

## Strongest

### Chapter 1307 – Qualitatively Changing a Town

Inside the dim offline space, a few seconds after Shi Feng made the call request, Aqua Rose connected to the video call.

Currently, the video showed Aqua Rose out in the field, a slightly anxious expression on her face. Moreover, the sounds of an intense battle seemed to come from every direction.

“Guild Leader, your communication system is finally up,” Aqua Rose said, sighing with relief. Her frown relaxed slightly. “I was prepared to send Blackie to go and knock on your cabin.”

“Has something happened?” Shi Feng asked as he examined Aqua Rose’s tired expression.

He had logged back into God’s Domain a short time ago, and before he had returned, he hadn’t received a single message, yet as soon as he logged out, so many people had tried to contact him.

Whatever Aqua Rose wanted to talk about, it must be important. Otherwise, with Aqua Rose’s capabilities, she would’ve solved the problem without contacting him.

Since Gentle Snow had joined Zero Wing, Aqua Rose had a much easier time managing the Guild’s affairs. This was even after taking into account the Guild’s expansion. In fact, Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow were so capable that they could solve many issues without his help. Hence, he had been able to challenge his promotion quest without worrying about his Guild.

“Not long ago, Heaven’s Burial gained access to Evernight City. They’ve turned the Frozen Scar map into an Asura Mode Regional Dungeon. Based on the information Evernight City published, a Guild can gain access to the city once they kill the Frost King, the Regional Dungeon’s Final Boss. Every large Guild is focusing on raiding the Regional Dungeon.

“Quite a few superpowers have set their sights on this Dark City. The competition in Frozen Scar is intense.

“I suggest that we pull Snow away from Lake Heart City and gather Zero Wing’s forces in Frozen Scar. However, Snow has reported that the situation in Lake Heart City has started to improve, and she can’t step away at the moment. I led a portion of our main forces into Frozen Scar, but we’re having difficulty competing with those superpowers.

“Moreover, quite a few Dark Players have been slaughtering players around White River City, striking fear into the residents’ hearts. Some players have even migrated to Star-Moon City. We’ve dispatched quite a few experts to deal with the situation, but that means that I have even less manpower at my disposal.”

Evernight City was the only Dark City in Star-Moon Kingdom. It offered a few privileges that most ordinary NPC cities lacked. One of which was a teleportation array connected to Evernight City, which Guilds could gain access to once they had enough Reputation; the city would build this array in one of the Guild's towns or cities, allowing the Guild's players to teleport from the Guild town or city to Evernight City with ease. Moreover, as a Guild increased its status in Evernight City, it would gain access to more teleportation arrays.

Ordinary NPC cities didn't have such a privilege to offer. Not only was this convenient for Guilds, but it would also aid in their development. There wasn't a lot of distance between Star-Moon City and Evernight City. Many players could use Evernight City as a waypoint to reach farther Guild Towns and grind in the nearby high-level maps without traveling for dozens of hours. Rather than put down roots in a particular Guild town permanently, players could treat it like a temporary rest point, moving their operations at a moment's notice if necessary.

Independent players would swarm to a Guild town tethered to Evernight City, boosting the town's development.

"Access to Evernight City?" Shi Feng immediately came to a realization.

It was no wonder why Aqua Rose was so nervous. Even Phoenix Rain had tried to contact him several times.

If Zero Wing could gain access to Evernight City and secure a teleportation array for Stone Forest Town, it would transform the town. Of course, this was true for other Guilds as well. It was no wonder why so many Guilds were going mad over this matter. Even the various superpowers wanted in on the action.

"Guild Leader, I'd like Snow to shift her focus away from Lake Heart City for now. If the other Guilds kill the Frost King, it will become very difficult for us to gain access to Evernight City," Aqua Rose explained.

"No. Snow has to keep her focus in Lake Heart," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. "As for you, give up on raiding Frozen Scar for now."

"Give up?" Shi Feng's decision stunned Aqua Rose.

Stone Forest Town had only become the number one town in Star-Moon Kingdom after overcoming many challenges. If they let the another Guild kill the Frost King before them, they might not be able to maintain Stone Forest Town's position.

"That's right. Give up on raiding the Frost King. Instead, figure out a way to raid Blizzard Fortress, the Team Dungeon in the Frozen Scar. Try to get the First Clear if possible." Shi Feng nodded.

"Guild Leader, that's a Level 50, 100-man Team Dungeon..." Aqua Rose was astonished. "By the time we obtain the First Clear, someone else will kill the Frost King."

A Level 50, 100-man Team Dungeon was a massive challenge to any Guild at this stage of the game. Raiding one was far more difficult than raiding the Frost King.

Based on their investigation, the Frost King was only a Level 53 Grand Lord. The only reason it hadn't been raided yet was that no one had found its hiding place deep within the Frozen Scar. Players needed to kill many monsters and Bosses in order to reach the Final Boss. Taking into account the Frozen Scar's

severe environment, which increased players' Stamina consumption by several times, progress to reach the Frost King was quite slow.

They would be crazy to ignore the Frost King, the easier raid target, to challenge the Blizzard Fortress instead.

"The Frost King is an ice-type Boss. Fighting it without very high Ice Resistance is nearly impossible, but the weapons and equipment that drop in the Blizzard Fortress are somewhat unique. Almost every item offers high Ice Resistance. If we have these items, it'll be much easier to raid the Frost King. In any case, with so many Guilds in the running, the competition won't conclude for some time. We'll use this opportunity to bolster our team's strength. It won't be too late to raid the Frost King once we've done so," Shi Feng said, smiling. He did not bother to explain further details.

"Alright, I understand. I'll try to raid the Blizzard Fortress as quickly as possible." In reality, Aqua Rose still had her doubts. She knew that they had tons of Sea God's Blessings in the Guild Warehouse. The potion could significantly increase a player's Resistances. However, since Shi Feng had given her an order, it wouldn't be wise to insist against it. She could only try to raid the Dungeon as quickly as possible. Following which, Aqua Rose disconnected the call.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng smiled wryly at Aqua Rose's confusion. He could not reveal too much information. After all, no one had actually raided the Frost King yet. He couldn't just come out and say that players needed a minimum of 300 points of Ice Resistance to raid the Boss.

With such a high requirement, not even stacking two bottles of Sea God's Blessing would be enough. They needed other weapons and equipment to supplement for the missing points. Otherwise, players wouldn't stand a chance against the Frost King.

Many Guilds had contested for the right to enter Evernight City in the past as well. Similarly, these Guilds had focused on clearing a straight path towards the Frost King, expending tons of manpower and resources in the process. However, only after encountering the Frost King did everyone realize how much of a nightmare the Boss truly was. In the end, despite only being a Grand Lord, the Frost King had wiped out an army of hundreds of thousands of elite players, transforming them into ice sculptures.

However, the fact that Heaven's Burial had gained access to Evernight City concerned Shi Feng.

When Evernight City had surfaced in the past, over twenty days had passed before the first Guild had gained access to the city, yet it had only been a few days, and Heaven's Burial had already entered the city. It was inconceivable. To make matters worse, the first Guild to gain access enjoyed additional benefits, which would make it far easier to gain Guild Reputation in Evernight City.

It wouldn't be long before Heaven's Burial connected its Guild town to Evernight City.

*This won't do. I need to hurry.*

After a two-hour nap, Shi Feng logged into God's Domain once more.

Chapter 1308 – Challenging the Dark Wizard

*I recovered faster than I expected.* When Shi Feng logged back into God's Domain, he inspected his status window, noticing that his Weakened state was already gone. He was back at his peak.

Although the increased time flow in the Dark Canyon was part of the reason for his speedy recovery, the research area's high Mana density, which was much higher than in the outside world, had helped. As a result, his Weakened state's duration had decreased significantly.

Following which, Shi Feng took two Sea God's Blessing bottles from his bag and consumed them, his Resistances, particularly Magic Resistance, increasing by a total of 150 points. He then retrieved an Acceleration Scroll and gave himself the Acceleration buff. Following which, he switched his Swordsmanship Master title to the Basic Tyrant title, increasing his Fortitude by 30 points, Stamina by 20%, and all Basic Attributes by 5%.

After making a series of adjustments, Shi Feng pushed his Basic Attributes and Movement Speed to his current limit.

While Shi Feng had rested in his offline space, he had thought about how he would go about stealing the Seven Luminaries Source Stone. He had run through several simulations in his mind, afraid of the unexpected.

A Tier 5 Grand Wizard was an extremely dangerous opponent. The slightest mistake would result in his death.

While Shi Feng did not mind dying, his death would result in the loss of the Soul Orb. If he lost the Soul Orb now, he did not know how long it would take to find another one of the Seven Treasures again. He couldn't lose the Soul Orb now.

*Hopefully, the system won't try to mess with me.* Shi Feng then carefully opened the Research Room door and snuck in.

Raymond was still immersed in his alchemy in the room. He had blocked every distraction from his mind as he focused on his research. Meanwhile, he had placed the Seven Luminaries Source stone above a research table in the center of a small, crimson magic array not far from him. This small magic array utilized the Seven Luminaries Source Stone as a power source, supplying the Mana Raymond needed to craft his item.

Shi Feng did not rush to snatch the Seven Luminaries Source Stone. Instead, he quietly examined the room's layout and the items around the room.

As a God's Domain expert, the first thing he needed to do when encountering a foreign environment was to adapt. This way, he could exert his maximum combat potential during a fight. This time, however, Shi Feng didn't observe his surroundings just to adapt, but to locate the Research Room's treasures as well.

He had only reached the Moon God's Research Room, which had been excellently maintained, after many challenges. He'd do himself a disservice if he stole the Seven Luminaries Source Stone and ignored everything else.

Every item in the Research Room was sorely tempting.

The alchemy tools on the research tables alone were Dark-Gold rank. Even after a decade of playing God's Domain, such tools had been incredibly precious. Every alchemist constantly hunted such treasures. Shi Feng even spotted a complete set on one of the research tables.

Aside from the alchemy tools, the Research Room had quite a few items that radiated Divine Might. The Moon God must have used them all frequently. Any one of these items could easily sell for over 100,000 Magic Crystals in an auction. There were also quite a few tattered designs on an experiment table.

These designs had been crafted with extremely valuable materials. Rather than the standard sheepskin parchment, the designs had been drawn on dragonskin. Only Gods would dare use a Dragon's skin as parchment. Fortunately, dragonskin parchment would survive storage for tens of thousands of years.

As he carefully analyzed the Research Room, shock bubbled in Shi Feng's chest.

The Research Room was a treasure trove. It could likely rival the Fallen Ark. If only the Dark Wizard Raymond weren't present...

Raymond finally completed the item he had been working on. A golden ring, with a jewel radiating a seven-colored brilliance in its center, floated in the air before him. The jewel also released a frightening pressure. Even Shi Feng, who stood far outside of the Research Room's magic array, felt a significant weight bearing down on him.

*What is that?* Shi Feng stared at the golden ring curiously.

Very few items in God's Domain, aside from items Gods had used, emitted that kind of pressure. Every one of these items was a masterpiece. The golden ring's pressure could even rival Divine Might.

After completing the ring, Raymond's hands stopped moving as he began to chant an incantation.

A fourfold magic array then appeared above the golden ring, absorbing the surrounding Mana and forcing it into the ring. Like a massive whale taking a breath, the golden ring sucked in the dense Mana, yet despite absorbing so much, the ring showed no signs of slowing...

*A chance!*

Watching the golden ring absorb Mana, Shi Feng knew that this the crucial moment to act. If he missed this opportunity, he wasn't likely to get another. Immediately, Shi Feng activated Phantom Kill and had his doppelganger stay near the Research Room's entrance, keeping the door open. He then dashed towards Raymond.

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[Raymond (Dark Shaman King)] (Human, Grand Wizard)

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Although Raymond was only Level 72, he was a Tier 5 NPC. He detected the fluctuations in the magic array almost immediately, which Shi Feng had caused as he ran through it. When Raymond realized that he had an intruder, his gaze turned cold.

“Die!” Without hesitation, Raymond waved his wrinkled arm and gestured towards Shi Feng.

Five magic arrays of different colors formed at his fingertips, overlapping. The amount of Mana around Raymond’s palm even made Shi Feng shudder with fear.

*This is insane! He’s using Elemental Crush, right off the bat?* As soon as Shi Feng saw the five magic arrays, he recognized the Spell.

Elemental Crush was a Tier 5, miniature destruction Spell. Although the attacks’ range wasn’t large, it was even more frightening than a Tier 5, large-scale destruction Spell. If struck, even MTs of the same tier and level would lose half of their HP instantly. However, the Spell had a flaw; its runes were overly complex. The chant was also quite long. Tier 5 Grand Wizards didn’t usually use this Spell in PvP.

However, Raymond could forgo both the incantation and runes, casting the Spell instantly...

Suddenly, space around Shi Feng started to crumble. Everything around him turned dark. In the blink of an eye, everything within 30 yards had been turned to dust.

However, just as Raymond thought he had dealt with the intruder and was about to return his focus to the magic array above the golden ring, a figure appeared before him.

*Close one!* Shi Feng could not help but glance at his previous position, fear lingering in his heart.

Fortunately, he had Instant Strike, which allowed him to teleport to his target. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have dodged the Spell with his Movement Speed.

“Despicable mortal, die!” Realizing that Shi Feng was still alive, Raymond grew serious as he activated his Domain.

In God’s Domain, there was a saying that those without Domains were nothing more than ants underfoot.

As long as one activated a Domain, they could suppress their enemies. Against weaker opponents, it would be a one-sided slaughter.

However, Shi Feng had prepared for Raymond’s Domain. As soon as he appeared before Raymond, he activated Absolute Time, freezing the area’s Mana. Even the Dark Shaman King couldn’t access the Mana.

Raymond’s spreading Domain crumbled instantly. Shi Feng sighed with relief. He knew that Absolute Time wouldn’t Silence Raymond for more than ten seconds. He could accept that as long as it was effective against the NPC for even a brief moment. Without hesitation, Shi Feng activated Power of Darkness and Windwalk before dashing towards the Seven Luminaries Source Stone.

“Damnable ant!” Seeing Shi Feng run past him, flames of rage burned in Raymond’s eyes as he smashed the black, metallic staff in his other hand towards Shi Feng.

Although Raymond couldn’t use his Spells, Raymond’s physique, Strength, and speed were leaps and bounds above the Swordsman’s. Even without using combat techniques, he could kill Shi Feng instantly.

*Peng!*

A metallic clang echoed when the staff crashed into Shi Feng. However, the staff stopped half an inch before Shi Feng, unable to proceed.

Defensive Blade!

Raymond was helpless against this move. He was a magical class. Without his Spells, he couldn't deplete Defensive Blade's block counts quickly. He could only smash his staff into Shi Feng repeatedly to deplete the block counts.

This gave Shi Feng enough time to reach the Seven Luminaries Source Stone above the research table. With lightning-quick reactions, Shi Feng grabbed the Source Stone and stored it in his bag space. He then turned and fled to another research table.

"Bastard! You bastard! You dare steal what's mine! Do you think someone like you can last against me for long?!" Suddenly, Raymond's white hair darkened to black. His wrinkles started to smooth as he began to appear youthful. His aura also seemed to grow more powerful. "Taste the wrath of the Dark Shaman King!"