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Chapter 1333 – Appearance of Guild Mount

Everyone's eyes shone as they stared at the Moon God's Secret Record, having completely forgotten about the Secret Alchemy Technique.

Following which, under Melancholic Smile's management, everyone lined up to learn the Secret Alchemy Technique.

Learning a Secret Alchemy Technique was different from reading other books. As long as players clicked to learn the technique, the system would automatically download a copy of the module while providing explanations and image tutorials. However, players could only go through the learning module once. Once they have done so, the system would automatically delete it. If players wished to go through the module again, they would need to click to learn the Secret Alchemy Technique once more.

It was a considerably convenient learning method.

"You have three days and only 12 chances to read the Secret Alchemy Technique. Whoever learns the technique in that time will pass. You may then borrow the Moon God's Secret Record from Melancholic Smile." As everyone stood in line to learn the Secret Alchemy Technique, Shi Feng explained the test's rules.

"Three days?" The alchemists gasped when they heard their time limit.

"Guild Leader, isn't this test a little too difficult?" Melancholic Smile blurted out in surprise.

They had collected all sorts of basic techniques from the Holy City of Titan, and currently, these techniques were available to all of the Candlelight Trading Firm's official members. However, Candlelight's alchemists, on average, needed one or two days to learn each of these basic alchemy techniques, while some needed three or four days.

Meanwhile, the Secret Alchemy Technique was far more difficult than those basic techniques.

If the basic alchemy techniques were considered individual musical notes, then the Secret Alchemy Technique would be considered a complex movement. One could just imagine how difficult it would be to play such a movement skillfully...

Yet, Shi Feng had only given these alchemists three days to learn the Secret Alchemy Technique. Even if they spent all three days online, many would likely fail.

"I know that this is considerably difficult, but if you can't even accomplish this, why should the Guild invest in you? Moreover, this test's venue will be the Basic Meditation Room. I believe you are all very familiar with that room. You will be allowed to use it for the next three days, so work hard."

Saying so, Shi Feng left the alchemists' test to Melancholic Smile while he took an advanced horse carriage to Zero Wing's Residence in White River City.

This time, he had only revealed one Basic Secret Alchemy Technique. Any alchemist with some skill could master it in time. It was only a matter of how fast they could accomplish the task.

As God's Domain had developed in the past, various Secret Lifestyle Techniques had been discovered. As a result, players had encountered far more opportunities to learn these techniques. The discovery of these techniques also changed the way Lifestyle players were judged as rank and number of learned recipes grew less important. Rather, Lifestyle players were judged by the number of Secret Lifestyle Techniques they had grasped.

Even a slightly capable Lifestyle player had learned at least two or three Basic Secret Techniques.

As far as Shi Feng could remember, the dividing line had been a three-day learning period. Any player that could learn a Basic Secret Technique in three days had been considered talented. Their chances of reaching the Master rank had also been considerably higher than others.

Hence, he had set the test's time limit to three days.

White River City's streets bustled with activity. Due to the activation of the flying transportation feature, allowing players to travel to the Eclipse Gate, more players rushed to White River City to level up.

As Shi Feng glanced out of the carriage window, he saw plenty of players riding various Mounts.

Although the majority of these players rode Common Mounts, which NPC merchants sold, it was still an enviable sight for ordinary players. After all, NPC merchants sold Common Mounts for 40 Gold each. It was not a price ordinary players could afford. In the case of independent players, only experts could afford a Mount at this stage of the game.

It seems I'll have to hurry things up a little. A sense of urgency welled within Shi Feng as he watched players atop their Mounts.

Mounts were a powerful leveling tool for players. God's Domain's maps were simply too massive. As players reached higher levels, they would have to travel farther to grind monsters and level. As a result, travel would take up most of their time in the game. Even a Common Mount could save players at least half of their travel time. Naturally, this allowed players to increase their leveling speed.

Although he had already become an Epic adventurer and had accepted an SSS-rank commission, he was still a long way from upgrading Star-Moon Kingdom to an empire.

Moreover, the initial three SSS-rank commissions were the Adventurer's Association's gift to every country. Encountering another SSS-rank commission would depend on one's luck.

He had to complete as many commissions as possible right now. If other Epic adventurers in Star-Moon Kingdom claimed the other SSS-rank commissions, it would be a massive loss for him.

The first thing he needed to do was complete the Ancient Orc Empire commission. He could also use this opportunity to help the main force members to level up.

When Shi Feng reached the Guild Residence, he was greeted by a long line of players queued up outside the entrance.

Taking a quick glance, he noticed quite a few Level 40 and above expert players. There were even some relatively strong adventurer teams in the mix.

Not long ago, Shi Feng wouldn't have even dared to dream of such a thing happening.

Any of the various large Guilds would target capable adventurer teams in Star-Moon Kingdom for recruitment. However, these adventurer teams had their pride and usually refused to join a Guild.

These adventurer teams might not have abundant resources like Guilds, but by raiding large-scale Team Dungeons and completing various rare quests, these adventurer teams could get their hands on valuable weapons and equipment that even made large Guilds' normal members jealous.

Since Shi Feng had announced the sales of Stone Forest Town's private houses, more than 1,000 players had joined the Guild. This significant increase had surprised even Shi Feng.

To other large Guilds, this number might not be substantial. In Zero Wing's case, however, it was astounding.

Zero Wing was famous for having the highest recruitment standard in Star-Moon Kingdom. Anyone that joined the Guild had either great potential or was stronger than other large Guilds' elite members.

Hence, an increase of 1,000 members in Zero Wing was the equivalent of a large Guild suddenly gaining over 1,000 elite members.

At this rate, Zero Wing would have an extra 10,000 elite members by the end of the day. Even for first-rate Guilds, this was unthinkable. After all, a first-rate Guild normally only had 100,000-plus elite members. By gaining 10,000 elite members in a single day, Zero Wing would catch up to a first-rate Guild's elite member count within two weeks.

Of course, this situation wouldn't continue for so many days, but Zero Wing shouldn't have a problem gaining an extra 30,000 elite members in a short amount of time. At that time, Zero Wing would finally have enough elite members to truly rival a first-rate Guild.

With so many elite members, not only could Shi Feng alleviate the pressure on the Branch Guild in Lake Heart City, but he would also have enough manpower to defend his new city. He wouldn't need to reallocate manpower from Stone Forest Town.

As Shi Feng was about to enter the Guild's Warehouse to clear out his bag and prepare the necessary items for his trip to the Mourning Battlefield, he received two system notifications.

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System: Congratulations! You have finished taming the 5-star Mount, Thunder Wolf. Please visit the Stable.

System: Congratulations! Master Tamer Owen, who is under your employment, has been promoted to Grandmaster Tamer.

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The two system notifications momentarily stunned Shi Feng.

“The taming’s done already?” Shi Feng was confused.

A 5-star Mount was not easy to tame. Even Owen had estimated that he would require 25 days to complete the task. However, the Mount had been tamed much sooner than expected.

Now that the Thunder Wolf had been tamed, Zero Wing could finally activate the Guild Mount System.

Guild members could start purchasing the Thunder Wolf from the Guild Stable. Unlike the Mounts NPCs sold, Guild members only needed to pay 25 Gold for a Guild Mount.

With the price difference of 15 Gold, not only could Guild members obtain their Mount sooner, but the Thunder Wolf’s Movement Speed also rivaled that of Bronze Mounts.

Zero Wing’s development speed would even surpass first-rate Guilds with abundant funding.

The most surprising news, however, was Owen’s promotion to Grandmaster Tamer.

Although the Tamer class was not a particularly popular one, even Star-Moon Kingdom’s King would have to treat a Grandmaster Tamer with respect.

Grandmaster Tamers would also become targets for countless Guilds seeking their employment.

Unlike Master Tamers, Grandmaster tamers could strengthen the Wild Beasts they tamed, and they required far less time to complete the task. At the same time, they could help players upgrade their Guild Mounts much more easily.

If a Master Tamer had a 15% chance of upgrading a Guild’s Common Mounts to Bronze rank, a Grandmaster Tamer’s success rate was at least 30%.

Immediately, Shi Feng hurried to the Guild Stable.

The Guild Stable hadn’t changed. As Shi Feng hadn’t activated the Guild Mount System yet, Guild members had no reason to approach the Stable. There were only a dozen or so NPCs managing the place.

The only difference was that right now, Owen stood guard before a large cage, inside of which obediently lay the Thunder Wolf. However, the Thunder Wolf was much smaller than when Shi Feng had captured it.

But this wasn’t unexpected.

After all, the Thunder Wolf had been a Lord, while the current Thunder Wolf was a Common monster. Now, it was only a means of transportation.

“Lord Count, I have tamed the Thunder Wolf as you requested. The process also gave me a lot of experience and insight, so I wish to return and examine what I’ve learned. I hope that Lord Count will allow this.” Owen was extremely excited. He was clearly ecstatic over his promotion to Grandmaster Tamer. He wanted to return to his workshop immediately and take note of his experiences and insight.

“Of course. Grandmaster Owen, if you need any help in the future, just say the word,” Shi Feng said, nodding. The request didn’t particularly surprise him.

Owen’s promotion to Grandmaster rank had surprised him, though. It had never happened in his previous life.

Fortunately, Shi Feng had established a contract with Owen early on. Hence, the NPC would not leave Zero Wing due to his promotion. Only, Owen’s monthly compensation had changed drastically.

Initially, Owen’s monthly salary had only been 200 Gold. Now, it had increased to 3,000 Gold.

Moreover, unlike a Master Tamer, a Grandmaster Tamer wouldn’t regularly visit a Guild Stable to check on the Mount it had teamed. Instead, Shi Feng was required to pay Owen a visit if he wanted the NPC to do something for him.

Fortunately, players could easily take care of small matters, such as upgrading a Guild Mount, via the Stable’s front counter. Owen wasn’t required to visit. The NPC Tamers managing the stable would follow Owen’s procedures during the upgrade process.

Hearing Shi Feng’s reply, Owen immediately turned and left, leaving Shi Feng and the caged Thunder Wolf to their own devices.

After Owen left, Shi Feng clicked on the cage, and line after line of data appeared before him.

Shi Feng then chose to set the Thunder Wolf as the Guild’s Mount.

In God’s Domain, not any tamed Mount could become a Guild Mount.

A Guild could only possess a limited number of Mounts. This limit would increase as the Guild rose in rank and upgraded its Stable.

Currently, Zero Wing could only own one type of Guild Mount. Even if it tamed others, it could only select one while the remaining would be kept in reserve.

After Shi Feng set the Guild Mount, the system announced another notification.

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System: Do you wish to open the Stable to the Thunder Wolf Mount?

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Shi Feng accepted without hesitation.

He had waited for this moment for a long time now. The sooner he allowed the Thunder Wolf into the Stable, the more of an advantage Zero Wing would have.

Once Shi Feng opened the Stable to the Thunder Wolf, NPC Tamers began to appear outside of the Stable, each NPC leading one lively Thunder Wolf after another.

These Thunder Wolves' appearances differed slightly in the color of their fur, eyes, and such. Overall, though, they were all majestic.

As these Thunder Wolves appeared, they attracted the attention of nearby players.

"What's going on? Why are there monsters going into the Stable?"

"Are those our Guild Mounts?"

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These players couldn't help their growing curiosity as they watched the majestic Thunder Wolves enter the stable, and they started to discuss their various guesses.

After all, it had been quite some time since Zero Wing's Stable had been built. However, no one had seen any activity in the Stable. Naturally, these players would wonder now that so many Thunder Wolves occupied the building.

Immediately, curious Guild members entered the Stable to find out what was happening.

As soon as they heard the NPCs answer, they were shocked.

"Those are Guild Mounts!"

"Crap! This Guild Mount is awesome! Its base Movement Speed is 120%! It's much stronger than the Common Mounts in the city! It can practically rival a Bronze Mount's speed!"

"Hahaha! Our Guild Mount looks so cool! If the players from other Guilds find out about this, they will die from envy!"

"My patience has finally paid off! I've long since saved up 25 Gold! I'm going to get that purplish-black Thunder Wolf! Its color scheme will match my weapons and equipment perfectly!"

"Scram! I've got my eye on that one!"

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For a time, the Stable exploded with activity. The Guild members that had already saved 25 Gold to purchase a Mount, afraid someone would snatch the Thunder Wolf they had set their sights on.

News of the Thunder Wolf immediately spread throughout Zero Wing. This information also reached Star-Moon Kingdom's official forums.

Zero Wing's Guild Mount makes its first appearance! Pictures and videos available!

"Crap! That Mount looks so cool! It only costs 25 Gold, too! This won't do! I must join Zero Wing!"

"Zero Wing is so amazing! I just looked it up in the library. It turns out that the Thunder Wolf is an extremely rare, high-ranking Wild Beast in God's Domain. How did Zero Wing get its hands on this Mount?"

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The forums were in an uproar over Zero Wing's new Mount. Expert players who had already purchased a Common Mount envied and admired Zero Wing members.

Some of the adventurer teams and independent experts that had hesitated to join Zero Wing changed their minds immediately, determined to join the Guild.

Not only was the Thunder Wolf cheap, but it also had superior Attributes and an impressive appearance. Moreover, the Mount could be upgraded.

Before anyone knew it, the line of players outside of Zero Wing had doubled. More players joined the line by the minute. The Guild recruiters were stupefied.

However, in Heaven's Burial's Residence in Star-Moon City, when Singular Burial received the news, he felt an indescribable pressure weigh down on him.

"Zero Wing!" Singular Burial fumed. If not for his collaboration with Abandoned Wave, Heaven's Burial wouldn't be a match for Zero Wing. "What a pity. Even if you release your Guild Mounts now, it is too late to change anything.

"Relay my commands! Instruct Ghost Shadow to lead the Ghost Shadow Legion to White River City! As soon as Abandoned Wave's people take action, have them destroy Zero Wing's Stable!"