

Strongest

Chapter 1191 – Legacy of the Sea

Shi Feng could not bear to put away the crystal bottle in his hands.

“With this, my problems have been solved.”

Previously, he had struggled to figure out a way to transport the Diamond Wood needed to construct advanced speedboats. Diamond Wood could not be stored in a player’s bag space. Transporting the wood via Teleportation Magic Arrays would cost enough to choke any Guild.

The only efficient way to transport Diamond Wood was to use a teleportation array to reach a border town and then rely on Transport Carriages to move the wood to another country’s border town before transporting it via teleportation array once again. While the cost was still considerably high, one could save more time than transporting the wood via carriage the whole way.

However, the twenty, minor NPC cities Shi Feng had asked the Secret Pavilion for were in several different countries. Moreover, none of them were near the Apocalypse Empire. Even if he relied on Transport Carriages, it would take a very long time for the wood to reach Ocean Viewing Town.

On the other hand, if he relied on maritime transportation, not only could he save a lot of money, but he could also save plenty of time.

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[One-horned Sailboat] (Small Sailboat, Bronze Rank)

Maximum capacity: 120 people

Durability 900/900

Item storage when liberated: 7,000 bag space slots and 100 non-bag space slots.

Additional Active Skill 1-

Magic Shield: Absorbs up to 1,000,000 damage for 5 minutes.

Cooldown: 15 minutes.

Additional Active Skill 2-

Thunder Cannon: 1,200-yard range. Deals lightning damage to an area of 15*15 yards.

Cooldown: 30 seconds

(Six cannons are currently equipped. Cannons can be replaced.)

Additional Active Skill 3-

Mana Drive: Converts Mana into motion, increasing Movement Speed by 30%. Every 10 Magic Crystals consumed extends duration by 15 minutes.

Cooldown: 10 minutes

Additional Active Skill 4-

Thunder Blast: Deals devastating damage to the area 500*30 yards ahead. Attack includes knockback and paralyzing effects.

Cooldown: 5 minutes

Additional Passive Skill-

Braving the Winds and Waves: When sailing with the wind, Movement Speed increased by 50%. When sailing against the wind, Movement Speed is unaffected.

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Although the One-horned Sailboat's Attributes were slightly lower than the Hurricane Sailboat's, it was one of the best ships currently available in God's Domain.

Moreover, the Small Sailboat was much faster than speedboats. Even the Secret-Silver ranked Swift Dragon Speedboat was only as fast as an advanced sailboat. The One-horned Sailboat was significantly faster than the Swift Dragon Sailboat. In addition, one could use Magic Crystals to increase the ship's Movement Speed. This would greatly reduce transportation time.

While Shi Feng admired the One-horned Sailboat, the Freedom Alliance members a short distance away stared at him.

"Commander, I've discovered some information about that man," Blue Joy hurriedly reported. "That person is Ye Feng, and he is a core member of the Zero Wing Guild. He is also the leader of the Asura Battle Team. He is very strong.

"As for Zero Wing itself, it is one of the upstart Guilds that established when God's Domain launched. The Guild's development speed is incredible, and Zero Wing has even suppressed veteran first-rate Guilds. Right now, Zero Wing is Star-Moon Kingdom's publicly-acknowledged, number one Guild. Recently, it even dared to provoke a few superpowers, but none of them can do anything about the Guild, forced to turn a blind eye."

"Just what kind of backing does this Guild have? It even dares to provoke superpowers." Passing Monarch could not help his astonishment when he heard Blue Joy's report.

The Freedom Alliance consisted of small Guilds and adventurer teams. They only knew that the virtual gaming world's various superpowers were powerful, but they did not know exactly how powerful these existences were. However, as the Freedom Alliance grew stronger, they uncovered more information. In fact, a super-first-rate Guild had previously decimated the Fifth Fleet.

They had finally understood that, while their alliance might be a match for superpowers that hadn't focused on marine strength, the Freedom Alliance was no match for those Guilds that had poured resources into their navy.

Superpowers simply had too many experts. Moreover, they weren't ordinary experts. With so many, these superpowers could get their hands on advanced speedboats and Bronze Speedboats far more quickly than the Freedom Alliance.

Hence, Passing Monarch found it unbelievable that Zero Wing had provoked multiple superpowers on land and still existed.

However, what shocked Passing Monarch the most was the Swift Dragon Speedboat.

During the previous battle, Passing Monarch had come to understand that the Swift Dragon Speedboat was not just a Mysterious-Iron Speedboat as he had assumed. It must be a Secret-Silver Speedboat.

A Secret-Silver Speedboat!

Since joining God's Domain, Passing Monarch had never seen or heard about any of the naval powers owning a Secret-Silver Speedboat.

Yet, such a speedboat had shown up in the hands of a land-based Guild...

This revelation excited Passing Monarch.

He had come to the Sea of Death because he had heard of a low-level King-class Sea Monster in the area. In addition, he had heard that the various superpowers were purchasing Thunder Passes at astronomical prices. Hence, he had come to kill the King-class Sea Monster to earn some side income. After all, repairing his fleet was a considerable expenditure.

He had also come here to recruit powerful adventurer teams or small Guilds to join the Third Fleet.

In the Sea's End, strength spoke louder than words. If one wanted to obtain more resources, they needed a powerful force. Almost everyone in the Sea's End had already been recruited, but it was a different story elsewhere. Land-based Guilds, in particular, were just starting to extend to the ocean. He could find plenty of talent on land.

Unfortunately, Passing Monarch hadn't expected the events to unfold as they had in upon reaching the Sea of Death. Not only had he nearly lost his entire fleet, but he also failed to find any experts from small Guilds. Rather, he had encountered a great expert with a Secret-Silver Speedboat, and this expert was backed by a Guild like Zero Wing.

"Commander, are you considering recruiting him?" Blue Joy asked, surprised when she saw Passing Monarch's expression. "He won't agree. After all, he is a member of a large Guild. He even owns a Secret-Silver Speedboat. Why would he want to join us?"

"Who said that I intended to ask him?" Passing Monarch rolled his eyes. "Have you forgotten the reason that we're here?"

"Do you want to invite him to Sea Dragon City's festival?" Blue Joy's eyes widened in shock, unable to believe that Passing Monarch was considering something so mad. "Commander, Sea Dragon City's festival is our Freedom Alliance's greatest secret! It is too risky to invite outsiders!"

"I understand. However, you know our Third Fleet's situation. We only have one opportunity each month. If we don't perform well, we'll lose our position." Passing Monarch wore a hesitant expression. In the end, however, he steered his speedboat towards Shi Feng.

As Shi Feng was still occupied with his jubilation about acquiring the One-horned Sailboat, he did not take any precautions, even after noticing the approaching Bronze Speedboat.

He had no reason to do so. The difference between their strengths was clear to see. Passing Monarch and the other Freedom Alliance members were aware of the fact as well.

In fact, Passing Monarch's group should feel grateful that he did not have any ill intentions.

"Our contract had already been completed. What other business do you have with me?" Shi Feng asked Passing Monarch calmly as the man stood on the Bronze Speedboat's deck.

"Hello. I haven't introduced myself yet. I am Passing Monarch, the commander of the Freedom Alliance's Third Fleet. You might not have heard of the Freedom Alliance before, but we are considered the overlord of the Sea's End. Brother Ye Feng, seeing as you have a Secret-Silver Speedboat, we like to ask for your help," Passing Monarch announced straightforwardly. "I think that you'll be interested in my offer."

"You have something to interest me?" Shi Feng could not help but laugh.

The only thing that could capture his interest was the ability to mass-produce advanced speedboats. Obviously, the Freedom Alliance didn't have this ability as it required a large number of materials and Advanced Engineers.

"What if I tell you that it's related to the Legacy of the Sea?" Passing Monarch asked confidently.

Chapter 1192 – Forbidden Land

"The Legacy of the Sea?" Shi Feng's heart rate quickened when he heard these words. However, he kept his composure as he said, "Tell me, then."

Simply put, the Legacy of the Sea provided a specialized hidden class.

With this hidden class, players could become incredibly powerful in naval combat. However, the class had serious limitations. As long as players were not at sea, the class was no different than ordinary classes. The Legacy of the Sea was different from other hidden classes, which provided improvements in all sorts of environments. It was an extreme Legacy.

However, to players who frequently sailed, it was highly sought after.

After all, even if they obtained the Legacy at the Basic rank, they could display astounding power when exploring the open ocean.

The Peak Legacy of the Sea could even grant the strength to face opponents of a higher tier.

Hence, Guilds that wanted to develop their naval forces hungered for the Legacy of the Sea. The various large Guilds would target any player that obtained the Legacy. With such a player, maritime transportation would become far safer. They would also have an easier time fighting sea monsters.

As far as Shi Feng knew, the Freedom Alliance had possessed many members with the Legacy of the Sea. This was also why the Freedom Alliance had become famous throughout God's Domain, becoming a force that even the game's superpowers were hesitant to provoke.

Seeing Shi Feng's interest, Passing Monarch knew that he had hope for cooperation.

"To tell you the truth, our Freedom Alliance discovered the Legacy in an ancient ruin. However, obtaining the Legacy depends on the player's abilities once they enter the ruins. Due to a barrier restricting the number of people that can enter, our Freedom Alliance only allows each fleet to take ten ships into the ruins. I'd like to invite Brother Ye Feng to join us. With your speedboat and our Third Fleet's strength, I believe that we can secure quite the bounty.

"We can sign a contract. If we obtain two Legacies, one will go to you. How about it?"

The other Third Fleet members were stupefied by Passing Monarch's offer. They had never expected their commander to be so generous.

However, after giving the matter some thought, they found it reasonable. After all, Shi Feng owned a Secret-Silver Speedboat. If they did not show some sincerity, he wouldn't bother listening to their offer.

"Obtain two Legacies?" Shi Feng curiously asked, "Are there many in the ruins?"

"Each time we enter the ancient ruins, there are a number of Legacy items. It just depends on whether or not we can leave with those items," Passing Monarch explained confidently.

When the Freedom Alliance had first activated the ancient ruins, they had dispatched eleven fleets. Inside, they discovered several Legacy items. In the end, however, only one fleet had obtained the Legacy of the Sea. This fleet was now the strongest in the Freedom Alliance.

As it had become the strongest fleet in the Freedom Alliance, it enjoyed far more benefits than its companions. The fleet was able to occupy the three Large Shipyards the Freedom Alliance managed.

It was still a little too early for players to construct ships as this task required many Lifestyle players. However, a Large Shipyard could also repair ships.

During an intense battle, ships usually suffered some damage. Repairing ships in a Large Shipyard not only reduced the repair costs, but it also increased the repair speed.

On the other hand, the Third Fleet only possessed a Large Shipyard. There was simply no comparing their two fleets.

The strongest fleet also received priority over special ammunition. It was given access to the most and the best available.

The next ruin exploration was about to begin. How could he not make use of this opportunity to recruit Shi Feng's help?

"What if we obtain three Legacy items?" Shi Feng asked.

"I'm afraid that will be incredibly difficult. Brother Ye Feng, you've never been to the ruins, but a large number of sea monsters occupy the area. Those monsters are extremely powerful. Traps litter the ruins, and there's a time limit once you enter. We won't have enough time to search for a third Legacy item," Passing Monarch explained, smiling. He understood Shi Feng's train of thought.

“So, that’s the case. Then, if we really obtain a third Legacy item, can I have it?” Shi Feng asked, smiling. He now had a basic understanding of the ancient ruins’ rules.

“Alright. If you obtain a third one, you can have it,” Passing Monarch said nonchalantly. In any case, that wasn’t going to happen. His promise was empty.

“We have a deal, then. However, before we sign the contract, may I know when the ancient ruins will open?” Shi Feng asked. “I still my own matters to deal with. If there is a clash in timing, I’m afraid that I cannot help you.”

Hearing Shi Feng’s words, Passing Monarch grew a little nervous.

“It’s tomorrow…” Passing Monarch replied, feeling slightly embarrassed.

He could tell that Shi Feng had something to do, and today was almost over.

Shi Feng was speechless.

“I understand that I am putting you in a difficult position. If there is anything we can help with, please tell us,” Passing Monarch hurriedly offered.

“How about this? You guys can follow me. With your help, I should be able to save a little time,” Shi Feng said after considering the matter.

The Demon Island he was heading to occupied the Sea of Death’s inner region. Although it was not the most dangerous location in the Sea of Death, the island’s monsters were troublesome. Normally, he would have to clear a path slowly. However, if he had an expert like Passing Monarch, who could lead a fleet with four Bronze Speedboats, he could save plenty of time.

Passing Monarch and the others then followed Shi Feng into the Sea of Death.

Originally, the Freedom Alliance did not think much of traversing the Sea of Death. However, as Shi Feng ventured deeper into the zone, they began to worry.

They had never expected Shi Feng to lead them into the Sea of Death’s inner region…

Not only did this area have many sea monsters, but the monsters were also very high-leveled. There were Level 70 sea monsters everywhere, and the slightest mistake could destroy their ships and end their lives.

“Commander, what do you think that Ye Feng is trying to do here?” Blue Joy asked. When she saw the nearby sea monsters eye them like prey, goosebumps danced across her skin.

Watching the Swift Dragon Speedboat steady advance and giving the matter some thought, Passing Monarch said, “It must be for a quest.”

The Sea of Death’s inner region was a forbidden land to current players.

Aside from a quest, Passing Monarch could not fathom why anyone would come to this place.

“Questing here at this level?” As Blue Joy looked at a distance Level 70 Grand Lord sea monster, a thought suddenly came to her mind as she said, “Could he be here for an Epic Quest?”

Hearing Blue Joy's words, the Freedom Alliance members paled.

An Epic Quest was incomparably dangerous. Even now, nobody within the Freedom Alliance had completed one.

As the Freedom Alliance members discussed Shi Feng's goal, Shi Feng led the group to two, gloomy, twin islands. One could occasionally hear lung-tearing screams from the islands; it was enough to give one goosebumps.

Surprisingly, over a dozen speedboats were docked beside the island. Based on these ships' appearances, it was clear that they were high-quality.

"Why are there people here?" Shi Feng was momentarily stunned.

Because this area was a forbidden land for players, one would have to pay a massive price to get this far. He had only arrived safely due to his familiarity with the sea zone and the quality of his speedboat.

Passing Monarch and the others behind Shi Feng were similarly stunned.

Among the fourteen speedboats docked around the island, one was a Mysterious-Iron Speedboat, six were Bronze Speedboats, and the rest were advanced speedboats. This fleet could rank at the very peak of the Sea's End.

After Shi Feng snapped out of his momentary daze, he quickly shifted his attention to the symbol on these speedboats.

The symbol consisted of seven stars arranged in a circle.

Shi Feng frowned.

This was the Flower of Seven Sins' fleet symbol!

Chapter 1193 – Naval PvP

Gray fog enveloped Demon Island. Here, players' visibility range was limited to 150 yards. Meanwhile, Demon Island's monsters were all Level 70 and above. At such a distance, Level 70-plus monsters could easily detect players. On the other hand, players couldn't see these monsters.

However, players' main problem wasn't the island's fog.

The real problem was the ever-present, dark corrosive power on the island. If players did not have high enough Darkness Resistance, they would not survive. Moreover, the further one ventured, the stronger this corrosive power would become.

"Boss Brute, five speedboats are approaching Demon Island," a Level 43, black-clothed Ranger reported as he watched the distant Swift Dragon Speedboat.

"Speedboats are approaching?" The bald, middle-aged man on the screen, Brute Spear, sneered and said, "Since we've already been seen, we won't let them leave alive. Get rid of them, but don't destroy their ships. We can use them to make up for the losses we suffered to get here."

“Great! I haven’t been on a mission for so long that I’m feeling rusty.” The Level 43 Ranger licked his lips as he observed the approaching Swift Dragon Speedboat.

Although the Flower of Seven Sins received requests every day, experts of their rank didn’t often receive missions.

Following which, the Ranger disconnected the call and ordered the other members on the speedboat, “Get ready. Once they get here, we’ll take action. We’ll use *that* to prevent their escape if necessary.”

Hearing the Ranger’s command, anticipation filled the other Flower of Seven Sin members aboard the speedboat.

“These fellows really are pitiful. They have only come this far after much difficulty, yet we’ll send them back before they even set foot on the island.”

“However, based on their speedboats’ quality, they should be quite strong. Hopefully, we’ll get to enjoy ourselves a bit.”

“Each of us will handle one person. Once you’ve killed a player, give the others a chance.”

The Flower of Seven Sin members aboard the speedboat chatted among themselves.

Shi Feng and his temporary team weren’t important at all to these players. Even if these players encountered experts from some superpower, the outcome wouldn’t change.

When Shi Feng noticed the seven-star symbol, he instructed everyone to don their Black Cloaks, hiding their identities.

“Brother Ye Feng, are they your enemies?” Passing Monarch asked, curious about Shi Feng’s command. However, they had already agreed that they would follow Shi Feng’s lead. The fleet commander and his teammates did as they were told.

“They’re not exactly enemies. However, it’s best if we hide our identities.” Shi Feng did not bother to explain further. “It doesn’t hurt to be a little careful out in the fields, right?”

Although he did not know why the Flower of Seven Sins had come to Demon Island, it was not wise to expose their identities to a group of assassins.

Although Shi Feng would have preferred to approach the island from another side, Demon Island only had one entrance. Using the Seven Luminaries Ring’s Space Movement wasn’t a viable option, either. A unique power enveloped the Sea of Death, preventing all spatial movement-type Skills. Otherwise, he would not have used the Swift Dragon Speedboat to travel such a long distance.

When Shi Feng and the others were only 300 yards away from Demon Island’s entrance, the Flower of Seven Sins members burst into action.

“Move out!”

Suddenly, five Elementalists aboard the Mysterious-Iron Speedboat each took out a Magic Scroll.

As the Elementalists unfurled their Magic Scrolls, a dark blue magic array appeared on the water’s surface. The sea water instantly began to freeze, and in the blink of an eye, the space within a 1,000-yard radius was covered by a sheet of ice. As a result, Shi Feng and the Freedom Alliance’s speedboats had been forced to a halt.

As if they had long since prepared for this, the Flower of Seven Sins’ members stored their own speedboats and stepped onto the ice.

“Who are these people?” Passing Monarch’s expression darkened as he looked at the frozen sea surface. “Why are they attacking us all of a sudden?”

Normally, when one encountered other players, particularly out at sea, one wouldn’t abruptly attack. After all, there was no benefit to fighting each other.

Moreover, without any information about the other party, picking a fight in the fields wasn’t smart. One might end up throwing away their life.

Due to Shi Feng’s command, they all wore Black Cloaks, so it was obvious that the other party did not know them, yet these players had attacked without hesitation. They were simply lunatics.

Shi Feng was also surprised.

The Flower of Seven Sins was very secretive about what it did. The organization didn’t normally take the initiative to provoke others. This was nothing like the organization’s usual operations.

Do they know that Demon Island has Seven Luminaries Crystals? Shi Feng wondered as he looked at the foggy island ahead.

Logically, he should be the only one who knew about the island’s Seven Luminaries Crystals.

Demon Island was home to an ancient shrine, and only by entering the shrine’s inner region could one obtain the Seven Luminaries Crystals. However, it was very difficult to locate the shrine itself, much less the shrine’s inner region.

Hence, the Flower of Seven Sins shouldn’t know about the shrine.

However, upon closer inspection, Shi Feng discovered that every one of the players charging towards him was a Red Player. Dark Players were among the group as well. It was obvious that they were veteran PKers.

“Damn it! If they want to fight, we’ll give them a fight! Ready the cannons! We’ll blast those bastards to smithereens!” The Flower of Seven Sins’ attack enraged Passing Monarch. Now that the other party had stored their speedboats, they couldn’t attack their ships. Their only option was to bombard the players.

In God’s Domain, it took forty seconds to store a ship. However, there were less than 300 yards separating these players. The other party would reach them before the forty seconds were up. Furthermore, once players entered combat, they weren’t allowed to store their ships.

They had to finish these players off.

As the cannons rang, one cannonball after another flew at the Flower of Seven Sins members.

“Foolish!” The Level 43 Ranger in the lead sneered at the incoming cannonball.

Although speedboats’ cannons were immensely powerful and could kill a player in one hit, expert players like himself could easily dodge cannon attacks by relying on the projectile prediction lines the system provided.

The hundred-plus Flower of Seven Sin members closed the distance to their targets rapidly. Soon, they were only 200 yards away.

In front of these Flower of Seven Sin experts, the Bronze Speedboats’ cannon fire was practically useless. These experts dodged every attack easily.

Seeing this, Passing Monarch and the others were frustrated. They had thought that they had escaped danger after defeating the Sea Serpent King. Now, however, they had to face a large group of experts trying to rob them of their ships.

“Get ready to split up! Remember, do not damage the speedboats! Boss Brute has already laid his claim!” the leading Ranger commanded through the team chat.

“Boss, relax. We won’t even give them the chance to destroy their own ships!” the other members laughed.

Before the battle had even begun, they looked at Shi Feng and the others as if they were dead men.

As the Flower of Seven Sins members were about to cross the 100-yard mark, a black beam flashed past them.

Boom!

The solid layer of ice vaporized instantly, exposing the blue sea water beneath it. The affected area spanned a radius of 25 yards. Meanwhile, six Flower of Seven Sins members died on the spot, leaving twelve weapons and pieces of equipment floating upon the water.

Chapter 1194 – Demons Appear

The Dragon Cannon’s attack had pulled a gasp from the Flower of Seven Sins’ remaining members.

The previous few cannon attacks had only dented the ice, yet the Dragon Cannon had obliterated it. Moreover, its Attack Speed was at least double that of the previous cannons. Its attack range was even more impressive.

Even without the high Attack Speed, with such a long range, it was extremely difficult to dodge the Dragon Cannon’s attacks.

What is that speedboat’s rank? The leading, black-clothed Ranger’s expression twisted.

He had seen a Mysterious-Iron Speedboat’s cannons in action many times, so he was fully aware that a Mysterious-Iron Speedboat didn’t have such fast and powerful attacks.

Facing the Dragon Cannon at such a close range would be extremely dangerous.

He had assumed that this fight would be nothing more than a game to kill time. He hadn't expected an actual opponent.

Meanwhile, Passing Monarch and the other members of the Freedom Alliance celebrated the cannon's success.

"Hahaha! A Secret-Silver Speedboat is truly astounding! Just a single shot is enough to stun those bastards!

"I want to see if they still dare to fight us now!"

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The Freedom Alliance members could not help but laugh at the frozen Flower of Seven Sins members.

This Ye Feng really is amazing! Passing Monarch sighed ruefully as he looked at the massive hole in the ice.

He had to admit that Shi Feng was a skilled strategist. While the Flower of Seven Sins members had been over 200 yards away, they had been spread out. Even if Shi Feng had used the Dragon Cannon, he would have been lucky to kill even one player. However, as these players came within 100 yards, they clustered. Since such a short distance left them little room to react, Shi Feng able to kill six players in one hit.

After such an attack, their enemy should be more cautious. The other players might even give up the fight.

However, as Passing Monarch pondered these assumptions, the Flower of Seven Sins members revealed excited grins.

"Brother Chen, our opponent seems to be a tough one. With this, we can finally use that move, right?" a Level 42 Assassin asked, chuckling as he looked at the black-clothed Ranger. He felt nothing in particular in regard to his fallen companions.

"Alright." The Ranger nodded helplessly when he saw the eager light in his companions' eyes. "Don't let any of them get away. The same goes for their souls."

"Brother Chen, relax. We won't let their souls go to waste," the other members assured their leader as they licked their lips, eyeing Passing Monarch and the others.

The Freedom Alliance members shuddered involuntarily.

These players didn't look at them like enemies, but food...

With the Ranger's consent, the Flower of Seven Sins members wailed painfully, dark fog swallowing their bodies. In just a short moment, they transformed.

Although their weapons and equipment remained the same, their skin was now pitch-black, and they had blood-red eyes. Two curved horns grew from their heads, while a pair of pitch-black, bat wings and a tail grew from each of their backs. They didn't look human at all.

"What are these people?" Passing Monarch's expression froze as he watched these players transform.

The rest of the Freedom Alliance members were similarly stunned.

There were players who could actually transform!

This was definitely the first time they had seen something like this in God's Domain.

Not only had the Flower of Seven Sins' members transformed physically, but they also emitted a terrifyingly oppressive aura.

If these players had looked like a group of ferocious beasts, brandishing their fangs and claws, they now looked like monsters that no ordinary human had any hope of defeating. They all felt like humanoid Lords. Among them, the Ranger in the lead gave off the strongest aura. The Freedom Alliance members felt as if a higher being looked down upon them when the Ranger turned his gaze towards their ships.

Unlike the other Flower of Seven Sins members that transformed, this black-clothed Ranger had two sets of wings growing from his back. Rather than a Lord, he felt like a Great Lord.

"Go! Leave none alive!" the Ranger shouted as he pointed towards Shi Feng and the others.

The Flower of Seven Sins members fluttered their wings, lifting off from the ground. However, they weren't actually flying, only hovering above the ground. Even so, they moved much faster than players on foot. Even the Dragon Cannon would have a hard time hitting them with such speed.

"Are they really players?" Blue Joy began to feel frightened.

She discovered that these players' HPs had also undergone a massive transformation, increasing from their original 20,000-plus to above 100,000. Among them, the Ranger's HP had even reached 170,000...

No wonder why they were bold enough to attack other players on sight. So, they've already become Demons. Shi Feng frowned at the approaching Flower of Seven Sins members.

God's Domain had more playable races beyond human. Players could turn into Demons. Only, doing so was the equivalent of turning their backs on the human race.

Once a player became a Demon, they would grow stronger. The increase was roughly the equivalent of half a tier. With the exception of the Endurance Attribute, players' Basic Attributes increased by around 15% depending on their classes. Demon players would also receive a huge boost to their HPs. Frankly, the increase couldn't compare to a real Berserk Skill. The only reason it was referred to as a half-tier improvement was because Demon players' Life Ratings rose, improving their physiques by roughly 15% as well.

However, although the improvement was incredible, becoming a Demon also had a corresponding price.

First, Demon players were humanity's enemy, whether it be players or NPCs. If NPCs caught a Demon player, the consequences would be unimaginable. If players captured a Demon player and handed said player over to NPCs, they would receive an abundant reward.

Second, Demon players needed to hunt for player souls regularly. Otherwise, they would grow weaker as time passed. Conversely, the more souls a Demon player harvested, the stronger they would become.

Take the leading Ranger for example. Due to devouring so many souls, he had been promoted from a Low Demon to a High Demon. Hence, he obtained far more power when he transformed.

It was obvious that the Flower of Seven Sins members already had the physiques of Tier 2 players.

Meanwhile, any player that lost their soul to a Demon player was barred from the game for at least one day. Moreover, they would lose a minimum of three levels...

Third, Demon players had a far more difficult time raising their tiers as Demons' tier-promotion mechanics were different from humans.

Normally, Guilds forbade their members from becoming Demons; it was detrimental to a Guild's development, after all. Only a non-Guild organization like the Flower of Seven Sins were bold enough to do something like this.

As for the fourth and most fatal aspect, Demon players suffered far more severe death penalties. If a Demon player were killed, not only would they lose at least three levels, but they would also be barred from the game for two or three days. Their Demon rank would also fall by one, and recovering the lost rank would take quite some time.

As a result, most players opted against becoming Demons.

"Anyone capable of using Berserk Skills, use them now! If not, use Tier 2 Magic Scrolls!" At this point, only Shi Feng had maintained his composure.

"A pointless struggle! Just give up and let us devour you!" the Ranger demanded disdainfully as he snarled at Shi Feng and the Freedom Alliance members preparing for a fight.

In a short moment, the Flower of Seven Sins members boarded the Freedom Alliance's Bronze Speedboats.

Members of the Flower of Seven Sins already had very high combat standards. Now that their Attributes and physique had grown so much stronger, the Freedom Alliance lost over a dozen players in just a few exchanges. In contrast, the Flower of Seven Sins suffered no casualties whatsoever.

Meanwhile, aboard the Swift Dragon Speedboat, a Level 42 Berserker charged at Shi Feng, his battle axe descending towards the Swordsman.

Dang!

As the clang of metal echoed, this transformed Level 42 Berserker shot backward like a bullet, flying over a dozen yards away...

Chapter 1195 – Mistaken Calculations

“Commander, these people are too strong. If this continues, we’ll all die here,” Blue Joy said hurriedly through the team chat. “We need to find a way to leave this place.”

After she had activated her Berserker Skill, she might barely be able to prevail in a one-on-one; however, in a one-on-two situation, she would only be suppressed.

Although she was not the best at PvP in the Third Fleet, she could still rank within the top ten. Hence, if she was already faring so poorly, there was no need to mention how the other Freedom Alliance members were doing.

Right now, their only advantage was the fact that none of these Demon players could use Berserk Skills. This provided them, who could use Berserk Skills, an edge in Basic Attributes and allowed them to hold off the Demon players for now. However, the duration of Berserk Skills was simply too short. If the other side dragged out the battle long enough, their side would definitely get wiped out.

“Just who are these people?” Passing Monarch was also extremely anxious right now.

The members of their Third Fleet could be considered experts in the Sea’s End. He was even one of the top ten experts in the entire Freedom Alliance.

Nevertheless, after he arrived at the Sea of Death, it was as if he had come to an entirely different world as he met one expert after another. There would’ve been no problem if it was just Shi Feng. Now, however, among the hundred-plus players assaulting them, every one of their opponents was an expert superior to them. He even began doubting whether he was playing the same game as he had been up to now.

Despite Passing Monarch having already activated his Berserk Skill, his Strength and speed superior to the black-clothed Ranger’s, he failed to land any attacks on the Ranger at all. It was as if the Ranger had seen through all of his attacks. The Ranger could not only dodge his attacks easily but also launch attacks at his blind spots while dodging, and this left him no choice but to defend himself. Even launching counterattacks became difficult.

If not for the healers at the rear line healing him, he would’ve already perished by now.

Currently, less than 70 people remained in the Third Fleet. Against the Flower of Seven Sins members, not only did they not possess a numerical advantage, but they were also inferior in quality.

“Everyone, gather together! Destroy all the speedboats and retreat!” Passing Monarch commanded as he gritted his teeth.

Now that the outcome of the battle was already obvious, there was no meaning in them continuing this battle. Without a doubt, they would be annihilated, and their speedboats would fall into the Flower of Seven Sins’s hands. Rather than accepting such an outcome, it would be much better to destroy their speedboats. That way, neither side would end up winning.

As soon as Passing Monarch said so, however, he saw a two-meter-tall Berserker blasted from the Swift Dragon Speedboat. As the Berserker's body crashed heavily into the icy ground, his HP fell by over 3,000.

"Torrent, are you alright!?"

Several nearby Flower of Seven Sins members could not help but look at the Level 42 Berserker in surprise.

Although Violent Torrent's combat standard was only average for their team, he was equipped with a complete set of Level 40 Fine-Gold Set Equipment and wielded a Level 40 Dark-Gold battle axe. In terms of Strength, he could rank within the top five among their team.

After Demonizing, his Strength would have increased by 17%. Even a Berserker equipped with a complete set of Level 40 Dark-Gold Set Equipment would lose out slightly to Violent Torrent in terms of Strength. Despite that, he had actually been sent flying by a Swordsman. It was simply inconceivable.

"I'm fine. My hands are just a little numb. It seems his Berserk Skill should be a Strength-oriented one. You guys should be careful," the Berserker named Violent Torrent replied nonchalantly as he shook his hands.

The others nodded in response to his words. They then began carefully approaching Shi Feng.

After they transformed into Demons, they would lose the ability to use Berserk Skills—the price they had to pay to become Demons. Otherwise, it would simply be too overpowered if they could stack the Attribute bonus they received from Demonizing with the effects of a Berserk Skill. The Main God System obviously would not allow this to happen.

However, although their Demon transformation indeed did not provide as many Attributes as a Berserk Skill did, the 15% improvement to their physiques allowed them to dodge even attacks from opponents with superior Attributes. With this, they could slowly whittle down their opponents.

At this time, a Level 42 silver-robed Elementalist said, "Since it's a Strength-oriented Berserk Skill, we'll attack him from a distance."

"I'll support you guys from the side," Violent Torrent said as he dashed back towards the Swift Dragon Speedboat.

However, the Flower of Seven Sins members had obviously misunderstood something. Shi Feng did not have any of his Berserk Skills activated right now. His previous slash was simply a normal attack.

The reason why Violent Torrent went flying was entirely the recent upgrade to Shi Feng's equipment. He had yet to adapt himself to the changes. Hence, he had failed to control his power properly and unintentionally sent Violent Torrent flying.

When Violent Torrent was halfway back to the Swift Dragon Speedboat, Shi Feng had already jumped down from the craft. He then used Wind Blade and dashed at the Berserker, his speed so fast that nobody managed to catch a clear sight of him.

So fast!

By the time Violent Torrent reacted, Shi Feng was already before him, the Abyssal Blade descending towards him.

Peng!

Violent Torrent instinctively executed Whirlwind Slash to block the Abyssal Blade.

What power! The intense force pushing down on Violent Torrent nearly drove him to his knees. Fortunately, the icy ground had served to cushion some of the impact, though weblike cracks formed on the ice layer as a result.

However, almost at the same time as Violent Torrent stopped the Abyssal Blade with his battle axe, Shi Feng slashed Killing Ray at the Berserker's chest.

Chop!

-25,578!

Instantly, Violent Torrent lost close to a quarter of his 110,000 HP.

Demon players sure have high HP and Defense. Shi Feng was slightly surprised.

If Violent Torrent were an ordinary Level 42 Berserker, Shi Feng could have reduced the Berserker's HP to a critical level in one attack.

Demon players didn't just have a lot of HP. Their Defenses got a significant boost as well. Hence, it was very difficult for ordinary players to capture Demon players. Normally, one would need at least a party of players to capture a Demon player of the same level. Due to this, quite a few independent players and Dark Players would choose to become a Demon.

In the past, even the expansion pack "Demon's Return" was triggered. Meanwhile, one of the conditions for triggering this expansion pack was the number of Demon players in God's Domain reaching a certain level.

After the Demon's Return expansion pack was triggered, a Demon empire suddenly appeared in God's Domain. The incident back then had thrown God's Domain into chaos.

"Who is that guy? Why can he cause so much damage to Torrent?"

Several Flower of Seven Sins members nearby were momentarily stunned.

They were fully aware of how frightening their Defense became after transforming into Demons. Not to mention, the Berserker class was a plate armor class. A Berserker of the same level would be fortunate to deal -6,000 damage to Violent Torrent after using a powerful Skill. Despite all that, Shi Feng had inflicted over -20,000 damage on Violent Torrent with just the most basic Chop Skill.

At this time, an Assassin snapped out of his daze and shouted hurriedly, "Quickly heal Torrent!"

If even an ordinary Skill could already deal so much damage, then Shi Feng could kill Violent Torrent in just a few moves. If Violent Torrent did not receive enough heals in time, the Swordsman would make short work of him.

“Mhm.” A blue-robed Demon Cleric quickly began chanting.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng sent a glance at the Freedom Alliance members, noticing that they would not be able to hold out for much longer, as they had already begun destroying their own speedboats.

I need to finish them off fast.

Having no other choice, Shi Feng activated Heavenly Dragon’s Power.

The instant Shi Feng activated Heavenly Dragon’s Power, a golden glow wrapped around his body. Faint golden dragon scales appeared around his body, making it seem as if he had just donned dragonscale armor. His body also exuded an invincible aura.

He then sent a slash at the Berserker before him.

Illusory Shadow!

Before Violent Torrent could see what was going on, six streaks of blue light cut across his body, penetrating his tough armor. With a face filled with confusion, he fell to the ground as his HP reached zero.

Chapter 1196 – Strategic-level Expert?

“He died...”

The surrounding Flower of Seven Sins members could not help but gape in shock. Even the Demon Cleric chanting a Greater Healing stopped abruptly as he stared at Violent Torrent’s motionless body.

Violent Torrent had close to 80,000 HP remaining just now!

With his strength, he should’ve been able to resist for some time. Otherwise, the Demon Cleric wouldn’t have chosen to cast Greater Healing, which had a considerably long casting time.

At this moment, when the several Flower of Seven Sins members turned to look at Shi Feng, a possibility suddenly occurred to them, and they could not help but shudder at the thought.

That possibility was that Shi Feng had not used his Berserk Skill when he was fighting Violent Torrent before, even after the Berserker had turned into a Demon, and had activated the Skill only now.

“Not good! We met a hard one! He’s a peak expert! Hurry up and contact Brother Chen!” a thinly built man said. The man felt his breathing stifled as he looked at Shi Feng.

There were few peak experts even in the Flower of Seven Sins. These existences were normally part of the organization’s middle management. Shi Feng would have little trouble going up against more than a dozen Half-step Refinement Realm experts like themselves at the same time, especially now that he had activated his Berserk Skill.

Currently, only Brother Chen, the Ranger leading the team this time, as well as a few others could possibly resist someone like Shi Feng for long.

Just as this thinly built Assassin was done speaking, Shi Feng advanced and suddenly appeared before a Guardian Knight. Without hesitation, this Guardian Knight activated Protection Blessing. However, Shi Feng remained unperturbed by this reaction as he brandished Killing Ray.

Thundering Flash!

Immediately, four blue arcs of lightning struck at four different locations.

Combat technique Four Moon Lotus!

After the four lightning snakes pierced through the Guardian Knight, they each struck at the four magical class players behind him.

The Guardian Knight instantly lost over half of his 140,000 HP, whereas the four magical classes behind him lost one-third of theirs and had their spellcasting interrupted by the impact of Thundering Flash.

“Block him! Don’t let him get close to the magical classes!”

Hearing this, a Guardian Knight immediately used Justice Roar on Shi Feng. The Demon Cleric at the rear also cast Truth Shield and Rapid Healing on the Guardian Knight. As for the other melee players, they each used a Control Skill on Shi Feng. At the same time, the ranged classes launched attacks to seal Shi Feng’s movements.

Shi Feng could not help but admit that every member of the Flower of Seven Sins was an expert. Their coordination with each other was also impeccable. In combination with their high HP and Defense, it made dealing with them extremely difficult.

If it were any other expert here, they would definitely choose to pull back first. However, Shi Feng never entertained the thought of retreating. Instead, he activated Defensive Blade without hesitation, greatly extending his attack range.

At the same time, he switched the Basic Tyrant title to the Swordsmanship Master title, increasing his Attack Speed by 30%.

Sword’s Orbit!

Starlight immediately emerged around Shi Feng’s body. Not only did he manage to block all incoming attacks, but before anyone could react, everyone within a 15-yard radius of him also began losing HP rapidly.

Despite the Demon Cleric at a distance spamming heals on the Guardian Knight, he still failed to keep the MT alive.

In the blink of an eye, everyone within 15 yards of Shi Feng died.

Meanwhile, the Oracle reporting to the Ranger called Brother Chen was stupefied.

“Hello? Why are you contacting me at such a time? Did something happen?” the Level 43 Ranger asked as he toyed around with Passing Monarch.

“Brother Chen, n-not good! There’s a mo-monster here!” the Level 42 Oracle stuttered.

During the time the Oracle was giving his report, Shi Feng had used Silent Steps and appeared behind the thinly built Assassin, who had just activated Wind Steps. Shi Feng then executed Chop, the speed of his attack so fast that the Assassin did not even react, as he died instantly.

“A monster? Did one run all the way out here from the island?” the Ranger asked, perplexed.

“N-No... There’s a peak expert on the speedboat we attacked. Torrent and the others...they’re all dead.” At this moment, the Oracle was quickly losing his ability to speak as he watched his companions die one after another.

“A peak expert? Okay, I’ll head over there now.” The Ranger immediately grasped the severity of the situation. Ignoring Passing Monarch, he turned towards a few of his companions, who were killing the other members of the Freedom Alliance, and shouted, “Hammer, you guys follow me! Torrent and the others are in trouble!”

Every peak expert was a strategic weapon in a team battle. If not properly contained, a peak expert could easily turn the tide in a fight between hundreds of players.

Violent Torrent and the seventeen others that went to the Swift Dragon Speedboat were merely Half-step Refinement Realm experts. They were simply no match for an expert of such caliber. If the Ranger delayed, they would no doubt be annihilated. Hence, he needed to hurry over there right away.

He’s leaving?

Passing Monarch was filled with confusion as he looked at the black-clad Ranger flying towards the Swift Dragon Speedboat. However, the Ranger’s departure was a good thing for the Freedom Alliance since the Ranger and the three companions that followed after him were the ones who had killed the most Freedom Alliance members.

With the Bronze Speedboats less than 50 yards away from the Swift Dragon Speedboat, the Ranger took less than five seconds to glide across this distance.

However, as soon as the black-clad Ranger descended, he was shocked by the scene before him.

At this moment, none of the eighteen people sent to snatch the Swift Dragon Speedboat was alive. However, only five seconds had passed since he received the report. Eighteen Half-step Refinement Realm experts who had turned into Demons had died, just like that.

The Ranger glared at Shi Feng, who stood a short distance away, and asked coldly, “Where are your companions? Or are they thinking of ambushing us while we’re fighting you?”

No matter how he looked at it, one person simply could not have finished off so many demonized Half-step Refinement Realm experts within such a short time. At the very least, such a feat required several experts working together.

“Companions?” Shi Feng shook his head and said, “I’m the only one here. If you ran all the way here just to ask this, can we start the fight now?”

“Hammer, you and Letter deal with that guy. Scorpion and I will assist from the side and prevent others from ambushing us,” the Ranger commanded hurriedly. It was obvious he did not believe Shi Feng.

“Leave it to me.” The Level 43 Berserker named Hammer nodded seriously as he looked at the cloaked Shi Feng.

The fact that the Swordsman before them could work with other experts to get rid of Violent Torrent’s group so quickly proved that his strength was extraordinary. Not to mention, Hammer also sensed a dangerous aura coming from Shi Feng, and he could tell that he was definitely no match for Shi Feng in a one-on-one fight. However, if he coordinated with Letter, even if they could not defeat Shi Feng, it would also be impossible for Shi Feng to kill them.

However, just as Hammer finished speaking, Shi Feng had already dashed towards him.

“So fast!” The Assassin named Letter was shocked.

At this speed, even if he activated a Berserk Skill in his human form, he would be no match for Shi Feng. If not for his Demon transformation improving his physique, he wouldn’t even be able to catch a glimpse of Shi Feng’s figure.

Hammer also paled at this sight. Hurriedly, he brandished the greatsword in his hands and executed the Tier 1 Skill Death’s Harvest, which could be used only in his Demon form.

Immediately, numerous streaks of black light shot forward, enveloping a cone-shaped area 20 yards before him. This Skill could not be blocked, only dodged.

“Is he dead?”

When the black light dissipated, there was no sign of Shi Feng’s figure anywhere.

“Letter, be careful!”

At this time, the Ranger, who stood ten yards behind the Assassin called Letter, suddenly noticed Shi Feng appearing above the Assassin’s head.

However, his warning came too late.

Shi Feng promptly used the Tier 2 Taboo Skill Instant Strike, his Attack Speed increasing by 500% and damage by 400% for three seconds.

The distant Ranger only saw many streaks of blue light flashing in front of him. Before the Assassin called Letter could even activate Vanish, his body was already falling to the ground.

Shortly after, Hammer finally reacted to the situation. However, by the time he did, several streaks of blue light were heading towards him.

Responding slightly better than Letter, Hammer executed Whirlwind Slash to defend himself. However, as the gap in speed between him and Shi Feng was too massive, before his greatsword could even start picking up momentum, he had already been struck several times. Hammer’s vision then turned gray as his body fell to the ground.

“Who is he?” The Ranger shuddered when he saw this scene.

The male Elementalist called Scorpion took an involuntary step back, terror surfacing on his face.

Two Refinement Realm experts, each with over 100,000 HP, were actually killed instantly.

How was this just a peak expert?

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At this moment, fear filled the eyes of the black-clad Ranger as he looked at Shi Feng.

If the opponent was only a peak expert, then after transforming into a High Demon, he could more or less resist if he teamed up with Scorpion. Once Shi Feng's Berserk Skill was over, they could then counterattack.

However, the Swordsman before them was evidently not just a peak expert. Forget the two of them working together, even if he had everyone in the team come over, they would merely be throwing their lives away. The disparity in Attributes between both sides was simply too massive.

Even he, who was a High Demon, had not managed to get a clear look at Shi Feng's attacks.

High Demons received a 20% improvement to their physiques, which was 5% more than Low Demons. Their Main Attributes would also increase by 20%. Yet, even then, he still could not keep up with Shi Feng.

"We're retreating!"

Saying so, the Ranger immediately extended his wings in preparation to leave. At the same time, he had also sent the command to withdraw in the team chat.

"But what about the situation on Boss Brute's side?" the Elementalist named Scorpion asked hurriedly. "Boss Brute said not to let anyone enter Demon Island."

"Fool!" The Ranger sent a glare at Scorpion. Ignoring the Elementalist, the Ranger directly flew away.

They were currently Demons. The death penalty they would suffer was extremely severe. If they already knew that they could not stop Shi Feng, persisting in the attempt would only be foolish.

Moreover, even if they wanted to stop Shi Feng and the others from entering Demon Island, the best place to fight him was not at sea, but on Demon Island itself. They were Demons. They had very high innate Magic Resistance, particularly Darkness Resistance. They did not need to worry about the dark corrosive power on the island. However, the same could not be said for their opponents.

More importantly, Demon Island was shrouded in gray fog, which significantly reduced the players' range of vision. However, Demons like themselves were not affected by Demon Island's gray fog at all. They would have plenty of opportunities to deal with Shi Feng and the others, whose Berserk Skills would be on Cooldown, at that time.

“It’s too late to run away now!”

Shi Feng did not give the Ranger and Elementalist any opportunities at all. Activating Wind Rider, he left behind an afterimage where he had stood as he instantly appeared before the two Flower of Seven Sins members. He then violently swung down Killing Ray.

Thunder Flame Explosion!

Lightning and fire descended on the Ranger and Elementalist, and even the ice layer beneath the two began crumbling and evaporating.

“He escaped?” When the lightning and flames dissipated, Shi Feng only saw one Demon corpse floating on the water. This corpse belonged to none other than the Elementalist Scorpion. As for the black-clad Ranger, he was nowhere in sight. However, Shi Feng was not particularly surprised by this result.

Unlike Low Demons, High Demons not only received more improvements to their physiques and Basic Attributes but also got to learn some powerful Demon Skills, even a Skill with a powerful escape ability.

Dark Transfer!

This Skill allowed one to teleport to any location within a 3,000-yard radius. Its activation required no preparation time, but it had a long 6-hour Cooldown.

The existence of this Skill made killing High Demon players very difficult.

The Ranger managed to escape, but the other Flower of Seven Sins members fleeing back to Demon Island were not High Demons. Without hesitation, Shi Feng immediately began chasing those Demon players.

Although both sides were moving in the air, Shi Feng was able to fly freely in the sky due to Wind Rider, whereas the Demon players could only glide. The speeds of the two sides were worlds apart from each other.

As for the attacks launched by the Demon players, not only did Shi Feng easily dodge them, but he even used the opportunity to shorten the distance between them. Anyone that Shi Feng caught up with got killed in just a few hits.

Initially, there were over 80 Low Demons fleeing back to Demon Island. However, the ones that actually managed to reach the island numbered less than 30.

Once they reached Demon Island, Shi Feng gave up the pursuit.

Demon Island was rife with Level 70-plus monsters. If he was not careful, he would definitely attract the monsters’ attention. If that happened, not only would he not be able to kill the Flower of Seven Sins members, but he might even lose his life.

In fact, as soon as Shi Feng stepped onto the island, he noticed more than a dozen Shadow Stalkers.

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[Shadow Stalker] (Dark Creature, Great Lord)

Level 71

HP 37,000,000/37,000,000

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When Passing Monarch and the others set foot on the island as well, they could not help but gasp when they saw this scene.

No sooner had they arrived than the sight of over a dozen Level 70-plus Great Lords greeted them. Moreover, these were merely the ones they could see. What about the ones in the forest that they couldn't see?

This was definitely not a place humans should come to.

At this time, a deafening roar came from the middle of the island and reverberated throughout the place. Even the Shadow Stalkers took fright at this roar.

Immediately after, a black-and-white light pillar shot up from the heart of the island. The instant this light pillar appeared, Passing Monarch and the others suddenly felt as if their bodies no longer belonged to themselves, so much so that they could not even twitch their fingertips.

Only after a brief period did they gradually recover their mobility.

"What is that?" Passing Monarch stared at the black-and-white light pillar, thoroughly shocked by the spectacular sight before him.

At this moment, the skies above Demon Island began crumbling, forming a black hole. Passing Monarch could vaguely make out a gigantic eye inside the black hole. Just one glance at this eyeball gave him an appreciation of just how frightening the creature inside that black hole was.

In reality, it wasn't just Passing Monarch and the others that felt fearful. At this moment, even Shi Feng could sense an aura of death looming over him. In addition, he detected an extremely familiar aura emanating from that black hole—Divine Might.

However, the Divine Might he was feeling now was completely different from when he encountered it before. In previous instances, the Divine Might he felt all came from items.

Moreover, as the Divine Might of these items originated from Gods, the Divine Might they could radiate was extremely weak. If Shi Feng were to compare the Divine Might from items and the Divine Might he was feeling now, the former felt as thin as air, while the latter felt as dense as mercury.

How can this be possible? As Shi Feng stared at the massive, red eyeball, he was utterly confused by what was going on. *Could this be an event on Demon Island?*

In God's Domain, there would frequently be such events occurring. To players, these events were both disasters and opportunities.

However, Shi Feng very quickly rejected this thought.

According to what he knew about events, a real God simply could not appear!

At this moment, he could say with absolute certainty that the massive eyeball was the eye of a God.

The reason for his certainty was personal experience with this kind of pressure, so he definitely could not be wrong.

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At the same time, the Flower of Seven Sins members on Demon Island all revealed excited expressions one after another as they looked at the giant eyeball in the sky.

“Success!”

“Boss Brute’s side succeeded!”

“Hahaha! The future of God’s Domain will be the Flower of Seven Sins’s era!”

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At this moment, the Flower of Seven Sins members were so excited that they completely forgot about their battle with Shi Feng before.

Meanwhile, along with the appearance of this giant eyeball, three dazzling, purple-gold items fell out from the crumpled space. Every one of the three items radiated powerful Divine Might that could make one shudder.

Immediately after, the sound of a system announcement entered Shi Feng’s and the others’ ears.

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System Announcement: Some players have activated the new expansion pack “Demon God’s Disturbance.”

Chapter 1198 – Darkness Rising

The system announcement echoed in everyone’s minds for a long time.

The players throughout God’s Domain who had received the news were stunned. Some players had gone directly to the game’s official website, searching for any information about this latest expansion, whereas others thought nothing of it at all.

After all, this wasn’t the first expansion the game had launched. They had long since gotten used to such occurrences.

However, when Shi Feng, who was on Demon Island, heard this system announcement, he was dazed for a long moment.

Demon God’s Disturbance? Shi Feng watched the black hole in the sky slowly close, chaos gripping his pounding heart.

Had he known something like this would happen, he would’ve done anything to stop the Flower of Seven Sins.

God’s Domain had many expansion packs. Among them, some had very little influence over the game, while some would impact the world significantly. Take the Abyss Invasion expansion pack for example.

The expansion pack had only affected the Twin Towers Kingdom and neighboring countries. The Demon God's Disturbance expansion pack, however, affected all of God's Domain...

One could even say that the expansion pack's impact was just as massive as a system update.

Although the Demon God's Disturbance expansion pack hadn't been introduced on the official website, it wasn't good news for ordinary players. Rather, this expansion pack benefitted Dark Players and Demon players.

Due to this Demon God's Disturbance expansion pack, the system's restrictions on God's Domain had loosened, possibly broken, allowing the dark forces to grow exponentially stronger. As a result, the dark forces found more areas where they could gather. These gathering points referred to NPC towns. As the dark forces occupied more towns, Dark Players could extend their reach, have an easier time killing players, and exchange the points they obtained for more power.

There were also certain tools that could allow one to kill other players in an NPC town and leave safely, avoiding the NPC guards.

After the Demon God's Disturbance activated, NPC towns ceased to be safe havens for players.

Moreover, if one were not careful while exploring the fields, dark force NPCs might even claim their life. NPC bandits, in particular, became more prevalent.

Due to this, God's Domain would descend into chaos. Ambushes in the fields became more frequent, and dark force NPC raids on NPC towns would become a daily occurrence.

However, this was not the most important change.

After triggering this expansion pack, all of God's Domain's monsters would gain the ability to learn and evolve. They could then increase their combat power.

To put it simply, if a large number of players continuously killed a region's monsters, these monsters would gradually grow stronger, becoming increasingly difficult to kill.

Of course, this improvement was not without limits. Common monsters could, at most, grow to the standards of the Trial Tower's second floor, while Elite and Special Elite monsters could aim for the third-floor standard. Chieftains could grow to the fourth-floor standard, Lords and High Lords to the fifth-floor standard, and Great Lords and Grand Lords to the sixth-floor standard.

Fortunately, there was a way to cope with this problem; grind where few others venture. Monsters that players didn't farm would keep their low standards. Players could also pioneer high-level maps. These places had similarly low player populations.

Due to this expansion pack, the various large Guilds had grown more enthusiastic about pioneering new maps. They had no longer restricted themselves to their own territories. This, in turn, increased the intensity of the competition between Guilds.

On the bright side, monsters that evolved and improved would provide more EXP, allowing players to level up much more quickly.

“Brother Ye Feng, this island is too dangerous. I think we should leave,” Passing Monarch anxiously advised Shi Feng.

Although the giant eyeball in the sky had disappeared, the island felt even more dangerous before. His instincts told him to run.

Hearing this, Shi Feng took a look at the Shadow Stalkers, which had suddenly gone Berserk. Sighing, he said, “Alright, let’s leave, then.”

With the situation on Demon Island as it was, it was not suitable for them right now.

The Demon God’s aura had driven the island’s monsters Berserk. In this state, their combat power had risen by at least 30%. Demon Island had already been dangerous for him. Now that the monsters had gone Berserk, it was impossible to reach the ancient ruins.

If he wanted to do so, he could only wait until the monsters here reverted to their normal state.

As Shi Feng and the others had turned to leave, a monster’s roar reached them from within the forest. In the next moment, a Three-headed Demonic Hound that was over five meters tall barrelled out of the trees. A savage man with disheveled hair sat upon this Demonic Hound.

The man stood over two meters tall, half a head taller than Cola. The man had thick, robust arms. The man carried a crimson spear on his back, the length of which was decorated with blood-red divine runes. A fiery glow swallowed the spear’s tip. At first glance, it was obvious that this spear was no ordinary weapon.

A group of players followed the man atop nothing less than Bronze Mounts. These people were mostly around Level 43.

“Who are these people?” Passing Monarch turned his head towards the six-man party, shocked.

The other Freedom Alliance members were similarly surprised.

The Three-headed Demonic Hound was very large. Rather than a Mount, it looked like a Lord ranked monster.

They had never even heard of such a Mount before.

Even more shockingly, the savage atop the Demonic Hound was actually Level 45!

Meanwhile, Shi Feng recognized this savage the moment he laid eyes on him.

Brute Spear!

In the past, Brute Spear had been a relatively well-known expert of the Flower of Seven Sins. Back then, the rest of the world had referred to him as the Brute God.

In God's Domain, any player that was nicknamed a 'God' had been a Tier 6 God-ranked expert.

The reason he had been known as 'Brute God' and not 'Spear God' was his inhuman strength in both the game and the real world.

The five others behind Brute Spear were all experts from the Flower of Seven Sins. Their combat standards were on par with the black-clothed Ranger from before, having already reached the Flowing Water Realm.

Even in Super Guilds, an expert party like this was rare. One would only encounter them with some frequency in the Dark Arena.

"You guys killed my men just now?" Brute Spear asked coldly as he looked down at Shi Feng and the others.

Brute Spear's voice was rough. Despite him speaking normally, his words sounded like a tiger's roar. He was like the generals of ancient times and gave off a very scary feeling.

"Fellow friend, is there some misunderstanding between us?" Passing Monarch asked hurriedly when he noticed Brute Spear and the other Flower of Seven Sins members showing signs of taking action. "We didn't take the initiative to attack your people. They attacked us first. We were simply retaliating."

"I don't care. Right now, I'm asking whether you guys killed my men or not?" Brute Spear demanded once again, ignoring Passing Monarch's words.

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Cold ruthlessness colored Brute Spear's words.

Everyone suddenly felt the surrounding air grow heavy as an intense pressure weighed down on them, making it difficult to breathe.

Freedom Alliance had the advantage in numbers, but Passing Monarch did not doubt that, if Brute Spear and the others wanted to kill them, they would be powerless to resist.

The difference in strength between both sides was too obvious.

Compared to the black-clothed Ranger he had fought earlier, Brute Spear and the others were much stronger.

If they simply fell in a fight against Brute Spear and his companions, they could deal with the outcome. However, when the black-clothed Ranger had killed his companions, even Resurrection hadn't revived the dead. His companions had been thrown from the game and hadn't been able to log back in. Hence, if they died now, they would lose their monthly opportunity to obtain the Legacy of the Sea.

As for relying on Shi Feng, while Passing Monarch admitted that Shi Feng was monstrously strong, the Swordsman had just used his Berserk Skill. He couldn't use it again within a short time. His chances of defeating the six experts before them weren't great.

While Passing Monarch and the Freedom Alliance members remained silent, not sure how they should answer Brute Spear's question, Shi Feng opened his mouth and said, "That's right. I did it."

When Passing Monarch and the others heard Shi Feng's honest answer, they paled as they fell speechless.

How could Brute Spear possibly not know that they were the ones responsible for his companion's deaths?

It was obvious that Brute Spear was toying with them.

"A fight is inevitable. Flee with everything you have," Passing Monarch said hurriedly in the team chat.

In reality, they were already considerably lucky. If not for Shi Feng repulsing the Flower of Seven Sins members earlier, they would have lost both their lives and their Bronze Speedboats. Now, however, even if they died, they could keep their speedboats.

As Passing Monarch prepared for a fight, Brute Spear jumped down from the Three-headed Demonic Hound. However, instead of revealing killing intent, he smiled.

"Hahaha! Not bad! You actually admit that you killed my men! Brat, I have to admit, you're quite courageous!" Brute Spear laughed at the cloaked Shi Feng. "On behalf of your bravery, I'll give you a chance to leave this place with your lives.

"Of course, you guys can refuse my offer. However, you'll have no hope of escape. Like your companions, you'll be barred from God's Domain for some time. Not only that, but you'll also lose three levels when you log back in."

"How is that possible? Doesn't the death penalty only reduce one level?" The Freedom Alliance members could not help but panic.

Losing one level was already a heavy punishment. If they lost three, they would need a long time to catch up. As for whether Brute Spear was lying or not, the man had no reason to. After all, the initiative was in Brute Spear's hands. Whether they were going to battle or not was all up to Brute Spear.

"What you're going to do is have a match with me. You all can even come at me together. As long as you shave off a quarter of my HP, you win. If you win, you may leave here in one piece. On the other hand, if you lose, you'll need to contribute a portion of your souls," Brute Spear said, smiling as he glanced at Passing Monarch and the others.

"Contribute our souls?" This was the first time Passing Monarch had heard of such a thing, and he could not help but ask, "If we contribute our souls, what kind of price will we have to pay?"

“It’s nothing much. You’ll just be in a Weakened state for several days. You won’t actually die,” Brute Spear explained, fully understanding Passing Monarch’s worries. “After you guys contribute your souls, I’ll similarly let you all leave safely.”

Based on his personality, he should’ve already killed every one of these people. However, he had just received three treasures from the Demon God, and he needed someone to test them on. Otherwise, he would’ve taken action instead of wasting so many words with these people.

“Brother Ye Feng, what do you think?” Passing Monarch could not help but turn to ask Shi Feng.

To him, Brute Spear’s conditions seemed beneficial. Originally, Passing Monarch thought that Brute Spear would ask for their Bronze Speedboats in exchange for letting them go. However, dealing with a Weakened state for a week or so was better than losing three levels. Moreover, it also wasn’t certain that they would lose. If all of their members were allowed to attack together, their chances of victory would be quite high.

Contributing souls? The name of a certain item suddenly popped into Shi Feng’s head when he heard Brute Spear’s explanation.

The Soul Orb!

In the past, this was a very well-known item in God’s Domain. Moreover, it had belonged to the Flower of Seven Sins.

The Soul Orb had become famous due to its ability to place a player in a state of extreme serenity by sacrificing other players’ souls. The affected player’s brain activity would also increase, which would, in turn, help one learn combat techniques, improve Skill Completion Rates, or even become a Master or Grandmaster Lifestyle player much more easily. This Soul Orb was far more effective than a high-Mana density environment.

As a result, when the various superpowers wanted to nurture a particular genius, they traded with the Flower of Seven Sins. The Flower of Seven Sins was also more than willing to trade. After all, just by using the souls a few players contributed, they could obtain a large amount of resources and excellent weapons and equipment.

In the past, Shi Feng had heard that, to nurture Alice, the Witch of the West, the Miracle Guild had traded a Fragmented Legendary with the Flower of Seven Sins.

Currently, based on Brute Spear’s description and the Demon God’s appearance, Shi Feng was 80% certain that Brute Spear had the Soul Orb in his possession currently.

In God’s Domain, aside from Basic Attributes, Skills, and items, combat techniques also affected a player’s combat power. The Soul Orb was a treasure that could allow players to learn and master combat techniques quickly.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng looked at Brute Spear and said, “Don’t even think about it. We won’t agree to your condition.”

Shi Feng's sudden rejection stupefied everyone. Passing Monarch gaped at Shi Feng. He could not fathom why Shi Feng would say such a thing. Was there really a need to fight Brute Spear and the others?

"That means you want to die, then?" Brute Spear's expression immediately darkened.

Suddenly, the surrounding atmosphere became extraordinarily heavy, and Passing Monarch and the other Freedom Alliance members struggled to breathe.

"Do you think you can kill us without paying a price?" Shi Feng asked. Before anyone realized it, two Magic Scrolls appeared in his hands.

These Magic Scrolls were none other than the Tier 3 Magic Scrolls he had obtained from the Sea Serpent King. One was a Tier 3 Defensive Magic Scroll, while the other was a Tier 3 large-scale destruction Magic Scroll.

"Tier 3 Scrolls?!" Brute Spear's complexion turned ugly when he saw the two scrolls in Shi Feng's hands.

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Tier 3 Magic Scrolls were extremely rare in God's Domain. It was nearly impossible to find one on the market. Even if one went to a large Guild to purchase Tier 3 Magic Scrolls, they would need to a close relationship with the buyer and rare items to offer in exchange.

Meanwhile, Brute Spear recognized both of Shi Feng's Magic Scrolls.

One of them contained a Tier 3 large-scale destruction Magic Scroll, and when this Scroll was activated, even Demon players like himself, with high HP and Defense, would die instantly.

The second was a Tier 3 Defensive Magic Scroll, and it was currently acknowledged as the best lifesaving scroll in God's Domain.

As long as the Tier 3 Defensive Magic Scroll was activated, current players would be helpless against it. Even a Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spell could not break a Tier 3 Defensive Spell. Even Tier 4 Mythic monsters could not break the Defensive Spell. If Shi Feng activated this Magic Scroll, they really wouldn't be able to do anything to Shi Feng and his group as they left Demon Island.

This was not an outcome Brute Spear wished to see.

"Are you really willing to part with two Tier 3 Magic Scrolls?" Brute Spear glared at Shi Feng. He hadn't expected Shi Feng's group to possess such a trump card.

If possible, he wanted to kill Shi Feng before the latter could activate the Magic Scrolls. However, he had already discovered Shi Feng's standard as a peak expert. Even a Domain Realm expert couldn't stop Shi Feng from activating those scrolls.

However, whether it was the large-scale destruction Magic Scroll or Defensive Magic Scroll, both were extremely rare, valuable items at this stage of the game. He refused to believe that Shi Feng would part with them so easily.

“What’s there to be reluctant about?” Shi Feng laughed. “Now that Demon Island has transformed, once we return, we can sell this information to various superpowers. I’m sure that they’ll be more than willing to compensate us for our losses.”

Hearing Shi Feng’s words, Brute Spear and his companions’ expressions twisted; they wanted nothing more than to rip Shi Feng Apart.

Currently, they still had plenty of matters to deal with on Demon Island, and it would take some time before they finished. If the other superpowers learned about Demon Island, a war would erupt. If that happened, other superpowers might snatch some of the items they were searching for.

This was definitely not an outcome they wished to see.

“I’ll admit that you’re pretty smart. Say it, then. What do you want?” Brute Spear growled as he suppressed his bubbling rage.

Hearing this, the corners of Shi Feng’s lips raised as he said unhurriedly, “Since it’s a competition, we have to even the odds. Your conditions are simply too one-sided. If we win, we only get to leave safely, yet if we lose, we have to contribute a portion of our souls, suffering a Weakened state for a long period. If you really want a match, do it fairly. Since we have to contribute our souls if we lose, shouldn’t you offer something as well?”

The items the Demon God had bestowed were different from monster drops. There was no two-hour waiting time to take ownership. Unless the items had a setting that made it so that they would drop upon death, even if he killed Brute Spear, there was no guarantee that he could get the items from the man’s bag. Even if something did drop, it was unlikely that it would be the Soul Orb he wanted.

In the past, many superpowers had sought the Soul Orb and had employed many means, both honest and not, to obtain it. However, no matter what they tried, they had failed to obtain the Soul Orb and had no choice but to trade valuable treasures with the Flower of Seven Sins.

“Contribute items?” Brute Spear glared at Shi Feng. Unfortunately, he currently had no means of dealing with the Swordsman. On the contrary, Shi Feng held his weakness, Demon Island, in his palm. “Fine. If you guys win, I’ll give you all a piece of Level 45 Dark-Gold Equipment. However, you have to reduce my HP to 50% to win. You may choose whichever of the two options.”

Hearing Brute Spear’s words, everyone present could not help but admire Shi Feng.

This was especially true for the five Flower of Seven Sins members beside Brute Spear. If not for Shi Feng being their enemy, they might even applaud the man.

The fact that Shi Feng had convinced Brute Spear to take a step back, albeit it a very small one, was an amazing feat in and of itself. After all, in the Flower of Seven Sins, Brute Spear was a member of the Sin of Pride.

If Shi Feng chose the first option and competed for no reward, Shi Feng's group would only need to lower Brute Spear's HP by 20%. As for the second option, while there was a reward, they would have to reduce Brute Spear's HP by half. The difference was obvious. If Shi Feng's group wanted to win, they would definitely choose the first option. In the end, nothing would change.

"So, are you saying that, if we decimate all of your HP, you'll give us an Epic item?" Shi Feng asked, smiling.

"You really are a greedy bastard. Do you think you guys are worth one Epic item?" Brute Spear said in disdain.

"While Level 45 Dark-Gold Equipment is tempting, do you think I would lack something like that?" Shi Feng said, chuckling as he exposed the Angry Tyrant bracers' glow effect.

Immediately, the Angry Tyrant's Epic-rank glow stunned everyone present.

Previously, Shi Feng had hidden the glow effects of his weapons and equipment, making it very difficult to determine his items' quality unless one had done their research into God's Domain's various materials.

Obviously, nobody present could determine his items' quality. Otherwise, they would have been astounded.

Epic Equipment?! Passing Monarch was taken aback when he noticed Shi Feng's bracers.

Even the Freedom Alliance only possessed a few pieces of Epic Equipment. It was unbelievable that a lone player like Shi Feng possessed a piece as well.

"It seems I really have underestimated you." When Brute Spear looked at Shi Feng's Angry Tyrant, greed flashed in his eyes.

Epic Equipment was even rare in Super Guilds. Super Guilds had far fewer Epic items than peak experts. Only peak experts that performed exceedingly well were assigned Epic Equipment. Even Brute Spear only wore two pieces of Epic Equipment. He had received one of them from the Flower of Seven Sins, while he had just obtained the other from the Demon God's quest.

He did not have any Epic bracers. If he could obtain them, they would undoubtedly increase his Basic Attributes.

"If you want to do it that way, we'll do it fairly. If I bet an Epic item, then you guys have to bet an Epic item as well," Brute Spear said, sneering.

It was obviously not possible to steal Shi Feng's Epic bracers.

Even if he killed Shi Feng, the Swordsman would drop random items. The chance of obtaining those Epic bracers was simply too low. If he wanted, he had to gamble.

"If you lose, you only need to hand over one Epic item, yet if we lose, we need to offer our souls and an Epic item. You call that fair?" Shi Feng smirked.

“If you wish for absolute fairness, fine! You and me, one-on-one!” Brute Spear said. “If you win, I’ll give you a top-tier Epic item!”

“A top-tier Epic item?” Shi Feng’s expression twisted into one of contempt. He then publicized Angry Tyrant’s Attributes for everyone to see. “If you can offer a better piece of Epic Equipment better than mine, I’ll consider it. If not, no deal!”