

Chapter 225 – Birth of a Legend

“Dammit!”

When Death Omen, who wore crimson leather armor, saw Shi Feng’s team disappearing, rage instantly filled her eyes.

She could have intercepted Shi Feng’s team had she had a few more seconds. Then, she could have bought time for Chiyang Tianhe, Ruthless Sky, and the rest of their army to arrive. At that time, they could definitely keep Shi Feng’s team in the first underground level.

She is most likely at the Beyond Domain Realm already...?Chiyang Tianhe was very surprised when he saw Laura Crader in action.?To think an expert of such caliber would come to our Miniature Ancient World. Could Zero Wing be insane?

Unlike Death Omen, Chiyang Tianhe wasn’t blinded by rage, so he could process the situation with a calm mind. Meanwhile, his evaluation of the situation confused him greatly.

Beyond Domain Realm experts were extraordinarily rare, even among the Five Great Super Guilds. They were the ceiling of the Five Great Super Guilds’ combat power. They were also a large part of why the Five Great Super Guilds could have their current positions.

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Meanwhile, according to his knowledge, Beyond Domain Realm experts were likewise incredibly rare in the Greater God’s Domain. Such experts would receive respectful treatment even from the various hegemonic powers. Should a Beyond Domain Realm choose to join a hegemonic power, they would instantly receive a core executive position and enjoy authority rivaling Grand Elders. They would even receive some of the Guild’s shares.

Normally, not even the various hegemonic powers would be willing to send a Beyond Domain Realm expert to a Miniature Ancient World. After all, these experts represented the Guild’s deterrent power and foundation. The presence and absence of even one Beyond Domain Realm expert could impact a hegemonic power’s influence greatly.

At the same time as Chiyang Tianhe was calmly analyzing the situation, an uproar had occurred among the several great alliances’ members.

“Crap! Who is that woman?! After breaking the Crimson Demon Barrier in one hit, she even killed thirty of the Flower of Seven Sins’ core members in one move!”

“She’s ridiculously strong! I’ve never seen a God-ranked expert as strong as her!”

“She’s so cool! She’s like the Valkyrie recorded in libraries, sweeping across an army of millions all by herself!”

“This is definitely the luckiest day of my life! Not only did I get to see the birth of a war goddess, but I even got a recording of it! If any of you want to rewatch the battle just now, I’ll sell you a copy for 100 Credits!”

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Everyone was awed by the miraculous feat Laura had just pulled off, and many players had even uploaded screenshots and video recordings of the battle onto the official forums.

For a time, players across the entire Miniature Ancient World went into an uproar.

Previously, everyone was of the opinion that the Asura Mercenary Alliance was overestimating itself by challenging the Flower of Seven Sins. Everyone also thought that Asura was merely seeking its own demise by entering the Boundary Mountain Range.

However, facts had proven them wrong. Not only did Asura’s team remain unharmed after entering the Boundary Mountain Range, but the team had even successfully entered the second underground level.

What surprised everyone the most was that another God-ranked expert had appeared in the Asura Mercenary Alliance. Meanwhile, not only did this God-ranked expert shatter the Crimson Demon Barrier, but she had also single-handedly helped Asura’s team break past the several great alliances’ army of 20,000 Refinement Realm experts and above.

The Valkyrie of Light!

In no time at all, this nickname had spread across the entire forums. Some people have even analyzed Laura Crader’s battle video and felt that the Valkyrie of Light might become another peerless monster in God’s Domain. As a result, the number of players seeking to join the Asura Mercenary Alliance increased again.

After all, God’s Domain’s four peerless monsters were existences feared by even the Five Great Super Guilds.

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Or, more specifically, the Five Great Super Guilds treated the four peerless monsters like natural disasters and avoided butting heads with them as much as possible. This was because making an enemy out of these peerless monsters was in no way a wise decision. Even if they managed to win, it would be a pyrrhic victory.

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While the Miniature Ancient World’s players were excitedly discussing Asura and Laura Crader, the several great alliances quickly prepared to enter the Boundary Mountain Range’s second underground level. The great alliances reorganized their joint army and formed a 1,000-man team of Flowing Water Realm experts and above. The team was also led by Chiyang Tianhe, Death Omen, and Ruthless Sky, and the team would be responsible for hunting down Shi Feng’s team in the second level.

“Teacher, are we really going in with them?” World Dominators’ Tao Yuwei quietly asked as she looked at the elderly Thousand Swords. “They have a 1,000-man team. We won’t receive any good loot if we follow them...”

World Dominators and Blackwater had only co-formed a 100-man team. Although every member of the team was at the Flowing Water Realm or above, with half being at the Void Realm, it was still an incredibly weak team compared to the several great alliances’ 1,000-man team. It didn’t matter even if their team was led by Thousand Swords, a former Tier 6 Sword God.

“Yes, we’ll be safer if we enter with them,” Thousand Swords said. “The second level’s situation is completely different from the first level. It might have many more opportunities to offer, but these opportunities come with equal amounts of danger. In addition, I won’t be able to take care of everyone because of the special environment there. The death penalty isn’t something as simple as losing a level, either. According to our sources, players who die in the second level will enter a forced sleep in the real world. Although it isn’t life-threatening, nobody has regained consciousness thus far.”

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“Even you won’t be able to take care of all of us, Teacher? Is the second level that dangerous?” Gu Yiren asked, astonished by Thousand Swords’ words.

Even after reverting to Tier 3, a God-ranked expert geared in only Epic items could easily exhibit combat power at the Tier 4 standard and hold their ground against Mythic monsters of the same level.

It should be known that Thousand Swords owned a Fragmented Legendary Weapon. Even when subjected to the special environment of the Boundary Mountain Range’s first underground level, he could still effortlessly annihilate the 100-man team co-formed by World Dominators and Blackwater. He could even single-handedly defeat several hundred Great Lords of the same level.

Meanwhile, the Void Creatures in the Boundary Mountain Range would, at most, appear in groups of several hundred. Logically, even if the second underground level’s environment was harsher, Thousand Swords still shouldn’t have any trouble going up against these monsters.

“You’ll find out once you enter. Moreover, even if you don’t acquire any loot, just entering the second underground level will benefit you all greatly,” Thousand Swords said, not bothering to offer any additional explanations.

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“The Predators have arrived already, Commander Omen. We can set off any time,” a Level 109 Assassin from the Flower of Seven Sins said to Death Omen respectfully.

“Good! Set off immediately!” Death Omen nodded, her expression as cold as ice. “Asura might think that they have humiliated us by entering the second level, but it has no idea that it is only sending its members to their graves!”

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Chapter 226 – Border

Upon entering the second underground level's entrance, the several great alliances' 1,000-man team and World Dominators and Blackwater's 100-man team found themselves arriving at a rainforest.

The environment here was completely different from the first underground level. There were large floating islands above the expansive rainforest and a gigantic divine statue at the heart of the rainforest. The statue was several dozen kilometers in height, like a giant that overlooked the entire Boundary Mountain Range.

Before everyone could get a closer look at the gigantic statue, an indescribably oppressive feeling enveloped them, causing them to suffocate for a moment.

What a powerful mental oppression!

Gu Yiren held his head in agony as he experienced a restrictive feeling enveloping his entire body. He also felt as if he had gone from being in a superhuman state to becoming no different than an ordinary person.

"You'll start to feel better once you get used to this feeling," Thousand Swords said when he saw the pale complexions on Gu Yiren's and Tao Yuwei's faces. Then, he quietly explained, "The Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level is completely different from the first underground level. If your Concentration standard isn't high enough, you might even lose consciousness directly. In addition, you'll also find your character bodies becoming no different than your real-world bodies. You might retain your Basic Attributes, but your Physique has already fallen to the standard of a Henglian master in the real world. Your Stamina should also be the same as a real-world Henglian master.

"Because of the Stamina restriction, even God-ranked experts with Tier 4 Basic Attributes would be incapable of defeating Mythic monsters. They might even die to a Grand Lord of the same level if they aren't careful. So, you must be extremely cautious when fighting the monsters here. You must eliminate the mindset that you are fighting in God's Domain. Instead, think you are fighting those monsters in the real world."

"Understood!"

Gu Yiren instantly understood the meaning his teacher was trying to convey. He also finally understood the horrors of the second underground level.

The reason players could be in combat for more than ten hours consecutively was because God's Domain was a virtual world, and players were manipulating virtual bodies governed by artificial parameters such as Stamina and Concentration.

However, if players were given the same limitations that their bodies had in the real world, even if they could kill every monster with just one full-powered attack, they could still die easily when surrounded by hundreds of monsters. After all, people in the real world could not stay at peak performance for long periods.

In other words, they needed to abide by a few rules if they were to fight in the second underground level.

Firstly, they couldn't use combat techniques, which required the continuous use of their full strength. If they did that, it'd be no different than sprinting at full speed in the real world; their bodies would start to tire in only a matter of seconds.

Secondly, they would need to ensure they could finish the monsters they challenged within a certain time. If they couldn't do so, they would collapse from exhaustion, becoming powerless to the point where even a Common monster could kill them.

Simply put, fighting the monsters in the second underground level was no different than fighting God's Domain's monsters in the real world!

In such a situation, even peak experts would face extreme difficulty fighting Great Lords of the same level, let alone Grand Lords and Mythics. This was because every Great Lord past Level 100 would have HP in the tens of millions, while the normal attacks of a peak expert could only do around 100,000 damage per hit.

If they couldn't fight using combat techniques, Skills, and Spells consecutively like they used to, they'd need at least several minutes to defeat a Great Lord. If that were the case, they'd probably become thoroughly exhausted after only two or three consecutive battles...

At this moment, Gu Yiren finally understood why his teacher had said that just entering the second underground level was an opportunity in and of itself.

If players were to explore the second underground level without learning to conserve their Stamina, they would unlikely progress very far.

Meanwhile, the conservation of Stamina covered many aspects. It wasn't just a matter of reducing the activity of one's body. There was also the usage timing of combat techniques, Skills, and Spells, as well as the usage of the surrounding environment, etc. Learning how to conserve Stamina was a strict test.

If he could learn how to control his Stamina in the Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level, he would definitely see a qualitative change in his combat capabilities.

"Everyone here must move in a defensive formation! You are also absolutely forbidden from fighting alone! You must fight in groups of three or more! It doesn't matter even if you are going up against a Level 100 Lord!" Chiyang Tianhe commanded as he looked at the players gathered before him. "If I find any of you fighting alone, I will kill you myself!"

Nobody present had any opinions regarding Chiyang Tianhe's commands. Everyone here was a combat veteran, so they understood how foolish it would be to fight alone in their current circumstances. They'd probably have difficulty even walking after two or three fights if they chose to fight without help.

Although their Stamina would slowly regenerate over time, it wasn't safe to stay in the same location for too long when out in the fields. It would be even more dangerous to do so here. Hence, rather than let

those who had run out of Stamina become a burden to the team, it'd be much better to simply dispose of them.

I really don't know why Black Flame has decided to bring a team here, Blackwater's Jing Yang thought to himself, a smile appearing on his face as he immersed his senses in the second underground level's environment. Regardless, they're dead for sure this time!

Shi Feng not fearing Blackwater's withdrawal from the Asura Mercenary Alliance was something Jing Yang did not expect. His superiors had even admonished him because of his arbitrary decision to withdraw Blackwater from Asura.

Now that Asura's team had successfully broken through to the second underground level, Asura's fame would definitely skyrocket. If his superiors were to learn of this, he would definitely receive more than just a scolding this time.

However, after experiencing the second underground level's environment, Jing Yang no longer worried about his future.

The Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level might be crucial for players' Tier 4 promotion, but there was no way Asura could make any noteworthy progress here with only a 100-man team. Even if Asura's team had two God-ranked experts, death would still be the only outcome awaiting the team in the second underground level.

In fact, a God-ranked expert might even have to flee if they came across a force of just ten peak experts. In the second underground level, the advantage of numbers could easily compensate for the gap in quality.

Shortly afterward, World Dominators and Blackwater began safely making their way to the divine statue under the several great alliances' lead. Although the journey to the statue was arduous, with every battle requiring them to face several hundred Level 115 Great Lord ranked Void Eudemons, the coordination of 1,000-plus Flowing Water Realm experts and above allowed them to progress without any casualties.

After an entire day of fighting, they finally reached the divine statue.

What the heck? Why haven't we caught up to Asura's team yet? How far have they progressed?

While Jing Yang was breathing heavily and looking at the collapsed Void Eudemons before him, confusion filled his heart.

Their group had spent the past day either fighting or resting. Moreover, they fought every battle with great difficulty. They would have long since been annihilated if they didn't assign at least three or four players to deal with every Great Lord ranked Void Eudemon they faced.

Logically, if a 100-man team were to face these Void Eudemons, the team should collapse and suffer annihilation after advancing a few kilometers.

Yet, even after they had advanced for one whole day, they had failed to see even the shadow of Asura's members.

If not for their Rangers and Assassins using their Tracking Skills and verifying that the players they were trailing after were indeed Asura's members, he would have thought they had chased after the wrong team.

In reality, Jing Yang wasn't the only person shocked by this situation. Chiyang Tianhe and the others were also secretly amazed.

The divine statue was the heart of the second underground level. It was also where the several great alliances' vanguard team had taken great pains to reach. Yet, the Asura Mercenary Alliance had managed to reach this place with only a 100-man team. This was simply incredible.

"We found Asura's members, Commander Omen!" an Assassin on scout duty suddenly reported through the team chat.

"Good! Get ready to surround them! We absolutely cannot let them escape this time!" Death Omen commanded.

Along with Death Omen's command, 1,000 Flowing Water Realm experts and above quietly made their way toward Asura's team's location. Once near their destination, Chiyang Tianhe, Ruthless Sky, and Death Omen each led a detached team and split into three directions, very much afraid that they would let Asura's team get away again.

This game of cat and mouse is finally coming to an end. Thousand Swords sighed when he saw that even Chiyang Tianhe had taken action. He understood that Chiyang Tianhe was finally getting serious.

Previously, the Honorary Elder from Solar Temple had only stood aside and watched when the Flower of Seven Sins' members moved to intercept Asura's team at the second underground level's entrance. After all, Solar Temple had nothing to do with the feud between the Asura Mercenary Alliance and the Flower of Seven Sins. He also didn't expect Asura's team to actually succeed in getting past the Flower of Seven Sins' members.

However, it was a different story now that Asura's team had entered the second underground level.

The several great alliances had put Chiyang Tianhe in charge of blockading the second underground level's entrance, so it was a great humiliation for him to let Asura's team break past the blockade. So, he needed to redeem himself now.

As for the so-called Valkyrie of Light, even if she was a Beyond Domain Realm, Thousand Swords doubted that she would be a match for Chiyang Tianhe, much less the 1,000 experts on Chiyang Tianhe's side.

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Chapter 227 – God-Ranked! God-Ranked Again!

“Let’s follow them quickly, Teacher,” Tao Yuwei urged, her eyes glowing with excitement when she saw that the several great alliances’ team had gone to surround Asura’s team. “It’s not often we get to see battles between God-ranked experts. If we miss this fight, who knows when another opportunity will come.”

“Okay, let’s head over as well, then,” Thousand Swords said, chuckling when he saw the anxious look on Tao Yuwei’s face.

Tier 6 God-ranked experts rarely revealed themselves to others. Even the various superpowers’ executives would have difficulty meeting with Tier 6 God-ranked experts. The only reason so many God-ranked experts were gathered in the Boundary Mountain Range was due to the second underground level’s importance.

Battles between Tier 6 God-ranked experts were likewise incredibly rare. This was because Tier 6 God-ranked experts were the various superpowers’ trump cards. A superpower would be exposing their trump card if they had their God-ranked experts fight other God-ranked experts.

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There was no way for players to “fumble” their way to Tier 6. Even the weakest Tier 6 God-ranked expert was an expert among experts. Even if this so-called weakest God-ranked expert couldn’t win against a hostile God-ranked expert, they’d have no trouble withdrawing from the battlefield alive.

Hence, unless one side was confident in defeating the other side easily, rarely would any superpower be willing to mobilize their God-ranked experts.

However, now that everyone was at Tier 3 in the Miniature Ancient World, God-ranked experts wouldn’t have to worry about exposing their respective Guild’s trump cards. At most, they’d be exposing their individual combat standards. As for their weapons and equipment, revealing these items was of no significance since they weren’t Legendary Weapons and Equipment.

After Thousand Swords finished speaking, World Dominators’ and Blackwater’s members began following after the several great alliances’ team in a defensive formation. Although they had already taken care of the nearby Void Eudemons, if a new group were to suddenly respawn on them, their small team of 100 would get annihilated if they were caught unprepared.

After advancing steadily for around ten minutes, Thousand Swords and the others came across the encirclement formed by Chiyang Tianhe and the others.

Currently, the 1,000-man team had split into four detached teams. Chiyang Tianhe, Ruthless Sky, and Death Omen each led a 200-man team. As for the fourth team, although it didn’t have a God-ranked expert leading it, the team was made up of 400 Flowing Water Realm experts and above. This ensured that Asura’s team wouldn’t have an easy time escaping regardless of the direction it chose to break through from.

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“Huh? Why aren’t they moving?” Gu Yiren muttered in confusion when he saw Chiyang Tianhe and the others standing still and doing nothing. “Has Asura’s team been killed by the Void Eudemons already?”

“No, they seem to be looking at something,” Tao Yuwei said, noting that the several great alliances’ members were all staring at a particular location. “Maybe they are waiting for Asura’s team to finish fighting before launching a surprise attack?”

According to the previous report, Asura’s team was in the middle of a battle. Seeing as Chiyang Tianhe and the others were simply standing still without doing anything, the only explanation Tao Yuwei could come up with was that they were waiting for Asura’s team to finish fighting.

However, Tao Yuwei couldn’t help but be surprised by her conclusion. After all, Asura’s team would be most susceptible to surprise attacks when engaged in battle with monsters. She found it astonishing that Chiyang Tianhe and the others would have such a chivalric spirit.

Thousand Swords was also very surprised by this situation. Based on his understanding of Chiyang Tianhe’s personality, the man was undoubtedly a ruthless person. Chiyang Tianhe would kill his opponents without hesitation even if they surrendered and willingly offered up their weapons and equipment. There was no way such a ruthless person wouldn’t attack an opponent engaged in battle.

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Not to mention, Chiyang Tianhe wasn’t the only person here. There was also Death Omen, the commander of the Flower of Seven Sins’ Sin of Pride. She was a woman who regarded assassination as her life. It was in her nature to launch sneak attacks. To say that she had a chivalric spirit was to say that elephants could fly.

Meanwhile, after Thousand Swords and the others moved closer to Chiyang Tianhe’s group, they were immediately dumbfounded by what they saw.

Just like the report stated, Asura’s team was indeed engaged in battle. However, Asura’s team wasn’t fighting a group of Great Lord ranked Void Eudemons but a Level 116 Mythic ranked Realm Lord instead.

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[Void Serpent (Realm Lord Barron)] (Void Creature, Mythic)

Level 116

HP 8,000,000,000

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The Void Serpent’s eight billion HP would be astonishing even in the outside world. In the Boundary Mountain Range’s second underground level, it was an amount that could induce despair.

Tier 4 Mythic monsters had much greater Defense than Tier 3 Great Lords. Even a Tier 3 expert, armed to the teeth with Epic items, could only cause around one million damage to a Mythic monster with the

help of a Tier 3 Skill. Moreover, that was under the assumption that the Mythic monster did not block the attack.

Meanwhile, Realm Lords were monsters that came with a Mana Domain. They could weaken the effects of hostile Skills and Spells drastically. Even if players had a Mana Domain of their own to counter it with, their Skills and Spells would still be weakened by a significant margin.

Even assuming that the entire raid went smoothly, a 100-man team would still need at least an hour to defeat the Void Serpent after considering the Realm Lord's frightening battle recovery. Meanwhile, it simply wasn't possible for players to do battle for one hour straight in the Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level.

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However, the Void Serpent wasn't the reason Thousand Swords and the others were shocked.

No wonder that old fellow isn't moving! He'd be crazy if he dared to make a move!? The corners of Thousand Swords' eyes twitched as he watched Asura's team fighting.

Eight suspected God-ranked experts!

This was a number enough to make him doubt life. It was as if the almighty Tier 6 God-ranked experts in God's Domain suddenly became cabbages that could be seen everywhere...

Aside from Shi Feng and the woman who had previously shattered the Crimson Demon Barrier, there were six other God-ranked experts in Asura's team. Among them, the three-meter-tall man wielding two sabers was single-handedly holding back the Void Serpent.

Even while subjected to the second underground level's suppression, the three-meter-tall man still shook even space itself with every attack, his attacks putting the Void Serpent at an absolute disadvantage. Or, more specifically, the Realm Lord was losing a competition of Strength to the three-meter-tall man...

Moreover, although the three-meter-tall man looked like he was wildly brandishing his sabers at the Void Serpent on the surface, peak experts and above could tell that the man wasn't just randomly swinging his weapons. Instead, he had perfectly leveraged his opponent's strength to his own advantage, using the impact he received from blocking the Void Serpent's attacks to propel his counterattacks. This allowed him to conserve his energy and enhance the power of his attacks.

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On top of that, the man could perfectly integrate the power of the Void Serpent's attacks into his own. So, whenever his saber landed on the Void Serpent, the Realm Lord would shudder from the impact, and its HP would fall by over ten million. The three-meter-tall man was more monstrous than even the monster he was going up against...

Another Beyond Domain Realm expert?

This was the only possibility Thousand Swords could think of when he saw the three-meter-tall man's astonishing display of technique.

Chapter 228 – Moving Disasters?

Two Beyond Domain Realm God-ranked experts?! Jing Yang's eyes widened in shock as he watched Kasio holding back the Void Serpent all by himself. Could I be dreaming?

Unlike powers that failed to secure an administrative seat in the Asura Mercenary Alliance, Jing Yang was well aware that the mercenary alliance was nothing more than an independent organization established by Zero Wing. It wouldn't be far-fetched to say that aside from Witch's Sin, every other power in Asura was an insignificant existence.

As for Witch's Sin's strength and foundation, they weren't anything to write home about. Witch's Sin might be seen as a superpower in the public's eye, but any real superpower in God's Domain would know that Witch's Sin could, at best, be considered a very ordinary superpower with three Tier 6 God-ranked experts under its command. The Guild definitely did not have even one Beyond Domain Realm expert, let alone two.

If Witch's Sin had two Beyond Domain Realm God-ranked experts, it would already have the strength to challenge any of the Five Great Super Guilds.

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Not to mention, the two Beyond Domain Realm experts in question were current in the Miniature Ancient World. Even if Witch's Sin managed to acquire two Beyond Domain Realm experts by some miracle, the Guild would have to be absolutely deranged to send both of them into the Miniature Ancient World.

It should be known that a Beyond Domain Realm expert who was a Tier 6 God-ranked expert and a Beyond Domain Realm expert who wasn't at Tier 6 were two entirely different concepts.

Any Beyond Domain Realm expert that managed to reach Tier 6 would become a moving disaster. Two moving disasters working together would be more than enough to cause any of the Five Great Super Guilds to grow wary and fearful. Unless absolutely necessary, the Five Great Super Guilds absolutely would not dare to provoke a power with two Beyond Domain Realm God-ranked experts.

Indeed! This was the might of Beyond Domain Realm experts!

Hence, Jing Yang found it very hard to imagine what kind of power Zero Wing was that it would discard two moving disasters and send them into a measly Miniature Ancient World.

At this moment, Jing Yang wasn't the only one dumbfounded by this situation. Gu Yiren, who stood next to him, was similarly stupefied.

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How can this be...

Gu Yiren felt his worldview crumbling. Never in a million years did he think that the insignificant Guild he had looked down on previously would turn out to be a behemoth that even World Dominators couldn't afford to offend.

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Two moving disasters. Just how strong would a power need to be to willingly discard two moving disasters?

When Gu Yiren recalled how he had directly offended Zero Wing for a measly second-rate Guild like Shadow, he couldn't help but find his decision to be the biggest joke he had made in his life.

Gu Yiren felt that if he were to come across Lan Hailong right now, he would probably lose control and murder the other party.

At the same time, Gu Yiren couldn't help but feel regret. Had he chosen to sell Shi Feng a favor back then, he might have been able to establish a good relationship with Zero Wing. Meanwhile, with Zero Wing's assistance, he could absolutely become the brightest star in World Dominators. He might even become the leader of World Dominators in the future.

"Not planning on taking action, Brother Chiyang? They're raiding a Boss right now. You're not going to get a better opportunity than this," Thousand Swords jokingly said as he walked up to Chiyang Tianhe.

"Sure! You go first, then I'll go," Chiyang Tianhe said, rolling his eyes at Thousand Swords.

"Me?" Upon hearing Chiyang Tianhe's words, Thousand Swords shook his head without hesitation and said, "I dare not."

"If you don't dare to, why should I?" Chiyang Tianhe replied nonchalantly, not the slightest bit ashamed at his cowardice. "Two Beyond Domain Realm experts and six God-ranked experts. Unless we gather all of the Five Great Super Guilds' God-ranked experts in the Miniature Ancient World, who'd dare challenge such a team?"

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If his opponent was only one Beyond Domain Realm expert, Chiyang Tianhe was confident he could kill the other party. After all, he had many peak experts supporting him.

However, a force of two Beyond Domain Realm experts and six God-ranked experts was not something Chiyang Tianhe dared to challenge.

When God-ranked experts worked together, the combat power they could unleash wouldn't be a measly $1+1=2$. Not to mention, a force of two Beyond Domain Realm experts and six God-ranked experts was already enough to form a full party and more.

If these eight experts worked together, it'd be no trouble for them to annihilate the several great alliances' 1,000-man team. It would be akin to eight fully-armed warriors going up against 1,000 unarmed civilians. The fight would be a one-sided massacre.

"To begin with, this matter has nothing to do with the Solar Temple. Asura's target is only the Flower of Seven Sins. Since this is the Flower of Seven Sins' problem, it will naturally be up to the Flower of Seven Sins to resolve this problem," Chiyang Tianhe said. "I have already done my best by mobilizing so many experts for this farce."

"The Flower of Seven Sins probably didn't expect to get into such trouble," Thousand Swords said as he looked at Death Omen, who stood nearby. "By the looks of things, Asura should be planning to target the Flower of Seven Sins' main force. With the current strength of the Flower of Seven Sins' main force, it is unlikely to escape this approaching disaster."

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At this time, Thousand Swords couldn't help but look at Shi Feng, a hint of realization and regret appearing in his heart.

Seeing as Zero Wing could afford to send so many God-ranked experts to the Miniature Ancient World, it was no wonder the Guild dared to challenge the Flower of Seven Sins. With how many God-ranked experts Zero Wing had, it wouldn't be difficult for it to establish itself in the Miniature Ancient World. Zero Wing might even become a power rivaling the Five Great Super Guilds.

If World Dominators could establish a stronger partnership with such a power, it'd be of significant help to the Guild's development in the Miniature Ancient World. Yet, he had personally cast away this wonderful opportunity...

"Zero Wing is still too weak to threaten the Flower of Seven Sins," Death Omen said, sending a contemptuous glance at Thousand Swords. "Don't forget why our alliances decided to work together. Our goal isn't simply to monopolize resources in our God's Domain but also form a united front against the other side's God's Domain. The other side's God's Domain is vastly stronger than ours. The other side's two hegemonic powers are even participating in the operation this time. Even if Zero Wing has two Beyond Domain Realm experts and six God-ranked experts, it can do nothing but keep its head down in front of those two hegemonic powers!"

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While Death Omen and the others were talking, the Void Serpent's eight billion HP finally fell to zero. Then, its 60-meter-long body collapsed to the ground with a boom before disintegrating into particles of light and disappearing from the rainforest.

At the same time, a golden glow enveloped the bodies of Shi Feng and the others. Among them, the golden glow that enveloped Laura and Glimmer's three vice commanders carried a hint of purple, proving that they had already gone beyond Level 120...

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Chapter 229 – Void Serpent’s Loot

How are they so high-leveled?!

Thousand Swords and the others were confused when they saw the levels of Laura Crader and the three vice commanders of Glimmer.

Although the purple-gold glow had only appeared on Laura and the others briefly, it was like a bright light in darkness in the eyes of Tier 3 expert players. Hence, everyone present saw the purple-gold glow without fail.

Everyone here also recognized and was incredibly familiar with this purple-gold glow since it was the level-up glow they had seen the most while leveling up on the main continent. The first appearance of this purple-gold glow was also a turning point in every player’s career that determined whether they would become a powerhouse or remain an ordinary expert on the main continent.

With such high levels, it’s no wonder they managed to advance so easily. The strength the Asura Mercenary Alliance has kept hidden in the dark has probably already surpassed the main forces of our several great alliances, Chiyang Tianhe thought to himself, a frown forming on his face. No matter how he racked his mind, he simply couldn’t fathom how Laura Crader and the others had managed to reach such a high level.

At Level 120, Laura’s group of four had already exceeded the average level of the various powers’ main force members by ten levels. The Free Attribute Points players could gain from ten levels might not be significant, but there would be a significant difference in the stats provided by weapons and equipment. Assuming they were all using equipment of the same rank, Laura’s group was ahead of the various powers’ main force members by two minor grades.

Two minor grades!

In terms of Basic Attributes alone, Laura Crader’s group of four would exceed the various powers’ main force members by 30% or more. Such a huge difference in Basic Attributes was enough to let an ordinary expert defeat a Refinement Realm expert easily. The resulting combat power difference would be even greater when this Basic Attribute advantage was put in the hands of a God-ranked expert.

At this moment, Chiyang Tianhe felt fortunate that he didn’t personally make a move at the second underground level’s entrance previously. Otherwise, even as a God-ranked expert himself, he’d likely meet with an unfortunate end. Not to mention, Laura Crader was even a Beyond Domain Realm expert.

How is this possible?! Death Omen was similarly in disbelief when she saw the purple-gold glow that briefly enveloped Laura’s group of four.

She could ignore the fact that the Asura Mercenary Alliance had the numbers advantage in God-ranked experts. After all, it wasn’t exactly an impossible feat to accomplish. If the Flower of Seven Sins was willing to pay the price, it could send even more God-ranked experts into the Miniature Ancient World.

So, the fact that Asura had more God-ranked experts was only enough to show that Zero Wing was more willing to invest in the Miniature Ancient World than the Flower of Seven Sins.

But what was up with their levels?

It should be known that the various superpowers' main force members were nowhere near Level 120. At their current levels, they'd need to work hard and grind for at least another 20 days before they could reach this level.

In other words, without the various superpowers' knowing, the Asura Mercenary Alliance had already created a 20-day gap between them. At this moment, Death Omen couldn't help but feel as if all the methods the Flower of Seven Sins had employed to stifle Asura's development were nothing but a joke...

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However, compared to Chiyang Tianhe and Death Omen, the surprise and shock that Liu Wusheng and Galaxy Past, who were on the same team as Laura Crader's group, experienced was much greater.

"Even without our participation, Zero Wing can probably annihilate the Flower of Seven Sins' main force with ease," Liu Wusheng commented ruefully as he watched the Void Serpent's corpse gradually disappearing.

The strength that eight...no, nine God-ranked experts could exhibit when working together far exceeded the strength of a 100-man team of peak experts. Even a Mythic ranked Realm Lord was nothing more than a slightly bigger monster in front of these nine God-ranked experts.

It wasn't hard for Liu Wusheng to imagine what would happen if these nine God-ranked experts fought against players who didn't even have one million HP.

"I know, right? If those powers that withdrew learn about this, they'll absolutely rue their decision," Galaxy Past said as he looked at Shi Feng, who stood a short distance away. At the same time, the awe he felt for the Guild known as Zero Wing had skyrocketed.

Initially, Galaxy Past had only chosen to join Zero Wing as an outer member because he thought the Guild could help him further develop his strength. He never really thought that Zero Wing could accomplish anything monumental in the Miniature Ancient World. Although Zero Wing's subsequent accomplishments had caused him to change his mind, it wasn't to a significant extent.

However, things were completely different now.

Eight God-ranked experts. There was also Hidden Soul, an expert who had never reached Tier 6 but had the technical capabilities of Tier 6 God-ranked experts. In other words, the Asura Mercenary Alliance currently had a total of nine God-ranked experts under its command. This was a force that none of the Five Great Super Guilds could take out in the Miniature Ancient World.

"I finally understand why you asked me to support Zero Wing all this time, Yaoyue. With so many God-ranked experts in Asura, the Five Great Super Guilds wouldn't dare to have any ideas of Abyssal Star City even in the future," Zhuo Yalin said in astonishment as she looked at Laura Crader and the other God-ranked experts.

Previously, few people had confidence in the Asura Mercenary Alliance because everyone knew that Asura's advantage over the various superpowers was temporary. With only the experts it had poached from Shadow, Zero Wing and, by extension, Asura, would quickly fall behind the various superpowers once players started reaching Level 120 and got promoted to Tier 4.

However, it was a different story now that Asura had so many God-ranked experts under its command. Even after the Miniature Ancient World's players entered the Tier 4 era, the various superpowers' peak experts would be no threat to the Asura Mercenary Alliance.

Meanwhile, when Lin Yaoyue saw the excited look on Zhuo Yalin's face, she didn't know whether she should inform her friend that there were many, many more of these God-ranked experts in the Stratified Abyssal Realm. In fact, just the experts in Slumber City were already more than enough to take on the entire Miniature Ancient World...

While everyone started a discussion of their own, Shi Feng walked up to the Void Serpent's vanishing corpse and looked at the items slowly descending from the sky.

A short moment later, a small, dazzling pile of loot formed before Shi Feng.

As a Level 116 Realm Lord, the Void Serpent rewarded an extremely large amount of EXP to the players that killed it. The awarded EXP allowed Glimmer's four members to reach Level 121 and helped Shi Feng go from Level 114 to Level 115. Now, Shi Feng had officially entered the preparation phase for getting promoted to Tier 4.

In addition, the Void Serpent's loot was also incredibly astonishing.

The Void Serpent had dropped 41 items, of which 23 were Inferior Legendary materials and 15 were treasure chests containing Magic Crystals, Mana Stones, and small amounts of Seven Luminaries Crystal.

Aside from these materials and treasure chests, the Void Serpent had also dropped two dazzling Epic Weapons. The weapons were a longsword and a spear, and both radiated incredibly powerful mana fluctuations.

However, Shi Feng's gaze did not fall on any of these 40 items. Instead, his eyes were glued to the final item—a tattered parchment that only gave off small amounts of mana fluctuations.

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I really didn't think the second underground level's loot would be so astonishing. The Void Serpent is only a Realm Lord near the central area, yet it has dropped a Tier 4 Legacy Search Scroll. No wonder the Five Great Guilds chose to join forces, Shi Feng thought excitedly as he put the tattered parchment into his bag.

The Tier 4 Legacy Search Scroll was a precious treasure for players seeking to get promoted to Tier 4. Although it wasn't as useful as a Legacy Scroll that could teleport players directly to a Legacy Land, players could find the entrance to a Legacy Land much more easily with the Legacy Search Scroll's help. This, in turn, would save them significant amounts of time.

Laura Crader and Glimmer's three vice commanders have reached Level 121 already. They had already met the standard for getting promoted to Tier 4. So long as he passed this Tier 4 Legacy Search Scroll to one of them, the Asura Mercenary Alliance would soon gain a bona fide Tier 4 expert.

After keeping the Tier 4 Legacy Search Scroll away, Shi Feng collected the two Epic Weapons as well. Of the two weapons, Shi Feng was very happy to see the longsword that had light-purple electric arcs circulating its blade, choosing to equip it immediately. With this, he resolved his problem of having only one longsword to rely on.

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[Blasphemer] (One-handed Sword, Epic Rank)

Level 100 – Level 150

Equipment Requirement: Strength 3,000

Attack Power (450% of Strength)

Attack Speed (4% of Agility)

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

When equipped:

Ignore Levels +25;

Attacks have a 60% chance of ignoring 50% of the target's Defense;

Attacks have a 30% chance of ignoring 80% of the target's Defense;

Attacks have a 10% chance of ignoring all of the target's Defense;

Every attack will increase all of the user's Attributes by 0.5% up to 20% for five seconds;

Strength increased by 40%;

Agility increased by 50%;

Intelligence increased by 40%,

Endurance increased by 50%,

Attack Speed increased by 40%;

Effects of all Weapon-related Skills increased by 15%.

Additional Passive Skill-

Blasphemer's Heart: Recover a small amount of Stamina and Concentration when landing a fatal blow.

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Although Blasphemer's Basic Attributes couldn't compare to a Fragmented Legendary Weapon, its Passive Skill was something that all experts would want. This was because experts were always short on Stamina and Concentration. One could easily imagine how valuable a Passive Skill that could help players recover Stamina and Concentration would be.

After Shi Feng finished collecting all of the loot, he promptly resumed his journey to the divine statue at the center of the map with his team.

"Sure enough, they're going after the Flower of Seven Sins' main force," Chiyang Tianhe commented when he saw where Shi Feng's team was headed. Then, he turned to Death Omen and asked, "Aren't you going to contact Gluttony's team and have him quickly retreat? If their two teams meet, I highly doubt your organization's main force can retreat safely."

"That is unnecessary. The powers of our two worlds are gathered at that place right now. The other side's two hegemonic powers are also there. There is nothing Asura can accomplish there!" Death Omen said with a confident smile on her face. "The Flower of Seven Sins might not be able to do anything about Asura right now, but the same is true for Asura."

"How lucky of your organization to be able to get in touch with the other side so soon," Chiyang Tianhe said. Surprisingly, he did not voice any objections to Death Omen's words. On the contrary, a trace of envy had even appeared in his eyes.

With the strength of Asura's team, there were indeed no teams in the Miniature Ancient World capable of threatening it. However, compared to the other God's Domain, a force of eight God-ranked experts still wasn't enough. It was especially true when the other God's Domain's two hegemonic powers were involved in the joint operation this time.

The Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level was different from the first underground level. Entry into the second underground level wasn't limited to just their God's Domain. The other God's Domain connected to the Miniature Ancient World could similarly access the second underground level. So, the second underground level could more or less be considered the border of the two God's Domains.

Meanwhile, the two God's Domains' various powers were currently gathered at the second underground level's divine statue. The Flower of Seven Sins had even managed to partner with one of the other God's Domain's hegemonic powers. Because of this, no power at the divine statue dared to make a move against the Flower of Seven Sins.

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Numerous powers were gathered at the plaza where the divine statue was situated. At a glance, one could see over a hundred experts with combat standards at the level of God-ranked experts. Even the Five Great Super Guilds' teams looked ordinary in this place. In fact, the Five Great Super Guilds' members were inferior to the other God's Domain's teams when it came to player levels.

“You look like you’re in a bad mood, Gluttony. Did something happen on your side?” a middle-aged Level 120 Demidragon Shield Warrior curiously asked as he looked at the young Berserker before him.

“It’s nothing,” the young Berserker going by the name of Gluttony said, a contemptuous smile forming on his face when he recalled the message he just received. However, when he looked at the middle-aged man before him, he put on a respectful look as he said, “Some people are just trying to find trouble with the Flower of Seven Sins. But if those people dare to come here, I wouldn’t mind getting rid of them!”

Although Gluttony had already heard about the Asura Mercenary Alliance’s situation from Death Omen, he didn’t pay much heed to it. After all, even at Tier 3, there were vast differences among God-ranked experts. It was especially true in terms of Life Rating.

Thanks to the Flower of Seven Sins’ partnership with Bright Dragon, one of the two hegemonic powers of the Desolate Star God’s Domain, he was no longer human. Instead, he had become a Tigerkin, a lifeform with a superior Life Rating to humans. Moreover, he wasn’t the only one who had converted to a different race. Over twenty of the Predators he led had also converted to a different race. Because of this, the overall strength of his team was completely different from when they entered the second underground level. It was just that he hadn’t informed Death Omen about this matter yet.

Shortly after Gluttony finished speaking, a commotion suddenly occurred in front of the plaza’s entry staircase.

Subsequently, a 100-man team led by a man riding on a three-tailed wolf entered the plaza. Of the team’s 100 members, nine gave off the presence of a God-ranked expert. This time was significantly stronger than most of the other teams present, which only had two or three God-ranked experts.

“Who are those people?”

“I’ve never seen them before. They shouldn’t be people from our Desolate Star God’s Domain.”

The various God-ranked experts in the plaza couldn’t help but grow curious when they saw this 100-man team.

Meanwhile, when the middle-aged Demidragon from Bright Dragon saw this time, a surprised look appeared on his face.

“Is there anything special about them, Brother Menghao?” Gluttony asked when he noticed the change in the middle-aged Demidragon’s expression.

“This team is quite something,” Menghao, the middle-aged Demidragon, said in a low voice. “There are actually seven higher lifeforms among them. That’s already close to what Bright Dragon’s team has.”

“Seven higher lifeforms?” Gluttony’s expression turned solemn when he heard Menghao’s words.

Unlike the various superpowers’ executives, he knew that higher lifeforms were rare even in the Greater God’s Domain. Even a hegemonic power like Bright Dragon could only afford to let a very small number of its members convert to a higher lifeform. Moreover, these members needed to have made great contributions to the Guild before they could exchange this opportunity.

Meanwhile, anyone who succeeded in converting to a higher lifeform would have vastly superior combat power compared to other players of the same tier.

Yet, now, it was revealed that the Asura Mercenary Alliance actually had seven players who were higher lifeforms...

“What’s wrong? Are they the ones finding trouble with you, Brother Gluttony?” Menghao asked when he saw the expression on Gluttony’s face. Then, he chuckled and continued, “If that’s the case, let me help you take care of them, then. They might have quite a few higher lifeforms, but Bright Dragon has the last say on everything in this place.”

“I’ll have to trouble you, then, Brother Menghao,” Gluttony said gratefully.

Bright Dragon was significantly stronger than even the Five Great Super Guilds. The hegemonic power was so strong that even the Five Great Super Guilds working together would be no match for it.

A force of eight God-ranked experts might be powerful in the Miniature Ancient World, but it was still nothing but an ant in front of Bright Dragon’s 20-plus God-ranked experts. At most, the Asura Mercenary Alliance was a slightly stronger ant.

In reality, if not for Bright Dragon having a use for the Flower of Seven Sins for the operation this time, the Flower Seven Sins could have never gotten the opportunity to partner with Bright Dragon.

Meanwhile, just when Menghao was about to gather his subordinates, another team appeared at the plaza’s entrance.

Along with the arrival of this new team, the various teams present in the plaza, including Bright Dragon’s team, suddenly grew serious. The various teams even took the initiative to step aside and open a path for this new team.

“Are those the people you were talking about before, Brother Menghao?” Gluttony asked when he noticed that over 50 of the new team’s 200-plus members were God-ranked experts. Moreover, out of these 50-plus God-ranked experts, four of them were even Beyond Domain Realm experts.

“Mhm. They’re the leaders of the operation this time,” Menghao said, nodding.

When Gluttony heard this, a hint of yearning appeared in his eyes as he looked at this group of new arrivals.

While the 10,000-plus players on the plaza were directing their attention to the new arrivals, a Demidragon woman walking among the team suddenly looked toward Asura’s team and said in a surprised tone:

“Mr. Black Flame?”

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TL Notes:

[1]a Tigerkin, a lifeform with a superior Life Rating to humans:

Fyi, Tigerkins aren’t considered “higher lifeforms.” They only have a higher Life Rating than humans.

Chapter 231 – Galaxy Corporation

When everyone in the plaza heard the Demidragon woman suddenly calling out to someone, they subconsciously followed the Demidragon woman's gaze and turned to look at a 100-man team. This 100-man team also happened to be the foreign team that everyone had discussed previously.

This 100-man team clearly had nine God-ranked experts. Moreover, seven of these God-ranked experts were even higher lifeforms. Aside from the two hegemonic powers' teams, none of the other teams present were capable of matching this 100-man team. Yet, none of them had managed to recognize this team. Because of this, everyone guessed that this team might come from a power outside the Desolate Star God's Domain.

The Desolate Star God's Domain was an open God's Domain, so players from the Greater God's Domain could visit it in exchange for restrictions placed on their strength. However, there were no such restrictions in the Miniature Ancient World, so it wasn't impossible to see players outside of the Desolate Star God's Domain appear here. It was just that few players from the Greater God's Domain would bother entering a Miniature Ancient World.

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"Do you know them, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Liu Wusheng asked as he turned to look at Shi Feng in confusion.

Liu Wusheng was greatly shocked when he first stepped into this plaza. Although he had already known that the other God's Domain would be stronger, he didn't think that there'd be such a huge gap between them.

Tier 6 God-ranked experts were exceedingly rare in their God's Domain. They were so rare that they didn't even number more than 100. Yet, just the God-ranked experts from the Desolate Star God's Domain in this plaza already numbered more than 100.

It should be known that players would need to start over from Level 100, Tier 3 when they entered the Miniature Ancient World. Because of this, most powers would typically only send a small portion of their forces into the Miniature Ancient World. It was especially true when it came to Tier 6 God-ranked experts. Even the Five Great Super Guilds had only mobilized two or three God-ranked experts each.

Yet, every one of Desolate Star's teams here had at least two or three God-ranked experts leading them...

Among these teams, Bright Dragon's team had over 20 God-ranked experts. This was a number that the Five Great Super Guilds couldn't match even if they banded together.

So, when Liu Wusheng saw that various teams here behaved so respectfully to the team that had just arrived, he'd be a fool if he couldn't tell that these new arrivals occupied a lofty position in the Desolate Star God's Domain.

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Yet, one of these distinguished individuals was seemingly acquainted with Shi Feng.

"I do know the person who is speaking," Shi Feng said to Liu Wusheng while waving at the Demidragon woman who had called out to him.

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Shi Feng naturally recognized the Demidragon woman. After all, the other party was none other than the Tower Alliance's Maria.

So what he said was true!

At this time, aside from Liu Wusheng, Galaxy Past and Zhuo Yalin also couldn't help but look at Shi Feng in surprise. They had previously been skeptical when Shi Feng told them that Zero Wing was an existence stronger than even the Five Great Super Guilds. Now, though, they believed him.

However, compared to Galaxy Past and the others, Hidden Soul, Crimson Heart, Cleansed Rue, and Lin Yaoyue, people who knew Maria, were even more surprised when they saw the Demidragon woman. They didn't think that the Tower Alliance was not only a power originating from the Desolate Star God's Domain, but the Guild even occupied such a high status there.

Meanwhile, over at the Tower Alliance's team, a middle-aged man with pure elven blood looked toward Maria and asked, "Is he the person you mentioned previously, Maria?"

"Mhm. He is that person, Vice Guild Leader Flanders," Maria said with an astonished look on her face. "In addition, I can also see some of the Stratified Abyssal Realm's natives beside him..."

"The Stratified Abyssal Realm's natives?" Upon hearing Maria's words, the elven man named Flanders couldn't help but take a closer look at Shi Feng's inconspicuous appearance. Then, the corners of his mouth lifted as he said, "This is interesting. It seems this Guild Leader Black Flame is far more extraordinary than you described him. It might be worth further deepening the partnership between our two Guilds."

There were many experts in a Stratified Abyssal Realm. If all of these experts were gathered, they could become a mighty force to be reckoned with even in the Greater God's Domain. This was also why the Greater God's Domain's various powers had all set their sights on the various Stratified Abyssal Realm.

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However, bringing experts out of a Stratified Abyssal Realm was an incredibly challenging task. So, most powers could only wait until the Stratified Abyssal Realm had fully integrated with the Greater God's Domain before making their move.

After Flanders finished speaking, he led his team to Shi Feng and the others. This situation caused the various powers in the plaza to look at Shi Feng's team in a more respectful light.

"Your Flower of Seven Sins has found itself quite the big trouble this time, Brother Gluttony." When Menghao saw Flanders approaching Shi Feng's team, he smiled bitterly and said, "I'm afraid that I...cannot help you with this problem."

"Is there really nothing Bright Dragon can do, Brother Menghao?" Gluttony asked in confusion.

There were only two hegemonic powers based in the Desolate Star God's Domain.

One was Bright Dragon, while the other was the Tower Alliance.

These two hegemonic powers could be said to be equal in strength. Although the Tower Alliance led the operation this time, Gluttony refused to believe that Bright Dragon was afraid of the Tower Alliance.

"If it's only the Tower Alliance, Bright Dragon naturally has nothing to fear." When Menghao saw the confusion on Gluttony's face, he explained, "But the operation this time is led by the Tower Alliance, and the reason why that is the case is because the Tower Alliance shares a close relationship with that great personage. Offending the Tower Alliance might not be a problem, but if we accidentally offend that great personage..."

"That great personage?" Gluttony was even more shocked when he heard Menghao's explanation.

A hegemonic power held nigh-absolute authority in the God's Domain they were based in. A hegemonic power was also an existence that stood at the peak in the real world. After all, God's Domain wasn't a simple virtual reality game. Instead, it was a game that could decide the survival and prosperity of an entire world. It was just that not many people knew about this secret.

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So, Gluttony found it hard to imagine there could be anyone who could make a hegemonic power like Bright Dragon treat so respectfully and show such great fear.

Hearing Gluttony's query, Menghao looked toward a Level 120 female mage standing among the Tower Alliance's team and whispered, "You've probably learned about that great personage already. She is the Galaxy Corporation's Fourth Princess. It is only a matter of time before your organization comes into contact with the Galaxy Corporation. The Green God Corporation you mentioned might have even gotten in touch with the Galaxy Corporation already. After all, your World Passage is about to open. There is no way nobody from your world hasn't gotten in touch with the Galaxy Corporation yet."

"The Galaxy Corporation's Fourth Princess?" Gluttony nearly gaped in shock when he heard Menghao's answer.

The Galaxy Corporation might be foreign to most people in his world. However, the Galaxy Corporation's name was currently the name that was being mentioned the most by superpowers that knew about God's Domain's secrets. It was especially true for those who were well-acquainted with the Green God Corporation's executives.

The World Passage's opening might be seen as nothing more than a merger of two God's Domain by the various first-rate powers and below. However, what these powers didn't know was that this merger wasn't limited to just God's Domain. Instead, it would also take place in the real world...

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Indeed. Earth, the planet they inhabited, would gradually be integrated into a Greater World.

Meanwhile, once Earth was integrated into this Greater World, the Galaxy Corporation would become an unavoidable existence for the various superpowers.

As for how powerful the Galaxy Corporation was?

If the Green God Corporation was described to have the strength to cause all corporations to shake with fear, then the Galaxy Corporation had the strength to casually crush the Green God Corporation like an ant. After all, the Galaxy Corporation was a frightening existence that had already grasped a small portion of a higher-dimension civilization's technology.

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Chapter 3158

Chapter 232 – Divine Artifact Nethersoul

"Might you be interested in undertaking the commission this time with the Tower Alliance, Guild Leader Black Flame?" Elven Knight Flanders offered this suggestion to Shi Feng after Maria had introduced them to each other. "So long as we complete Miss Frey's commission, you will gain membership in the Galaxy Corporation and be awarded one million Star Coins on top of that. If you do not need the Star Coins, I can give you two hundred bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids or twenty bottles of Life Potion in exchange. I can also ensure that these items are delivered to your hands."

Flanders' suggestion greatly tempted and shocked Liu Wusheng, Galaxy Past, and Crimson Heart. Although they didn't know what the so-called Star Coins were, nor did they understand the significance of the Galaxy Corporation's membership, they did know the value of two hundred bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluid and twenty bottles of Life Potion.

Life Potions, in particular, were a precious resource that the Green God Corporation sold in limited quantities. Meanwhile, aside from healing injuries, the Life Potion could preserve a person's youth and increase their lifespan.

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An ordinary person could live for an additional ten years and see a significant improvement in their physical fitness just by consuming one Life Potion. Even if master or grandmaster martial artists, individuals with longer life expectancies than the average individual, consumed a Life Potion, they could expect a minimum increase of five years to their life expectancy.

Meanwhile, a sum of twenty Life Potions was something even the corporations backing the Five Great Super Guilds could not take out on short notice. Some superpowers couldn't even get their hands on twenty Life Potions in an entire year...

After hearing Flanders' offer, Su Qianliu and Blackie hurriedly turned to Shi Feng, signaling him to quickly accept the offer with their eyes.

They could gain such a bountiful reward just by completing one commission. This was an opportunity they would never get under normal circumstances. Even the Green God Corporation would never offer such an astronomical compensation just for completing a single commission.

In the meantime, Maria couldn't help but look at Flanders in astonishment. She never thought that her Vice Guild Leader would take the initiative to invite Shi Feng to participate in the commission this time. Not only that, but he had even offered to split some of the commission's reward with Shi Feng.

"Since the Tower Alliance is being so sincere, there is no reason for me to refuse," Shi Feng said while glancing at the Flower of Seven Sins' members standing next to the Bright Dragon Guild's team. He understood that it'd be impossible to touch the Flower of Seven Sins' members in this place with Bright Dragon protecting them. In fact, his team was at great risk just by being here. Meanwhile, the safest way out of this situation would be to move with the Tower Alliance. "However, I'll pass on the Life Potions. I'm quite content with the one million Star Coins."

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, Su Qianliu's and Blackie's expressions instantly turned ashen.

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Meanwhile, Flanders was briefly stunned before laughing and saying, "You are indeed a straightforward person, Guild Leader Black Flame! No wonder Maria holds you in high esteem! In that case, let's establish a contract right away."

Subsequently, Flanders took out a God's Domain Contract and wrote the necessary terms. Then, both parties signed it after reviewing the listed terms. With that, so long as both parties remained in God's Domain, nobody would be allowed to go against the listed terms.

"Guild Leader? Aren't the twenty Life Potions better?" Su Qianliu asked in a whisper when she saw Shi Feng signing the contract.

Twenty bottles of Life Potion could solve many of Zero Wing's problems. Not only could older generation experts like Shi Feng recover their youth, but they could also sell some of the Life Potions for money. The money they could get from just one Life Potion could cover the salaries of Zero Wing's internal members for several months.

Star Coins?

This clearly wasn't a currency of their world. They couldn't even eat these so-called Star Coins, let alone exchange them for things.

"No, the one million Star Coins are much better," Shi Feng quietly answered, shaking his head. "Moreover, the value of Star Coins will only go up in the future."

Star Coins might be foreign to people who hadn't integrated into the Greater World. However, it should be known that Star Coins were one of the main currencies used in the Greater World. Meanwhile, the value of Star Coins was far greater than the Credits used on Earth.

Once the passage leading to the Greater World opened in the real world, Credits would quickly start to lose their value. This was because only the Greater World's currencies could be used to purchase items and maintain a living in the Greater World.

Hence, before the value of Credits crumbled completely, he needed to get his hands on as many Star Coins as possible. Otherwise, once their world thoroughly merged with the Greater World and people were forced to earn Star Coins to survive, Zero Wing would quickly collapse on itself.

Meanwhile, out of the various currencies used in the Greater World, Star Coins were incredibly valuable. The average person working in the Greater World would be fortunate to earn 500 Star Coins a month. A fortune of one million Star Coins was something the average person would never get to see.

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As for S-rank Nutrient Fluids and Life Potions, these were items commonly seen in the Greater World. So long as one had enough Star Coins, one could buy an endless supply of these potions. With the Galaxy Corporation's membership, one could buy potions of even higher grades without limit. So, exchanging Star Coins for S-rank Nutrient Fluids and Life Potions was no different than putting the cart before the horse.

Moreover, Flanders' offer was also a kind of test. The other party was testing him to see whether he was an ignorant native or someone who truly knew about the Greater World.

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On the other side, after Flanders returned to the Tower Alliance's team, he turned to look at Shi Feng with a look of interest and confusion.

"Miss Frey is asking for you, Vice Guild Leader Flanders," Maria reported.

"Okay, I'll head over right away," Flanders said, nodding. Then, he looked toward Maria and asked, "Maria, why did you initially assume that Black Flame isn't a player from an isolated world? What is the basis for your assumption?"

After thinking for a moment, Maria answered, "It's because he knows much more about the Stratified Abyssal Realm than the Tower Alliance. This information simply isn't something that you can find in an isolated world. So, Team Leader Blood Hammer and I felt that Mr. Black Flame might not be a player from an isolated world. Moreover, Mr. Black Flame is a fourth-floor expert. It is exceedingly difficult for an isolated world to give birth to an expert of such caliber, much less let this player abandon his progress and enter a Stratified Abyssal Realm."

"He understands more about the Stratified Abyssal Realm than we do?" Flanders fell silent for a moment. Then, he smiled and said, "This is truly interesting. Even though he comes from an isolated world, not only does he know about the Stratified Abyssal Realm, but he also knows the value of Star Coins. He can even bring players out of the Stratified Abyssal Realm. Guild Leader Black Flame is definitely hiding many more secrets we do not know. It seems it's not a loss to help him out this time."

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After saying so, Flanders made his way toward a beautiful female Elementalist standing in the distance.

Meanwhile, after conversing with the woman known as “Miss Frey” for a moment, Flanders gathered everyone in the plaza.

“Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for accepting my personal commission. As for compensation, I have already had the Tower Alliance inform everyone present. So long as we complete the operation according to plan, I will pay everyone half of the agreed compensation even if the operation fails. If we succeed, I will offer additional rewards based on your individual performances,” Frey, dressed in a silvery-gray mage’s robe, said as she scanned the crowd gathered before her. “However, if I find any of you deliberately messing up, I will let this person regret living in this world! If nobody has any questions, let the Legendary Crusade begin!”

Frey’s offer was incredibly hard to refuse. Moreover, there were so many Tier 6 God-ranked experts gathered. Even if they were tackling a Legendary Crusade Quest, completing it wouldn’t be too difficult. So, nobody present voiced any objections. Most of the gathered players were even eagerly awaiting the start of the operation.

After seeing that everyone was in agreement, Frey nodded and retrieved a bronze-colored wooden staff from her bag.

The instant the wooden staff appeared, everyone in the plaza could feel their souls trembling in fear and trepidation. Even Beyond Domain Realm experts like Menghao and Flanders wore somber expressions on their faces.

Isn’t this...the Nethersoul?? Shi Feng was indescribably shocked when he saw the wooden staff in Frey’s hands.

A Divine Artifact!

An item that far surpassed Legendary Weapons and could cause even Tier 6 Gods to fight for.

According to rumors, a Tier 6 player wielding a Divine Artifact could go up against even Ancient Gods.

Meanwhile, Nethersoul was even one of God’s Domain’s Nine Great Divine Artifacts, an item capable of shattering an entire God’s Domain’s soul in one hit!

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However, Shi Feng quickly snapped out of his daze as he realized that the staff in Frey’s hands wasn’t the real Nethersoul. Specifically, it was only a fragment of Nethersoul. Otherwise, there was no way Tier 3 players could withstand its presence. Even a God-ranked expert who had reverted to Tier 3 would instantly lose consciousness if they stood within the presence of a true Divine Artifact.

At the same time as Shi Feng had snapped out of his daze, Frey had also finished chanting the last verse of her incantation.

Immediately, a 60-meter-tall Door of the Dead appeared in the middle of the plaza. Then, the doors made of gigantic bones gradually opened and released a terrifying aura. Sensing this aura allowed everyone to understand how scary a scene was behind the doors.

Before everyone could recover from the Door of the Dead's intimidation, a 20-meter-long skeletal arm reached out from the other side, the aura the skeletal arm released causing everyone to hallucinate the descent of death.

When Shi Feng looked at the gigantic skeletal arm, the Eyes of Reality revealed all of its data.

A Nether King?

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TL Notes:

The Greater God's Domain and Greater World are two different things. The Greater God's Domain is a virtual world, while the Greater World is a real world.

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Chapter 233 – Nether King

Time passed bit by bit in the plaza. Eventually, a 60-meter-tall skeleton wearing a starry cloak and holding a trident appeared before everyone. Upon seeing this skeleton, everyone present gasped.

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[Diaclo] (Undead, Nether King)

Level 120

HP 300,000,000,000

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"What?! A Nether King?! How are we supposed to beat a Nether King with only Tier 3 players?!" Blackie felt his sanity seeping away as he looked at the Nether King Diaclo. For a moment, he even suspected that Frey, who had planned for this challenge, was insane. After all, she was asking them to challenge a Tier 5 Nether King as Tier 3 players.

"This is a Legendary Crusade Quest?" Liu Wusheng was similarly shocked by this situation.

Legendary Quests were extremely rare in God's Domain, and Legendary Crusade Quests were even rarer. Legendary Crusade Quests were so rare that Liu Wusheng had never even seen one before, though he did know of a Guild that had challenged one before—Mythology, one of the Five Great Super Guilds.

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Mythology was the only Guild known to have challenged a Legendary Crusade Quest in their God's Domain. However, Mythology had kept a tight lip on the Legendary Crusade Quest. So, besides the members who had participated in the challenge, nobody knew about the quest's details. The only thing everyone knew was that Mythology had suffered severe losses.

As for Wu Lingling, Lin Yaoyue, and the other players who had only ever reached Tier 3 or Tier 4 on the main continent, their bodies shook with fear when they looked at the Nether King before them.

A Tier 5 monster!

Such monsters were incredibly rare in God's Domain. The average Tier 3 and Tier 4 player would rarely get to encounter a Tier 5 monster. For those who had the misfortune to come across one, they'd usually have their souls shattered and destroyed.

Meanwhile, if one wanted to defeat a Tier 5 monster, the bare minimum one would need was a Tier 4 team that was armed to the teeth or a force of several Tier 5 players. This was because Tier 5 monsters had the strength to alter terrains with their every move. They had the strength to single-handedly destroy an entire kingdom. They were no longer existences that individual players could challenge.

"Erect the barrier as planned! Other teams, get ready to deal with the other monsters that come out!" Flanders calmly commanded as he grabbed the spear on his back and raised it. He did not show any signs of wavering even when facing Diaclo.

Immediately, the ten thousand experts in the plaza began to move.

At the same time, a gigantic magic array appeared in the sky, covering the entire plaza. Meanwhile, along with the magic array's appearance, Diaclo started to weaken rapidly. In only seconds, the Nether King's HP had fallen from 300 billion to just 150 billion.

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As for the 100 Level 120 Mythic monsters that had come out of the Door of the Dead, their Basic Attributes had similarly fallen by 50%. Because of this, the many teams in the plaza didn't even need to mobilize their God-ranked experts to stop the Mythic monsters and prevent them from supporting Diaclo.

"What a powerful magic barrier!" Galaxy Past's eyes widened in shock when he saw how much weaker the Nether King and the many Mythic monsters had become.

As someone who used to be a Tier 5 expert on the main continent, he had fought against Tier 5 monsters before. However, never had he seen or heard of a magic barrier capable of halving a Tier 5 monster's Basic Attributes.

"A three-fold Grandmaster Magic Array. This is indeed a very lavish move," Shi Feng said, nodding.

Grandmaster Magic Arrays were extremely rare, and even a Grandmaster Magicians would face great difficulty trying to produce an ordinary Grandmaster Magic Array. Firstly, it was because of the limited

materials available. Secondly, it was because producing a Grandmaster Magic Array consumed a lot of time.

As for a threefold, large-scale Grandmaster Magic Array, its value was no less than two Fragmented Legendary Weapons. Moreover, it was only a one-time-use item.

Indeed! One use was equivalent to expending two Fragmented Legendary Weapons!

“You have very sharp eyes, Guild Leader Black Flame,” Flanders said, smiling as he walked over to Shi Feng. “This is the Threefold World Sealing Magic Array that only the Tower Alliance can produce. It can reduce even a Tier 5 Dragon’s Basic Attributes by a minimum of 30%. A Tier 6 player would need at least a hundred attacks to break it.”

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“It can even trap Tier 6 players for some time?” Hidden Soul was slightly astonished when she heard Flanders’ explanation.

Tier 6 God-ranked experts were the pinnacle of strength for players in God’s Domain. Aside from a Holy City-level Guild City’s defensive magic array, hardly anything could stop a Tier 6 God-ranked expert’s attack. If Tier 6 God-ranked experts fought each other, the shockwaves of their attacks could destroy even a city that was located over 10,000 yards away and turn a radius of several tens of thousands of yards into a desolate wasteland. So, one could easily imagine how powerful the attacks of Tier 6 God-ranked experts were.

Yet, the Threefold World Sealing Magic Array could defend against a Tier 6 God-ranked expert’s attack for some time. This was simply unbelievable.

“But I doubt that’s enough to defeat a Tier 5 Nether King, right?” Shi Feng said with a puzzled expression. If Tier 3 players could defeat a Tier 5 monster by relying only on one magic array, Tier 5 monsters wouldn’t be regarded as disasters.

“Indeed, it’ll be impossible to do so,” Flanders said, nodding. Then, he looked toward Frey, who suddenly lifted the wooden staff in her hand and said reverentially, “But with the trump card Miss Frey has prepared, taking down a Tier 5 Nether King won’t be impossible.”

As soon as Flanders finished speaking, magic arrays started appearing around Frey, their numbers quickly going past thirty. Every one of these magic arrays was composed of a different element. Once these magic arrays took shape, they linked with each other to form a threefold magic array covering a 100-yard radius.

Subsequently, seven soul spears emerged from the void and stabbed Diaclo, causing the Nether King’s aura to weaken even further. Eventually, Diaclo had become so weak that the fear in everyone’s hearts vanished.

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“Seven Soul Annihilation Spears! With such a high Concentration standard, she must have already reached the three-star grandmaster realm!” Shi Feng exclaimed when he saw the heavily injured Diaclo.

The Divine Artifact Nethersoul had three main abilities, and one of them was the Soul Annihilation Spear.

Although the Nethersoul Frey wielded was only a fragment, which, in turn, reduced the power and complexity of the Soul Annihilation Spears it summoned, it would still be incredibly challenging to form a Soul Annihilation Spear. This was because the construction of every Soul Annihilation Spear expended a significant amount of Concentration.

According to rumors, the average mental strength master couldn't even construct one Soul Annihilation Spear, while a three-star mental strength master could only construct the frame of a Soul Annihilation Spear. At the very least, one would need to grandmaster realm in mental strength development to construct a complete Soul Annihilation Spear. Meanwhile, a complete Soul Annihilation Spear could annihilate the soul of a Tier 4 creature and injure the soul of a Tier 5 creature.

As for Frey's ability to summon seven Soul Annihilation Spears, Shi Feng doubted anyone beneath a three-star mental strength grandmaster could accomplish such a feat.

"That's right." Flanders nodded, feeling very surprised as he looked at Shi Feng. he didn't think Shi Feng could discern Frey's attack and strength so accurately. "Miss Frey's Concentration is incredibly powerful. She is a peerless genius among her generation, even in the Greater World. This is also why Miss Frey dared to challenge a Legendary Crusade Quest. In front of the Soul Annihilation Spears, even a Tier 5 Nether King will suffer serious soul damage and have its combat power reduced to just being close to the Tier 5 standard. At this standard, we can definitely whittle the Nether King to death with so many players."

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Shi Feng was inwardly awed by this situation. Only a corporation like the Galaxy Corporation could possibly afford to hire over 10,000 peak experts and 200 God-ranked experts.

After Frey had heavily injured Diaclo with her seven Soul Annihilation Spears, several Level 120 God-ranked experts equipped with Fragmented Legendary Equipment stepped forward with their shields raised, intending to stop the Nether King's advance toward Frey.

Boom!

However, as soon as Diaclo swung the trident it wielded, three Level 120 God-ranked MTs were instantly reduced to ashes...

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Chapter 234 – Repulsing the Nether King

“They died?!”

“Didn’t the Soul Annihilation Spears damage its soul?”

“No! It was acting! Its soul isn’t heavily damaged!”

When the players in the plaza saw the three Level 120 MTs getting eliminated and the grin that had suddenly formed on Diaclo’s face, they instantly understood what was going on.

The various experts from the Desolate Star God’s Domain were no strangers to the three MTs who were just killed. This was because all three MTs were God-ranked experts equipped with at least one Fragmented Legendary item. Combined with their higher races, they could defend against the attacks of even Superior Mythic monsters of the same level if they worked together. Although the Nether King’s attacks would still be stronger than the average Superior Mythic of the same level even if its soul was heavily damaged, it still shouldn’t have the ability to eliminate those three MTs in one attack.

The only explanation was that Diaclo’s soul wasn’t actually heavily injured.

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“Foolish humans! Did you think that I would cross the Netherworld Gate unprepared?” Diaclo said mockingly as it gazed at Frey with its glowing red eyes. “I will turn all of you into my puppets and have you assist me in taking over this world!”[1]

As soon as Diaclo finished speaking, a ripple of power spread from the trident it wielded. Immediately afterward, ten Level 120 Superior Mythics emerged from the Netherworld Gate.

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[Revenant Manipulator] (Undead, Superior Mythic)

Level 120

HP 60,000,000,000

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“Dammit! Why did it have to be Revenant Manipulators?!”

“It’s over... A Revenant Manipulator is no different than an army of ten thousand. With ten Revenant Manipulators...”

Everyone’s complexion paled when they saw the ten Revenant Manipulators emerging from the Netherworld Gate. Even Menghao and Flanders revealed grave expressions.

Revenant Manipulators might have below-average individual strength among Superior Mythic monsters, but they had unparalleled summoning capabilities. One Revenant Manipulator could effortlessly summon an undead army to destroy an entire city. Ten Revenant Manipulators could summon an army of 100,000 Undead and destroy an entire kingdom.

Although all of the players present were peak experts or above and their numbers exceeded 10,000, even the weakest Undead summoned by a Revenant Manipulator was a Great Lord. This meant they had

to go up against an army of 100,000 Level 120 Great Lords. To make matters worse, the Boundary Mountain Range's environment was also restricting them. Even an army of 10,000 peak experts would die from exhaustion if they had to fight against 100,000 Great Lords under such restrictions.

Not to mention, the Revenant Manipulators could continue summoning more Undead even after their initial summons were killed...

"The Tower Alliance's and Bright Dragon's teams will distract the Nether King. Everyone else, defeat the Revenant Manipulators as quickly as possible! Do not let them summon their Revenant Protectors!" Flanders quickly commanded after analyzing the situation.

As soon as Flanders finished speaking, everyone in the plaza returned to their senses and acted according to Flanders' orders.

Everyone might be afraid of the Revenant Manipulators, but the real headache in this battle was Diaclo. If nobody could keep Diaclo in check, it was only a matter of time before the Nether King annihilated everyone here.

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However, so long as someone could keep Diaclo distracted, completing this Legendary Crusade Quest wasn't entirely out of the question.

Immediately, the many teams in the plaza split up and targeted the ten Revenant Manipulators under the lead of their respective God-ranked experts. They needed to interrupt the Revenant Manipulators' summoning magic before the Superior Mythics managed to summon their Revenant Protectors.

The Revenant Protectors were the Revenant Manipulators' strongest trump card. It wasn't only because Revenant Protectors were Mythic monsters. So long as the Revenant Protectors remained on the battlefield, the Revenant Manipulators would receive a magic barrier that would protect them from all damage. Unless the Revenant Protectors were eliminated, it'd be impossible to damage the Revenant Manipulators.

Subsequently, the many teams led by God-ranked experts charged into the tens of thousands of Great Lord ranked Undead and quickly cut open a path to the Undead Manipulators. The sight was so spectacular that it shocked even veteran experts like Su Qianliu, Rampant Blade, Blackie, Lin Yaoyue, and Zhuo Yalin.

Great Lord ranked Undead were nothing in the outside world. However, this place was the Boundary Mountain Range's second underground level. Players' Stamina and Concentration were no different than an ordinary person's here. Even a Refinement Realm expert would lose to a Great Lord ranked Undead in a one-on-one fight in this situation.

However, the many teams tore through the defensive lines of the tens of thousands of Great Lord ranked Undead as if they did not exist. Reaching the Revenant Manipulators in only five seconds. The 100-plus God-ranked experts, in particular, reached the Revenant Manipulators in only five seconds, their grasp over their surrounding space and Stamina reaching an unbelievable level.

On the other side, the performance of Flanders' and Menghao's teams allowed Galaxy Past and Liu Wusheng to understand just how big of a gap there existed between hegemonic powers and their homeworld's various superpowers. The two simply couldn't be compared to one another.

With the help of a magic array formed by 16 God-ranked experts, Flanders summoned a gigantic phantom of himself to fight Diaclo. Although Flanders' phantom was only 20 meters tall, a paltry size compared to the Nether King's 60-meter-tall frame, the phantom wielded strength greater than even Tier 4 Mythic monsters.

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As soon as his phantom took shape, Flanders brandished his spear and sent nine gigantic shadow serpents striking at Diaclo, his attack forcing the Nether King to halt its advance and block the nine attacks. While blocking the ninth attack, Diaclo's body even froze for a moment. Evidently, the power of Flanders' ninth attack had already exceeded the Nether King's defensive threshold.

Meanwhile, on the other side, Menghao worked together with the God-ranked experts of his team to summon purple-gold chains from the void. Not only did these chains restrict Diaclo's movements, but they also lowered the Nether King's reaction speed significantly. This, in turn, caused Diaclo to have an even more difficult time keeping up with the attacks of Flanders' phantom, allowing the Elven Knight to land attacks that caused over twenty million damage on the Nether King.

As expected of hegemonic powers. The extent of their foundations far exceeded the various superpowers, Gluttony inwardly exclaimed when he saw Diaclo getting pinned down.

Even if the Five Great Super Guilds joined forces, they'd still have no way of fighting a Tier 5 monster with only Tier 3 players. Yet, the Tower Alliance and Bright Dragon had accomplished this feat. They had even put the Nether King into a disadvantageous position.

Meanwhile, the sight of Diaclo being overwhelmed boosted the confidence of the many teams on the plaza.

Only, before everyone could start to celebrate, ten seconds after the Tower Alliance and Bright Dragon engaged Diaclo, the Nether King suddenly raised its trident in annoyance and dyed the sky crimson. Immediately afterward, all Mana within a 1,000-yard radius of Diaclo froze. This, in turn, caused all players within the affected area to lose control over their surrounding Mana.

Because of this situation, Flanders' phantom, which was created using a magic array, rapidly shrunk in size and strength. As for the mana chains summoned by Bright Dragon's teams, they became so fragile that the Nether King tore them apart easily.

Subsequently, Diaclo's hands suddenly ignited with black flames. The instant these black flames appeared, every player in the plaza could sense their soul growing restless.

Before anyone could react, Diaclo launched these black flames at a random group of several hundred players, the flames enveloping these players and killing them instantly. However, it was apparent that these players did not die a normal death as everyone could see the souls of these players being burned and erased by the black flames.

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“Not good! This is Soul Fire! Run!”

Nobody knew which player said these words. However, the instant these words appeared, many players promptly fled out of the plaza, none daring to stay for even a moment longer.

Soul Fire!

This was one of the few powers capable of destroying a player’s soul. So long as a player got killed by Soul Fire, their soul would be eradicated, and they’d have to start over their progress in God’s Domain from scratch.

Of course, if a player’s tier was sufficiently high and their soul was sufficiently strong, they might only lose a few levels or be prohibited from logging into God’s Domain for a certain period of time. However, if a Tier 3 player got killed by Soul Fire, there would definitely be nothing left of them...

The compensation Frey offered might be excellent, but it wasn’t worthwhile if obtaining it came at the cost of all of their progress. Not to mention, the details of the commission never mentioned the operation being so dangerous.

In no time at all, more than half of the teams in the plaza had withdrawn from the battlefield.

“This is completely different from what we agreed, Lady Frey. We cannot gamble our entire team for only some Star Coins, so forgive us for taking our leave,” Menghao said to Frey. When he saw the ugly complexion on Frey’s face, he knew that even Frey did not expect the Nether King to have a Soul Fire. So, after leaving behind an excuse, he promptly withdrew from the plaza with his team.

“Retreat!”

As for the Flower of Seven Sins and some of the remaining teams, they, too, started to retreat after seeing Bright Dragon’s team retreating. Although they would still lose some of their members while retreating, it was much better than getting annihilated.

Several seconds after Diaclo started attacking with its Soul Fire, a majority of the teams had already fled out of the plaza. Now, less than 3,000 players remained in the plaza.

“We should quickly retreat as well, Vice Guild Leader,” Maria hurriedly said to Flanders when she saw that Flanders’ phantom was close to faltering.

The Tower Alliance might stand to gain a lot more than the other teams since it was the overseer of the commission this time, but it definitely wasn’t worth sacrificing an entire team for some Star Coins. Not to mention, there was no way they could defeat the Nether King in their current state.

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The Tower Alliance had already fulfilled its duty to Miss Frey and the various powers to the best of its abilities by staying until now.

While Flanders was hesitating to make a decision, Diaclo suddenly lashed out at Frey with its trident, the Nether King’s attack so abrupt that it had caught Flanders completely off guard.

If Frey hadn't used seven Soul Annihilation Spears simultaneously just now, she would have had more than enough energy to dodge this attack from the Nether King. However, in her current exhausted state, all she could do was watch as the trident descended on her.

Just as the humongous trident was about to reach Frey, an equally massive greatsword suddenly appeared in its path and stopped it. Although the collision of the two massive weapons had turned the surrounding space into an empty void, the greatsword had successfully stopped the trident in its path.

"Guild Leader...Black Flame?"

When Flanders followed the origin of the Mana used to form and manipulate the massive greatsword, he found that the person controlling the greatsword was none other than Zero Wing's Guild Leader.

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