

Strongest

Chapter 1601 – Recasting the Disintegration Armor

With Shi Feng's permission, Seliora looked at the Disintegration Armor before her and smiled. She then stretched out her hand and grabbed the armor directly.

The Disintegration Armor's frightening Disintegration Power could destroy even a table made out of Fire Essence Stone. Yet, now, the armor had no effect on Seliora's gloved hand whatsoever.

*Amazing! Sure enough, a Grandmaster Forger really is an extraordinary existence.* Shi Feng was indescribably shocked as he looked at the leather gloves Seliora wore.

The fact that the gloves remained unaffected by the Disintegration Power the Disintegration Armor radiated could only mean that the pair of gloves was Legendary Equipment. In God's Domain, Legendary items were likewise items that NPCs could obtain only by chance.

Even among Tier 4 NPCs, very few of them would have a Legendary item. Meanwhile, those who did were no doubt powerful individuals in kingdoms and empires.

Moreover, Seliora did not have just one Legendary item.

When the Disintegration Power tried spreading to Seliora's body, a layer of invisible power blocked it abruptly.

Meanwhile, the only possibility Shi Feng could think of to explain such a phenomenon was that the leather armor Seliora wore was also Legendary rank.

Two Legendary items...

In the past, even players who obtained only one Legendary item could challenge opponents of a higher tier. Meanwhile, players that managed to acquire two Legendary items had been as rare as a phoenix's feather in God's Domain, and every one of them was a Tier 6 God-ranked player.

Just as Shi Feng was admiring the Legendary items on Seliora, the latter picked up the Disintegration Armor and placed it in the heart of the magic array protecting the smithy. She then began drawing runes and chanting an incantation.

Following which, line after line of divine runes flew rapidly to surround the Disintegration Armor. After just a short moment, hundreds of lines of divine runes encircled the Disintegration Armor. These runes then transformed into magic arrays. In the blink of an eye, a fivefold magic array formed around the Disintegration Armor.

The frightening pressure that the fivefold magic array radiated made even Shi Feng extremely uncomfortable.

When the fivefold magic array's formation was complete, the magic array thoroughly suppressed the Disintegration Power the Disintegration Armor was leaking. Seeing this, Seliora took out a crystal, which glowed with a golden hue, and inserted it into the fivefold magic array.

*Boom!*

The moment the golden crystal came into contact with the magic array, the entire magic array ignited with dazzling, golden flames. Unlike ordinary flames, these golden flames gave off a sacred and gentle feeling.

Meanwhile, the Disintegration Armor trapped inside the magic array started transforming. The incomparably tough materials making up the armor turned bright red and even showed signs of melting.

*What?! This is Sacred Fire!* Shi Feng could not help but gape in shock when he saw the golden flames.

Sacred Fire was something he had only seen depicted in the ancient texts of God's Domain. This kind of flame was known as a refining treasure. However, Sacred Fire did not exist naturally in the continent of God's Domain. It only occurred in certain special spaces. Aside from Ancient Gods, nobody else could truly control it.

Meanwhile, the Sacred Fires that could be found in God's Domain were all sealed in special crystals left behind by the Ancient Gods and could be used only once. Even so, Sacred Fire was still a flame countless forgers dreamed of obtaining.

It was fervently sought after because this flame was the best flame for forging Legendary items.

In Shi Feng's previous life, a crystal-encased Sacred Fire had appeared in the Blackwing Auction House. Back then, many wealthy players and NPCs had contested over the item. In the end, though, the Super Guild Battle Wolves had purchased it for an astronomical price of 310,000 Gold, shocking the entire God's Domain.

Back then, many superpowers had ridiculed the Battle Wolves for being foolish. After all, the Super Guild had spent 310,000 Gold for a one-time use item, which was a massive expenditure even for a Super Guild.

However, in the end, one had to admit that it had been money well spent. Using the Sacred Fire, the Grandmaster Forger working for the Battle Wolves had created a Legendary item. Although its performance was below average, it was still a Legendary item at the very least; Fragmented Legendary items could not compare to it.

This outcome had also further whetted the various superpowers' desire for Sacred Fire.

Shi Feng had never imagined that Seliora had actually managed to get her hands on a Sacred Fire. Moreover, she even used it on the Disintegration Armor without asking for payment. If he was required to cover the cost, even if he sold himself now, he wouldn't be able to gather enough money.

While Shi Feng was lost in his thoughts, the Disintegration Armor inside the fivefold magic array had turned white-hot.

Meanwhile, Seliora started writing another series of divine runes and merging them into the Disintegration Armor. Despite Shi Feng having a certain level of understanding of divine runes, his mind was a complete blank when he looked at the divine runes Seliora wrote.

Five minutes later, the white-hot Disintegration Armor was covered entirely in golden runes. At this moment, Seliora stopped writing divine runes and breathed out a sigh of relief. Although her face was visibly tired, her eyes glowed with excitement.

“Good! Now is the time! Use your blood to establish a contract!” Seliora suddenly shouted to Shi Feng.

As soon as Seliora said these words, a system notification entered his ears.

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System: Do you wish to establish a blood contract and permanently contribute 200 points of every Basic Attribute to the Disintegration Armor?

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*Two hundred points of every Basic Attribute?* Shi Feng could not help being shocked as he looked at the system notification.

Permanently losing 200 points in every Basic Attribute was equivalent to losing 1,000 Attribute Points. Losing so many Attribute Points was no laughing matter. If an ordinary expert were placed in such a situation, their accounts would be crippled instantly. Even Shi Feng would have great difficulty making up for such a loss.

Shi Feng had never expected the price of the Disintegration Armor to be so huge.

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System: You have five seconds remaining to make a decision. If you refuse, you will not have another chance in the future.

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“Alright, I agree!” Shi Feng declared while clicking “Agree.”

Just like the system had stated, this was an opportunity for him. If he rejected it, who knew when he would gain another chance to obtain a Legendary item in the future? Moreover, the Disintegration Armor was top-notch even among Legendary items.

In comparison, 1,000 Attribute Points was indeed an insignificant price to pay.

Only, some of the advantages he had accumulated thus far would disappear as a result of this decision.

After Shi Feng clicked “Agree,” a blood-red magic array appeared before him. He then placed both his hands on the magic array without hesitation.

He felt power leaving his body right away.

At the same time, blood-red magic circuits appeared on the surface of the Disintegration Armor. Once these magic circuits covered the entire Disintegration Armor, the armor released a pulse, as if it had just gained life.

This pulse of power instantly shattered the fivefold magic array. In the next moment, Shi Feng felt an even more frightening aura coming from the Disintegration Armor.

However, unlike before, the aura the Disintegration Armor exuded this time did not affect Shi Feng whatsoever. On the contrary, he felt a sense of intimacy in this aura—as if the Disintegration Armor was an extension of himself.

Meanwhile, as the Disintegration Armor's aura calmed down, another system notification entered Shi Feng's ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have completed the "Recast the Disintegration Armor" quest. Rewarding 20 Legacy Skill Points, 100,000 Free Skill Proficiency Points, 100 Free Mastery Points, 50 Humanity Reputation Points, two Level increases, and the "Disintegration User" title.

#### Chapter 1602 – Legendary Reward

When the system notification ended, Shi Feng's experience bar started increasing rapidly.

In the blink of an eye, he went from Level 61 to Level 63. Meanwhile, his Legacy Skill Point count, which had stagnated for a long time now, also increased by 20 points.

*What a bountiful reward!* Shi Feng could not help getting a little excited as he looked at the quest reward.

Normally, aside from completing special quests, players would receive only one Legacy Skill Point for every three level-ups. To put it simply, Legacy Skill Points were extremely rare. Yet, now, he had obtained 20 points from a single quest—enough for him to exchange for one or two Tier 2 Legacy Skills.

In God's Domain, Skill Books for the Tier 2 standard and higher were extremely rare. Normally, players could obtain Skills and Spells at Tier 2 and above only by using Legacy Skill Points.

Hence, even after reaching Tier 2, players would not have a lot of Tier 2 Skills; they would mostly use Tier 1 Skills for combat and keep Tier 2 Skills as trump cards.

In other words, gaining an additional Tier 2 Skill was equivalent to gaining another trump card.

Moreover, aside from Legacy Skill Points, the quest had also awarded him with 100,000 Free Skill Proficiency Points, which would allow him to fast-track leveling up his Skills. Needless to say, as a Skill's level increased, its overall performance would improve as well. This, in turn, would enhance his combat power.

Following which, Shi Feng spent all of his Legacy Skill Points to learn Purgatory Pentaslash, a Tier 2 Legacy Skill with maximum explosive power.

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[Purgatory Pentaslash] (Action-type)

Requires: Sword

Tier 2, Level 1

Proficiency 0/30,000



Instantly execute five slashes, with each slash being stronger than the former. Each subsequent slash gains an additional 20% Strength and 10% Attack Speed.

Cooldown: 20 seconds

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After learning the Skill, Shi Feng immediately invested 30,000 Proficiency Points to upgrade Purgatory Pentaslash to Tier 2, Level 2. Now, each subsequent attack gained an additional 21% Strength and 11% Attack Speed. Although the improvement was small, to a Tier 2 player, an addition of 1% Strength could mean an increase of 10 Strength. Not to mention, this addition would be repeated four times in total.

As for the remaining 70,000 Proficiency Points, Shi Feng used them to upgrade the Tier 1 Chop.

Chop was a Skill that Swordsman players could learn at Tier 0. The Skill could be upgraded only to the Tier 1 standard at maximum. However, it was a Skill that players would frequently use in battle, as it had a very short Cooldown. At the same time, the Skill also dealt a relatively significant amount of damage. Hence, as long as Swordsman players upgraded their Chop Skill, their overall DPS would improve as well.

After Shi Feng invested his remaining 70,000 Proficiency Points, his Chop Skill leveled up twice, instantly going from Tier 1, Level 3 to Tier 1, Level 5.

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[Chop] (Action-type)

Requires: Sword

Tier 1, Level 5 (Proficiency 12,612/30,000)

Additional 1,600 base damage. Deals up to three consecutive hits in one second. If attacks land in the same location, damage is increased by 60%.

Attack range: 7 yards

Cooldown: 3 seconds

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Compared to when the Skill was at Tier 1, Level 1, after it reached Tier 1, Level 5, not only did the additional base damage it dealt increase by 1,000 points, but the bonus damage multiplier provided, if all three attacks landed on the same spot, had also risen from 50% to 60%. There was a significant improvement in damage. Most importantly, the attack range had also extended from six yards to seven yards, which made it even more difficult for enemies to dodge the Skill.

Shi Feng felt very satisfied with this outcome.

In the past, Level 60-plus Swordsmen normally managed to level up their Chop only to Tier 1, Level 2 or Level 3. Very few had been able to level up the Skill to Tier 1, Level 4, much less Level 5.

After distributing his Free Skill Proficiency Points, Shi Feng set his eyes on the “Disintegration User” title.

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[Disintegration User] (Advanced Title)

The proof of ownership for the Disintegration Power. Endow Disintegration Power to a maximum of 30 players within a 200-yard radius, increasing their Basic Attributes by 10% and damage by 20%. The magic damage and physical damage they receive will also be decreased by 30% and 15%, respectively.

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Reading the introduction for the Disintegration User title stunned Shi Feng.

Titles were different from Domain Skills. In the case of Domain Skills, the simultaneous use of multiple Domain Skills would weaken their effects slightly; there might even be a counter-reaction. However, it was a different story for titles. The effects of titles could be stacked with the effects of Domain Skills without them interfering with one another.

Although he could only endow Disintegration Power to a maximum of 30 players, it was still plenty amazing. The Disintegration User title would work wonders in team battles and Dungeon raids.

Meanwhile, although the Disintegration User title's effects were wonderful, Shi Feng had noticed an even more exciting matter.

And that was the increase to his Basic Attributes.

Due to the improvement of his Life Rating, each time he leveled up, he would gain more Basic Attributes than he did before. After leveling up twice in a row, not only had he acquired a large number of Free Attribute Points, but his Basic Attributes had also received a significant boost.

Overall, he now gained 20 more Attribute Points each time he leveled up.

*So, this is the power of the Dark Iron Bloodline?* Shi Feng was at a loss for words as he looked at his improved Basic Attributes.

Currently, he was still only a Level 63, Tier 2 player, yet the Dark Iron Bloodline was already providing him with an additional 20 Attribute Points with each level up. Moreover, this number would increase as he reached higher levels and tiers. He might even be able to recover the 1,000 Attribute Points he lost today before he got to Level 100.

Just as Shi Feng was feeling shocked by the power of his Bloodline, Seliora turned her gaze to him.

"You're very lucky. The recasting this time was extremely successful. However, as you are too weak right now, despite having established a blood contract with the Disintegration Armor, you still cannot fully control the Disintegration Armor. Right now, all the blood contract is doing is preventing you from being affected by the armor's power. If you wish to fully control the armor, you'll need to become stronger," Seliora said as she turned her gaze back to the Disintegration Armor, which was still sitting in the center of her smithy's magic array. "However, you don't need to feel dejected. Although you cannot use the Disintegration Armor now, since you've already established a blood contract with it, you can utilize a small portion of its power."

Although she had managed to recast the Disintegration Armor, at the end of the day, she was not the armor's creator. She only managed to shoddily reestablish the armor's magic circuits using her limited knowledge of divine runes. The divine runes she drew simply could not compare with those of the Disintegration Armor's creator. The final magic circuit she ended up forming still had many problems. The flow of energy in the armor also wasn't perfect. Without a considerable amount of power, one would not be able to control the armor at all.

Upon hearing Seliora's words, Shi Feng could not help but take a look at the Disintegration Armor's Attributes.

Indeed, just like Seliora had said, the Disintegration Armor was still considerably unstable after being recast. It needed him to reach Tier 3 before he could equip it. Aside from that, there was no other information stated in the armor's Attribute Panel. However, the Disintegration Field Skill granted to him had strengthened considerably[1].

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[Disintegration Field]

Disintegrates all Skills and Spells within a 100-yard radius (Skills and Spells at Tier 2 and below will be nullified, while Skills and Spells above Tier 2 will be weakened by 60%). All entities within range of the Disintegration Field will sustain a 40% reduction to Basic Attributes, physique, and Stamina in addition to a 400% increase to their Stamina and Concentration consumption rates. No Cooldown.

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*This is the real Disintegration Field?* After looking at the new Disintegration Field, Shi Feng finally understood why Legendary items could allow players to challenge opponents of higher tiers.

Currently, he could use only a small portion of the Disintegration Armor's power, yet the armor was already providing him with such great benefits. If he could equip the armor now, he would simply be invincible among the current players of God's Domain.

However, Shi Feng only toyed with this thought. Legendary Equipment was not that easy to equip, all the more top-notch Legendary Equipment like the Disintegration Armor. He should just be grateful that the Disintegration Armor no longer suppressed him and provided a stronger Disintegration Field.

After storing the Disintegration Armor, Shi Feng finally shifted his sights to the pitch-black energy bead floating in midair.

Although the energy bead's aura had already disappeared, the energy bead had also formed a zone completely void of Mana around itself.

Just by entering this void zone, Shi Feng felt his entire body becoming incomparably heavy. At the same time, his mind also became sluggish like never before.

Chapter 1603 – Destruction Crystal

*What is this thing?*

The closer Shi Feng got to the hovering energy bead, the heavier his body felt. He even felt somewhat dizzy, his mind growing fuzzy. He felt as if his control over his own body had dulled as if it no longer belonged to him.

This was the first time he had ever experienced such a sensation in God's Domain, both in this life and the previous one.

If players merely lost some Attributes, they'd, at most, feel physically powerless, but their mind wouldn't be affected.

Yet, despite his unchanged Basic Attributes, his overall combat power had decreased by at least 80%. At this point, even an ordinary Tier 2 player could easily kill him.

"It's best if you don't get too close to this thing." When Shi Feng was less than a yard from the energy bead, Seliora raised her hand to stop him.

Hearing Seliora's warning, Shi Feng obediently retreated from the energy bead. He only regained control of his body after he had left the void zone. He couldn't help but stare at the energy bead in shock.

It was too strong!

If he could wield this power, using it on the battlefield against other players, he'd become truly invincible. While the energy bead didn't suppress Basic Attributes, it significantly reduced players control of their bodies, and regardless of how high a player's Attributes were, they'd become a helpless child when subjected to the energy bead's mental suppression.

“This isn’t something you can withstand at your current power. If you try to touch it, you’ll lose your life on the spot. Even if you are a heaven-blessed individual, it’ll still be some time before you can resurrect,” Seliora explained when she noticed Shi Feng’s dumbfounded expression.

*Death upon touch? And the resurrection time is so long?* Shi Feng couldn’t help his growing curiosity over the bead’s identity. “Lady Seliora, what is this item?”

He had heard of many items that could kill players upon contact, but he had never heard of items increasing players’ resurrection time. As far as he knew, only certain Skills and high-tiered NPCs could do such a thing. The ability to absorb a player’s soul was one such example.

Yet, even after using Omniscient Eyes on the energy bead, the bead’s inscription still said ‘Unknown.’ He couldn’t even get a name.

“This is a Destruction Crystal, formed from the Power of Destruction. Not only can it destroy physical material, but it can also destroy souls. If even a strand of this Power of Destruction taints an Immortal Soul, it will need a long time to recover,” Seliora explained as she watched the hovering, black bead. “Although the Destruction Crystal is currently inactive, even the weak energy it’s radiating is dangerous to you.”

After her explanation, Seliora began to chant an incantation, writing several lines of divine runes in the air as she did so.

In seconds, the divine runes encased the Destruction Crystal. With a wave of her hand, Seliora sent the hovering crystal to Shi Feng.

“You can consider this Destruction Crystal as an unexpected reward. Use it during a crucial moment to save your life, but be careful when you do. If not handled properly, you might sacrifice your own life



during the process,” Seliora gravely warned Shi Feng. “Alright, you can leave now. I’ve gained a significant boon from recasting the Disintegration Armor, so I need to rest and process the information. Since I don’t wish to be disturbed, I’ll be leaving White River City for some time.”

Shi Feng stored the Destruction Crystal and nodded to Seliora before taking his leave.

Although it seemed as if Seliora hadn’t done much, as a Master Forger, Shi Feng was familiar with the delicacy of reestablishing the Disintegration Armor’s magic circuits. The process would even exhaust a Grandmaster Forger like Seliora.

After leaving Seliora’s smithy, Shi Feng could no longer bottle his curiosity as he inspected the Destruction Crystal in his bag.

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[Destruction Crystal] (Consumable)

Sealed by Seliora. When unsealed, unleashes the Power of Destruction in a 1,000-yard radius.

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*A 1,000-yard AOE?* Shi Feng’s jaw dropped when he read the introduction text.

The Destruction Crystal’s AOE was even stronger than Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells, but unlike these Spells, which could be cast from a distance, the Disintegration Crystal would explode the moment

the seal was lifted. Even if a player threw the thing when they activated it, they'd be lucky to get it 100 yards away and would still get caught in the AOE.

Meanwhile, the Power of Destruction would damage both the physical body and the soul. If this power killed a player, the consequences would be even more severe than if their Immortal Soul were absorbed...

It was no wonder why Seliora warned him to take care when using the Destruction Crystal.

*I mustn't use this unless it's absolutely necessary.* When Shi Feng recalled the feeling of standing too close to the Power of Destruction, his heart skipped a beat.

However, now that he had dealt with the Disintegration Armor, his Basic Attributes were free of its suppression. Moreover, he no longer had to worry about Mutated Orcs targeting him out in the fields. He could now execute his plans without worry.

As Shi Feng prepared to visit Zero Wing City to check on its situation, his system communicator rang.

*Phoenix Rain?*

Shi Feng could not help his curiosity when he saw the caller ID.

Phoenix Rain had been very busy lately. After gaining control of a portion of Thunder Island, she had quickly taken advantage of the opportunity to grow her faction's strength. In addition, she still had to keep an eye on Nine Dragons Emperor. She should be busy as hell, without a minute to spare, yet she was contacting him.

Naturally, Shi Feng picked up the call.

“Ye Feng, I’ve just received some important information. You should be very careful of Heaven’s Burial,” Phoenix Rain said somberly. “Since Nine Dragons Emperor gained nothing on Thunder Island due to our partnership, he’s secretly colluded with Beast Emperor. From what my subordinates discovered, Nine Dragons Emperor has only made one demand of Beast Emperor: Zero Wing’s destruction. Furthermore, Beast Emperor has deep ties with Heaven’s Burial. Now that your two Guilds are at war, Beast Emperor won’t miss this opportunity.”

“Beast Emperor?” Shi Feng frowned.

Previously, due to his focus on the war with Heaven’s Burial, he had temporarily set aside the issue of Beast Emperor and the Black Dragon Empire’s Evil God’s Temple.

If Beast Emperor really got involved in this Guild war, Zero Wing would be at a disadvantage, yet Shi Feng didn’t know the Evil God’s Temple’s exact whereabouts in the Black Dragon Empire and Star-Moon Kingdom. Beast Emperor also moved like a ghost, and right now, Shi Feng had no way of dealing with the man.

“You should also be careful of Heaven’s Burial’s Lei Jingyang. Although Lei Jingyang only leads a Workshop, the Thunder Legion under his command has quite a few Refinement Realm experts. Moreover, the Thunder Legion’s members are extremely adept in field combat. When Crimson Emperor tried to contest Lei Jingyang’s group over an ancient ruin, the Guild actually lost. Even Cuttlefish, the commander of Crimson Emperor’s trump card legion, died. It’s best if you avoid small-scale field battle with Lei Jingyang’s people,” Phoenix Rain warned.

“Even Cuttlefish lost?” Shi Feng was surprised.

Crimson Emperor was a super-first-rate Guild and in no way weaker than the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion. Naturally, Cuttlefish, who commanded the Guild's trump card legion, was a powerful individual. Although he was not a Domain Realm expert, he had a wealth of combat experience. He was also the Guardian Knight and ranked 77th on the God's Domain Experts List, earning the nickname 'Iron Wall.' In a one-on-one fight, even Domain Realm experts would struggle to kill him. Furthermore, Cuttlefish was constantly surrounded by his own experts. Shi Feng found it hard to believe that Lei Jingyang had actually killed the man.

"In any case, just be careful," Phoenix Rain reiterated. "If you lack manpower, I'll send Blue and a group of experts to help. I'm sure that Heaven's Burial will hold back from doing anything drastic with the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's members around."

"Thank you for the offer, but we'll handle this ourselves. After all, I'm sure that you have your own issues to deal with. I've heard that Nine Dragons Emperor has been causing quite a bit of trouble for you lately," Shi Feng said, smiling as he rejected Phoenix Rain's offer.

While Heaven's Burial wasn't an easy foe, Zero Wing was no push-over, either.

"Alright." Phoenix Rain sighed. She felt that Zero Wing was too stubborn. Although Zero Wing had grown quite strong, it still wasn't a match for Heaven's Burial. Moreover, its enemy had the support of Blackwater and Beast Emperor. If this war weren't dealt with properly, it might mean the fall of Zero Wing.

After Shi Feng disconnected the call, he contacted Aqua Rose and instructed her to gather the Guild's internal members and the disciples from the White Tiger Dojo in White River City's Guild Residence.

He had been preoccupied with his own matters, but now that he was free, it was time to introduce some new blood to the Guild.

## Chapter 1604 – Raising Levels

“Guild Leader, do you intend to include them in the Guild’s war of attrition?”

When Aqua Rose received the order to gather the experts the Guild still nurtured, she could only assume that Shi Feng wanted to use them in the war against Heaven’s Burial. Currently, Zero Wing severely lacked expert players. Moreover, both the Guild’s internal members and the disciples from the White Tiger Dojo had improved their standards considerably. Some of the more powerful players had already reached the Trial Tower’s sixth floor. Even in a Super Guild, these players would be considered experts.

If they could send these players to the field, they could help make up for Zero Wing’s lack of experts.

“Mhm. In any case, they need training to improve their techniques. They’ll grow much faster in live combat.” Shi Feng nodded.

“Although that is true, their levels aren’t high enough. The highest-leveled among them is only Level 39, while most of them aren’t even Level 35 yet. With such a huge gap in equipment and levels, their techniques won’t add to the Guild’s combat power regardless of how good they are,” Aqua Rose said, shaking her head.

The various large Guilds’ elite members were, on average, Level 45. There was easily a 10-level gap between these elite players and Zero Wing’s internal members. Meanwhile, every five levels was a minor turning point when it came to weapons and equipment in God’s Domain. Techniques couldn’t make up for such a massive difference that easily.

“I know. That’s why I’m taking them out to level,” Shi Feng said, smiling.

He still wasn't satisfied with these internal members' standards, and since he had been busy with his own matters, he had set aside the issue of helping them level.

But now that their combat standards had reached a sufficient level, he had to help them level up, transforming them into usable combat power for the Guild.

Zero Wing had nearly 200 internal members, and the White Tiger Dojo had sent him 500 disciples. Although the White Tiger Dojo's disciples weren't Zero Wing members, they were under his command while they trained with the Guild. It'd be a waste not to put them to good use.

With this, he could add nearly 700 experts to the Guild's forces as they fought Heaven's Burial.

Thus far, Zero Wing had only accumulated a little over 2,000 experts who had reached the Trial Tower's fifth floor or beyond. Another 700 experts would increase the Guild's overall combat power by a massive one-third.

"Taking them out to level?" Aqua Rose's eyes lit up when she heard Shi Feng's plan. She was very familiar with Shi Feng's leveling capabilities, knowing that his leveling speed was at least two or three times faster than other peak experts. He was also more than capable of helping others level up as quickly as he did. If he took command, it wouldn't be long before Zero Wing had another 700 experts, which would make it much easier to defend the four high-resource maps. However, after giving the matter some more thought, Aqua Rose shook her head and said, "Guild Leader, I'm afraid helping them level up will be difficult right now. Heaven's Burial is constantly watching our people. If we send our internal members to the fields to level, Heaven's Burial will certainly ambush the group. They might lose levels, rather than gain them."

"Relax. That is only true if Heaven's Burial can follow us," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

When he had decided to take Zero Wing's internal members out to level, in truth, it had been a passing thought. Obtaining Mana Ore was his true goal.

Although the Boneless Land was rich with ores, it was also a good leveling area. Plenty of low HP and Defense Demonic Creatures roamed the map, and their respawn rate was fairly fast. These Demonic Creatures' high Magic Resistance and combat standards were the only issues, making them difficult to deal with for magical class players. To Shi Feng, however, these monsters were not a problem.

After all, he had the Bible of Darkness, and in that map, he'd be in his element.

Following which, Aqua Rose notified Zero Wing's internal members and the White Tiger Dojo's disciples to gather in White River City's Guild Residence. While he waited, Shi Feng made a trip to the Candlelight Trading Firm to grab pickaxes before heading to the Residence himself.

When Shi Feng arrived, the gathered crowd stirred. They had never expected their Guild Leader to take them out to level, and for a moment, they were all immensely excited.

Every player who had played God's Domain for some time knew of the title 'Sword King.' Shi Feng's battle records were also listed on the God's Domain Experts List, and many Swordsman players had long since analyzed these records, using them as reference.

Shi Feng didn't bother to waste time with words. Instead, he had everyone head to the Teleportation Hall and travel to one of Star-Moon Kingdom's border towns. He then found a relatively deserted location and activated Spatial Gate.

To get to the Boneless Land, one had to cross more than ten high-level maps. If players tried to do so on their Mounts, they'd have to ride for several days and would encounter many Level 100-plus monsters

during the trip. Not even Shi Feng would dare to take on such a high-level monster right now, not to mention other players.

After ensuring that everyone had made it through the Spatial Gate, Shi Feng stepped through and closed it.

Shortly after Shi Feng's group had disappeared into the Spatial Gate, a few Assassins, who had hidden in the distance, revealed themselves. All of these Assassins wore Heaven's Burial's Guild Emblem and were Level 47. They were also fully equipped in Level 45 Fine-Gold and Dark-Gold Equipment.

"Boss, what should we do? They left using a teleportation gate. How are we supposed to track them?"

"Forget it. This is outside our abilities. Let's just report this to the higher-ups."

After the several Assassins discussed the situation amongst themselves, they returned to Singular Burial and told him of the teleportation gate.

Teleportation gates did not reveal players' destinations, and players would only discover where the gate led to after they entered. However, Shi Feng was the last person to step through, and once he had, the gate had disappeared. They had no way of tracking the group from Zero Wing.

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"It seems we've backed Black Flame into a corner. At such a crucial moment, a Guild Leader like him is taking a bunch of Level 30-plus players out to level." Singular Burial could not help but laugh when he



read the report. He then turned to Daybreak Fog and asked, "Have Lei Jingyang and Blackwater's men gathered in their designated locations?"

"Most of their forces have arrived. They can take action at any time," Daybreak Fog replied.

"Good! Have them activate the War Barriers to lock down the maps! It's about time we give Zero Wing a taste of hell!" Singular Burial said, laughing madly.

To crush Zero Wing swiftly, they had dispatched 8,000 experts to hunt down the enemy Guild's members in the four high-resource maps and utilized the War Barriers to trap them within. In addition, they had dispatched 40,000 elite members to guard the maps' entrances.

"Understood!" Daybreak Fog immediately commanded the Guild members to spread out across the four maps.

With Daybreak Fog's command, Heaven's Burial's members went into action, activating the War Barriers and preventing every player in the four maps from using Return Scrolls. If players wished to leave the maps, they'd have to do so through the maps' entrances.

Meanwhile, Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's experts scoured the maps for Zero Wing's members in 100-man teams.

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"Boss Flow, there's a 6-man party from Zero Wing ahead, but they're all wearing cloaks, so we can't see their levels. Should we attack?" a Level 47 Assassin reported through his team chat as he watched the small party walk through the forest ahead.

“A 6-man party? Are there any important players among them?” Broken Flow, who wore Level 45 Dark-Gold Set Equipment, asked quietly

They knew just how powerful Zero Wing’s experts were. This was especially true for Aqua Rose, Fire Dance, Cola, Flying Shadow, and the Guild’s other core members. Singular Burial had already warned them to stay as far away from these individuals as possible.

Although Broken Flow wasn’t pleased with the decision, he had no choice but to follow his Guild Leader’s orders.

“No. None of the six players are on the list, but they seem to have pretty good equipment. They’re likely an expert party from Zero Wing,” the Assassin reported after taking a closer look.

“Good! It seems that we’ve gotten lucky and come across one of Zero Wing’s expert parties! Keep an eye on them! We’ll head over right away!” Broken Flow said as he licked his lips in anticipation. Immediately, he led his team towards the Assassin’s current position.

## Chapter 1605 – Battle Array Activate

In less than two minutes, Broken Flow’s team found a 6-man party of cloaked players walking along a small forest path. All six players wore Zero Wing’s Guild Emblem.

“Go! Don’t let any of them escape!” Broken Flow shouted in the team chat as soon as he laid eyes on the six Zero Wing members.

Immediately, Broken Flow's 100-man team spread out, swiftly encircling Zero Wing's party and cutting off any escape route.

"Heaven's Burial?" The six Zero Wing members readied their weapons as they were surrounded.

"You guys sure are unlucky to attract my attention!" Broken Flow grinned at the six cloaked players. Immediately, he removed the Level 45 Dark-Gold greatsword from his back and approached the six at a leisurely pace. At the same time, he pulled a potion from his bag and drank it. He then commanded, "Everyone, guard the area. Make sure no one escapes. I want to take proper care of these Zero Wing members."

When Heaven's Burial's members heard Broken Flow's command, they couldn't help their growing excitement and anticipation.

"These players sure are unlucky. It seems like the commander wants to finish them off personally."

"The last time the commander took action, he even gave an expert party from a first-rate Guild a miserable beating. Not only were those experts powerless to fight back, but the commander also forced them to lose multiple pieces of equipment."

"I wonder if we'll get to witness the commander's trademark combat technique again."

"Hopefully these Zero Wing members aren't too weak and can put up a good fight. Otherwise, we won't get a share of the loot."

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Heaven's Burial's members laughed as they ridiculed the trapped Zero Wing members.

The Guild had already declared that, during this hunt, not only would they earn GCPs for killing Zero Wing members, but they also got to keep whatever loot dropped from their kills.

Although Zero Wing's members had been ambushed countless times, the Guild's experts had suffered minimal losses. Most of these experts still had their top-tier equipment. Even if the equipment they obtained wasn't suitable for their class, they could still sell the items and make a fortune.

Despite the high demand for top-tier equipment, there was practically no supply. When ordinary players obtained a piece of top-tier equipment, they usually didn't sell it for Coins even if they couldn't use it themselves. Rather, most players tried to trade one piece of equipment for another that they could use.

Now that they had come across six Zero Wing experts, this was a golden opportunity to walk away with massive profit.

Of course, Broken Flow didn't care about the equipment. Rather, he wanted to relieve some stress. Broken Flow had previously been defeated in a fight with Zero Wing's top-tier experts, and he had been waiting to restore his reputation for some time. Now, however, the Guild had forbidden its members from fighting Zero Wing's top-tier experts. Naturally, Broken Flow was annoyed.

However, killing Zero Wing's elite members was boring. Only Zero Wing's experts could pique Broken Flow's interest.

“You don’t have to worry. Without my command, they won’t move,” Broken Flow told the six players from Zero Wing, who watched their surroundings warily. With a calm smile, he continued, “If you want to leave this place alive, there’s only one way to do it; defeat me. I don’t mind if you come at me one by one or all together, but I advise you not to attempt an escape. My team includes over 60 experts from Heaven’s Burial. If we attack as one, none of you will survive.

“If you don’t have any problems, let’s begin!”

After saying so, Broken Flow continued towards the 6-man party before him. His lax attitude proved that he didn’t view the six experts before him as proper opponents whatsoever.

“Tiger, what should we do?” the Cleric from Zero Wing asked the robust youth in front of the party in a hushed tone. “We’re too outnumbered. There’s no way we can break through this encirclement.”

“It seems we have no choice but to fight this Broken Flow fellow.” Infant Tiger, the party’s leader, realized their situation had taken a turn for the worst. They might not have had an issue if they’d come across an ordinary expert team, but he hadn’t expected them to encounter a team lead by one of Heaven’s Burial’s top-tier experts. “In a moment, I’ll distract him while you guys find an opportunity to strike. Don’t worry about hitting me.”

When the other members heard Infant Tiger’s plan, they nodded silently. Their leader’s decision didn’t surprise any of them.

Although they were strong, there was a considerable gap in strength between them and Broken Flow. Only the Guild’s core members, like Ye Wumian and Minor Wind, could go toe-to-toe with such an expert.

However, Broken Flow did not give Zero Wing’s party much time to consider their options. Once he was within 30 yards of the party, he abruptly accelerated and pounced like a ferocious tiger as it was freed from its cage.

Broken Flow saw no value in Zero Wing's ordinary experts. He currently wore Level 45 Dark-Gold Set Equipment and wielded a Level 45 Dark-Gold greatsword; with his equipment standards, he'd even rank among the top in a Super Guild. As for his techniques, he had reached the Refinement Realm some time ago. He'd be a mainstay in any major Guild.

If not for Singular Burial's prohibition, he'd even challenge Zero Wing's peak experts like Fire Dance and Aqua Rose.

*So fast!*

Broken Flow's speed caught Zero Wing's members off guard. By the time they reacted, Broken Flow was already within ten yards.

In the blink of an eye, Broken Flow circled around Infant Tiger, who stood at the forefront of the party, and swung his greatsword. As his greatsword soared towards the enemy Berserker, it split into three copies that struck from different angles.

Combat technique, Trishadow Interception!

Just as Broken Flow's three sword lights were about to bite into Infant Tiger...

Infant Tiger, who was at his wit's end, decisively activated the Basic Strength Battle Array. Immediately, the Mana around Infant Tiger and the other four melee players in the Conqueror's Armor went berserk. The five melee players felt as if their minds connected, their senses expanding in a way they had never before experienced.

Despite Broken Flow's sword lights targeting his blind spots, Infant Tiger saw all three clearly. Suddenly, Infant Tiger turned and sidestepped, miraculously evading all three attacks.

Without even turning to look at Broken Flow, Infant Tiger swung his own blade, sending an arc of silver slicing through Broken Flow's side.

Broken Flow panicked. Since his attacks had missed, his stance was off balance, and his defense was riddled with holes. Instinctively, he activated Whirlwind Slash and rotated his body despite his awkward stance.

*Boom!*

When the two greatswords collided, brilliant sparks surrounded the fighters. Due to the impact, Broken Flow was forced back two steps. Infant Tiger, however, hadn't moved. The difference between the Berserkers' Strengths was obvious.

When Heaven's Burial's members saw this, they were dumbfounded.

They had never thought that their commander would be at a disadvantage against an ordinary expert...

As for Broken Flow himself, he stared at Infant Tiger with a grim expression.

Although he had only exchanged two moves with the enemy Berserker, he realized that not only was Infant Tiger's Strength higher than his, but the enemy's combat standards were also extraordinary. No ordinary expert could evade his three accurate and fast attacks.

However, the situation also confused Broken Flow. When did Zero Wing obtain an expert Berserker as powerful as he was?

“Who are you?” Broken Flow shouted at Infant Tiger.

Chapter 1606 – Might of a Battle Array

As Broken Flow questioned Infant Tiger’s identity, he took a huge step backward.

Star-Moon Kingdom’s general masses were no strangers to Zero Wing’s top-tier experts, not to mention Heaven’s Burial. In fact, Heaven’s Burial was very familiar with the standards of the internal experts Zero Wing nurtured.

However, Broken Flow had no recollection of Infant Tiger among Zero Wing’s top-tier experts.

The only possibility was that Zero Wing’s top-tier experts had used disguise tools, playing the pig to eat the tiger and wound Heaven’s Burial’s expert teams.

But before Broken Flow could listen to Infant Tiger’s reply, the other four melee players from Zero Wing appeared beside him, launching their attacks. Two Berserkers executed the Tier 1 Cross Slash and Flame Slash, the Guardian Knight used the Tier 1 Justice Roar and Holy Slash, and the Shield Warrior raised his shield and used the Tier 1 Crumbling Mountain.



When the four melee players attacked Broken Flow, they moved like a single entity. Their various Skill flew towards Broken Flow's blind spots almost simultaneously. Their attacks were as fast as lightning.

*What?!* Broken Flow was shocked yet again. When he sensed the four melee players' combination attack, he felt the threat of death looming over him. On instinct, he activated the Tier 1 Taboo Skill, Hurricane's Descent and created a powerful hurricane around himself using his greatsword. The Taboo Skill incorporated both offense and defense in a perfect balance.

*Peng... Peng... Peng...*

A series of clangs echoed around the fight. The four melee players that had attacked Broken Flow were forced to retreat two or three steps, but once they stabilized, they launched another uniform assault, not giving the Berserker a moment to catch his breath.

This time, the Guardian Knight and Shield Warrior rushed at Broken Flow from the front, whereas the two Zero Wing Berserkers approached from Broken Flow's sides. For a time, Broken Flow had to retreat as he desperately defended himself. While he did so, his HP continued to drain.

*"What?! The commander is actually..."*

Heaven's Burial's members were utterly shocked as they watched Zero Wing's party suppress Broken Flow. Their previously playful expressions had vanished.

None of these players were amateurs. They knew just how powerful their commander was, and even if they formed a 6-man party to challenge him, they wouldn't come close to killing Broken Flow. This wasn't due to the difference between their Basic Attributes, but the difference in their combat standards. If they tried to fight Broken Flow, he'd easily find and target their weak points. By the time

they realized that they were under attack, it'd be too late to react. Moreover, Broken Flow could easily dodge and block their attacks.

In the end, the Berserker commander would whittle down their HP and kill them. At most, Broken Flow would lose some HP when he blocked attacks or received a few hits that he couldn't dodge, but that'd be rare since he could use his positioning to prevent such situations.

Yet, now, regardless of how Broken Flow shifted his stance, he couldn't avoid the four melee players' pincer attacks as they continued to shave away his HP.

However, this wasn't the most frightening aspect of this fight. What Heaven's Burial's members found truly shocking was the fact that Broken Flow couldn't force his way out of the encirclement. No matter how he tried to counter the four melee players, the outcome was the same. His targets would either deflect or block his attacks, refusing to budge an inch. Broken Flow looked like some beast trapped in a steel cage.

The spectating Heaven's Burial members weren't the only ones shocked. Broken Flow, who desperately fought for his life, was flabbergasted.

Of the four melee players assaulting him, one had combat standards to rival Infant Tiger. This Zero Wing party actually had five Refinement Realm experts...

Even Super Guilds valued Refinement Realm experts, and they'd be top-ranked fighters in first-rate Guilds.

Yet, this 6-man party had five of these experts.

If he weren't familiar with the combat styles of Cola, Shadow Sword, Turtledove, Ye Wumian, and Zero Wing's other top-tier melee experts, he'd suspect that these four players were those experts in disguise.

As Broken Flow continued to fend off the four Refinement Realm experts, whose Basic Attributes were even higher than his, a bitter taste filled his mouth.

Although he had invited Zero Wing's party to attack him as one, he hadn't expected four Refinement Realm experts to gang up on him shamelessly. Even Infant Tiger danced around him, looking for the opportunity to land a fatal blow...

What Broken Flow did not know, however, was that Infant Tiger and the others were just as shocked. They had never thought that the Basic Strength Battle Array would be this powerful. Not only did the battle array provide Basic Attributes akin to a miniature Berserk Skill, but their combat standards had also improved.

Meanwhile, Infant Tiger wasn't moving around Broken Flow to land a fatal blow. Rather, he was helping his four companions by providing an additional view of the battle. By doing so, he gave his companions an accurate view of the enemy Berserker's movements regardless of how Broken Flow retaliated.

When Broken Flow noticed that his HP had fallen by two-thirds, he dismissed his previous promise as he shouted, "Everyone, attack! Do not let any of these people escape!"

At the same time, Broken Flow activated his Berserk Skill to break away from the enemy encirclement. If he didn't escape now, Infant Tiger and the other experts from Zero Wing would kill him before reinforcements arrived.

Unfortunately, Heaven's Burial's other members were still dazed even after Broken Flow issued the command. Their minds only reacted a short moment later, commanding their bodies to move.

“As expected of Heaven’s Burial! It’s members’ word is nothing more than a fart!” Infant Tiger ridiculed Broken Flow.

Hearing the insult, Broken Flow’s expression twisted into something dark.

Could Infant Tiger have any less shame?

Although he had challenged Zero Wing’s entire party by himself, how could he have known that five of the six party members were Refinement Realm experts? Moreover, their coordination was so seamless that they moved as if they shared one body. Against such coordinated attacks, this team could even defeat a Flowing Water Realm expert, much less Broken Flow.

However, Broken Flow’s call for help prompted Infant Tiger and the others to activate Power of Darkness. Once their Basic Attributes soared, they launched another ruthless assault against the Berserker. This time, however, they held nothing back.

After Shi Feng had upgraded the Bible of Darkness, the Power of Darkness he granted his allies had grown stronger as well. Although Broken Flow’s Berserk Skill was powerful, it was subpar compared to the improved Power of Darkness. In addition, Broken Flow’s Basic Attributes were already lower than Infant Tiger and his companions’. When both sides had activated their Berserk Skills, the gap between them only widened.

Before the healers from Heaven’s Burial could get within range, Zero Wing’s Guardian Knight and Shield Warrior slammed their shields into Broken Flow, forcing the Berserker off balance. Infant Tiger and the other two Berserkers then appeared behind their target, launching a joint assault.

Chop!

Flame Slash!

Cross Slash!

Even under normal circumstances, Broken Flow would struggle to cope with these three, simultaneous attacks. In the end, all three attacks landed squarely, draining his remaining HP. As his body collapsed, he dropped three pieces of Level 45 Dark-Gold Equipment...

“Commander?”

“How is this possible?”

Heaven’s Burial’s members were dazed when they watched their commander die. They had never dreamed that a peak expert like Broken Flow could be killed so easily. Moreover, Broken Flow had been slain by a bunch of Zero Wing members they had never even heard of...

## Chapter 1607 – Difference in Teams

For a time after Broken Flow’s death, Heaven’s Burial’s members were at a loss of what to do.

However, Infant Tiger and his party members had no intentions of giving their enemies time to react. They immediately charged into the enemy ranks.

They crossed the 30 yards to their targets in a few short seconds.

Upon reaching the enemy frontline, the Shield Warrior and Guardian Knight slammed their shields into the enemy melee players, crumbling the battle formation. Meanwhile, Infant Tiger and the other two Berserkers nimbly weaved their way into the enemy lines before executing Whirlwind Slash.

Three powerful tornadoes instantly engulfed Heaven's Burial's members. Not only did the attacks push these players back, but they also lost a significant chunk of their HPs. Following which, the Berserker trio approached the nearest enemies and finished off their weakened foes.

In the blink of an eye, several members of Heaven's Burial's team died.

"They're trying to break out of the encirclement! Kill them!"

Finally, some of Heaven's Burial's members reacted, moving to intercept Infant Tiger and his friends. Those with Berserk Skills promptly activated them as the healers and ranged DPS channeled and executed one Spell and Skill after another.

However, Infant Tiger and the others paid the healers and ranged DPS no mind as they ruthlessly targeted players without Berserk Skills. With an overwhelming advantage in Basic Attributes and superior combat standards, they finished their targets off easily. Even half-HP MTs fell after two or three attacks.

By the time Heaven's Burial's healers had launched their Healing Spells, their team had suffered over a dozen casualties. Moreover, the majority of the players that had died were MTs. In contrast, Zero Wing's five melee players were mostly unharmed despite being surrounded by so many melee players. They only suffered superficial damage.

When the ranged DPS's attacks finally reached them, not only did Infant Tiger and his companions seamlessly evade the attacks as if they had long predicted the trajectories, but they also used some of Heaven's Burial's members as human shields.

Although Heaven's Burial's healers did their best to keep their allies alive, Infant Tiger and the other two Berserkers' Attack Power was simply overwhelming. Every one of the five melee players' attacks dealt over -10,000 damage if not blocked in time. Furthermore, the three Berserkers were capable of launching multiple attacks per second.

Elsewhere on the battlefield, although Heaven's Burial's members attempted to kill Zero Wing's lone healer, Zero Wing's two MTs had already moved to protect their comrade. Even when over a dozen melee players tried to corner the healer, Zero Wing's MTs easily repelled them all. In the end, they could only watch as the healer maintained Infant Tiger and the other Zero Wing Berserkers' HP as the human meat grinders slaughtered their allies.

As time passed, Heaven's Burial's 100-man team continued to lose members. In the face of Infant Tiger and the other four melee players from Zero Wing, Heaven's Burial's numerous experts were a joke.

"Just who are these people?"

"When did Zero Wing find such experts?"

The more Heaven's Burial's members fought, the more frightened they became. At this point, the difference in both sides' strength was clear for all to see.

No matter what kind of attacks they used, Infant Tiger and his companions effortlessly dodged or blocked them. In contrast, the Zero Wing Berserkers' attacks always slipped past their defenses, landing direct hits and causing significant amounts of damage.

And the more Infant Tiger and the others fought, the more familiar they became with the battle array.

The battle array was too strong!

Once they activated the battle array, they basically had a 360-degree view of their surroundings as long as they maintained proper positioning. Moreover, their improved physiques made it easy to cope with incoming attacks. In their eyes, Heaven's Burial's members were little more than children waving toy weapons. They had no problems predicting their enemies attacks.

They finally understood how God's Domain's peak experts were so powerful. They hadn't understood where the difference lay between them and these experts in the past, but now, they saw it clearly. They had to admit that being able to see everything around them and having control of their environment was intoxicating.

It was no wonder why Shi Feng had taken responsibility for their deaths.

With this improved perception and control, they would be utter fools if they let a bunch of ordinary experts kill them. Only top-tier experts and peak experts with superior strength and techniques had any hope of defeating them.

After three short minutes, only 20 players remained of Heaven's Burial's 100-man team. The survivors were fear-stricken as they stared at Infant Tiger and the other Zero Wing members. They felt as if these people before them were demons that had crawled up from hell, not players.



Despite the cooperation of over 60 of their Guild's experts, they had done nothing to Infant Tiger's 6-man party. In fact, they hadn't even dropped their enemies' HPs to below 50% throughout this fight.

Meanwhile, when Infant Tiger and the others saw the corpses strewn across the ground, they couldn't help but feel a little proud.

They had dreamed of defeating a 20-man expert team from Heaven's Burial, yet they had slain several times that.

"Retreat!"

"Run away!"

Suddenly, the only thought Heaven's Burial's members had was of escape. Without hesitation, they turned and fled.

Even with over 60 Guild experts, they hadn't been able to do anything to Infant Tiger and his team. Now that they only had a bunch of elite members remaining, they were even less of a match for Zero Wing's party. They'd only throw themselves into the jaws of death if they continued to fight. If they died, they lose a level and a piece of equipment. Although the Guild would offer compensation, it'd be far from enough to cover their losses.

"Don't think that you can get away so easily!" Infant Tiger and the others chased after their fleeing enemies.

With the massive difference in Basic Attributes, Heaven's Burial's members couldn't escape Infant Tiger and his companion's pursuit even if they spread out as they ran. After another short moment, Heaven's Burial's 100-man team had been utterly annihilated...

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Meanwhile, as War Barriers activated in the four high-resource maps Zero Wing's members occupied, panic ensued among the unrelated players in the maps. They all pulled up the official forums to discuss the matter.

"What's going on? Why aren't Return Scrolls working in the Grieving Swamp all of a sudden?"

"This must be Heaven's Burial's doing. I've heard that Heaven's Burial is going all-out to hunt Zero Wing's members. The Guild has already dispatched over 8,000 expert members, not to mention the elites."

"It seems Heaven's Burial is finally getting serious! With 8,000 experts, they'll have no issues eliminating Zero Wing!"

"Crap! They're really fighting each other! There's a fight between Heaven's Burial and Zero Wing's teams not too far from me right now! Heaven's Burial's 100-man team is amazing! It's completely overwhelming Zero Wing's 100-man team!"

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The public had become interested in Heaven's Burial's hunt. No one had expected the Guild to dispatch 8,000 experts to slaughter Zero Wing's members. Even a first-rate Guild could, at most, field 3,000

experts. After all, the requirements to be considered an expert player in God's Domain had become stricter than ever before. In the past, players would be considered experts once they reached the Trial Tower's fourth floor, but now, players had to reach the fifth floor. Some stricter Guilds even required their experts to reach the fifth floor's middle stage.

Yet, Heaven's Burial had nearly three times more experts than a first-rate Guild...

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"Guild Leader, we've received a casualty report from Star-Moon Kingdom," Daybreak Fog suddenly approached Singular Burial, who commanded the battle before them. Quietly, she said, "Thus far, we've killed 1,809 Zero Wing members."

"That many? Didn't the battle start less than half an hour ago?" Singular Burial nodded, satisfied, upon hearing the report. "What about our casualties?"

Although the direct attacks were far more costly, they could deal a more severe blow to their enemy.

Hearing Singular Burial's question, Daybreak Fog's expression darkened as she hesitated.

"Has something happened?" When Singular Burial saw Daybreak Fog's reaction, apprehension welled within him.

"We've lost 3,237 members thus far. Among them, 923 are expert players," Daybreak Fog said.

“How is that possible?” Singular Burial was dumbfounded when he heard these numbers. Immediately, he demanded, “What happened over there?”

They had sent over 8,000 experts over to Star-Moon Kingdom, and Zero Wing only had around 2,000 experts. Even if Fire Dance and Zero Wing’s other peak and top-tier experts took action, they could never make up for the massive difference.

#### Chapter 1608 – Indiscernible Zero Wing

Daybreak Fog could only shake her head helplessly in response to Singular Burial’s question.

Even she had been confused when she received the statistics report, wondering if someone had made a mistake when compiling the information.

However, although someone could have miscounted the enemy’s casualties, how could they do so with their own death counts? In other words, Zero Wing had indeed killed 3,237 of their members in less than half an hour. Moreover, nearly one-third were the Guild’s experts...

“Has no one discovered the reason behind this yet?” Singular Burial growled, his brows twitching slightly in anger.

Over 10% of their 8,000 experts had died in less than half an hour. If the other major powers learned that they didn’t even know the cause of this grievous loss, they’d become a laughingstock.

Unlike Guild elites, a Guild expended all of its precious resources into nurturing its experts. They were incomparably more valuable than the Guild's elite members. A loss of one expert was a much larger impact than losing ten elites.

If a first-rate Guild suddenly suffered nearly 1,000 expert deaths, the loss would be severe enough to hamper the Guild's development.

After all, experts were a Guild's main combat power when obtaining top-tier equipment and contesting for resource maps. They were also the foundation when competing with other Guilds.

"We still don't have any information, but I've sent people to investigate the matter," Daybreak Fog said as she expressed her frustration over the situation.

Just as Singular Burial was about to say something more, he received a call. The caller was none other than Broken Flow, one of the commanders tasked with hunting Zero Wing's members.

"Has something happened?" Singular Burial asked, curious about Broken Flow's anxiety. When Singular Burial noticed Broken Flow's current level, he asked in surprise, "How did you lose a level?"

Singular Burial clearly remembered Broken Flow being Level 50 before they embarked on the mission, yet now, the Berserker was only Level 49.

Broken Flow was one of Heaven's Burial's top-ranked experts, and with the Level 45 Dark-Gold Set Equipment he wore, he could contend with any of the Super Guild's top-tier experts, yet he had lost a level. Why wouldn't Singular Burial be surprised?

"I...died..." Although Broken Flow hesitated, he revealed the truth, and he did so with an incredibly grim expression.

"You died?" Singular Burial was even more shocked. "Did you encounter Black Flame or the other experts I warned you about?"

He had planted over 30 spies in Zero Wing, and although they didn't have access to the Guild's core secrets, they could discover its experts' identities.

Hence, he knew that only a few people in Zero Wing were capable of killing an expert of Broken Flow's caliber.

"No..." Broken Flow's expression darkened further.

"No? Then who killed you?" Singular Burial demanded. "Has Zero Wing received reinforcements from somewhere else? That shouldn't be possible. I haven't heard of any powers lending the Guild aid."

Zero Wing had formed a close relationship with both the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Phoenix Rain and the Secret Pavilion's Yuan Tiexin. If these two superpowers helped Zero Wing, he doubted that he could do anything to threaten the Guild. The difference between Heaven's Burial's background and the two superpowers was just too massive. Moreover, Heaven's Burial lacked the home-ground advantage in Star-Moon Kingdom.

He had paid close attention to the two superpowers, waiting to see if they would aid Zero Wing or not.

However, he hadn't heard any news of either organization helping his enemy. This was one of the reasons that he had dared to hunt down Zero Wing's members.

“One of Zero Wing’s expert parties killed me,” Broken Flow explained after taking a deep breath.

“Zero Wing’s expert parties?” Realization dawned on Singular Burial. There were some capable players among Zero Wing’s experts, and if Broken Flow were careless and underestimated them, he might get himself killed. Sighing and shaking his head disapprovingly, he continued, “You are too careless. Well? Don’t tell me that you only contacted me to tell me this?”

“Mhm.” Broken Flow nodded silently.

Seeing Broken Flow’s response, Singular Burial felt wrathful flames burn within him.

Meanwhile, when Daybreak Fog heard Broken Flow’s response from beside her Guild Leader, she noticed something odd about the Berserker’s behavior. He had contacted the Guild Leader about such a small matter. Did he think that leading a Guild was a leisurely job?

But before Singular Burial could reprimand Broken Flow, the Berserker shared a battle video in the video chat.

“Guild Leader, I was killed by an expert party from Zero Wing. I don’t know how it’s possible, but five of the six party members were Refinement Realm experts. Moreover, their Basic Attributes are extremely high. They were even higher than mine...” Broken Flow explained.

“Zero Wing still has five Refinement Realm experts we don’t know about?! How?!” Singular Burial and Daybreak Fog denied Broken Flow’s claims almost simultaneously.

Only one out of several hundred players in God's Domain could reach the Trial Tower's fifth floor. Among these experts, very few could overcome their limits, achieving extreme control of their bodies and entering the Refinement Realm.

Refinement Realm experts were practically VIPs in first-rate Guilds right now. Even Super Guilds struggled to nurture such experts. Whenever a new player reached the Refinement Realm, the various superpowers rushed to recruit them.

Yet, Zero Wing had introduced five such Refinement Realm experts to the battlefield.

No matter how Singular Burial and Daybreak Fog looked at it, Broken Flow's claim sounded more like fantasy than reality.

However, by the time they finished watching the battle video, their expressions had turned grim.

Indeed, as Broken Flow had said, every one of the five melee players from Zero Wing was slightly stronger than the Berserker. If five such expert formed a party, said party would wield terrifying killing power. Throughout Heaven's Burial, only Lei Jingyang's forces could likely stand against such a party.

As Singular Burial was about to say something, Lightning Blade, the Chief MT of Heaven's Burial's main force, contacted him as well.

"Guild Leader, look at this video! Not long ago, I encountered an expert party from Zero Wing with five Refinement Realm experts! My team was no match for them, and in the end, only a few of my brothers and I managed to escape. We need to notify everyone right away and tell them to be careful of this 6-man party!" Lightning Blade urgently reported.



As they listened to Lightning Blade's report, Singular Burial and Daybreak Fog's expressions darkened further. A trace of shock flashed in their eyes.

"What is going on?" Singular Burial was even more confused after watching the battle video Lightning Blade had sent.

Daybreak Fog struggled to comprehend the situation, as well.

Both Broken Flow and Lightning Blade led 100-man expert teams, but their teams operated in different maps. Although the Refinement Realm experts Broken Flow and Lightning Blade had encountered wore Black Cloaks, they hadn't bothered to hide their appearances. The Refinement Realm experts in each party were also different classes. It was certain that Broken Flow and Lightning Blade had encountered different Zero Wing parties.

This proved that Zero Wing had gained an additional ten Refinement Realm experts. If these experts were split and assigned to 100-man teams, they would pose a huge threat to Heaven's Burial's teams.

But as Singular Burial tried to think of a countermeasure for these new Refinement Realm experts, the other commanders began to report back. All of these commanders reported the same situation that Broken Flow and Lightning Blade had encountered.

Every one of these commanders mentioned a six-man party from Zero Wing consisting of five Refinement Realm experts...

## Chapter 1609 – Heaven’s Burial Retreats in Defeat

Singular Burial’s expression when he finished watching the battle videos a subordinate had sent was indescribably grim.

It wouldn’t be a major issue if Zero Wing had simply acquired a few more Refinement Realm experts.

With Zero Wing’s capabilities, it wasn’t entirely impossible, but based on the latest reports, Zero Wing had collected 100 new Refinement Realm experts...

For a moment, Singular Burial wondered if he were in a dream. He couldn’t find it in himself to believe this was true, yet with the battle videos and the large number of casualties Heaven’s Burial had suffered thus far, he had all the proof he needed.

If Zero Wing had unexpectedly acquired ten additional Refinement Realm experts, while it would give Singular Burial a headache, he could mitigate the problem by warning his subordinates to be careful during their hunt. However, 100 new Refinement Realm experts was a nightmare, not just a headache.

Even now, veteran first-rate Guilds only had a handful of Refinement Realm experts. Even Heaven’s Burial only had 20 Refinement Realm experts right now. Moreover, this was after recruiting a large number of well-known Workshops and expert players and allying with Lei Jingyang’s Workshop.

It was also the reason he dared to hunt down Zero Wing’s members.

Yet, now...

One hundred Refinement Realm experts, whom he had never heard of before, had suddenly emerged in Zero Wing. Why wouldn't he be terrified?

"Guild Leader, what...should we do now?" Daybreak Fog asked, pale after watching the battle videos.

They had previously considered the possibility that some superpower would dispatch experts to aid Zero Wing.

However, they had never expected Zero Wing to obtain 100 Refinement Realm experts on its own.

One hundred Refinement Realm experts!

Only Super Guilds and super-first-rate Guilds could dispatch such a force. She truly couldn't figure out how Zero Wing managed to recruit so many Refinement Realm experts. Or did some hidden superpower they didn't know about back Zero Wing?

Regardless of the cause, there was no changing the fact that Heaven's Burial's situation was dire.

If the 8,000-plus experts from Heaven's Burial and Blackwater clashed with Zer Wing's 100 Refinement Realm experts, there was no doubt that the former would emerge victorious, but this war focused on guerilla tactics. The Refinement Realm experts definitely had the advantage.

“Issue a retreat order immediately!” After some hesitation, Singular Burial decided to withdraw his forces. “And send someone to investigate which superpower is supporting Zero Wing from the shadows!”

He refused to believe that Zero Wing had nurtured 100 Refinement Realm experts on its own. The only possibility was that Zero Wing had the secret support of some superpower.

“Understood!” Daybreak Fog went into action and began to notify the teams in the hunting operation to withdraw.

Shortly after she issued the command, Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater’s members in the four high-resource maps began to pull out.

Meanwhile, news of Heaven’s Burial’s retreat quickly spread throughout Star-Moon Kingdom.

“What’s going on with Heaven’s Burial? Why are they retreating so soon after starting the war?”

“Hehe. I have some insider information. From what I’ve heard, it seems that Heaven’s Burial has suffered severe casualties and had no choice but to order a retreat.”

“How is that possible?! Heaven’s Burial has over 8,000 experts! Zero Wing would even struggle to cope with such a force, much less defeat it!”

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Heaven's Burial's sudden retreat baffled everyone.

In fact, the public wasn't alone in its confusion. Star-Moon Kingdom's various powers were just as confused. They had planned to take advantage of the situation to strike at Zero Wing as well, yet Heaven's Burial had been defeated.

"Look into this matter immediately! I want to know exactly what happened!"

The various major powers simply could not fathom what had transpired between Heaven's Burial and Zero Wing. Heaven's Burial had dispatched over 8,000 experts and several tens of thousands of elites. It was even enough of a force to threaten a superpower, yet this force had lost. Moreover, it had been a decisive defeat...

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Meanwhile, far from Star-Moon Kingdom, in a Guild Town surrounded by mountains...

"Uncle Yuan, your guess was wrong. We've just received news that Heaven's Burial's hunt has failed. Moreover, it seems that Heaven's Burial has suffered significant losses; nearly 1,000 of its experts were killed," Purple Jade said, smiling as she entered the room.

"Heaven's Burial has been defeated? How is this possible?" Yuan Tiexin, who dealt with all sorts of documents on his desk, was astonished when he heard Purple Jade's announcements. "Did Phoenix Rain send help?"

He was very familiar with the force Heaven's Burial had dispatched to deal with Zero Wing. The force had as many as 18 Refinement Realms, and Lei Jingyang led his legion of battle maniacs personally. Heaven's Burial shouldn't have any fewer top-tier experts than Zero Wing. Furthermore, the Guild surpassed Zero Wing by leaps and bounds in the number of its ordinary experts. Even if Black Flame and Zero Wing's peak experts joined the fray, they shouldn't be able to affect the outcome overmuch.

In the end, Heaven's Burial would wear down Zero Wing until it crumbled.

"No. Phoenix Rain hasn't sent them any reinforcements," Purple Jade said, shaking her head. "Based on what we've learned from Heaven's Burial's internal department, the Guild has retreated due to Zero Wing's sudden dispatch of an additional 100 Refinement Realm experts. Not only do these Refinement Realm experts have incredible Basic Attributes, but their coordination is seamless. These Zero Wing experts have claimed the lives of many of Heaven's Burial's own Refinement Realm experts."

"One hundred Refinement Realm experts?!" Yuan Tiexin abruptly stood. For a moment, he even thought he had heard wrong. "Are you sure Zero Wing has obtained 100 Refinement Realm experts?"

"Mhm, very sure. I even have a few battle videos to prove it." Purple Jade then sent the battle videos she had received to Yuan Tiexin. "I've already watched all of them. These Zero Wing Refinement Realm experts are quite powerful. When they work together, they don't even have an issue defeating Flowing Water Realm experts."

"Have you found out which Super Guild or super-first-rate Guild has helped Zero Wing?" Yuan Tiexin asked after looking through the battle videos. He could tell that these experts were extraordinary. They had no blind spots whatsoever. They could even block ranged attacks, which was difficult for ordinary Refinement Realm experts. When they cooperated, they moved as if they shared a single body. Ordinary Refinement Realm experts couldn't compare to these players.

"I did. We haven't found any news of a Super Guild or super-first-rate Guild mobilizing so many Refinement Realm experts. It's almost as if these experts had just joined God's Domain," Purple Jade reported seriously. "I've also had some of our people compare these Refinement Realm experts' appearances to the images we have of Zero Wing's members."

“And?” Yuan Tiexin asked hurriedly.

One hundred Refinement Realm experts were no trivial matter. Even superpowers like the Secret Pavilion would have to take such a force seriously.

“There’s no doubt; these Refinement Realm experts were already Zero Wing members...” Purple Jade said, her voice softening as even she struggled to believe it.

“They’re all Zero Wing’s members?! How is that possible?!” Yuan Tiexin stared at Purple Jade incredulously. “Have we made some mistake?”

## Chapter 1610 – Shock

Yuan Tiexin couldn’t believe what Purple Jade had just told him.

Even the Secret Pavilion struggled to nurture Refinement Realm experts. Before becoming a Refinement Realm expert in the Secret Pavilion, the Guild’s experts had to pass a series of stringent tests and a significant amount of training. Most people in the virtual gaming world couldn’t even fathom the effort, talent, and resources required to become a Refinement Realm expert.

Although God’s Domain’s unique nature made it easier for players to reach the Refinement Realm, these players were still exceedingly rare. They were also considerably famous in God’s Domain.

Zero Wing had only established a few months ago, and even if it had the support of some Super Guild or major corporation, it wasn't capable of nurturing so many Refinement Realm experts.

"There are no mistakes. All of those players are members of the Dark Gods Legion. I also read through the information we have on these players before I came here. Their combat standards were average at best before today. But for some reason, they've become frighteningly powerful," Purple Jade said, shaking her head. Honestly, she couldn't believe this either. However, she had no choice but to acknowledge that Zero Wing had more than 100 Refinement Realm experts after facing the facts before her.

"To think Zero Wing has hidden so much of its strength..." Suddenly, Yuan Tiexin realized why Shi Feng's reaction had been so calm when he learned that the Black Dragon Empire's Evil God's Temple had activated. "Jade, notify our subordinates and tell them to learn everything they can about this situation! We must learn who has backed Zero Wing!"

Any superpower that could nurture 100 Refinement Realm experts so quickly was definitely extraordinary. Not even most ordinary Super Guilds were capable of such a feat, and the Secret Pavilion hadn't heard of a superpower that could. When Yuan Tiexin thought about it, a sliver of fear penetrated his heart.

Although he knew that God's Domain's waters were deep, he didn't realize how deep. They had already learned of quite a few Guilds, which had only established after God's Domain had launched, that had the support of powerful corporations. And now, there was even an organization like Zero Wing. God's Domain was practically a bottomless swamp, with various powers hiding in its muck.

The Secret Pavilion wasn't the only superpower to discover this. Many of God's Domain's superpowers had learned about Zero Wing's sudden development. After this, they all started to see Zero Wing in a new light.

Although Zero Wing still had a low member count and lacked in many aspects compared to first-rate Guilds, the fact that it had nurtured over 100 Refinement Realm experts made it far more powerful than



first-rate Guilds. Zero Wing had a high chance of becoming a super-first-rate Guild and one of God's Domain's overlords in the future.

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Meanwhile, in the Star Alliance's Residence in Star-Moon City...

Galaxy Past read the report he had just received from the Secret Pavilion in his spacious Guild Leader's office. When he finished with the report, his mind went blank.

"Guild Leader, has something happened?" Purple Eye asked, curious about Galaxy Past's strange expression.

"Zero Wing truly is an endless abyss. If Heaven's Burial hadn't mobilized such a large force, Star-Moon Kingdom's various Guilds would still be clueless about Zero Wing's true strength," Galaxy Past said, smiling bitterly as he forwarded the Secret Pavilion's report to Purple Eye. "One hundred Refinement Realm experts! Zero Wing must've been laughing at us while we made fools of ourselves!"

"This... One hundred Refinement Realm experts?" Purple Eye's jaw dropped as she read the report.

She wasn't as ignorant as she had been in the past, and she was very familiar with the power of a Refinement Realm expert. Although she acknowledged her own talent, she still couldn't cross the final threshold and reach the Refinement Realm, even with the Secret Pavilion's help.

Yet, Zero Wing had just revealed 100 Refinement Realm experts. And to think that the Star Alliance had actually worked with other Guilds to take down Zero Wing in the past...

Had Zero Wing utilized its true power back then, the consequences would've been unimaginable.

Purple Eye finally realized why her rival, Gentle Snow, had chosen to join an upstart Guild like Zero Wing.

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Sea of Death, Thunder Island:

*One hundred Refinement Realm experts? Just how many secrets does Zero Wing have?* Phoenix Rain was at a loss for words after reading the report.

The fact that Shi Feng and Zero Wing's experts had helped her secure a portion of Thunder Island's control was already incredible, and now, the Guild had just revealed that it had over 100 Refinement Realm experts...

Although Zero Wing had nowhere near as many Refinement Realm experts as the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion, a contingent of 100 Refinement Realm experts could still pose a threat to her and Nine Dragons Emperor.

If Nine Dragons Emperor had known that this upstart Guild had such a background, he would never have tried to stop it out...

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Black Dragon Empire, Lake Heart City:

“What?! Heaven’s Burial retreated?! What happened?!” Curiosity ravaged Gentle Snow when she heard Zhao Yueru’s report.

If Shi Feng hadn’t assured her that her people weren’t necessary for the situation in Star-Moon Kingdom, she would’ve returned with all of her spare forces long ago.

Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater had dispatched over 8,000 experts, including a few Refinement Realm experts. Without utilizing the Guild’s full power, defeating such a force would be nearly impossible.

Yet, less than an hour after Heaven’s Burial had attacked directly, the Guild had ordered a retreat.

“I’ve heard that its due to various 6-man parties from the Dark Gods Legion. These Dark Gods Parties slaughtered Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater’s 100-man expert teams. In less than half an hour, they killed nearly a thousand Guild experts. In contrast, none of our party members have died,” Zhao Yueru explained. “They’ve even killed quite a few of Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater’s Refinement Realm experts.”

“A 6-man party of Dark Gods Legion members defeated a 100-man expert team from Heaven’s Burial?” For a time, Gentle Snow couldn’t process the information.

She knew just how powerful the Dark Gods Legion members were. Even the strongest among them had only reached the Half-step Refinement Realm standard. Even six of these players would be lucky to

defeat a 20-man expert team from Heaven's Burial. After all, Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's experts were no noobs; they were all experts that had experienced numerous life-or-death battles.

Yet, these Dark Gods Legion members had defeated 100-man expert teams with as few as six players. To Gentle Snow, this sounded like a fantasy.

"That's right. Everyone in the Guild has been talking about it. I've watched the battle videos, as well. Those Dark Gods Parties are quite powerful. If not for my promotion to Tier 2, they might even be able to defeat me." Zhao Yueru nodded. "I never realized that our Guild had hidden such strength all this time. The Black Dragon Empire's first-rate Guilds will have to think twice before turning against us."

Zero Wing had lacked experts that could turn the tide of battle in the past, and because of that, the Black Dragon Empire's large Guilds hadn't been afraid of striking against their Guild. This was especially true for the Guilds Nine Dragons Emperor secretly backed. However, now that the public knew that the Dark Gods Legion had such powerful members, even the empire's various first-rate Guilds would have to tread lightly when dealing with Zero Wing.

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While everyone raised a commotion over the defeat of Heaven's Burial's army, Aqua Rose relayed the shocking news to Shi Feng, who had long since left Star-Moon Kingdom.

"Guild Leader, what kind of magic did you use? How did you make all of these people so strong? Every one of them feels like they can take on a Refinement Realm expert of the same level right now," Aqua Rose asked curiously.

She was quite familiar with the prowess of the Dark Gods members she had sent Shi Feng, yet these players had grown so much stronger in the several hours since she had last seen them. If Shi Feng claimed that he had nothing to do with it, she wouldn't believe him.

