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Chapter 1691 – Chaotic Battlefield

Baphomet's 30-meter-tall figure was eye-catching inside the movement-type defensive magic array. The players standing around it looked like ants, and the High Demon was difficult to miss.

Both this new Baphomet's aura and Basic Attributes were identical to the first Baphomet Shi Feng had summoned.

"He can actually summon two such powerful monsters?"

Singular Burial and Heaven's Burial's upper echelons looked on in abject horror.

They had already witnessed Baphomet's power.

Not only did the High Demon have more Strength than both the Mythic ranked Evil Demon and the Evil Beasts, but it could also tank one Mythic Evil Demon and two Mythic Evil Beasts by itself. Even the other two Mythic ranked Evil Beasts struggled to find opportunities to sneak past the first Baphomet to attack Zero Wing. To put it simply, Baphomet's Basic Attributes and combat standard were already horrific.

Yet, another monster of its caliber had joined the battle. This raised Zero Wing's combat potential to the next level.

When the second Baphomet had manifested, some of Zero Wing's members, who had begun to despair, cheered. The two Mythic ranked Evil Beasts were the biggest problem they faced, but now that a second Baphomet had joined them, they wouldn't need to worry about any of the Mythic monsters.

With all five of Heaven's Burial's Mythic monsters at bay, they could rely on their defensive magic array and Miniature Ballistas to give Heaven's Burial's Demon army the fight of its lifetime. ( .c om )

Suddenly, the second Baphomet vanished and reappeared before one of the two unhindered Mythic ranked Evil Beasts. Baphomet then swung its clawed hand at the Evil Beasts.

*Boom!*

The impact forced the Level 80 Mythic Evil Beast to retreat several steps. Noticing the new, powerful foe, the other Mythic Evil Beast turned and headbutted Baphomet. Rather than dodge the incoming attack, Baphomet stomped the ground and swung its other claw, easily stopping the Evil Beast's all-out attack. The resulting impact pushed the Evil Beast back by several steps. The difference in Strength between both sides was obvious at a glance.

For a time, the two Baphomets pinned down Heaven's Burial's five Mythic monsters, giving the monsters no opportunity to attack the movement-type defensive magic array.

As a result, Heaven's Burial's damage against the array drastically decreased. Even with the rest of the Evil Demon army attacking desperately, the depletion of the magic array's energy reserves slowed. Now, it would take far more time to drain the defensive magic array's energy. Furthermore, Zero Wing's members could replenish the reserves at any given moment. This allowed the Miniature Ballistas and ranged players in the defensive magic array to attack without restraint.

Each volley from the Miniature Ballistas contained several hundred Exploding Arrows. Although a single volley was not enough to kill the Chieftain rank and above Evil Demons, the weaker Demons turned to ash instantly.

“Amazing! So, this is Zero Wing’s foundation? Even if the Guild didn’t have those two Mythic monsters, Heaven’s Burial would still find its members difficult to annihilate.”

The spectating players inside Stone Forest Town were stunned by the spectacular sight of several hundred Miniature Ballistas launching simultaneous attacks.

Meanwhile, Singular Burial, who commanded the battle from afar, glared at Shi Feng.

He felt as if someone thrust a blade into his heart with each Exploding Arrow volley from the Miniature Ballistas.

He had sacrificed 400,000 players to obtain these Evil Demons, and to convince his players to offer a portion of their Immortal Souls willingly, Heaven’s Burial had offered them significant compensation.

Yet, in the few short minutes since the battle had begun, over 20,000 Evil Demons had fallen. In contrast, Zero Wing had yet to suffer a single casualty as the impenetrable defensive magic array protected its members.

After a short moment, Zero Wing had regained the advantage.

“Guild Leader, we are dealing too little damage to Zero Wing’s defensive magic array. At this rate, Zero Wing will annihilate our forces before we can even deplete the magic array’s energy reserves,” Daybreak Fog said, frowning as she watched volley after volley of Exploding Arrows rain down on Heaven’s Burial’s armies.

Aside from the two Baphomets, the several hundred Miniature Ballistas were plenty of trouble. Their combined attacks could rival a Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spell in both power and range.

Even though Evil Demons were stronger than players, they couldn't survive a bombardment of multiple Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells.

( .c om ) "Haven't Blackwater's reinforcements arrived yet?" Singular Burial could practically feel his heart bleed.

The losses the Evil Demon army was suffering were severe, but his player army's losses were worse. Players didn't have as much HP as the Evil Demons, and every attack from the two Baphomets and the Miniature Ballistas could one-hit his players.

Thus far, Heaven's Burial had lost over 30,000 players. Many of them were the Guild's elite members.

Meanwhile, the Mythic Evil Demon and Mythic Evil Beasts' performance wasn't nearly as powerful as he had expected. On the contrary, the two Baphomets had them thoroughly suppressed, and they steadily lost HP.

Singular Burial regretted his decision to begin the battle against Zero Wing so soon. Had he known that Shi Feng could summon two Baphomets, he definitely would've waited until Blackwater's reinforcements had arrived. With Blackwater's Catapults, destroying Zero Wing's defensive magic array would be much easier. Once they depleted the Magic Crystals Zero Wing had on hand, the Guild's members would be fish on a chopping board.

"They're almost here. They'll arrive in six or seven minutes," Daybreak Fog reported after contacting one of Blackwater's representatives.

“Six or seven minutes?” Singular Burial made some quick calculations in his head. At the rate the battle was developing, Heaven’s Burial should have no problems lasting for another half an hour or so. “Alright, but tell them to hurry! Tell them that Zero Wing is much stronger than we had anticipated!”

Daybreak Fog immediately relayed Singular Burial’s message to Blackwater’s army.

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*Zero Wing can actually dominate the Evil Demon army? It’s no wonder why such an insignificant Guild dares to provoke Blackwater.*

Falling Fire, who wore a set of crimson mage robes, was surprised after he learned of Heaven’s Burial’s current predicament. However, that was all he felt. He wasn’t worried in the slightest that they would fail to capture Stone Forest Town. Singular Burial had stated that his forces could hold out for another 30 or so minutes, and his group would arrive in around seven.

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Meanwhile, standing at the forefront of Zero Wing’s army, Shi Feng spent another 5,000 Magic Crystals to summon a third Baphomet once the High Demon’s Soul’s Cooldown ended...

The instant the third Baphomet manifested, the battlefield fell silent. It was as if time had frozen.

Before Heaven’s Burial’s members could react to the new Baphomet, Shi Feng had the freshly summoned High Demon charge into enemy ranks, executing one Skill after another.

A Tier 4 High Demon possessed many Skills and Spells, and all of them were capable of killing dozens, even hundreds, of players.

“Damn it! How is this possible?!” Shock and confusion overwhelmed Singular Burial as he stared at the third Baphomet. He could not figure out how Shi Feng had summoned such powerful monsters, one after another. However, Singular Burial quickly calmed himself and pushed this thought out of his mind as he turned to Daybreak Fog and commanded, “Fog, contact Falling Fire and tell his group to hurry. Tell him to bring the one Mythic Evil Demons and the two Mythic Evil Beasts guarding the exit.”

Daybreak Fog knew how precarious their situation was now, as well. She notified Falling Fire, telling him to increase his force’s speed and transfer more monsters to the battlefield.

However, shortly after Daybreak Fog ended the call, Shi Feng pulled a Summon Guard Scroll from his bag and activated it.

Suddenly, a lithe, captivating figure appeared before Shi Feng.

Naturally, this figure belonged to Anna.

Following Anna’s arrival, a Level 80 Great Lord ranked Golden Giant and ten Level 80 Lord ranked Rock Guardians joined the battlefield. This instantly elevated Zero Wing’s destructive power to a whole other level. Anna, in particular, performed as well as the Baphomets. She controlled numerous holy spears to attack the enemy players, each wave killing dozens or even over a hundred players. Any Tier 1 player these spears struck died instantly...

After summoning Anna, Shi Feng had the three Baphomets use their strongest Skill. Each of the Baphomets then summoned their crimson longswords enveloped in pitch-black fire. Not only did the

crimson longswords significantly increase the Baphomets' attack range, but those who fell to these weapons would also find their souls burning in the Soul Fire.

In one minute, Heaven's Burial's 300,000-strong player army was reduced to just 200,000. Meanwhile, there were less than 50,000 surviving Evil Demons.

This instilled a deep fear in Heaven's Burial's members.

Even Singular Burial began to panic. He contacted Falling Fire personally and demanded, "Falling Fire, where are you?!"

"We're almost there. We'll arrive in another four or five minutes," Falling Fire said.

"Four or five minutes?! That long?!" Singular Burial paled as he gazed at the scorched, corpse-laden battlefield before him.

## Chapter 1692 – Army Shattered

"Long?" Falling Fire was confused by Singular Burial's comment.

This was the time they had previously agreed upon. His arrival hadn't been delayed in the slightest. In fact, he had even increased his army's pace while disregarding their Stamina consumption.

Moreover, a battle of hundreds of thousands couldn't end in four or five minutes. These battles normally drag on for several hours before reaching a conclusion.

"The battle is intense. I can buy at most five more minutes. In any case, you need to hurry over here as soon as possible. Otherwise, the battle's outcome won't be certain," Singular Burial said, gritting his teeth. In reality, he wanted to tell the man that if his group didn't arrive in the next five minutes, their siege on Stone Forest Town would likely fail.

*Zero Wing is actually that strong?* Singular Burial's response confused Falling Fire further. Although Heaven's Burial had incurred heavy losses while defending Ancient Rock City, its remaining combat power could not be underestimated. Heaven's Burial also had command of over 100,000 Evil Demons. However, Falling Fire did not bother to ruminate over the matter as he nodded and said, "Alright, I'll increase my forces' speed to its maximum. We'll arrive in four minutes at most."

"Four minutes?" Singular Burial breathed a sigh of relief. If he organized his current forces, they should still have enough strength to defeat Zero Wing's army and capture Stone Forest Town.

Singular Burial immediately disconnected the call and commanded his armies to retreat from the battlefield slowly. At the same time, he ordered some of his players to use magic arrays to buy time. He even used the six Tier 3 Summoning Scrolls and a large number of Tier 3 Control Magic Scrolls Heaven's Burial had gone to great lengths to collect to stop the three Baphomets rampant slaughter.

Although Tier 3 Control Magic Scrolls could not stop Tier 4 Mythic monsters completely, Singular Burial could use them to limit the monster's mobility.

As the Tier 3 Control Magic Scrolls activated, one after another, magic arrays began to appear above and below the three High Demons. Barriers, vines, and chains then emerged and restricted the Baphomets' strength and mobility.



*Black Flame, I'll admit that you are amazing to have forced me to use all of Heaven's Burial's trump cards, but in another four minutes, Zero Wing will meet its doom!* Singular Burial shot Shi Feng a cold glare as he watched Zero Wing's army push forward.

The strength Zero Wing had displayed in this battle had greatly exceeded his expectations.

Had he known that Zero Wing could summon monsters of Baphomet's strength, he would've had Flame Blood mobilize every Mythic monster under his command. If the remaining Mythic monsters, which currently guarded the barrier's exit, were here, Heaven's Burial's armies wouldn't have been forced to retreat after suffering such severe losses.

However, with things as they are now, he had no choice but to push his armies to resist.

Now that Heaven's Burial had lost Ancient Rock City, it must capture both Stone Forest Town and Zero Wing City if the Guild wanted any hope of becoming a superpower in God's Domain again. Otherwise, rising would become extremely difficult for Heaven's Burial.

Although Blackwater hadn't dispatched a lot of players to help capture Stone Forest Town, many of them were experts. Blackwater's army was even armed with powerful weapons of war. As long as they destroyed Zero Wing's defensive magic array and regrouped with the remaining Mythic monsters, they could wipe out Zero Wing's forces and capture Stone Forest Town.

Meanwhile, the battle between Heaven's Burial and Zero Wing had thoroughly astounded the bystanders in Stone Forest Town.

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Too strong!

This battle was no longer a simple Guild war. It looked like a war between kingdoms! All sorts of Mythic monsters had been dispatched to add to the armies' combat power. Each side used Tier 3 and Tier 4 Magic Scrolls one after another. The experts that ordinary players like them normally looked up to were insignificant here.

All of these players finally understood what a real Guild war looked like.

The Guild wars they had witnessed previously were child's play compared to this.

The war between Zero Wing and Heaven's Burial was no longer a simple competition between players. It had become a war in which both Guilds used everything they had to finish each other off. Both Guilds had staked their continued existence on this war.

No one had expected the battle to reach these heights.

Initially, everyone had assumed that Heaven's Burial's victory would be overwhelming due to the assistance of the Evil Demon army. However, not only had Zero Wing shattered both Heaven's Burial's players and its monster army, but it had also done so without losing a single player. This outcome was too frightening.

The various large Guilds' members, who had planned to take advantage of Zero Wing's predicament to rob the Guild, abandoned that plan out of fear. Fortunately, they had not taken action alongside Heaven's Burial. The consequences for doing so would've been unimaginably dire.

Following which, due to Heaven's Burial's sudden retaliation, the battle fell into a stalemate.

"Guild Leader, I just received a report that Blackwater's forces are nearly here. Moreover, the Evil Demon army guarding the barrier's exit are rushing towards our location," Aqua Rose hurriedly reported after hearing from one of the frontline scouts.

Although the battle seemed like it was in Zero Wing's favor now, Aqua Rose knew that her Guild couldn't continue at this pace much longer.

Since the battle had begun, Zero Wing had spent over 80,000 Magic Crystals, and they had only started with a stock of 140,000. If Blackwater and the other Evil Demon army reinforced Heaven's Burial's forces, Zero Wing would be in danger.

"How long until they arrive?" Shi Feng asked.

"Blackwater's forces should arrive first; it'll take them roughly four or five minutes," Aqua Rose said. She then suggested, "Why don't we retreat to Stone Forest Town for now?"

If they retreated into Stone Forest Town, they could rely on the town's Magic Towers and Defense Turrets, which would give them an easier time against Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's combined army. The town's NPC soldiers could also participate in the fight.

"Four or five minutes?" Shi Feng smiled. That was more than enough time for them to deal with Heaven's Burial. Immediately, he commanded, "Relay my commands! Have everyone attack with everything they've got! Hold nothing back!"

Previously, he had let Zero Wing attack to prevent Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's forces from combining. Naturally, he couldn't let Zero Wing's members hide behind Stone Forest Town's walls and focus on defense.

Heaven's Burial had already used everything it had. Its players' morale was at an all-time low. This was the perfect opportunity to strike.

Receiving Shi Feng's command, Zero Wing's morale increased again. Zero Wing's members retrieved the precious treasures they had gained during their usual grinds or raids and used them against Heaven's Burial's members and the Evil Demons.

Anna, who stood beside Shi Feng, also activated her Berserk Skill, Yin Yang Power, the intensity of her aura soaring. For a moment, even the Zero Wing members near her felt stifled.

Before anyone could react, Anna used her Overtier Spell, Chains of Light.

Chains of Light was already a Tier 3 Spell, but due to Yin Yang Power, its power climbed to Tier 4. Suddenly, countless chains exploded from the ground and bound the Mythic ranked Evil Demon, drastically decreasing the Evil Demon's Strength and mobility. Now, the Evil Demon could not even compare to an ordinary Mythic monster.

By the time Chains of Light had bound the Mythic Evil Demon, Anna had finished casting the Tier 3 Curse, Yin Yang Judgment, which she had double-cast alongside Chains of Light. Anna then pointed her staff at the distant Mythic Evil Demon, and two magic arrays, one glowing white and the other black, appeared in the sky above her target. Under her command, a holy spear dropped from above, sliding through the defenseless Mythic Evil Demon's body.

*Boom!*

The world shook as a brilliant, black-white pillar devoured the Evil Demon.

-7,451,374!

In one hit, the Mythic Evil Demon had lost a significant chunk of its HP and was covered in wounds and scorch marks. The Evil Demon looked miserable. At the same time, it fell into a heavily injured state, reducing its combat power and Defense. Now, it was only as powerful as an ordinary Grand Lord.

The scene stunned every player on the battlefield. With one strike, the Mythic Evil Demon had lost more than 5% of its HP...

At this point, Shi Feng commanded the two Baphomets that fought near the Mythic Evil Demon to use the Tier 4 Skill, Dimensional Slash.

Two streaks of black light then cut down the heavily injured Mythic Evil Demon.

-9,613,474!

-9,576,174!

Two frightening damages appeared above the Mythic Evil Demon's head simultaneously, instantly lowering the Evil Demon's HP to under the 60% threshold...

“Damn it! Heal it, quickly! Do not let the Mythic Evil Demon die!” Singular Burial paled when he saw the Mythic ranked Evil Demon’s HP plummet. He had never thought that Zero Wing would still have such a hand to play.

Regardless of how much Singular Burial shouted at his team, the Mythic Evil Demon’s HP continued to decrease. Heavily injured, the Evil Demon even struggled to block Anna and the two Baphomet’s attacks. Meanwhile, each Baphomet easily dealt over a million damage with their normal attacks, and if the High Demons used Tier 3 or Tier 4 Skills, they’d deal several millions of damage. Heaven’s Burial’s healers simply couldn’t keep up.

Nearly 30 seconds later, the Mythic Evil Demon fell to Anna’s holy Light Spear and dropped over a dozen items. When they saw the items, many players wanted to charge in and claim the loot for themselves, but with the two Baphomets standing guard, they quickly dismissed the thought.

Using this opportunity, Shi Feng quickly made his way to the loot and collected the dropped items without sparing them a second glance.

Once the Mythic Evil Demon was dead, the battle turned for the worst for Heaven’s Burial. Without the Mythic Evil Demon, Anna and the three Baphomets overwhelmed the remaining four Mythic Evil Beasts. They also had cover fire from the Miniature Ballistas.

Despite Singular Burial’s command for the Mythic Evil Beasts to retreat from the battlefield, one of the monsters fell less than a minute after the Evil Demon had died. Seeing this, Singular Burial was unable to utter a single word for some time...

“Falling Fire, where are your forces?” Daybreak Fog asked desperately after contacting Falling Fire.

“We’re almost there. We’ll reach the battlefield in another minute,” Falling Fire replied.

“One minute? That long?” Daybreak Fog could not help but sigh when she heard Falling Fire’s reply. Glancing around at the remaining Mythic ranked Evil Beasts, she shook her head and said, “Forget it. You are better off not coming. The battle here is over. We’ll regroup at the barrier’s exit.”

“The battle’s over? What is the meaning of this?” Falling Fire demanded, shocked.

“We lost...” Daybreak Fog answered after mustering her final strand of willpower. She then disconnected the call.

#### Chapter 1693 – Stay Here

“Heaven’s Burial lost? How did it happen so quickly?” Falling Fire was stupefied when he heard Daybreak Fog’s final sentence. He simply could not fathom how such an outcome had occurred.

Heaven’s Burial had sent over 300,000 players and 100,000 Evil Demons to siege Stone Forest Town. The army had even included five Mythic ranked monsters. With such a force, even capturing a Guild City should be a problem, much less a Guild Town.

Furthermore, the battle at Stone Forest Town had begun and ended in less than half an hour. Even killing 400,000 Common monsters would take more time than that, yet he had just learned that Heaven’s Burial had lost in such a short time...

No matter how he thought about it, he simply couldn’t bring himself to believe Daybreak Fog’s claim.

Moreover, Singular Burial had confidently assured him that they could last another five minutes, but only three minutes had passed since that conversation, and the battle was over. For a moment, he even wondered if Singular Burial was toying with him.

However, with how much Heaven's Burial had riding on this battle, Falling Fire doubted that Singular Burial would make such a joke.

If Singular Burial were really joking, only Heaven's Burial would suffer for it.

"Should we retreat?" Qin Muyun, the woman beside Falling Fire, asked. She wore a suit of silver plate armor and carried a buckler engraved with divine runes.

"No. How can we possibly just leave after spending all of that time and effort to get this far? Even if Heaven's Burial is heavily wounded, Zero Wing shouldn't fare much better. Let's go and take a look. If there is a chance of victory, we can use the opportunity to capture Stone Forest Town," Falling Fire said, shaking his head. "Moreover, we have the Advanced Magic Array, Magic Dragon's Descent. Mythic Evil Demons and Beasts can't compare to the Magic Dragon. Not even a city's defensive magic array can last more than a few hits against it. Capturing Stone Forest Town will be child's play."

Qin Muyun nodded her agreement. This time, their superiors had instructed them to show Zero Wing and everyone else in God's Domain the consequences for provoking Blackwater.

Although Heaven's Burial's swift defeat had been a surprise, it was not exactly impossible. The majority of Heaven's Burial's Evil Demon army consisted of recently spawned Demons, which still sorely lacked strength. Meanwhile, Heaven's Burial's player army only had around 170,000 elite members, while the rest were normal Guild members. As for the Guild's experts, Heaven's Burial had only dispatched around 5,000 due to the losses the Guild suffered in Ancient Rock City.



On the other hand, Blackwater had dispatched over 6,000 experts and 10,000 elite players. In addition, the army had five Tier 2 experts: Falling Fire, Laughing Drunkard, Lethal Gale, First Ghost, and Qin Muyun. With their arrangement of one Tier 2 Shield Warrior, two Tier 2 Berserkers, and one Tier 2 Assassin, they could offer the support to allow Falling Fire to display the full strength of a Tier 2 Elementalist. In contrast, Heaven's Burial only had three Tier 2 players, and there wasn't a single MT among them.

They had also brought with them eight Catapults. Even if they had to face two or three Mythic monsters, they had a high chance of victory.

Falling Fire and Blackwater's forces immediately increased their pace toward Stone Forest Town.

After running for nearly one minute, the army arrived at the top of a slope some distance away from Stone Forest Town.

However, as Falling Fire began to organize his troops and advance on the town, he heard the sound of a massive explosion. The forest ahead of him trembled with the force of the explosion, and after a moment, a towering pillar of light destroyed the blast's surrounding terrain. Pitch-black fire devoured the nearby trees in the blink of an eye, leaving only cinders behind.

When the light pillar faded, Falling Fire's team spotted a 50-meter-tall Evil Earth Dragon laying in the ashes.

The Evil Earth Dragon's HP had already reached zero, and its entire body had burned to black. Deep cuts scored the Evil Earth Dragon's entire body, with some so deep that one could even see the Mythic monster's white bones. Several hundred of these deep gouges decorated the Evil Earth Dragon's form. Blackwater's members gasped when they saw this corpse's miserable state.

The light pillar had also killed hundreds of Evil Demons and players. However, that wasn't the worst part. Despite these players clearly being dead, their translucent souls still occupied the battlefield. Meanwhile, these souls were in agony as the pitch-black flames continued to burn them.

Seeing this, ordinary players might not realize what was happening, but the large Guilds' upper echelons and experts understood very well. This was a soul attack, and any player the attack killed would lose more than just one level. It was very likely that these players wouldn't be able to log back into God's Domain for some time.

Meanwhile, three gigantic figures stood beside the Evil Earth Dragon's corpse. Each of these figures was 30 meters tall, and they all held crimson longswords in their right hands, the blades of which were wrapped in pitch-black fire. Once they saw their prey's corpse, the three Baphomets split up and charged at the nearby Evil Demons and Heaven's Burial members. Every time the Baphomets swung their swords, dozens of Evil Demons and players lost their lives. None of these Evil Demons or players could withstand a single hit from the High Demons...

The three Baphomets were like Demon Gods as they slaughtered the Evil Demons and Heaven's Burial members. Only the half-HP Mythic Evil Beasts could hold off a High Demon for any length of time. However, despite only one Baphomet facing off against the two remaining Mythic Evil Beasts, the latter lost HP rapidly. It was only a matter of time before they died.

Falling Fire and the others wore somber expressions as they watched this scene.

The three Level 80 Mythic ranked High Demons even overwhelmed the Evil Earth Dragons. Before these monsters, players were a joke.

Falling Fire finally understood why Heaven's Burial had been defeated so quickly.

*How is Zero Wing so powerful?* Falling Fire was greatly confused as he watched the three Baphomets slaughter Heaven's Burial's forces.

Obtaining one such powerful monster was already extremely difficult, yet Zero Wing had command of three of them. Not even Super Guilds were capable of such a feat.

“Blackwater’s members?” Shi Feng, who stood some distance behind the Baphomets, quickly noticed the spectating crowd on a distant hillside. “Since you’re here, you should stay here forever!”

Saying so, Shi Feng instructed two of the Baphomets to charge at Blackwater’s army.

The Baphomets he had summoned had a very short duration of five hours. Since Blackwater’s forces had already arrived, he didn’t mind taking them out. Fortunately, Heaven’s Burial was no longer a threat to Zero Wing. He could finish off its members after taking out the larger threat, Blackwater’s forces.

“Damn it!” Falling Fire shouted. Watching the two Baphomets dash towards them, Falling Fire could easily guess what Shi Feng had in mind. Immediately, he commanded, “Summon the Magic Dragon! Activate the defensive magic array!”

Agreeing with Falling Fire’s decision, Qin Muyun notified the players responsible for the two magic arrays.

She had already witnessed the Baphomets’ strength. If two of these monsters were allowed to charge into Blackwater’s ranks, the consequences would be unimaginable. The only way to stop the two approaching High Demons was to summon the Magic Dragon and use their defensive magic array.

Suddenly, a colossal, silver magic array appeared in the sky. A moment later, a Dragon covered in pitch-black scales and silver runes manifested before Blackwater’s army.

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[Magic Dragon Kland] (High Inferior Dragon, Mythic)

Level 75

HP 420,000,000/420,000,000

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The Magic Dragon's aura was visibly stronger than that of ordinary Mythic monsters; it could basically rival a Mythic ranked Archaic Species of the same level. The Level 80 Evil Earth Dragons simply couldn't compare to this monster. This was also why Falling Fire was confident in capturing Stone Forest Town despite Heaven's Burial's defeat.

When the Magic Dragon joined the battlefield, 100 players in Blackwater's army spread out along the army's edges before activating a defensive magic array. A magic barrier then formed and enveloped the army.

A moment after Blackwater's army deployed its offensive and defensive measures, the two Baphomets reached the army like a powerful gale.

One of the two Baphomets then leaped into the air, transforming into a blur as it arrived before the Magic Dragon. The High Demon then swung down its crimson longsword, and the weapon tore apart space as it moved down towards the High Inferior Dragon's head.

Although Kland tried to block the attack with one of its claws, it was repelled the moment its claw met the blazing, crimson longsword. The crimson longsword then proceeded to smash into the Magic Dragon's head and slam it straight toward the ground, the resulting impact carving out a huge crater in the earth below.

Meanwhile, the other Baphomet arrived before Blackwater's defensive magic array. As the High Demon raised its longsword, the pitch-black flames along the blade flared.

As the Baphomet commanded, a raging pillar of black fire descended on Blackwater's magic barrier. When the flames met the barrier, the attack formed a massive slice across it. Smaller, web-like cracks began to spread out around the cut, crawling across the entire magic barrier...

#### Chapter 1694 – One Hit to Destroy a Magic Array

In the dense forest some distance away from Stone Forest Town...

Under Singular Burial's command, Heaven's Burial's members had scattered and fled into the forest. By doing so, more members would escape with their lives. Zero Wing's members could only operate within the movement-type defensive magic array, and only the three Baphomets were truly capable of giving chase.

"Huh? Why are Blackwater's people here?" Daybreak Fog, who maneuvered around the forest, was confused to see Falling Fire's group on a distant hillside. "Have they lost their minds?! They actually came!"

She had clearly told Blackwater not to come and to regroup at the barrier's exit. They'd only stand a chance against Zero Wing once they combined their forces.

"Foolish! Absolutely foolish! How can Blackwater employ such fools?!" Singular Burial could not help but curse out loud when he saw Falling Fire's distant figure.

He had already gotten a taste of Zero Wing's true strength. He had hoped to regroup with Blackwater's army and the Evil Demon army guarding the barrier's exit before resuming their battle against his hateful enemy.

However, the fools from Blackwater had refused to listen to his advice and continued towards the battlefield. If Zero Wing decimated Blackwater's forces now, this war was as good as over. Heaven's Burial would lose all hope of capturing Stone Forest Town.

Before Singular Burial could contact Falling Fire and demand an explanation from the foolish Elementalist, he noticed two of the rampaging Baphomets leave the battlefield and charge straight for the hillside Blackwater's army resided on. Seeing this, Singular Burial fell into a thorough despair.

However, before the two Baphomets had reached Blackwater's army, a Mythic ranked Magic Dragon descended from the sky. Despite such a vast distance between him and the High Inferior Dragon, Singular Burial could feel the horrific pressure the monster gave off, and he couldn't help but shudder. Layer after layer of translucent magic barrier enveloped Blackwater's entire army. In the blink of an eye, a triple barrier had formed to protect the army. At a glance, one could easily tell that the triple barrier was the product of a high-ranked defensive magic array.

"Guild Leader, Blackwater seems to be taking Zero Wing seriously this time. They've even used two of their trump cards. Based on our information, those two magic arrays were rewards Blackwater obtained after completing an Epic Main Storyline Quest. The Guild had to expend a lot of resources and manpower to complete it," Daybreak Fog said, slightly surprised to see the two magic arrays that had formed around Blackwater's forces. "The summoned Magic Dragon should have the power to rival a Mythic ranked Archaic Species of the same level, and the defensive magic array is an Advanced Magic

Array. It can block even Tier 4 attacks with ease. With those two, we might stand a chance against Zero Wing.”

Some of Heaven’s Burial’s upper echelons breathed a sigh of relief when they heard Daybreak Fog’s explanation.

Singular Burial’s eyes shone with joy.

If they had a Mythic ranked Archaic Species on their side to fight with their forces and the two remaining Evil Earth Dragons, they should be able to keep Zero Wing at bay for quite some time. Once the other Evil Demon army arrived, it might even be possible to suppress the three Baphomets.

Moreover, the Baphomets wouldn’t be able to clash their armies for some time with the Advanced Defensive Magic Array to protect them. They could then use the opportunity to bombard Zero Wing’s defensive magic array with Blackwater’s eight Catapults. Zero Wing’s defensive magic array wouldn’t last long against them.

As Singular Burial prepared to order his scattered forces to regroup with Blackwater, something unbelievable occurred. One of the two Baphomets that had assaulted Blackwater’s army had sent the Level 75 Magic Dragon crashing, face-first, into the ground with a single attack. Meanwhile, the other Baphomet released a powerful strike against Blackwater’s defensive magic array. Although the triple barrier did not fall, cracks webbed the entire barrier. For a moment, the world seemed to have fallen silent.

“How is this possible?”

Even Falling Fire and his Blackwater companions were dumbfounded, not to mention Singular Burial and his upper echelons. Their eyes bulged as they stared at the damage.

A monster that rivaled a Mythic ranked Archaic Species had been thrown, face-first, to the ground. A Mythic ranked Archaic Species was practically invincible to current players.

However, that wasn't what shocked them most. The Baphomet's ability to damage an Advanced Defensive Magic Array's barrier so severely with a single attack was unbelievable. Falling Fire and the other Blackwater members even wondered if the system had tricked them, awarding some cheap knockoff...

What Falling Fire and the others did not know was that a High Demon was a Demon with a noble lineage. High Demons were akin to emperors among Demons, and their Life Ratings were even higher than Archaic Species. Only Dragons and Ferocious Beasts could hope to triumph over a High Demon. Furthermore, Shi Feng's Baphomets had been reinforced with the Bible of Darkness. Their Strength was far higher than the Mythic ranked Magic Dragon's, and in a frontal clash, it was only natural that the Magic Dragon Kland had lost.

The Advanced Defensive Magic Array was indeed capable of blocking a normal Tier 4 attack, but the attack Baphomet had used had been a Tier 4 Taboo Skill. Including the Bible of Darkness's buff, the Tier 4 Taboo Skill could rival a Tier 5 attack, which was already far beyond the defensive magic array's endurance limit.

*It's not broken? What a powerful defensive magic array.* Shi Feng was slightly surprised as he watched Blackwater's defensive magic array slowly mending itself. He had never thought that Blackwater could acquire such a powerful Advanced Magic Array.

However, Falling Fire and his companions were truly shocked.

Not only had Baphomet's attack severely damaged their defensive magic array, but the players maintaining the magic array had also lost one-third of their Mana pools...



Unlike Zero Wing's movement-type defensive magic array, which was machine-operated, their players had to maintain their magic array. Hence, the energy needed to mend and maintain the array came from the players' Mana. If even one of these players ran out of Mana, the magic array would stop working and disappear. Players could only rely on Mana Recovery Potions to replenish their Mana stores. However, Mana Recovery Potions had considerably long Cooldowns, and they only restored a small amount of Mana.

Meanwhile, after seeing its first attack failing, the Baphomet attacking the defensive magic array promptly followed up with another Tier 4 Skill.

Although the Skill was no match for a Tier 4 Taboo Skill, it still drained a significant amount of Mana from the players maintaining the magic array.

Meanwhile, the other Baphomet continued to bombard the Magic Dragon, pushing it back and tearing one pained cry after another from the monster.

At this point, Falling Fire snapped out of his daze and hurriedly commanded, "Attack! Fire the Catapults!"

The players controlling the Catapults immediately aimed and fired at the Baphomet attacking their magic barrier.

The Catapults were extremely powerful, and with normal ammunition, their attacks had the power of Tier 4 strikes. If loaded with special ammunition, the war weapons' attacks would reach the peak of Tier 4. These attacks could even heavily injure Mythic monsters, and their only downside was their long, 2-minute Cooldown.

Suddenly, eight gigantic, flaming boulders flew towards the Baphomet attacking the defensive magic array.

Just before one of the flaming boulders, decorated with divine runes, struck the High Demon, the latter lightly swung its crimson longsword.

*Boom!*

The moment the edge of blade met the flaming boulder, Baphomet was forced to take three steps back as a damage of over -100,000 appeared above its head. However, the clash had failed to inflict any negative effects, such as a temporary numbing. Following which, Baphomet rapidly brandished its longsword to strike down the rest of the incoming boulders, one after another. Each time it blocked an attack, it was forced to retreat several steps, and the Baphomet only stabilized itself after taking a few dozen steps backward.

“How can a monster be so powerful?” Regret gripped Falling Fire’s heart as he watched the Baphomet only lose a little over 1,000,000 HP after receiving all eight attacks. Why had he so foolishly rushed over here?

Before Falling Fire could snap out of his daze, the targeted Baphomet advanced and assaulted the defensive magic array again. The players maintaining the magic array continued to lose Mana, and although Falling Fire and his players tried to retaliate, the High Demon simply shrugged off their attacks.

“Retreat! Retreat with the magic array! We cannot remain here any longer!” Falling Fire shouted anxiously, his expression somber.

Although he hated to admit it, even a fool could tell that only death awaited them should they continue this battle. Their wisest option was a quick retreat while the defensive magic array still stood. Although

moving the magic array would significantly deplete its energy, it was better than standing here and doing nothing.

“Don’t even think you can flee that easily!” When Shi Feng saw Blackwater’s army began its retreat, he immediately commanded Anna to use Angel Summoning.

A moment later, a Valkyrie with white-feathered wings descended onto the battlefield. A Valkyrie’s Life Rating was even higher than a High Demon’s, but how much strength the summoned Valkyrie could exhibit largely depended on Anna’s Basic Attributes.

Fortunately, Anna had already activated Yin Yang Power, which allowed the Valkyrie’s combat power to reach a height like never before.

The Valkyrie’s two sets of wings shuddered slightly before she vanished from where she stood. A second later, she reappeared before Blackwater’s army, radiating a horrific aura that was even stronger than the two Baphomets’.

Suddenly, a Spear of Thunder formed in the Valkyrie’s hand before she tossed it at Blackwater’s magic barrier.

*Peng! Peng! Peng!*

Three crisp sounds echoed throughout the forest as a hole formed in the three incomparably powerful protective barriers. The spear then struck one of the players maintaining the array before it exploded.

*Boom!*

Countless arcs of golden lightning scattered, devouring everything in its path. Any players this lightning touched were vaporized instantly.

With just one attack, the Valkyrie had killed over 500 Blackwater members. Meanwhile, the Advanced Defensive Magic Array could no longer operate as it lost one of its operators, and it began to fade out of existence.

Staring at the Valkyrie before him, Falling Fire's expression became more solemn than ever before.

When Singular Burial and the other Heaven's Burial members saw this from within the forest, horror flashed in their eyes.

With one attack, the Valkyrie had destroyed an Advanced Defensive Magic Array that could even stop a Mythic ranked monster's attacks...

#### Chapter 1695 – Heaven's Burial Crumbles

When the triple barrier Blackwater's Advanced Defensive Magic Array had created began to fade, the various major powers' members, who watched the battle through Magic Water Mirrors, expressed their shock and horror.

The three Baphomets Shi Feng had summoned were impossibly strong.

But even one of their full-powered attacks had only cracked the defensive magic array's outermost barrier. On the other hand, the Valkyrie had destroyed the entire defensive magic array with one attack.

If the Valkyrie were used to siege a Guild Town or City... Just thinking about it made them shudder.

It was entirely possible that the Valkyrie would only need one attack to break a city's defensive magic array.

"Just how many secrets has Zero Wing hidden?" Singular Burial was nearly traumatized as he watched Blackwater's defensive magic array crumble.

Countless Guilds dreamed of wielding the power to destroy a city's defensive magic array.

Breaking a city's defensive magic array was, after all, the most important part of trying to capture a city.

When Shi Feng had destroyed Ancient Rock City's defensive magic arrays, he had chalked it up to the man finding some precious treasure, and a treasure like that would only have limited uses. Once the usage counts were exhausted, the treasure would disappear.

Yet, Shi Feng had replicated that feat with a summoned Valkyrie one of his Personal Guards controlled. This had an entirely different meaning than summoning such power with a Consumable. The Valkyrie had been called with a Skill, which meant that Zero Wing could summon the monster indefinitely, only limited by the Skill's Cooldown.

*Sure enough, that Valkyrie is really powerful.* The fact that the Valkyrie had destroyed an Advanced Defensive Magic Array even surprised Shi Feng.

However, he doubted that the Valkyrie could destroy a city's defensive magic array; at the very least, she'd need to use more than one attack. An Advanced Defensive Magic Array, which players had to maintain and a city's defensive magic array were two very different things. A player-maintained defensive magic array had the advantage that it could be deployed at any given time. However, its flaws were obvious. First, there was the problem of Mana consumption. Second, no harm must come to the players maintaining the magic array. Otherwise, the magic array would crumble.

Although the Valkyrie's full-powered attack had pierced a hole in Blackwater's defensive magic array, it had failed to destroy the magic array entirely. The attack had merely drained a considerable amount of Mana from the maintaining players. The attack had only destroyed the barrier because it had killed a few of the players maintaining it.

This wouldn't happen with a city's defensive magic array. At most, the Valkyrie's attack would deplete some of the magic array's energy.

Meanwhile, since Blackwater's army had lost its defensive magic array's protection, it had no way to deal with the High Demon before it. Each time Baphomet swung its crimson longsword, it reaped the lives of over a hundred players. After the players died, Baphomet's Soul Fire continued to burn their Immortal Souls.

In the blink of an eye, Baphomet had killed over 1,000 players.

Falling Fire's heart bled when he saw this. Blackwater had dispatched 20,000 players to capture Stone Forest Town, 6,000 of which were Guild-nurtured experts. It was one thing if these experts died, but if their Immortal Souls were damaged, they'd be prevented from logging into God's Domain for several Days. This would be a massive loss for the Guild.

With no better choice, Falling Fire could only follow Heaven's Burial's example and order a retreat, telling his men to scatter. Only one Baphomet had targeted the force, and even if the High Demon were very fast, it could only kill a limited number of players if everyone ran in different directions.

Seeing this, Shi Feng sneered and waved a hand.

Suddenly, hundreds of Miniature Ballistas launched their Exploding Arrows at Blackwater's members, each arrow containing power at the peak of Tier 2. When Blackwater's members saw the volley of arrows rain down on them, they felt their scalps tingle.

After a series of explosions, the hillside became a barren wasteland covered in small craters and scorched earth.

Although Blackwater's members had responded to the volley very quickly, over 2,000 players had died in the first wave of arrows. The Miniature Ballistas' effect was wondrous.

Watching volley after volley of Exploding Arrows rain down on his forces, Falling Fire turned to flash Shi Feng a chilling glare as he fled.

His forces had suffered a tragic loss. Against the several hundred Miniature Ballistas' continued bombardment and the High Demon's pursuit, he'd be lucky to leave this battlefield with less than half of his original army if they escaped at all.

Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's forces continued to scatter, running all the way to the sealing barrier's single exit. Naturally, Shi Feng ordered his Guild members to chase the two Guilds down, leaving scorched earth and corpses in their wake.

As they watched Zero Wing's members chase hundreds of thousands of players relentlessly, the crowd in Stone Forest Town was stupefied.

Ruthless!

Zero Wing was utterly ruthless!

This was the crowd's evaluation of Zero Wing. Normally, after one side won a Guild war, it would only chase its enemy for ten or so minutes if it wanted to exploit its victory. Chasing the enemy players for any longer than that could lead to unnecessary losses, yet Zero Wing ran after Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's members for over half an hour, hunting the two Guilds' forces to the sealing barrier's exit.

In the end, Zero Wing had slaughtered every Mythic Evil Demon and Mythic Evil Beast Heaven's Burial had sent to the Stoneclaw Mountains. The Guild didn't even spare the Mythic monsters that had guarded the sealing barrier's exit. All Evil Demon above Lord rank had been annihilated as well. Meanwhile, Zero Wing suffered zero casualties throughout this entire battle.

If they told other players of this battle, those players would likely assume they were either joking or bragging.

However, such a miraculous battle had indeed occurred before them.

Three Baphomets guarded the exit of the barrier sealing off the Stoneclaw Mountains, preventing anyone from leaving the map. Any player or Evil Demon that tried to approach the exit was killed or sent flying. No one was allowed past these High Demons.



“Black Flame! Don’t go too far!” Singular Burial bellowed as he glowered at Shi Feng, who stood within Zero Wing’s movement-type defensive magic array.

The sealing barrier’s exit wasn’t particularly large. Normally, ten or so Evil Demons was enough to block it off completely. The Baphomets with their gigantic frames easily guarded the exit, and with their outrageous strength, Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater’s forces had no hope of leaving the Stoneclaw Mountains. Their forces could only watch as Zero Wing’s Miniature Ballistas slowly approached.

“Black Flame, we have lost. We have already chosen to retreat from the Stoneclaw Mountains. By trying to exterminate us all, do you intend to fight Blackwater until the bitter end?” Falling Fire demanded as he glared at Shi Feng.

“Going too far?” In an indifferent tone, Shi Feng responded, “Not only have your two Guilds worked together to target Zero Wing time after time, but you’ve enclosed the Stoneclaw Mountains in a barrier to kill our members back to Level 0. Did you not consider that your actions were a bit much?”

“If I let you off the hook so easily today, what will other Guilds think of Zero Wing?”

“Thus, I invite every one of you to stay with us!”

Saying so, Shi Feng waved his hand, and hundreds of Exploding Arrows rained down on Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater’s remaining members.

*Boom! Boom! Boom!*

A series of explosions echoed throughout the valley. With no power to fight back, Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's members could only run and scatter.

"Good! Very good! Black Flame, you forced me to do this!" Singular Burial descended into madness as he watched one of his Guild's experts and elites die after another. "Since Heaven's Burial is finished, Flame Blood, detonate Beast Emperor's Evil Energy magic array! I want the map to become a graveyard! We'll drag Zero Wing to hell with us!"

Shortly after Singular Burial issued the command, runes began to appear above the Stoneclaw Mountains. The Evil Energy within the map went berserk, gathering in the array Beast Emperor had previously constructed. The earth trembled as the terrifying power concentrated. It felt as if Armageddon had come to the Stoneclaw Mountains.

"Lunatic!" Falling Fire cursed when he heard Singular Burial's crazy plan.

The man was going to drag him to hell as well!

Because of this turn of events, Zero Wing's members wore somber expressions.

They could all feel the horrific power concentrating at the gigantic magic array near the exit of the sealing barrier. If the magic array exploded, the consequences would be dire.

"Die!" Singular Burial began to laugh maniacally when he saw the fear on Zero Wing's faces.

Once the magic array was set to detonate, it would transform everything within a 5,000 yard radius into a land of dead. Moreover, Evil Energy would corrupt players' souls after they died in the explosion. Even

if some players survived, Evil Energy would contaminate their being, and they'd suffer a Weakened state. Players that died would also suffer a Weakened state. This Weakened state would relent until players removed the Evil Energy from their bodies, which would take a considerable amount of time.

Suddenly, a figure appeared in the air. It was none other than Shi Feng, who had used a Blink Scroll. Once in the air, Shi Feng pointed Killing Ray at the magic array collecting Evil Energy. Then, a pitch-black barrier formed, enveloping the array and gradually dissipating the gathering Mana and Evil Energy.

Forbidden Domain!

Without the support of external Mana, the magic array couldn't self-destruct.

"Don't think that you can die so easily while you stand before me!" Shi Feng growled as he charged into the Evil Energy-filled magic array.

Evil Energy was incredibly toxic to ordinary players, and at high concentrations, it could even kill players upon contact.

However, the moment Shi Feng entered the magic array's range, he activated Absolute Domain, becoming immune to all forms of damage.

After setting foot in the magic array's range, the golden, divine runes surrounding Shi Feng began to crackle as they fought off the surrounding Evil Energy's corrosion.

*What powerful Evil Energy!* Shi Feng couldn't help his surprise when he noticed the Evil Energy begin to corrode the divine runes.

His Absolute Domain could even stop Tier 4 Mythic monsters' attacks, yet this magic array's Evil Energy slowly, but surely corroded the Skill. The power of the concentrated Evil Energy here nearly had the power of a Tier 5 Spell.

Not even ordinary Mythic monsters would dare approach this magic array with such power. Only Evil Beasts and Evil Demons had any hope of survival within it.

The Evil Energy's corrosion increased as time passed. Not daring to waste any more time, Shi Feng charged toward the center of the magic array and slashed at the staff there with one of his blades.

Thunder Flame Explosion!

*Boom!*

When the lightning and fire collided with their target, the staff inserted into the ground shattered, leaving only a dark-gray crystal covered with purple-gold runes behind.

When the core of the magic array shattered, the array began to vanish.

Following which, the sound of a system notification reached Shi Feng's ears.

System: Congratulations! You have successfully destroyed the Evil God's sealing magic array and stopped an Evil Energy Passage from opening. Rewarding 100 Humanity Reputation Points and 10,000 War God's Temple Merit Points.

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Shi Feng was slightly surprised when he heard the system notification.

He had never expected to earn 100 Humanity Reputation Points and 10,000 War God's Temple Merit Points for just destroying a magic array.

War God's Temple Merit Points were extremely valuable. With 4,000 points, one could purchase an ordinary Epic item from the temple.

However, Shi Feng did not spare the matter much thought as he snatched up the runic crystal and dashed away from the magic array.

Although the magic array had already been destroyed, the Evil Energy it had gathered still lingered in the area. Once the Evil Energy ate through Absolute Domain's protection, not even a Tier 2 player like himself could survive the concentrated energy.

Meanwhile, outside the magic array, Singular Burial, who had truly gone mad, was stupefied when he noticed the magic array disappear. Flame Blood, who controlled the Evil Demons from a hidden location, also gaped in shock.

“How is that possible?” The color in Flame Blood’s face drained when he noticed the gathered Evil Energy in the magic array gradually dissipate. “Is he really a player?”

The sealing magic array Beast Emperor had used to entrap the Stoneclaw Mountains was extraordinary. The Evil Energy inside the array had become so dense after sacrificing 400,000 players that not even an Evil God’s Apostle like Flame Blood dared to enter its range. Any player not belonging to the Evil God’s Temple would seal their own fate if they approached the magic array.

Yet, not only had Shi Feng survived inside it, but he had also destroyed the magic array.

Although the Silencing Skill Shi Feng had used prevented the magic array’s detonation, that was only temporary. Once the Silencing Skill’s duration ended, Flame Blood could simply detonate the magic array again and transform this map into a cemetery.

However, now that the magic array had been destroyed, that wasn’t possible.

Due to the magic array’s destruction, the barrier over the Stoneclaw Mountains’ map lifted. As a result, the blue sky returned as every player watched. Communication with the outside world also became possible again.

“The seal has lifted?”

“How is this possible? Did Heaven’s Burial win?”

“Quick! Notify the higher-ups!”

The various large Guilds' members, who were stationed outside of the barrier, were surprised when the pitch-black magic barrier around the Regional Dungeon suddenly disappeared. They immediately contacted their superiors.

However, before they could report the situation, a large number of players burst out of the other end of the valley as terrified as if they had just seen a ghost. These fleeing players wore either Heaven's Burial's emblem or Blackwater's.

A moment later, another large group of players charged out of the Stoneclaw Mountains. Although the second group had fewer players than the first, the second group's momentum was imposing. These players fiercely hunted down Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's fleeing members.

"What's going on? Why are Zero Wing's members the ones pursuing Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's members? Shouldn't it be the other way around?"

"Did Heaven's Burial and Blackwater lose?"

"That shouldn't be possible, right? Those two Guilds sent in so many players, and they had the help of their Evil Demon army. How could they possibly lose?"

The spectating players had never even considered the possibility that Zero Wing would defeat Heaven's Burial and Blackwater. The Evil Demon army was simply too strong; it wasn't a force current players could defeat. Furthermore, Heaven's Burial and Blackwater far outnumbered Zero Wing. Capturing Stone Forest Town would be a piece of cake for these two Guilds. How could they possibly end up running away from Zero Wing? Moreover, Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's members fled with such desperation.

Before these players could think of a proper explanation, three 30-meter-tall, humanoid monsters charged out of the valley ahead. Every one of these humanoid monsters radiated a horrific aura, and as they left the valley, they chased after Heaven's Burial and Blackwater's players. Each time they swung their crimson longswords, they took the lives of dozens or even hundreds of players. Nobody could stop the three monsters' rampage as screams echoed throughout the valley.

When the spectators took a closer look at the Baphomets' statistics, they couldn't help but shudder and gasp.

Mythic monsters!

However, before they could recover from their shock, they noticed translucent figures hovering above the players' corpses. Pitch-black fire burned these translucent figures, and a sense of dread overwhelmed the spectating players.

Ordinary players might not recognize this phenomenon, but Guild players like them were no strangers to the scene. Evidently, the Baphomets used soul attacks, and any players they killed with the attack would suffer more than a single lost level.

Meanwhile, there were three of these monsters...

"Quick! Report this to the higher-ups!" some of the players who reacted quickly shouted.

News of the barrier around the Stoneclaw Mountains lifting quickly spread to Star-Moon Kingdom's various large Guilds. And it wasn't the only news they received. Battle videos of the heaven-defying fight that had occurred outside of Stone Forest Town also found their way into the upper echelons' mailboxes.



These videos clearly displayed the full development of the war between Zero Wing and Heaven's Burial.

Despite these upper echelons' experience in numerous field battles, team battles, and even Guild wars, when they watched the fight outside of Stone Forest Town, they couldn't help but be dumbfounded.

Watching Shi Feng resist Heaven's Burial's war weapons was particularly mind-blowing. No player had ever done anything like it, yet Shi Feng had achieved the feat effortlessly. The Strength and Defense he displayed were simply unheard-of.

In addition, the Guilds' upper echelons watched the three Baphomets annihilate the Mythic Evil Demon and four Mythic Evil Beasts, and one Tier 3 or Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spell fall on the battlefield after another. Seeing several hundred Miniature Ballistas fire their arrows as one was also spectacular.

Overall, the battle had completely transformed the terrain outside of Stone Forest Town. Guild experts had been little more than ants in the battle, unable to accomplish anything.

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In the Star Alliance's Residence in Star-Moon City...

"So, Heaven's Burial has been defeated?" Galaxy Past revealed a bitter smile when he received news of Zero Wing's victory. "Now, no one in Star-Moon Kingdom can stop Zero Wing."

"Guild Leader, did you predict that Heaven's Burial would lose from the very beginning?" Purple Eye asked curiously. Based on Galaxy Past's tone, he didn't seem surprised by this war's outcome.

“No, I didn’t know, but I had a feeling that Zero Wing wouldn’t lose. The Guild has performed many miracles since its establishment, and there’s nothing surprising about it performing one more,” Galaxy Past said, shaking his head. “However, Zero Wing’s performance this time did surpass even my expectations. Despite facing such a powerful force, it still won so effortlessly, even killing over 200,000 Heaven’s Burial members and 15,000 players from Blackwater...”

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The various superpowers following the war between the two Guilds were shocked when they learned of its outcome.

“Zero Wing! They still had such a trump card? It’s no wonder why the Guild rejected our kindhearted offer.” Yuan Tiexin paled as he watched the three Baphomets in the video before him.

High Demons!

He had only read about this type of Demon in the libraries he had visited. High Demons were emperors among Demons. Their Life Ratings were even higher than Archaic Species, yet Zero Wing had summoned three of these High Demons. It was only natural that Heaven’s Burial had lost.

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After this war, Star-Moon Kingdom’s various major powers, as well as those operating in secret within the kingdom, realized that Zero Wing had grown past its status as a fledgling Guild. Now, Zero Wing’s development in Star-Moon Kingdom was truly unstoppable. The Guild had proven its foundations to join the ranks of the various superpowers and compete for hegemony in God’s Domain.

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Shi Feng had returned to White River City with the loot he had obtained from the Mythic Evil Demons and Mythic Evil Beasts. He hadn't stayed in the Stoneclaw Mountains to participate in the clean-up battle. Heaven's Burial's main force was already finished, and Blackwater had lost over 80% of the experts it had dispatched. Baphomets' Soul Fire had even claimed many of them. Once the resurrected and could log back into the game, they'd be essentially crippled for a considerable time. From today onward, neither of these two Guilds would find any success in Star-Moon Kingdom. In fact, Heaven's Burial might even have trouble continuing in the game at all.

After returning to White River City, Shi Feng retrieved his latest bounty, looking through the items with shining eyes. This was especially true when his gaze fell on the dark-gray crystal covered in runes.

When he had picked the crystal up earlier, he had still been surrounded by dense Evil Energy. He hadn't had the time to inspect his harvest properly. Now, however, he could feel how frightening this dark-gray, runic crystal truly was. The concentrated energy within was astonishing, even surpassing the Mana within Seven Luminaries Crystals. Comparing a Seven Luminaries Crystal's energy levels to this dark-gray crystal was like comparing a candle flame to a forest fire. It felt as if this single crystal contained the power of an entire world.

"What is this thing?" Shi Feng muttered curiously as he inspected the item.

## Chapter 1697 – Miniature World

When Shi Feng tried inspecting the dark-gray crystal, the result he got was simply a bunch of "Unknown." In fact, he didn't even get the name of the crystal.

*It can't be inspected?* Shi Feng grew even more curious upon receiving this result. He immediately activated Omniscient Eyes and appraised the crystal.

Aside from weapons and equipment, cases where an item could not be inspected were rare. In such rare cases, the reason for such an outcome was either a frightening origin or damage beyond repair.

After Shi Feng activated Omniscient Eyes and used them on the dark-gray crystal, a loading bar appeared before him.

*Twenty-two seconds?! What an amazing item!* Shi Feng's eyes glowed with excitement when he saw the time needed to appraise the crystal.

Normally, even Epic items needed only a dozen seconds or so to appraise. For the crystal before him to need 22 seconds, this proved that the crystal was much more valuable than even Epic items.

However, after giving the matter some thought, Shi Feng found it reasonable. An item capable of serving as the core of the magic array that sealed the entire Stoneclaw Mountains naturally couldn't be an ordinary item. Even the defensive magic arrays used to protect cities required an extremely strong power source to operate. A barrier that could seal a map as large as the Stoneclaw Mountains would need an extremely frightening amount of energy.

Finally, after 22 seconds had passed, the Attribute Panel of the dark-gray crystal was no longer filled with "Unknown."

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[Evil God's Eye]

This is an item created by the Evil God for the specific purpose of opening up a path through a world's barrier. The inside of the Evil God's Eye contains a sealed miniature world. The Evil God's Eye can be used as a conduit to transfer the power of the entire miniature world to the outside world. However, as the conversion equipment has been damaged, the Evil God's Eye is no longer able to supply any power to the outside world.

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*There's a miniature world inside this thing? Heaven's Burial really is generous to actually use such a treasure to seal the Stoneclaw Mountains.* Shi Feng was dumbstruck after reading the Evil God's Eye's introduction.

It was no wonder he couldn't inspect the item before. It was only natural for him not to be able to inspect the information of a miniature world using normal means.

As far as Shi Feng knew, miniature worlds were extremely rare in God's Domain. Only the Ancient Gods could create items with miniature worlds sealed inside them. Meanwhile, items containing miniature worlds all possessed extraordinary power.

Moreover, if players controlled an item containing a miniature world, they could enter said miniature world any time they wanted to.

Although miniature worlds were no match for Otherworlds in terms of size, they were roughly similar existences. However, owners of miniature worlds had complete control over them, unlike Otherworlds, and could harvest the resources inside the miniature worlds at their leisure. Otherworlds, on the other hand, required players to manually obtain the resources they wanted.

Of course, miniature worlds did not possess as many resources as Otherworlds did. Controlling a miniature world was akin to gaining control of an ore vein. Players could harvest various kinds of rare resources periodically from the miniature world they controlled.

Meanwhile, the most precious resource one could obtain from a miniature world would be Power Ore.

Power Ore was an excellent support material produced by concentrating the energy of the entire miniature world. Typically, a support material that could increase the forging success rate of Dark-Gold Equipment by 5% would already be considered a miraculous item. However, Power Ore boosted the forging success rate of Dark-Gold Equipment by around 5% to 10%. In addition, the forged equipment would gain the Energy Protection passive effect with 100% certainty. As for weapons produced using Power Ore, they would gain the Energy Strengthening passive effect with 100% certainty.

The Energy Protection effect passively increased the tolerance of equipment, making the equipment less likely to get damaged by powerful attacks and reducing the loss of durability.

Meanwhile, the Energy Strengthening effect performed roughly the same function as Energy Protection. It decreased a weapon's chances of suffering wear and tear when striking at tough opponents or blocking powerful attacks.

Players might not find these effects particularly useful during the early stages of God's Domain. But at higher levels, these effects would start to become important because the more players fought against powerful monsters, the more frequently they would come across monsters capable of severely damaging weapons and equipment.

It might be fine if the weapons and equipment players used were of high quality, but those at Fine-Gold rank and below could end up a pile of scrap after going through a battle against a powerful monster.

Due to this reason, as players reached higher levels, their thirst for high-ranking weapons and equipment would likewise become increasingly greater.

It was also due to this reason that, in Shi Feng's previous life, the market had never become saturated with weapons and equipment in the ten years of God's Domain's operation—because even Epic items could be destroyed.

Hence, the various large Guilds had actively nurtured their own Lifestyle players in the past. This was especially true for Lifestyle players capable of producing weapons and equipment. The further Guilds progressed into the game, the greater their need for weapons and equipment. During the later stages of the game, Guilds even had to prepare multiple sets of weapons and equipment for their members when raiding powerful Bosses or fighting large-scale battles with other Guilds.

Since weapons and equipment made with Power Ore lost durability at a much slower rate, Guilds could save up on plenty of Coins and materials.

In the past, any Power Ore sold on the market would be bought almost immediately, so long as the price was reasonable. The various large Guilds had also expended a ton of effort on the acquisition of Power Ore. Unfortunately, Power Ore was extremely rare. In fact, the continent of God's Domain didn't produce Power Ore. Players could obtain Power Ore only from miniature worlds and certain unstable Otherworlds. Hence, the various large Guilds had constantly contested over Otherworlds that produced Power Ore.

As for owning a miniature world that could provide a stable supply of Power Ore, this was something that most Guilds could only dream of.

As far as Shi Feng knew, only a few Super Guilds and super-first-rate Guilds had managed to get their hands on a miniature world. Due to their ownership of a miniature world, these Guilds had performed much better at raiding Team Dungeons and Field Bosses than other Guilds.

Thus, now that Shi Feng had discovered a miniature world sealed inside the Evil God's Eye, how could he possibly not become excited?

In fact, he even wanted to thank Heaven's Burial right now. If not for Heaven's Burial sealing off the Stoneclaw Mountains, he would never have gotten his hands on such a valuable item. Had Heaven's Burial offered to trade the Evil God's Eye for Stone Forest Town, Shi Feng might even have accepted the offer. All that trouble just to capture Stone Forest Town would have been unnecessary.

However, had Heaven's Burial truly known the value of the Evil God's Eye, the Guild definitely wouldn't have done something as foolish as using it as a power source for a magic array.

"I wonder if the War God's Temple can repair this thing?" Shi Feng muttered to himself as he looked at the crystal in his hands.

Although the Evil God's Eye was damaged, it was not irreparable. It should be possible for the War God's Temple, which was familiar with the Evil God's Temple, to repair the Evil God's Eye.

After thinking up to this point, Shi Feng stored the Evil God's Eye and started looking through the other items he obtained from the war.

The loot dropped by the Mythic Evil Demons and Mythic Evil Beasts was considerably good. Two pieces of Epic Growth-type Equipment dropped this time: a top for magical classes and a pair of boots for MTs. The rest were Level 70-plus Dark-Gold and Fine-Gold Equipment. To current players, these things were still too high-leveled and useless for now. Aside from weapons and equipment, the Mythic monsters also dropped an Evil God Crystal, which was an unexpected harvest for Shi Feng.



In addition, he had obtained over 10,000 Evil Energy Crystals from all the lower-ranked Evil Demons his summoned creatures and Zero Wing's members had killed. If he sold all these Evil Energy Crystals, he could definitely make a huge fortune.

However, Shi Feng had no intention of selling these Evil Energy Crystals. Instead, he planned to use them to upgrade the Evil God's Tablet.

It was only the existence of the Evil God's Tablet that allowed Zero Wing's Battle Arena in Stone Forest Town to have advanced combat rooms. Meanwhile, these advanced combat rooms were the reason behind the popularity of Stone Forest Town's Battle Arena among expert players. Unfortunately, the Evil God's Tablet had a limited AOE, supporting the operation of only a few advanced combat rooms at a time, which limited the attraction the Battle Arena held for expert players.

If Shi Feng could increase the number of advanced combat rooms, then Stone Forest Town's Battle Arena would become more attractive to expert players. Consequently, Zero Wing could recruit more expert players.

Now that he had 10,000 Evil Energy Crystals, he could definitely afford to upgrade the Evil God's Tablet.

Following which, Shi Feng stored some of the weapons, equipment, and materials he acquired in the Guild Warehouse and used a Guild Transfer Scroll to teleport to Stone Forest Town.

Chapter 1698 – Upgrading the Evil God's Tablet

Star-Moon City, Stone Forest Town:

After Zero Wing's big battle with Heaven's Burial came to an end, shock filled the whole Star-Moon Kingdom. Nobody had expected such an outcome. In this battle, not only was Heaven's Burial defeated, but the Guild's entire main force was practically crippled. Many of Heaven's Burial's members couldn't even log into God's Domain right now. As for Blackwater, it, too, had suffered miserable losses.

With the addition of this new battle record, Zero Wing's fame and prestige in Star-Moon Kingdom reached unprecedented heights. Every major power operating in Star-Moon Kingdom, whether in the light or in the dark, now held Zero Wing in intense awe and fear.

Setting aside the three Baphomets Zero Wing summoned, just the combination of several hundred Miniature Ballistas and the movement-type defensive magic array made Zero Wing a frightening force to reckon with. In terms of war weapons, no Guild in Star-Moon Kingdom could compete against Zero Wing.

Now that Heaven's Burial had suffered such a miserable defeat, most likely no Guild in Star-Moon Kingdom could pose a threat to Zero Wing.

Inside the Guild Hall of Zero Wing's Residence, a bright flash appeared at Residence's teleportation point. After the light vanished, Shi Feng's figure took its place.

At this moment, the Guild Hall was very lively. Many of the Guild's new-generation reserve elite members could be seen lining up excitedly in the quest area, waiting to pick up a Guild Quest.

These new-generation reserve elites were players that left their respective beginner towns not long ago and passed the Guild's entrance test. Although they were only Level 20 on average, they all possessed considerably good talent. Among them were some gifted youths.

Taking a glance, Shi Feng even noticed a few players who had been famous apex experts in Star-Moon Kingdom during his previous life.

For example, Shadow Chaser was one of the top 10 Assassins of Star-Moon Kingdom. There was also Blood Rain, who was one of the top 20 Oracles in the kingdom. And then there was Luo Yiyi, a Druid who had managed to get promoted to Tier 4.

These were all talents that the various large Guilds desperately sought to recruit in the past. Yet, now, these talents had all chosen to join Zero Wing.

“The war this time is really amazing. It’s a pity that I’m too low-leveled to join. Hopefully, I’ll get to join in a battle of such scale in the future,” a male youth clad in gray mage robes said as he watched the video of the previous war being played in the Guild Hall, a hopeful expression on his face.

“It won’t be that easy to get selected for such a large-scale war. At the very least, you’ll have to get promoted into an elite member to have a chance. The bunch of us are only reserve elites right now. It’ll take a lot of effort to become an actual elite member of the Guild. Just accumulating the required GCPs is already plenty difficult, not to mention passing the promotion test,” a robust man geared in metal armor said, shaking his head.

Reserve elite was a position granted to players that the Guild deemed to have potential. However, a person’s potential did not necessarily represent their strength. If reserve elites failed to hit the growth requirements set by the Guild within a certain period of time, they would be demoted to normal members and would have to climb their way back up in the Guild.

Moreover, as Zero Wing’s influence in God’s Domain increased and more and more players chose to join the Guild, the bar for elite members would also be raised. After all, the Guild had a limited amount of resources. Not everybody could enjoy bountiful resources. Only the Guild’s elite and expert members had the qualifications to reap such benefits.

“That’s no problem at all. Right now, the only advantage the Guild’s elite members have over us is that they joined the Guild earlier than we did. With enough time, even becoming a member of the Guild’s main force won’t be a problem!” a teenage girl with an oval face and a graceful body clad in black leather armor said with a grin on her face. She turned to look at Shi Feng’s figure displayed in the battle video and added, “Just you all wait! Sooner or later, you’ll be able to see my figure standing beside the Guild Leader!”

“You’re dreaming too much. Why don’t you take a look and see who’s standing beside the Guild Leader? Commander Fire Dance and Vice Guild Leader Aqua Rose are both experts who can go toe-to-toe with even the peak experts of Super Guilds,” someone in the crowd around the teenage girl retorted.

Only, as soon as this person said so, he was immediately given a fierce glare by the teenage girl.

These reserve elites did not rein in their volume when they spoke. Even ordinary players standing several dozen yards away could hear their conversation clearly, let alone Shi Feng, a player who possessed an extraordinary physique.

However, Shi Feng simply chuckled in regard to the conversation of these reserve elites.

He had never thought that his existence would spur Guild members to improve themselves.

Nonetheless, after taking a look at these reserve elite members, Shi Feng felt that there was a need to expand the Guild once again. Previously, due to Zero Wing’s shallow foundations and funding problem, the Guild could afford to make only a limited number of reserve elites.

After the war with Heaven's Burial, though, that was no longer a problem. Setting aside the items Zero Wing obtained from the Evil Demons killed, just the weapons and equipment the Guild got from killing Heaven's Burial's and Blackwater's members were already enough for several mass recruitments.

Meanwhile, during the next expansion, Shi Feng planned to lure in experts from neighboring kingdoms as well. After all, the scale of the war between Zero Wing and Heaven's Burial had been massive. Not to mention, Heaven's Burial was the previous ruler of Ancient Rock City. Hence, the players of Star-Moon Kingdom weren't the only ones that had paid attention to the war. Even players in neighboring kingdoms knew about it.

Now that Zero Wing had thoroughly crushed Heaven's Burial, the players in the neighboring kingdoms would naturally try to get a better understanding of Zero Wing. Meanwhile, he could use this opportunity to recruit a bunch of elite and expert players to increase the Guild's strength and growth potential.

Thinking up to this point, Shi Feng messaged Aqua Rose and had her send some people to carry out his orders.

As for himself, he made his way to Stone Forest Town's Battle Arena.

After the war with Heaven's Burial ended, peace and stability had returned to Stone Forest Town. As a result, the number of players gathered at Stone Forest Town was continuously increasing. Among the players visiting the town, there was no lack of Guild experts and independent experts.

After watching the battle between Zero Wing and Heaven's Burial, everyone had realized one thing.

And that was the fact that even players could go up against war weapons—but sufficient strength was needed to do so. Meanwhile, if they wanted to improve their strength, getting promoted to Tier 2 was undisputedly the fastest method to do so. However, aside from needing good weapons and equipment, sufficiently high combat standards were also necessary to clear the Tier 2 Promotion Quest.

Training at Stone Forest Town's Battle Arena was undoubtedly the fastest way to improve one's combat standards.

Although training at the Trial Tower was also an option, not everybody could afford the fee of one Magic Crystal per attempt.

By the time Shi Feng entered the Battle Arena, its lobby was already overflowing with players. Many experts belonging to the various large Guilds could be seen arranging match-ups with each other. There were also players hosting private duels or competitions with attractive rewards.

However, out of all the available attractions inside the Battle Arena, the advanced combat rooms were no doubt the most popular.

The reason for this was the advanced combat rooms' facilitation of improvement in players' Skill Completion Rates. The higher one's Skill Completion Rate, the stronger their Skills would become—this could be said to be the most intuitive way for expert players to raise their strength.

However, as there were simply too few advanced combat rooms available, despite Judy, the NPC Shi Feng had tasked with the Battle Arena's management, having already raised the rental fee to four Magic Crystals per 30 minutes, demand for the advanced combat rooms still exceeded the supply.

When Shi Feng took a look at the Battle Arena's earnings report, he discovered that most of the Magic Crystals the Battle Arena earned came from the advanced combat rooms.

The popularity of the advanced combat rooms far exceeded Shi Feng's expectations.

He waited for the current batch of players using the advanced combat rooms to come out, then closed the advanced combat rooms temporarily and retrieved the Evil God's Tablet. Immediately after he did so, a commotion occurred inside the Battle Arena.

"What's going on? Why can't the advanced combat rooms be used?"

"I've waited a long time for my turn. Yet, now that my turn has finally arrived, they're actually not letting us use the advanced combat rooms? Is this a scam?"

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The players waiting to use the advanced combat rooms kicked up a fuss right away.

However, everyone received a quick reply from the NPC staffs stating that the advanced combat rooms were undergoing some upgrades and that they needed to wait a short while for the upgrades to be completed.

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System: Detecting more than 10,000 Evil Energy Crystals on your person. Do you wish to spend 10,000 Evil Energy Crystals to further upgrade the Evil God's Tablet?

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Holding the Evil God's Tablet, Shi Feng was startled to receive the system notification. Previously, he had to manually select to upgrade the tablet. This time, however, the system actually took the initiative to ask him.

However, he did not dwell on the matter but immediately clicked "Agree."

#### Chapter 1699 – God's Item

Inside the quiet storage room, the Evil God's Tablet began to transform after Shi Feng had agreed to feed it 10,000 Evil Energy Crystals. It had only been the size of a washbasin, but it gradually grew into a three-meter-tall table. The blurry images and divine runes engraved on the tablet also became clearer.

As the divine runes and image sharpened, the Divine Might the tablet radiated increased until Shi Feng couldn't even move. It felt as if time had stopped, only sparing his mind.

After ten seconds or so, the Divine Might the tablet gave off disappeared. The tablet itself had also undergone a massive transformation.

The originally dark-gray tablet was now silver in color. The ambient Mana also gathered around the tablet, increasing the Mana density around it until it formed a white mist. This mist gradually spread and enveloped the storage room as a whole.

"What's going on with the Mana?" Shi Feng was indescribably shocked as he looked at the white mist around him.



Normally, Mana that was so dense that formed a white mist felt incomparably pleasant to players. Players who bathed in this Mana would also feel their minds reach an incredible tranquility.

However, Shi Feng felt no such effects from the white mist in the storage room. On the contrary, he felt exhausted. In fact, his body even felt heavier as if something was weighing on him.

Although Shi Feng's mental state was on the verge of crumbling, he mustered his spirit and inspected the Evil God's Tablet's recent changes.

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[Third Fragment of Evil God's Tablet] (Fragmented Legendary Rank Item)

Active Skill 1-

Illusory Space: When activated, forms an Illusory Space of 200-yard radius. The Illusory Space will create a copy of any player that enters. Players can then fight their own copies. The Illusory Creature has all Skills of the copied player and can achieve a 100% Skill Completion Rate. Players can choose to challenge Illusory Creatures up to the Dark-Gold rank.

Duration: 50 minutes

Cooldown: 1 hour

(Can be evolved. Requires 1 Evil God Crystal to evolve.)

Active Skill 2-

Evil God Domain:

When activated, create a self-contained field around the tablet that is completely separated from the outside world. Time flows twice as fast inside the field than in the outside world. Mana density inside the field is triple that of the outside world. When Evil God Domain is active, Illusory Creatures will appear inside the space at fixed intervals. Every wave of Illusory Creatures killed will increase the Mana density of the self-contained field slightly. If players are killed by the Illusory Creatures, their souls will be damaged, and they will be prevented from logging into God's Domain for 6 hours.

(Can be evolved. Requires 3 Evil God Crystals to evolve.)

An item created by the Evil God. Evil Energy Crystals can be used to repair the divine runes inside the tablet. Requires 200,000 Evil Energy Crystals to upgrade.

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*This tablet is amazing! Not even Legendary items have this kind of ability!* Shi Feng was astonished as he read the Evil God's Tablet's new Attributes.

The tablet had improved far more than Shi Feng had expected.

The Evil God's Domain alone was a godlike ability, not to mention how many more advanced combat rooms he could set up with the Illusory Space's increased radius.

Regardless of how far players progressed in God's Domain, environments with high Mana density would be quite popular. This was because such environments were a great help when players practiced their combat techniques.

Not only did the Evil God Domain created a Mana-rich environment, but it could also accelerate the flow of time; one hour inside the Evil God Domain was only the equivalent of 30 minutes in the outside world. For players seeking to improve their combat standards without wasting too much of their precious time, the Evil God Domain was the perfect solution. While others spent ten hours training in the outside world, players could achieve the same results in five hours within the Evil God Domain.

If the various superpowers learned about the Evil God's Tablet, they'd definitely gang up and move against Zero Wing.

Plenty of superpowers were already envious of the advanced combat rooms. They only refrained from taking action because the cost wasn't worth the potential gains. However, the Evil God Domain would certainly be the straw that broke the camel's back.

The only downside was the Illusory Creatures that would appear inside the Evil God Domain. Based on the Skill's introductory text, it was obvious that the Illusory Creatures would grow stronger. As a result, players could only train for a limited amount of time in the Evil God Domain. When players could no longer fend off the summoned Illusory Creatures, they'd be forced to leave. If they stayed, and the Illusory Creatures killed them, they'd suffer a huge loss.

*It seems I won't be able to let the Guild's experts use this casually for a short time,* Shi Feng thought to himself as he reread the Evil God Domain's introductory text.

Zero Wing already stuck out like a sore thumb in God's Domain. If he allowed a large number of Zero Wing's experts train in the Evil God Domain, the news of it would quickly reach the various superpowers. Zero Wing had already grown to pose a threat to them, and it was normal that these superpowers would send undercover experts to spy on his Guild.

If the various superpowers learned about the Evil God Domain, Zero Wing would become embroiled in another struggle.

The best course of action was only to allow Fire Dance, Blackie, and the Guild's other core upper echelons to train in the Evil God Domain. Any more than that would be too risky.

If he wanted all of his Guild's experts to use the Evil God Domain, Zero Wing would have to become strong enough for the superpowers to acknowledge its rights to own the tablet. Unfortunately, gaining that recognition would involve a long, arduous process.

However, Shi Feng wasn't too disappointed. Although he couldn't let too many experts train in the Evil God Domain, he'd have no issues constructing more advanced combat rooms.

Illusory Space already had a 200-yard range. If the Evil God's Tablet were upgraded further, the Skill's range would grow. At that time, the Skill's range might even cover the entire floor.

Although such an outcome would also make the various superpowers all the more jealous of Zero Wing, they wouldn't become so envious that they'd resort to cooperation to attack the Guild. After all, the various superpowers all possessed extraordinary foundations. They had their own methods of helping their Guild experts improve their Skill Completion Rates. Only, those methods might not be as effective as the advanced combat rooms.

*The next upgrade costs 200,000 Evil Energy Crystals?* Shi Feng frowned as he looked at the upgrade condition for the Evil God's Tablet. *The cost is certainly getting harsher.*

Zero Wing had killed nearly 100,000 Evil Demons to collect 10,000 Evil Energy Crystals. Moreover, the Guild had only obtained such a harvest due to the fact that Evil Demons had a higher drop-rate for Evil Energy Crystals than Evil Beasts. However, players didn't often encounter Evil Demon armies. Collecting 200,000 Evil Energy Crystals would require an insane amount of time, effort, and resources.

*Wait, it isn't exactly impossible.* Shi Feng suddenly remembered Ancient Rock City.

At this point, Ancient Rock City had become an Evil God's Branch Temple. Over 3,000,000 Evil Beasts and Evil Demons fortified the city. If he could kill every one of those monsters, he should be able to collect nearly, if not more than, 200,000 Evil Energy Crystals.

If the various major powers and Beast Emperor knew that Shi Feng played with the idea of attacking Ancient Rock City, they would most likely think he had lost his mind. While everyone else did their best to avoid the city, Shi Feng actually planned to pick a fight with it.

As Shi Feng was thinking of ways to deal with the Evil God's Branch Temple, a line of small, bracketed words in the Evil God's Tablet's Attribute Panel caught Shi Feng's attention.

*These two Skills can be individually upgraded?* When Shi Feng saw that he could upgrade the Skills with Evil God Crystals individually, he was instantly ecstatic. Although Evil God Crystals were incomparably valuable, he only had one city that needed a power source. Immediately, Shi Feng chose to upgrade Illusory Space.

Suddenly, the Evil God Crystal in Shi Feng's bag transformed into a streak of light that flowed into the silver tablet.

In the next moment, the first of the six blurry images on the Evil God's Tablet became clear. The image depicted an Ancient God fighting a Nine-headed Magic Snake. The closer Shi Feng examined the scene, the more immersed in the battle he felt.

*This is a tutorial for the Realms of Truth?* As Shi Feng continued to inspect the image, his heart began to pound.

## Chapter 1700 – Guild's Foundation

Shi Feng had already reached the Realms of Truth's Ascension Realm.

Hence, after examining the first image on the Evil God's Tablet, he was certain that it was a tutorial for the Realms of Truth. Moreover, the tutorial was extremely detailed that even Shi Feng gained a lot of inspiration from it.

*What kind of treasure is this Evil God's Tablet?* Curiosity filled Shi Feng as he gazed at the Evil God's Temple.

There was very little information on the Realms of Truth available in God's Domain. If not for a fortuitous encounter some time ago, he wouldn't have learned about these Realms, either. This was just like during his previous life, when he had only known that reaching the Realms of Refinement could sharpen one's five senses and help improve one's Skill Completion Rates and combat technique learning efficiency.

However, after grasping the principles behind the Realms of Truth, he had realized how important these Realms truly were.

In fact, now that Shi Feng had grasped both the Realms of Refinement and Realms of Truth, he was confident of defeating three or four Void Realm experts of the same level simultaneously, even if he didn't have an overwhelming advantage in Basic Attributes and didn't use any Skills or Spells. If he said as much to anyone, they'd likely laugh at him for being so overly confident.

Most experts would have to flee from a force of three or four experts of the same Realm of Refinement, even if their attainment in that realm were higher. Only Domain Realm experts could take on multiple opponents of the same combat standard.

Super Guilds were so powerful precisely because they possessed a complete legacy to nurture experts in the Realms of Refinement. Meanwhile, super-first-rate Guilds would always remain as super-first-rate Guilds due to their lack of a complete legacy.

This kind of legacy was a Guild's foundation.

The Evil God's Tablet was one such legacy. Only, instead of being a legacy that passed down knowledge regarding the Realms of Refinement, it was a legacy that taught the Realms of Truth. As far as Shi Feng knew, no power throughout God's Domain had a legacy related to the Realms of Truth. Hence, one could just imagine how valuable the Evil God's Tablet was.

Although the first image on the Evil God's Tablet only taught the Realms of Truth's basics, which addressed one's own power usage, it was still extremely valuable knowledge. Furthermore, the table had other engraved images. As long as he put in the effort, it was only a matter of time before he restored the other images as well.

Once he did so, he might obtain a complete legacy for the Realms of Truth.

Just thinking about the possibility excited Shi Feng.

If everything turned out how he imagined it, Zero Wing would have the foundation to grow into a Super Guild. Although this foundation would be different from other Super Guilds', he did not think that this foundation would be any weaker than theirs. He had yet to find the Realms of Truth's limits, and no one could tell what kind of heights a player could reach by relying on these Realms.

Moreover, he had an advantage that the various Super Guilds did not; he knew how to train in both the Realms of Truth and the Realms of Refinement, while the Super Guilds had only explored the Realms of Refinement. This could be a considerably massive advantage.

After Shi Feng finished examining the image on the tablet, he inspected its Attribute Panel again.

*Sure enough, this Evil God's Tablet is a treasure to nurture experts.* Shi Feng's eyes glowed when he read the updated introductory text for Illusory Space.

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Illusory Space:

When activated:



Skill Effect 1: Players wielding an Evil Energy Crystal and standing within 10 yards of the Evil God's Tablet shall enter the tablet's image with their consciousness, experiencing battle directly. Each Evil Energy Crystal grants one complete experience.

Skill Effect 2: Forms an Illusory Space of 200-yard radius. The Illusory Space will create a copy of any player that enters. Players can then fight their own copies. The Illusory Creature has all Skills of the copied player and can achieve a 100% Skill Completion Rate. Players can choose to challenge Illusory Creatures up to the Dark-Gold rank.

Duration: 50 minutes

Cooldown: 1 hour

(Can be evolved. Requires 1 Evil God Crystal to evolve.)

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With this direct experience tutorial, players could get a firm grasp of the principles behind the Realms of Truth by experiencing the fight between the Ancient God and Nine-headed Magic Snake personally, even if they were utterly ignorant of the Realms of Truth. This training method was many times more efficient than observing the tablet's image.

Only, Shi Feng hadn't expected the Evil Energy Crystal requirement.

However, after giving the matter some thought, he found it reasonable. This was a chance to experience the Realms of Truth directly. This was far better than watching a video. It wasn't unusual for there to be a cost.

*It seems that I'll need to prepare more Evil Energy Crystals and Evil God Crystals.* Shi Feng could not help but reveal a bitter smile as he gazed at the Evil God's Tablet.

Previously, he had still been somewhat skeptical about the saying that fortune and misfortune existed alongside each other in God's Domain.

Now, however, he believed in the saying completely.

Originally, the Evil God's Temple's arrival should've been a disaster for both Zero Wing and Star-Moon Kingdom. Looking at it now, however, Shi Feng found that it was an opportunity. Otherwise, he really wouldn't know where to locate so many Evil Energy Crystals and Evil God Crystals. After all, only Evil Demons and Evil Beasts dropped these items.

Immediately, Shi Feng took out an Evil Energy Crystal and activated Illusory Space to test out the tutorial.

Suddenly, the Evil God's Tablet released a dazzling purple glow. Shi Feng then felt as if his entire being were sucked into the tablet. Following which, the scene before him underwent a heaven-defying transformation.

By the time Shi Feng realized it, he was standing in the middle of a primordial wasteland. Dark, rumbling clouds covered the sky above him. Meanwhile, before him was a 500-meter-tall Nine-headed Magic Snake, which towered like a mountain that released a boundless aura. The power within its breath could likely kill a Tier 5 existence instantly.

Each of the Nine-headed Magic Snake's heads contained a different kind of power. When all nine powers combined, the resulting power could be akin to a natural disaster. In the past, Shi Feng had watched the battles of Tier 6 God-ranked experts, and he doubted that those Tier 6 players would even survive two or three hits from the Nine-headed Magic Snake.

Fortunately, the Magic Snake's horrific aura didn't affect Shi Feng in the slightest right now. He could feel that his consciousness had entered the Ancient God that had fought the Nine-headed Magic Snake in the tablet's image. However, although that was the case, he could not move the body. He could only quietly observe and feel the Ancient God's actions.

Following which, the Ancient God started his battle against the Nine-headed Magic Snake. However, contrary to expectations, the struggle wasn't intense. Rather, it was a one-sided beating. The Ancient God effortlessly evaded or blocked every attack the behemoth sent. Every move the Ancient God executed looked like a profound and complex combat technique. Shi Feng was utterly mesmerized by the way the Ancient God fought.

After ten minutes or so, the tutorial came to an end. Before Shi Feng even realized what was happening, his consciousness left the Evil God's Tablet and returned to his body.

*Amazing! So, these are the true Realms of Truth?* Shi Feng was at a loss for words. Rhinebeck had acknowledged that he had grasped the basics of the Realms of Truth, but compared to the foundations the Ancient God taught, the basics he had learned were mediocre at best.

If he had to score the basics he had discovered and learned himself, they would only earn a passing mark of 60 out of 100. Meanwhile, the Ancient God's basics would score a perfect 100.

There were simply too many aspects he needed to improve.

Although Shi Feng wished to experience the tutorial again, he could only experience the tutorial once each time he activated Illusory Space. He had to wait until the Cooldown was over.

However, the 1-hour Cooldown was too long for Shi Feng. He still had many things he needed to take care of. He had no choice but to give up for now. Moreover, he had gained plenty of inspiration from his first visit. It would take him quite some time to digest all of the newfound information.

Following which, Shi Feng called Judy over to start rearranging the layout of the Battle Arena's seventh floor.

Previously, the Evil God's Tablet had only had a 100-yard radius. Now, it had increased to a 200-yard radius. The total available area had essentially quadrupled. There was definitely a need to rearrange the floor's layout.

After spending around twenty minutes or so deciding on the layout, they ended up squeezing in 40 advanced combat rooms into the Evil God's Tablet's range; that was more than four times of what had been previously available. With this, the Battle Arena could earn at least four times more income from the advanced combat rooms.

But Shi Feng still wasn't satisfied. He then instructed Judy to increase the advanced combat room's rent, pushing the original cost from four Magic Crystals to 10 Magic Crystals.

"Guild Leader, I'm afraid that this price far exceeds what most experts can afford. If we go through with this price increase, many experts will give up on renting the advanced combat rooms," Aqua Rose anxiously said when she saw the new price Shi Feng offered.

Expert players were the advanced combat rooms' main customers.

She had constantly been managing Stone Forest Town's Candlelight Trading Firm and Battle Arena, so she had a clear grasp of the various experts' daily incomes. The previous price, four Magic Crystals, was

already the limit for many experts. If the advanced combat rooms' rent increased to 10 Magic Crystals, even the experts from well-known adventurer teams would have a hard time affording it. If that were the case, these expert players would rather train in the Divine Colosseum instead.

"Don't worry. Limits are meant to be broken. Moreover, the new advanced combat rooms have a duration of 50 minutes instead of the previous 30 minutes," Shi Feng said, chuckling. He did not bother to offer any further explanation.

The upgraded Evil God's Tablet was nothing like it had been. He had experienced this personally.

Meanwhile, after the NPC manager, Judy, published the advanced combat rooms' new rent, the players in the lobby were stunned.

"Ten Magic Crystals? Is Zero Wing trying to rob us?"