the lobby. These new arrivals were relatively young, with the oldest among them being 20 years old while the youngest was only 16 years old.

When these Zero Wing members appeared, confusion filled Twilight Echo's peak geniuses.

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This was because these Zero Wing members were not only young but they also had considerably high combat standards. Even the weakest among them was at the Half-step Refinement Realm standard, while the stronger ones like Wu Lingling had already reached the Refinement Realm. In the case of Wu Lingling, it wouldn't even be an exaggeration to consider her a peerless genius for having such a high combat standard at such a young age.

Meanwhile, in less than ten minutes, the number of these young Zero Wing members quickly increased past 400, causing the originally empty lobby to become slightly crowded.

"How did Zero Wing recruit so many peak geniuses?" the Level 109 female Swordsman from Twilight Echo exclaimed as she scanned the Zero Wing members present. Although most of these Zero Wing members weren't as well-equipped as Twilight Echo's members, it definitely wasn't excessive to consider them peak geniuses with how young and strong they were.

However, peak geniuses weren't cabbages that were readily available. They were very rare, even among the various superpowers. The various superpowers would also need to offer various lucrative benefits to recruit peak geniuses. Yet, Zero Wing, despite being a recently established Guild, had managed to recruit over 200 peak geniuses. This was simply unbelievable.

However, what Twilight Echo's peak geniuses didn't know was that most of these youths from Zero Wing had only been ordinary geniuses when they joined the Guild initially. Most of them only had combat standards at the Trial Tower's seventh-floor standard.

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However, after following Shi Feng's harsh training regimen for half a month, every one of them had achieved significant improvements. Even the slower ones had already reached the Half-step Refinement Realm standard, while the faster ones had already reached the Refinement Realm standard a few days ago.

While Twilight Echo's peak geniuses were shocked by the sight before them, another group of people entered the Candlelight Hotel.

These new arrivals were none other than Shi Feng and the other executives of Zero Wing. When Twilight Echo's peak geniuses saw the levels of Shi Feng and the others, every one of them couldn't help but gasp.

"Level 114?"

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Chapter 210 – Superpower Zero Wing?

“How are their levels so high?”

“Even the various superpowers’ leveling maniacs have only reached Level 110, yet Zero Wing’s executives have already reached Level 112 or above. They can already explore the Boundary Mountain Range’s surroundings with such levels!”

“They can do more than just exploring the Boundary Mountain Range’s surroundings. With such high levels, they can already investigate the labyrinth inside the Boundary Mountain Range. So long as they don’t go too deep and come across monsters above Level 117, they won’t have to worry about level suppression.”

Twilight Echo’s peak geniuses were shocked when they saw Shi Feng’s group.

Leveling in the Miniature Ancient World would slow down to a crawl past Level 105. Once players reach Level 105, they’d be fortunate if they could achieve a level up within three or four days. Because of this slow leveling speed, even the various superpowers’ main force members had only managed to reach Level 110 at this stage of the game. Moreover, that was with the help of Mounts.

Even so, that was already more than enough to make many players envy them. This was because players who have reached Level 110 could explore the Boundary Mountain Range’s surroundings without having to worry about level suppression.

Meanwhile, according to the various superpowers’ initial exploration of the Boundary Mountain Range’s surroundings, it was found that the place was extremely rich in resources. Just the number of mineral veins, which produced Magic Crystals, discovered numbered over a dozen already.

There were also several towns occupied by monsters. So long as players managed to occupy these towns, they would become money-printing machines that could help players generate a lucrative income. After all, these towns had a much better geographical advantage than even the Abyssal Star Ancient City.

However, neither the mineral veins nor the towns were the focus of the various superpowers. What truly caught the various superpowers’ attention was the labyrinth inside the Boundary Mountain Range.

While investigating the Boundary Mountain Range’s surroundings, the various superpowers had come across plenty of information pertaining to the Tier 4 promotion process in the Miniature Ancient World. Meanwhile, according to this information, the crucial factor for players to reach Tier 4 lies within the labyrinth inside the Boundary Mountain Range.

On the current main continent, it was no longer special for players to reach Tier 4. However, it was a different story for the Miniature Ancient World. Getting promoted to Tier 4 would be a crucial factor in deciding whether one could break through the Boundary Mountain Range and enter the Miniature Ancient World’s neutral zone. Meanwhile, the sooner one could reach the neutral zone, the sooner one

could meet with the players of the other God's Domain, and the more advantages one could acquire in the struggle between the two God's Domains.

"But why is Zero Wing gathering so many peak geniuses in Hundred Flow City? Is it not afraid of getting targeted by the Flower of Seven Sins? Many of the Sin of Gluttony's lunatics are currently operating around Hundred Flow City. If those lunatics find out Zero Wing has gathered so many peak geniuses here, they'll attack the Candlelight Hotel without hesitation."

"It's probably to catch the Flower of Seven Sins off guard. If we were to suddenly enter the primordial ruins with so many experts, even the Flower of Seven Sins would need time to gather enough experts to deal with us. We can use this time to hunt for many Mounts."

"It's a sound idea. Most of the Flower of Seven Sins' members are resting in the town located in the primordial ruins' center. With how large the inside of the primordial ruins is, the Flower of Seven Sins can only focus its search around the resting towns. So, all we need to do is avoid those towns. Although doing so would reduce the amount of time we can spend in the primordial ruins, it'll give the Flower of Seven Sins a hard time to target us."

Twilight Echo's members started an enthusiastic discussion when they saw the Zero Wing members gathered in the lobby, their previous gloominess vanishing completely.

Initially, they thought that Zero Wing would be having them enter the primordial ruins and help the Guild do the bulk of its work. If they were the only Refinement Realm experts in Zero Wing's team, they'd have a very limited range of movement in the primordial ruins. This was because the monsters inside the primordial ruins were not only numerous, but even the weakest among them was a Great Lord. Even a team of 100 Refinement Realm experts would have difficulty operating in such an environment. If they couldn't even move about freely in the primordial ruins, it'd take no time for the Flower of Seven Sins to find them and kill them.

However, if their team was made up of several hundred Refinement Realm experts, moving around inside the primordial ruins would become significantly easier. This would make it much more difficult for the Flower of Seven Sins to locate them. Moreover, even if the Flower of Seven Sins found them, by the time it gathered its forces to attack them, they would have long since moved to another location or left the primordial ruins with their harvest. Overall, the risk of the operation had decreased by at least 80%.

"All of Zero Wing's internal geniuses and Twilight Echo's peak geniuses have arrived, Guild Leader," Blackie excitedly reported to Shi Feng after counting the young players present. "We have a total of 507 geniuses here. Of them, 331 have reached the Refinement Realm, while the rest are at the Half-step Refinement Realm standard."

Even if they excluded Twilight Echo's 60 peak geniuses, the number of Refinement Realm experts Zero Wing currently had already rivaled the number of Refinement Realm experts the various first-rate Guilds had in the Miniature Ancient World.

Although a force of 271 Refinement Realm experts might seem insignificant in the Stratified Abyssal Realm, it was a very formidable force in the Miniature Ancient World. At the very least, such a force was enough to let Zero Wing establish a stable foothold in God's Domain.

“Good! Distribute the Hypersensitivity Potions to them,” Shi Feng said, nodding.

Originally, Shi Feng had planned to maintain a low profile for some time after returning to the Miniature Ancient World. After all, with his training method, Zero Wing’s Refinement Realm experts would only continue to increase in number as time passed.

However, the Flower of Seven Sins was much more ruthless than he expected, placing a bounty of 1,000 Credits per kill on Zero Wing’s members. Players could earn an ordinary person’s monthly wage simply by killing a few of Zero Wing’s members. Who wouldn’t be tempted by such an offer? Because of this, many players had started to ambush Zero Wing’s members even near Abyssal Star City.

In contrast, the players who targeted the Flower of Seven Sins’ members were only the various powers’ members interested in exchanging Asura’s items. Although this situation had affected the Flower of Seven Sins’ operations to a certain extent, it wasn’t enough to harm the organization’s roots. After all, most of the Flower of Seven Sins members killed were the organization’s outer members.

The existence of these outer members was negligible to the Flower of Seven Sins. Yet, the Asura Mercenary Alliance had to pay out tons of rare resources in exchange for the lives of these negligible individuals.

Hence, Shi Feng had decided that he would teach the Flower of Seven Sins a painful lesson!

In no time at all, Blackie distributed a Hypersensitivity Potion to everyone present. Upon receiving the Hypersensitivity Potion and reading its description, both Zero Wing’s and Twilight Echo’s members were dumbfounded.

According to the description, the Hypersensitivity Potion would promptly put players into a hypersensitive state upon use, greatly increasing their learning capabilities for twelve hours.

The potion’s effect might not sound like much, but it should be known that secret lands capable of improving a player’s learning capabilities were highly contested by the various superpowers. Moreover, this learning buff was only available within the settlements inside these secret lands. This meant that players could only use this buff to train their combat techniques, Skills, and Spells. It couldn’t be used to help them fight against monsters.

However, the Hypersensitivity Potion didn’t have any zone restrictions. Its effects could even be used to fight against monsters. One could easily imagine the improvements it could provide to players.

Yet, Zero Wing had distributed over 500 of these Hypersensitivity Potions in one fell swoop. This was a generosity that even the various superpowers were unlikely to be capable of...

“Alright, bottoms up,” Shi Feng said as he scanned the crowd before him.

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Chapter 211 – Zero Wing’s Retaliation

At Shi Feng's command, everyone hesitated for a moment before drinking the Hypersensitivity Potion in their hands.

Immediately, the Mana in the lobby thinned out significantly. At the same time, everyone who drank the Hypersensitivity Potion revealed ecstatic expressions on their faces.

"So this is the hypersensitive state?"

"Amazing! Amazing! I can perceive everything around me clearly, even with my eyes closed! It's like I've reached the Void Realm!"

"I'm finding it much easier to use the combat techniques I used to have trouble using!"

Under the hypersensitive state, Zero Wing's and Twilight Echo's young talents quickly realized their shortcomings. Some even gave in to their urges and started practicing combat techniques on the spot.

Seeing the excited youngsters, Blackie, who stood behind Shi Feng, quietly nodded to express his understanding.

Blackie had already experienced the Hypersensitivity Potion's wondrous effect while in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. Not only did the potion enhance the user's five senses by a significant margin, but it also improved the user's perception of Mana. While under the hypersensitive state, he had managed to hold his ground against even the Stratified Abyssal Realm's second-floor experts.

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Combined with the training he did at the Elven Holy Spring, his combat standard was already close to reaching the second-floor standard. Thanks to the Hypersensitivity Potion, he was improving so rapidly that even he found it unbelievable.

Unfortunately, Blackie's talent was only subpar, after all was said and done. Compared to Fire Cloud, Happy Snow, Rampant Blade, and Su Qianliu, the improvements Blackie achieved in the Stratified Abyssal Realm could be considered the smallest. This was because the other four had already reached the second-floor standard.

Su Qianliu, in particular, had already become a bona fide Void Realm expert after sparring with the Stratified Abyssal Realm's many second- and third-floor experts. She had also stepped into the Truth Realm, now capable of exhibiting the power of a basic combat technique with her every action. She had even passed the trial for Novice Temple Knights, becoming an official Novice Temple Knight of Slumber City.

As for Happy Snow, Fire Cloud, and Rampant Blade, although they still had a little trouble completing the Novice Temple Knight's trial, they were already bona fide second-floor experts.

"Quiet!" Shi Feng yelled, causing everyone in the lobby to quiet down. "I want all of you to head out and prepare recovery items immediately. We will be entering the primordial ruins for a big fight in ten minutes. This is a chance for all of you to grow, so I hope you can cherish it. I will also be giving the top 20 best performing players an additional Hypersensitivity Potion!"

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As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, the many youngsters present cheered in excitement. After using the Hypersensitivity Potion, every one of them was eager to engage in battle so that they could maximize their use of the potion's effects and refine their combat techniques. So, now that Shi Feng had announced that not only would they be participating in a big fight, but the top 20 best performing players would also receive an additional Hypersensitivity Potion, how could they not get excited?

"I just hit the jackpot! If I can make good use of these twelve hours, I might even achieve a breakthrough and reach the Flowing Water Realm! I'll instantly become one of Twilight Echo's top 10 newcomers!"

"If those who laughed at us for having to take part in Zero Wing's special training learn about this, they'll probably regret that they didn't volunteer themselves when Elder Aqua was choosing people."

Twilight Echo's peak geniuses whispered among themselves in joy and excitement while preparing the recovery items needed for the upcoming battle. They also felt delighted when they recalled how their peers in Twilight Echo, who were not chosen to attend Zero Wing's special training, had made fun of them.

"I'm going to make it into the top 20 no matter what!" Soaring Cloud, the callous youth from Twilight Echo, muttered to himself as he looked toward Shi Feng, a hint of ambition in his eyes. "So long as I can get another Hypersensitivity Potion, I will definitely become the number one genius in Twilight Echo!"

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After getting a feel of the Hypersensitivity Potion's effects, Soaring Cloud was certain that he could reach even the Void Realm within a short period of time, let alone the Flowing Water Realm. Right now, he even had the urge to fight against true Void Realm experts to capitalize on the potion's effects.

Ten minutes later, Shi Feng led everyone to the teleportation point for the primordial ruins. Then, he spent nearly half of the teleportation tokens Zero Wing had accumulated previously to send everyone into the primordial ruins.

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At the same time as Shi Feng and the others entered the primordial ruins, news of their actions quickly reached the ears of the Miniature Ancient World's various powers, shocking them.

"Is Zero Wing insane? They're entering the primordial ruins at this time? Don't they know that the Flower of Seven Sins' members are lying in wait there?"

"Interesting! Zero Wing's members have mainly been operating around Abyssal Star City previously. Now that so many of them have entered the primordial ruins, we can use this opportunity to capitalize on the Flower of Seven Sins' bounty!"

Shortly after Shi Feng's team entered the primordial ruins, the various powers and independent experts operating around Hundred Flow City also began to move.

The Flower of Seven Sins had put a public bounty on all of Zero Wing's members. It was even offering S-rank Nutrient Fluids in exchange for the heads of Zero Wing's core members, with twenty heads being worth one bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid.

S-rank Nutrient Fluids were a resource highly sought after by the various powers and countless expert players. Now that a team of more than 500 Zero Wing members had entered the primordial ruins, it was the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the Flower of Seven Sins' bounty. Moreover, according to the information collected, every Zero Wing member in this team possessed extraordinary strength, so they should be the Guild's core members.

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For a time, over a dozen first-rate powers, several superpowers, and over ten thousand Refinement Realm experts flooded into the primordial ruins.

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Abyssal Star City, Asura's headquarters, top-floor conference room:

"You're finally back, Chief Administrator Soul. Something big has come up on Zero Wing's side. For some reason, Zero Wing has suddenly dispatched a large number of experts into the primordial ruins. Currently, over a dozen first-rate powers and several superpowers have already sent their experts after them. We need to hurry over and reinforce Zero Wing's experts. Otherwise, if Zero Wing loses all those experts, Asura will have an even harder time resisting the Flower of Seven Sins," Liu Wusheng, who was dressed in a white robe, said anxiously when he saw Hidden Soul entering the conference room.

As the levels of the various powers' experts increased, the number of superpowers setting their sights on Abyssal Star City also increased. If not for Asura offering Lineage Crystals up for exchange and attracting quite a number of superpowers to stand on the mercenary alliance's side, the mercenary alliance would have long since collapsed under the Flower of Seven Sins' pressure.

Now that players were getting closer and closer to the minimum level required to explore the Boundary Mountain Range's labyrinth, it'd be terrible for Asura if Zero Wing suddenly had a large number of its experts killed. After all, exploring the Boundary Mountain Range was Asura's only chance at stabilizing its situation. If the Flower of Seven Sins were to get ahead and produce Tier 4 experts sooner than Asura, the mercenary alliance would be at great risk of losing Abyssal Star City.

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"We don't have to go. Zero Wing should be able to deal with it on its own," Hidden Soul said, smiling as she shook her head. "Rather than Zero Wing, the powers that have gone after Zero Wing are the ones that need to be careful. Provoking Zero Wing at this juncture is a very risky action."

Chapter 212 – The Current Zero Wing Is Very Strong!

“We don’t have to go? Risky action?” Liu Wusheng was exasperated when he heard Hidden Soul’s response. “Chief Administrator Soul, according to our initial estimates, at least 10,000 Refinement Realm experts have entered the primordial ruins to go after Zero Wing. Even if Zero Wing’s team has Guild Leader Black Flame in it, the Flower of Seven Sins also has its own Tier 6 God-ranked experts. Moreover, the other side has the advantage in numbers. Zero Wing might have made significant progress recently, but its foundations are still too shallow. Let alone the Flower of Seven Sins, even the various first-rate powers moving this time can deal catastrophic damage to Zero Wing.”

Tier 6 God-ranked experts might remain powerful after entering the Miniature Ancient World, but they weren’t invincible. Several Domain Realm experts working together could easily keep Shi Feng busy while everyone else took care of Zero Wing’s other members.

Aside from Shi Feng, the only other noteworthy expert in Zero Wing was Su Qianliu. However, even if Su Qianliu could exhibit the strength of an apex expert by virtue of her Mana Equipment Set, she could, at most, fight one of the various superpowers’ apex experts to a standstill. Faced against a force of more than 10,000 Refinement Realm experts and above, there was very little Su Qianliu could do.

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“You don’t have to worry, Mr. Liu. The current Zero Wing is very strong!” Hidden Soul said, chuckling as she looked at the anxious Liu Wusheng. Then, she added, “Anyway, let’s stop focusing on that matter. Guild Leader Black Flame has asked us to deal with an urgent matter.”

“The current Zero Wing is very strong?” Liu Wusheng was greatly confused by Hidden Soul’s words. No matter how he racked his mind, he simply couldn’t figure out how Zero Wing could possibly go up against the experts of so many first-rate powers and superpowers. However, he also didn’t think Hidden Soul would lie to him since Hidden Soul’s fate was tied to the Asura Mercenary Alliance. “May I know what Guild Leader Black Flame has asked us to do?”

“Seven Luminaries Crystals!” Hidden Soul said, her expression suddenly turning serious. “Guild Leader Black Flame urgently needs 3,000 units of Seven Luminaries Crystals. He hopes that we can gather this amount as soon as possible.”

“Three thousand units isn’t a small amount,” Liu Wusheng said with a slight frown. “There’s still no stable source of Seven Luminaries Crystals found in the Miniature Ancient World. It’s also a crucial resource for reaching Tier 6. Even if we offer to buy them at a high price, I doubt any powers in possession of Seven Luminaries Crystals will sell them to us...”

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Hidden Soul nodded in understanding. Then, she said, “Guild Leader Black Flame has thought of this point, so he plans to use Lineage Crystals to exchange for them. If we offer to exchange at a rate of 300 units of Seven Luminaries Crystals per Lineage Crystal, I’m sure the various powers will be interested.”

“We’re using Lineage Crystals to exchange?” Liu Wusheng was stunned. Hurriedly, he objected, “Our reserve of Lineage Crystals is already dwindling, Chief Administrator Soul. If we are to trade away ten Lineage Crystals at this juncture, it’ll only accelerate the process of the various superpowers siding with the Flower of Seven Sins.”

The reason the various superpowers were willing to target the Flower of Seven Sins right now was that they could acquire Lineage Crystals for doing so. If Asura ran out of Lineage Crystals, the various superpowers definitely wouldn’t continue targeting the Flower of Seven Sins.

After all, the Flower of Seven Sins wasn’t some pushover. If the various superpowers continued their hostilities, they might really end up on the Flower of Seven Sins’ hit list. If that happened, there was a high chance they would become history in God’s Domain.

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“Guild Leader Black Flame has also considered this point. If those fence-sitters want to side with the Flower of Seven Sins, they are more than welcome. The Asura Mercenary Alliance doesn’t need such members!” Hidden Soul said in a determined tone. “Anyone who chooses to side with the Flower of Seven Sins will be permanently expelled from Asura!”

Liu Wusheng was honestly dumbfounded when he heard Hidden Soul’s statement. He felt that both Shi Feng and Hidden Soul had lost their minds.

Presently, the Asura Mercenary Alliance was already on the brink of collapse. If the mercenary alliance were to expel the various superpowers’ experts, what would it use to resist the Flower of Seven Sins?

“I still have many matters to take care of, Mr. Liu. If there is nothing else, I will be taking my leave now,” Hidden Soul said, not bothering to offer Liu Wusheng any additional explanations. After saying so, she turned around and swiftly left to inform the various powers about the exchange of Seven Luminaries Crystals and Lineage Crystals.

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Meanwhile, in the central area of the primordial ruins...

“Guild Leader, in front of us is Windy Sand Town, a resting spot for players. The Flower of Seven Sins has turned the town into its base of operations,” Wu Lingling said as she pointed at the town roughly one kilometer away. “Currently, as the Flower of Seven Sins is focused on exploring the Boundary Mountain Range, it has recruited a large number of independent Refinement Realm experts to help defend Windy Sand Town. There are roughly 5,000 Refinement Realm experts stationed in the town at all times, and they will attack any members of Asura who dare to approach it.”

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While looking at the several dozen independent players standing atop the distant town’s walls, Shi Feng was a little astonished when he heard Wu Lingling’s report.

The Flower of Seven Sins’ pocket is truly deep. Even major corporations wouldn’t be willing to hire 5,000 Refinement Realm experts to garrison a town at all times.

It might not cost much to hire the services of a Refinement Realm expert for a day or two, but it was a different story if the employment period was long-term. Employing a Refinement Realm expert for an entire month could easily cost one million Credits or more, while a force of 5,000 Refinement Realm experts would cost at least five billion Credits to employ for a month.

Not to mention, most independent Refinement Realm experts usually wouldn't accept Credits as payment. Instead, they would only accept Coins or Magic Crystals. This would further increase the cost of hiring these experts. In addition, any losses these hired experts incurred during the employment period would be shouldered by the employer. Unless absolutely necessary, the average superpower definitely wouldn't be willing to hire 5,000 Refinement Realm experts just to safeguard a town.

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After observing the town's situation, Shi Feng turned around to face the young geniuses behind him. Then, seeing the eager looks on these youngsters' faces, he waved his hand and said, "Alright! It's time we take action!"

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Chapter 213 – Monsters Strike

Primordial ruins, Windy Sand Town:

A Level 110 girl carrying two daggers by her waist hurriedly entered the only bar in town. Then, she approached a masked young man drinking by himself inside the establishment and quietly reported, "Boss Wolf, we just received news that Zero Wing has dispatched a large group of experts into the primordial ruins. According to our brothers stalking Zero Wing's experts, it seems they are making their way over to Windy Sand Town."

"Zero Wing is sending a large group of experts to our location?" the young man named Summer Wolf said, a dubious expression appearing on his face when he heard the masked girl's report. "Could they have been misled by Zero Wing? Even Asura's members don't dare to get close to Windy Sand Town. Zero Wing's experts would have to be crazy to come here."

Due to the Flower of Seven Sins' investment, Windy Sand Town had already become a gathering place for Red Players. Even if the Flower of Seven Sins chose to stand aside and do nothing, the town's tens of thousands of Red Players would most likely attack Zero Wing's members like a pack of hungry wolves. After all, not only could they acquire the weapons and equipment of the Zero Wing members that they killed, but they could also earn an additional sum of Credits through the Flower of Seven Sins' public bounty.

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Hence, unless Zero Wing's members were tired of living, there was no way they'd come to Windy Sand Town.

However, as soon as Summer Wolf finished speaking, a loud exclamation came from outside the bar.

“We’re under attack! We’re under attack! Someone’s besieging the town!” a Level 108 Berserker with a red name yelled as he ran into the bar.

“We’re under siege?”

“Did someone go crazy? Who would dare to pick a fight with the Flower of Seven Sins?”

“Interesting! How many people are on the other side? Which power is so tired of living?”

The many Red Players inside the bar were quickly excited by the news. Windy Sand Town might not have any defensive facilities or even a defensive magic array protecting it, but it was the biggest gathering place for players in the primordial ruins. It was also the only town with more than 6,000 Refinement Realm experts present within it at all times.

In addition, most of the players in Windy Sand Town were Red Players, individuals used to fighting against other players. Because of this, even two superpowers working together wouldn’t dare to attack the town.

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Meanwhile, after the Berserker caught his breath, he shouted, “Zero Wing! It’s Zero Wing’s experts! They’ve already broken through the entrance and have begun sweeping through the main street! Many of the town’s experts have already gone to stop Zero Wing, but they’re unlikely to last long! We need to send reinforcements quickly!”

Silence enveloped the bar momentarily when the Berserker finished speaking. Then, laughter filled the establishment.

“Hahaha! It seems someone forgot to wake up today!”

“Zero Wing’s besieging the town? Can you be any more exaggerated?”

“Zero Wing is only a small Guild that’s been established recently. They won’t even dare to approach Windy Sand Town, let alone attack it!”

Not one person in the bar believed the Berserker’s words. Aside from the 6,000-plus Refinement Realm experts, many of the Flower of Seven Sins’ core members were also based in Windy Sand Town. They’d consider Zero Wing plenty courageous if it dared to send its members near the town, much less besiege the town.

After all, a force of 6,000-plus Refinement Realm experts was enough to kill several Tier 6 God-ranked experts.

“Could this be true, Boss Wolf?” the short woman from the Flower of Seven Sins asked, sweat appearing on her forehead. Only a few minutes ago, she received news of Zero Wing’s Black Flame entering the primordial ruins with a large group of experts. Yet, now, someone had entered the bar saying that Zero

Wing was besieging the town. Although this claim sounded absurd, the coincidental timing led her to suspect it might be true.

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“It matters not whether it is true. Since Zero Wing’s members dared to approach Windy Sand Town, we’ll make sure none of them leave here alive!” Summer Wolf said, a flash of excitement appearing in his eyes. “Notify the Wild Wolf Team! It’s time to hunt Black Flame!”

Although Summer Wolf didn’t know what gave Zero Wing the courage to come to Windy Sand Town, the Flower of Seven Sins was no pushover. It didn’t matter even if Zero Wing’s team had a Tier 6 God-ranked expert leading it. In a situation where everyone was at Tier 3, even a former God-ranked expert would fall when attacked by more than twenty peak experts and above.

“Okay! I’ll notify the others!” the short woman responded excitedly.

It was normally incredibly difficult to kill a Tier 6 God-ranked expert. Aside from the seven commanders, there were only a handful or so players capable of killing God-ranked experts in the Flower of Seven Sins.

For players like herself, they would never get the opportunity to accomplish such a glorious feat unless they could also get promoted to Tier 6.

Now, however, a God-ranked expert had sent himself to their doorsteps. This was a heaven-sent opportunity to kill a God-ranked expert. Just the thought of killing a God-ranked expert excited her greatly!

However, as soon as this short girl finished speaking, several other Flower of Seven Sins members rushed into the bar from outside with fear coloring their faces.

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“Boss Wolf! Run! Run away quickly!”

“Monsters! They’re a group of monsters! There’s no way those monsters are from Zero Wing! They must be experts from the Five Great Super Guilds disguising as Zero Wing’s members! The Five Great Super Guilds must’ve joined hands to attack us!”

These several Flower of Seven Sins members shouted frantically after entering the bar.

When Summer Wolf saw these panic-stricken players, he recognized them instantly. They were none other than the members of the Wild Wolf Team. Every one of them was a bona fide peak expert. When two dozen of them joined hands and got the help of a battle array, they could hold their ground against even the Tier 6 God-ranked experts in the Flower of Seven Sins.

“What’s going on?! Calm down and speak clearly!” Summer Wolf said hurriedly, the words of the Wild Wolf Team’s members confusing him. Monsters? Five Great Super Guilds? What were they even talking about?

“Many, many peak experts! A few minutes ago, a large number of peak experts suddenly appeared outside the town! Many of them wore Zero Wing’s Guild Emblem, but that’s only a disguise! There’s no way Zero Wing has over 500 peak experts!”

“That’s right! I wanted to ask why they were attacking us, but they didn’t give us any time to react and simply attacked without saying a word! We lost over 2,000 Refinement Realm experts to them in less than a minute!”

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“Those people are simply monsters! Every one of them is ridiculously young, with the oldest looking no more than twenty! Yet, I can barely hold my ground in a one-on-one fight against those monsters! Some of those people are stronger than even the team leader! It didn’t take more than five seconds before a group of them killed the team leader!”

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TL Notes:

Fyi, Summer Wolf and the short girl have both appeared in Chapter 169 before. However, based on the conversions in this chapter, I don’t think Summer Wolf is the team leader of the Wild Wolf Team.

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Chapter 214 – Terror Descends

“A group of experts who are less than twenty years old?”

The people in the bar couldn’t help but doubt the sanity of the Wild Wolf Team’s members after hearing what they had to say. After all, only an insane person would say such nonsense.

Peak experts typically referred to Void Realm experts capable of grasping their surroundings with their senses to a masterful degree. Or, more specifically, peak experts could observe a battlefield they were fighting on from a third person’s perspective.

However, reaching the Void Realm was by no means an easy feat, especially not for someone under the age of twenty.

Experts capable of achieving this standard before twenty years old would typically be a peerless genius who had received the full support of a superpower. Meanwhile, a superpower would be smiling from ear to ear if it could nurture two or three of such geniuses per generation.

A force of 500-plus peerless geniuses was something one couldn't find even if one added the peerless geniuses of all superpowers together. Hence, to say that such a force was attacking Windy Sand Town was simply absurd.

"Let's go out and see who we're dealing with," Summer Wolf said as he stood up from his seat.

Summer Wolf similarly felt that the Wild Wolf Team members' recount sounded absurd. However, he didn't disregard their words completely. Since the attacking force had managed to cause the Wild Wolf Team members to grow so flustered, it should at least mean that the other party had many powerful experts.

After saying so, Summer Wolf walked out of the bar with the Flower of Seven Sins' several dozen peak experts. At the same time, he also contacted the Flower of Seven Sins members operating near Windy Sand Town, having them hurry over for support.

"Boss Wolf, aren't you being overly cautious to have everyone come back for support?" the short girl walking next to Summer Wolf asked. "Lord Gluttony's side is in urgent need of a large number of Mounds right now. The invading force consists of 500 or so people only. If we have all of the core members come back from hunting, it'll severely affect Lord Gluttony's plans..."

Windy Sand Town had at least 7,000 Refinement Realm experts garrisoning it at all times. On top of that, there were also 100 Flower of Seven Sins core members stationed in the town. Every one of these core members was a peak expert. Not to mention, the town also had a large number of Red Players resting in it.

With so many experts on their side, they could withstand even an all-out assault from a superpower, let alone Zero Wing.

As for the 500-plus peak experts the Wild Wolf Team members mentioned, she estimated that the invading party would, at most, have 100 or so peak experts. After all, the average superpower in God's Domain didn't even have such a large number of peak experts. Even if Zero Wing borrowed the Asura Mercenary Alliance's strength, it would already be plenty amazing if it could recruit the help of 100-plus peak experts.

"It's better to be safe than sorry. Not to mention, Black Flame is leading Zero Wing's team this time. If we can take him down here, it'll be a devastating blow to Zero Wing and Asura!" Summer Wolf explained. "With Windy Sand Town's strength, defending against a God-ranked expert will be easy. However, killing a God-ranked expert will be a challenge, especially after the Wild Wolf Team has gotten ambushed. If we want to ensure we kill Black Flame, we'll have to rely on the lunatics under Lord Gluttony."

Every commander in the Flower of Seven Sins had their own forces. Among them, the Sin of Gluttony was known for its madness. The Predators under Gluttony's command were also regarded as lunatics within the Flower of Seven Sins.

On top of being Void Realm experts or above, these Predators fought without regard for anyone around them. The term "cooperation" did not exist in their dictionaries. Even when they fought as a team, they

would only think of taking advantage of each other's existence to kill their targets. They were willing to kill even their teammates so long as they could kill their targets.

In addition, the Sin of Gluttony had a special Legacy that granted these Predators the Bloodrage ability. With this ability, the Predators could increase their Basic Attributes and Physique by up to 50% without using battle arrays or magic barriers. All they needed to do was fight on the same battlefield. Meanwhile, the more Predators there were on a battlefield, the greater Bloodrage's effects would be. Moreover, Bloodrage could also reduce the damage the Predators took by up to 95%.

When a group of twenty Predators fought together, even a Tier 6 God-ranked expert wouldn't dare to clash with them head-on. Moreover, this was when those lunatics were fighting a Tier 6 God-ranked expert while being only at Tier 5 themselves. Now that everyone in the Miniature Ancient World was still stuck at Tier 3, the Predators would be an even greater threat to God-ranked experts.

It might only take ten Predators to kill a God-ranked expert of the same tier.

Shortly after Summer Wolf finished speaking, he and the other peak experts of the Flower of Seven Sins arrived at Windy Sand Town's main street.

"Impossible!"

Summer Wolf was stupefied when he saw the sea of corpses before him.

At this moment, the main street that used to be crowded with Red Players had already transformed into a land of death, the corpses of players covering the entire street. Although these players were dead, their Red Name status did not disappear. So, Summer Wolf could instantly determine that the players lying on the ground were all Red Players...

"What...happened here?" The short girl standing next to Summer Wolf was similarly shocked and confused by the scene before her.

Only a few minutes had passed from when someone had come into the bar to tell them that the town was under attack until now. Yet, over ten thousand of Windy Sand Town's experts had died in these few short minutes.

It should be known that these were all Red Players they were talking about. Moreover, most of them were Refinement Realm experts.

Before Summer Wolf and the others could recover from this shocking scene, several excited voices suddenly entered their ears.

"Hey! There are still some alive here!"

"These people are mine! You guys stay away from them!"

"Scram! I can feel that I'm already on the brink of a breakthrough! These people are mine!"

"Alright, stop arguing! If we don't strike now, the others will notice!"

After a few verbal exchanges, a dozen or so figures jumped down from a nearby roof and began attacking Summer Wolf's group with wild abandon.

"You little punks are courting death!"

When Summer Wolf got a clear look at the figures charging at him, he found that every one of these attackers was a youth no more than twenty years old. Yet, these youths were looking at him as if he were prey...

He, who used to send shivers down the spines of countless experts in God's Domain, had actually turned into prey in the eyes of these children.

This situation enraged Summer Wolf.

However, a short moment after both sides started clashing, Summer Wolf's anger turned into astonishment.

To his disbelief, every one of these dozen or so youths possessed combat standards rivaling Void Realm experts. In fact, the sharpness of their five senses was superior to even Void Realm experts. They could always avoid fatal blows in the nick of time.

After both sides traded blows for several rounds, it became apparent that the Flower of Seven Sins' side had the advantage. Yet, no matter how the Flower of Seven Sins' members tried, they simply couldn't kill the youths attacking them.

No wonder the Wild Wolf Team lost. Even I will need some time to kill these kids in a one-on-one fight, Summer Wolf thought as he looked at the youths before him. At the same time, confusion filled his heart as he failed to understand how Zero Wing had managed to recruit so many peerless geniuses.

It was obvious that none of these youths had reached the Void Realm. Their stances were full of holes, and their control over Mana was crude. Yet, every one of them possessed extraordinary combat instincts that allowed them to dodge crucial attacks. It felt as if a third person was telling them how to move.

After observing the youths for a moment, Summer Wolf revealed a cold smile as he commanded, "Use the Soul Curse Scroll to increase their death penalties! Zero Wing will need a very long time to recover if we can get rid of all these peerless geniuses!"

The other Flower of Seven Sins members nodded in agreement. Although they didn't know how these youths had managed to kill so many people in Windy Sand Town, they could at least avoid returning empty-handed if they could kill these peerless geniuses from Zero Wing.

Subsequently, some of the Flower of Seven Sins' core members took out a dark-gray magic scroll from their bags. However, just as they were about to activate the magic scrolls, more players started appearing all around them.

In less than ten seconds, more than two hundred players had appeared around the Flower of Seven Sins' members...

Meanwhile, in addition to looking very young, every one of these players gave off a very dangerous feeling.

