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Chapter 1631 – Tier 3 Mysterious Flame

The crystal-encased, dark-purple flame was extremely eye-catching in Shi Feng's bag space.

I've really struck gold this time. Shi Feng was overjoyed as he gazed at the Purple Thunder Flame.

This flame was easily worth more than the other items he had obtained from the Magic Crystal Treasure Chest combined. Players would only encounter a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame if they were lucky enough, and even Shi Feng only knew the whereabouts of a small number of them. Moreover, every one of them was exceedingly difficult to obtain.

Countless Guilds had waged war over Mysterious Flames in the past. Even Super Guilds had gone all-out to slaughter each other over Tier 3 Mysterious Flames.

The stronger a Mysterious Flame was, the more it would help forger and alchemist subclasses. These tools would help forgers and alchemists produce high-rank items with ease.

Shi Feng had never expected that, despite only looting half of the Gold Magic Crystal Treasure Chest's items, he'd actually acquire a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame. If he looted the rest of the treasure chest's items, how great would his harvest be?

Now, Shi Feng more or less understood why the Tyrant's Soul was so desperate to hunt him down.

After all, a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame was even more valuable than Epic items, and aside from being able to refine materials, Mysterious Flames could also improve a player's strength in combat. Why would the system let him get away with obtaining one so easily?

To Shi Feng, a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame was also a life-saving item.

With this Tier 3 Mysterious Flame, I can buy myself some more time. Shi Feng smiled at the Purple Thunder Flame.

The curse the mysterious NPC had placed on him back in Blackwing City could only be suppressed with a Mysterious Flame. Unfortunately, the Tier 2 Ice-Blue Devil Flame was too weak, only able to delay the curse's activation for a limited amount of time. Initially, Shi Feng had planned to take the risk and obtain one of the Tier 2 or 3 Mysterious Flames he remembered from his past when he had time.

But now, he didn't need to.

As long as he absorbed the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame and merged it with the Soul Flame, he'd have better control over the Soul Flame. He would then have more time to locate the mysterious NPC and complete the quest Sherlyn had given him.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng tapped on the Purple Thunder Flame and chose to bind it to himself.

The moment he did so, the crystal containing the Purple Thunder Flame shattered. The dark-purple flame entered Shi Feng's body, and purple fire devoured his entire body. Arcs of blue electricity flickered around him as a stinging pain assaulted every inch of his body.

Shortly after, a loading bar appeared before Shi Feng, displaying the fusion process.

1%... 2%... 3%...

The fusion was extremely slow. If an ordinary player attempted to merge with this Mysterious Flame, their mind might crumble under the intense pain after just a short moment. While players had the option of lowering or turning off their pain sensitivity in the game, doing so would sabotage the fusion process. Fortunately, after over ten years in God's Domain, Shi Feng had acclimated to the pain. Even so, it was barely tolerable as the fusion process continued.

As time passed, the pain's intensity increased, but something felt different about this fusion to Shi Feng. Aside from the increased pain, it felt as if the flames refined his body as they continued to burn him. There was a pleasant feeling alongside the pain. As the pain grew worse, his perception sharpened.

This surprised Shi Feng.

He had never heard of Mysterious Flames strengthening a player's perception and physique.

Had the players in his previous life known that Tier 3 Mysterious Flames could do such a thing, every expert in the game would have gone mad to acquire one for themselves. Stronger perception would undoubtedly improve players' combat standards, and it would only become more beneficial as they reached for higher tiers. Otherwise, God's Domain's experts wouldn't have regarded Bloodlines and Fragmented Legendary items so highly.

After 20 minutes of the fusion process, Shi Feng heard a series of system notifications.

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System: The Purple Thunder Flame has bound to Player Ye Feng.

System: The Purple Thunder Flame's fusion has completed. After undergoing the Purple Thunder Flame's trial, player gains +60 to all Basic Attributes, physique improved by 5%, reaction speed increased by 10%, perception range increased by 10%, Fire Resistance +70, and Lightning Resistance +70. You have also gained 100% control over the Purple Thunder Flame.

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Following which, Shi Feng proceeded to inspect the Purple Thunder Flame itself. When he saw its information, he couldn't help but gasp.

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[Purple Thunder Flame] (Tier 3 Mysterious Flame)

When activated, increases Movement Speed and Attack Speed by 30%. Increases damage dealt by fire- and lightning-type attacks by 50%. Increases destructive effect of attacks by 100%. Increases production success rate for forging, alchemy, and cooking by 15%.

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Shi Feng wasn't surprised by the increase to Movement and Attack Speed, but he had never expected a 100% increase to destructive effects.

Although it wouldn't improve players' Strength or Attack Power, the increased destructive effects would be devastating against players and monsters' Defense.

A player might struggle against a Great Lord's Defense normally, but if their attacks had double the destructive effect, they'd be able to break through the Great Lord's Defenses and defeat it in far less time. Likewise, such a boost would be miraculous in PvP.

It was common knowledge that players mainly relied on their weapons and equipment for strength. Without weapons and equipment, a player's Attributes would decrease drastically. Meanwhile, players would be able to deplete the durability of their opponents' weapons and equipment more quickly with increased destructive effect.

As for the 15% improvement to production success rate, it was 5% higher than the Tier 2 Ice-Blue Devil Flame. Although it was only a difference of 5%, the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame's performance when refining high-rank materials would be leaps and bounds better than the weaker Mysterious Flame.

If Shi Feng used the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame when forging Conqueror's Armor, his success rate would skyrocket.

After fusing with the Purple Thunder Flame, Shi Feng activated Spatial Gate and regrouped with the rest of his team outside of the Lost Town.

Although the Tyrant's Soul had used Soul Pursuit on him, Shi Feng discovered that the Tyrant's Soul itself couldn't leave the white tower after a few experiments. This outcome allowed Shi Feng to breathe a sigh of relief. At the very least, he wouldn't have to lead his team elsewhere to grind and level up.

After regrouping with his team, he continued to kill the Demonic Creatures in the Lost Town's inner area, steadily raising everyone's levels while grinding for Mana and Eternium Ore.

After grinding for another two days or so, Shi Feng and the others finally cleared out every Demonic Creature in the Lost Town. The only place they had yet to check was the bottomless pit in the town's center. Meanwhile, after two days of grinding, everyone's levels had risen from nearly Level 48 to almost Level 50. As for Shi Feng, he had invested all of the EXP into leveling Flame Burst and Lightning Edge.

Despite being a Tier 2 player, he only had a small number of Tier 2 Skills in his arsenal, and if he were forced to rely on Tier 1 Skills, he'd never be able to exert the full advantages of a Tier 2 class.

Hence, Shi Feng leveled these two Tier 1 Skills to Tier 2. By doing so, both Skills had undergone a qualitative transformation in terms of raw power.

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[Flame Burst]

Tier 2, Level 3 (Requires 1,800,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Tier 2, Level 4 skill)

Channeling time: 1 second

Gathers the power of flames to a single point and causes 1,400% damage to the target.

Attack Count: 16 times

Cooldown: 3 minutes

[Lightning Edge] (Action-type)

Tier 2, Level 2 (Requires 1,600,000,000 EXP to upgrade to Tier 2, Level 3)

Channeling time: 0.5 seconds

Deals 1,200% physical and 1,200% lightning damage in a cone in front of user. Initial coverage range is 75 yards.

Duration: 5 seconds

Cooldown: 10 minutes

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Tier 2 Skills weren't just capable of dealing more raw damage than their Tier 1 counterparts; they'd also be more effective against monsters and players of the same tier. Once these Skill rose to Tier 2, they wouldn't be bound by tier suppression.

It's about time to show everyone Zero Wing's strength. After taking a look at his team members' levels, Shi Feng contacted Aqua Rose and asked, "Aqua, how's the equipment collection coming along?"

Chapter 1632 – Formation of an Expert Legion

Star-Moon Kingdom, Zero Wing City, Zero Wing's Residence:

A depressing atmosphere filled the massive Guild Residence. Everyone's minds were overwhelmed by an oppressive feeling, causing them great distress.

"Big Sis Aqua, we just received news that the Blackwater Corporation has invested another 200,000 Gold into Heaven's Burial. The Guild has also hired more Refinement Realm experts to hunt us down. They're even beginning to overpower the Conqueror Parties we've recalled to defend our leveling maps..."

"Moreover, according to our spies in Heaven's Burial, it seems that Heaven's Burial has obtained another significant harvest from the Primordial Ancient Ruin. Apparently, the Guild has collected two sets of top-tier Intermediate Magic Array Scrolls and plenty of top-tier Level 50 weapons and equipment. At this point, they're already preparing to raid a Level 50 super-large-scale Team Dungeon."

Yaya reported as she stood beside Aqua Rose with a somber expression.

Zero Wing had grown stronger over the past few days as more players gathered in Zero Wing City. However, the number of players withdrawing from the Guild also continued to increase. They had done so because Zero Wing's members were almost guaranteed to be ambushed whenever they went to the fields to grind.

They could have endured if the situation had only lasted two or three days, but this had continued for over a week already. Everyone in the Guild had long since grown tired of it. Their leveling speed and equipment acquisition rate had suffered severely, as well. To make things worse, Heaven's Burial had grown rapidly in every aspect despite the ongoing war. Many Zero Wing members' wills began to falter. They could no longer see any hope of Zero Wing winning this war, and so, many had given up and left while they still could.

"They're already starting a super-large-scale Team Dungeon raid?" Aqua Rose frowned.

At this point, many large Guilds had already raided Level 50, 100-man Team Dungeons successfully, but not one of them had raided a Level 50 super-large-scale Team Dungeon. Unfortunately, only these Dungeons contained Level 50 top-tier equipment and set equipment.

If Heaven's Burial obtained the First Clear of a super-large-scale Team Dungeon in Star-Moon Kingdom, the pressure its success would bring on Zero Wing's members would be crushing, even if the Guild failed to exhaust Zero Wing.

By obtaining the First Clear of a Level 50 super-large-scale Team Dungeon, not only would a Guild obtain a 3-star Guild Residence Promotion Order, but it would also obtain Level 50 top-tier weapons and equipment.

What was players' purpose of joining a Guild? Wasn't it to help them obtain better weapons and equipment while leveling faster?

As long as Heaven's Burial succeeded, a ton of experts would try to join the Guild. After all, not even independent teams could clear a super-large-scale Team Dungeon.

As she watched Heaven's Burial grow stronger by the day, Aqua Rose gradually came to understand how frightening Guilds with major corporation support were.

With an endless financial supply, a guild could attract as many experts and gain as many resources as it wanted. There was simply no way that Zero Wing, a Guild that had been built from nothing, could compete with such Guilds. It took everything Zero Wing had just to cope with Heaven's Burial's offensive.

"Big Sis Aqua, Heaven's Burial has stated that if Zero Wing is willing to hand over 51% of its shares, they'll stop their assault on the Guild. If we continue to resist, however, they'll thoroughly obliterate us from God's Domain. They've only given us two days to consider their offer. Here's a video they sent," Yaya whispered.

"What?"

Aqua Rose had been about to reject the proposal instantly, but after watching the video from Heaven's Burial, her expression turned solemn.

The video depicted an army of Evil Beasts and Evil Demons. Although the army was not particularly large, only around 30,000 soldiers, it was an unprecedentedly high-quality force. Among the monsters, the army had over five Level 72 Mythic ranked Evil Beasts and 20 Level 70 Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons. In addition, the force included a large number of Level 70 Great Lord ranked Evil Demons. The weakest member of the army was Lord rank. Regarding overall strength, this Evil Beast and Evil Demon army was far more powerful than the two armies Zero Wing had previously faced.

If these monsters took action, the consequences would be unimaginable. Even Zero Wing City might fail to stop them.

As Aqua Rose struggled to think of a plan, Shi Feng contacted her.

“Aqua, how’s the equipment collection coming along?” Shi Feng asked.

“We’re almost done. We’ll have everything we need in a few more hours,” Aqua Rose responded dejectedly.

“Alright. I’ve finished my task as well. I’ll return in a moment.” Shi Feng nodded in satisfaction, surprised by Aqua Rose’s efficiency. Although he hadn’t requested Level 50 top-tier equipment, only asking for elite-grade equipment, it was still a difficult job.

“They’ve already reached Level 50?!” Aqua Rose was stunned.

They were talking about nearly 700 players!

Before Shi Feng had taken them out to grind, Zero Wing’s internal members and the White Tiger Dojo’s disciples had only been around Level 30. They had been unimaginably far from Level 50. In her opinion, even with Shi Feng’s astonishing leveling capabilities, he’d still need two weeks or so to power-level the 700-man team to Level 50

Even the most powerful elite members in the various large Guilds were only around Level 47 right now, and only capable expert players were close to Level 50. After all, players needed drastically more EXP to level up after reaching Level 45.

Yet, Shi Feng had helped nearly 700 players catch up to peak experts in less than half of the time she had assumed.

“Mhm. They’ve all reached Level 50. Some have even reached Level 51,” Shi Feng said, nodding. If not for the lack of Demonic Creatures around the Lost Town, he wouldn’t have had an issue getting everyone to Level 51 or beyond.

Aqua Rose was dazed for a long moment after hearing Shi Feng’s answer.

Level 50 was a major turning point in God’s Domain. Despite Heaven’s Burial’s massive expert count, the majority of its experts were stuck at Level 49, still far from hitting Level 50. Although the difference was only one level, the equipment quality was monumental.

With the addition of so many Level 50 experts, Zero Wing’s combat power would rise significantly.

However, when Aqua Rose recalled the video Heaven’s Burial had sent, her excitement cooled.

“Guild Leader, here is a video Heaven’s Burial just sent. They want us to hand over 51% of Zero Wing’s shares, or they’ll proceed with even more drastic measures to destroy us,” Aqua Rose said as she forwarded the video to Shi Feng.

Against so many high-ranked Evil Beasts and Evil Demons, even Zero Wing’s additional 700 expert players would be no more than throwing a bucket of water on a forest fire.

“They’ve already grown so strong?” Shi Feng muttered as he watched the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons in the video. Although he had expected something like this, he couldn’t help his astonishment when he actually saw the real deal.

In addition to more than five Level 72 Mythic ranked Evil Beasts and 20 Level 70 Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons, the monster army included more than a thousand Grand Lord ranked Evil Beasts and Great Lord ranked Evil Demons. With such a force, Heaven's Burial would have no problems capturing any Guild Town in Star-Moon Kingdom.

Chapter 1633 – Intermediate Ability

“Have you found out anything new about Star-Moon Kingdom's Evil God's Temple?” Shi Feng could not help but ask as he watched Aqua Rose on the screen.

Even he did not have any practical methods to deal with Heaven's Burial's monster army.

However, he was not particularly worried about the army, either.

The situation in Star-Moon Kingdom had changed since their last confrontation. NPC armies constantly patrolled the kingdom right now, and if these NPCs encountered any Evil Beasts or Demons, they'd quickly exterminate these monsters.

Hence, Heaven's Burial couldn't dispatch an army of Evil Beasts and Evil Demons en masse into the kingdom right now.

Otherwise, the enemy Guild would've done it already, rather than send a video and try to threaten them.

Although the monster army couldn't march into the kingdom, it could dispatch small contingents of high-tiered Evil Demons to ambush players. Hence, Heaven's Burial's monsters were still quite a problem.

If Zero Wing wanted to squash this problem thoroughly, it had to destroy the Evil God's Temple in Star-Moon Kingdom.

"They've hidden it quite well. Even now, we haven't found any clues leading to the kingdom's Evil God's Temple yet," Aqua Rose said, shaking her head. She continued, "Moreover, even if Heaven's Burial doesn't mobilize its monster army, at the rate it's growing, it's only a matter of time before the Guild overwhelms and crushes us. Based on our most recent information, Blackwater has recently hired another batch of Refinement Realm experts to help hunt our members. It's taking everything we've got just to defend ourselves. If more Refinement Realm experts join the fight, I'm afraid that we won't last very long.

"In addition, our financial state is particularly concerning. We've already used all of our available funds, and we don't have the support of any major corporation. We're entirely reliant on Zero Wing City, Stone Forest Town, and the Candlelight Trading Firm's profit to keep the Guild running. If something unexpected happens that require those funds, we'll be ruined."

She was also aware that Heaven's Burial had merely sent the video to scare them. However, nothing changed the fact that Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's aggression was increasing.

Furthermore, Blackwater had recruited plenty of Refinement Realm experts to help in this war using its expansive connections. Initially, Blackwater had sent over 20 Refinement Realm experts to aid Heaven's Burial, and now it was sending an additional 30-plus experts. Although the total count was still far less than the Conqueror Parties, these Refinement Realm experts would be more than capable of keeping the Conqueror Parties busy. With the Conqueror Parties distracted, Heaven's Burial's other experts could attack without worry.

Because of this, Zero Wing suffered severe casualties. The remuneration the Guild paid out every day was astronomical. If any other Guild had to pay such a price, it would've long since gone bankrupt.

“I understand. I’ll have everyone return immediately, so your team should get ready to receive them. Also, notify Melancholic and tell her to host an auction in the Zero Wing Auction House in six hours. We’ll sell Zero Wing City’s private houses and Shops,” Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought.

Right now, he needed to deal with the Guild’s financial problems.

Although he had tried to think of a way to increase Zero Wing’s income, these revenue sources weren’t enough to compete with Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater.

“We’re selling Zero Wing City’s private houses and Shops? But...with the current situation, I’m afraid that we’ll have trouble selling them for a high price...” Aqua Rose understood Shi Feng’s intentions. In fact, she had considered the same option.

However, only a fool wouldn’t see the situation of Heaven’s Burial and Zero Wing’s war. With that in mind, no one would willingly spend a large amount of money to purchase Zero Wing City’s private houses and Shops. Players might not be interested in these properties at all. If a Guild Town or City changed hands, any agreements with the previous owner would be null and void. Knowing this, who would possibly want to purchase land in an unstable city?

“Relax. Even if our situation is uncertain, what must be sold, will be,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. He did not bother to explain further.

Aqua Rose was speechless. Although what Shi Feng had said was true, selling such valuable properties at a discount wasn’t worthwhile.

Following which, Shi Feng disconnected the call and had his team use a Return Scroll to teleport back to White River City. Meanwhile, Aqua Rose did as she had been told.

Immediately, news of Zero Wing auctioning off its City's private houses and Shops spread like wildfire throughout Star-Moon Kingdom. Even the neighboring kingdoms and empires' major powers heard of the upcoming auction.

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"Hahaha! So, Zero Wing is finally selling its city's private houses and Shops? It seems that Zero Wing really can't hold on much longer!"

"Zero Wing's selling their real estate now? Does Zero Wing take us for fools?"

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When the various major powers saw Zero Wing's announcement, they laughed, ridiculing Zero Wing for falling so low.

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"Zero Wing has finally hit its limit?" Singular Burial could not help but laugh when he read the report from a subordinate. "Unfortunately, it is too late. They might have found buyers had they chosen to sell the properties a few days ago, but now that Zero Wing's position in this war has become more uncertain, who would be foolish enough to buy the deeds? Notify our subordinates and have them increase their offensive against Zero Wing's members immediately. Also, spread a lie to the public,

stating that we intend to attack Zero Wing City. I want to see just who actually attends Zero Wing's auction."

"Understood." Daybreak Fog nodded before leaving the Guild Leader's office.

Although the various major powers understood that Zero Wing was approaching its end, many would be interested in attending the Guild's auction. Aside from Zero Wing's in-house products, items were available from other players in Zero Wing's auctions. There was also the convenient option of bartering.

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Meanwhile, after exiting White River City's Teleportation Hall, Shi Feng made his way to the library. Although he had already bound the Purple Thunder Flame to himself, he needed the help of a special magic array to fuse it with the Soul Fire, and only Sharlyn was capable of conjuring this magic array.

At the same time, Shi Feng sent his team to deliver the Mana and Eternium Ore they collected to the Candlelight Trading Firm before getting some rest.

Aside from the massive amount of EXP they had earned while grinding Demonic Creatures in the Lost Town, they had gained a plentiful harvest of ores. Moreover, the closer they had gotten to the mysterious pit in the town's center, the more ores they had obtained. In total, they had collected over 15,000 pieces of Mana Ore and over 1,000 pieces of Eternium Ore.

When Melancholic Smile received the haul, she was dumbfounded.

Due to the high demand for Mana Ore, prices for the ore continued to increase. Before Shi Feng had left for the Boneless Land, Mana Ore had sold for 1 Gold, 20 Silver per piece. Now, prices had risen to 1 Gold, 50 Silver per piece.

However, even at such a price, very few people were willing to sell their Mana Ore. Even a large Guild like Zero Wing would be fortunate to purchase a few dozen pieces each day.

Yet, Shi Feng had returned with over 15,000 pieces of Mana Ore. Even if one robbed a Super Guild's warehouse, they wouldn't obtain such a bounty.

Even if Zero Wing used all of the Mana Ore to craft Mana Charms, it would make a massive fortune. Meanwhile, Shi Feng's request was simple; use 5,000 pieces of Mana Ore to forge Mana Charms and sell them. Not only would the Mana Charms fetch a high price, but there was also a solid market for them. With the money the Guild earned, it could construct the Mana Tower in Zero Wing City.

The largest problem when constructing a Mana Tower was the required materials. It required over 5,000 pieces of Mana Ore alone, in addition to plenty of other precious materials. Fortunately, the construction cost itself was relatively cheap, only 5,000 Gold.

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Meanwhile, on the top floor of White River City's library...

With Sharlyn's help, Shi Feng attempted to merge the Purple Thunder Flame and the Soul Fire.

It was far more difficult to merge the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame with the Soul Fire than it had been to merge the Tier 2 Ice-Blue Devil Flame since the former was more powerful. He needed more accurate control to wrap the Soul Fire around the Purple Thunder Flame.

One attempt... Two attempts... Three attempts...

With each subsequent attempt, Shi Feng grew increasingly adept with the fusion process, so much so that he had improved his control over his own body and his environment.

Shi Feng was somewhat surprised at this. He had never thought that he could become stronger while trying to fuse the Mysterious Flames. He had thought that he had reached his limit and would have to break through to the Domain Realm to improve further.

As Shi Feng attempted his 26th fusion, the sound of a system notification reached his ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have gained rough control over the Soul Fire. You may now utilize the Soul Fire's intermediate abilities.

Chapter 1634 – Soul Fire's New Abilities

Not even a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame is enough for me to gain full control of the Soul Fire? Shi Feng was slightly surprised when he saw the system notification.

Tier 3 Mysterious Flames were exceedingly rare in God's Domain. As far as Shi Feng knew, there should only be one Tier 3 Mysterious Flame in Star-Moon Kingdom. When this Mysterious Flame had appeared in his previous life, practically every large Guild in the kingdom had fought over it.

Yet, despite fusing such a rare Mysterious Flame, he still didn't have full control of the Soul Fire...

At this point, Shi Feng began to wonder if there was a high chance that the Soul Fire was actually a Tier 4 Mysterious Flame.

Shi Feng had only ever heard of Tier 4 Mysterious Flames in God's Domain's legends. The power of such a flame alone would be more than enough to injure a Tier 4 existence severely. With the Soul Fire's unique ability to burn a target's soul to nothing, it would be a terrifying weapon against both monsters and players.

This was especially true for players. The Immortal Soul was the root of players' existence in God's Domain. In NPCs' eyes, players were only able to resurrect after death due to their Immortal Souls. If a player's Immortal Soul were extinguished, that player would be finished.

However, it was extremely difficult to destroy a player's Immortal Soul. Hence, the Soul Fire should only be capable of damaging a player's Immortal Soul.

Even so, it would be more than enough to prevent the target from logging into God's Domain for some time.

It would be a nightmare for any expert player. After all, in God's Domain, one either improved or regressed. The game had countless players, and not being able to log in for several days would cause one to fall behind their rivals.

“Not bad. You’ve actually fused the Purple Thunder Flame so quickly. With your current control over the Soul Fire, you can weaken the Soul Chain’s corrosion further. Locating that mysterious individual should become much easier,” Sharlyn said, chuckling at Shi Feng. “However, you must still be careful. Although you’ve extended your time limit to 108 days after fusing with a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame, God’s Domain is very large. It might seem like a lot of time, but in reality, it isn’t. It is best if you locate a few more Tier 3 Mysterious Flames during this time. That way, you’ll gain better control over the Soul Fire.”

“I only have 108 days?” Shi Feng was dumbfounded when he heard Sharlyn’s warning.

He had hoped to extend his time limit by a year or so after absorbing a Tier 3 Mysterious Flame, yet the system had only given him a small extension.

And just as Sharlyn had said, locating that mysterious Tier 5 NPC would not be an easy task. He had no clues leading to the NPC, either. He could only rely on the Soul Chain. Moreover, this was a Legendary Quest. In general, Quests of this rank couldn’t be completed within a short period.

After pondering the situation for a moment, Shi Feng calmed down.

After all was said and done, the Purple Thunder Flame had delayed his deadline by quite a bit. At the very least, he would have more time to deal with his own matters.

Following which, Shi Feng tested the Soul Fire’s power.

Immediately, Shi Feng's dark pupils were consumed by silver fire. His aura also changed abruptly. If others had felt relaxed around him before, he would now feel like an icy hell. Death and cold dominated his aura.

Amazing! I only have a rough control over the Soul Fire now, yet it is already so powerful? When Shi Feng examined his surroundings, he found that his environment had changed.

Not only could he see the Soul Chain now, but he could also see souls' wavelength. If he focused, he could even slow his perception of time.

Shi Feng was at a loss for words.

Being able to view soul wavelengths allowed him to determine his targets' strength. The stronger a creature was, the stronger its soul would be. In addition, neither players nor monsters could hide their soul wavelengths. Regardless of whether or not a player wore a Black Cloak or hid behind an obstacle, he could inspect and locate them easily...

However, being able to detect soul wavelengths paled in comparison to the ability to slow one's perception of time.

Now, he could see fast-moving objects far more clearly as long as he focused. Although this ability couldn't compare to a boost to one's physique, which allowed players to keep up with fast-moving objects and react far more quickly, improving one's physique was easier said than done. Just being able to slow his perception of time was astounding and would doubtlessly improve his combat power.

I wonder what the Soul Fire will be capable of once I gain full control? After experiencing the Soul Fire's new abilities, Shi Feng anticipated the day he could control it completely.

He only had rough control of the Soul Fire, but it already offered such powerful abilities. If he had full control of the Soul Fire, the improvements the Mysterious Flame would offer would be even more impressive. Moreover, he'd be able to manifest the Soul Fire outside of his body as he could with the Ice-Blue Devil Flame and Purple Thunder Flame, increasing his combat power further.

After dealing with the Soul Fire, Shi Feng made his way to the Candlelight Trading Firm and entered his personal Special Forging Room.

Although Aqua Rose had collected plenty of Level 50 Mysterious-Iron and Secret Silver Equipment, You Ziping and the others would only become as strong as the Guild's ordinary experts once they equipped the items. It would be very difficult for them to change the war's overall situation. In fact, Shi Feng had never hoped for anything game-changing by having Aqua Rose collect the Level 50 equipment. He had only wanted to ensure that You Ziping and the others wouldn't lag behind their peers regarding equipment once they caught up in levels.

Even before leaving for the Boneless Land, he had tasked Melancholic Smile to purchase a large number of Emeralds from Emerald City in preparation for forging the Magic Light Sets.

The Magic Light Set wasn't like the Conqueror's Armor, which required plenty of rare materials that weren't often available on the market. Emeralds were the main material required for forging the Magic Light Set. Although Emeralds were also a rare material, there was plenty available on the market. At this point, Zero Wing already possessed a huge stockpile of Emeralds. As for the Mana Stone, another of the Magic Light Set's core materials, Zero Wing had no lack of the stones. They could be produced indefinitely as long as the Guild had enough Magic Crystals.

Hence, producing the Magic Light Set was much easier than the Conqueror's Armor. Only, the cost was somewhat high, with each attempt costing 300 Gold, six times the cost of forging the Conqueror's Armor...

Because of this, Shi Feng had only dared to produce a few sets for Zero Wing's main force members.

However, things had changed.

Not only did he now have the Dark-Gold ranked Blacksteel Insignia, but he also had the Tier 3 Purple Thunder Flame. His success rate for forging the Fine-Gold ranked Magic Light Set had risen to 55%, but that wasn't the most important factor.

During his trip to the Boneless Land, he had acquired a large amount of Eternium Ore, which he could use to make Magisteel Ingots.

Aside from increasing forging success rate, Magisteel Ingots could increase Fine-Gold Weapons and Equipment's Basic Attributes.

After reaching his Special Forging Room, Shi Feng began to refine Eternium Ore with the Purple Thunder Flame, transforming the ore into Magisteel Ingots. The Purple Thunder Flame increased the Magisteel Ingot's purity far more than an ordinary flame could. As a result, the Magisteel Ingots he created offered a much greater boost to forging success rates.

Originally, the Magisteel Ingot only increased forging success rate by 5%, but the ingots Shi Feng had created could increase his forging success rate by 7%.

Very quickly, Shi Feng smelted the 1,000-plus pieces of Eternium Ore into 1,000-plus Magisteel Ingots.

Shi Feng then rapidly refined the materials he needed to forge the Magic Light Set Equipment.

Now that his control had improved and he had the help of the Purple Thunder Flame, his refining and forging speed had visibly increased.

An hour later, a complete Magic Light Set glistened before Shi Feng's eyes, radiating a mesmerizing glow.

This should be a success, right? Shi Feng wondered as he gazed at the immaculate Magic Light Set before him. He then clicked to inspect the set's Attribute Panel.

Chapter 1635 – Mana Tower Constructed

Each attempt to forge the Magic Light Set cost 300 Gold, which meant that each failure also cost 300 Gold. Not even Super Guilds would play around with so much money.

If not for his considerably high success rate, Shi Feng wouldn't have dared to attempt the set's mass-production.

When Shi Feng clicked to inspect the Magic Light Set's Attribute Panel, a system notification appeared.

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System: Magic Light Set has been successfully forged. Forging Proficiency increased by 15 points.
Obtained 6,000,000 EXP.

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Its Attributes sure have improved considerably. Shi Feng was delighted when he saw the set's Attributes.

Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment was best players could hope for at this stage of the game since Level 50 Dark-Gold equipment only dropped from super-large-scale Team Dungeons. Moreover, the drop-rate wasn't 100%.

With the inclusion of the Magisteel Ingot, the Fine-Gold ranked Magic Light Set's Basic Attributes had received a 10% boost. Although it didn't seem like much, Level 50 Fine-Gold Equipment generally offered over 100 points to each Attribute. A 10% increase meant at least 10 more points. Meanwhile, the Magic Light Set was a six-piece set, offering 60 bonus points to each Attribute. Furthermore, the Magisteel Ingot improved every Basic Attribute.

Overall, the 10% improvement was the equivalent of an additional piece of Level 50 Secret-Silver Equipment.

Aside from Epic Equipment and above, no equipment could rival the Magic Light Set at this stage of the game. Unfortunately, Epic items were extremely rare, and not even Guilds' peak experts were guaranteed to wield one.

If he let Zero Wing's experts equip the Magic Light Set, they'd definitely have an overwhelming advantage over other Guilds' experts in Basic Attributes.

Although the Magic Light Set did not boost the wearer's combat standards, it offered far more destructive power than the Conqueror's Armor's Basic Strength Battle Array. Rather than rely on

superior combat standards to whittle down their enemies, Zero Wing's experts could trample over their opponents by relying on the Magic Light Set.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng began to forge the next Magic Light Set.

Very quickly, Shi Feng went finished three more forging attempts. Among them, one was a complete failure, while two had succeeded. Shi Feng's success rate even surprised him.

As Shi Feng was about to continue, Melancholic Smile contacted him.

"Guild Leader, the Mana Tower you've requested has been built in Zero Wing City, but it needs too many Magic Crystals to operate every day. Should we activate it now?" Melancholic Smile asked worriedly.

Not only had they spent 5,000 Gold to construct the Mana Tower, but they had also spent 5,000 pieces of Mana Ore. She had assumed that the Mana Tower would bring in additional income for Zero Wing City, but once it had been constructed, she had discovered that activating it cost 3,000 Magic Crystals, and its continued operation would cost 1,500 Magic Crystals per day.

This was a significant expenditure to any Guild, especially Zero Wing.

Although the Four Towers of Elements's teleportation function and Zero Wing's Battle Arenas had earned the Guild some Magic Crystals, they couldn't afford to squander what they had.

"It's fine. Activate it," Shi Feng said, chuckling.

The Mana Tower was the symbol of a Guild City. Zero Wing City could only be called a true Guild City once it had a Mana Tower of its own.

The Mana Tower increased the Mana density in a city significantly. The five Magic Towers' increased Mana density wasn't even the equivalent to one-third of the increase a single Mana Tower provided.

Moreover, more NPCs would only reside in a Guild City once it had a Mana Tower. This was especially true for high-tiered NPCs since they had such strict Mana density requirements.

"Right, once you've activated the Mana Tower, notify Aqua and have her raise the entrance fee to 60 Copper. Increase the prices for the Battle Arena's services by 30% as well," Shi Feng instructed.

Naturally, they needed to increase prices in various aspects with the increased Mana density. After all, the rise would offer players more benefits.

"This..." Melancholic Smile was stunned.

It had not been easy to increase Zero Wing City's player population to 2,000,000. It might not be an issue if they increased the prices of the city's services a little, but players would definitely refuse such massive leaps. Zero Wing City's player traffic would doubtlessly decrease.

"Relax. Once the Mana Tower is active, Zero Wing City will be worth the price," Shi Feng explained briefly. Of course, he understood Melancholic Smile's concerns.

However, Melancholic Smile still had her doubts, but she still sent a subordinate to activate the Mana Tower. Following which, she notified Aqua Rose about the city's price increases.

When Aqua Rose received the message, she even wondered if Shi Feng were joking.

Their 30-Copper entrance fee had already elicited quite a few complaints, yet Shi Feng wanted to double it...

At this stage of the game, ordinary players only earned several Silver Coins per day after deducting repair fees. Including the expensive teleportation fee to travel to Zero Wing City, ordinary players would likely struggle to justify playing a 60-Copper entrance fee. Furthermore, Zero Wing City wasn't located anywhere close to Level 50 high-resource maps. Hence, the city's Double EXP buff held little attraction to ordinary players.

However, as Aqua Rose considered such issues, she felt the city's Mana density rise rapidly. Even players who weren't sensitive to Mana could clearly feel the increase. Naturally, they gained more mental clarity, as well.

"What's going on? Why do I feel so refreshed?"

"Why has the city's Mana density suddenly increased?"

"What?! The city's Mana density has at least doubled! What did Zero Wing do?!"

“Quick, look! The Mana density isn’t the only thing that has increased! The accumulation rate for the Double EXP buff has also risen! Now, we can accumulate 20% of the Double EXP buff just by standing on the street for 24 hours!”

The players resting in Zero Wing City quickly discovered the new changes, and they all fell into heated discussions about them. Naturally, some of them published the changes to the official forums.

At the same time, Zero Wing announced that it had increased Zero Wing City’s entrance fee to 60 Copper, which caused a huge commotion across Star-Moon Kingdom.

“Crap! Is Zero Wing that desperate for money?! They’re charging 60 Copper just to enter the city each time! That is daylight robbery!”

“You can’t put it like that. Right now, you can accumulate 20% of the Double EXP buff just by standing on Zero Wing City’s streets for 24 hours. That’s just as effective as resting in a Guild Residence’s 1-star Private Rooms. Do you know how much it costs to rent a Private Room in a Guild? Sixty Copper is definitely cheap.”

“Indeed. I just checked into a hotel in Zero Wing City, and the new benefits are simply amazing! Not only can I accumulate 30% of the Double EXP buff in 24 hours, but I also got an Energized buff that increases my maximum Stamina by 10% for four hours. Moreover, the buff only takes effect after I leave the city!”

“A 10% increase to maximum Stamina for four hours? That’s basically a free Stamina Potion! I’ve decided! I’m going to Zero Wing City to rest from now on!”

“That’s not the only thing that’s changed. I’ve heard that Zero Wing City’s teleportation function can cover a larger distance now. Now, you can teleport into the Orc Empire from Zero Wing City!”

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At first, everyone had been disgruntled about the increased prices for Zero Wing City's services, but after learning about the new benefits the city offered, the number of players willing to rest in Zero Wing City skyrocketed.

This was especially true for the adventurer teams that planned to explore the Orc Empire. While ordinary players might consider the teleportation function expensive, the fee was no problem for adventurer teams. To them, time was more important. With the amount of time they saved, they could defeat more Bosses, complete more quests, and earn more Contribution Points. They could easily earn back their teleportation fees and more.

In the end, Zero Wing City's player population shot from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 in less than an hour after the Guild implemented the new changes. At this point, the city even felt a little crowded...

Chapter 1636 – Zero Wing City's Rise

The rapid increase in Zero Wing City's player population had surprised Aqua Rose, who had assumed that it would decrease.

Not only did the sudden addition of 1,000,000 players bring in another 6,000 Gold in entrance fees to Zero Wing City, but plenty of players also rushed to use the city's teleportation function.

To save on teleportation fees, the various adventurer teams visiting Zero Wing City had also bought memberships for the teleportation services, each earning Zero Wing 20 Magic Crystals. In one short hour since the Guild implemented the new changes to the city, over 4,000 players had bought a membership, bringing in over 80,000 Magic Crystals.

There were even more players interested in teleporting to the Orc Empire. Due to the increased teleportation distance, non-members had to pay 30 Silver for each maximum-range teleportation. Even after deducting the teleportation cost, Zero Wing still earned 18 Silver from each traveling player.

During the past hour, over 6,000 non-members had teleported to the Orc Empire, handing over 1,000 Gold to Zero Wing.

Aqua Rose and Melancholic Smile were stupefied.

Previously, Melancholic Smile had worried that they wouldn't be able to earn back the cost of the Mana Tower, but the city's teleportation function alone had raked in over 1,000 Gold. The function alone made money faster than the Candlelight Trading Firm as a whole, not to mention the amount of Magic Crystals the service raked in.

Moreover, the number of players using the teleportation function and registering for membership continued to increase...

"Guild Leader, where did you obtain this Mana Tower?! It is simply amazing!" Aqua Rose said excitedly. "With its profit speed, we can easily cover our daily expenditures! We won't have anything to fear, even if we continue to duke it out with Heaven's Burial for another two weeks!"

She had agonized over Zero Wing's lack of funds. The increased bounty had skyrocketed the Guild's daily expenditures, but now, she didn't need to worry about the issue.

"This is only the beginning. Later, I'll store the weapons and equipment I've recently acquired in the Guild Warehouse. Everyone can trade for the items. Since our Guild members have suffered so greatly,

give our members in Star-Moon Kingdom some bonus GCPs. Normal members get 50 points, elite members get 200 points, and core members get 500 points,” Shi Feng said, laughing.

With the Mana Tower and the Four Towers of Elements, Zero Wing City should have no problem reaching a player population of 5,000,000 in the near future.

At that time, the city should easily earn 30,000 Gold off of entrance fees alone. Furthermore, there would be profit from the Shop rentals, hotel fees, Battle Arena, and other revenue sources.

“Guild Leader, won’t it be a little much to give out so many GCPs at once?” Aqua Rose could not help but gasp when Shi Feng told her to award so many GCPs to their Guild members.

Although the value of Zero Wing’s GCPs had recently decreased, each point was still worth nearly 20 Copper. Giving normal members 50 GCPs would be the equivalent of handing them 10 Silver each; elite members would receive 40 Silver, and core members would receive 1 Gold. Although this didn’t seem like much, Zero Wing had a lot of members in Star-Moon Kingdom.

The total cost would easily reach more than 100,000 Gold...

Although players couldn’t exchange these points for Coins, there weren’t many weapons and pieces of equipment in the Guild Warehouse available for purchase.

“It’s fine. Our members have worked hard lately. Moreover, who says our Guild doesn’t have any weapons and equipment?” Shi Feng said, chuckling. However, he did not bother to explain further. Instead, he sent You Ziping a message, instructing him and the others to deposit the weapons and equipment they had obtained during their visit to the Boneless Land into the Guild Warehouse after disconnecting the call with Aqua Rose.

They had obtained over 6,000 Level 55-plus pieces of equipment from all of the Demonic Creatures they had slain in the Boneless Land. Although the majority of the items were Bronze rank, there were several hundred pieces of Mysterious-Iron Equipment and dozens of pieces of Secret-Silver Equipment.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng's statement has confused Aqua Rose. She had no idea what Shi Feng planned to do about this situation. However, she followed his instructions and published the announcement on the Guild's notice board. Very quickly, this announcement caused a commotion in the Guild chat.

"Vice Guild Leader, is this true? The Guild is actually awarding us so many GCPs?"

"Doesn't the Guild lack funds right now? If the Guild gives us so many points, what will it do about Coins?"

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Many of the Guild members were surprised by Shi Feng's generosity. Although each player only received a small reward, the total cost of giving all of them bonus GCPs, with how many members the Guild had, would be massive.

In reality, the Guild didn't need to reward its members. Many were already satisfied with the benefits the new Residence in Zero Wing City offered after the Mana Tower had been constructed.

Now, due to the increased Mana density in the city, members could accumulate 25% of the Double EXP buff after resting for 20 hours in the Guild Hall, 35% if they rented a Private Room. Moreover, players would even accumulate the buff while they were offline.

This sudden improvement had skyrocketed the Guild members' morale. Their confidence in Zero Wing's future had not only returned, but increased.

The biggest problem players faced in God's Domain was leveling up. Unfortunately, the constant fighting with Heaven's Burial had severely affected Zero Wing members' leveling speeds. In fact, some members were losing levels faster than they could recover them. However, now that they could accumulate the Double EXP buff so quickly, regaining their lost levels would be much easier.

In contrast, Heaven's Burial's members didn't enjoy such a benefit. If this war continued, Zero Wing's members would definitely surpass Heaven's Burial's members in levels.

"No need to worry. This is a direct command from the Guild Leader. Moreover, the Guild Leader has said that since everyone is still willing to believe in Zero Wing, Zero Wing will not mistreat any of you!" Aqua Rose explained in the Guild chat. Inwardly, though, she had no confidence in her words in the least.

"All hail the Guild Leader!"

"All hail Zero Wing!"

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Hearing Aqua Rose's words, Zero Wing's members cheered.

After everyone received their bonus points, many players ran to the Guild Warehouse to purchase items. When they saw the available items, however, they were stupefied.

All sorts of weapons and equipment had been put up for purchase in the Guild Warehouse. All of the items were at least Level 55; there were even Level 65 items available. There were easily over 6,000 items in total.

Currently, even Level 50 equipment was incredibly difficult to obtain, not to mention Level 55-plus weapons and equipment.

Although none of them could use these Level 55-plus weapons and equipment at present, at the very least, they wouldn't have to worry about weapons or equipment once they reached Level 55. This was especially true for the Guild's normal and elite members. Level 50-plus equipment were extremely difficult to obtain, and being able to purchase a set of up-to-date Bronze and Mysterious Iron Equipment as soon as they reached the appropriate level would be a dream for these players.

Meanwhile, news that Zero Wing was giving away a ton of bonus GCPs and had thousands of Level 55-plus weapons and pieces of equipment spread to Star-Moon Kingdom's various large Guilds.

The various Guilds had assumed that Zero Wing had reached its limits and was close to crumbling. They had expected the Guild to play such a hand so suddenly. There was also Zero Wing City's recent rise to fame.

No matter how they looked at the situation, Zero Wing did not seem like a Guild that was nearing its end. In fact, Zero Wing grew stronger by the minute.

When Singular Burial received news of this, he was stupefied...

Chapter 1637 – Astronomical Auction

Heaven's Burial wasn't the only Guild caught off guard by Zero Wing's sudden transformation. All of the various large Guilds were astonished.

They hadn't realized that Zero Wing had such a solid foundation.

This was especially true regarding the Mana Tower in Zero Wing City. The construction had skyrocketed the Mana density in the city, making the already-attractive city even more popular among players.

Now, the various powers and players that had originally believed Zero Wing's downfall had been inevitable began to see a little hope for the Guild.

"Who would've thought Zero Wing could still make such a move?"

"Now, thanks to the Mana Tower, Zero Wing City's player population has gone through the ceiling. With this, the city's income will drastically increase. It seems that Heaven's Burial won't be able to wear Zero Wing down in a short amount of time."

"That's definitely true. Based on what I've heard, over 5,000 additional players have secured teleportation memberships in Zero Wing City since the Guild implemented the new changes."

"Indeed. The number of Orcs guarding the Orc Empire's borders continues to increase, and the borders are becoming even more difficult to cross. The distance is a huge problem as well. By teleporting straight into the Orc Empire's outer region from Zero Wing City, players can save over ten hours of travel time.

They won't have to worry about Orc patrol squads ambushing them, either. The only problem is the expensive teleportation fee; it's not affordable for ordinary players like us."

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When discussing Zero Wing City's enhanced teleportation function, whether they were members of the various major powers or independent players, they all wore hungry expressions.

At this point, the Orc Empire had become a gathering point for multiple kingdoms and two empires. However, the journey there was still a problem that plagued all of the players who wanted to visit the Orc Empire. Unlike Heaven's Burial's members, who could teleport to Ancient Rock City directly, other players had to travel for a minimum of ten hours just to get from their respective countries to the Orc Empire's outer region. To make matters worse, they could only grind in the area for a limited time before they had to return to a city or town to rest due to the empire's poor environment.

Although there were Guild Towns and a Guild City within the Orc Empire, these places had a limited number of hotels. There wasn't nearly enough accommodation for every player adventuring in the Orc Empire.

This meant that the majority of the players visiting the Orc Empire were forced to return to their countries' NPC cities to rest, spending another ten or so hours to travel back to the Orc Empire.

However, Zero Wing City had changed everything. Not only could players save precious time while traveling across the Orc Empire's borders, but they could also circle around the powerful Orc patrol squads and Mutated Orcs.

Because of this, the number of players who gathered in Zero Wing City continued to increase.

The only problem these players had to face was the money they'd have to spend to get to the empire. There was also the matter of traveling to Zero Wing City.

Although players could teleport to Zero Wing City via Evernight City, they still had to cross quite a distance to get from Star-Moon City to Evernight City. Fortunately, this problem was practically negligible compared to the potential benefits of saving so much time during their travels.

As a result, the various major powers and adventurer teams that hadn't initially been interested in Zero Wing's latest auction rushed to Stone Forest Town's Zero Wing Auction House.

Currently, despite there still being over an hour before the auction officially began, players already crowded into the spacious Advanced Auction House, many of which were members of the various large Guilds. There were also plenty of well-known adventurer teams from the multiple kingdoms and two empires that neighbored the Orc Empire.

"Big Sis Aqua, more than 50,000 players have already arrived to participate in the auction. At this rate, we might even have 70,000 participants by the time the auction starts," Yaya said excitedly as she read the statistics report in her hands.

Although Zero Wing was about to host its auction, not just anyone could take part. They had to fulfill certain conditions first.

If one wished to enter the auction venue, they needed a minimum of 100 Gold in their bags. If one wished to use the VIP rooms, then they had to have a minimum of 10,000 Gold.

The Advanced Auction House was even larger than the Candlelight Trading Firm in White River City. Not only could the largest auction hall house 100,000 people, but it also had 100 VIP rooms. Even so, all of the VIP rooms had been claimed...

When Aqua Rose saw the statistics, she, too, was shocked.

Even Super Guilds' auctions had trouble attracting such a colossal crowd.

Aqua Rose finally understood why Shi Feng had said that this was only the beginning.

With so many people contesting for Zero Wing City's private houses and Shops, it would be strange if these properties did not fetch a high price.

Following which, time passed quickly. Under Aqua Rose's guidance, Zero Wing's auction began smoothly.

Although this was an impromptu auction, the available items were still of considerable quality, all of which were quite valuable to Guilds and players. In fact, Zero Wing even intended to offer plenty of Level 45 Dark-Gold and Level 50 Secret-Silver Equipment.

"Next up is our auction's first finale item—Zero Wing City's private houses! The first private house is located behind Zero Wing City's Battle Arena. The starting bid will be 1,500 Gold, with each increment being no less than 50 Gold!"

As Aqua Rose, the auction's host, finished speaking, the crowd stirred. The players in the VIP rooms, in particular, who had, thus far, shown no interest in the items for auction, stared longingly at the image on the large display above the stage.

"Crap! Zero Wing actually dares to ask for such a price?!"

“Even the private houses in major NPC cities don’t cost 1,500 Gold!”

“Is Zero Wing that desperate for money?”

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Many of the players present were shocked by the minimum bid Aqua Rose had stated.

The private houses in NPC cities with player populations in the millions only sold for around 1,000 Gold. A few of the private houses in strategic locations only sold for a little more than that. Meanwhile, players didn’t have to worry about attacks or sieges in NPC cities, but it was a different story for a Guild City. There was no telling when another major power would attempt to take the city for itself.

Zero Wing was simply insane for trying to sell an unstable private house for such a high price.

Honestly, even Aqua Rose considered the price somewhat high, but Shi Feng had determined the minimum bid—1,500 Gold and not a Coin lower. Hence, she had no choice but to go along with his wishes.

However, after the auction’s guests discussed the private houses in hushed tones, voices began to echo throughout the auction hall one after another as they began to place their bids.

“One thousand, six hundred Gold!”

“One thousand, seven hundred Gold!”

“One thousand, eight hundred Gold!”

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The rapidly increasing prices flabbergasted everyone.

After a short moment, the price had risen to 2,200 Gold. The bids only slowed after reaching this point.

In the end, Remnant Cloud, the commander of the Firecloud Fox adventurer team, won the first private house for 2,550 Gold. Because of the winning bid, the spectating major powers envied Zero Wing. A single private house barely took up any of a city’s land, yet Zero Wing had earned so much money from a single private house.

At the same time, many of them pitied Remnant Cloud for his foolish decision.

Although Zero Wing’s situation had improved significantly, its chances of defeating Heaven’s Burial were still slim. Purchasing a private house for so much money was foolish.

However, as the various large Guilds’ upper echelons entertained such thoughts, the second private house sold for 2,700 Gold...

In total, Zero Wing had sold 15 private houses. Every one of them had sold, with the cheapest going for 2,450 Gold and the most expensive earning 2,800 Gold. The price could already rival that of high-potential Lands in NPC cities.

As for Zero Wing City's Shops, the minimum bid was a frightening 5,000 Gold, with each increment being no less than 100 Gold. In the end, of the five Shops that had sold, the cheapest sold for 7,800 Gold, while the most expensive one had gone for 8,500 Gold...

During this single auction, Zero Wing had gained a net profit of more than 120,000 Gold.

When Aqua Rose saw the final numbers, she even wondered if she were dreaming.

"Guild Leader, with this much money, we can purchase a large amount of Level 45 equipment and replenish our warehouse! We can definitely help our Guild members recover their full strength!" Aqua Rose's eyes glistened when she saw the profits the auction had raked in. It had been a long time since she had seen so much money.

"No. Set the Guild Warehouse's replenishment aside for now. First, prioritize the NPC Shops' construction," Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

He had never intended to sell Zero Wing's precious lands just to help the Guild's members recover their lost weapons and equipment. Although the Guild members items were quite important, they paled in comparison to the NPC Merchants' Shops.

NPC Shops were the lifeblood of a Guild City. Only after gaining NPC Shops could a Guild City start its endless cycle of development.

“I understand. I’ll get to it immediately.”

Hearing Shi Feng’s words, Aqua Rose recalled the NPC Merchants that had visited Zero Wing City to discuss business. Due to the Guild’s lack of funds, they had delayed the NPC Shops’ construction, but now that the Guild had money to spare, it was indeed time to address the issue.

Chapter 1638 – 3-star NPC Shop

Star-Moon Kingdom, Zero Wing City:

Since there was no need for players to construct NPC Shops personally, tall buildings began to rise in Zero Wing City as soon as Aqua Rose made the necessary payments.

The Shops 2-star NPC Merchants required usually only had two or three floors, costing between 500 and 1,000 Gold to construct. As for the Shops for the two 3-star NPC Merchants, one had five floors, while the other had six floors. Each had cost over 2,000 Gold to construct.

Fifteen minutes after Aqua Rose made the payments, the NPC Shops were complete. The added buildings made Zero Wing City look far more prosperous.

The two 3-star NPC Merchants’ Shops, which were both located in the heart of Zero Wing City, were particularly eye-catching. The architecture of these Shops was even more gorgeous than the Candlelight Trading Firm. One could tell that these two Shops were extraordinary at a glance.

Meanwhile, one of the Shops functioned as a grocery store, while the other focused on magic.

“Huh? When did these two NPC Shops get here?”

“These buildings are so extravagant! Quick; let’s go in and take a look!”

Many passersby quickly took notice of the two NPC Shops in Zero Wing City’s central district, and they couldn’t help but take a closer look.

When these players entered the Shops, they were stunned by what they saw.

Each of the two Shops offered all kinds of items, some of which couldn’t even be found in kingdoms’ capital cities. Moreover, many items, which they had never seen before, were on display in crystal cabinets.

“Isn’t this a complete set of Basic Magic Array Scrolls?! You can actually find something like this in a Shop?”

“Crap! This is a Tier 1 AOE Attack Magic Scroll!”

“Amazing! This is a Bronze Pickaxe! If I had, my mining efficiency would increase like crazy!”

“What?! This Shop even has Basic Traps?!”

Everyone's eyes nearly fell from their sockets when they saw the items on display in the dozens of crystal cabinets in the magic store's first-floor hall.

Basic Magic Arrays were rare on the market, mostly because it was extremely difficult to collect a complete set. Normally, only the various large Guilds were capable of collecting a complete set. To independent players and adventurer teams, Basic Magic Arrays were treasures that they could only gaze at longingly.

The Tier 1 Magic Scrolls were also extremely rare and could save players lives during critical moments.

The Basic Traps were also considerably effective against both players and monsters.

Every one of these items was incredibly scarce on the market, yet they were actually for sale in these NPC Shops. Moreover, the items' prices were slightly lower than market price.

"Quick! Notify the commander! We must get this Basic Magic Array no matter what!"

"Hello? Guild Leader? I just found some Bronze tools in a grocery store in Zero Wing City!"

For a time, the players visiting the two 3-star NPC Merchants' Shops busily contacted their companions or superiors, reporting the Shops' available items.

"What?! Zero Wing City actually has such Shops?!"

“I’ll have someone bring the money immediately! Keep an eye on those items!”

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The various major powers’ upper echelons were wrought with desire over the new NPC Shops in Zero Wing City. They promptly issued commands to acquire these items, no matter the cost.

In less than ten minutes, the two NPC Shops were overcrowded with players, becoming even more popular than the Candlelight Trading Firm.

News of these NPC Shops quickly spread throughout Star-Moon Kingdom.

Many players might not regard the Double EXP buff as important or have any interest in the Orc Empire, but every player was interested in obtaining rare items. This was especially true for tools that could help players defeat powerful monsters, such as Tier 1 Magic Scrolls and Basic Magic Arrays.

Usually, only Guilds had the opportunity to use such items. They couldn’t simply be purchased with enough money.

After acquiring these tools, players could take down powerful monsters they previously had to avoid.

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“Guild Leader, now that every NPC Merchant has begun their Shops’ operation, shouldn’t we purchase some of their products for ourselves?” Although Aqua Rose had known about the NPC Shops’ products, she couldn’t ignore the temptation now that they were available for purchase.

Some of the rare items in these Shops were even rare in capital cities’ Auction Houses. If they purchased these items and sold them in Zero Wing’s Auction House, they’d make a huge profit.

“No need. Rather than trying to make a profit through resale, attracting more players to Zero Wing City is more important,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. He could sympathize with Aqua Rose’s desire, but doing so would be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

NPC Shops were a Guild City’s lifeblood because they sold rare items every day, which attracted a constant stream of players to the city, increasing its popularity. The increased popularity would then help boost the city’s various revenue sources. The resulting additional entry fees alone would outstrip the profits they could earn from reselling the NPC Shops’ items.

After giving the matter some thought, Aqua Rose saw the reasoning in Shi Feng’s decision.

Less than half an hour after the NPC Shops’ grand opening, they had attracted over 300,000 more players to Zero Wing City. That was more than 1,800 Gold in entrance fees. As time passed, even more players would visit Zero Wing City, and at this rate, there was no need to resell items.

“Right, pull out some funds to purchase these materials. Buy as many of them as you can as long as the prices aren’t more than 10% higher than market value. Once you have them, send all of the materials to me,” Shi Feng instructed after examining the materials he had left to forge the Magic Light Set.

Although he had Melancholic Smile gradually collect the necessary materials, the cost was simply too high. Overall, Melancholic Smile had only managed to purchase around 100 sets of materials for him. Now that Zero Wing had funds to spare, he needed as many materials as possible.

“Alright. I’ll send someone to purchase them immediately.” When Aqua Rose saw the list of materials Shi Feng required, she was slightly astonished. However, now that Zero Wing City’s income soared, she was confident in acquiring a large stock.

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Orc Empire, Ancient Rock City:

The atmosphere in the Guild Leader’s office in Heaven’s Burial’s Residence was extraordinarily tense.

“What is going on with Zero Wing? Is some major corporation supporting it in secret?” Singular Burial grumbled, greatly displeased with the latest status report on the rival Guild. At the same time, he felt an immense pressure bear down on him.

Not long ago, it had been obvious that Zero Wing was about to crumble.

Yet, it was now full of vim and vigor. In fact, the Guild was doing so well that it had even awarded over 100,000 Gold in bonus GCPs. The large number of NPC Shops that had recently risen in Zero Wing City was even more impressive.

Singular Burial couldn’t help but wonder if Zero Wing were somehow growing richer as the Guild fought Heaven’s Burial.

“Guild Leader, our people are keeping a constant eye on this matter, but we haven’t discovered any major corporation supporting Zero Wing from the shadows. Blackwater has also confirmed this,” Daybreak Fog said, shaking her head as she answered Singular Burial with absolute certainty. “We are sure that Zero Wing’s recent income stems from Zero Wing City...”

“Zero Wing City?” Singular Burial’s expression darkened when he read the statistics report on the Guild City.

Although he hated to acknowledge it, Zero Wing City had far more potential than he had expected. He had never thought that a Guild City could develop so quickly, nearly surpassing Ancient Rock City.

“This is interesting. It would seem that Zero Wing’s foundations are much sturdier than we imagined,” Lei Jingyang, who currently sat nearby, commented, laughing. “However, this is all they can accomplish. Since they refuse to surrender, can we now take action?”

“Indeed. Young Master Lei, you can use the Evil Demon army to obliterate Zero Wing!” Singular Burial nodded. Sneering, he continued, “It’s about time we show them how frightening our Evil Demon Army truly is!”

Chapter 1639 – Start of the War

Star-Moon Kingdom, White River City:

Due to Zero Wing City's sudden rise in fame, many independent players from the neighboring kingdoms had gathered before Zero Wing's Residence in White River City, hoping to join the Guild.

Although Zero Wing didn't fare so well against Heaven's Burial right now, it was only a matter of time before Zero Wing City surpassed Heaven's Burial's Ancient Rock City at the rate it was developing.

Zero Wing City's teleportation function and numerous NPC Shops were so attractive that even independent players and well-known adventurer teams considered settling down, long-term, in the city. Currently, many adventurer teams and Guilds deeply regretted not participating in the auction for Zero Wing City's private houses.

Some adventurer teams and Guilds had even offered to purchase Zero Wing City's private houses for a much higher price, but unfortunately, no one was willing to hand over the private houses they had won in the auction.

While Zero Wing gained more momentum, Shi Feng continued to forge Magic Light Sets.

The Magic Light Set was a six-piece, Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment. Its forging procedures were extremely complex and difficult to accomplish. However, as Shi Feng completed more sets, he became increasingly familiar with the forging process. With the help of the Purple Thunder Flame, he needed even less time to complete each set.

Normally, a Master Forger would need nearly an hour to complete one attempt. Shi Feng, on the other hand, only needed around 40 minutes now. Moreover, his practical success rate had risen to 60%; he could successfully forge six sets out of ten attempts.

Due to Shi Feng's familiarity with the forging process, most of the remaining 40% only had a few minor defects, coming out as either Secret-Silver or Mysterious Iron rank. Only 10% of the failures were unusable.

While the Secret-Silver and Mysterious-Iron sets were considered failures, the pieces were still valuable to Level 50 expert players. Furthermore, the failures still retained their set effects, which made them half a rank stronger than ordinary equipment of the same rank.

Since Shi Feng had no intention of keeping the Magic Light Sets a secret, he dropped the failures in the Guild Warehouse and only kept the successful sets on him.

As Shi Feng prepared for his 27th attempt, Aqua Rose contacted him.

“Guild Leader, Heaven’s Burial has made a move. Currently, Heaven’s Burial’s Lei Jingyang is leading a massive number of Evil Beasts and expert players to attack our members in the four high-resource maps. We’re too outnumbered. We simply can’t hold them back. We’ve already lost a lot of expert members. Although I’ve already ordered a temporary retreat, it seems that Heaven’s Burial had prepared for that. Our members won’t be able to get out easily,” Aqua Rose anxiously reported as she sent Shi Feng a few videos.

Each of the recordings displayed Heaven’s Burial’s expert teams leading 20 to 30 Lord ranked and above Evil Demons.

Although the Evil Demons did not have as much HP as Evil Beasts of the same rank, they possessed superior intellect. A single Level 70 Lord ranked Evil Demon was more than capable of cornering a 20-man team of ordinary experts, let alone 30 of them. Any of Zero Wing’s 100-man expert teams would be basically annihilated if they came across these Evil Demons. Only 1,000-man teams might have some hope of resistance.

At this point, only the 100-man teams under the Conqueror Parties leadership or those led by the Guild’s Tier 2 experts could defeat Heaven’s Burial’s expert teams.

However, Heaven's Burial had sent over 5,000 Evil Demons to hunt down Zero Wing's members. The Conqueror Parties and Tier 2 experts weren't enough to keep the enemy teams in check.

In the half an hour since the attacks had begun, Zero Wing had suffered over 5,000 casualties...

"Heaven's Burial really is cautious." Shi Feng could not help his frown.

If Star-Moon Kingdom's armies discovered the Evil God's Temple's forces in their territory, they'd immediately move to destroy them.

Due to the Orc Empire's invasion, Star-Moon Kingdom's armies were spread across the kingdom. It'd be very easy to take advantage of the kingdom's power to deal with Heaven's Burial.

However, Heaven's Burial had only sent their high-mobility Evil Demons to attack. Moreover, these Evil Demons had spread out. Even if the kingdom's armies reached them in time, they'd only be able to kill a few before the rest of the Evil Demons escaped.

It was practically impossible to deal a heavy blow to this Evil Demon army.

Moreover, the Evil Demon army was particularly skilled in guerilla warfare. Players had no hope against them, let alone a single Guild.

This was also why the Evil God's Temple had very nearly wiped out an entire empire in Shi Feng's previous life.

When Zero Wing had clashed with the Evil Demon and Beast armies previously, the Guild had held the terrain advantage. It had also had the help of defensive magic arrays, Defense Turrets, NPC guards and soldiers, and other such tools, but now, Zero Wing had none of that.

As long as the Evil Demon army continued to hunt players in the fields, Zero Wing's members wouldn't be able to grind and level up.

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"Hahaha! Boss Lei, these Evil Demons are amazing! Not even Zero Wing's expert teams can hold a candle to these monsters!" a burly Ranger exclaimed, laughing as he watched the Evil Demons crush a 100-man expert team from Zero Wing a short distance away.

With just 40 Evil Demons, they had forced a Conqueror Party-led expert team to retreat. He had never thought this situation would be possible.

"Keep a close eye on them! Make sure none of them escape!" Lei Jingyang said, laughing. He, on the other hand, wasn't surprised in the least.

He had personally fought a Great Lord ranked Evil Demon before.

Without a Berserk Skill, he was no match for the Evil Demon, barely able to defend himself. If a group of Evil Demons ganged up on him, even an expert of his caliber would quickly fall.

Although Zero Wing had stood toe-to-toe with Heaven's Burial in this war of attrition thus far, the outcome had been determined long ago. Zero Wing never had a chance of victory.

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Meanwhile, news that Heaven's Burial had dispatched an Evil Demon army against Zero Wing quickly reached the major powers. Seeing the numerous Evil Demons spread across the high-resource maps Zero Wing's members occupied, even Super Guilds' upper echelons couldn't help but frown.

"It seems that Heaven's Burial has gathered a powerful Evil Demon army. Even with Zero Wing City's rise in popularity, Zero Wing's legacy will soon end." Yuan Tiexin could not help his rueful sigh as he read the latest report on the war between Zero Wing and Heaven's Burial.

According to the report, Heaven's Burial had dispatched 20 Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons to Star-Moon Kingdom. Every one of these Grand Lords was an absolute nightmare for players. The Guild had also dispatched 500 Great Lords and thousands of Lord ranked Evil Demons. This army would be invincible in the fields. Star-Moon Kingdom's NPC armies were the only hope of exterminating these monsters now. Unfortunately, by the time the kingdom's armies arrived, the Evil Demons would have likely escaped.

Had Zero Wing agreed to the Secret Pavilion's conditions, there might be a solution to this problem, but the Guild had lost any possibility of escaping this predicament.

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As Zero Wing's members retreated from the various high-resource maps, Heaven's Burial published a post on Star-Moon Kingdom's official forums.

Zero Wing, do you dare face us in a final stand?

This sentence instantly caused an uproar in Star-Moon Kingdom.

“Hahaha! It seems that Zero Wing really isn’t much after all! It’s even afraid of putting up a good fight!”

“Zero Wing members, do you guys dare to come out and fight? Or are you going to continue to hide in your city?”

Heaven’s Burial’s members clamored on the forums, provoking Zero Wing’s members to a fight in the fields.

Naturally, Zero Wing’s members were incredibly frustrated. Although they wanted to fight, they’d be surrounded by Evil Demons if they ventured into the fields. If that happened, they’d never survive, yet if they didn’t fight, everyone in the game would look down on them.

“Guild Leader, many of our members are voicing their desire to face Heaven’s Burial’s members due to the recent announcement. But if we let them...” Aqua Rose trailed off helplessly. “Is there really no way to deal with those Evil Demons?”

She found Heaven’s Burial’s actions truly disgusting, but if they didn’t find a solution quickly, not only would Zero Wing’s reputation plummet, but the Guild’s morale would also crumble.

“Does Heaven’s Burial really think that Zero Wing is some helpless sheep? Since they want a fight, I’ll give them a fight!” Shi Feng sneered.

Chapter 1640 – An Eye for an Eye, a Tooth for a Tooth

“We’re going to fight them?” Anticipation filled Aqua Rose when she heard Shi Feng’s growl. “Guild Leader, do you really have a way to deal with those Evil Demons?”

She was very familiar with Zero Wing’s foundations.

With the Guild’s current combat power, they had no chance of victory against Heaven’s Burial in the open fields. If they wanted to win, they needed some special strategy or a miracle.

“Nope,” Shi Feng said, shaking his head.

“Then how are we supposed to fight Heaven’s Burial?” Shi Feng’s simple response dumbfounded Aqua Rose.

“Who says we’re going to fight them head-on?” Shi Feng asked, revealing a faint smile. “A Guild war is a competition of wealth. If we cut off their income, how long do you think they’ll last?”

Both Guilds had already set bounties on each other’s members and incurred massive expenditures each day because of it.

If one side suddenly lacked the funds to pay for the massive number of bounty claims and couldn’t compensate its Guild members, that Guild would crumble under the pressure.

“Cut off their income?” Aqua Rose gave her Guild Leader a confused look.

Heaven’s Burial’s financial ability was frightening. Not only was it backed by the Blackwater Corporation, but it could also lean on the Orc Empire’s Ancient Rock City for funds. If it were possible to cut off these sources, Heaven’s Burial would suffer a devastating blow to its finances.

However, no matter how Aqua Rose considered the situation, she couldn’t find a way to do so.

Ancient Rock City was located in the Orc Empire’s inner region. Not only was it protected by Heaven’s Burial’s members, but the Guild also continued to strengthen the city’s static defenses. Every one of God’s Domain’s various superpowers eyed the city, hoping for a chance to capture it. The Guild had also stationed NPC soldiers within the city walls.

Although Ancient Rock City only had around 6,000 NPC soldiers, everyone was Level 100. The majority of them was also Tier 1 soldiers, with a minority of Tier 2 NPCs and a few Tier 3 commanders.

Level 100 was the second major turning point in God’s Domain. Had these NPCs been present when Heaven’s Burial had tried to capture the city, it would have failed even if it had employed thousands of Level 70 Evil Beasts.

Unfortunately, cutting off the income from the Blackwater Corporation was even less possible. Blackwater had already taken control of the Iron Empire, and with Zero Wing’s current strength, attacking the Guild in its own empire would be suicidal.

“In any case, have someone send me 60,000 Magic Crystals. I intend to visit Ancient Rock City and try to cut off Heaven’s Burial’s income from it. Also, inform our Guild members to stay indoors for now. If they have to level up, they can do so in the maps around Zero Wing City. Have Flying Shadow, Shadow Sword,

and the others offer reinforcement if our members come under attack,” Shi Feng instructed after nodding to Aqua Rose’s question.

None of the others had the power to deal with Ancient Rock City.

Unfortunately for Heaven’s Burial, he had obtained the Demon King’s Horn, an Epic Consumable, during his trip to the World Summit.

Even Zero Wing City’s defensive magic array would shatter against a full-powered attack from a Tier 5 Demon King, not to mention Ancient Rock City’s.

The Demon King’s Horn’s only flaw was its maddening requirement of Magic Crystals.

Previously, Zero Wing hadn’t even had 10,000 Magic Crystals in its Warehouse, and Shi Feng couldn’t have afforded to use the Demon King’s Horn. But things had changed for the Guild. Zero Wing City alone earned more than 100,000 Magic Crystals through its teleportation services and Battle Arena, and the number continued to climb by the minute.

Hence, taking 60,000 Magic Crystals would not harm Zero Wing’s daily operations too much.

Since Heaven’s Burial dared pull such a stunt, Shi Feng had to return the favor. As the saying went; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

When Aqua Rose heard that Shi Feng planned to head to Ancient Rock City by himself, she panicked. Hurriedly, she argued, “Guild Leader, it is too dangerous for you to go alone. There are Level 100, Tier 3

NPCs guarding Ancient Rock City. Heaven's Burial has long since set Zero Wing as an enemy. The moment you approach the city, the NPCs will annihilate you."

Every NPC soldier in Ancient Rock City was more than capable of slaughtering current players. Going there alone was suicidal.

"Relax. I know what I'm doing. If I really can't pull it off, I won't force the issue," Shi Feng said, chuckling. He did not bother to explain further.

"Then, you must be careful. I will have Yaya deliver the Magic Crystals right away," Aqua Rose repeatedly implored. Despite Shi Feng telling her to relax, she could not help but worry.

Following which, Aqua Rose had Yaya deliver 60,000 Magic Crystals to White River City's Candlelight Trading Firm while she dealt with the Guild members, instructing everyone to avoid going out as much as possible.

Once Shi Feng obtained the 60,000 Magic Crystals, he retrieved two Tier 3 Defensive Magic Scrolls, which the Guild's main force had acquired, from the Guild Warehouse before hurrying to Ancient Rock City.

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Orc Empire, Ancient Rock City:

Due to the Primordial Divine Ruin's appearance, high-level quests and powerful Bosses had begun to spawn around the ruin. Because of this, many players had gathered in the area to compete for these

resources. This also increased Ancient Rock City's player population. Though, the population increase was not as dramatic as that of Zero Wing City.

Some of the new arrivals to Ancient Rock City were in awe of the city's numerous large buildings.

Ancient Rock City contained various hotels, smithies, bars, and restaurants, and the shortest of these buildings included three floors, while the tallest even had six or seven. Ancient Rock City's prosperity could already rival major NPC cities.

Moreover, the city's defenses were incredibly powerful. The city already had 28 Defense Turrets and dozens of Arrow Towers. The center of the city even housed three Basic Mana Pulse Cannons, which Heaven's Burial had purchased from Blackwing City...

Even if an Orc army attempted to siege the city, no one would expect the city to fall for even a second. When the various superpowers saw the city, they were forced to abandon the idea of capturing it.

"Ancient Rock City is truly an impenetrable fortress. With this city, it is only a matter of time before Heaven's Burial becomes a super-first-rate Guild."

"That's right. With the constant supply of funds from Ancient Rock City and the support from major corporations, many experts will likely attempt to join the Guild. All Heaven's Burial needs now is time to develop."

"I know, right? I've heard that the Evil Demon army attacking Zero Wing right now also belongs to Heaven's Burial. You guys should see how powerful those Evil Demons are for yourselves. Ordinary experts are nothing before those Lord ranked Evil Demons. Just one of them can easily wipe out a 20-man expert team, and the Great Lord ranked Evil Demons' combat standards can even rival ordinary

experts. Even the various superpowers are afraid of Heaven's Burial now. If not for the other kingdoms and empires hunting down the Evil Demons, Zero Wing would've been annihilated already."

"Zero Wing sure is unlucky to have Heaven's Burial as an enemy. With this Evil Demon army against them, Zero Wing is finished."

"Although Zero Wing is not a weak Guild by any means, it has crap luck to have crossed Heaven's Burial."

"I've heard that Heaven's Burial plans to recruit more members soon. Why don't we join Heaven's Burial after our meal? If we're late, it might become even more difficult to join the Guild later."

"I guess you're right. Count me in."

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As the players in Ancient Rock City discussed Heaven's Burial, many expressed their admiration and envy.

Heaven's Burial had both money and strength. It was only a matter of time before it took control of the several kingdoms neighboring the Orc Empire. Not even Super Guilds could stop the Guild's growth now.

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Meanwhile, in Heaven's Burial's Residence in Ancient Rock City, Singular Burial wore a delighted expression as he sat in his office. When he read the latest report, an indescribable joy filled his heart.

"So what if your city earns a lot of money, Black Flame? In the face of absolute power, what can you possibly do?" Singular Burial laughed maniacally.

After a series of battles, Heaven's Burial had killed over 15,000 Zero Wing members. Although most of them were normal members, it had been a significant blow to Zero Wing.

At the moment, Zero Wing's members hid in towns and cities, most not daring to leave the safety to grind. Heaven's Burial immediately sent a team to kill any that did the moment they were discovered. Although some players had snuck past Heaven's Burial, they couldn't affect the overall situation.

If this persisted, it wouldn't be long before Zero Wing's members began to withdraw from the Guild. Once that happened, Zero Wing would truly be finished.

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As Singular Burial prepared to meet with his Guild's upper echelons to discuss their next moves, Shi Feng secretly snuck across Ancient Rock City's walls.

Although Heaven's Burial had already set Zero Wing's members as enemies, Shi Feng had the Nightwalker's Cape equipped. If he wished to escape detection, not even Tier 3 NPCs would find him. The only problem was that he still wasn't allowed to enter the city. Fortunately, he didn't need to.

"As expected of one of the Orc Empire's cities. It's certainly more prosperous than Zero wing City," Shi Feng muttered to himself, smiling as he observed Ancient Rock City through its gates. "It seems that

Heaven's Burial has improved the city's defenses quite a bit. I wonder if it can withstand a Tier 5 large-scale destruction Spell?"

As Shi Feng muttered, he activated Gale Domain and flew above Ancient Rock City.

Chapter 1641 – Demon King's Descent

Twenty-meter-tall walls surrounded Ancient Rock City, strengthened by magic runes. Even powerful players would not be able to scale these walls. Furthermore, a defensive magic array protected Ancient Rock City, so even if players managed to climb the walls, the magic array would stop them in their tracks.

Normally, players could only enter Ancient Rock City through its main entrance.

If players with nefarious intentions couldn't even break past these two defenses, they'd have no hope of getting past the NPCs patrolling the city, and their attempts would be for naught.

Due to the Orc Empire's unique environment, players consumed Stamina and Concentration more quickly in the area. The only way they could recover their lost Stamina and concentration was to enter a magic array-enclosed town or city.

Currently, a long line of players waited patiently outside of Ancient Rock City's main entrance. They would only be permitted entry after they had been inspected by the city's NPC soldiers.

“This inspection is really annoying. Heaven’s Burial actually refuses to let cloaked players into the city and is adamant that we reveal our identities.”

“They’re likely afraid of players from enemy factions sneaking into the city. There are so many superpowers keeping an eye on Ancient Rock City, and if they decided to take action within the city’s walls, Heaven’s Burial’s losses will be no laughing matter.”

“They’re overly worried. Causing trouble in Ancient Rock City is easier said than done. Plenty of NPC soldiers and players constantly patrol the city. If anyone does anything odd, they’ll likely die before they can do any actual damage.”

“Indeed. Heaven’s Burial is just being too careful. With such powerful defenses, not even the Super Guilds can do anything to the city.”

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As the players in line discussed Ancient Rock City’s strict security, they all agreed that Heaven’s Burial was being too sensitive. Ancient Rock City wasn’t even under players full control, and as a result, formidable NPCs guarded the city. Even if players wanted to attack the city, there was nothing they could do at this stage of the game.

“Huh? Guys, look. Someone’s up there!”

“Crap! Who is that? He’s actually flying!”

“What’s he trying to do?”

“He isn’t trying to attack the city, is he?”

“Attack the city? Are you kidding me? Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic array isn’t just for show. Current players can’t go up against it. He must be trying to get a better look at the city’s situation.”

“Who is that guy? He sure has guts! Isn’t he afraid that Heaven’s Burial will try to kill him?”

When the crowd queued up to enter Ancient Rock City saw the figure in the sky, they couldn’t help their growing curiosity.

The players outside of Ancient Rock City weren’t the only ones to notice Shi Feng. The players within the city’s walls noticed him as well, and his appearance instantly caused a commotion.

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Meanwhile, in Heaven’s Burial’s Residence...

“Guild Leader, someone has suddenly appeared above the city. By the looks of it, he seems to be a player,” a Level 49 Ranger announced after entering the Guild Leader’s office. “Should we send the patrol squads to eliminate him?”

Normally, they didn’t bother with players as long as they didn’t try to cause any trouble.

However, this unknown player dared to look down on Ancient Rock City from above. This was a blatant insult to Heaven's Burial. If they did not teach this player a lesson, it could impact the Guild's prestige.

"Someone's looking down on the city from above?" The Ranger's report surprised Singular Burial slightly. "Do you know who it is?"

This was the first time they had encountered such an arrogant player since Heaven's Burial had taken control of Ancient Rock City.

"We've tried to investigate, but he's wearing a Black Cloak, so we can't see the player's identity," the Ranger said, shaking his head.

"Interesting. This person must be tired of life to act so wildly in Heaven's Burial's territory. Although I don't know what they intend to do, I don't want to see them leave this place alive. Notify our subordinates immediately and have them display the Guild's strength," Singular Burial said, sneering as he looked at the cloaked image of Shi Feng.

"Understood!" The Ranger left to notify the NPC and player patrol squads to take action.

Normally, NPC soldiers wouldn't take long to deal with an intruder when an enemy appeared in a city, but since this mysterious individual had hidden his identity and hadn't done anything just yet, they'd only be prevented from entering Ancient Rock City. The NPCs would not attempt to remove the player.

However, these NPCs would launch an attack if they received a direct command.

Current players were little more than flies to Level 100 NPCs.

Shortly after Singular Burial issued the command, the NPCs on the city walls set their sights on Shi Feng as he hovered above the city.

One of the Tier 3 commanders immediately launched a Tier 3 Spell, while the Tier 1 soldiers beside him pulled out their bows and fired at Shi Feng.

“It seems that Heaven’s Burial is really angry. They actually commanded the NPCs to attack. That person is in for a beating.”

“I know, right? It really makes you wonder what is going through that person’s mind. Does he really think Ancient Rock City’s NPC soldiers there for decoration?”

As everyone watched the Tier 3 Spell and hundreds of arrows soar towards the hovering intruder, Shi Feng finished his preparations. He then unfurled the Tier 3 Defensive Scroll in his hands and activated it.

Immediately, dark-blue streams of air danced around Shi Feng, encasing him. Not only did the air streams strike the incoming arrows down, but they also blocked the Tier 3 Spell. In the end, Shi Feng emerged from the volley unscathed.

“What?! He’s still alive?!” Everyone was stunned when they saw Shi Feng unharmed.

Against a Level 100, Tier 3 NPC’s Tier 3 Spell, even a player of the same rank and level would take significant damage. The other NPCs had also fired hundreds of arrows at Shi Feng.

Yet, despite such a domineering assault, Shi Feng hadn't taken any damage.

Contrary to expectations, Shi Feng didn't try to escape after the NPCs' first volley ended. Rather, he pulled an item from his bag.

The instant he revealed this item, the surrounding Mana surged towards Shi Feng.

As he began to chant an incantation, the Mana around him concentrated into liquid. In seconds, a pitch-black magic array, covering a 2,000-yard radius, appeared above Ancient Rock City. The phantom of a Demon King then appeared beneath the magic array, radiating a terrifying aura that every player in Ancient Rock City could feel.

"What a powerful Spell!"

"What is that person trying to do?"

"He couldn't really be trying to siege the city, right?"

"This is insane! That person is definitely crazy! This is Ancient Rock City we're talking about! What can one player like him possibly do to the city's defensive magic array?"

Ancient Rock City's players didn't panic in the least as they watched the pitch-black magic array above the city. Rather, they were confused.

If this player had used this Spell to attack within the city, it would decimate Ancient Rock City, but since it was outside of the city's defenses, it couldn't damage the city in the slightest. At most, it would expend some of the defensive magic array's energy.

As everyone questioned Shi Feng's sanity, the black magic array in the sky completed its formation. At the same time, the Demon King released a furious bellow and summoned numerous flaming meteors, raining them down on Ancient Rock City.

Tier 5 Spell, Hell Meteor!

The instant the hill-sized meteors met the city's defensive magic array, a deafening boom echoed throughout the city. As one meteor after another crashed down, cracks began to snake across the magic barrier around Ancient Rock City. As the cracks continuously spread, the defensive magic array protecting the city eventually shattered and disappeared...

Chapter 1642 – Shocking All Sides

As the players within the city watched the defensive magic array around Ancient Rock City transform into particles of light and disappear, their expressions froze.

“How is this possible?”

“What's going on here?”

“Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic array was destroyed?”

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For a time, everyone struggled to process and accept the fact that the defensive magic array had actually broken.

Although they were not particularly familiar with the strength of a city’s defensive magic array, they knew that normal Spells would be utterly useless against it. Even Tier 4 Spells would barely have an effect.

When Heaven’s Burial had tried to capture Ancient Rock City, the Guild had spent many hours bombarding the city’s defensive magic array. It had even employed Tier 4 Mythic ranked Evil Beasts to assault the barrier.

Yet, this same, peerless magic array had crumbled under a single attack. It felt like some kind of joke.

“What did that person do?”

“Is he some kind of high-tiered NPC?”

Curiosity filled Ancient Rock City’s players as they watched Shi Feng’s cloaked figure.

Meanwhile, the eyes of the various players from visiting superpowers within the city glowed as they watched the defensive magic array fall.

“A chance! This is our chance!”

“Quick! Notify the Guild Leader!”

Thus far, the superpowers hadn't given up on securing Ancient Rock City for themselves. Its daily income was so astronomical that not even Super Guilds could ignore the temptation. However, nobody had been able to do anything against the city; its defenses were simply too powerful.

Aside from the city's Level 100 NPCs, the city's defensive magic array was impossible for these superpowers to overcome. They'd also have to contend with the defensive magic array protecting the City Lord's Mansion.

Now, however, Ancient Rock City's defensive magic array was gone. City's defensive magic arrays weren't like the defensive arrays players could summon with Magic Array Scrolls. Once shattered, the protective barrier would need a long time to reform. Depending on the Mana supply, forming another magic array could take anywhere from 24 to 48 hours.

During this time, Ancient Rock City would be without the protection of a defensive magic array. Aside from the city's defensive structures, the various superpowers only had to overcome the NPCs defending the city. Not, it was entirely possible to steal Ancient Rock City out from under Heaven's Burial.

The various superpowers' members who rested in Ancient Rock City immediately contacted their supervisors to report the city's situation.

In almost no time, everyone had heard the news of Ancient Rock City's defensive magic array shattering, causing quite a commotion among the various major powers in the Orc Empire.

"What? Someone has broken Ancient Rock City's defensive magic array? How did they do it?"

"Hurry up and look into it! We must know that person's identity!"

"This is a good opportunity. Heaven's Burial has been relying on Ancient Rock City to suppress us in the Orc Empire. Now that the city has lost its defensive magic array, we definitely have a chance of taking Heaven's Burial's place! Mobilize all of our members in the Orc Empire and tell them to gather in Ancient Rock City! Call in all of our elite members grinding elsewhere, too! We can't let the other Guilds get ahead of us!"

For a time, the various superpowers developing in the Orc Empire began to gather their forces in Ancient Rock City.

Twenty-four hours was more than enough for their forces to make it to Ancient Rock City. Without the defensive magic array in their path, they just needed to distract the NPC soldiers and destroy the City Lord's Tablet, which was inside the City Lord's Mansion. Once that was complete, the city would become ownerless, and a City Order would appear. If they could get their hands on that City Order, they would claim Ancient Rock City for themselves.

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Meanwhile, silence dominated the Guild Leader's office in Heaven's Burial's Residence.

When Singular Burial had initially looked out his office window and noticed the absence of the city's defensive magic array, he had been stunned for a long moment. Once he recovered from the shock, his expression turned somber as he radiated a chilling aura that even decreased the room's temperature. Everyone in the room shuddered as this aura overwhelmed them.

"Kill... Kill him! I don't care who he is! I want him dead! Dead!" Singular Burial bellowed as he glared at Shi Feng's figure hovering over the city.

Ancient Rock City was Heaven's Burial's foundation. The Guild had sacrificed too much to obtain it.

Now that the city's defensive magic array had fallen, the various superpowers, which had eyed Ancient Rock City for a while, wouldn't miss this opportunity. They would launch fervent assaults against the city, and although Singular Burial was confident that his Guild could repel these usurpers, Heaven's Burial would suffer immeasurable losses in the upcoming battle. It might even cripple the Guild's development.

"Understood!"

Finally, everyone reacted and rushed out of the office.

At first, they had assumed that they were dealing with some insignificant lunatic, but that lunatic had actually shattered Ancient Rock City's defensive magic array and threatened Heaven's Burial's foundation.

After Singular Burial issued the command, every NPC in Ancient Rock City dashed towards Shi Feng, hurling all kinds of ranged attacks. At the same time, the city's Defense Turrets and Arrow Towers began to bombard the flying Swordsman.

But despite such powerful attacks flying at him from different directions, Shi Feng didn't try to evade them. Instead, he flew straight towards the City Lord's Mansion. With Gale Domain active, Shi Feng's Movement Speed was ridiculously high, and as a result, very few attacks managed to reach him.

When an attack did reach him, the streams of dark-blue air revolving around Shi Feng struck it down before it could deal any real damage.

"What's that person trying to do?"

"Is he not going to flee?"

"He seems to be heading towards the City Lord's Mansion. He couldn't be..."

When the city's players realized where Shi Feng was heading, they considered a possibility. Although they thought that the chance of such an occurrence was minuscule, and the action was utterly suicidal, they couldn't help but shudder at the thought.

Sieging the City Lord's Mansion!

No matter how they thought about it, no single player could achieve this feat.

The City Lord's Mansion had its own defensive magic array. Only, it didn't require as much energy as the barrier that protected the entire city. Even so, Tier 3 or 4 attacks couldn't easily bring it down.

"Could he be capable of using that Spell again?" Everyone gulped in trepidation at the thought.

The Spell Shi Feng had used was absurdly powerful. The fact that he had already used it once was impressive enough.

It would simply be unfair if he could use it again.

"No! He definitely can't use that kind of Spell a second time! He must be bluffing!" Singular Burial's eyes were bloodshot as he watched Shi Feng soar closer to the City Lord's Mansion, refusing to believe that such a thing was possible.

It wasn't long before Shi Feng stopped above the City Lord's Mansion. With his lips curving into a smile, he raised the Demon King's Horn once more and sacrificed another 30,000 Magic Crystals to the item.

Suddenly, the same gigantic, pitch-black magic array appeared enveloped the City Lord's Mansion. A Demon King's phantom then materialized beneath the array.

"No! This is impossible!" Madness struck Singular Burial as he watched the Demon King cast Hell Meteor again. "Quick! Kill him! Don't let him finish the Spell!"

At this point, everyone from Heaven's Burial realized the severity of their situation. Without hesitation, they tried to tear Shi Feng from the sky with Tier 3 Magic Scrolls. Some even used Tier 4 Magic Scrolls, hoping to kill this intruder as quickly as possible.

“It’s too late!”

Shi Feng smiled at the defensive magic array around the City Lord’s Mansion. Lightly, he swung the Demon King’s Horn down, gesturing at the mansion.

Chapter 1643 – Destroying a City Alone

As Shi Feng swung down the Demon King’s Horn from his position above Ancient Rock City’s City Lord’s Mansion, the pitch-black magic array looming over the building released a blinding light. In response, hill-sized meteors began to emerge from the array and rain down on the City Lord’s Mansion.

Unlike the previous attack, the players outside of the mansion weren’t protected by a magic array. They could clearly feel the heat waves from the blazing meteors.

One meteor after another crashed into the defensive magic array protecting the City Lord’s Mansion, causing the barrier to crack. Although the array had a constant supply of energy, its recovery rate couldn’t keep up with the damage it received. As a result, more cracks began to spread across the barrier.

No! The defensive magic array around the City Lord’s Mansion is slightly stronger than the one that protected the city! It’s definitely going to endure the attack! Singular Burial silently prayed as he watched the powerful bombardment.

The City Lord's Mansion was the heart of the city. Hence, the defensive magic array constructed to protect it was even stronger than the one that had protected the city. This was also why he was so confident that Ancient Rock City would never fall into the various superpowers' hands.

But as hope rekindled in Singular Burial's heart, reality gave him a tight slap to the face.

Under Hell Meteor's continuous bombardment, the defensive magic array around the City Lord's Mansion eventually collapsed, and the semi-translucent barrier shattered like a mirror...

"This..."

"Is this a joke?! Who is that guy?! He actually destroyed two defensive magic arrays in a row!"

"How is this possible?! That's the City Lord's Mansion's defensive magic array that we're talking about! Even several Mythic monsters would need to attack it for a long time to destroy it! What kind of Spell did he just use?!"

The crowd in Ancient Rock City was stupefied as they watched the spectacle before them. Even Heaven's Burial's members had forgotten to attack the intruder as they stared at the now-unprotected City Lord's Mansion with dumbfounded expressions.

Nobody could believe their eyes. Not even the City Lord's Mansion's defensive magic array could stop Shi Feng's attack.

What these players didn't know was that the attack Shi Feng had executed with the Demon King's Horn contained a Demon King's full power. The attack ranked at the peak of Tier 5.

A normal city's defensive magic array would have no trouble blocking Tier 3 attacks. It could even withstand Tier 4 attacks, which would only exhaust a, albeit considerable, portion of the array's energy reserves.

However, the Demon King's Horn's attack far exceeded the threshold of any city's defensive magic array. The item could even break through Zero Wing City's defensive magic array, which had a special power source.

Once an attack exceeded a defensive magic array's threshold, its energy depletion would increase by multiple times. It wouldn't be unusual if the array stopped functioning entirely.

This was also why the various Guilds had held massive celebrations whenever they gained a Tier 5 player in Shi Feng's previous life. Tier 5 players weren't just capable of defending a city by themselves; they could also shatter an ordinary city's defensive magic array without help, making it far easier for their Guild to capture a city.

Even after the defensive magic array around the City Lord's Mansion fell, Hell Meteor's duration hadn't ended. The brilliant meteors bombarded the mansion itself, and although the building had been reinforced with divine runes, it was no match for the incredible attack. In just a few short seconds, the City Lord's Mansion was in shambles.

As expected of a Tier 5 peak existence's large-scale destruction Spell! Its power really is amazing! Shi Feng was astonished as he stared at the tattered City Lord's Mansion.

He had thought that the Demon King's Horn would only be able to break through the defensive magic array, but looking at it now, it would seem that he had still underestimated the item's power.

Unfortunately, he could only use the Demon King's Horn twice. Once the attack ended, the Demon King's Horn gradually disintegrated, becoming no more than dust particles before it disappeared.

"Die! He must die! I want him removed from God's Domain entirely!" Singular Burial glared at Shi Feng with bloodshot eyes. If the man stood before him now, Singular Burial would eat Shi Feng alive.

Heaven's Burial could've relied on the City Lord's Mansion's defensive magic array to withstand the various superpowers' assaults, but now that that array had shattered, Ancient Rock City had lost its last line of defense. Now, however, with said magic array shattered, this meant that Ancient Rock City's last line of defense had also disappeared.

As Singular Burial barked out commands like a madman, Daybreak Fog and Heaven's Burial's other members worked with the NPC soldiers to eliminate Shi Feng.

In truth, though, they knew that their actions were futile.

Even if they killed Shi Feng, Ancient Rock City's two defensive magic arrays were gone, and they would need a long time to recover.

Meanwhile, facing attacks from all sides, Shi Feng unhurriedly retrieved a Tier 3 Defensive Magic Scroll and activated it, blocking every incoming attack.

"Damn it! Just who the hell is he?! What kind of feud does he have with our Guild?!"

"Find out! Use whatever means it takes to discover that person's identity!"

Seeing that Shi Feng was unfazed despite so many players' attacks, both Heaven's Burial's members and the players from the various superpowers wondered about the man's identity.

Even Super Guilds were helpless against Ancient Rock City, yet Shi Feng had destroyed two of the city's defensive magic arrays by himself. It was utterly unbelievable, but with the facts before them, they had no choice but to admit it had happened.

As players ran off to investigate this flying intruder, Shi Feng took the initiative to remove his Black Cloak, revealing his Black Flame appearance.

"Heaven's Burial! Didn't you guys ask for a fight?! I'm here!" Shi Feng shouted as he looked down on Heaven's Burial's members.

The moment Shi Feng revealed his identity, a moment of silence descended on the city.

"What?! It's Black Flame?!"

"Impossible! Black Flame actually came to Ancient Rock City?! And he destroyed two of the city's defensive magic arrays?!"

"Amazing! Truly amazing!"

The players in Ancient Rock City were thunderstruck when they learned Shi Feng's identity. They had never thought that Zero Wing's Black Flame would actually accomplish such an unbelievable feat.

"Black Flame? He's actually Black Flame? How is that possible?!" Singular Burial was dazed when he saw Shi Feng, struggling to think properly.

When he had sent the Evil Demon army after Zero Wing, he had taken into account that the enemy Guild might launch some kind of counterattack, but he had never imagined that Zero Wing's Guild Leader would be so bold as to attack Heaven's Burial's headquarters by himself.

Meanwhile, Daybreak Fog, who commanded the battle outside the City Lord's Mansion, took a deep breath and ordered, "Kill him! We outnumber him! We cannot let Black Flame enter the City Lord's Mansion!"

The Guild's members only reacted and remembered to attack Shi Feng after they heard Daybreak Fog's voice ring out.

Now that the City Lord's Mansion had lost its defensive magic array, there was nothing to protect the City Lord's Tablet. If they allowed Shi Feng to destroy the tablet and obtain the City Order that would then appear, Heaven's Burial would suffer unimaginable consequences.

There was no way that Shi Feng, who hovered above them all, would emerge unscathed with so many attacks from both players and NPCs.

However, Shi Feng had no intention of entering the City Lord's Mansion. Instead, he swiped his right hand across the empty air before him. In response, a spatial tear appeared in front of him, blocking the incoming attacks.

Before every players' eyes in Ancient Rock City, Shi Feng entered the spatial tear and vanished...

Chapter 1644 – Reversal

“He’s gone?”

“He must’ve teleported!”

“Amazing! He’s too strong!”

“So, that was the Sword King?”

Everyone was dumbfounded yet again as they watched the tear in space gradually mend.

Shi Feng had certainly given them a shocking show.

First, he had attacked Heaven’s Burial’s main headquarters by himself and destroyed two of Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic arrays. Then, despite the fact that he had been surrounded by Heaven’s Burial’s members and Ancient Rock City’s NPC soldiers, he had left without taking a single point of damage. Meanwhile, Heaven’s Burial’s members had been utterly powerless during all of this. They had only been able to watch as it had all happened...

Not even Super Guilds could impact Ancient Rock City, yet Zero Wing's Black Flame had flipped the city upside down on his own.

The man's capabilities were simply terrifying!

"Damn it! He escaped!" Broken Flow ground his teeth in frustration as he watched Shi Feng disappear.

Shi Feng had safely left Ancient Rock City as everyone had watched. If news of this spread, Heaven's Burial's reputation would be in ruins.

"Black Flame!" Daybreak Fog's expression darkened.

She had thought that Zero Wing had run out of options and was on the path to destruction. She had never thought that the Guild would actually make such a move. Compared to what Shi Feng had just achieved, Heaven's Burial recent success in killing over 15,000 Zero Wing members wasn't even worth mentioning.

Now that both of Ancient Rock City's defensive magic arrays had been destroyed, the various superpowers would attack the city with renewed fervor.

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Meanwhile, Singular Burial seethed with rage in Heaven's Burial's Residence. His eyes were bloodshot as he continuously smashed the desk before him to pieces.

“Black! Flame! !! Will! Never! Let! You! Off! The! Hook!” Singular Burial bellowed from within his office, and everyone in the Guild Residence could hear his declaration.

He had lost too much this time!

Without the two defensive magic arrays, the various superpowers’ armies could charge into Ancient Rock City without trouble.

Ancient Rock City had just begun to take shape. The Guild hadn’t even fully fortified the city yet. If the various superpowers attacked now, the city would sustain heavy damages and would be out of commission for some time even if Heaven’s Burial managed to hold on to it.

“Guild Leader, what should we do now?” Daybreak Fog asked Singular Burial through a private call.

“Recall everyone! Notify Young Master Lei and the others and have them return to help defend the city! We cannot allow the other superpowers to get anywhere near the City Lord’s Mansion!” Singular Burial instructed once he had calmed slightly.

Although he wanted nothing more than to hunt Shi Feng down and decimate Zero Wing City, fending off the superpowers’ armies was far more important right now.

“Zero Wing, just you wait! Sooner or later, I will have my revenge!” After Singular Burial finished issuing his commands, he took another look at the video before him. It replayed Shi Feng’s rain of destruction as he eliminated the defensive magic array around the City Lord’s Mansion.

Shi Feng's latest actions had caused Heaven's Burial plenty of trouble. It would also delay Zero Wing's destruction by quite a while. However, it didn't change Heaven's Burial's overwhelming advantage over Zero Wing.

After Shi Feng had destroyed the two defensive magic arrays in Ancient Rock City, news of his feat quickly spread throughout the several kingdoms and two empires neighboring the Orc Empire.

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"Amazing! He actually made such a mess of Ancient Rock City by himself!" Galaxy Past could not help but laugh when he read the urgent report his subordinate had sent. "The various superpowers' armies will have a greater chance of securing the city now."

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"So, this is the rumored Sword King? He really is something," Cuttlefish, from the Crimson Emperor Guild, muttered, chuckling as he watched the battle video. "This has definitely created an opportunity for Crimson Emperor."

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Meanwhile, in the Dragon-Phoenix Pavilion's Residence on Thunder Island...

Blue Phoenix, who wore a set of elegant, dark-purple mage robes, burst into the Guild Leader's office, wearing an excited expression.

“Big Sis Rain, big news! Black Flame has single-handedly destroyed Heaven’s Burial’s Ancient Rock City! Heaven’s Burial is in turmoil!” Blue Phoenix reported as she grinned at the beauty in a black, silken dress, who currently sat behind an office table as she shifted through paperwork.

“How is that possible? Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic array can easily withstand Tier 4 attacks.” Phoenix Rain paused, looking up from her work to give Blue Phoenix a skeptical look.

“It’s true! Black Flame used some kind of tool to destroy Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic arrays in a single hit!” Blue Phoenix said. She then sent Phoenix Rain a battle video.

In the video, Shi Feng attacked Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic array, casting Hell Meteor repeatedly and shattering both defensive magic arrays in minutes.

“Just how many secrets does Zero Wing have?” Phoenix Rain’s eyes widened in shock as she watched Shi Feng use the same devastating attack twice in a row.

With such a powerful attack and Shi Feng’s ability to move about freely, no Guild Town or City could hope to stop him.

Even Super Guilds would fear the Swordsman.

However, what Phoenix Rain didn’t know was that Shi Feng could only use the Demon King’s Horn twice. Once he expended those uses, it would disappear. He’d have to rely on his luck to obtain another such item. After all, tools that allowed players to cast Tier 5 Spells were as rare as a phoenix’s feather in God’s Domain.

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Elsewhere, Shi Feng arrived in a deserted mountain range after using Space Movement. He then took out a Return Scroll and teleported back to White River City.

As he strolled down the city's streets, he could hear countless players discussing Ancient Rock City. Because of the latest events, Zero Wing's reputation had reached an all-time high.

It seems my plan has been quite effective. Seeing that Zero Wing's reputation had soared among the masses, Shi Feng was considerably satisfied with his latest operation.

Although he had exhausted the Demon King's Horn and spent 60,000 Magic Crystals, he had put Heaven's Burial at risk.

Even if the Guild defended their hold on Ancient Rock City, it wouldn't see any more of the city's profits for some time. To make matters worse, both Heaven's Burial and Zero Wing still incurred massive expenditures every day due to the ongoing war. If Heaven's Burial wasn't careful, the Guild might disintegrate in the next few days.

As Shi Feng was about to return to the Candlelight Trading Firm to resume forging Magic Light Sets, Aqua Rose contacted him.

"Guild Leader, you're too ruthless!" Aqua Rose said, clearly excited as she addressed Shi Feng. "Heaven's Burial is definitely in trouble. According to our latest reports, over ten superpowers are marching their armies towards Ancient Rock City as we speak. They have a combined force of around 700,000 elite players. Heaven's Burial is going to have its hands full trying to defend Ancient Rock City, let alone deal with us."

“Heaven’s Burial isn’t our only enemy. We still have to worry about the Blackwater Corporation. Have we seen any movement from Blackwater recently?” Shi Feng asked.

Nodding her agreement with Shi Feng’s statement, Aqua Rose calmed herself and answered, “It seems that Blackwater has turned its focus to raiding the Primordial Divine Ruin. It has even reduced the number of experts hunting our members to send more players to explore the ruin.”

“The Primordial Divine Ruin?” Shi Feng fell into deep thought for a moment.

The Primordial Divine Ruin was an excellent location to obtain combat techniques native to God’s Domain. If one collected enough of them, the result from learning them all could even rival the advanced combat rooms in Stone Forest Town’s Battle Arena.

While Shi Feng considered the situation, the sound of a system notification attracted his attention.

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System Announcement: Someone has successfully triggered the new expansion pack “Primordial Trial.” The Primordial Divine Ruin within the Orc Empire will undergo further activation. In ten hours, the Primordial City’s gates will open on the Primordial Divine Ruin’s fifth floor. Please prepare.

Chapter 1645 – Primordial City

Shi Feng wasn’t the only player to receive the system notification. Players in the Orc Empire and those in the neighboring kingdoms and empires were also notified.

“A new expansion pack?”

“Someone triggered an expansion pack related to the Primordial Divine Ruin? How lucky!”

“What’s going on? What’s this ‘Primordial City?’”

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The system notification stirred players in the various kingdoms and empires into an uproar.

Although the new expansion pack this time did not require players to log off, every new expansion pack meant new opportunities.

Every time a new expansion pack launched, the status quo in God’s Domain would change; some Guilds and players would rise, while others would fall.

Meanwhile, this expansion pack was connected to the highly popular Primordial Divine Ruin, which even the various superpowers struggled to monopolize. It was clear that this expansion pack would be extraordinary. If one took advantage of this expansion pack properly, they could even experience a meteoric rise, becoming famous throughout God’s Domain. After all, the same thing had already happened multiple times thus far.

Everyone immediately looked into this Primordial City the system announcement had mentioned. As soon as they had, though, they were stunned by what they had found.

According to God's Domain's historical records, Primordial City had been a legendary city before the Great Destruction. Nobody knew exactly what kind of place this city was. They only knew that players had to travel through a specific teleportation gate to reach the Primordial City. This teleportation gate could be found throughout the continent of God's Domain.

According to the legends, the Primordial City was even grander than Blackwing City. In fact, it offered even more benefits than the Holy City of Titan. Countless opportunities awaited players, including hidden classes and Combination Skills that had been lost in time.

After learning more about Primordial City, the potential benefits tempted many top adventurer teams. They began to partner with other teams to explore the Primordial Divine Rune.

Since the various large Guilds had monopolized the ruin since it had appeared, adventurer teams and independent players hadn't dared to consider exploring it. The risks far outweighed the gains.

Although it was possible to obtain combat techniques within the Primordial Divine Ruin, doing so was incredibly difficult. At the very least, no lone adventurer team had any hope of survival in the ruin. It would need the strength of multiple adventurer teams. Unfortunately, even if multiple teams worked together, they'd have to address the problem of loot. No one wanted to take a loss, and because of this, it was unlikely that multiple adventurer teams would cooperate.

Most importantly, a single adventurer team's strength was insignificant in the eyes of the various superpowers. Not even first-rate Guilds would take top adventurer teams seriously.

However, the situation had changed, and their only goal now was entry into the Primordial City. In that case, it was definitely possible that the various top adventurer teams could work together without incident. As for how many players each team got into the Primordial City, that would depend on them.

The various superpowers were now focused on Heaven's Burial's Ancient Rock City, and even if they were interested in the Primordial City, they'd only be able to spare a portion of their forces to raid the ruin. This gave the top adventurer teams a greater chance of entering the Primordial Divine Ruin and proceeding towards the Primordial City.

"Guild Leader, the Primordial City is amazing!" Aqua Rose was astonished when she read the report on the new city.

Not only was the Primordial City's foundations stronger than those of the Holy City of Titan, but it was also a holy ground for players who wanted to grow stronger.

If players could enter the Primordial City, they would grow significantly stronger very quickly.

Primordial City? Shi Feng was just as surprised by the system announcement.

He had never expected the opportunity to enter the Primordial City to arrive so soon.

In the past, the Primordial City had made its appearance in God's Domain after mainstream players had reached Level 70. Everyone had known the city's importance, and it had caused a major struggle between the game's major powers.

Even so, they had all underestimated how beneficial the Primordial City would become for players. Though, they eventually learned the truth.

Aside from the ability to obtain hidden classes, combat techniques, Skills, and Spells in the Primordial City, the city's most valued aspect was its ability to help players complete their class promotions much faster.

It was common knowledge that class promotions became more difficult as players reached higher tiers. In fact, some players might never even reach Tier 2.

Meanwhile, Primordial City offered a special product called a Primordial Soul. When used, it provided a buff that improved players physiques for a certain amount of time. With an improved physique, players would have a much easier time completing their Promotion Quests.

As for using the Primordial Soul for PvP, that was not possible.

This was because the Primordial Soul's buff would vanish the moment any other players were within 1,000 yards of the user. Hence, players could only use the Primordial Soul when they soloed monsters or quests.

Even so, the Primordial Soul had become highly sought after in God's Domain. Unfortunately, it wasn't easy to obtain a Primordial Soul since the city only sold a limited number each day. Once they were bought out, the item would only restock the next day. It was a limitation the system had set to avoid too many players completing their Promotion Quests too easily.

Although Zero Wing had plenty of Level 50-plus players, only a small number had actually reached Tier 2 thus far. It was safe to say that, aside from Shi Feng, no one knew about the Primordial Souls yet. If he could enter the Primordial City and monopolize the Primordial Souls sold, Zero Wing could gain a new batch of Tier 2 experts in a short amount of time.

If Zero Wing could form a large enough team of Tier 2 experts, defeating Mythic monsters of the same level would be possible even without powerful tools. Tier 2 experts were also the foundation to challenge super-large-scale Hell Mode Team Dungeons.

“Aqua, notify Fire and Blackie and have them gather the main force and Dark Gods Legion immediately. It’s about time we make a trip to the Primordial Divine Ruin,” Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought.

“Wonderful! I’ve been waiting for you to say that, Guild Leader!” Aqua Rose was ecstatic when she heard Shi Feng’s command. However, she quickly realized a problem, saying worriedly, “Guild Leader, the various superpowers are paying close attention to the Primordial Divine Ruin right now. Moreover, it’s in Heaven’s Burial’s territory. If we head to the ruin, even with the Dark Gods Legion, I’m afraid that...”

The Primordial Divine Ruin was near the boundary between the Orc Empire’s inner and outer regions. It was not far fetched to consider the area part of Heaven’s Burial’s territory. The location was also one of the reasons that Heaven’s Burial had always secured around one-tenth of the available entry slots into the ruin despite so many powerful competitors.

Now that Shi Feng had destroyed Ancient Rock City’s defensive magic arrays, Heaven’s Burial would give them a piece of its mind if they dispatched forces to the Primordial Divine Ruin.

Even if they dispatched both Zero Wing’s main force and the Dark Gods Legion, they would only have 1,000-plus players. If they tried to face the superpowers’ elites and experts, they’d likely have a very difficult time securing enough slots.

“Relax. You Ziping and the others will join us as well,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “While we’re on the topic, how is the equipment collection coming along?”

“We’ve collected the necessary weapons and equipment. I’ll have someone send them over in a moment. But even if we include You Ziping and his team, our members are still...” Aqua Rose said worriedly.

Even if they included Zero Wing’s internal members and White Tiger Dojo’s disciples, they’d still have less than 2,000 players. Compared to the tens of thousands of elites and experts the superpowers had dispatched, such a small force wasn’t worth mentioning.

However, Shi Feng remained firm on his decision.

In God’s Domain, quantity wasn’t the most important. Rather, quality meant everything.

Chapter 1646 – Team Strengthens

After receiving Aqua Rose’s answer, Shi Feng disconnected the call and focused on forging Magic Light Sets.

He only had ten hours before the Primordial City’s gates opened, which coincided with the Primordial Divine Ruin’s activation time. It would not be easy to put together a powerful team in so little time, so he needed to make use of every second.

Meanwhile, Aqua Rose contacted Zero Wing’s members. She also sent someone with the Level 50 weapons and equipment to White River City, instructing them to hand the items over to You Ziping and the others.

With this, Zero Wing instantly gained nearly 700 powerful experts.

This development, more or less, brightened Aqua Rose's mood.

Normally, large Guilds nurtured expert players very slowly, producing two or three hundred experts per month. Some Guilds' development was even slower, losing experts rather than gaining them. More players joined God's Domain each day, after all, and as players became more familiar with the game's combat styles, the standards for expert players rose to greater heights.

With the addition of You Ziping and the others, Zero Wing's expert count increased drastically. If the public knew of this, countless players would be shocked.

Seven hundred expert players might not be a match for a 10,000 strong elite army on a battlefield, but when it came to guerilla warfare, the experts would dominate. Moreover, expert players could adapt to far more easily than elite players.

Now that Heaven's Burial had its hands full, it and Blackwater would suffer if Zero Wing suddenly introduced another 700 expert players to their war.

It was a pity that You Ziping and the others were forced to make their debut in the Primordial Divine Ruin. It would allow Heaven's Burial and Blackwater to see to preemptive measures to cope.

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Candlelight Trading Firm, Special Forging Room:

Controlling the Purple Thunder Flame, Shi Feng carefully smelted and combined the necessary materials to forge the Magic Light Set. Once he included the Magisteel Ingot, he began to shape the molten alloy. He had completed the entire process as smoothly and naturally as flowing water, with everyone one of his movements nearly, if not exactly, perfect.

At the end of the day, however, his forging success rate was only 60% even if he followed the procedures perfectly.

After successfully forging another four Magic Light Sets and increasing his total to 30, Shi Feng stopped crafting. Instead, he retrieved the Advanced Book of Magic from his bag and began to forge Advanced Mana Armor Kits.

The Advanced Mana Armor Kits didn't provide as much of a boost as the Magic Light Set, but if every player equipped three of these kits, their Basic Attributes would increase by at least 10%. This was a substantial increase for Level 50 players.

The strengthened Magic Light Sets could rival Dark-Gold Equipment of the same level in Basic Attributes, but after including the Advanced Mana Armor Kits, the set equipment would be on par with Level 50 Dark-Gold Set Equipment.

The various superpowers currently treated Level 50 Fine-Gold Equipment like precious treasure, not to mention level 50 Dark-Gold Equipment or Set Equipment.

Thankfully, I made it in time. Shi Feng revealed a satisfied smile as he gazed at the Advanced Mana Armor Kits on the table before him.

Due to the Purple Thunder Flame, his production speed with these kits had improved significantly. After working for five hours straight, he had successfully forged 90 armor kits, enough to equip 30 players. He had also gained an incredible amount of EXP and was now only 19% away from Level 65.

Following which, Shi Feng contacted You Ziping and had the youth lead 29 other plate-armor players to his Special Forging Room.

It wasn't long before You Ziping and his companions arrived in Shi Feng's room. They all wore a mix of Level 50 Mysterious-Iron and Secret-Silver Equipment.

When You Ziping and the others entered the Special Forging Room, they were dumbfounded by what they saw.

Numerous pieces of dazzling equipment littered the room. It was clear that the equipment was extraordinary at a glance. Moreover, based on the pieces' design, they obviously belonged to a single set.

However, what stunned You Ziping and his companions the most was the unique glow of Fine-Gold items radiating from the pieces. And the room actually held 30 full sets...

The sight was blinding.

Level 45 Fine-Gold Set Equipment? Everyone inwardly guessed the set equipment's rank as shock overwhelmed them.

“Guild Leader, I’ve brought the players you’ve requested: 15 Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights, and 15 Berserkers and Swordsmen,” You Ziping respectfully announced as he walked up to Shi Feng. After seeing the sight before him, his admiration for the Swordsman had solidified.

It was obvious that Shi Feng had personally handcrafted Fine-Gold Sets in the room.

At this stage of the game, countless experts dreamed of equipping Level 45 Fine-Gold Set Equipment. Even the various major powers would have to invest a lot of time, manpower, and resources to acquire one set, yet Shi Feng could actually forge such equipment...

If the various superpowers knew about this, they’d likely curse Zero Wing for cheating. With the ability to produce Level 45 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, Zero Wing would almost certainly grow stronger.

“Alright, I want every one of you to pick a set and equip it,” Shi Feng said as he gestured the Magic Light Sets in the room.

“We’re supposed to equip them?” The 30 players couldn’t help their confusion.

They currently wore Level 50 Mysterious-Iron and Secret-Silver Equipment, which was only slightly weaker than Level 45 Fine-Gold Set Equipment in terms of Basic Attributes. On the other hand, Level 50 Mysterious-Iron and Secret-Silver Equipment offered higher Defense than Level 45 Fine-Gold Set Equipment.

It’d be better to let the other experts, who lacked equipment, to use these pieces rather than equip the sets themselves.

But since their Guild Leader had given them an order, they had no choice but to obey.

“This is...”

As You Ziping and the others picked up the Magic Light Sets and prepared to equip them, they realized something that left them dazed.

“How is this possible?!”

“This is Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment?! I’m not dreaming, am I?!”

Everyone’s eyes nearly fell from their sockets when they inspected the Magic Light Set’s Attribute Panels.

They were already impressed that Shi Feng had crafted Level 45 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, but they had never even heard of a player obtaining Level 50 Fine-Gold Set equipment. And yet, their Guild was giving each of them one of these sets. For a moment, their minds even failed to process the situation.

“Wait, there’s a ‘Strengthened’ label on this set. These pieces Basic Attributes should be even higher than those of Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment,” a player with a keen eye suddenly exclaimed.

The player’s declaration immediately caught everyone’s attention.

“Crap, it’s true! The Basic Attributes on this set are even higher than the Level 50 Fine-Gold Equipment I’ve seen before.”

You Ziping and the other players were at a loss for words as they held the Magic Light Set pieces, shuddering involuntarily.

Each piece of a Fine-Gold Set Equipment was half a rank stronger than Fine-Gold Equipment of the same level, but after the enhancement, it was clear that the Magic Light Set pieces were on par with Level 50 Dark-Gold Equipment.

A set of Level 50 Dark-Gold Equipment...

If news of this matter spread, it would definitely cause a sensation throughout God's Domain.

Before You Ziping and his fellow players could digest this information, Shi Feng gestured to the Advanced Mana Armor Kits atop a stone table in the corner of the room and instructed, "Once you've equipped the Magic Light Sets, I want each of you to take three armor kits and equip them as well. Take a look at the final effects."

Chapter 1647 – Zero Wing Appears

When Shi Feng finished speaking, You Ziping and the others turned towards the Advanced Mana Armor Kits, their eyes bulging and bloodshot.

Although they weren't the Guild's frontline members, they knew how valuable the Advanced Mana Armor Kits were.

After all, only Shi Feng was capable of crafting these armor kits. There was an extremely limited number available, and even Guild members struggled to purchase them with GCPs. Not only did Guild members have to spend an exorbitant amount, but they also needed to be elite members or higher to purchase the Advanced Mana Armor Kits. In addition, each player was limited to three armor kits.

Even now, the various major powers offered extraordinary prices to purchase Advanced Mana Armor Kits.

Yet, these players had the chance to equip these armor kits. This was simply a dream. However, when they thought about how each of them had just received a Magic Light Set, they quickly recovered their senses.

“Amazing! These Basic Attributes are incredibly high!”

“That’s right! My Basic Attributes have risen by over 30% with everything equipped! I’m pretty sure that I can even put up a fight against a peak expert now!”

Once they had equipped the Magic Light Sets and Advanced Mana Armor Kits, these players felt transformed. An indescribable sense of power filled their bodies. They couldn’t help the rising desire to spar with other experts to get a good feel for their new prowess.

With a 30% increase to their Basic Attributes, their overall combat power should have, at the very least, doubled.

It seems the enhanced Magic Light Sets are quite effective. Satisfaction filled Shi Feng as he examined everyone’s Attributes.

You Ziping and his companion's Basic Attributes could now rival superpowers' peak experts, who wielded multiple Epic items. Overall, they should be even more powerful than the Conqueror Parties' members with their battle arrays active.

Even a Tier 1 MT could tank Grand Lord of the same level by himself in the Magic Light Set. Every one of the 15 MTs in the room had over 50,000 HP, and if they worked together, they'd easily form an impenetrable wall.

Suddenly, Aqua Rose contacted Shi Feng and reported, "Guild Leader, everyone has gathered. We can move out at any moment."

"Alright. It's about time that we head out," Shi Feng said after glancing at the time. There was not much time left before the Primordial Divine Ruin reopened.

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Orc Empire, Primordial Divine Ruin:

Due to the new expansion pack, the ancient tower atop a gravel hill had improved. Restaurants and hotels could now be found both within and around the tower.

Now, not only could players enjoy unique dishes, but they could also recover their Stamina and Concentration by resting in the hotels. One could say that the Primordial Divine Ruin had become one of the few footholds players had in the Orc Empire.

The only downside was the tower's fraudulent prices.

The price for food was somewhat acceptable, only costing around two to three times than in other NPC cities, but the hotel accommodation fees were a different story. Renting a room in the Primordial Divine Ruin's hotels cost 40 Silver per day. Even expert players had trouble justifying such a high price, much less elite players.

Even so, plenty of players had gathered in the tower.

As some players, who planned to rest in the Primordial Divine Ruin, were about to enter the massive tower, an intense aura washed over them, halting their steps.

When these players warily searched for the cause of such a powerful aura, they discovered a crowd of other players within the tower. The atmosphere resembled that of imperial capitals' Teleportation Halls, but unlike those halls, every one of the players within radiated an intense killing intent as they watched each other cautiously. It seemed as if they were all enemies.

The players in the tower were members of multiple groups. The smaller groups only had around five or six thousand members, while the larger ones had over 10,000. The lowest-level player in the tower was Level 47, but most were Level 48 or 49. Their equipment was also impressive, with most of them wearing at least Level 45 Secret-Silver Equipment. Meanwhile, as time passed, more teams began to gather in the tower.

As one team after another entered the tower, the scene caused a commotion among the independent teams.

"Quick, look! That team is wearing Crimson Emperor's Guild Emblem!"

“What? Even Crimson Emperor is trying to get in on the action?”

“Crimson Emperor is nothing! Had you been here a moment ago, you would’ve seen members from the Sacred Temple arrive. The Sacred Temple’s team is even led by Vice Temple Master, Quiet Melody for this operation! That team was ridiculously strong. All 5,000 members were experts, and they all wore Level 45 Fine-Gold or better Equipment. Quiet Melody herself even has three pieces of Epic Equipment on her.”

The independent players in the tower couldn’t help but gawk at the various superpowers’ teams as they rested.

The fact that they could survive and make a living in the Orc Empire proved that they were on par with God’s Domain’s elite players. Needless to say, they were stronger and higher-leveled than ordinary players. However, these Guild players were leaps and bounds ahead of them in terms of levels and equipment.

In addition, a large number of top adventurer teams had banded together to form a massive force. It seemed that these top adventurer teams were adamant about contending with the various superpowers.

While one top adventurer team would struggle to gather 1,000 experts, they could form a force of six to seven thousand expert players if they worked together, and not even the various superpowers should underestimate such a force.

“What a naive bunch. Do they really think that Crimson Emperor and Sacred Temple are the only superpowers participating in this struggle?” Purple Jade, who stood a short distance away from several conversing independent players, expressed her disdain as she overheard the conversations.

After the release of the new expansion pack, far more powers had become interested in the Primordial Divine Ruin.

Even the dark forces had begun to poke their noses into the matter, and among these dark forces, even Raven, an emerging Dark Guild that developed rapidly recently, intended to participate. Although Raven had only dispatched 8,000 members to the Primordial Divine Ruin, every one of these members was an expert. Moreover, they radiated intense killing intent. They were clearly murderous experts that had long since grown comfortable with fighting other players.

Even Purple Jade felt threatened by Bloodsucker, the leader of Raven's team. Judging by the man's aura, his combat standards should be no weaker than Yuan Tiexin's, who held a commander-level position in the Secret Pavilion.

"A lot of powers have definitely gathered here, but when the competition for the entry slots begins, we should avoid provoking Blackwater and Heaven's Burial's members as much as possible. Do you understand?" Yuan Tiexin warned Purple Jade seriously.

"Don't provoke them? Is it because they have the home ground advantage?" Purple Jade asked.

As many as three Super Guilds had gathered in the tower, including Pantheon, King's Return, and the Sacred Temple. None of these Super Guilds could be underestimated, yet rather than taking note of these organizations, Yuan Teixin warned her to take care around Heaven's Burial and Blackwater. She was truly surprised.

"That's not the case. Heaven's Burial and Blackwater are still no match for Super Guilds in terms of quality and quantity of experts, but don't forget that they still command Evil Beasts and Demons. It is best if we avoid them," Yuan Tiexin said as he glanced at Falling Fire and Lei Jingyang, who commanded Blackwater and Heaven's Burial's teams. "Although the destruction of Ancient Rock City's defensive

magic arrays has forced Heaven's Burial to station most of its Evil Beasts and Evil Demons in the city's defense, it is best if we use caution around them."

"Mhm." Purple Jade nodded.

As the various powers in the tower prepared for the upcoming struggle, a team of players arrived outside of the Primordial Divine Ruin. The team was pitifully small compared to the various Guild teams, with not even 2,000 players in total. However, when this team entered the tower, silence fell.

"What?! Zero Wing?!"

"That shouldn't be possible, right? Zero Wing just destroyed Ancient Rock City. Are they trying to get themselves killed by showing up in Heaven's Burial's territory? Or do they really not consider Heaven's Burial a threat?"

Chapter 1648 – Surge of Experts

As Zero Wing entered the Primordial Divine Ruin, every player in the tower turned towards its entrance.

The culprit for the destruction of Ancient Rock City's defensive magic arrays was none other than Zero Wing. One could say that Heaven's Burial's hated the Guild to their very core. If the Guilds hadn't needed to station most of its Evil Beasts and Evil Demons in Ancient Rock City to defend against the various superpowers' invading armies, it likely would've launched a frenzied counterattack on Zero Wing by now.

Yet, Zero Wing's members dared to show up in the Orc Empire, Heaven's Burial's territory. The Guild had even gone so far as to travel all the way to the Primordial Divine Ruin.

"Just how bold are Zero Wing's members? Don't they know that Heaven's Burial could mobilize thousands of elite members to surround the Primordial Divine Ruin if it wanted to?"

"Maybe they think Heaven's Burial can't touch them now that the Guild is busy fending off the superpowers' armies."

"Even so, isn't Zero Wing underestimating the fight for access to the Primordial Divine Ruin? It sent less than 2,000 players. Does it really think that it can achieve anything with so few members?"

"I wonder how Heaven's Burial's members will react? With how few players Zero Wing sent, the force Heaven's Burial dispatched should be more than enough to take them out."

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Everyone spoke in hushed whispers as they watched Zero Wing's members approach the tower.

"Uncle Yuan, what do you think is going through Black Flame's mind? This is the Primordial Divine Ruin. Even if Heaven's Burial can't use its full force right now, it still has command of the Evil Beasts and Demons. Even a small force of those monsters will be enough to put Zero Wing's team through hell," Purple Jade wondered as she watched Shi Feng, who led Zero Wing's team, with a confused look.

One of the reasons that the various superpowers dared to invade Ancient Rock City was their significant numbers. Combined, their armies included over 700,000 players. Even if Heaven's Burial controlled Evil Beasts and Evil Demons, how many players could those monsters possibly hold back?

As long as they wished it, the various superpowers could send their forces to circle the defending Evil Beasts and Evil Demons while they charged for the City Lord's Mansion. With the Evil Beasts and Demons' massive forms, they couldn't enter the mansion itself. Once the various superpowers got their members inside, not even an infinite number of Evil Beasts and Demons could stop them. Heaven's Burial would have to rely on players and NPCs to hold the City Lord's Tablet.

Moreover, it was very difficult to protect a city with Evil Beasts and Evil Demons.

At the end of the day, the human race was the Evil God's Temple's mortal enemy. If human NPCs encountered anything connected to the Evil God's Temple, they'd move to exterminate it immediately. In fact, there was a very high chance that Ancient Rock City's NPC soldiers would disregard the invading players and attack the Evil Beasts and Demons instead, accomplishing the opposite effect.

This was also why the various superpowers dared to attack Ancient Rock City.

However, it was a different story in the fields and the Primordial Divine Ruin. Players weren't prohibited from attacking each other in the ruin, and Heaven's Burial didn't have anything to protect here, so its Evil Beasts and Evil Demons could focus on the slaughter. Even if the monsters only killed half of Zero Wing's experts, it would deal a massive blow.

"I don't know, but the Primordial Divine Ruin is incredibly important to every Guild. It is not strange that Zero Wing is willing to take such a risk," Yuan Tiexin said, shaking his head.

As Zero Wing's force moved closer to the tower, the players from the various superpowers and adventurer teams, who anticipated an interesting show, revealed dumbfounded expressions.

“Is this a joke?! Those players are actually all Level 50 or higher!”

“Crap! Didn’t someone say that Zero Wing didn’t have much equipment left? How are so many of those players wearing Fine-Gold Set Equipment?!”

“What level are those Fine-Gold Sets? I can feel so much pressure coming off of them!”

“Who are those players in the lead? I don’t think I’ve ever seen them before.”

“When did Zero Wing gain another batch of experts?”

For this operation, Shi Feng did not have his team members wear Black Cloaks. Hence, both their levels and equipment were exposed for all to see.

At this stage of the game, only an extremely small number of players had managed to reach Level 50. First-rate Guilds only had around 30 to 40 Level 50 players, and the various superpowers only had 300 to 500.

Yet, every player in the team of nearly 2,000 that Zero Wing had dispatched to the ruin was Level 50 or higher. Some were even Level 52. This was simply unbelievable.

Moreover, Zero Wing’s members wore dazzling equipment. The 30, unfamiliar players at the lead even wore the same Fine-Gold Set Equipment. The aura they radiated was akin to a ferocious beast that had just been released from its cage.

Wearing the Magic Light Sets, which were even stronger than Level 50 Dark-Gold Equipment, You Ziping and the others' Basic Attributes were even higher than a Lord ranked monster of the same level.

A Lord ranked monster might not be a tough opponent for the players in the Primordial Divine Ruin, but it was a different story if it were a player with the Attributes of such a monster. Such a player could easily solo an elite party.

Even the superpowers commander-level individuals felt an immense pressure wafting from You Ziping's group. Although their equipment was considered top-notch in God's Domain, their Basic Attributes were nowhere near a Level 50 Lord's.

Suddenly, the various superpowers' members saw Zero Wing's players in a new light. They were all powerhouses, and they knew what this aura and pressure represented. Although these factors couldn't be used to determine a player's strength, they did hint at a player's general combat standards.

"Just how much strength has Zero Wing hidden? It already introduced another 100 Refinement Realm experts, and now it's revealed so many experts with such intense auras. Could some superpower really be supporting Zero Wing in secret?" Purple Jade's eyes widened when she saw the Magic Light Sets You Ziping and the other players wore.

Currently, she had numerous pieces of Level 50 Fine-Gold Equipment on her, and the weakest piece she had was Level 45 Dark-Gold rank. In addition, she carried an Epic Weapon and a piece of Epic Equipment. Overall, her line-up was among the best in the game right now.

Yet, You Ziping and his companions' Basic Attributes seemed higher than hers...

Her Basic Attributes ranked among the top in the Secret Pavilion. What kind of power was the Secret Pavilion? It was an organization which only a small number of Super Guilds could compare to, yet Zero Wing had just revealed 30 never-before-seen experts with even higher Attributes...

The situation was simply ridiculous.

“It’s no wonder why Black Flame dared to lead a team here. It seems that he came prepared.” Yuan Tiexin’s mouth twitched slightly as he watched Shi Feng. “Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, huh?”

In his opinion, the only possible reason that You Ziping’s group had higher Basic Attributes than his and Purple Jade’s was their Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment. There was no other way that these players could surpass them.

“Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment?” Purple Jade couldn’t help her surprise. “How is that possible? Even our Guild has only collected two of such sets so far. How could Zero Wing possibly collect 30 sets?”

Level 50 equipment was already extremely difficult to gather, let alone Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment. Even after investing tons of manpower and resources, the Secret Pavilion had only obtained two Level 50 Fine-Gold Sets. What means did Zero Wing, a Guild that was many times weaker than the Secret Pavilion, possibly employ to obtain 30 such sets?

“Don’t forget that Black Flame is a Master Forger. It is very likely that he crafted the Level 50 Fine-Gold Sets,” Yuan Tiexin said, his expression turning somber.

Truthfully, even he struggled to believe it.

It wouldn't be surprising if Shi Feng were simply a Master Forger, but a Master Forger capable of mass-producing Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment held an entirely different meaning.

Just thinking about how Zero Wing could deploy expert teams in Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment made Yuan Tiexin shudder.

As players discussed the possible power behind Zero Wing, dense killing intent radiated from Heaven's Burial's team, which stood not far from Zero Wing's members.

"Zero Wing! They actually dare to show up here!" Lei Jingyang frowned, a cold glint flashing in his eyes as he glared at the enemy players. "Do they really think we'll just stand by and watch?"

Chapter 1649 – Power of the Magic Light Set

Inside the tower, as Shi Feng's group approached the teleportation zone, which would teleport players into the Primordial Divine Ruin when it activated, the killing intent Heaven's Burial's members radiated grew more intense.

In fact, Heaven's Burial's members weren't the only ones to react this way. Players from the various superpowers all warily eyed Shi Feng's group as they rested near the teleportation zone.

"Hahaha! This is going to be interesting! Zero Wing's members are trying to get themselves killed!"

"Don't they know that the closer they get to the teleportation zone, the more likely it is that someone will target them?"

“That might be the case. I remember that, during the previous struggle, several Guilds had waited beside the teleportation zone, ignorant of the risk. As soon as the fight began, the various superpowers took those Guilds out.”

“Zero Wing can’t possibly think that it will get into the Primordial Divine Ruin with less than 2,000 experts, right?”

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The various major powers reacted with surprise and ridicule as they watched Zero Wing’s team get closer to the teleportation zone.

As the areas around the teleportation zone provided a terrain advantage during the struggle to enter the ruin, the five superpowers, which had fought for slots since the very beginning, monopolized it. Now that even more superpowers were getting involved, the competition had become more intense.

The various superpowers might tolerate another superpower so close to the teleportation zone, but there was no way they’d allow anyone weaker to stand beside them. When the struggle for the entry slots began, Zero Wing would likely become their first target. If that happened, Zero Wing’s outcome would be tragic.

Every superpower involved had brought a minimum of 6,000 players, all of which were experts. Some of these teams were even led by several peak experts.

Being targeted by just one of these teams would be enough to make a first-rate Guild’s situation precarious. If multiple superpowers targeted the same team, they could eliminate a first-rate Guild from the competition instantly.

“Boss, should we take action?” a Level 50 Assassin in silver leather armor asked Lei Jingyang as he nodded towards Shi Feng and the other players from Zero Wing.

Although Zero Wing had only dispatched experts to the Primordial Divine Ruin, the team had less than 2,000 members. On the other hand, Heaven’s Burial had dispatched 3,000 experts and 10,000 elites. It had even sent the entire Thunder Legion. Annihilating one or two thousand experts would be a piece of cake for them.

Furthermore, Blackwater had sent along 4,000 of its experts.

With this, they had a combined force of 7,000 expert players and 10,000 elite players. Zero Wing’s team had no chance of victory.

“Brother Fire, what is your opinion on the matter?” Lei Jingyang asked as he turned towards the handsome man beside him.

This handsome man was none other than Falling Fire, the vice commander of Blackwater’s third main force. The man wielded a crimson staff and was enveloped in translucent flames. Just looking at him felt stifling. The fact that he was fully geared in Level 50 equipment, three pieces of which were Epic rank, only made him all the more eye-catching.

However, Lei Jingyang knew that, compared to Falling Fire’s level and equipment, this man’s most impressive feat was his promotion to a Tier 2 Elementalist and the Tier 2 Spells in his arsenal.

That was also why Blackwater had assigned Falling Fire to lead the team that would assist Heaven's Burial in this endeavor.

"Of course, we have to exterminate these people from Zero Wing. However, it is too soon to strike. They'd have an easier time getting away if we did so now. It won't be too late to attack once the struggle begins. Even if Zero Wing's members try to flee, they'll never get away while entrenched in the chaotic battlefield!" Falling Fire said as he gestured to the various major powers behind Zero Wing's team.

The system didn't stop players from fighting with each other inside the tower. Players could start a fight whenever they wished, and the tower had only one exit. It was relatively easy to escape the tower before the battle for the Primordial Divine Ruin's entry slots began, but once it did, chaos would ensue. If a team weren't careful, other teams could easily drag it into the fray. Because of this, players had a very difficult time leaving the tower once the fight began.

"I guess you're right. We'll strike once the struggle starts, then," Lei Jingyang said, nodding as he surveyed his surroundings. He then turned to his team and said, "When the time comes, leave none of Zero Wing's members alive, particularly those wearing Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment. It'd be a massive waste to let them hold onto such precious items!"

Although he wanted nothing more than to slaughter Shi Feng and his guildmates, Falling Fire's opinion was reasonable. Many powers had come to enter the Primordial Divine Ruin this time, and among them, plenty were top adventurer teams. Once the struggle to enter the ruin began, Zero Wing would have a challenging time trying to get out of the tower. They'd be able to kill far more Zero Wing players if they waited.

Earlier, Shi Feng had destroyed Ancient Rock City's defensive magic arrays, crippling the city. Now, the city couldn't generate nearly as much income. Lei Jingyang was no less angry than Singular Burial about the insult.

Now that he'd encountered an opportunity to take care of Zero Wing, he couldn't let it get away.

When he saw You Ziping and the others, who wore the Magic Light Sets, he was particularly tempted. If he could get his hands on a few of those sets, he could help Heaven's Burial when the Guild began to raid super-large-scale Team Dungeons.

Meanwhile, Zero Wing's members could feel an intense pressure bear down on them, the majority of which radiated from the various superpowers.

"The fight to claim the entry slots this time sure is intense. We're just camping out beside the teleportation zone, yet everyone's eyes are glued on us." Blackie was slightly astonished as he glanced at the nearby superpowers' teams.

The only other time he had seen so many superpowers in a single location was during the contest for Thunder Island. If he hadn't fought these superpowers in the past, he'd likely tremble with anxiety.

"Guild Leader, Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's members are keeping a very close eye on us. Based on their killing intent, they'll definitely attack us as soon as the battle begins," Aqua Rose said, smiling at the players from Heaven's Burial and Blackwater, who stood a short distance away.

"Let them come," Shi Feng said, revealing a faint smile as he eyed Heaven's Burial's members. "It's about time we show these major powers Zero Wing's might. When the time comes, the Magic Light Team will open a path while everyone gathers in the center of the teleportation zone. Although the number of entry slots has increased to 15,000 after the new expansion pack, the number of powers trying to enter the ruin has increased as well. Avoid fights whenever possible."

"Understood!"

Zero Wing's members nodded in response to Shi Feng's command, their expressions hardening. This was especially true for Zero Wing's internal members and White Tiger Dojo's disciples, who were about to participate in such a high-intensity war for the first time. They even felt as if they were dreaming.

Shortly after Shi Feng fell silent, a circular, light-blue barrier formed around the edge of the teleportation zone. At the same time, a gigantic magic array gradually manifested, encompassing the area and notifying players that the teleportation process had begun.

"Excellent! Everyone, charge! Slaughter Zero Wing's members!" Upon seeing the barrier rise, Lei Jingyang turned his gaze towards Zero Wing's members, flashing a sinister smile.

Immediately, 7,000 Level 48-plus expert players charged at Zero Wing's team. The 10,000 elite players then split into two groups to surround the enemy players.

As Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's experts got close to Zero Wing's team, Spells and arrows rained down on their heads. However, like lively monkeys, these experts nimbly dodged most of the attacks, preventing Zero Wing's ranged attacks from doing much harm.

Just when both frontlines were about to clash, Shi Feng switched his title to Disintegration User and endowed the 30 Magic Light Team's members with Disintegration Power, increasing their Basic Attributes by 10% and damage by 20%. The buff also reduced the magic damage and physical damage they received by 30% and 15%, respectively.

In the next moment, the two teams collided.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

The sounds of the collision resounded throughout the tower along with players' screams.

"Impossible!" Shock gripped Lei Jingyang's heart when he saw the scene before him. He even wondered if his eyes were playing tricks.

When the melee players slammed into each other, it seemed as if Heaven's Burial's members had crashed into an immovable wall. Meanwhile, You Ziping and his companions in the Magic Light Sets moved like sharpened blades, unstoppable. The 30 players easily dove past Heaven's Burial's frontline and into the enemy ranks without slowing in the slightest.

Zero Wing's other MTs were just as frightening. Each one of Zero Wing's MTs shattered the blockades of three to five players, sending these players flying. The difference between both sides' Basic Attributes was like heaven and earth...

Chapter 1650 – Overwhelming Advantage

The scene inside the tower had transformed into something akin to an ancient battlefield. Hundreds of thousands of players fought as screams and explosions echoed throughout the tower.

Many adventurer team members, who participated in this struggle for the Primordial Divine Ruin's entry slots for the first time, were dumbfounded by the view before them. They even found it hard to move their feet.

"Amazing! So, this is the struggle for the Primordial Divine Ruin?"

“This battle is too fierce! Even expert players are no different than ants here!”

Many adventurer teams and normal Guilds, which had planned to participate, watched the battle in a daze from the sidelines; none of them were bold enough to join the fray. They were all afraid of being devoured and annihilated in the blink of an eye.

Even the expert players they normally thought were so powerful lasted less than ten seconds on this battlefield. These experts were either overwhelmed by an uncountable number of Spells or ganged up on by equally powerful experts. On this battlefield, expert players were fortunate enough to keep their lives, let alone accomplish anything significant. As for the elite players, they were pure cannon fodder. Most elite players usually died before any of the rear line healers could get to them.

Of the multitude of battles across the battlefield, those near the teleportation zone were the most intense.

Zero Wing's 30-man Magic Light Team moved like a pack of ferocious beasts that had just escaped their cages.

Neither the attacks from Heaven's Burial's melee players nor those from the Guild's ranged players could stop the mobile, iron wall the 15 Magic Light MTs had formed.

Not only did the Magic Light MTs block every incoming melee attack, but they also sent their attackers flying with their weapons and shields. Zero Wing's rear line DPS then followed up with an intense bombardment, turning its enemies into starlight instantly.

Unfortunately, as Heaven's Burial had the numerical advantage, and not even the Magic Light MTs could block every incoming attack. From time to time, arrows and Spells broke past their defenses.

However, Heaven's Burial's members nearly despaired when they saw the damages above the Magic Light MTs' heads.

-3,057!

-2,371!

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Despite landing direct hits, none of their attacks dealt more than -4,000 damage. It was utterly inconceivable.

Every Heaven's Burial expert present wore top-tier equipment, and even against top-tier MTs of the same level, their direct hits dealt at least -5,000 damage. Powerful Spells could even deal over -10,000 damage, yet when a Level 50 Ranger struck one of the Magic Light MTs with a Tier 1 Heart Piercing Arrow, the Ranger had only dealt around -3,700 damage. These MTs took even less damage from Spell attacks.

Meanwhile, after receiving numerous buffs and the benefits from Shi Feng's Disintegration User title, the Magic Light MTs had over 70,000 HP each. Not even ten of Heaven's Burial's attacks could force their HPs below 50%. Zero Wing's rear line healers could easily restore such little HP, making the Magic Light MTs practically invincible.

In contrast to Heaven's Burial's DPS, Zero Wing's DPS was overwhelming. You Ziping, for example, easily dealt over -3,000 damage to Heaven's Burial's MTs with his normal attacks alone. When he used Skills like Cross Slash, he dealt over -10,000 damage. Unlike Zero Wing's MTs, Heaven's Burial's MTs only had around 50,000 HP. You Ziping only needed a few attacks to devour most of an MT's HP by himself.

Coupled with the ranged attacks from Zero Wing's rear line DPS, the enemy MTs were dead before their healers could cast any Healing Spells.

In the short moment since the battle had begun, Heaven's Burial had suffered several hundred casualties, and every one of them had been an expert player...

Damn it! Why is there such a huge difference in our Basic Attributes?! Confusion tore at Lei Jingyang as he watched Zero Wing's Magic Light Team move closer to Heaven's Burial's ranged classes and healers.

He simply could not fathom how You Ziping and the others had such high Basic Attributes.

Heaven's Burial's expert members were all geared in top-tier equipment, and even if You Ziping's team wore Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, the difference should be this massive. He even wondered if the Magic Light Team's members had activated Berserk Skills.

However, he was certain that none of them had.

He was confident that Zero Wing's members hadn't activated Berserk Skills because all of the various major powers had silently agreed not to use such Skills in this struggle for the entry slots.

There were two reasons for this agreement. The first was that every power participating in this struggle doubtlessly had some members who could use Berserk Skills. If everyone used these Skills, nothing would change. Berserk Skills long Cooldowns was the second reason. On the off chance that they'd encounter trouble in the Primordial Divine Ruin, they'd likely be annihilated if they couldn't use their Berserk Skills.

However, Lei Jingyang didn't know that, although You Ziping and his companions appeared to be wearing Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment, the Magic Light Sets' Basic Attributes could rival Level 50 Dark-Gold Set Equipment.

This was the reason that the gap between their Basic Attributes was so vast. This fight was on par with a player in a full set of Secret-Silver Equipment trying to contend with a player in Dark-Gold Equipment. Such a massive gap was only natural when both sides had similar combat standards.

Moreover, the Conqueror Parties' performance was also impressive. Although the Conqueror Parties' Basic Attributes weren't as high as the Magic Light Team members', their combat standards were higher. When they worked together, they could exhibit even greater combat power. Hence, the destruction the Conqueror Parties caused on the battlefield was in no way inferior to the Magic Light Teams'.

Even Lei Jingyang's prided Thunder Legion was forced back.

Meanwhile, the various superpowers' upper echelons, who had kept a constant eye on Zero Wing, were astounded.

Despite Zero Wing's less than 2,000 players, it actually overwhelmed and suppressed Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's combined army of 7,000 experts and 10,000 elite players.

"Boss, we can't hold on for much longer! At this rate, they'll chase us out of the teleportation zone!" one of the Thunder Legion members on the frontlines hurriedly shouted through the team chat.

"I know! All of you, get ready!" Lei Jingyang said, grinding his teeth as he took five dark-gray crystal balls from his bag. He had planned to save these as a trump card to surprise the other superpowers; he had

never expected to need them so soon. Following which, he turned to Falling Fire beside him and said, "Brother Fire, I'll have to rely on you for cover fire."

"Relax. Although they have superior Basic Attributes, they're all Tier 1 players. They're nothing compared to Tier 2 players," Falling Fire said, disdain flashing in his eyes as he watched the distant Zero Wing members.

"Good!" Lei Jingyang then began to chant an incantation to activate the five crystal balls.

Suddenly, the five, gray crystal balls shattered, and five dark-gray magic arrays appeared around Lei Jingyang. Shortly after, five-meter-tall figures emerged from these arrays. They were humanoid creatures covered in sharp spikes and radiating dense Evil Energy.

These five humanoid creatures were none other than Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons.

The frightening aura these Grand Lords radiated stunned everyone in the tower.

Level 70 Grand Lords!

Such monsters were on par with natural disasters to current players.

"So, this is Heaven's Burial's trump card?" Yuan Tiexin's expression darkened upon seeing the Evil Demons.

When Heaven's Burial's members saw the Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons, however, excitement lit up their faces, and their morale skyrocketed.

Although the combined force of Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's players appeared exceptionally powerful, it was nothing compared to the superpowers' forces. They had only dared to contend with the superpowers because of this trump card.

However, Lei Jingyang wasn't a member of the Evil God's Temple. He couldn't summon Evil Demons directly and control them. He could only rely on Flame Blood, asking the Cleric to spend the Evil God's Temple Points he had struggled to accumulate on five Evil Demon Crystal Balls. Each Evil Demon Crystal Ball allowed players to store one Evil Demon within, and even non-Evil God's Temple players could use the crystal balls to summon and control the stored Evil Demon.

However, the cost was painful. The Evil Demon Crystal Ball was a Consumable item, and once the Evil Demons were stored inside, they would become so as well. Once the crystal ball's three-hour duration ended, the summoned Evil Demons would be permanently destroyed.

Lei Jingyang had wanted to avoid using this trump card unless absolutely necessary.

"Since you've forced me to use the Evil Demon Crystal Balls, none of you from Zero Wing should even think of escape!"

Lei Jingyang revealed a sinister grin as he glared at Zero Wing's team. He then charged at Zero Wing's members alongside his five Level 70 Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons. Falling Fire followed the charge with his own team.