

Strongest

Chapter 1501 – Reversal

Nine Dragons Emperor's expression darkened when he heard the scout's report.

He had wanted to deal a devastating blow to Phoenix Rain and eliminate her from the contest, yet not only had he lost two of his three ancient towers, but his team had also suffered over 60 casualties. If the other superpowers knew this, he'd become a laughingstock.

Good! Very good! Killing intent flashed in Nine Dragons Emperor's eyes as he watched a battle video his scout had recorded. *Since you want to play, let's play! I'll teach you the meaning of digging your own grave!*

"Pavilion Master, should we send a team to recapture Blood Dragon's tower?" Martial Dragon asked when he saw the fury on Nine Dragons Emperor's face.

"No! We'll head to the cliff tower! We'll reclaim that tower first; then we'll take care of Phoenix Rain's team. Tell our resurrected members to gather at the forest tower. I won't let Ye Feng steal another!" Nine Dragons Emperor commanded.

He had to admit that Shi Feng's Teleportation Skill was heaven-defying on Thunder Island, and the fact that he had a large-scale destruction Spell only complemented his ability to teleport.

At the end of the day, however, there was still a massive difference between their teams' strength. As long as he approached the situation slowly and steadily, Shi Feng wouldn't have an opportunity to steal another tower.

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Meanwhile, the various superpowers on Thunder Island were shocked to hear that Nine Dragons Emperor had lost two ancient towers in a row.

“What? Nine Dragons Emperor actually lost two of his towers?”

“Could this be a ploy to lure Phoenix Rain into a trap?”

The contest for Thunder Island had many restrictions. There were also the tower buffs and the scouts outside of the island to consider. Stealing one occupied tower was incredibly difficult, yet Phoenix Rain’s team had stolen two of Nine Dragons Emperor’s towers in a row.

When the various superpowers received this news, they wondered about the information’s validity.

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“Guild Leader, Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing have obtained three ancient towers. They should have no problems securing a monster encampment. Should we contact Phoenix Rain and reopen negotiations?” Quiet Melody suggested to Eternal Dead after receiving the shocking report.

“It seems that I’ve really have underestimated them. However, the battle has just begun. Nine Dragons Emperor is no easy opponent, and Miracle’s been poking its nose into the matter. They’ll only qualify to

negotiate with us if they can hold a monster encampment until the contest ends,” Eternal Dead said, showing his lack of interest with a wave of his hand.

Phoenix Rain only controlled a portion of the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion’s combat power, and even the Guild’s combined strength was no match for the Sacred Temple.

There was no need to mention Zero Wing. It was merely a Guild that occupied a single kingdom. To the Sacred Temple, Zero Wing was no different than ordinary large Guilds.

“They still don’t qualify?” After giving the matter some thought, Quiet Melody agreed with Eternal Dead’s estimation.

Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing’s performance was indeed shocking.

But that performance only proved that they had potential. Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing had yet to display sufficient value. There was no way that the Sacred Temple and Battle Wolves would treat Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing like potential partners.

Only when Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing could survive on Thunder Island would they qualify to negotiate with the two Super Guilds.

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As the various superpowers watched, Nine Dragons Emperor’s team finally reached the cliff tower, sealing off all paths leading to it.

Overall, 400 players surrounded the tower. Not only did the team include Nine Dragons Emperor's experts, but Miracle's experts had joined them as well. The leader of Miracle's team was none other than the Sword Freak, Miracle Dragon. He had already reached Level 49 and wore the Hellfire Set, a six-piece, Level 50, Fine-Gold Set Equipment for Swordsmen. He was eye-catching among the crowd.

Level 50, Secret-Silver Set Equipment was incredibly rare in God's Domain, not to mention Level 50, Fine-Gold Set Equipment.

Even Martial Dragon and Shadowtooth gazed at Miracle Dragon's Hellfire Set in envy. The Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion had yet to secure a complete Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment.

Miracle's prowess was obvious.

Upon these players' arrival, Gentle Snow and the other who had stayed behind to defend the cliff tower felt a significant pressure.

Although the tower increased their Basic Attributes and reduced incoming damage by 30%, they were at an overwhelming numerical disadvantage. They were about to face so many more enemies than they had in the previous ambush.

Suddenly, Shi Feng appeared in the top of the tower with Space Movement. As Spatial Gate was still on Cooldown, he couldn't transport other players to or from the cliff tower.

Not only had his return calmed Zero Wing's nervous members, but it had also caused a stir among Nine Dragons Emperor's troops.

“Ye Feng! You dare to stand before me again?! You might have gotten away last time, but you won’t be so lucky again!” Nine Dragons Emperor bellowed when he saw Shi Feng in the top of the tower. He then commanded, “Everyone, attack!”

Hearing the order, all 400-plus team members charged for the ancient tower.

Occupying a tower was simple. As long as none of the original occupants were within 100 yards of the tower, control would fall to whichever team was in range.

Hence, Nine Dragons Emperor’s team didn’t need to break into the tower. They just needed to eliminate Shi Feng and the other players from Zero Wing.

In the seconds before both sides clashed, Shi Feng switched the Aura of Space to the Aura of Illusion. He also equipped the Thunder Emblem.

Suddenly, Nine Dragons Emperor and the others felt an indescribable pressure weigh down on them before their Basic Attributes began to decrease rapidly. Very quickly, their Attributes fell from 100 % to 85%. The abrupt change confused Nine Dragons Emperor and his people.

“Kill them! Annihilate them all!” Shi Feng commanded as the enemies’ Attributes fell.

As long as the Aura of Illusion was active, the ability would reduce all enemies’ Basic Attributes by 40% within a 200-yard radius. However, since players had some resistances to the effect, the decrease was limited. Fortunately, the Thunder Emblem also reduced nearby enemies’ Basic Attributes. Only after combining the abilities was he able to reduce his enemies Basic Attributes by 15%.

Normally, this 15% reduction might not offer much of an advantage, but his team also had the ancient towers' buff. The new difference between the two sides' Attributes was the equivalent of his players using Berserk Skills against players without.

"Damn it! Everyone, move back; get 100 yards away from the tower!" Nine Dragons Emperor urgently commanded through the team chat, his expression darkening when he realized the situation.

This had effectively created a 50% difference between his team members' Attributes and Zero Wing's. To make matters worse, his enemy already had a few players with monstrously high Basic Attributes.

However, Nine Dragons Emperor's warning was too late as the two sides had already slammed into each other on the battlefield.

The difference between the two teams was immediately apparent. Aside from Martial Dragon, Shadowtooth, Undead, Bloodhand Yama, Nine Dragons Emperor, and Miracle Dragon, Zero Wing and Asura's experts quickly suppressed the enemy players.

Even Cleansing Whistle, an expert who had yet to reach the Refinement Realm, could easily overwhelm a Refinement Realm expert of the same level. She could even hold her own against three Refinement Realm experts simultaneously. As for Refinement Realm experts like Lifeless Thorn, they easily killed enemy experts of the same caliber in three to five moves.

Aqua Rose, Cola, and Alluring Summer, players who had completed their Tier 2 promotion, finished enemy players off in two moves; one move to break through the enemy's defenses and a second to deal the finishing blow. It wasn't a battle; it was a one-sided massacre.

At this point, Shi Feng shifted his gaze to Nine Dragons Emperor's retreating figure. He jumped down from the tower and dashed towards the Ranger.

His actions almost immediately attracted Nine Dragons Emperor and his people's attention.

"Crap! He's trying to kill the Pavilion Master!"

Chapter 1502 – A Momentary Strike

When Shi Feng joined the chaotic battlefield, he vanished, seeming as if he had never existed in the first place. The abrupt change made everyone on Nine Dragons Emperor's team nervous.

"Elementalists, use Flame Orbs and Ice Walls around the Pavilion Master! Curse-mancers, cast Dark Thorns! Druids, use Quagmire! Do not let him near the Pavilion Master!" Martial Dragon shouted when he realized Shi Feng's intentions.

Nine Dragons Emperor was the center of command and the team's absolute pillar. They could not afford to lose him.

Fortunately, many of their experts guarded Nine Dragons Emperor. If they still allowed Shi Feng to assassinate him, they would become the laughingstock of God's Domain.

In addition, this wasn't the first time he had seen Shi Feng's Void Steps. Although the footwork technique was sophisticated and unpredictable, it wasn't impossible to counter.

Generally, a concealment footwork technique like Void Steps would lose effect when its user received damage or altered their course, exposing themselves.

As long as they bombarded the area around Nine Dragons Emperor with weak, but sustainable attacks, they could prevent Shi Feng from approaching their Pavilion Master without being detected.

The Elementalist, Curse-mancers, and Druids cast as Martial Dragon had instructed, covering the battlefield in AOE and Control Spells. Sure enough, Shi Feng reappeared.

However, the moment Shi Feng reappeared, he shoved off of the ground and shot forward, transforming into a shadowy streak as he maneuvered around the bombardment of Spells and made his way towards his target.

Shi Feng already wielded the Strength and speed of a Great Lord of the same level. With the tower's buff, even a ranged expert would struggle to spot the Swordsman's afterimages, much less land a Spell or Skill.

When Shi Feng was within 50 yards of Nine Dragons Emperor, numerous Spears of Darkness descended from the sky.

As if they had a life of their own, these Spears of Darkness thrust themselves at Shi Feng's flying form while cutting off his path.

Undead, huh? Shi Feng glanced at the Elementalist in black robes, who controlled the Spears of Darkness. Faced with these accurate attacks, he was forced to retreat temporarily while he defended himself.

As Shi Feng retreated, a black-clad figure appeared behind him. Two streaks of light, one black and one silver, sliced at Shi Feng's head and back simultaneously.

"Die!" Shadowtooth smiled at Shi Feng.

Sneak Attack!

Assassinate!

As Shadowtooth launched his attacks, Martial Dragon fell from above, his greatsword swinging down on Shi Feng's head and cutting off the man's chance of escaping upward.

Indiscriminate Slash!

Broken Mark!

As the trio's attacks were about to land, the Swordsman split into eleven identical copies.

Divine Steps!

When the attacks struck Shi Feng's main body, it seemed as if they had hit air. All of their attacks lacked the feeling of encountering a physical object.

After activating Divine Steps, Shi Feng promptly switched positions with one of his doppelgangers and appeared beside Shadowtooth. He then brandished Killing Ray against the Assassin. A streak of blue light, followed by nine shadows, struck Shadowtooth, giving the Assassin no time to react.

Shadow Blade!

At the moment of imminent peril, Shadowtooth activated Wind Steps, instantly nullifying the incoming attacks. At the same time, he thrust Magic Breaker at Shi Feng's heart.

However, when his weapon sunk into Shi Feng's body, his expression twisted into something ugly. He knew he had failed to hit the Swordsman's real body, just a doppelganger.

Damn it! He tricked me! The moment Shadowtooth realized he had been tricked, he activated Vanish.

Suddenly, a blue sword sliced across the Assassin's previous position, but the only reaction Shi Feng's attack had earned was a loud clang.

Realizing his attack had failed, Shi Feng tightened his grip on the Abyssal Blade and Killing Ray before brandishing his blades at his surroundings. One sword light after another cut the air around him, looking like a lotus flower in bloom.

Tier 1 Skill, Omnislash!

Before the sword lights could spread farther, Martial Dragon's greatsword transformed into a pillar of fire as the Berserker swung at Shi Feng.

Tier 1 Skill, Flaming Cross Slash!

Since Shi Feng was in the midst of activating a Skill, the Swordsman had revealed plenty of holes in his defense. He had no way of blocking Martial Dragon's Flaming Cross Slash.

Boom!

When Martial Dragon's Flaming Cross Slash struck Shi Feng, the ground beneath his feet cracked. Shi Feng had forcefully stopped his Omnislash, using his two swords to block Martial Dragon's attack.

What kind of insane reaction speed does he have? Martial Dragon frowned at the unharmed Swordsman before him.

His coordination with Shadowtooth and Undead was seamless. While he and Shadowtooth attacked Shi Feng's main body, Undead bombarded the Swordsman's ten doppelgangers, preventing Shi Feng from switching positions with any of his clones. The only thing Shi Feng could do was block his Flaming Cross Slash. However, since Shi Feng had been in the midst of activating a Skill, he shouldn't have been able to react in time. Normally, when players prematurely deactivated a Skill, they'd freeze for a brief moment, yet Shi Feng had protected himself successfully. This was simply inconceivable...

Moreover, Flaming Cross Slash dealt both physical and fire-type damage. Even if one blocked the attack, they'd still receive a significant amount of damage.

Yet, Shi Feng had not taken any damage...

What Martial Dragon didn't know was that Shi Feng's Fire Resistance was even higher than an ordinary player's after consuming an Advanced Fire Resistance Potion. The additional burn affect when blocking the Skill was useless against Shi Feng.[1]

While Martial Dragon momentarily marveled at Shi Feng's performance, the Sacred Sword in Shi Feng's hand sliced at the Berserker with lightning speed. Martial Dragon instinctively executed Whirlwind Slash to block the attack.

Peng!

However, when Martial Dragon's greatsword met Killing Ray, the resulting impact threw him over a dozen yards, the Berserker's HP decreasing by a huge chunk. For a moment, Martial Dragon had nearly lost his grip on Silver Snow.

Martial Dragon and his companions had realized that their prey possessed heaven-defying Attributes during their prior clash, and they understood that they should avoid facing the Swordsman head-on as much as possible.

When they saw Martial Dragon in such a state after blocking one of Shi Feng's attacks, both Bloodhand Yama and Miracle Dragon wore heavy expressions.

By the time they recovered their wits, Shi Feng had activated Wind Blade, dashing straight for Nine Dragons Emperor.

Since his Tier 2 Taboo Skill, Instant Strike, was still on Cooldown, the only way he could kill Nine Dragons Emperor was to deal the final blow face-to-face.

“Ye Feng! Don’t even think about getting near me!” Nine Dragons Emperor bellowed. He then pulled several dark-green arrows from his back and fired at Shi Feng.

Magic patterns decorated these dark-green arrows, and before they had even been fired, faint arcs of electricity danced around them.

These arrows were the product of the Legacy Skill, Magic Mark, which Nine Dragons Emperor had obtained after class-changing into the hidden class, Spell Breaker. The Magic Marked arrows would enhance an attack by one tier to a maximum of Tier 2. If used in tandem with a Tier 1 Skill, he could exert the power of a Tier 2 Skill.

Nine Dragons Emperor had wanted to hide the fact that he had a hidden class, but he no longer had that option. In quick succession, Nine Dragons Emperor fired nine Magic Marked arrows. When the arrows left his bow, they transformed into arcs of lightning that flew towards Shi Feng.

At the same time, Undead cast Ice Wall and Flame Barrage from a distance, hindering Shi Feng’s movement as much as possible.

In response, Shi Feng switched the Aura of Illusion to the Aura of Wind, skyrocketing his Agility and Attack Speed. Instead of retreating, he ran towards the incoming Spells and arrows.

Sword’s Orbit!

Neither Undead’s Flame Barrage nor Nine Dragons Emperor’s arrows could come close to Shi Feng before they drowned in a galaxy of stars around the Swordsman.

Neither experts' attacks had dealt the slightest damage. In the end, Nine Dragons Emperor could only watch as Shi Feng approached.

Despite Nine Dragons Emperor continuous retreat, the distance between him and Shi Feng did not decrease. An unprecedented fear tore at Nine Dragons Emperor's heart.

When he realized that he was almost out of the ancient Tower's 100-yard range, he revealed an excited expression. Once Shi Feng was out of range of the tower's buff, the Swordsman would have a much harder time killing him.

But the moment Nine Dragons Emperor stepped out of the tower's buff radius, Shi Feng, who was less than 20 yards from him, received a sudden boost to his Movement Speed.

Gale Domain!

In the blink of an eye, Shi Feng appeared before Nine Dragons Emperor. The Pavilion Master felt as if time had frozen as he watched the Abyssal Blade and Killing Ray cut down his body.

Flame Burst!

Nine Dragons Emperor then felt burning pain devour his body before his vision darkened, and his consciousness separated from the world.

All the players outside of Thunder Island saw was Shi Feng pass by Nine Dragons Emperor. In the next moment, Nine Dragons Emperor transformed into a pile of smoldering ash topped with a piece of equipment.

Everyone on the battlefield was stunned into silence; they even forgot the fight around them as they stood there in shock.

Nobody would have imagined that, despite so many expert guards, Shi Feng would take Nine Dragons Emperor's life in an instant...

Chapter 1503 – Shocking Thunder Island

After Nine Dragons Emperor died, everyone turned towards Shi Feng with blank looks.

Everything had happened too quickly!

Only a few short seconds had passed between the moment Shi Feng began his charge to the moment Nine Dragons Emperor had died. Shi Feng's speed when he had landed the killing blow had been particularly ridiculous. Before any of them had even noticed, Shi Feng had already moved past Nine Dragons Emperor, taking the Ranger's life.

"Ye Feng..." Martial Dragon stared at Nine Dragons Emperor's ashes in a daze.

Although he had considered the possibility of Shi Feng killing Nine Dragons Emperor, he had never thought that the Swordsman would achieve the feat so quickly. Just seconds after Shi Feng had broken past his blockade, he had taken the Pavilion Master's life. Even Undead had failed to save their leader.

"Martial, the Pavilion Master is dead! We are no match for Zero Wing while we're within the tower's range! We need to retreat!" Shadowtooth shouted when he noticed that Martial Dragon hadn't moved.

Now that Nine Dragons Emperor was dead, the team had fallen into chaos. Even if he and Martial Dragon took command of the battle, the outcome wouldn't be in their favor with Zero Wing's absolute advantage in Attributes.

Furthermore, Shi Feng was still alive.

Shadowtooth didn't think any of them had the power to contend with the Swordsman while in range of the ancient tower.

"Everyone, split up and retreat! We'll regroup at the forest tower!" Martial Dragon shouted as he shot Shi Feng, who had turned towards him, a glare. Despite the fact that the man wasn't particularly muscular or tall, he felt as if he were looking at a giant.

When Martial Dragon recalled Shi Feng's last attack, he felt stifled. That final attack had been so fast that he hadn't had time to react.

If he had been on the receiving end of that attack, he doubted that he would've fared any better than Nine Dragons Emperor. In the end, he, too, would've died.

When Martial Dragon gave the command, the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion and Miracle's members made a hasty and disorderly retreat, making it difficult for Zero Wing's members to kill them.

"Don't even think of escaping that easily!"

However, Shi Feng refused to let such a profitable opportunity get away. After picking up the Level 45 Dark-Gold belt Nine Dragons Emperor had dropped, he dashed towards the retreating crowd.

Rather than going after Domain Realm experts like Martial Dragon and Shadowtooth, he opted for the Refinement Realm experts. After all, it was far easier and less time-consuming to kill Refinement Realm experts. The Refinement Realm experts practically died as he reached them.

By the time Martial Dragon and the others had made it out of the tower's 100-yard radius, Shi Feng had killed another dozen or so players.

As Martial Dragon and his companions breathed a sigh of relief, a pillar of fire descended from the sky. At the same time, the ground beneath their feet froze solid.

A short distance away, a massive tidal wave surged forward, devouring another group of retreating Heavenly Dragon Pavilion members.

The devastation looked as if Armageddon had begun.

These attacks were the result of none other than Zhao Yueru's Frostflame Hell and Aqua Rose's Annihilation Torrent. In seconds, another 100-plus players had died, reducing the 200-plus players that managed to escape the ancient tower's range by half.

“Zero...Wing!” Martial Dragon’s heart bled when he saw how few of his teammates remained alive.

The damage they had suffered from the assault was simply too massive.

Thunder Island didn’t have a special death penalty; players suffered the same fate when they died in the field. Hence, any players that were killed would lose one level and a piece of equipment. Meanwhile, every player the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion had dispatched was an expert. Every piece of equipment they lost would be extremely difficult to replace, and when these players resurrected, they would suffer a significant drop in their combat power.

Meanwhile, as the battle ended, the various superpowers on Thunder Island received news of its outcome.

“What did you say? Zero Wing defeated an army of over 400 with only 100 players?”

“Impossible! How did they manage it?!”

“Attribute suppression?”

“Zero Wing has such an ability?”

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For a time, the news of Nine Dragons Emperor's defeat stunned the various superpowers. Not only had he died as everyone had watched, but the army he had led to reclaim the tower had also suffered grievous losses, losing three-quarters of their forces. In contrast, Zero Wing had only lost around ten or so players.

None of the various superpowers could believe it was true.

They were fully aware of the ancient towers' abilities. Although the towers could enhance defending players' combat power, the effect wasn't overwhelming enough to help the outnumbered defenders achieve a one-sided slaughter.

Meanwhile, the name 'Ye Feng' spread across Thunder Island.

Despite multiple Domain Realm experts standing in his way, this man had single-handedly slain Nine Dragons Emperor. No one had ever achieved this kind of battle record before. Although the result was due to the ancient towers' buff, that didn't make it any less terrifying.

The various superpowers began to treat Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing with caution.

Normally, they could use certain tools to deal with Attribute suppression, but Thunder Island didn't allow the use of tools. Although the suppression only reduced Attributes by 15%, it was more than enough to make the various superpowers pay attention. Beyond that, Shi Feng had a Skill like Spatial Gate, allowing him to transport a massive number of players across long distances. This was a serious threat to the other competing Guilds.

If they lost the ancient towers' buff, raiding the monster encampments would be impossible.

For a time, the various superpowers were forced to strengthen their towers' defenses due to Zero Wing's presence. Now, they stationed at least 60 to 70 players in each tower as a precaution.

This turn of events dumbfounded the uninvolved spectators outside of Thunder Island.

Nobody could have imagined that an inconspicuous Guild like Zero Wing could make the various superpowers nervous. No one would ever believe this.

Even Phoenix Rain, Zero Wing's collaborator, had mixed emotions over the matter.

She had never thought that Shi Feng's borderline insane plan would succeed.

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"Damn it! Damn it! Zero Wing! I won't let you all get away with this!" Nine Dragons Emperor, who had just resurrected, bellowed, his voice echoing throughout the forest he was currently in. The Heavenly Dragon Pavilion members were scared into silence.

He had spent so much money and resources to hire both the Flower of Seven Sins and Blood Paradise to crush Phoenix Rain, yet all of his efforts were for nothing.

At this point, even capturing another ancient tower would be incredibly difficult, not to mention capturing a monster encampment.

This was the first time he had suffered so much humiliation.

“Good! Very good! Since you won’t let me have my way, I won’t let you claim a single encampment, either!” After Nine Dragons Emperor finished venting his rage, he growled, “Send someone to keep an eye on their three towers! If they try to raid an encampment, we’ll attack their towers! I refuse to believe they can afford to keep so many people at the towers at all times!”

“Understood!” Martial Dragon’s eyes shone with realization upon hearing Nine Dragons Emperor’s order.

If Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing wished to capture a monster encampment, they needed all three ancient towers under their control, and to capture a monster encampment, they’d have to dispatch at least 130 players. However, Phoenix Rain’s team only had 220 players. If they dispatched 120 players to a monster encampment and left 100 players to defend the towers, Nine Dragons Emperor’s team would have the opportunity it needed to steal back the towers.

Even if Shi Feng had a Teleportation Skill, his team could never defend all three towers against the full force of the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion’s team unless they gave up on capturing an encampment.

If Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing failed to capture an encampment, neither Phoenix Rain nor Nine Dragons Emperor would have an advantage for the Great Pavilion Master’s position.

Saying so, Martial Dragon sent his subordinates to survey the three towers under Phoenix Rain’s control. At the same time, he had his team prepare to raid the towers at a moment’s notice.

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“Big Brother Ye Feng must’ve angered Nine Dragons Emperor beyond reason. He actually has the nerve to do something so shameless.” When Blue Phoenix read the report she received from her subordinates, she didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

This was the first time she had seen anyone push Nine Dragons Emperor to this point. He had never even reacted so insanely when facing down other superpowers.

Phoenix Rain, who stood beside Blue Phoenix, felt a headache brew over the matter.

With Nine Dragons Emperor keeping a close eye on them, they didn’t have the manpower to guard the towers and raid any encampments.

She had to admit that, sometimes, having more manpower was a good thing. Even when one wasn’t a match for their opponent, they could afford to employ such shameless tactics to limit their opponent’s options.

“Guild Leader, things will be troublesome if this continues. If we keep wasting time with Nine Dragons Emperor, we’ll waste this trip to Thunder Island,” Aqua Rose said, frowning as she looked at the arrangement of Nine Dragons Emperor’s forces.

“It isn’t going to be easy.” Shi Feng didn’t have any helpful ideas, either. “Right, what’s the situation on Blackie’s end?”

“They’ve already completed their promotions and are dealing with the Tier 2 promotion procedures in White River City,” Aqua Rose said.

“They’ve succeeded?” Shi Feng grinned. He then said, “Tell them to form a team of 49 players and gather in Ocean Viewing Town immediately. I’ll head out to fetch them.”

He had yet to use the Thunder Emblem’s available slots, so he could easily bring another 50 people to the island.

Chapter 1504 – Unfathomable Zero Wing

“Have them come over?” Shi Feng’s decision excited Aqua Rose. After all, Blackie and the others were now Tier 2 players. They’d be powerful reinforcements on Thunder Island. However, she quickly realized the problem and commented, “Guild Leader, they’ll need entry slots to enter Thunder Island. Moreover, with how much time we have left, I’m afraid it’ll be too late to do anything by the time they arrive.”

Even if they had the available slots, it took a considerable amount of time to travel from Ocean Viewing Town to Thunder Island. Even if they used the One-horned Sailboat, the contest would likely be over by the time Blackie and the other arrived.

“Relax. I still have a few available slots, and we can use the Spatial Gate to make the trip. Although it will take some time to get here, the contest has just begun. If we hurry, we should have enough time,” Shi Feng said, smiling.

“Wonderful! If Blackie and the others can make it, they’ll definitely be a great help! We’ll even surprise the other superpowers!” Aqua Rose was ecstatic.

She could already imagine what would happen once Blackie and the others arrived. Hurriedly, she contacted Blackie’s group, telling them to set aside their registration at the Adventurer’s Association for now and make their way to Ocean Viewing Town.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng called up his system interface and chose to leave the island. As Thunder Island prevented the use of tools, he could only use a Return Scroll after he left.

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When Shi Feng left the ancient tower, Nine Dragons Emperor's subordinates, who kept an eye over the situation around Phoenix Rain's three ancient towers noticed his disappearance.

"Pavilion Master, I just received a report stating that Ye Feng suddenly vanished from the cliff tower," Blood Dragon reported.

"Vanished? Did you know where he went?" Nine Dragons Emperor demanded as he thought about Shi Feng's Teleportation Skill.

Martial Dragon, Blood Dragon, and Shadowtooth oversaw the three towers' surveillance. Among the three towers, Blood Dragon kept watch over the cliff tower, which Zero Wing occupied. It was also the tower Nine Dragons Emperor wanted back the most.

Nine Dragons Emperor had to admit that Shi Feng's Teleportation Skill was heaven-defying. The Skill allowed him to transport reinforcements and ambush his enemies at a moment's notice. It was also how the man had forced him into such a passive state. If he moved recklessly, Shi Feng could ambush and steal his final tower, at which point, he would lose all hope in this competition.

"No," Blood Dragon said, shaking his head. "But from the reports we've received from our spies in Phoenix Rain's team, it doesn't seem like they are executing any sort of operation. Moreover, Phoenix Rain is struggling over her plan to capture a monster encampment."

“Since he is acting by himself, ignore him. We just need to keep track of their team’s movements,” Nine Dragons Emperor instructed.

At the end of the day, they were on Thunder Island. Shi Feng could never raid a monster encampment by himself.

As long as they kept an eye on the three ancient towers, the Swordsman’s independent actions wouldn’t change the result.

“Pavilion Master, we’ve just received a reply from Miracle. They’ve agreed to merge teams and share their tower buff, but they want half of the temporary teleportation arrays we get from the encampments,” Blood Dragon reported.

“That greedy old fox! He dares to ask for such a high price?!” Nine Dragons Emperor frowned slightly.

Each monster encampment on Thunder Island only provided two temporary teleportation arrays. He just wanted to borrow Miracle’s tower buff, yet the other Guild wanted half of the slots he obtained.

“Then, do we...” Blood Dragon also felt powerless about the situation. However, it was Nine Dragons Emperor’s decision to make. Had they known they would struggle this much, they would’ve prioritized capturing an encampment before picking a fight with Phoenix Rain.

“Fine. Agree to their conditions.” As the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion Master gave the order, he felt as if he had aged by several years.

With their team's current prowess, capturing another ancient tower was impossible. Unfortunately, capturing a monster encampment with only one tower was also impossible. They'd only have a chance in this contest if they could merge with Miracle's team. That way, they could dispatch some players to raid an encampment while maintaining their surveillance on Phoenix Rain's towers. Otherwise, he'd have to continue wasting time with the Phoenix Pavilion Master.

Although doing so would earn him the same result as Phoenix Rain in this contest, she had Zero Wing's help. She could definitely obtain a large collection of Thunder Passes for the next contest. Competing with Phoenix Rain would become far more difficult.

Hence, he needed to secure at least one encampment and gain as much advantage as he could over the other Pavilion Master, ensure that he'd have some options in the next contest for Thunder Island.

"Understood! I'll lead a team and integrate with theirs." Blood Dragon left the ancient tower and led his team to one of Miracle's towers.

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As time passed, the various superpowers began to raid their first monster encampment.

There were far fewer encampments on Thunder Island than ancient towers. Only 17 monster encampments were available, yet there were more than six superpowers participating in the contest. Needless to say, every superpower was trying to capture as many monster encampments as possible to achieve a higher rank in the contest. The competition for these encampments was intense.

Fortunately, the monster encampments were not that easy to raid, and not all of them were equal. The weaker encampments were only guarded by one Specialized Grand Lord and a few ordinary Grand

Lords. Meanwhile, Archaic Species guarded the stronger encampments. Although the tower buffs helped weaken the Bosses' Defense and Magic Resistance, it did not do anything about their Basic Attributes and Skills.

Without tools, even the superpowers' peak experts would find dealing with Grand Lord ranked Archaic Species difficult. These teams even risked team-wipes. Hence, all of the participants were extremely careful when they took action.

"Big Sis Rain, this is bad. Nine Dragons Emperor has just merged with Miracle's team. He has led a team of 120 experts to an encampment. What should we do?" Blue Phoenix reported anxiously.

"What about the players keeping an eye on us?" Phoenix Rain asked somberly.

"Now that he has Miracle's help, he has spared 230 people to watch our towers. One hundred of those players are watching this tower, while the remaining 130 are scouting the cliff tower. They'll likely attack if they notice the slightest movement on our side," Blue Phoenix said in frustration.

If they wanted to raid an encampment, they'd have to dispatch at least 100 players. Otherwise, they'd have almost no chance of succeeding. However, if they dispatched 100 players, they'd only have 120 players to defend the towers. Trying to defend all three towers with so few people would be incredibly difficult. If Miracle sent reinforcements to help Nine Dragons Emperor's surveillance teams, he might succeed in recapturing at least one of their towers. With only two towers, they could never capture a monster encampment with 100 players.

Phoenix Rain could not help her frown.

She hadn't expected Nine Dragons Emperor to resort to a merger.

The other superpowers had already begun their raids. As more time passed, the struggle for the monster encampments would grow viciously intense. If her side remained idle, her chances would drastically decrease once the other teams raided their second encampment.

After a moment of silence, Phoenix Rain contacted Shi Feng.

“Nine Dragons Emperor has merged with Miracle’s team and begun to raid a monster encampment. At this rate, our chances of success will plummet as time passes. Should we try to negotiate with the Sacred Temple or Battle Wolves again?”

“Nine Dragons Emperor sure is moving quickly. However, it’s too soon to consider an alliance,” Shi Feng said, smiling calmly.

“But if we continue to drag our feet, it will become far more difficult to capture an encampment.” Phoenix Rain understood Shi Feng’s perspective. If they contacted the Sacred Temple and Battle Wolves now, they’d be at a disadvantage in the negotiations, but if they failed to obtain a single temporary teleportation array, their development in the Sea of Death would slow to a crawl. Even the advantage of their two sailboats would be limited against their competition.

“Since that’s the case, let’s prepare to raid an encampment,” Shi Feng said.

“We’re raiding one now?” Phoenix Rain’s eyes shown with excitement. “Do you have a plan to deal with Nine Dragons Emperor’s team?”

“No, I don’t,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. “But it shouldn’t be a problem if we increase our manpower?”

Phoenix Rain didn't know how to respond. Naturally, she wanted to increase her team's manpower, but they needed Thunder Passes to do so. Was she just supposed to magically summon more allies?

"Leave the manpower issue to me. First, send 20 of your people to the cliff tower," Shi Feng said, smiling as he brushed off the contemptuous look Phoenix Rain gave him.

"Do you really have a way to bring in more people?" Phoenix Rain asked, surprised. Judging by her companion's serious expression, she knew Shi Feng's claim hadn't been a joke.

"Mhm, but I need some time to do so," Shi Feng said, nodding. He had already met up with Blackie and the others. They just had to make their way to Thunder Island.

"Alright, I'll send them people to the tower right away." Although Phoenix Rain was excited, she felt as if she were looking at a stranger as she watched Shi Feng on the screen, or rather, Zero Wing as a whole felt foreign. A few months ago, Zero Wing had been nothing more than a fledgling Guilds that had only begun to flourish, yet now the Guild could accomplish feats that were even beyond her capabilities. It was incredible.

Chapter 1505 – Arrival of Powerful Reinforcements

Thunder Island, Orc encampment:

Level 55 and above Armored Orcs constantly patrolled the encampment, each wielding a spear with a bow slung over their shoulder. There were also four Orcs on lookout in each of the dozens of watchtowers, who also manned the affixed ballistas, ready to assist the patrols at a moment's notice.

"Martial, you and your group will destroy that watchtower. Everyone else, spread out; don't stand too close to each other! Be careful not to get dragged into the ballistas' AOE's!" Nine Dragons Emperor commanded as he watched the ballistas fire at his team.

The Orcs guarding the encampment had ridiculously high Basic Attributes and combat standards. Even a patrol squad could pull his 120-man team into a bitter battle. The watchtowers' cover fire was even more of a pain.

The ballistas' fire would kill any player it struck instantly, even MTs with activated Lifesaving Skills.

To succeed, the team would have to avoid the ballista attacks at all times.

Despite starting this raid over an hour ago, they had yet to clear out the Orcs in the perimeter.

"Pavilion Master, Phoenix Rain has dispatched 20 players to the cliff tower. By the looks of it, they seem to be planning something. Should we put some pressure on her team?" Blood Dragon reported.

"They're finally making a move?" Nine Dragons Emperor sneered. "What's the situation at the cliff tower?"

Raiding the monster encampment was already more difficult than he had expected. Even after merging with Miracle's team and armed with five stacks of the tower buff, they still struggled. Needless to say,

Phoenix Rain's team, which only controlled three towers, would have an even harder time with the encampments.

If Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing had dispatched a 100-man team to raid an encampment, he could ambush towers. Moreover, Miracle had offered to send reinforcements if he attempted to steal her towers. With this development, he might be able to take all three towers for himself, rendering all of Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing's effort useless.

"There doesn't seem to be any movement at the cliff tower so far. However, there is something strange," Blood Dragon said. "Based on our spies' reports, Zero Wing seems to have found a way to bring in reinforcements. But even now, we don't know which superpower has agreed to cooperate with their team."

"Reinforcements?" Nine Dragons Emperor sneered. "So what if they found reinforcements? If they try to raid an encampment, we'll ignore the towers and attack their raid team instead. I want to see how they plan to secure a monster encampment with dead players! Tell our scouts to continue watching them for now. Report back if anyone moves."

It was incredibly risky to attack an ancient tower. This was especially true if Phoenix Rain's team had truly found reinforcements. However, ambushing a raid team outside of the towers' range would be easy.

Without the towers' Attribute buff, taking out Phoenix Rain's team would be a piece of cake. Even if he failed to annihilate Phoenix Rain's raid team, getting rid of a few dozen players would be more than enough to destroy Phoenix Rain's chances of securing a monster encampment.

"Understood!" Blood Dragon couldn't help his grin when he heard this. In fact, he even hoped that Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing had found reinforcements. This way, they could proudly defeat Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing's team and restore their lost reputation.

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As the various superpowers frantically raided monster encampments, Phoenix Rain's anxiety grew as she waited for the reinforcements Shi Feng had mentioned.

The other superpowers were also watching the situation carefully. They hadn't expected Nine Dragons Emperor to be so ruthless.

"Phoenix Rain is finished. Not only did Nine Dragons Emperor deal a heavy blow to her team, but he's also limited her options of taking action. She'll likely fail to claim a single encampment."

"But the situation is strange. I never thought that Miracle would be willing to help Nine Dragons Emperor. What did Phoenix Rain do to provoke the Guild?"

"Don't you know? Phoenix Rain didn't provoke Miracle, but Zero Wing did. Remember the Dark Arena some time ago? Miracle's battle team suffered a miserable defeat at Zero Wing's hands. I'm sure that the Guild wants to teach Zero Wing a lesson and restore its reputation."

"Phoenix Rain sure is unlucky. If not for her cooperation with Zero Wing, she might have had a chance to secure a monster encampment. Now that Miracle is helping Nine Dragons Emperor, she has lost all hope."

"I know, right?"

The various superpowers expressed their sympathy for Phoenix Rain. With the woman's tenacity, she should've been able to claim at least one encampment, but due to Zero Wing, Firmament had stabbed her in the back, and Nine Dragons Emperor allied with Miracle. The events gave the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion Master an overwhelming advantage.

"Big Sis Rain, I've just received a report stating that the Sacred Temple, Battle Wolves, Miracle, King's Return, and Nine Heavens Pavilion have captured their first monster encampments and are preparing to raid their second. If we don't hurry, it'll be too late to do anything," Blue Phoenix said anxiously.

Based on the information they had gathered, the monster encampments were far more challenging than they had anticipated. Meanwhile, the contest was nearly half over. If they didn't take action soon, with only three ancient towers under their control, they might not have enough time to capture a monster encampment.

Even Nine Dragons Emperor had begun his fight with the final Guardian Boss in his first encampment.

"I understand, but we don't have the power to make a move before the reinforcements arrive," Phoenix Rain said, sighing helplessly.

Nine Dragons Emperor had a huge numerical advantage, and he was even willing to give up some of his manpower to station teams on standby to steal their towers. If they tried to raid a monster encampment, she had no doubt that Nine Dragons Emperor would attack without hesitation.

Thinking up to this point, Phoenix Rain contacted Shi Feng once more.

"Team Leader Ye Feng, what is the situation?" Phoenix Rain asked. "Quite a few Guilds have begun to raid their second encampment."

“We’re almost there,” Shi Feng said, chuckling when he noticed Phoenix Rain’s anxiety. “Give me another ten minutes, and we’ll have 49 more players.”

“Forty-nine?” At first, Phoenix Rain celebrated the news of Shi Feng’s return, but her joy faded after hearing Shi Feng’s final statements.

Although he was returning with quite a few players, an additional 49 team members wouldn’t change their situation. Even with these 49 players, there was still a massive gap between her manpower and Nine Dragon Emperor’s.

“Relax. The people with me are quite powerful,” Shi Feng assured Phoenix Rain.

“I’ll leave it to you, then.” Although Shi Feng had tried to reassure her, Phoenix Rain didn’t have much hope for Shi Feng’s plan, but she was resigned to see it through. If they failed, she’d have no choice but to grit her teeth and negotiate with either the Sacred Temple or Battle Wolves.

After Shi Feng disconnected the call, Blackie snickered and said, “Guild Leader, she doesn’t seem to have much confidence in you.”

“That’s normal. After all, our current situation is problematic,” Shi Feng said nonchalantly. “When we arrive, make sure you give it your all.”

“Rest assured, Guild Leader! Not even capturing two or three encampments will be a problem, let alone the first!” Shadow Sword confidently declared.

After entering the Legacy Space, Shadow Sword had pushed through numerous trials and finally reached the Refinement Realm. He was also a Tier 2 player now. He itched to display his newfound prowess.

Fire Dance, Turtledove, Ye Wumian, Violet Cloud, Flying Shadow, Rampant Blade, Minor Wind, and Zero Wing's other core members couldn't help but laugh.

As the team chatted merrily, the One-horned Sailboat finally reached the edge of Thunder Island.

The One-horned Sailboat's reappearance shocked the surrounding players, but Shi Feng ignored the stares as he stored the sailboat and used the Thunder Emblem to teleport the team to Thunder Island.

Chapter 1506 – Sixteen Tier 2 Players

“What's going on?”

“People can still enter Thunder Island?”

“Doesn't that sailboat look like Zero Wing's?”

When the spectating players around Thunder Island saw Shi Feng and his team suddenly disappear, they erupted into conversation. None of them had thought that Zero Wing would have yet another trump card at this stage of the contest.

The various superpowers' scouts outside of the island reported the incident immediately. Nine Dragons Emperor's scouts, in particular, had recorded the entire process and sent their commander the video.

"Pavilion Master, by the looks of it, Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing plan to capture a monster encampment. Should we notify Miracle and have them send some reinforcements?" Blood Dragon asked.

"Fifty people?" Nine Dragons Emperor sneered as he watched the recording. "It seems Zero Wing has quite the means to bring in another fifty people at this point. Unfortunately, the contest's duration is already half over. What can they possibly accomplish with just 50 people? Let's not contact Miracle lest we scare Phoenix Rain and Zero Wing into inaction. We can make our move once they leave the towers. Just keep an eye on those 50 players."

"Understood!" Blood Dragon disconnected the call and reorganized his scouts to look out for the newcomers' locations.

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Meanwhile, inside a forest of stone on Thunder Island, Shi Feng led Blackie and the others to the cliff tower.

"This is Thunder Island? There are a lot of experts," Fire Dance, who wore crimson leather armor, stated as she observed her surroundings. From her position, she could sense quite a few Assassins hidden around the area. In the past, she might not have discovered the Assassins, but after her Tier 2 promotion, both her physique and her senses had improved significantly. Without much effort, she could now get a clear idea of her environment. "Guild Leader, should I go and deal with them?"

"No need. They're merely the other superpowers' scouts. Even if we deal with them, the scouts outside of the island will report our actions," Shi Feng said, shaking his head. At the same time, he shot Fire

Dance a surprised look. Although it had been some time since he had last seen her, he hadn't expected her senses to be so acute.

The closest scout he could detect was over 40 yards away, and every one of these players was an expert in the art of concealment. Moreover, he only barely sensed these scouts due to his extraordinarily high Basic Attributes. Although Fire Dance possessed the Fragmented Legendary ranked Thousand Transformations, her Attributes were quite lower than his.

By the looks of it, Fire Dance had also replaced quite a few pieces of her equipment since they had last met. Although she had hidden their glow effects, Shi Feng could tell, with his bounty of experience, that these new pieces were all Dark-Gold rank or higher.

However, Shi Feng didn't give the matter much thought. The stronger Fire Dance became, the more she benefited the Guild's development.

After running for roughly 20 minutes, Shi Feng's group reached the cliff tower.

"Guild Leader, you're finally back. Can we move out now?" Aqua Rose asked, smiling when she saw her Guildmates.

Among the 49 players Shi Feng had brought with him, twelve were Tier 2 players. Including Shi Feng, Cola, Alluring Summer, and herself, they had a total of sixteen Tier 2 players on the island now.

With such a powerful team, they could even challenge Mythic Field Bosses if they had a strong enough magic array.

“Mhm. Rearrange a new team of 50. We’ll set out in ten minutes!” Shi Feng nodded.

He had wasted a lot of time to transport Fire Dance and the others to the island. As a result, he had sacrificed a lot of opportunities for the other participating teams. If he did not hurry, claiming a monster encampment would become far more difficult.

“Okay! Leave it to me!” Aqua Rose immediately began to select players for the new team.

“Fifty people? Guild Leader, is that really enough?” Gentle Snow asked curiously.

At this point, the situations in the monster encampments were no longer secret. Trying to capture an encampment with only 50 players and the support of three ancient towers was aiming for the impossible.

“Relax. We’re pretty strong.” Shi Feng chuckled.

“Could they all have...” Gentle Snow suddenly considered a possibility.

In response, Shi Feng gave a silent nod. Immediately, Gentle Snow found herself both shocked and excited.

She had already witnessed the prowess of a Tier 2 player though Aqua Rose, Cola, and Alluring Summer. Even absolute experts like Bloodhand Yama and Shadowtooth could only rely on their techniques in combat, avoiding a head-on clash as much as possible. Just thinking about a group of Tier 2 players made her shiver.

Very quickly, Aqua Rose organized a 50-man team. Aside from Zero Wing's core members like Fire Dance, Aqua Rose had included Lifeless Thorn and his companions. Meanwhile, aside from Gentle Snow, Zhao Yueru, and a few others with slightly lower levels, everyone was Level 50 or above.

If the public learned of this force, everyone would be terrified.

"Guild Leader, we can move out when you're ready," Aqua Rose stated. "Phoenix Rain already sent us information on every monster encampment available on Thunder Island. She suggests that we go for Undead's encampment some distance south of us. None of the Guilds have targeted that area yet, and even if Nine Dragons Emperor sends his forces to harass us, his nearest team is 40 minutes away from the encampment. We should have plenty of time to react if he tries to pull something."

"No, we're not going there." Shi Feng shook his head.

"We're not going there? But that's the closest monster encampment available. If we go elsewhere, we'll risk provoking the other superpowers. Multiple enemies might even attack at once." Aqua Rose tried to dissuade Shi Feng.

"Isn't there a closer encampment?" Shi Feng asked as he pointed to a valley on the map.

"But that's the encampment Nine Dragons Emperor is raiding right now. He also has detached forces nearby, and Miracle's forces aren't far either. By the time we get there, they'll be prepared to surround us," Aqua Rose said, shaking her head as she looked at the Orc encampment Shi Feng had indicated.

"It's impolite not to reciprocate a gift. Since Nine Dragons Emperor has organized his men to keep us at bay for so long, why don't we give him a surprise? Besides, he's already cleared out the monsters in the encampment's perimeter. We can save a lot of effort if we take his encampment," Shi Feng said.

“This...” Hearing Shi Feng’s plan, Aqua Rose looked at the man as if he had gone mad.

In contrast, Fire Dance and her companions’ eyes shown with excitement.

“Guild Leader, let’s march over!” Shadow Sword was already more than eager to head out.

“No, we’ll teleport directly there,” Shi Feng said as he activated Spatial Gate.

Suddenly, a spatial tear opened inside the ancient tower. The spatial tear gradually widened into a perfect circle before the Spatial Gate stabilized. The teleportation coordinates were none other than the Orc encampment.

Before Zero Wing and Asura’s members entered the Spatial Gate, they could see the fight on the other side of the gate. Nine Dragons Emperor’s team was engaged in a battle against a Level 60 Specialized Grand Lord and two Level 60 Grand Lords. Dazzling fireworks illuminated the entire encampment.

“Let’s head out!”

Saying so, Shi Feng stepped through the Spatial Gate with his team close behind him.

When they emerged on the other end, they caught the attention of Nine Dragons Emperor’s team.

Miracle’s members, who kept watch beside the encampment, were stupefied to see Shi Feng’s people.

None of them had expected Shi Feng to take the initiative, turning around to harass Nine Dragons Emperor. Nine Dragons Emperor's subordinates and Miracle's members surrounded the Orc encampment. Coming here was simply suicidal!

Initially, Nine Dragons Emperor stared at Shi Feng in shock. However, he recovered in seconds and bellowed, "Ye Feng!"

Chapter 1507 – Seeking One's Own Destruction

Shi Feng's appearance didn't only stun Nine Dragons Emperor's team. The spectating players watching the Orc encampment from outside of Thunder Island were stupefied as well.

"What? They sent 50 players to ambush an opponent?"

"Just what is Ye Feng trying to do?"

"They're crazy! They actually decided to ambush Nine Dragons Emperor under such circumstances! Are they not worried about annihilation?!"

The monster encampments were a key factor in the contest for Thunder Island. While the various large Guilds raided their encampments, they would take preventive measures to avoid leaving themselves open to attacks from other superpowers. Of course, Nine Dragons Emperor was no exception. Only, Nine Dragons Emperor had left the guard duty to Miracle.

Moreover, the players Nine Dragons Emperor had sent to keep an eye on Phoenix Rain's ancient towers weren't far from the encampment. They could join the main force in less than ten minutes.

Once Nine Dragons Emperor's forces gathered, Shi Feng and the others would not be trapped even if they sprouted wings.

"Has Nine Dragons Emperor angered Ye Fent past the point of madness?" Phoenix Rain was also stunned when she heard the news.

Raiding a monster encampment with a 50-man team was already dangerous enough. Rather, it was impossible, yet Shi Feng went a step further and intended to steal Nine Dragons Emperor's encampment while he raided it.

Sending players to ambush another team during the contest was incredibly foolish.

When players left a monster encampment on Thunder Island, the monsters would give up their chase and return to the encampment. If players were ambushed by an enemy team, they could simply retreat from the encampment until they wiped out the attackers before resuming their raid. At worst, players would have to waste a little bit of time.

However, if Shi Feng and the others died, their team's overall combat power would plummet. Needless to say, this would affect their ability to raid monster encampments later on.

Phoenix Rain couldn't fathom why Shi Feng would do something so thankless.

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Before anyone could react to their arrival in the Orc encampment, Shi Feng gave the order to attack.

“Attack as one! Once we chase them out, Cola, Turtledove, and Ye Wumian, prepare to tank the Bosses!”

“Understood!”

As soon as Shi Feng finished speaking, his team charged into the Orc encampment, giving their enemies no time to shake off the Bosses.

“Pavilion Master, they’re charging towards us. Should we give up on the Bosses?” Martial Dragon asked, wrath coloring his features as he watched Shi Feng’s people charge into the encampment.

It had taken them a lot of effort to whittle down the three Bosses to around 20% HP. If they gave up now, they would have to waste a lot more time to deal with the Bosses.

“Retreat! We’ll just fight them again! Recall our teams from Phoenix Rain’s towers! While you’re at it, tell Miracle’s nearby players to gather to our location! Do not let any of these bastards get away!” Although Nine Dragons Emperor was reluctant to give up, he knew that they couldn’t deal with the Bosses and Shi Feng’s team at once.

However, although Nine Dragons Emperor had given the order to retreat, none of the three Orc Bosses intended to let his team get away so easily. As a result, Nine Dragons Emperor’s team had no choice but to fight the Bosses while fleeing from Shi Feng’s team.

What fast reactions! Shi Feng had never thought that Nine Dragons Emperor would be decisive enough to give up on the nearly dead Bosses. *It seems I have no other choice.*

Shi Feng immediately used Wind Blade, leaving an afterimage behind as he advanced. In the blink of an eye, he had pulled a great distance away from Cola and the other MTs leading the charge.

The Orc encampment was massive. Even at top speed, it would take some time for a player to reach the encampment's perimeter from its core. Nine Dragons Emperor's team was also relatively close to an exit. By the time they caught up, the enemy team would've escaped.

Just as Nine Dragons Emperor's team was about to leave the encampment, Shi Feng caught up to the three Orc Bosses.

"Don't even think of getting away so easily!" Shi Feng activated the Aura of Fire's Flame Domain without hesitation.

Suddenly, a crimson magic array covered the ground, enveloping Nine Dragons Emperor's entire team.

"Damn it! It's a large-scale destruction Spell! Get out of the AOE!" Upon seeing the magic array, Nine Dragons Emperor activated Air Vault, a Tier 1 Skill for Rangers. He leaped backward, instantly crossing 20 yards and escaping from the magic array.

His experts also activated their Lifesaving Skills to get out of the attack's range.

However, Flame Domain's was a large AOE. Despite all of these players being experts, some failed to get out of range in time, and the colossal pillar of fire that eventually rose turned some of these players into ash.

In just one move, Nine Dragons Emperor had lost 20 players. A dozen or so players had also died as they fled.

After a short moment, the difference between the team's numbers had shrunk.

"Ye...Feng!" Nine Dragons Emperor ground his teeth in anger as he glared at Shi Feng. After escaping the encampment, he fired one engraved arrow after another at the Swordsman.

Reacting quickly, Shi Feng executed Sword's Orbit, striking the arrows down before they came within five yards of him.

Suddenly, the three Bosses burst out of Flame Domain's range, bloodlust filling their eyes as they turned towards Shi Feng. Among them, the Level 60, Specialized Grand Lord ranked Orc Chief raised its battle axe and pounced on the Swordsman.

As if he had predicted the reaction, Shi Feng adjusted his footwork and effortlessly circled the descending battle axe, arriving before the Orc Chief and swinging Killing Ray.

Thundering Flash!

Immediately, four blue lightning snakes tore through the Orc Chief and two Orc Generals, causing damages of around -20,000 to appear above their heads. Nine Dragons Emperor and his people were shocked to see the high damage.

They had fought tooth and nail against the Orc Bosses, fortunate to deal -6,000 damage even with their five stacks of the tower buff, yet Shi Feng, who only had three, dealt over -20,000 with each hit.

After executing Thundering Flash, Shi Feng ignored the Bosses, running back to his teammates.

“Crap! Pavilion Master, we aren’t Ye Feng’s target; the three Bosses are!” When Martial Dragon saw Shi Feng retreat, he realized that something was amiss.

On Thunder Island, if the team holding a Boss’s aggro left the battle, the Boss would return to its non-combat state, resetting its HP and Skills, but if another team intercepted the Boss and stole its aggro, the Boss wouldn’t reset.

The three Orc Bosses currently had 20% of their HP remaining. Zero Wing’s team could finish them off with much less effort.

If Zero Wing’s team took down the Orc Chief, the encampment would belong to them.

“Has this kid lost his mind?” The corners of Bloodhand Yama’s lips twitched when he saw Shi Feng attack the three Orc Bosses.

Even in the Flower of Seven Sins, he was known as a madman, but he had to admit that Shi Feng was far crazier than he was.

Although this was a good opportunity to steal the low-HP Bosses, doing so would mean that Shi Feng had to deal with all three and Nine Dragons Emperor's team.

Doing so was little more than seeking his own destruction.

Shi Feng simply wasn't taking them seriously.

"Ye Feng! Do you really think that this will play out like our last battle?! Since you are so eager to die, I'll grant your wish! Everyone, charge! Eliminate them!" Nine Dragons Emperor's face twitched with fury.

The various spectators and Phoenix Rain were stunned.

Shi Feng was playing with fire.

Only Zero Wing's members remained calm. They stood in formation as they waited for their commander to kite the Orc Bosses and the enemy team, who brimmed with killing intent.

"Since everyone's in position, attack!" Shi Feng nonchalantly ordered as he glanced at the approaching Bosses and Nine Dragons Emperor's players.

“Big Brother Ye Feng isn’t really going to fight the Bosses, is he?” Blue Phoenix muttered in disbelief as she watched the live-stream a subordinate had sent.

Shi Feng’s team only had 50 players, yet they were about to face a Level 60 Specialized Grand Lord, two Level 60 Grand Lords, and Nine Dragons Emperor’s remaining 80 players.

The Zero Wing team stood in a monster encampment, not a captured ancient tower; they didn’t have the Basic Attribute buffs.

They had no hope of success.

“I don’t know, but I don’t think he’s that foolish. He might have a plan in mind,” Phoenix Rain said. She didn’t understand what he was trying to do, either.

Shi Feng could’ve easily captured the Undead encampment, yet he wanted to steal the Orc encampment from Nine Dragons Emperor. Even if his team fended off Nine Dragons Emperor’s remaining team while holding back the Orc Bosses, the Heavenly Dragon Pavilion Master had plenty of reinforcements on the way. In around ten minutes, another 300-plus experts would reach the Orc encampment...

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Meanwhile, in the Orc encampment, after Shi Feng gave the command, Zero Wing’s and Asura’s members burst into action.

Cola, Turtledove, and Ye Wumian each took one of the three Orc Bosses, with Cola and Turtledove using the Tier 2 Skill, Vengeful Judgment, and Ye Wumian using the Tier 2 Skill, War Sanction.

Peng! Peng! Peng!

Three heavy thumps echoed throughout the encampment. Stunned, the three Bosses slid to an abrupt halt. At the same time, a damage of over -18,000 appeared above each of their heads. Among the three MTs, Cola dealt the most damage, inflicting over -20,000 damage as he stopped the Specialized Grand Lord's pursuit of Shi Feng.

"Amazing!" Solitary Nine and Dark Madness could not help but gasp when they saw this.

If it were up to them, they would likely need several moves to stop a Level 60 Grand Lord, yet Cola and the others had done so with a single attack, instantly dominating the Bosses' aggro. Moreover, all three MTs had accurately struck the Bosses' joints, enhancing their Skills' impact.

The three Orc Bosses promptly turned towards the three MTs and brandished their weapons, the Orc Chief swinging its battle axe and the Orc Generals swinging their greatswords.

Seeing this, the MT trio calmly raised their shields and received the incoming attacks.

Boom!

Loud clangs reverberated in the watching players' ears. Although Cola and the others were forced back by two or three steps, none of them showed any signs of stiffness.

As the three Bosses' chain attacks continued, the MTs continued to slide backward, damages of over -10,000 appearing above their heads.

By the time the Bosses' chain attacks ended, the three MTs had lost around 40,000 HP each.

"This Boss's Strength is so high!" Turtledove said as she released her shield for a second and shook her wrist, but contrary to her statement, she appeared relaxed.

After her Tier 2 promotion, her HP had increased to over 65,000. Hence, -40,000 damage was within an acceptable range.

Violet Cloud, who had been triple-casting from the rear-line, released her Spells.

Immediately, a Healing Light touched each of the three MTs, restoring over 10,000 HP. At the same time, a Healing Aura enveloped the players, restoring a little over 3,000 HP every 0.65 seconds for 10 seconds.

Following which, a faint, golden aura descended on every team member, increasing their maximum HP by 20% for 15 minutes. Immediately, Turtledove and Ye Wumian's HPs shot past 70,000, whereas Cola's exceeded 80,000. The buff also increased healing received by 30%.

This move was none other than the Tier 2 Spell, Holy Light, which Violet Cloud had learned after her Tier 2 promotion.

After casting Holy Light, the team's survivability skyrocketed.

However, that wasn't all. Afterward, Blackie used the Tier 2 Spell, Song of Darkness, increasing the team's damage by 20% and Movement Speed and Attack Speed by 30% for 10 minutes.

In the blink of an eye, the battle with the three Orc Bosses became much easier.

Nine Dragons Emperor and his experts, who rushed towards Zero Wing's members, suddenly had a bad feeling. However, before they could figure out what had changed, Shi Feng activated Thunder Domain and switched the Aura of Fire to the Aura of Illusion, reducing the enemies' Basic Attributes by 15%.

Shadow Sword and Rampant Blade then charged into the incoming crowd, knocking multiple players in their path down. They spun, swinging their greatswords in wide, horizontal slashes.

Berserker's Tier 2 Skill, Blade Storm!

Suddenly, two tornadoes rose amidst Nine Dragons Emperor's team, and every player caught within 18 yards of the two Berserkers was sent flying as they lost over -10,000 HP per second. Blade Storm was similar to an AOE Spell, so once it activated, Shadow Sword and Rampant Blade could move about freely. In addition, their Movement Speeds increased by 20% during the Skill's 5-second duration.

The two Berserkers' assault caught Nine Dragons Emperor's team off guard. Aside from a few players that had escaped the Blade Storms, most of the team was caught in the attack, their HPs falling so quickly that their healers couldn't keep up.

Aqua Rose, Alluring Summer, Blackie, and Su Qianliu followed by bombarding Nine Dragons Emperor's team with Tier 2 Spells.

Although every player on Nine Dragons Emperor's team was an expert, Zero Wing's casters were powerful and accurate. Plate-armor classes might survive their attacks for some time, but cloth-armor classes would die after two direct hits.

In seconds, Nine Dragons Emperor's formations were decimated, and only around 50 players remained. Now, they barely had a numeric advantage over Shi Feng's team.

Just as Nine Dragons Emperor's team was about to retaliate, Fire Dance and Flying Shadow appeared beside their healers. Without so much as a sound, they thrust their gleaming daggers into the healers' backs, giving the experts no time to react. After killing their first targets, they promptly vanished and reappeared behind another nearby healer, repeating the process.

Tier 2 Skill, Phantom Walk!

When activated, the Skill allowed the user to execute four consecutive attacks, each carrying enough power to rival Absolute Strike, the strongest Skill available to Tier 1 Assassins.

Eight of Nine Dragons Emperor's healers died on the spot. Although the four remaining healers tried to run, Fire Dance ran them down.

After Fire Dance's promotion to Tier 2, her Movement Speed could rival Shi Feng's. Ordinary players had no hope of keeping up with her. At most, they'd see the afterimages she'd leave behind.

"Don't get too cocky!" Martial Dragon bellowed as he activated Charge at Fire Dance. After appearing before the four healers, he brandished Silver Snow.

Indiscriminate Slash!

Fire Dance simply smiled and casually brandished Thousand Transformations. She instantly cut down the dozen or so sword lights moving towards her. At the same time, Fire Dance activated Thousand Transformation's Phantom Skill, and five of her doppelgangers appeared beside her. Four of these doppelgangers dashed at the four remaining healers as the last joined Fire Dance in a charge towards Martial Dragon.

The doppelgangers possessed 100% of Fire Dance's Attributes. Although they couldn't attack, their speed was not affected in the slightest. In addition, the doppelgangers couldn't take damage. Hence, they easily crossed the dozen or so yards between them and the enemy players.

When Fire Dance split into six identical copies, Martial Dragon was momentarily stunned. All six clones radiated similar auras and possessed the same Attributes. Not even Martial Dragon could tell the real deal from the fakes.

"Scram!"

Martial Dragon shouted as he executed Whirlwind Slash to repel the Fire Dance clones, but the Assassin refused to give him the chance as she hacked at the Berserker's greatsword with Thousand Transformations.

Tier 2 Skill, Broken Shadow!

Broken Shadow was the fastest Tier 2 Skill for Assassins. Before Martial Dragon's Silver Snow could build up momentum, Thousand Transformations abruptly stopped and repelled the weapon.

The collision's impact forced Martial Dragon back five steps. He flashed his opponent a dumbfounded expression.

Meanwhile, the four doppelgangers reached the last of the enemy healers. Although they tried to react, and their allied ranged players provided cover fire, the attacks were ineffective against the doppelgangers. After stopping Martial Dragon, Fire Dance swapped places with the four clones, devouring the healers' remaining HP with one strike after another. Each of her attacks dealt over -15,000 damage, -30,000 with a critical hit. She even triggered Critical Point, which had a 20% chance of triggering, killing the enemy healer instantly.

Although Martial Dragon tried to intervene, Fire Dance simply switched positions with another doppelganger before the man could hit her. In the end, Martial Dragon had to watch helplessly as the four healers died...

Chapter 1509 – Steamrolling

When the Nine Dragons Emperor's four last healers died, silence descended on the team.

How has she become so strong? Shock overwhelmed Martial Dragon as he stared at the healers' fading bodies.

He still had a relatively clear impression of Fire Dance as he had fought her personally during the assault on Zero Wing's Residence. She had been insignificant then, yet after some time, she had become powerful enough to suppress him.

How does Zero Wing find so many experts?! Nine Dragons Emperor's eyes were bloodshot as he watched Fire Dance move across the battlefield unhindered.

Although the fight had been brief, it had been enough time to realize that Martial Dragon was no match for the Assassin in a head-on confrontation. The Skill she had used was particularly troublesome.

It was impossible to differentiate Fire Dance's doppelgangers from the real player, and attacks against the clones were ineffective, yet the doppelgangers seemed more than capable of inflicting damage.

If they could not attack all six copies at the same time, Fire Dance would be practically invincible.

However, Fire Dance's prowess wasn't the biggest issue; his team had just lost all of their healers. This had placed his team in an overwhelmingly disadvantageous position.

In contrast, not only were Zero Wing's experts capable of dealing frightening amounts of damage, but they were also swift and nimble. Every one of Nine Dragons Emperor's team, not including Martial Dragon, Shadowtooth, Undead, and Bloodhand Yama, were little more than living targets for Zero Wing. They couldn't even slow the enemy players for a few seconds...

"Dragon Pavilion Master, we can't let this continue. When will the reinforcements arrive?" Undead asked as he attempted to keep Flying Shadow and Blackie at bay. Because of these two experts, he couldn't cast any of his large-scale destruction Spells, which had long casting times; he was too preoccupied with dodging and defending himself with Instantaneous Spells. He was incredibly frustrated.

In terms of combat standards, he was leagues ahead of Flying Shadow and Blackie, but the two experts from Zero Wing were leaps and bounds above him in Basic Attributes and reaction speed. Now that the team's healers were dead, it was only a matter of time before Flying Shadow and Blackie whittled him down to nothing.

Undead wasn't the only player eagerly awaiting the reinforcements. The rest of the team wanted to know when they'd arrive as well. Without reinforcements, it was only a matter of time before Zero Wing annihilated their team.

"We...retreat!" Nine Dragons Emperor reluctantly shouted when he noticed that Zero Wing's team remained intact while he continued to lose members.

Now, he didn't even have enough players to stop Zero Wing from stealing the Orc Bosses, not to mention defeating the enemy players. Nine Dragons Emperor couldn't figure out why there was such a massive difference between their teams.

To make matters worse, Zero Wing had only sent around a dozen or so experts to fight his team, while the remaining 30-plus players faced the three Orc Bosses...

When the team heard Nine Dragons Emperor's command, its members began to retreat.

"Hahaha! Guild Leader, we've scared them away!" Blackie was delighted as he watched Nine Dragons Emperor's team flee.

The members of Nine Dragons Emperor's team were no ordinary experts. Any one of them could easily rank among the top in a first-rate Guild.

Moreover, players like Nine Dragons Emperor and Martial Dragon stood at the apex of the virtual gaming world. He had only ever been able to look up to such players, yet now, he and a few of his teammates forced these apex experts to run with their tails between their legs.

“Guild Leader, should we give chase?” Unlike Blackie, Fire Dance was unfazed. In fact, a hint of dissatisfaction danced in her eyes. She’d prefer to eliminate these players, rather than watch them flee.

“No. Our goal is to take this encampment. If we take too long, their reinforcements will arrive,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head. He then shifted his gaze to the Orc Bosses and ordered, “For now, prioritize the Bosses!”

“What if they come back?” Fire Dance asked as she watched Nine Dragons Emperor. Based on the Ranger’s expression, he wasn’t happy about the retreat. He wouldn’t just sit still and watch them claim the encampment.

“If they come back, we’ll wipe them out!” Shi Feng said, a cold glint flashing in his eyes.

Now, their team had far more Tier 2 players than in the previous battle. In addition, these players covered the three main roles: MT, DPS, and healers.

Following which, everyone turned towards the three Orc Bosses.

After a short but intense battle, Lifeless Thorn and his team barely dealt enough damage to stop the Bosses from recovering HP. Although the Bosses still had around 20% remaining, they still had over 100,000,000 HP. Among them, the Orc Chief still had 130,000,000 HP, and this was after including Thunder Domain’s suppression.

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“What?! Nine Dragons Emperor was forced to retreat?!”

“Zero Wing is amazing! They actually pushed Nine Dragons Emperor back with a dozen or so players!”

“Just how many more of these experts is Zero Wing hiding?”

The various spectating superpowers were shocked by Zero Wing’s combat power.

This situation also forced these superpowers, who had thus far paid little attention to the Guild, to take Zero Wing seriously.

Before this display, they could’ve afforded to ignore the fact that Zero Wing had an expert like Ye Feng. After all, no Guild could rely on a single player to grow stronger. This was especially true when raiding large-scale Team Dungeons. One player wasn’t enough to clear these Dungeons. But things had changed with the appearance of Aqua Rose, Fire Dance, Gentle Snow, Cola, Ye Wumian, Shadow Sword, Flying Shadow, Alluring Summer, and others.

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“Big Sis Rain, he did it! Big Brother Ye Feng actually did it!” Blue Phoenix could not help but cry out when she saw Nine Dragons Emperor’s team flee from the Orc encampment.

“Zero Wing is a truly unfathomable Guild.” Phoenix Rain sighed as she watched Zero Wing’s members raid the three Orc Bosses.

She had to admit that the decision to ally with Zero Wing early on had been a wise one.

Had she become the Guild's enemy, she would've likely suffered the same fate as Nine Dragons Emperor.

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Meanwhile, outside the Orc encampment, once Nine Dragons Emperor realized that Zero Wing's members had stopped their pursuit, rage and humiliation tore at his heart.

If some Super Guild had decimated his team, he could've accepted it, but he couldn't accept losing to a Guild like Zero Wing. The most infuriating part was that Zero Wing was using him as a stepping stone to build its fame.

If he did not pay back this insult, how was he supposed to survive in the virtual gaming world in the future?

"Martial, contact Miracle and have them send over a 100-man team," Nine Dragons Emperor commanded coldly. "Tell our nearby teams to gather and block the encampment's entrances as well. I refuse to let any of Zero Wing's members escape!"

The Orc Bosses still had over 20% of their HP remaining. It would take Zero Wing's 50-man team at least 20 minutes to defeat the Bosses. Meanwhile, he could gather his reinforcements within 10 minutes.

He refused to believe that Zero Wing could come out victorious if he attacked alongside 400-plus players while the enemy team was distracted with the three Bosses.

“Understood!”

Martial Dragon sensed the dense killing intent radiating off Nine Dragons Emperor. Hurriedly, he contacted Miracle and requested the 100 players.

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While Nine Dragons Emperor called for more reinforcements, the battle between Shi Feng’s team and the Orc Bosses reached full swing.

“The Orc Chief’s HP is below 20%! Cola, activate your Lifesaving Skill!” Shi Feng shouted as he glanced at the Orc Chief and Orc Generals.

Hearing Shi Feng’s warning, Cola activated Protection Blessing.

Once its HP fell below 20%, the Orc Chief went berserk and tore off its armor. Its body enlarged slightly as its muscles bulged. Both the Orc Chief’s Attack Speed and damage increased significantly.

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

Following which, the Orc Chief brandished its battle axe at Cola, every attack forcing the MT back. Damages of over -20,000 appeared above the Guardian Knight's head one while the healers frantically healed Cola. Fortunately, Cola received just enough heals to keep his HP above 50%.

"What destructive power! Too bad you're not quite strong enough!" Cola quipped as he took a look at his HP. He then smiled and launched his counterattack.

Tier 2 Skill, Retaliating Sanction!

Instantly, Cola's Defense increased by 50%. In addition, any attack he received from the front had a 20% chance to trigger an automatic counterattack, a ranged holy attack, which carried 240% of Cola's Strength, for the next 20 seconds.

Due to the Orc Chief's rapid assault, Cola's one-handed sword repeatedly released dazzling beams of light that struck the Boss, each dealing around -40,000 damage.

Shi Feng and the other DPS players weren't falling behind in their damage output either.

Due to Thunder Domain's suppression, their normal attacks dealt over -10,000 damage, whereas their Skills dealt around thirty or forty thousand each. The Orc Chief's HP fell visibly. It was obvious at a glance that Zero Wing's damage output was far higher than Nine Dragons Emperor's team.

20%... 10%...

When the Orc Chief fell to 1%, Shi Feng activated Divine Providence and arrived before the Boss. He followed up with Flame Burst and Dragon Breath.

When the earth-shattering explosions ended, the Orc Chief roared in anguish as it collapsed and dropped a bunch of items.

Chapter 1510 – First Kill Reward

After the Orc Chief collapsed, Zero Wing's members watched as their experience bars increased by a large margin before they heard the sound of a system notification.

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System: Congratulations! You have defeated the Orc Chief with less than 100 players. Rewarding 10 Thunder Island Reputation and 500 Thunder Island Contribution Points.

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What an abundant reward! It's no wonder how the various superpowers secured such a massive advantage in the past.

There were two important things on Thunder Island, both of which the various large Guilds and players hungered after.

The first was Thunder Island Reputation, while the second was Thunder Island Contribution Points. A player's Reputation determined their authority and status on Thunder Island.

Like the Sea God's Temple, players could use Contribution Points to purchase unique items on Thunder Island such as the Thunder Potion.

For players on the main continent, the Thunder Potion was utterly useless. To players exploring the Sea of Death, however, it was a godly potion.

The Thunder Potion did not provide additional Basic Attributes, but it did give players the Power of Thunder buff. With this buff, not only could players deal 20% more damage to sea monsters or monsters on islands, but it was also a deterrent, causing monsters to avoid them and reducing their chances of encountering an ambush. The potion also weakened monsters' perception of players.

When teams had recruited members to explore the Sea of Death in the past, they had almost never accepted players without Thunder Potions.

There might not be many sea and island monsters in the Sea of Death's outer region, but the number of monsters increased exponentially in the inner region of the sea zone. If one weren't careful, they could be surrounded and killed.

The Sea of Death's inner region also contained most of the opportunities and treasures in the sea zone. Hence, if players wanted to reap a bountiful harvest from the Sea of Death, they'd have no choice but to venture to its inner region.

Meanwhile, not only could the Thunder Potion allow safer passage in the inner region, but it also increased players' combat power, which was why the potion was a must have item at sea.

Players could only purchase the Thunder Potion with Thunder Island's Contribution Points, but they were considerably difficult to earn. Generally, players could only obtain a small number of CPs from completing the island's local quests. Unfortunately, as fate would have it, there weren't many of these quests. Not everyone could get their hands on one. Players would only receive high-ranking quests once they reached a certain status on Thunder Island. These high-ranking quests awarded more CPs than the daily quests, each granting around 10 to 20 CPs.

Meanwhile, each Thunder Potion cost 10 CPs, and each potion had a 10-hour duration. It also lacked a Cooldown. Players could even consume two Thunder Potions at once, gaining two stacks of Power of Thunder and increasing their damage by 30% while lowering their chances of being detected for 15 hours.

Now, Zero Wing's team members had obtained 500 CPs after killing an encampment's Guardian Boss. The 10 Thunder Island Reputation Points they had earned were also precious. After obtaining 100 Reputation Points, players could accept more daily quests and a few high-ranking, hidden quests, increasing the amount of Reputation they could earn each day.

Unfortunately, aside from Shi Feng, the team members were likely more interested in the Orc Chief's loot than the system's rewards.

However, no one dared to focus on the items since the two Orc Generals were still alive.

Though, after the Orc Chief died, Phoenix Rain's team officially took control of the Orc encampment. As proof of the team's successful occupation, a magic barrier enveloped the encampment after the main Boss's death. The surrounding Mana gathered inside the barrier, increasing the encampment's Mana density.

As a result, the two Orc Generals' Basic Attributes plummeted. It was clear that the barrier was suppressing the Orcs. At the same time, a teleportation channel also opened inside the encampment.

Level 60 NPCs began to emerge from the channel. In total, 100 NPC guards had teleported to the encampment, 10 of them at Tier 2, and the rest were Tier 1.

The first thing these NPCs did after their arrival was turn to attack the two Orc Generals.

NPCs dealt far more damage than players. Needless to say, they finished off the Orc Generals in a brief moment.

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Meanwhile, every watching superpower on Thunder Island was dumbfounded by the battle's outcome.

None of them had thought that Zero Wing would actually take down an encampment with only 50 players. In fact, Zero Wing's members had defeated the Orc Chief so quickly that the battle had ended before Nine Dragons Emperor's reinforcements had arrived...

"Big Sis Rain, Big Brother Ye Feng really succeeded! We now have an encampment!" Blue Phoenix cheered as she watched the Orc encampment on the screen before her.

Phoenix Rain couldn't help her building excitement, either.

A miracle!

She had to admit that Shi Feng was a miracle-worker. With a small team of 50 players, he had defeated Nine Dragons Emperor's 120-man team and occupied the Orc encampment before the enemy reinforcements arrived. This spectacular feat would go down in Thunder Island's history.

Now that Shi Feng occupied the Orc encampment, other players would have a very difficult time trying to steal it from him.

Not only would the encampment's magic array suppress enemy players, but the defending players would also have the aid of the NPCs in battle. A few hundred players simply weren't enough to steal an encampment.

They were almost guaranteed to hold an encampment throughout the contest. With a monster encampment, they would obtain two temporary teleportation arrays on Thunder Island. They would also qualify to compete with the other superpowers during the next contest.

In addition, they now qualified to negotiate with Super Guilds like the Sacred Temple and Battle Wolves.

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Meanwhile, Nine Dragons Emperor's team and the players from Miracle stared at the magic barrier around the Orc encampment in silence.

"Pavilion Master, what should we do now?" Martial Dragon asked.

"We...retreat," Nine Dragons Emperor stated, clearly livid. For a moment, he even looked as if he would faint from anger.

Shi Feng had taken the Orc encampment he had spent hours clearing in ten short minutes. He'd like nothing more than to eat Shi Feng's heart raw.

However, he knew that he couldn't take the encampment back even if he had 400-plus players on his side. Aside from the fact that Shi Feng could transport reinforcements to the encampment, the current 50 players in the barrier were a massive threat. Furthermore, if his team members entered the encampment, their Basic Attributes would plummet.

After considering the Tier 1 and Tier 2 NPC guards, his team had no hope of taking back the encampment.

Watching Nine Dragons Emperor silently turn and walk away, Martial Dragon gave the encampment one last glance.

This was the first time he had met someone who could push Nine Dragons Emperor this far. Not even the various Super Guilds had ever done so, yet Shi Feng had. Moreover, Shi Feng had rendered Nine Dragons Emperor powerless to retaliate.

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Back inside the Orc Encampment, everyone's experience bars rose by a significant chunk as the Orc Generals died.

However, unlike the Orc Chief, the two Orc Generals hadn't dropped a single item.

Blackie and the others were confused, but Shi Feng remained unfazed.

On Thunder Island, only the Guardian Bosses dropped any loot.

After finishing off the two Orc Generals, Shi Feng made his way towards the pile of items the Orc Chief had dropped. He then began to appraise the items, and the watching Zero Wing members grew nervous.

Suddenly, Shi Feng received a call from Quiet Melody. Confused, Shi Feng accepted the call.

“Congratulations. With this victory, Zero Wing will have an easy time traveling to and from Thunder Island,” Quiet Melody congratulated.

“Vice Temple Master Melody, have you contacted me just to offer congratulations? Please get to the point,” Shi Feng said calmly.

“Elder Ye Feng is quite straightforward. Since that is the case, I won’t mince words. My Guild Leader wishes to speak with you in private. May I know if you are interested?” Quiet Melody said.