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Under Shi Feng’s command, Anna began to chant an incantation. Instantly, the Mana in the Forging Hall surged towards her.

“Roar!”

The two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses quickly noticed the frightening amount of Mana flowing towards Anna. Immediately, their massive, golden eyes shifted to the woman, glaring at her as if she were their greatest enemy.

Anna needed time to cast her Spell. Although the Forging Room was quite large, a Mythic monster could cross it in no time at all. Before Anna finished her chant, the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses would reach her. Currently, Anna was a Tier 2 NPC. She had no hope against the two Tier 4 Archaic Species.

Seeing this, Shi Feng sighed dejectedly. Hurriedly, he shouted, “Cola, Turtledove, use the Basic Mana Pulse Bombs!”

Previously, they had also obtained over 1,000 Basic Mana Pulse Bombs from the Armory in addition to the Intermediate Mana Pulse Cannons and movement-type defensive magic array. Every bomb contained the might of a Tier 3 Spell. If used properly, these bombs would be frighteningly effective in a Guild war.

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[Basic Mana Pulse Bomb]

Deals damage equivalent to a Tier 3 destruction Spell to a radius of 25 yards. Bomb is 100% effective against monsters and players below Level 100, and 50% effective against monsters and players Level 100 and above.

Cooldown: 2 seconds

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Unfortunately, they had a limited number of Mana Pulse Bombs. Once they used them, they would be gone.

Yet, they were the team’s only option to pull aggro.

Hearing Shi Feng’s instructions, Cola and Turtledove retrieved the fist-sized bombs reluctantly.

However, seeing the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses charge at Anna, the Guardians Knights threw the bombs at the two Bosses.

The Mana Pulse Bombs looked like specks of dust compared to the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

However, the instant the bombs touched the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses' scales, black and white Mana surged forth, devouring the guardian monsters. The Forging Hall shook with the explosions, and for a moment, even space itself seemed as if it might shatter. The Mana Pulse Bombs' might far exceeded everyone's expectations. Meanwhile, Cola and Turtledove, who stood closest to the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, were blown off their feet by the resulting shockwaves.

"This destructive power is even more amazing than Tier 3 large-scale destruction Spells!" Cola exclaimed in astonishment.

He had seen Tier 3 large-scale destruction Spells before. Although their range was greater, the Spells couldn't destabilize space.

If they attacked a Grand Lord with these Basic Mana Pulse Bombs, they might even inflict severe injuries.

The Mana Pulse Bombs had shocked the rest of the team as well, and they all thought it was a huge waste to use them against the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

If they used the bombs to weaken Field Grand Lords instead, the Guild could profit greatly.

However, as the black and white Mana dissipated and these players could see the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses once more, their eyes nearly fell out of their sockets.

Despite such powerful attacks, the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses were unharmed. The Mana Pulse Bombs hadn't even left a scratch. All the bombs accomplished was blowing off a layer of dust that had collected on the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses' scales over the years, giving the two monsters a fresh, clean appearance.

As for the bombs' damage, each had only caused around -200,000 damage.

Even if they tossed 1,000 Basic Mana Pulse Bombs at the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, they couldn't kill the monsters...

If they used the Basic Mana Pulse Bombs against Great Lords, each could easily deal over a million damage. The bombs would also easily annihilate players below Tier 3.

However, the bombs' damage did redirect the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses' attention to Cola and Turtledove.

"Excellent!" Shi Feng smiled faintly.

The brief moment Cola and Turtledove had bought allowed Anna to finish her incantation.

"Emerge, Valkyrie!" Anna shouted.

Immediately, a golden magic array enveloped the Forging Hall's ceiling, which caused the Mana inside the hall to rampage. A Valkyrie with pure white wings, geared in golden, divine armor slowly descended from the magic array.

Compared to Anna's previous summoning, the Valkyrie had reached Level 70 as Anna had leveled from Level 69 to Level 70 during the previous war.

Every five levels was a minor turning point in God's Domain.

Hence, a Level 70 Valkyrie was significantly stronger than a Level 69 Valkyrie. This was also why Shi Feng was willing to risk summoning Anna into this battle.

The Fossilized Tyrannosaurus were Level 65. As Tier 4 Archaic Species, while they might not have complete Domains like the ancient abyssal monsters, their Attributes were far superior to the abyssal monsters. If given the choice, players would rather fight the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus than the ancient abyssal monsters.

This was due to the abyssal monsters' powerful Domains and their effectiveness against players.

After all was said and done, the Tier 4 Valkyrie was only a puppet. The Valkyrie neither possessed high intellect nor did it have a complete Domain like ordinary Tier 4 NPCs. In a sense, the Valkyrie was similar to the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus. However, when comparing Life Ratings, the Valkyrie was far above Archaic Species.

In a head-on collision, the Valkyrie could definitely overwhelm the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus.

"Attack!" Shi Feng commanded.

The Valkyrie could only remain for 10 seconds and could only be summoned again after one full day. Hence, he could not waste a single second.

Hearing Shi Feng's command, Anna instructed the Valkyrie to take action.

Suddenly, the Valkyrie disappeared as she used the Tier 3 Skill Spatial Transfer to arrive before one of the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus.

"Attack its lower left rib!" Shi Feng commanded.

After watching the bosses with Omniscient Eyes, Shi Feng had grasped the power cores' basic patterns. Although he couldn't break through the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus' scales and substantially damage the power cores, the Valkyrie could.

A silver spear appeared in the Valkyrie's hands, arcs of golden lightning dancing around the weapon. The Valkyrie then thrust the spear at the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's lower left rib.

Tier 4 Skill, Thunder Sanction!

The Fossilized Tyrannosaurus panicked instantly. The Valkyrie had appeared too suddenly. Even with its high Attack Speed, the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus was still caught off guard as it received Thunder Sanction in full. The golden lightning pierced through its tough scales and exited from its back, reaping nearly 3% of the monster's HP.

The team immediately felt the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus grow weaker.

This scene enraged the other Fossilized Tyrannosaurus as it spread its jaws. A large amount of Mana began to gather in the monster's mouth.

"Crap! It's using its Breath! Everyone, move; don't stand in front of the Boss!" Shi Feng hurriedly warned his team as he saw the monster charge its attack.

The greatest move of any monster from the Dragon race would be its breath attacks. Among them, true Dragons' Breath attacks were the most powerful. There were even records of how a Dragon had obliterated a major city with a single breath attack. Thus, the Dragon race represented destruction.

"Roar!" The Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's roar echoed throughout the Forging Hall.

Before anyone could react, a dazzling beam of light devoured the Valkyrie.

The breath even shattered space itself...

Meanwhile, this beam of light struck one of the Forging Hall's stone walls. If not for having been constructed by ancient Gods, no one doubted that the breath attack could have punched a hole straight through the Fallen Ark.

Chapter 1142 – Power to Annihilate Mythics

By the time the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's Breath ended, the Forging Hall was unrecognizable.

"How is there such a powerful monster?!"

The Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's breath attack had stupefied every player on the team.

Everything in front of the Inferior Dragon was gone. Only a bare wall and floor remained. Over half of the accessories around the Forging Hall had disintegrated.

It was not hard to realize that the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus hadn't been taking them seriously. Had the two Inferior Dragons taken them as seriously as they had the Valkyrie, they would have obliterated the entire team.

"This single blow shouldn't have defeated the Valkyrie, right?" Aqua Rose muttered worriedly as she watched the spatial tear gradually disappear.

Without a doubt, this breath attack was definitely a Tier 4 Skill. Otherwise, it wouldn't have created a spatial tear.

The Valkyrie was only a temporarily-summoned puppet. She only possessed one-twentieth of the HP ordinary summoned creatures had. It wouldn't be surprising in the least if this terrifying breath attack had devoured her entire HP bar.

If the Valkyrie were really gone, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Against the enraged Fossilized Tyrannosauruses, even with their Berserk and Lifesaving Skills active, Cola and Turtledove would die instantly, much less the rest of Zero Wing's team.

As these thoughts swam through Aqua Rose's mind, the smoke finally started to dissipate.

“She’s unharmed?! How is this possible?!” Aqua Rose stared at the divine Angel flapping her wings in amazement.

Not only was the Valkyrie unharmed, but not even a speck of dust tainted her body.

Even the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus, which possessed some intellect, was stunned, fear surfacing in its massive, golden eyes as it gazed at the Valkyrie before it.

Suddenly, Shi Feng shouted, “Attack its right arm!”

Although the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus’s Breath was incredibly powerful, Anna’s Valkyrie was no pushover, either. Even if the Valkyrie were not at her peak due to lacking sufficient intellect, she possessed all of the Skills a Tier 4 Valkyrie should.

The Valkyrie had used the Tier 4 Skill Divine Protection to defend against the Inferior Dragon’s Breath, the Skill allowing her to negate all attacks below Tier 6 for three seconds. Afterward, all of the damage she should’ve received would be converted into HP.

In the past, Divine Protection had been a super rare Lifesaving Skill that many Tier 4 Guardian Knights dreamed of obtaining. Any Guardian Knights that learned it had been highly sought after even by Super Guilds.

As soon as Shi Feng gave the command, Anna once more controlled the Valkyrie to attack the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus.

“Roar!”

The Fossilized Tyrannosaurus was now on full alert, its claws releasing a faint, gray glow. The Inferior Dragon then slashed at the approaching Valkyrie as if it were swatting a fly.

Boom!

Faster than the naked eye could perceive, the claws struck the Valkyrie. The players in the Forging Hall nearly lost their balance as the resulting shockwave swept over them. However, when the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus’s claws landed, the attack stopped as if it had collided with an immovable wall. Not only did it fail to damage the Valkyrie, but its claws had also been forced to a halt.

Taking advantage of the Inferior Dragon’s brief pause, the Valkyrie threw her silver spear.

The spear transformed into a streak of light that pierced the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus’s right arm, leaving behind a bloody hole.

Good! With this, we shouldn’t have any issues! Shi Feng released a sigh of relief when he saw the red dot on the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus’s body fade.

The Valkyrie could only remain in existence for a short period. If they could not exterminate the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses’ power cores within that time, they would never last five minutes.

Now that the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses had lost their power cores, they were like beasts that had lost their fangs and claws. Their threat levels decreased significantly.

Even when Cola and Turtledove received an attack, they only lost around 18,000 HP. The Inferior Dragons had lost at least half of their Strength. With this, even without Protection Blessing, neither of the two Guardian Knights would die instantly. They could last a long time with the aid of Power of Darkness.

However, Shi Feng had no intentions of wasting the Valkyrie's power. Immediately, he had the Valkyrie attack the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses frantically, using this opportunity to weaken the two Bosses further and reduce the burden on Cola and Turtledove.

Unfortunately, ten seconds was too little time. Despite the Valkyrie doing her best, she was only able to deal some light damage to the two massive Bosses, which slowed the monsters' attacks slightly. Unfortunately, the attacks weren't so slow that Cola and Turtledove could evade the Bosses' normal attacks easily.

When the two Bosses used Skills, however, the brief activation time gave the MTs enough time to evade.

Time passed quickly. While Fire Dance desperately tried to disable the trap, the pressure on the rest of the team grew.

Their fear also grew as they continued to fight.

The Fossilized Tyrannosauruses had 320,000,000 HP. They could regenerate 3,200,000 HP every five seconds. Even if they stood there, not defending themselves, they wouldn't die. In contrast, due to the high damages Cola and Turtledove received, Zero Wing's healers were struggling, their Mana depleting rapidly.

It was impossible to make up for the consumed Mana with Mana Recovery Potions. It was only a matter of time before the healers ran out.

Fortunately, the team's goal wasn't to exterminate the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses. Instead, they were simply buying time.

However, both Cola and Turtledove suddenly felt that something was amiss.

"Guild Leader, I'm sensing that the Boss's Strength is growing!" Cola hurriedly reported.

Initially, after Protection Blessing had ended, he had received around -36,000 damage from each of the Fossilized Tyrannosaurus's normal attacks. However, with the aid of Protection and Truth Shield, he received less than -30,000. With his current 57,000 HP and the healer's help, he could receive two hits without dying.

Yet, even with the Oracles and Clerics' buffs, he was now receiving *more* than -30,000 damage from the Boss's normal attacks. If the damage continued to rise, he would die in two hits if the healers failed to restore his HP in time...

"I discovered something strange as well! It seems this the Boss's Defense is weakening!" Gentle Snow, who was assisting Turtledove from the sides, announced.

Hearing Cola and Gentle Snow's words, Shi Feng fell into deep thought.

Could they be weakening their physical bodies to generate new power cores?

Although extremely few monsters had cores as weak points in God's Domain, Shi Feng had encountered a few. A few of these monsters were capable of regenerating their destroyed cores after a certain period. The Fossilized Tyrannosauruses were an Archaic Species. It would not be surprising if they could do so. In fact, Shi Feng had already considered this possibility.

However, less than two minutes had passed since the Inferior Dragons' power cores had been destroyed. This regeneration speed surpassed Shi Feng's initial estimates. He had assumed that the Bosses would need at least five minutes before they could regenerate their power cores. This coincided with how much time Fire Dance needed to disable the trap. Once the trap was disabled, they could simply take the Treasure Chest and leave. They shouldn't have needed to worry about the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses regenerating their power cores.

It seems we have no choice but to fight. After considering various options, Shi Feng had only come up with one method that would buy them the necessary time. Clenching his teeth, he said, "Cola, Turtledove, lure the Bosses together! Everyone, throw Basic Mana Pulse Bombs at the Bosses! Don't hold back and use everything you have!"

Now that the Bosses' Defense had weakened, the Mana Pulse Bombs would deal more damage. Before this, it might've been impossible to annihilate the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses with the bombs, but things had changed. Even if they failed to kill the Inferior Dragons or injure them heavily, they could slow down the recovery speed of the Bosses' power cores.

"Guild Leader, are we really going to waste the bombs here?" Aqua Rose hadn't expected such a crazy move from Shi Feng.

They were talking about over 1,000 Basic Mana Pulse Bombs. That was equivalent to 1,000-plus Magic Scrolls that contained Tier 3 large-scale destruction Spells!

"Just waste them! Buying time is more important right now!" Shi Feng growled determinedly.

While the Basic Mana Pulse Bombs was indeed extraordinarily valuable, the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest was far more important towards the Guild's development.

Seeing the determined look on Shi Feng's face, everyone helplessly retrieved the Basic Mana Pulse Bombs Shi Feng had previously distributed and threw the bombs at the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

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

Immediately, black and white Mana flooded the Forging Hall.

Just as Shi Feng had expected, not only were the Basic Mana Pulse Bombs now dealing around -450,000 damage each, but the bombs had also stopped the recovery of the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses' power cores. In fact, the Inferior Dragons were even growing weaker as they received more attacks.

It took several minutes for Zero Wing's members to finish tossing all of their bombs. Even Archaic Species could not withstand the might of over 1,000 Basic Mana Pulse Bombs as both Fossilized Tyrannosauruses collapsed to the ground, their HPs falling to zero.

“We won?” Aqua Rose muttered as she watched the smoke in the hall gradually dissipate. “They’re not playing dead, right?”

Before anyone could answer, the system replied.

Suddenly, one golden flash after another enveloped each team member, illuminating the Forging Hall.

Chapter 1143 – Dragon Legacy

“They’re dead?”

“What!? They’re really dead?!”

Excitement bubbled in the players’ chests when they noticed the golden glow wrap around their bodies. Many could not help but cheer, with some people losing strength in their legs as they planted their butts on the ground.

“We’re too amazing! We actually killed two Mythic Bosses!”

“My experience bar is still rising!”

They had just defeated two Level 65, Mythic ranked Archaic Species. Both monsters already gave a lot of EXP, but they also got bonus EXP for killing monsters of a higher level. Most importantly, only twenty players shared it all. In the end, not only had everyone leveled up from Level 44 to Level 45, but they progressed to Level 46 as well.

As for Shi Feng, he rose to Level 48 on the spot, with his empty experience bar filling once more.

Level 48, 30%... 40%... 50%...

In less than two seconds, his experience bar had reached 90%. Following which, its growth slowed, increasing by one percentage after another.

95%... 96%... 97%...

Just as his experience bar looked as if it would stop at 99%, another golden glow encased Shi Feng’s body.

Level 49.

The awarded EXP is truly extravagant. Shi Feng was surprised. He also found it difficult to suppress his bubbling excitement.

He was now only one level away from Level 50. With his current weapon and equipment standards, he should have no problems passing his Tier 2 class-change quest. Once he completed his class-change quest, he would qualify to challenge quests he hadn’t dared to before.

Although there was only one tier between Tier 2 and Tier 1 classes, the difference was much greater than the difference between Tier 0 and Tier 1 players. If an ordinary Tier 1 player could go up against Elite monsters of the same level, then ordinary Tier 2 players could go up against Chieftains.

If a Chieftain and Elite monster of the same level fought each other, that battle would be one-sided. After all, Chieftains could serve as the final Bosses in Party Dungeons below Level 50. One could just imagine how massive the difference was between Tier 1 and Tier 2 classes.

If even Shi Feng had leveled up twice, the rest of the team's leveling was insane. Aside from those with hidden classes, the team had leveled from Level 44 all the way to Level 48. Moreover, they were only a short distance away from reaching Level 49. As for players like Violet Cloud, Gentle Snow, and Zhao Yueru, who possessed a hidden class, they only rose to Level 47. Though, they were not far from Level 48.

Everyone was stunned for a long moment.

Right now, they could all easily rank at the very top of the Ranking List in any kingdom or empire in God's Domain. Moreover, they would be at least five levels higher than the second-ranked player.

"Hahaha! My HP is finally over 40,000!" After Cola finished allocating his recently acquired Free Attribute Points, he excitedly boasted, "With this, I'll be the highest-HP MT in even the Black Dragon Empire!"

He was already the highest-HP MT throughout Star-Moon Kingdom. He had nearly 5,000 more HP than the MTs in other Guilds. Although he was not particularly certain about the situation in the Black Dragon Empire, he could dare to claim that no MT in the empire could match his HP.

"Forty thousand HP?"

Gentle Snow, who was Level 47, looked at her own HP bar, noticing that her HP had broken past the 40,000 threshold as well...

Gentle Snow could not help but sigh ruefully as she looked at her own HP bar.

She never imagined that one Fragmented Legendary item would make such a huge difference. Despite wielding a damage-dealing class and slightly weaker equipment than Cola's, the Seven Luminaries Battle Armor had bridged the gap between her and the Guardian Knight. Not only had the Battle Armor upgraded her damage output by several levels, but it had also done the same for her Defense and HP.

It was no wonder why Shi Feng was willing to waste the 1,000-plus Basic Mana Pulse Bombs for the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest.

As everyone's excitement about their levels died down, they shifted their gazes to the corpses of the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses.

Aside from the items inside the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, the Inferior Dragons' loot should make up for the losses they suffered.

Mythic Bosses!

Moreover, the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses were Archaic Species! Their loot was definitely extraordinary.

Just thinking about it ignited a passionate fire in these players' hearts, their eyes shining.

Once the dust settled, the massive Fossilized Tyrannosaurus corpses were on full display. However, when the team noticed the few items scattered beside the bodies, disappointment flashed in their eyes.

Aside from a few scattered Gold Coins, one Fossilized Tyrannosaurus dropped eight items, while the other dropped seven. There were far fewer items than they had hoped for.

"Why are there so few drops?! These things are even more stingy than the Trolls!"

"Is it because we were unlucky? We should've given Guild Leader the last hit!"

Everyone's excitement faded when they saw the loot.

Among the fifteen items, ten were materials...

"Alright, get some rest. Violet, make sure Fire is safe." Shi Feng chuckled at his crestfallen companions.

The number of items the Fossilized Tyrannosauruses dropped didn't surprise Shi Feng in the least.

After reaching Level 50, the quantity and quality of the items monsters dropped decreased drastically. Furthermore, the system had just completed a new update. The system would've definitely lowered the drop-rate once again. The Main God System did so to stabilize weapon and equipment prices, giving Lifestyle classes a better opportunity to develop.

As players continued to level, their main source for weapons and equipment would gradually shift from monsters to Lifestyle players. In the future, 95% of the weapons and equipment players used would come from monsters and Lifestyle players. The remaining 5% would come from quests, miraculous encounters, Treasure Chests, and other such sources.

However, the majority of the weapons and equipment players produced could only satisfy ordinary players and experts. The truly excellent items would still come from killing powerful monsters or completing difficult quests.

Of course, players were also capable of producing weapons and equipment of excellent quality. Only, the requirement was extremely high, beyond the majority of God's Domain's Lifestyle players. Moreover, producing such items required super-rare materials, and these materials came from killing powerful monsters and exploring dangerous locations.

Following which, Shi Feng collected the loot and began to appraise each item.

"Not bad."

Shi Feng revealed a joyful expression after appraising the raw materials. Among them was the Legendary material, Dragon Origin Crystal. Moreover, two Dragon Origin Crystals had dropped.

Only creatures of the Dragon race could drop these items. Unfortunately, Common Inferior Dragons wouldn't drop them. At the very least, the monsters needed to be Mythic rank.

This was because the Dragon Origin Crystal contained the bloodline of Dragons.

If one applied the Dragon Origin Crystal when forging weapons or equipment, they could qualitatively change the item. The Dragon Origin Crystal was an excellent production material.

The crystal also had an even greater purpose: producing the Dragon Soul Potion.

When consuming this potion, players could class-change into a hidden class and obtain the Dragon Legacy.

Chapter 1144 – Hidden Class Dragon Slayer

Shi Feng held the two crimson Dragon Origin Crystals and carefully inspected them.

Although both were Legendary material, there was a difference between them.

Of course, the system wouldn't give away this difference. Instead, players had to discover it after conducting numerous experiments. This was one of the system's hidden attributes. Although there were deviations between players conclusions, the deviations were usually minor.

Different grades of Legendary material would yield different bonus success rates when said material was used in crafting an item.

According to players' summaries regarding Legendary materials, they were generally categorized into Basic, Middle, Intermediate, and Peak grades.

Basic grade materials could increase production success rate by roughly 2% to 3%.

Intermediate grade materials could increase production success rate by 4% to 5%.

Advanced grade materials could increase production success rate by 7% to 8%.

Peak grade materials could increase production success rate by 10% to 11%.

After Shi Feng clicked to open the two Dragon Origin Crystals' Attribute Panels, he began to read their introductions carefully.

Wonderful! Shi Feng smiled when he finished reading. *With this, there shouldn't be any problems producing the Dragon Soul Potions.*

Legendary materials had different methods of determining their grades. In the Dragon Origin Crystal's case, its grade could be determined by the bloodline density within it.

If a crystal's bloodline density fell between 1% and 30%, it was Basic grade. Most of the Dragon Origin Crystals that dropped were this grade.

A crystal with a bloodline density between 31% and 50% was considered Intermediate grade. Crystals of this grade had a much lower drop-rate.

As for crystals with a bloodline density between 51% and 70%, they were Advanced grade. It was practically impossible to find Advanced Dragon Origin Crystals on the market as large Guilds cherished like their own children.

Lastly, crystals with bloodline density above 71% were Peak grade. At this grade, the Dragon Origin Crystal was worth much more than an Epic item.

To produce the Dragon Soul Potion, one usually needed an Intermediate Dragon Origin Crystal or better. Regardless of how many Basic Dragon Origin Crystals were used, it was impossible to produce the Dragon Soul Potion with them.

Of the two Dragon Origin Crystals before Shi Feng, one was Intermediate grade, while the other was an Advanced crystal.

“Guild Leader, did something good drop?” Aqua Rose asked when she noticed the smile on Shi Feng’s face.

She was very familiar with Shi Feng’s personality and habits. If the dropped items were not extraordinary, he would not have revealed such a joyous smile.

In response, Shi Feng nodded and looked at everyone before calmly stating, “Something good has indeed dropped. Which of you here wants a hidden class?”

“A hidden class? Did we get a class-change tool?”

“Guild Leader, which classes are suitable for the hidden class?”

Shi Feng’s question instantly caught his teammate’s attention. None of these players were strangers to hidden classes. Various people had already posted a lot of information about hidden classes on the official forums. As a result, they all dreamed of class-changing into their own. They’d even be happy with the most common hidden class.

Although the most common hidden class would not provide additional Basic Attributes, the class could provide additional Skills that their original classes did not possess. With these Skills, they’d have access to more combat methods. They would have advantages in both PvP and Dungeons.

As for Advanced or Peak rank hidden classes, they did not even dare to dream of obtaining one. After all, hidden classes of such ranks were simply too rare.

“Any class is fine. However, the condition is that one does not already have a hidden class,” Shi Feng explained.

The Dragon Soul Potion’s purpose was to give players access to the Legacy of the Dragon race. Hence, unless one already wielded a hidden class, any player could obtain the Dragon Legacy. Both magical class and physical class players could eventually become Dragon Slayers.

This was also why both NPCs and players in the past had preferred to kill powerful Dragons. While they did so to gain fame and recognition, their primary reason was to obtain the Dragon Legacy and become stronger.

However, the Dragon Origin Crystal's drop-rate was considerably low. If not for the Fossilized Dragons being Archaic Species, it was unlikely that the two Mythic monsters would have dropped it.

When the Zero Wing's team heard that any class could obtain the hidden class, they were ecstatic.

"Don't get too excited just yet. The class-change quest is not easy," Shi Feng said, chuckling as he shook his head. "Unfortunately, too many of you want the hidden class. I only have two slots; so let's hold a team auction using GCPs. This Intermediate Dragon Origin Crystal's starting bid is 200,000 points, while this Advanced Dragon Origin Crystal's starting bid will be 500,000 points. Decide for yourselves if you want to bid on them or not."

Currently, one Guild Contribution Point was worth roughly 25 Copper Coins.

Two hundred thousand GCPs was the equivalent of 500 Gold. This was an extraordinarily low price to pay for the Dragon Slayer class.

In the past, the various large Guilds had been willing to buy Intermediate Dragon Origin Crystals for 8,000 Gold. As for Advanced Dragon Origin Crystals, they had been practically impossible to find on the market. However, one player had put his crystal up for auction in the past. The crystal eventually sold for the insane price of 30,000 Gold...

The Advanced version was so much more valuable due to the fact that, depending on the quality of the Dragon Soul Potion produced, one would obtain different levels of the Dragon Legacy.

The Dragon Slayer class was somewhat unique. It was not clearly ranked like other hidden classes. If a weak Dragon Soul Potion were consumed, one's Dragon Slayer class would be the equivalent of a Basic Legacy. Conversely, it was also possible to obtain a Peak Legacy Dragon Slayer class if one used a strong potion. Of course, it was also possible to upgrade the Dragon Slayer class gradually to Peak Legacy by consuming a several Dragon Soul Potions.

Hence, Dragon Origin Crystals of different grades had different prices.

The prices Shi Feng had announced were definitely low.

Even so, the team sent Shi Feng scornful looks, feeling that Shi Feng was trying to rip them off. Although they were the Guild's main force members, it was extremely difficult to collect so many GCPs.

Eventually, Cola won the Advanced Dragon Origin Crystal, while Alluring Summer won the Intermediate crystal. Among them, Alluring Summer had borrowed plenty of GCPs from Aqua Rose and Violet Cloud. After all, Alluring Summer had just recently joined the Guild and had not participated in many Dungeon raids or high-level Guild Quests yet.

Following which, Shi Feng passed the Dragon Soul Potion's production method to Cola and Alluring Summer.

It was impossible for players to produce the Dragon Soul Potion. They needed to hire an NPC Grandmaster Alchemist to do it. Unfortunately, it was extremely difficult to find NPC Grandmasters. Fortunately, Shi Feng knew two places where they could find such NPCs. The first was Titan City. There, they could easily find a Grandmaster Alchemist. The second location was Blackwing City.

However, to convince these NPC Grandmasters to help, they needed to raise their Favorability with said NPCs. Once their Favorability reached a sufficient level, they could make the Dragon Soul Potion. However, collecting the various required materials was a considerably challenging task as every material was extremely rare. Normally, only large Guilds could get their hands on all these materials. It was extremely difficult for lone players or a team to gather what they needed in a short time.

After Shi Feng finished distributing the Dragon Origin Crystals, the team heard the shattering of glass from the center of the Forging Hall.

Everyone spun to look.

Suddenly, an orange pillar of light appeared in the Forging Hall.

Did Fire Dance disable the trap?

Chapter 1145 – Treasure Obtained

When they saw the pillar of orange light, the team grew excited.

An Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest!

They had never even known something like this existed.

If they obtained a Fragmented Legendary item from it, their Guild could enable one player's Basic Attributes to soar.

"No, the trap hasn't been disabled!"

Shi Feng realized that something was amiss when he saw the orange magic array on the ceiling, which formed from berserk Mana.

He had seen many players disable Master Traps in the past. However, not one of them ever drove Mana berserk when successfully disabled. There was only one possibility for this.

Disabling the trap had failed!

Fire Dance's expression twisted with guilt. However, before she could say anything, Shi Feng shouted, "Everyone, use your Tier 1 Instantaneous Movement Magic Scrolls and withdraw! Then use your Return Scrolls to leave the Ark!"

Normally, traps would enclose a certain area when triggered. However, there were also solutions to this problem. Before the trap fully activated, players could use Instantaneous Movement Magic Scrolls to get out of range. This had been a common method in the past. Unfortunately, it wasn't effective against traps that activated instantaneously.

Fortunately, the trap before them was not an instantaneous type. Unfortunately, divine runes had already sealed the Forging Hall's doors, and players couldn't leave the hall normally. Using Return Scrolls

to escape was also time-consuming. On the other hand, Instantaneous Movement Magic Scrolls didn't have an activation time. They could simply use the scroll to pass beyond the stone doors and leave the trap's effective area.

Once they were out of the trap's range, they could use the Return Scroll to leave the Ark safely.

As for why Shi Feng had chosen to return to White River City, it was because he was not certain of what after-effects triggering the Forging Hall's trap would have. On the off chance that the trap would also increase the danger outside of the Ark, such as alerting the Fallen Patrols and luring them to the Forging Hall, the Fallen Ark's inner region would become extremely dangerous. They could very easily team-wipe.

Listening to Shi Feng's commands, everyone retrieved the Instantaneous Movement Magic Scrolls they had prepared and left the Forging Hall. Eventually, only Shi Feng remained.

This was the perfect opportunity for Shi Feng to steal the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest.

Now that the trap had triggered, there was nothing protecting the Treasure Chest. He could simply stash it in his bag space and leave. Only, he had to deal with the trap's mechanisms while collecting the Treasure Chest.

Once the trap finished its attack, it would return to its original state, and they would have to try disabling it all over again.

Shi Feng had considered simply triggering the trap and snatching the Treasure Chest, but he would have had to deal with the two Fossilized Tyrannosauruses at the same time. His chances of success would have been extremely low. Now that the guards were dead, he could easily deal with the remaining challenges.

Following which, Shi Feng used Wind Blade and dashed straight for the Treasure Chest.

As he was about to reach the Treasure Chest, however, the orange magic array on the ceiling activated.

Suddenly, blood-red spears appeared in the air, one after another, every spear radiating a frightening aura. The numerous spears then rained down on the Forging Hall.

A destruction-type trap?

Shi Feng released a sigh of relief when he saw the descending spears. Immediately, he activated Defensive Blades, which allowed him to block over ten attacks.

As a result, Shi Feng knocked the spears to the side before they even reached him.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng placed his hand on the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, trying to see if he could take it.

After all, this was the first time he had encountered an Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest. Normally, players could simply walk away with a locked Dark-Gold Treasure Chest. Only a minority of Dark-Gold Treasure Chests had fixed locations.

The instant Shi Feng touched the Treasure Chest, the system replied.

Although the Treasure Chest could be stored in his bag space, doing so required eight seconds of channeling.

However, Defensive Blade's block counts would, at most, last two seconds against the blood-red spears. With Absolute Defense, which had a five-second duration, he was one second shy of surviving for eight seconds.

Shi Feng had no doubt that even one of these spears could kill him instantly.

To hell with it!

Shi Feng decided to give it a try as he began the collection process. He refused to give up after coming this far.

As the spears descended on Shi Feng, as he anticipated, Defensive Blade only lasted slightly more than two seconds.

Immediately after Defensive Blade's block counts were exhausted, Shi Feng activated the Aura of Earth's Absolute Defense. He then immediately switched to the Aura of Space. If he sensed that he no longer had hope of getting away with the Treasure Chest, he would leave instead of pointlessly throwing his life away. After all, he was one level away from the Level 50 threshold.

The seconds passed quickly. The Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest's loading bar advanced slowly.

Sure enough, it's not enough. When Shi Feng saw that Absolute Defense's duration had one second remaining while the loading bar needed at least three more seconds to complete, he could not help but sigh deeply.

Peng!

When Absolute Defense shattered and a blood-red spear was about to collide with Shi Feng's head, a figure suddenly appeared above him.

Phantom Kill!

Defensive Blade!

The doppelganger summoned with the Abyssal Blade's Phantom Kill possessed all the player's Skills. Hence, the doppelganger had similarly learned Shi Feng's Lifesaving Skills.

Peng... Peng... Peng...

As Shi Feng listened to the crashing above him, his anxiety grew.

The loading bar was two seconds away from completion.

Quick! Move quickly! Shi Feng was extremely anxious. This was his final hope.

Just as the doppelganger's Defensive Blade block counts were about to expire, Shi Feng heard the sound of a system notification.

System: The Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest has been stored in your bag space.

When Shi Feng heard this sound, for the first time ever, he found the system's cold, mechanical voice to be extremely sweet.

Shi Feng immediately activated Space Movement. A spatial tear opened before him.

Although his doppelganger's Defensive Blade block counts had been exhausted, he could still use the doppelganger as a meat shield. Only, the instant one of the blood-red spears struck the doppelganger, the doppelganger's HP hit rock bottom. The spears were just as powerful as Shi Feng had guessed.

However, the brief moment the doppelganger had bought him allowed Shi Feng to enter the spatial tear and vanish from the Forging Hall.

When the Forging Hall's trap had activated, the Fallen Ark's inner region had descended into chaos. The Fallen Patrols in both the outer and inner regions had rushed towards the Forging Hall. Fortunately, Shi Feng had instructed his team to use their Return Scrolls as soon as they got out. Otherwise, none of them would have left the Fallen Ark alive.

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The Fire Dragon Empire's imperial capital:

Due to a particular match in the Dark Arena today, players had swarmed into the empire even before the match began. These players all wore dazzling weapons and equipment.

Aside from spectating the upcoming match, many were here to participate in the Dark Arena's upcoming auction.

"Big Sis Rain, Miracle's people have asked to meet with you," Blue Phoenix softly reported as she entered the VIP room. "Judging by their tone and words, it seems that they've discovered our relationship with Zero Wing."

Phoenix Rain frowned slightly upon hearing this. Although she knew that she couldn't hide the truth forever, she hadn't expected it to get out so quickly. Sighing, she said, "Miracle is really quite fast with their investigations. Since they've found us out, let's meet with them."

Chapter 1146 – Purgatory Knight

Flame Dragon City's Underground Arena:

A group of Level 40-plus players surrounded the entrance. These players all wore pitch-black armor with a white cape draped over their shoulders. They looked like well-trained soldiers. When other players noticed these black-armored players, they promptly distanced themselves.

"Who are these people? They're blocking the Underground Arena and preventing others from entering! They're being too unreasonable!"

"You've just arrived in the capital, so it's expected that you don't know."

"Could a Super Guild have laid claim over this Underground Arena?"

"Far from that. Take a look at those players guarding the entrance. They're the security teams *several* Super Guilds have formed. They are all equipped with the Soul of Darkness, a Level 40

Fine-Gold Set Equipment. They're specifically tasked to guard this Underground Arena and prevent outsiders from entering."

"As expected of Super Guilds. Even a casual security team is so impressive. I've just reached Level 40 after much difficulty, and I only have a few Level 40 weapons and pieces of equipment, yet those guys are actually wearing Level 40 Fine Gold Sets..."

The nearby independent players weren't the only ones in awe. Even the members of the various large Guilds invited to the Dark Arena were shocked.

God's Domain's mainstream players were around Level 37 right now, whereas expert players were at Level 39 or Level 40. Even large Guilds' experts were fortunate to obtain a full set of Level 40 Fine-Gold Weapons and Equipment upon reaching Level 40. As for a Level 40 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, that was simply a dream.

Yet, among the Super Guild security teams, every one of them wore complete Level 40 Fine-Gold Set Equipment.

In God's Domain, it was far more difficult to gather a complete Fine-Gold Set Equipment than it was to gather a set of Dark-Gold Equipment.

Individual pieces of Fine-Gold Set Equipment might not be a match for Dark-Gold Equipment in terms of Basic Attributes, but certain set effects were more important than some additional Basic Attributes. Hence, many players still used the Level 30 Fine-Gold Set Equipment they had collected even after Level 40.

For example, the Level 40 Soul of Darkness Set Equipment's effects were so good that players could continue using it even after Level 50.

As players admired the security teams' equipment, two cloaked women approached the entrance, attracting everyone's attention.

Although these female players had hidden their appearance under a Black Cloak, players could tell by their elegant bodies that they were definitely beautiful. Meanwhile, when the security teams, which oozed with killing intent, saw these women, they immediately bowed and stood to the side, treating the women like queens.

"Who are those women?"

"They've hidden their appearances and IDs with their Black Cloaks. Who could possibly recognize them? However, I believe that they are at least upper echelons from first-rate Guilds. Otherwise, there's no way those security teams would treat them with so much respect."

"First-rate Guild upper echelons? You sure are overestimating first-rate Guilds. We're talking about the elite security teams that Super Guilds worked together to form. Those people wouldn't even bat an eye

if a first-rate Guild's Guild Leader showed up. I'm guessing that they're the upper echelons from either super-first-rate Guilds or Super Guilds."

"I guess you're right. If I could enter the Dark Arena and get those security teams to treat me that respectfully, how wonderful would it be?"

"Unless you manage to join a Super Guild and become one of the Guild's apex experts, don't even think about getting their respect."

"..."

As the crowd conversed, the two female players entered the Underground Arena.

The instant these two players entered the establishment, an elegant beauty was there to greet them. This beauty wore a set of exquisite, gray mage robes and wielded a black, wooden staff. She also exuded a deathly aura.

Upon closer inspection, one would discover that this beauty was a Level 42 Summoner.

"Greetings, Phoenix Pavilion Master. I am Silent March, the Vice Commander of Miracle's Purgatory Legion," the somewhat evil-looking Summoner said, smiling at Phoenix Rain. "Our Vice Guild Leader is already waiting in a VIP room on the third floor. Allow me to lead the way."

Phoenix Rain nodded in response.

Following which, Silent March led Phoenix Rain and Blue Phoenix to the Underground Arena's third floor.

"Big Sis Phoenix, that Summoner feels odd. The other Summoners I've met all exuded a lively aura, yet her aura feels like death," Blue Phoenix whispered to her friend.

"While she is indeed a Summoner, she also possesses the hidden class, Necromancer. She is one of the upstart geniuses Miracle has nurtured internally. Roughly over a year since her debut, she has already become the vice commander of one of Miracle's three trump card legions. You should be careful when you encounter her in the future. She might even be participating in the contest over Thunder Island," Phoenix Rain explained as she watched the female Summoner before her.

Hidden classes were no longer a secret in God's Domain. The various large Guilds already had a few experts that had hidden classes. While most Guilds kept these experts secret, Silent March's hidden class was somewhat special, which made it practically impossible to keep hidden. Hence, the game's various major powers quickly discovered that she wielded the Necromancer hidden class.

Although Necromancers were somewhat similar to ordinary Summoners, whereby both classes utilized summoned creatures to battle, the Necromancer class could summon far more monsters. As long as a Necromancer had enough Mana, even summoning 100 Undead would not be difficult. Although the Undead were not as powerful as ordinary Summoners' creatures, this gap could be made up with numbers.

Necromancers were also stronger than ordinary Summoners when it came to individual combat power. In addition, Undead creatures had extremely high Magic Resistance. Aside from holy magical classes, Necromancers were magical classes' natural enemy.

While Phoenix Rain and Blue Phoenix chatted quietly, Silent March led the two into a VIP room on the third floor.

A valiant man in dark-blue armor already sat in the room. Two other men stood behind him: an Assassin and an Elementalist. Both were Level 42 and exuded extremely dangerous auras.

Phoenix Rain blinked in surprise when she saw the Assassin and Elementalist.

These two were Miracle's famous apex experts. The Assassin was Starstreak, while the Elementalist's name was Cleansed Maple.

Both were generals in Miracle. When the Phoenix Pavilion had clashed with the Guild, many of the Pavilion's experts had died at the hands of these two players. They even nearly killed Martial Dragon.

Based on the reports Phoenix Rain had received, these two were only a short distance away from reaching the Domain Realm.

The valiant man in the chair looked at Phoenix Rain and smiled as he welcomed her, "Phoenix Pavilion Master, long time no see."

This valiant man had no aura whatsoever. On the contrary, he felt calm and harmless.

However, Phoenix Rain would not dare to underestimate this man.

This man was Thousand Miles, Miracle's Second Vice Guild Leader. He was also the Purgatory Legion's commander, titled Purgatory Knight.

"Spit it out. What business do you have with me?" Phoenix Rain felt nothing positive for Thousand Miles. After all, the two players had secretly clashed many times before. It was no exaggeration to say that they were mortal enemies.

"Must you be so angry? I simply want to cooperate today. Are you not interested in Thunder Island, Phoenix Pavilion Master?" Thousand Miles smiled, ignoring Phoenix Rain's aggression.

Hearing the man mention Thunder Island, Phoenix Rain's interest piqued.

"Cooperate in what way?"

Chapter 1147 – Asura Arrives

Phoenix Rain's decisive reply slightly confused Thousand Miles.

He had never expected such a straightforward answer from Phoenix Rain.

Since joining God's Domain, Miracle and the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion had butted heads numerous times in the Apocalypse Empire. Upon discovering Thunder Island, in particular, both sides suffered a ridiculous number of casualties as they faced each other in battle. Based on his estimates, each Guild should've lost two or three hundred thousand elite players.

At this point, it was practically impossible for their Guilds to sit down for a proper conversation.

He had prepared various arguments to get Phoenix Rain to listen to his proposal. Now, however, it seemed that his preparation had been unnecessary.

Immediately, Thousand Miles revealed an agreement and handed it to Phoenix Raid, saying, "Phoenix Pavilion Master, take a look at this."

Receiving the agreement, Phoenix Rain glanced through its contents.

The agreement was very simple.

As long as the Asura Battle Team allowed the Evil Dragon Battle Team to win the match, Miracle would agree to a non-aggression pact with the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion during the contest for Thunder Island.

"Phoenix Pavilion Master, what do you think about these conditions? I believe that you are familiar with the situation on Thunder Island. We are seeing more Guilds preparing for the upcoming contest by the day. Both you and I are even struggling to ensure that we secure a single monster encampment. Clashing with each other on Thunder Island wouldn't benefit either of us.

"To begin with, the Asura Battle Team has no chance of victory. You might as well had the victory to the Evil Dragon Battle Team. You can gamble on our win and earn a fortune for yourself. We'll have the best of both worlds this way. What do you think?"

Currently, in preparation for the upcoming contest on Thunder Island, the various large Guilds were tight on resources.

In Thousand Miles's opinion, this proposal would benefit both his and Phoenix Rain's sides.

While the Asura Battle Team had performed exceptionally in its previous match, in his opinion, the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion must've contributed to the battle team's powerful weapons and equipment. Moreover, although Battle Wolves backed the Glorious Lions Battle Team, the Guild had not placed much importance on the Dark Arena back then. Hence, the Asura Battle Team eventually defeated the Glorious Lions Battle Team.

However, the Asura Battle Team's current opponent was the Evil Dragon Battle Team, which had Miracle's support. The Evil Dragon Battle Team received more benefits than the Glorious Lions Battle Team had. Not only were Miracle's apex experts on the team, but Miracle had also supplied a large stock of excellent weapons, equipment, and Skill Books.

The Evil Dragons Battle Team far surpassed their current opponents in both number and quality of experts and items. The Asura Battle Team had no hope of victory. Hence, rather than struggling pointlessly, it was much better if the Asura Battle Team let the Evil Dragon Team win.

If Phoenix Rain bet all of her resources on the Evil Dragon Battle Team winning, she could walk away with a massive fortune. With these resources, she could hire more helpers and increase her chances of obtaining a share of the authority over Thunder Island.

The two Guilds would also have a non-aggression pact. By agreeing to his proposal, Phoenix Rain could kill two birds with one stone.

“This is why you called me here?” Phoenix Rain asked indifferently.

“That’s right. It is very rare to see such a high payout rate in the Dark Arena. As long as the Evil Dragon Battle Team achieves a complete victory, you’ll get seven times the return. With this many resources, both our Guilds will gain a foothold on Thunder Island,” Thousand Miles said confidently.

“What if I refuse?” Phoenix Rain said.

When she had signed the agreement with Shi Feng, she had agreed that she wouldn’t interfere with the Asura Battle Team. Shi Feng only needed to send her half of the team’s profits. Moreover, her main goal in establishing the Asura Battle Team was to compete for the position of the Dark Arena’s host.

Although Thousand Miles had presented his offer casually, the consequences of suffering an utter defeat in the Dark Arena included more than just losing a match.

Normally, battle teams only needed to win eight out of ten competitions to earn the right to challenge the host. However, to prevent Guilds from deliberately manipulating a competition’s results, any battle teams that suffered utter defeat were barred from the Dark Arena’s competitions for a certain period. Moreover, the battle team’s previous victories would be reset to zero.

For example, after Asura had demolished the Glorious Lions Battle Team, even now, it was still banned from the competitions. Even after the ban lifted, the team’s previous two wins would not be counted.

However, the Dark Arena grew more intense with each passing day. Everyone wanted the spot of the Dark Arena’s host. Moreover, due to the Mind Space System beginning its operation, the various corporations hungered for a share of the pie that was the Dark Arena.

If one were only a participant, they could only take part in a competition once every few days or even weeks. Moreover, participants would only profit if they won. On the other hand, the host made a fortune on every competition, regardless of which team won.

Although one could also spectate and bet resources on a competition, risks came with each gamble. Moreover, the host was no fool. For competitions with clear winners, the payout rates would be set extraordinarily low. Even if one won in a bet, they would win very little. It was far from what the winning battle team earned from their cuts of the bets.

In the end, however, the host earned more than anyone.

Recently, the Dark Arena had begun to hold more competitions, and the number would continue to increase. One could just imagine how profitable it would be to become the Dark Arena’s host.

Hence, no battle team wished to lose; they especially wanted to avoid an utter defeat.

“Phoenix Pavilion Master, do you hate money that much?” Thousand Smiles said, the warm smile on his face turning cold. “The Asura Battle Team’s loss is already set in stone. Is it really worth rejecting my offer to protect your reputation? If you refuse, I’ll have no choice but to find the Dragon Pavilion Master and negotiate with him. I believe that he would be extremely interested in cooperating with us on Thunder Island. He would also be more than willing to tell the Great Pavilion Master about the Asura Battle Team. Even the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion would not be willing to let you act so recklessly.”

He had already done his investigation and discovered that Nine Dragons Emperor had no relationship whatsoever with the Asura Battle Team. Phoenix Rain had established the team herself. However, while Nine Dragons Emperor could not interfere with the battle team, he could report Phoenix Rain to the Great Pavilion Master, the true ruler of the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion. At that time, Phoenix Rain would be forced into an awkward position.

“Are you threatening me?” Phoenix Rain asked, her tone lowering slightly.

“No, this is just a kind warning,” Thousand Miles said, smiling. He was unfazed by Phoenix Rain’s angry reaction.

“Thank you for your warning, then! I have some matters to deal with, so I’ll be leaving!” Phoenix Rain glanced at Thousand Miles before turning to leave.

If the secret of her owning the Asura Battle Team were exposed, and Heavenly Dragon and Miracle agreed to cooperate, her development in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion would suffer. However, the setback wouldn’t be so severe that she needed to fear the man’s threats.

As long as the operation on Thunder Island succeeded, her position in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion would be unshakable.

“She really doesn’t know how to appreciate a favor.” Wrathful flames burned in Thousand Miles’s eyes as he watched Phoenix Rain’s departing figure. “March, pass on the weapons and equipment we borrowed to Miracle Dragon and the others. Since this plan has failed, we’ll proceed with the original plan.”

Originally, Thousand Miles had intended to secure a complete victory for the Evil Dragon Battle Team without exposing their true strength. After all, this would benefit them greatly in the upcoming competitions.

Now that Phoenix Rain had rejected his proposal, he had no choice but to show her how powerless the Asura Battle Team was against the Evil Dragon Battle Team, forcing her to regret her decision.

“Understood!” Silent March nodded and left the room.

Time passed quickly. As more people arrived in the Dark Arena, Phoenix Rain desperately worked with her subordinates to learn more about the Evil Dragon Battle Team. At the same time, she used her connections to obtain some top-tier equipment for the Asura Battle Team.

As the competition was about to begin, Blue Phoenix rushed into the VIP room Phoenix Rain occupied.

“Big Sis Rain, Zero Wing’s members have arrived, but...”

“But what?”

“They’ve only sent five people this time...”

“Five?! Do they want to win this competition or not?!”

Chapter 1148 – Toy Around

In Flame Dragon City's Underground Arena, a large number of advanced carriages and high-ranking Mounts crowded together outside the establishment.

The hundreds of black-armored security members were currently confirming the players' invitations.

"Isn't that person the Guild Leader of the first-rate Guild, Silver Knights?"

"What is that Mount? It's so huge!"

"Crap! It's the Epic rank glow effect!"

"Which battle teams are participating in the Dark Arena this time? They have actually attracted so many amazing people!"

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Both the independent players that had come to tour the imperial capital and the Guild players that wanted to take part in the Dark Arena were stunned by the scene in front of the Underground Arena.

Normally, it was rare to see players atop high-ranked Mounts in Flame Dragon City, yet warhorses, cheetahs, tigers, lions, giant wolves, and various other powerful Mounts now packed the street. It was a dazzling sight to behold.

Aside from high-ranking Mounts, players also saw various upper echelons from many of the large Guilds.

However, the most popular topic among these independent and Guild players was the upper echelons' weapons and equipment.

In God's Domain, ordinary players even considered Dark-Gold Weapons and Equipment godly items. However, in this gathering of Guild upper echelons, such items were a dime a dozen. It was the Epic items that attracted attention.

The true reason for the upper echelons' visit was the Dark Arena's first-ever auction. Even the usually uninterested large Guilds had shown up, curious about what items the auction had to offer. After all, the Dark Arena's host had organized the auction. The host certainly wouldn't offer inferior goods as it would soil their reputation.

Moreover, the Dark Arena's host had already announced that the auction would include an Epic item.

Even first-rate Guilds had a few Epic items at most, with some only having one or two. These Guilds treasured every one of their Epic items and used them to attract new and independent players.

Aside from Super Guilds and super-first-rate Guilds, the majority that had been invited were first-rate Guilds. There were also a select few second-rate Guilds, famous adventurer teams, and famous independent apex experts.

Those who received an invitation card could also bring a few companions.

In fact, many of the large Guilds' upper echelons, who had not received an invitation themselves, had tagged along with first-rate Guild upper echelons.

Hence, so many large Guilds had come to visit the Dark Arena. The Guilds without their own Epic items were eager to purchase the Epic item in the auction.

Among this gathering of experts, a party of six suddenly appeared. This party was particularly eye-catching as they stood in the crowd.

"Wow! Which Guild do they belong to? They are all wearing Epic items! They're even more impressive than the Guild Leaders from first-rate Guilds!"

"Wait, they aren't from a Guild. Look; none of them are wearing Guild emblems."

The players were stunned as they gazed at this party of six. Even the many upper echelons grew curious about these players' identities.

Not only did every member of the party possess Epic Equipment, but their levels were also astonishing high.

All six of them were Level 43!

In the Fire Dragon Empire, these people could definitely rank within the top ten on the empire's Ranking List. Currently, only the first- and second-ranked players were Level 43. Even if one counted those who had chosen not to display their names on the Ranking List, the empire didn't have more than five players who had reached Level 43.

"Big Sis Endless, so many people are staring at us. Should we use our Black Cloaks?" Cloud Yarn asked. She felt that they were attracting too much attention. At this rate, they might be noticed by those with ill will.

"No need. We're here to build the Midnight Tea Party's fame. With this, we can find more people to conduct business with." Paying no attention to the gazes sent her way, Endless Scars led her companions into the Dark Arena.

Today, she had three goals for her visit. The first was to watch the match between Zero Wing and Miracle, the second was to take part in the auction, and the third was to find qualified superpowers to discuss business.

Obviously, the Guild players crowding the Underground Arena's entrance didn't meet her requirements.

There were simply too many people entering the Dark Arena. Hence, the host had created two paths to enter the venue. One was a VIP path for the various superpowers, while the other had been prepared for the various large Guilds.

Very few representatives from the various superpowers would visit the Dark Arena, so there was no need for these people to wait in line to enter the venue. Meanwhile, the normal path for large Guilds saw a lot of traffic, so people using that path had to line up.

In Endless Scars's opinion, none of the large Guilds in line qualified to discuss business opportunities with her. Most importantly, none of them were strong enough. Naturally, she would not waste her time

on these Guilds. Instead, she led the few Midnight Tea Party members that had joined her to the VIP path.

Seeing the path Endless Scars's group took, the various large Guild upper echelons, who had wanted to introduce themselves to the party, revealed bitter smiles. They also dismissed their thoughts of targeting these players' Epic items.

Those capable of entering via the VIP path had to be closely related to God's Domain's Super Guilds, regardless of if they were independent players or not. Otherwise, they wouldn't have received a VIP invitation card.

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Meanwhile, inside a VIP room on the Underground Arena's third floor, Abandoned Wave sat by a window. As he quietly observed the bet displayed above the arena outside, he could not help but grin.

"Hahaha! Wonderful! As long as the Evil Dragon Battle Team achieves a complete victory, Blackwater will earn back all of its previous losses with interest!" Abandoned Wave said before he began to laugh.

Although some people had learned that Miracle backed the Evil Dragons Battle Team, which decreased the payout rates from one-to-three to one-to-one-point-five, the payout rate for a complete victory remained one-to-eight.

Suddenly, Laughing Drunkard entered the room and reported, "Guild Leader, Miss Jingxuan has arrived. Should we greet her?"

"Go, greet her for me. If possible, borrow some precious materials from her. Tell her that I'll pay her back by three-fold later," Abandoned Wave instructed after considering the matter.

He did not particularly value Ling Jingxuan. After all, she didn't possess any authority in the Blackwater Corporation. There was no need to fawn over her. However, as Ling Jingxuan was still a person of considerably high status, he had to show some respect.

"Understood," Laughing Drunkard replied, bowing before taking his leave.

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Inside another VIP room in the Underground Arena, Phoenix Rain frowned when she saw Shi Feng's group take their seats below the competition stage.

They really only sent five people?! Phoenix Rain couldn't believe her eyes. Just what is Zero Wing planning?

She simply could not figure out what Shi Feng was trying to do.

Was the man trying to provoke the Evil Dragon Battle Team?

Or was he trying to conserve his team's strength?

Although other battle teams had pulled off such a stunt before, those battle teams were extremely powerful. Those battle teams were absolutely confident in defeating their opponents. Hence, they felt that there was no need to expose the identities of their other members. However, the Evil Dragon Battle

Team was no ordinary team. It had the full support of Miracle. Its overall strength was much higher than the Glorious Lions Battle Team.

However, it was too late for Phoenix Rain to do anything.

Both teams' rosters had already been submitted. It was impossible to make any changes now. Moreover, the first match was about to begin. Most laughably, the Asura Battle Team had decided to send Alluring Summer into the first match, someone whom Phoenix Rain had met only once before. Phoenix Rain had no information about the woman.

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"This Phoenix Rain really is interesting. Has she finally realized the gap between our teams?" Thousand Miles sneered as he watched the Asura Battle Team's five members. "Unfortunately, it is too late now. March, go ahead and join the others. Also, tell Miracle Dragon and the others to toy around with the Asura Battle Team properly. Teach them how wide the gap is between our teams' strengths."

"Understood!" Silent March replied, a hint of excitement flashing in her eyes.

Chapter 1449 – Condition for Opening the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest

The massive Dark Arena was packed with people, and everyone wore astonished expressions as they stared at the stage.

For this competition, the Asura Battle Team had only sent five players.

"What's the Asura Battle Team trying to do?"

"Could they be trying for another complete victory?"

"That shouldn't be the case. Even if the Asura Battle Team has nothing but fools, they must know that the Evil Dragon Battle Team is no longer the same as it was. Miracle now leads the team. Although Miracle is only a super-first-rate Guild, it even has stronger and more experts than some Super Guilds."

"I think they're deliberately trying to lose. Now that Miracle has taken over the Evil Dragon Battle Team, the battle team's strength has transformed tremendously. The Asura Battle Team must've recognized that they are no match for Evil Dragon and decided to send five members to conserve their strength for the next match."

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Every player in the audience had their own opinions. However, the majority was of the opinion that the Asura Battle Team intended to preserve its strength, yet they couldn't just throw away their reputation by handing over a complete victory. Hence, they had sent five members. As long as they won one of the first three matches, they wouldn't have too many issues.

After all, the information they had collected clearly stated that the Asura Battle Team only a handful of powerful experts. This only gave the team a fighting chance in the first three matches. Once the competition proceeded to the final two matches, the Asura Battle Team had no hope of victory.

More players began to place their bets on the Evil Dragon Battle Team's victory.

Because of this, the competition's payout ratio changed again. While the payout rate for the Asura Battle Team's victory was one-to-two, the payout rate in favor of the Evil Dragon Battle Team plummeted. However, the payout rate for either team achieving a complete victory remained the same.

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Meanwhile, in a VIP room on the second floor...

"Big Sis Endless, who do you think we should bet on?" Cloud Yarn asked hesitantly.

The other Midnight Tea Party members similarly looked towards Endless Scars in hopes of predicting the victor.

In their adventurer team, Endless Scars was the most capable when it came to deducing others' strengths. Oftentimes, when their team members sparred, Endless Scars knew the outcome even before it began.

They also intended on participating in the upcoming auction. It was better to have a little more money in their pockets.

"Stop trying to be devious. We don't have any concrete information about either team right now. It's impossible to judge which team will win." Endless Scars rolled her eyes at her companions. Slowly, she continued, "Everyone must assume that Zero Wing has no hope of winning. After all, the gap between both sides is simply too massive. However, Zero Wing is not as simple as they think. Let's just observe this battle."

Had she not encountered Zero Wing at the Fallen Ark, she definitely would've assumed that the Evil Dragon Battle Team would win this competition. After all, Miracle had borrowed plenty of Epic items from other Guilds to secure victory. In addition, Miracle had dispatched its own apex experts to support the Evil Dragon Battle Team. It was simply impossible for Zero Wing to win.

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While the Asura Battle Team prepared below the stage, Shi Feng received a call from Phoenix Rain.

"Team Leader Ye Feng, does Zero Wing intend to give up this competition?" Phoenix Rain asked grumpily.

She had rejected Thousand Miles's offer. She had also put her trust in Zero Wing while shouldering the pressure from the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Great Pavilion Master, yet the Asura Battle Team only had five members on the stage. This made her look like a joke before Thousand Miles, Nine Dragons Emperor, and the Great Pavilion Master.

If the Asura Battle Team suffered utter defeat, her plans for Thunder Island would likely be finished as well.

Currently, the number of superpowers contesting over Thunder Island increased by the day. Meanwhile, the Great Pavilion Master disagreed with the idea of splitting the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's power in the contest. He believed that the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion and Phoenix Pavilion should work together to increase their chances of taking control of Thunder Island.

If her performance in the Dark Arena disappointed the Great Pavilion Master, the latter would hand the Phoenix Pavilion's management rights to Nine Dragons Emperor.

She wouldn't be in a favorable position.

"Give up?" Shi Feng chuckled. He more or less understood why Phoenix Rain had asked such a question. "Phoenix Pavilion Master, we haven't given up. We just couldn't find enough capable experts, so we had no choice but to send five people."

Shi Feng wasn't happy with the situation, either. However, he had no other choice.

When he had obtained the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, it should've been a cause for celebration.

Unfortunately, none of them expected the strict conditions for opening the Treasure Chest. Even Shi Feng had been surprised.

Opening the Treasure Chest actually required 3,000 players.

The condition was very simple. One needed to send 3,000 players into the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest. These players would then have to clear the trials inside. The Treasure Chest would only open after all 3,000 players cleared their trials.

To ensure their success with opening the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest, Shi Feng had gathered every expert in the Guild, supplementing the missing numbers with the Guild's top elite players.

However, he had never thought that, upon entering the chest, the players would be sent to separate trials. Moreover, players inside couldn't contact those in the outside world. They couldn't log out of the game, either. There were only two ways to leave the Treasure Chest.

The first method was to clear one's trial.

The second was to wait for 48 hours. Once the time was up, players would be sent out of the Treasure Chest automatically. Unfortunately, if even one player failed their trial, they wouldn't be able to open the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest...

Among those who entered the Treasure Chest, Shi Feng had performed the best. Even so, it had taken him over eight hours to clear his trial. While inside, he had fought many monsters, with each being stronger than the last. It felt as if the trial were pushing players to surpass their limits with each battle.

After Shi Feng, Violet Cloud, Fire Dance, Gentle Snow, and Alluring Summer emerged from the Treasure Chest, one after another. However, even Violet Cloud, who had been the fastest among the four, had needed over 14 hours to clear her trial, whereas Alluring Summer, who had been the slowest, had taken 16 hours. Everyone else was still stuck inside the Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest...

As the competition in the Dark Arena was about to begin, Shi Feng had no choice but to lead Violet Cloud and the others to the venue first.

While Shi Feng had considered looking for substitutes on the way here, he simply couldn't think of anyone suitable for the role. Aside from his group of five, there wasn't even one Level 40-plus expert player in the Guild; they were all trapped inside the Treasure Chest. If he brought anyone below Level 40 to the Dark Arena, they'd become a laughingstock.

Couldn't find enough capable experts?

Phoenix Rain was speechless. She even began to wonder if Shi Feng was toying with her. However, seeing Shi Feng's serious expression, the man should not be lying. It was quite possible that Shi Feng knew how powerful the Evil Dragon Battle Team was. If that were the case, it wasn't unexpected that he couldn't find enough people capable of challenging the battle team. Since they had no hope of winning the final two three-versus-three matches, there was no point in leading the rest of the members here. It was safer to bet everything they had on the first three matches.

"I understand. It will be alright if you don't win this competition. I just hope that you don't allow the Evil Dragon Battle Team to look down on the Asura Battle Team," Phoenix Rain softly advised Shi Feng.

Although their chances of defeat were high, as long as they won two of the first three matches, their defeat would be glorious in the eyes of outsiders. At that time, she could better-explain herself to the Great Pavilion Master. As for achieving another complete victory...

In Phoenix Rain's opinion, that was impossible.

There were two monster-like experts on the Evil Dragon Battle Team's roster. They even had the Witch of the West holding down the fort. It would be a miracle if the Asura Battle Team weren't utterly annihilated.

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As Phoenix Rain tried to console him, Shi Feng realized that she had definitely misunderstood something.

However, he also wasn't in a good position to explain the situation.

After all, he could not reveal why he hadn't found any suitable fighters.

The Inferior Legendary Treasure Chest was of utmost importance. Although it might not make him the enemy of every Guild in the game like the City Building Order would, super-first-rate Guilds and Super Guilds would dispatch a large number of experts to steal the Treasure Chest. The various superpowers would repeatedly assassinate Zero Wing's upper echelons.

"This is the latest information I've gathered about the Evil Dragon Battle Team. Take a look," Phoenix Raid said before forwarding the files she had received from Blue Phoenix to Shi Feng.

Although they hadn't uncovered much information about the enemy battle team's members due to time constraints, it could still help Shi Feng form a proper strategy for the competition.

Hasn't Miracle invested a little too much into this competition?! Shi Feng was speechless after looking through the files.

It would've been fine if Miracle only sent the Sword Freak, Miracle Dragon. However, Shi Feng hadn't expected Miracle to dispatch the Assassin Starstreak, who wielded the title Speed Star. Both players were bona fide monster-like experts.

However, the name on the Evil Dragon Battle Team's roster that confused Shi Feng the most had to be the Witch of the West, Alice.

Everyone in the virtual gaming world recognized the title the Witch of the West. Currently, the Witch ranked 21st on the God's Domain Experts List.

The Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Martial Dragon was known as an absolute genius that only appeared once a decade. Before even reaching the age of thirty, Martial Dragon had grasped a Domain. Meanwhile, based on what Shi Feng knew, Alice held the record for the youngest person to grasp a Domain. Many Super Guilds had attempted to recruit Alice. In the end, however, Miracle had paid a high price for her membership.

Aside from Miracle's core upper echelons, no one knew exactly what conditions the Witch of the West had demanded.

After Alice had joined God's Domain, despite the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion trying its best to uncover information about her, the Pavilion had only managed to find minor, irrelevant facts. The only crucial information they discovered was that, shortly after God's Domain had launched, Alice had successfully killed three of the Secret Pavilion's apex experts in a row.

After that incident, the Secret Pavilion had pushed Alice to the 21st position on the God's Domain Experts List. The Secret Pavilion had only provided a brief explanation of the battle that day. The Pavilion had not released any concrete information or battle videos. Many apex experts had been displeased and felt that the Secret Pavilion's judgment had been biased. These experts all rushed to challenge Alice.

However, these challenges' outcomes had silenced any objections. Many of these people had even decided to join Miracle afterward. The situation had sparked many Super Guilds' curiosity.

Although Shi Feng did not know what had happened, he knew that the Witch of the West was extremely frightening.

In the past, the Witch of the West had been most well-known for her absolute combat power control. It was a unique combat technique that had been tailored for Alice.

In the past, one had been considered an ordinary expert if they could exert 50% of their total combat power. As for second-rate experts, they were capable of exerting at least 60% of their combat power. First-rate experts could exert 70%, top-tier experts could exert 80%, peak experts could exert over 85%, and apex experts could exert over 90% of their combat power.

Meanwhile, the Witch of the West could display 100% of her total combat power!

Even Domain Realm experts would struggle to reach such heights...

With these three great experts on the Evil Dragon Battle Team, it was no wonder why Phoenix Rain doubted that the Asura Battle Team had any chance of victory.

While Shi Feng plotted a strategy to deal with the enemy roster, the system announced both teams' rosters to the audience.

"Crap, the Sword Freak is here! I've been one of his loyal fans for a long time!"

"Is the Evil Dragon Battle Team holding an all-star competition?"

"Sword Freak, Speed Star, Witch of the West..."

"No wonder why the Asura Battle Team only sent five people! They must've given up, knowing that they'd lose for sure! What a bunch of cowards! They aren't even putting up a fight!"

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The audience gasped in shock when they saw the Evil Dragon Battle Team's roster.

Although they had already heard rumors that Miracle now supported the battle team, they had never imagined that the super-first-rate Guild would provide so much support.

The crowd could not help but shiver with excitement when they saw the names on the Evil Dragon Battle Team's roster. Compared to the Evil Dragon Battle Team, the previous teams were simply weaklings.

"Uncle Yuan, has Miracle lost its mind? It actually sent so many of its peak experts." Purple Jade frowned when she saw the Evil Dragon Battle Team's roster.

The various Super Guilds were treating the Dark Arena like a playground. They would not take the competitions here seriously and expose their experts' strengths.

However, the combatants that Miracle had dispatched spoke volumes of how seriously the Guild took the Dark Arena.

It was likely that only teams with the backing of super-first-rate Guilds and Super Guilds had any chance of contending with the Evil Dragon Battle Team. Other Guild and major corporation battle teams shouldn't even consider taking a team like that down.

"Jade, don't forget that the Mind Space System has officially activated. Miracle is most likely growing restless and trying to obtain as many resources as it can as quickly as possible. As the Dark Arena takes shape, it's becoming an excellent source of income. Miracle will start taking the competitions here seriously," Yuan Tiexin said. Miracle's actions hadn't surprised him in the least. "It's unfortunate that Zero Wing still doesn't have enough experts and can't participate in a competition of this level yet.

"However, at least we have not wasted our trip since we'll get to watch a few interesting matches and gain a deeper understanding of the Evil Dragon Battle Team."

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Meanwhile, inside a VIP room on the second floor...

Over a dozen people lounged in the VIP room, and every one of them was Level 41 or above. Among them, the tall, mighty man in the lead was a Level 42 Berserker and carried a pitch-black greatsword across his back.

If Shi Feng saw this man, he would recognize this Level 42 Berserker as Everlasting War. Sitting around Everlasting War were the Glorious Lions' reserve members. They all gaped as they stared at the roster over the stage.

"Vice Team Leader, we specifically came all the way here to watch the Asura Battle Team in action, but at this rate, won't the Evil Dragon Battle Team annihilate Asura?"

"That's right. If the Evil Dragon Battle Team secures a complete victory, our Glorious Lions' reputation will plummet since the Asura Battle Team defeated us."

"Alright, enough. We're simply here to watch the competition. If the Asura Battle Team is utterly defeated, this can only mean that they aren't improving fast enough. In that case, we simply need to defeat the Evil Dragon Battle Team to redeem ourselves."

Everlasting War strictly reprimanded his team after hearing the reserve members' concerns.

The Glorious Lions had suffered a complete defeat against the Asura Battle Team. Losing that competition had dealt Everlasting War a massive mental blow. He had never imagined that Shi Feng and the others would be so powerful.

Since then, he had finally understood that there was always someone better. In the past, he and his team members were too ignorant and thought of themselves as experts. Henceforth, they had trained desperately and improved themselves.

Today, he and his team had come to gain a proper understanding of the Asura Battle Team. Unfortunately, they hadn't expected the battle team to be so outmatched.

Deep down, though, Everlasting War still hoped that the Asura Battle Team would win. With this, defeating the Asura Battle Team in a future rematch would have more meaning.

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Below the stage, in the Evil Dragon Battle Team's resting area...

Miracle Dragon glanced at the Asura Battle Team's roster before turning to look at the distant Shi Feng. When he noticed the Swordsman's calm expression, he could not help his disappointment.

"And here I thought that he would be a formidable rival. Now, it seems he's just a coward," Miracle Dragon said contemptuously. "March, I'll let you arrange the match-ups. There's no reason to take an opponent that has already surrendered seriously."

"Understood. Since they are sending an Elementalist into the first match, I'll volunteer to fight," Silent March suggested.

“Fine. However, I forbid you from messing around too much. Just toy with the opponent a little. Do not expose too much of your strength. We need to ensure that we’ll progress towards challenging the host,” Miracle Dragon instructed.

Silent March nodded in response. She then walked up the stage.