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Chapter 1701 – Hidden Dragon Rises

“Zero Wing sure has guts to demand such a price. Do they really think the advanced combat rooms are the only things that can help players improve their Skill Completion Rates?”

“I can purchase a good piece of equipment or train in the Divine Colosseum ten times with 10 Magic Crystals!”

“Does Zero Wing think Magic Crystals are cabbages?”

When players saw the updated pricing for the advanced combat room on the large screens in the center of the lobby, many expert players thought that Zero Wing had gone mad for Magic Crystals.

Although current players had far more Magic Crystal sources now, they could still only earn a limited number. Moreover, there were many other things that required Magic Crystals.

Ten Magic Crystals simply wasn't a tolerable price for expert players. Players weren't even guaranteed to earn so many after an entire day of hard work. How could they possibly spend all of their earnings on gradually training their Skill Completion Rates?

The only benefit was that there were 31 more advanced combat rooms available than before. With this, players would not have to wait in line as long.

However, the various major powers' experts still frowned on the new change. The advanced combat rooms' main customers were these experts. Although they could afford the current price, it would be a

huge burden on their Guilds. Their respective Guilds also couldn't afford to send them to the advanced combat rooms as often. It was both unwise and not worthwhile.

While fighting the Illusory Creatures in the advanced combat rooms would indeed help them improve their Skill Completion Rates more efficiently, the higher their Skill Completion Rate became, the less effective the advanced combat rooms were. For expert players like them, the improvement from a single training session wasn't worth 10 Magic Crystals. Unfortunately, there weren't any good alternatives once players reached their standards.

One could say that this change put them in a very awkward position.

"Hold on a minute; they're updating the advanced combat rooms' introduction." As everyone discussed the new pricing, the Battle Arena's main screen revealed the new rules for the advanced combat rooms.

First, the duration of each session had increased to 50 minutes.

Second, Zero Wing's normal members would get a 10% discount to rent the advanced combat rooms, elite members would get a 20% discount, and core members would get a 30% discount. Moreover, ten advanced combat rooms would be reserved for Guild members.

When these new rules were revealed, the crowd in the lobby went into an uproar once again. Meanwhile, the various major powers' members turned to Zero Wing's members in envy over the benefits they got to enjoy.

With the discounts and extended duration, the rental fee Zero Wing's members had to pay was just slightly higher than before. Moreover, there were now exclusive advanced combat rooms for Zero Wing's members.

Suddenly, independent experts started to leave the Battle Arena, one after another, and make their way toward Zero Wing's Residence to apply to join the Guild. Even many of the various major powers elite and expert members hesitated.

When the other large Guilds' upper echelons received news of the update, they paled.

"Zero Wing actually had such a card to play?"

"With this, Zero Wing's rise really will become unstoppable."

Now that Zero Wing had solidified its position as Star-Moon Kingdom's number one Guild, there was no longer any local Guilds that dared to challenge it. This meant that Zero Wing had a monopoly over the best resources in Star-Moon Kingdom. Naturally, its Guild members would receive more resources than before.

With the introduction of this new Guild benefit, Zero Wing became significantly more attractive towards their respective Guilds' elite and expert members. It was only a matter of time before their Guilds started to lose large groups of their members, yet there was nothing their Guilds could do to stop it...

For a time after news of the updated advanced combat rooms spread, the number of elite and expert players trying to join Zero Wing increased exponentially. Because of this, Aqua Rose, who was trying to organize Zero Wing's harvest from its war with Heaven's Burial and Blackwater, was ecstatic.

In less than half an hour since the new advanced combat rooms had been introduced, Zero Wing had received 20,000-plus applications from ordinary players, 5,000-plus applications from elite players, and 200-plus applications from expert players. Just testing all of these players would take a very long time.

The Guild's development speed had far exceeded Aqua Rose's initial expectations.

Aqua Rose had estimated that it would take Zero Wing roughly two or three days to recruit so many elite and expert players, but it would seem that Zero Wing might increase its elite member count past 250,000 sooner than that. The Guild also shouldn't have any problems increasing its expert member count to 5,000.

With such high numbers, Zero Wing would surpass many actual first-rate Guilds. The only real difference separating Zero Wing from actual first-rate Guilds now was the Guild's smaller sphere of influence and fewer normal members.

However, this couldn't be helped since Zero Wing's recruitment standards were too high. Moreover, first-rate Guilds had begun spreading their influence throughout God's Domain the day the game launched; their influence now covered multiple kingdoms and empires. These first-rate Guilds had spent countless resources and an absurd amount of wealth to build a sturdy foundation for themselves. Zero Wing, on the other hand, had begun its development in a single city with little-to-no wealth or resources.

Meanwhile, the effectiveness of the advanced combat rooms' promotion effect had also caught Shi Feng by surprise.

Guild elites and experts were necessary for a Guild's development because Guilds needed manpower to manage and protect the new territory it acquired. Simply chasing away the local rulers wasn't enough. If a Guild lacked the strength to protect its new territory, some other power would eventually capture the territory. In that case, the Guild might as well have not bothered to expand in the first place.

Currently, Zero Wing was still able to get by with the number of elite and expert members it had since it had very few territories. In total, the Guild only controlled three towns and one city. In comparison, first-rate Guilds controlled over a dozen towns that were spread across multiple kingdoms and empires.

However, if Zero Wing started to expand, it would naturally encounter more rival powers. If multiple locations were attacked at the same time, Shi Feng wouldn't be able to protect all of his territories even if he were more powerful. Hence, a sufficient number of Guild elite and expert members was extremely important.

As Shi Feng ruminated over Zero Wing's future, Gentle Snow suddenly contacted him and asked, "Guild Leader, where are you now?"

"I'm in Stone Forest Town. Has something happened?" Shi Feng asked curiously.

When Stone Forest Town had been attacked, Aqua Rose had led plenty of the Guild's experts to reinforce the town. Meanwhile, Gentle Snow had been responsible for assisting the kingdom's armies against the Evil Beast army that was invading Star-Moon Kingdom. Since the Evil God's Temple's NPCs controlled these Evil Beasts, not players, they were much higher-leveled. The lowest-leveled Evil Beast was Level 60, while the majority of the Evil Beasts were Chieftain rank and above. In addition, quite a few Tier 3 NPCs from the Evil God's Temple commanded the Evil Beast army.

If Gentle Snow hadn't led Zero Wing's forces to help the kingdom's armies, the Evil Beast army would've long since broken past the defensive line. If that happened, the Evil Beasts would devour every resource in their path, growing stronger as they made their way toward Zero Wing City.

"The number of Evil Beasts over here has started to decrease. According to our scouts' reports, Beast Emperor seems to be pulling out the Evil Beasts and Demons under his control. Beast Emperor has sent his monsters to surround the Primordial Divine Ruin. The 2,000 elite members and 100 expert members we stationed at the ruin have been annihilated. Moreover, Beast Emperor has announced that Zero Wing is prohibited from entering the Primordial Divine Ruin from now on. It seems that we're his only target," Gentle Snow said, gritting her teeth.

The Primordial Divine Ruin had already become a prime location for the various large Guilds to acquire weapons, equipment, and combat techniques. Most importantly, it was the only entrance to Primordial City. Primordial City was the only place to obtain Primordial Souls, which could help players complete their Tier 2 Promotion Quests. If Zero Wing's supply of Primordial Souls were cut off, its development would definitely fall behind other Guilds.

By only preventing Zero Wing's members from entering the Primordial Divine Ruin, Beast Emperor was clearly trying to provoke the Guild. Naturally, the other Guilds were more than happy to watch from a distance. Now that Zero Wing had already entered Primordial City and gained an advantage over their Guilds, the other Guilds wanted to see Zero Wing's members enter the Primordial Divine Ruin even less.

Although Gentle Snow wanted to do something about this, the Orc Empire was a neutral map. Even if she notified the kingdom's armies about the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons at the Primordial Divine Ruin, the kingdom's armies would not take action.

"Beast Emperor must really think that no one can touch him just because he's in a neutral map!" Shi Feng could not help but sneer when he heard Gentle Snow's report, killing intent flashing in his eyes. "Since he dares try to cut off my path to fortune, I'll cut off his legs!"

Chapter 1702 – Taking Control of the Lost Town

Although Shi Feng had spoken very softly, Gentle Snow could clearly hear the determination and anger in his tone.

"Guild Leader, we aren't really going to take action, right?" Gentle Snow grew anxious at Shi Feng's words. "That Beast Emperor is obviously doing this to lure us over to the Orc Empire. If we really march our army into the neutral map, we will be beyond the kingdom's protection. Those powerful Evil Beasts

and Evil Demons will tear us apart easily. If we get dealt a heavy blow now, it will diminish the reputation and prestige we've garnered from the previous war."

Although Zero Wing had not suffered any casualties during its battle with Heaven's Burial's armies, it had expended a lot of its resources. In fact, Zero Wing's expenditure in the battle had been astronomical. Other Guilds might not have a clear idea of how much the battle had cost Zero Wing, but how could she, a Vice Guild Leader of Zero Wing, not know?

Of the 140,000 Magic Crystals the Guild had prepared for the battle, over 120,000 were spent. With the few Magic Crystals Zero Wing had remaining, going up Beast Emperor's Evil Beasts and Evil Demons would be impossible. Meanwhile, once Zero Wing exhausted its Magic Crystal reserves and lost the protection of the movement-type defensive magic array, the outcome would be horrendous for Zero Wing's forces.

Unlike the Evil Demons that attacked Stone Forest Town, the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts Beast Emperor controlled were all Level 60 and above. The majority of those monsters were also at the Chieftain rank. Even a Tier 1 player of the same level might not be able to solo a Chieftain ranked Evil Beast or Evil Demon. Not to mention, there were still the stronger Lord, High Lord, Great Lord, Grand Lord, and Mythic ranked Evil Demons and Evil Beasts.

It might be a different story if Zero Wing could summon more Baphomets as it did during its battle against Heaven's Burial. If that was possible, Zero Wing might have a chance at victory. However, Shi Feng had already stated to Zero Wing's upper echelon that he had summoned the three Baphomets using a Consumable item and used up all the summoning chances during the previous battle.

Trying to pick a fight with Beast Emperor while being at such a disadvantage clearly wasn't a wise decision.

"Of course we need to make a move!" Shi Feng nodded. In a resolute tone, he continued, "Moreover, we're going to beat him up badly!"

He understood Beast Emperor's motives.

Currently, Zero Wing was like the midday sun in Star-Moon Kingdom. Through the prestige and reputation it earned from the previous war and the attractiveness of the advanced combat rooms, Zero Wing's growth potential was clear for all to see.

If Beast Emperor did not take advantage of Zero Wing's current undeveloped state to suppress the Guild or even deal it a heavy blow, Zero Wing would definitely become an even greater obstacle for him in the future. Hence, Beast Emperor had dispatched a considerable number of Evil Beasts and Evil Demons to surround the Primordial Divine Ruin and prevent Zero Wing from obtaining the resources available there.

With this, regardless of whether Zero Wing took action against this blockade or not, Beast Emperor would be able to suppress the Guild's development.

Most likely, Beast Emperor had already made a thorough investigation of Zero Wing's available combat power. After all, with how large Zero Wing had become, some information about the Guild was bound to leak.

Meanwhile, if other Guilds were faced with Beast Emperor's blockade, they would most likely hesitate over whether to take action against Beast Emperor or not.

Unfortunately for him, Shi Feng would not hesitate!

He might not have any way to deal with Ancient Rock City at present, but dealing with the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts that had left the protection of the city was not entirely impossible.

“Notify Aqua and have her gather 1,500 experts at Zero Wing City. It’s best if they’re trustworthy. It’s about time we let Beast Emperor know that the Orc Empire isn’t his to monopolize!” Shi Feng instructed.

“One thousand five hundred people? Isn’t that a little too few?” Gentle Snow was a little confused when she heard Shi Feng’s words. She had thought that Shi Feng was planning to mobilize the entire Guild to show Beast Emperor who’s boss. Yet, now, Shi Feng was gathering only 1,500 experts.

“No, they’re more than enough. In any case, have these people gather at Zero Wing City as quickly and as secretly as possible,” Shi Feng said, revealing a mysterious smile. He then disconnected the call and retrieved the Abyss Pendant. Previously, he had used the pendant to record the coordinates of the Lost Town. Now, he could teleport there directly without having to waste hours going from map to map.

Lost Towns were towns left behind by ancient civilizations in God’s Domain. Every one of them was very special. In the past, even the various superpowers of God’s Domain would fight desperately to claim them. It was naturally best if he secured the Lost Town in the Boneless Land as soon as possible.

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Boneless Land, Lost Town:

By the time Shi Feng arrived back at the Lost Town, some of the monsters in the town had already respawned. The number was not as high as when he first came to the town, but it was still extremely dangerous for current players to be here.

However, he did not dwell on the matter as he activated Gale Domain and flew straight to the bottomless pit at the town center.

The bottomless pit looked like a passage that led to a Demon's nest. The top of the pit was covered entirely by a magic array with small openings located around the magic array's edges, meant for Darkness Stones.

Shi Feng soon arrived before one of the holes and placed one of the Darkness Stones he collected into it. With each Darkness Stone he inserted, the opening of the pit shrank slightly. At the same time, though, the pressure coming from the bottom of the pit intensified.

Moreover, after he had started inserting the Darkness Stones into the magic array, an invisible barrier of sorts enveloped the entire Lost Town, preventing the use of Skills, Spells, and even Magic Scrolls.

When Shi Feng inserted the tenth Darkness Stone, an angry roar came from the pit. Following which, a Level 65, Tier 2 Demon appeared before him.

As he couldn't use any of his Skills or Spells at the moment, he had to rely on his Basic Attributes to defeat the Tier 2 Demon.

Fortunately, the Bible of Darkness's passive effect still worked, and so the Tier 2 Demon had its Basic Attributes greatly suppressed. Coupled with the fact that Shi Feng's Basic Attributes far exceeded what an ordinary Tier 2 player at his level should possess, fighting the Demon was a walk in the park. A few minutes later, the Tier 2 Demon collapsed helplessly at his feet.

Following which, he continued inserting Darkness Stones into the magic array and defeating the Demons that came out with every ten Darkness Stones inserted.

By the 70th Darkness Stone inserted, the Demon that came out of the bottomless pit had become a Level 65, Tier 3 Great Lord. However, with the help of the Bible of Darkness, Shi Feng still managed to overwhelm his opponent.

When Shi Feng inserted the 80th Darkness Stone, the mental pressure the bottomless pit exerted on him caused even his consciousness to become a little blurry. If other players were standing in his place, they would've long since lost consciousness and been forcibly logged out of the game.

With the insertion of the final Darkness Crystal, a horrific aura surged out from the bottomless pit and washed over the entire Lost Town, paralyzing Shi Feng's body when it swept over him. Following which, the magic array covering the bottomless pit started rising into the sky and eventually vanished. Meanwhile, the top of the bottomless pit shrank rapidly, transforming into a small dot before disappearing without a trace as well. If other players were to visit the Lost Town in the future, they would not be able to tell that a massive hole had once existed in the middle of the town.

After the bottomless pit disappeared, the mental pressure it exerted also faded away. When Shi Feng's spirit had recovered, the sound of a system notification entered his ears.

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System: Congratulations! You have completed the Epic ranked Main Storyline Quest "Demon's Nest." Rewarding Lost Town's Town Order.

System: Congratulations! You have obtained the Lost Town's Town Order. Do you wish to bind the Lost Town to yourself and become its master?

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Upon hearing these system notifications, Shi Feng breathed out an involuntary sigh of relief.

Had he failed to complete the quest, he would've been hunted down by a Tier 5 Demon King. Aside from hiding in NPC cities, he would have had no chance of surviving anywhere else.

Following which, Shi Feng agreed to become the Lost Town's master. With this, the Lost Town officially became the first town Zero Wing controlled in a neutral map. Once he constructed a Guild Residence here, Guild members would be able to teleport freely to the Boneless Land without having to waste a lot of time on travel.

Meanwhile, after he became the master of the town, the monsters originally present inside the town started vanishing one after another. Now, players could roam the town without worrying about monster attacks. In addition, all of the town's functions were made available to him.

Around 30 seconds after the monsters had disappeared, NPCs suddenly started popping up all over the town, filling it with life.

Meanwhile, Shi Feng quickly made his way toward the main goal of his visit this time.

The white tower!

Chapter 1703 – Extraordinary Tower

The Lost Town's unique ability was the white tower. After Shi Feng had become the Lost Town's master, the defensive magic array protecting the white tower also vanished. Now, the beam attacks didn't target him when he stood within 100 yards of the tower, and silver divine runes had begun to appear on the white tower's walls, radiating faint Divine Might.

When Shi Feng reached the tower's entrance, a translucent screen appeared before him, introducing the white tower.

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[Extraordinary Tower]

A training tower constructed by an ancient civilization. The tower has a total of three floors, each providing training that is more intense than the one before. Pass all three floors to qualify as an Extraordinary Individual.

Removing the seal on the first floor requires 10,000 Magic Crystals. Maintaining its operation costs 500 Magic Crystals per day. Only 100 people are allowed to train at a time.

Removing the seal on the second floor requires 100,000 Magic Crystals. Maintaining its operation costs 5,000 Magic Crystals per day. Only 50 people are allowed to train at a time.

Removing the seal on the third floor requires 1,000,000 Magic Crystals. Maintaining its operation costs 20,000 Magic Crystals per day. Only 10 people are allowed to train at a time.

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So, I guess there's a price. Shi Feng could not help his bitter smile as he read the Extraordinary Tower's introductory text.

Although he had known that the various superpowers in the past had paid a certain price to use their Lost Towns' abilities, he hadn't expected the price to be so steep.

The first floor's operation cost of 500 Magic Crystals wasn't much of a problem. It was the equivalent of charging five Magic Crystals per person per day.

However, not only was the price for removing the second floor's seal ten times that of the first floor, but its daily operation cost also increased by ten times. This expenditure was even enough to drive first-rate Guilds crazy. Furthermore, the number of training slots had been halved. It was the equivalent of charging 100 Magic Crystals per person per day.

Meanwhile, Super Guilds would pale at the cost of unsealing and operating the third floor.

Even a Super Guild would need a considerable time to accumulate the 1,000,000 Magic Crystals needed to unseal the third floor, and the 20,000 Magic Crystal operation cost was simply outrageous. Most importantly, only ten players could train on the third floor at the same time. Not even the current Super Guilds would dare to play with such a cost. It was the equivalent of spending 2,000 Magic Crystals for each player for a single day. Not even the word 'horrific' was enough to describe this cost.

However, after giving the matter some more thought, Shi Feng found it reasonable.

If players could reach the Void Realm and the higher Realms of Truth by paying a few hundred Magic Crystals, whoever controlled this Lost Town would become invincible. They could pump out batch after batch of peak experts for an insignificant price.

It should be known that even though Super Guilds had complete legacies for the Realms of Refinement, the number of people they train at a time was very limited. Only the most talented would be chosen. This was because the training systems' cost was simply too high.

It was only reasonable that the Extraordinary Tower's operation costs would be so ridiculously high.

It seems that I can only activate the first floor for now. After Shi Feng finished reading the introduction, he undid the seal on the Extraordinary Tower's first floor.

Although Zero Wing could not afford to unseal the second floor yet, it did not really matter. The first floor was more than enough for now. Aside from himself, no one in the Guild had set foot in the Realms of Truth, after all.

By the time a considerable number of Guild members had reached the Realms of Truth, Zero Wing would've accumulated enough Magic Crystals to unseal the second floor.

After Shi Feng chose to unseal the first floor, 10,000 Magic Crystals vanished from his bag. At the same time, the Extraordinary Tower began to transform.

As if the tower had awakened from its slumber, some of the divine runes on its walls brightened. The ambient Mana then rapidly gathered around the tower, and more divine runes began to light up, continuously expanding its sphere of influence.

Initially, the Extraordinary Tower only collected Mana from its immediate area, gradually increasing that radius until it enveloped the Lost Town. It then reached past the town's boundaries to several thousand yards past the Lost Town's walls.

What a powerful Mana surge! Is this the Lost Town's true power? Shi Feng was greatly shocked as he watched the flowing, white torrents of Mana in the sky.

Standing beside the Extraordinary Tower, Shi Feng could feel the Mana density around him rapidly increase.

After absorbing Mana for a short moment, the Mana density around the tower could rival the Magic Tower, and it continued to rise.

One minute... Three minutes... Five minutes...

After around ten minutes, the Mana torrents began to fade. At this point, the divine runes covering the Extraordinary Tower shone brilliantly, giving the tower a sacred feeling.

In addition, the Lost Town felt as if it had been resurrected as it brimmed with life. Grass, trees, and flowers grew rapidly all over the town. The Mana density had also increased until it slightly surpassed the density in Stone Forest Town. One would find it very hard to believe that just some time ago, the Lost Town had been desolate.

And this transformation was only the result of unsealing the first floor...

Even Shi Feng struggled to believe what he was seeing. If he undid all three of the Extraordinary Tower's seals, what would he see then?

After calming his excited heart, Shi Feng entered the Extraordinary Tower.

As Shi Feng stepped through its doors, he discovered that the tower's interior had undergone quite a few changes. The first floor had felt dull and old during his previous visit, but now, it looked impressive. Everything seemed to glow, and Shi Feng felt like he stood in a sports arena's main hall, which could fit tens of thousands of people. Dazzling Mana Weapons were on display all around him. The sight was mesmerizing.

God's Domain's ancient civilizations were truly amazing. When Shi Feng called up the first floor's system interface and examined its listed contents, he was ecstatic.

He had only been able to visually inspect the dark environment during his previous visit to the tower's first floor. Even so, he had counted over 10,000 Mana Weapons.

Now that he was the Lost Town's master, he could inspect any information related to the town. What he learned about the first floor made him realize that he still underestimated the strength and foundation of the ancient civilization that had once ruled over this land.

Mana Weapons were extremely rare in God's Domain, but the first-floor hall contained 24,671 of these weapons. There were enough Mana Weapons here to arm a 20,000-man army. The majority of the Mana Weapons here were Tier 1, with 1,823 Tier 2 Mana Weapons, and 12 Tier 3 Mana Weapons.

To Shi Feng's surprise, there were even two Tier 4 Mana Weapons in this hall. He was utterly stupefied.

Even after learning about the Lost Town's unique ability, Shi Feng had thought that the Demon's Nest quest had been more trouble than it was worth. If Primordial City hadn't activated, he would never have found a way to collect 100 Darkness Stones in time.

But now that he had completed the quest and inspected the Extraordinary Tower's armory, he realized the Demon's Nest quest's reward was far beyond his expectations.

Tier 4 Mana Weapons!

Although only Tier 3 players and above could equip these weapons, they'd even perform better than Fragmented Legendary Weapons.

And this tower's first-floor hall actually contained two Tier 4 Mana Weapons! When the Guild's experts eventually reached Tier 3, he could help two of them become apex experts by arming them with these weapons. The upper echelon from an ordinary Guild might not realize the benefit of two more apex experts, but Shi Feng did. This meant that Zero Wing could occupy more towns and obtain even more resources. Zero Wing would not have to worry about lacking experts to protect its towns.

I can't retrieve them? When Shi Feng tried to collect the Tier 4 Mana Weapons through the system interface, the system informed him that he had yet to meet the requirement for such an action. To retrieve the two weapons, he had to promote the town to Advanced rank. Shi Feng could only shake his head and chuckle. *Sure enough, the system won't let players obtain Tier 4 Mana Weapons so easily.*

However, Shi Feng wasn't particularly disappointed. Developing the Lost Town was necessary regardless, and with Zero Wing's current foundations, upgrading the town from a Basic Town to an Advanced Town before the Guild's experts reached Tier 3 wouldn't be a problem.

Following which, Shi Feng retrieved every Tier 3 and Tier 2 Mana Weapon available. This had been his main goal in visiting the Lost Town, after all. With these Mana Weapons, the strength of his Guild's

experts could undergo a qualitative transformation. This was especially true for the players who would wield the Tier 3 Mana Weapons.

After retrieving the Mana Weapons, Shi Feng followed the spiral staircase to the second floor.

Previously, he had been focused on obtaining the Magic Crystal Treasure Chest. As a result, he hadn't inspected the tower's second or third floor. Now that he was the Lost Town's master, however, he had to examine the tower properly.

Chapter 1704 – Master's Power

Once he arrived on the Extraordinary Tower's second floor, Shi Feng discovered that it was still as dilapidated as it had been during his first visit. However, the hall had brightened considerably, and now, Shi Feng could clearly see the armored ghosts that wandered the floor.

As he had left it, the Tyrant's Soul stood quietly before the spiral staircase leading to the third floor.

It's still here? Shi Feng frowned at the Tyrant's Soul.

He had assumed that every monster in the Lost Town had disappeared when he had taken control of it, but it would seem that wasn't the case. At the very least, the monsters in the Extraordinary Tower hadn't been affected.

He had already experienced the Tyrant's Soul's strength. Although it was only a Level 80 Mythic monster, it wielded a Saint Weapon, a Tier 5 Mana Weapon. In terms of combat power, even the Demon Ruler-enhanced Mythic ranked Baphomet paled in comparison to the Tyrant's Soul.

Trying to defeat such a powerful foe was simply too difficult right now.

Yet, if he left the Tyrant's Soul alone, the Soul Doppelganger would continue to hunt him. Although the Soul Doppelgangers wasn't an issue yet, since the most recent had only been a Level 70 Chieftain, they would grow stronger each day. They might not pose a threat right now, but sooner or later, they would become a problem.

The only way to avoid the Soul Doppelgangers' constant annoyance was to defeat the Tyrant's Soul.

However, slaying the Tyrant's Soul was easier said than done. Just the fact that it was a Level 80 Mythic monster made it challenging enough, not to mention its Saint Weapon. Even a 100-man team of Tier 2 experts might fail to take it down, not to mention Shi Feng.

No, that's not right. This is the Extraordinary Tower. As the master of the Lost Town, every construction within the town should be under my control. The tower should not be an exception. Thinking so, Shi Feng opened the Extraordinary Tower's system interface.

In God's Domain, players had full control of the buildings they owned. This meant that players had access to various functions, such as a building's governing mechanics and removing players from the building.

Because of this, players in God's Domain wouldn't cause trouble in other Guilds and players' private properties as doing so would put them at an overwhelming disadvantage. Without overwhelming strength, it was impossible to defeat a property's owner inside their own building.

The Extraordinary Tower should be considered private property. It wasn't like a Guild Residence, which was owned by the Guild, not an individual. In the case of shared properties like Guild Residences, the most players could do to ensure the Residence's security was higher players and NPC guards to protect it. The Residences didn't have an automated function to expel intruders.

Sure enough, I can control the tower. Shi Feng rejoiced when he discovered that he could manipulate the Extraordinary Tower's system interface. Immediately, he retrieved the Bible of Darkness and a Summon Guard Scroll.

Shortly after, a Tier 3 Tomahawk Demon and Anna appeared before Shi Feng.

Dealing with the nine Wandering Souls would be difficult enough for the Level 80, Tier 3 Demon and a Tier 2 NPC like Anna, let alone facing off against the Mythic ranked Tyrant's Soul. The nine Wandering Souls were all Level 80 Grand Lords, and if they worked together, they could easily overwhelm Anna and the Tier 3 Demon.

However, Shi Feng did not mind. He then instructed Anna summon her Golden Giant and Rock Guardians.

Anna's actions immediately attracted the Tyrant's Soul's attention, and the Mythic monster abruptly opened its eyes.

"Despicable thief! You dare to show yourself before me again?! I will tear your soul to pieces!" The Tyrant's Soul quickly recognized Shi Feng's aura, its eyes glowing red with rage. It bellowed with fury and vanished.

Meanwhile, the Wandering Souls turned to charge at Shi Feng.

Even Shi Feng grew nervous while facing a Level 80 Mythic monster and nine Level 80 Grand Lords.

“Seal!” Not daring to be careless, Shi Feng immediately utilized his special privilege as the tower’s owner.

Suddenly, countless chains appeared around the Tyrant’s Soul and Wandering Souls. Following which, the ten monsters’ Basic Attributes plummeted, falling to 50% of their original values in the blink of an eye. They couldn’t use their Skills or Spells, either.

Suppressed, the Tyrant’s Soul was forcefully revealed. The Tier 3 Tomahawk Demon then charged at the Tyrant’s Soul.

Seeing this, the Tyrant’s Soul wielded its blue lightning blade and swung it at the Tomahawk Demon’s battle axe. When the two weapons clashed, a storm began to brew in the hall. The impact also forced the Tomahawk Demon to retreat by three steps, its battle axe slightly vibrating.

Surprisingly, the Tyrant’s Soul had also slid back four steps, the lightning blade in its hands instantly shattering.

Although the two monsters had only clashed once, the difference in their Strengths was obvious. The Demon Ruler-enhanced Tomahawk Demon definitely triumphed over the Tyrant’s Soul.

Fortunately, the ten Rock Giants were able to hold back the ten Grand Lord ranked Wandering Souls by themselves. This allowed the Golden Giant to join the Tomahawk Demon against the Tyrant’s Soul. Meanwhile, Anna continuously bombarded the Tyrant’s Soul with Tier 2 Spells.

Naturally, Shi Feng didn't hold back either as he charged into the fight.

With the Tomahawk Demon and Golden Giant serving as MTs, fighting the Tyrant's Soul became very easy. Shi Feng was able to deal around -6,000 damage with his normal attacks, while his Skills dealt damage in the tens of thousands. Although his damage couldn't compare to Anna and the two Tier 3 summoned creatures, who dealt hundreds of thousands of damage, he still helped to shave away the Tyrant's Soul's HP.

Following which, the Tyrant's Soul received a one-sided beating as its HP continued to drop.

98%... 95%... 90%...

Eventually, the Tyrant's Soul became thoroughly enraged and tried to summon its Saint Weapon, but despite chanting the incantation, the Saint Weapon was nowhere to be seen. As a result, it could only watch helplessly as its HP decreased.

With its Basic Attributes heavily suppressed and unable to use its Spells and Skills, the Tyrant's Soul was likely the most miserable Mythic monster in the game right now.

Not even the system had expected Shi Feng to accomplish the near-impossible feat of collecting 100 Darkness Stones and acquire the Lost Town before dealing with the Extraordinary Tower's Boss.

However, as a result of Shi Feng's unconventional way of acquiring the Lost Town, the Tyrant's Soul couldn't use its abilities. This was especially true for its Saint Weapon.

If the Tyrant's Soul were at its peak and had the aid of a Tier 5 Mana Weapon, not even the Tier 4 Valkyrie would be its match. One could just imagine how powerful the Tyrant's Soul truly was. It was definitely invincible among those of the same level.

Unfortunately, the Tyrant's Soul couldn't use its Skills or Spells, let alone summon its Saint Weapon.

Although the Tyrant's Soul had a maximum HP of 210,000,000 even after the suppression, its HP fell steadily under Shi Feng and his minions' assault.

80%... 50%... 20%...

Time passed quickly, and eventually, the Tyrant's Soul's HP fell to 20%. Due to the rough battle, the monster's armor was now in tatters.

However, despite losing most of its HP, the Tyrant's Soul could only use normal attacks. It couldn't even go berserk like normal monsters did after their HP reached a certain point.

Finally, after over 30 minutes, the Tyrant's Soul's HP fell below the 1%. Shi Feng then activated Divine Providence and arrived beside the Mythic monster. His swords transformed into streaks of dazzling light that tore through the Tyrant's Soul's unguarded side.

Flame Burst!

Damages exceeding -60,000 appeared above the Tyrant's Soul's head, one after another.

By the time Shi Feng had exhausted all of Flame Burst's 16 attacks, the Tyrant's Soul's HP had reached zero. The Mythic monster released an agonizing scream before transforming into particles of light and disappearing. To Shi Feng's disappointment, the Tyrant's Soul had only dropped its dilapidated armor pieces and two items.

However, Shi Feng heard the sound of a system notification after the Tyrant's Soul had died, and when he heard its message, he was stunned.

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System: Congratulations! You have slain the Tyrant's Soul. Rewarding a Town Building Order.

Chapter 1705 – Mana Equipment Set

A Town Building Order?

Shi Feng's mind blanked for a moment when he saw the tattered parchment that had abruptly appeared in his hands.

Town Building Orders were incredibly precious in God's Domain. Normally, the item could only be obtained from securing the First Kill of a special Field Boss or Epic ranked or higher group quest.

A Town Building Order was far more valuable than a captured town.

This was because the Town Building Order granted players the freedom to build a town in almost any location they desired. They could even construct the town in a neutral map. This was where the Town Building Order truly shined.

Neutral maps didn't have teleportation points, and players had to rely on their own feet to reach these maps. Moreover, very few neutral maps contained towns or cities. In the case of the Orc Empire, capturable towns and cities had only appeared due to an expansion pack. Trying to find a premade town to capture in other neutral maps was a dream.

Of course, the Orc Empire's natural towns and cities had their flaws. They lacked some of the functions that normal Guild Towns and Cities possessed. For example, they couldn't be promoted. Regardless of how well Guilds managed these towns and cities, they would remain at the same rank they started with. Meanwhile, the town constructed with a Town Building Order didn't have such restrictions. It could be promoted into a city without issues.

However, one had to pay a considerably higher price to use a Town Building Order in a neutral map. It would cost, at the very least, several, possibly dozens of times more than building a town within a kingdom or empire. This was because neutral maps were not considered safe areas. In fact, they were home to many races that were hostile to humans. Naturally, setting up a town in enemy land would be more costly. The higher-leveled the neutral map was, the more it would cost to construct a town there. Most importantly, Guild Towns and Cities in neutral maps would face frequent monster attacks. Surviving in these neutral maps would also be much harder than within a kingdom or empire's borders.

Hence, not all Guilds that had been lucky enough to find a Town Building Order had chosen to construct their towns in neutral maps. Rather, they lacked the ability and funds to build a town in a neutral map.

Shi Feng had never expected to obtain a Town Building Order so soon in this life.

Originally, he had planned to wait for the Guild's main force to reach Level 60 before challenging a few special Field Bosses that he knew the locations of. But now, he had a Town Building Order ten levels earlier than expected.

Forget it. It's better to get one earlier than later. At most, I'll just have to adjust my original plan. Shi Feng smiled before storing the Town Building Order. He then set his sights on the other items the Tyrant's Soul had dropped while he had Anna and the Tier 3 Demon clean up the remaining monsters.

As a Mythic monster, the Tyrant's Soul should have dropped a lot of items.

Yet, the Boss had a surprisingly low number. Including the tattered equipment the Tyrant's Soul dropped, the Boss had only dropped six items.

Shi Feng immediately picked up the tattered equipment pieces and inspected them.

These equipment pieces had clearly existed for an extremely long time. Many areas of the pieces had fallen prey to corrosion. If they were tossed to the roadside, nobody would likely spare them a second glance.

However, Shi Feng was instantly ecstatic after he inspected their Attribute Panels.

Mana Equipment! As expected of the Extraordinary Tower's Guardian Boss. Shi Feng's eyes glowed with excitement as he gazed at the four tattered pieces of equipment before him.

Mana Equipment was similar to Mana Weapons. Both were Consumables and could offer a significant boost to player's combat power. Only, Mana Equipment was extremely difficult to produce, far more so

than Mana Weapons. As a result, Mana Equipment was scarcer than Mana Weapons. Meanwhile, the four pieces of Mana Equipment before him made up a complete set. They were the hands, chest, legs, and boots of the Judgment Set, a Tier 2 Mana Equipment Set.

Individually, these four pieces had the Basic Attributes to rival Epic Equipment. Only, they did not possess any Additional Skills.

In return for their lack of Skills, though, the four-piece Judgment Set included two ridiculously strong set effects.

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Two-piece set effect: Mana Stimulation: Passively improves physique by 30% and reaction speed by 20%. Forms a Mana Shield around the wearer that weakens Spell effects by 50% and reduces physical damage received by 30%.

Four-piece set effect: Light of Judgment: Stimulates the runes on every set piece at the cost of durability. When active, increases all Attributes by 800 points, Strength by 90%, Endurance by 60%, and Agility by 60%. Sustaining Light of Judgment reduces one durability point from every set piece each minute.

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The Mana Equipment Set's Attributes rendered Shi Feng speechless.

Although he had been a Guild Leader in the past, his Guild had only been a second-rate Guild. The information he had been able to get his hands on had been very limited. Although he had known that Mana Equipment was very powerful, he hadn't realized exactly how powerful.

Now that he had seen one of these set's Attributes, he finally understood why Mana Equipment was so powerful.

The Basic Attributes it provided could rival Epic Equipment of the same level, and when operating at maximum capacity, its buffs were even more impressive than a Berserk Skill.

An 800-point increase to all Attributes was simply unimaginable for Tier 2 players.

Both the Berserk Skills that players learned and those from equipment generally only boosted the player's Basic Attributes. In other words, the higher a player's Basic Attributes were, the more effective their Berserk Skills would be.

Meanwhile, when Level 60, Tier 2 experts used a Berserk Skill, excluding the percentage buffs from weapons and equipment, they would generally gain around 1,300 to 1,500 points to their main Attribute. The boost to the other Basic Attributes was far smaller.

Yet, Judgment of Light offered a fixed increase of 800 points to every Basic Attribute. That was the equivalent of a Level 60, Tier 2 expert gaining 50% or higher boost to their Attributes. After including the percentage buffs Judgment of Light provided, the player's overall improvement would be terrifying.

Shi Feng even suspected that he could gain as much Strength with Judgment of Light as he did from Heavenly Dragon's Power, which was above average compared to other Berserk Skills.

It was a pity that the Judgment Set was a class-specific set equipment and could only be used by Guardian Knights.

If Cola equipped this set, he should even be able to tank Mythic monsters of the same level. Shi Feng began to fantasize as he examined the Judgment Set.

If Cola wore the Judgment Set with his Titan Guard, he'd become the strongest MT in God's Domain.

Following which, Shi Feng stored the Mana Equipment Set and set his sights on the last two items the Tyrant's Soul had dropped. One of them was an old key, while the other was a Tier 4 Magic Scroll.

The Tier 4 Magic Scroll was a Tier 4 Domain Scroll, and the key would unlock the Magic Crystal Treasure Chest on the tower's top floor.

Since he had stolen some of the treasure chest's contents during his last visit, the Tyrant's Soul had learned its lesson and locked it, making it impossible for Shi Feng, or anyone for that matter, to steal any more items.

Now that Shi Feng had the key, though, he could open the treasure chest and retrieve the remaining items.

Previously, he hadn't had much time to loot the treasure chest, and in the end, he had only claimed five items. However, every one of those five items could even invoke a Super Guild's envy.

Shi Feng and his minions then dealt with the remaining nine Wandering Souls and collected 15 pieces of Level 70 Secret-Silver and Fine-Gold Equipment before he made his way to the tower's top floor.

The Magic Crystal Treasure Chest hadn't moved from its original position. However, the chest now sported a massive, golden padlock. A single glance told Shi Feng had no hope of destroying the lock as he was now, but after using the key, he removed the lock in five seconds. Lifting the treasure chest's lid, an aurora of light escaped, which was so dazzling that anyone could see it from anywhere in the Lost Town.

Sure enough, this chest still has a lot of treasures. Shi Feng's heart pounded with excitement as he looked at the six items inside the treasure chest. He immediately began to appraise them, one after another.

Of the six items, three were Tier 2 Skill Books; one was a Tier 2 Taboo Skill for Assassins called Indiscriminate Killing, one was a Tier 2 Spell for Elementalists called Elemental Mirror, and one was a Tier 2 Passive Skill for Rangers called Precision Shooting.

The other three items included a Tier 3 Mana Staff, a Magic Tower Design, and the last was the Guardian Puppet Design.

It's no wonder why the players and powers that obtained Gold Magic Crystal Treasure Chests had never said a word about their harvests! So, this is why! Realization dawned on Shi Feng when he saw the Guardian Puppet Design.

He had wondered what made the Gold Magic Crystal Treasure Chests so special that almost no player or power had ever mentioned obtaining one during his previous life. None of the five items he had gained during his first visit were enough to tempt a Super Guild to put everything it had into obtaining one of these treasure chests. However, after taking a look at the Guardian Puppet Design, he understood. This Guardian Puppet Design alone was many times more valuable than every other item in the Gold Magic Crystal Treasure Chest. It was so valuable that superpowers would wage an all-out war with each other to obtain it.

Chapter 1706 – Guild Treasure

Looking at the Guardian Puppet Design in his hands, Shi Feng could not help but inhale deeply as he began scrutinizing it.

In the past, Guardian Puppets were something exclusive to the various superpowers and an extreme few large Guilds. Every Guardian Puppet was treated as a priceless treasure and was the symbol of a Guild's foundations. Almost nobody would choose to sell their Guardian Puppet unless absolutely necessary. Meanwhile, the ones that got sold had been furiously contested over by countless powers.

The Guardian Puppet had been in great demand because it was ancient technology that had been lost in time. Without a proper design, players couldn't replicate the technology since the production of the Guardian Puppet involved too many fields of study such as alchemy, forging, and engineering. Moreover, every subclass had to be at the Master rank at the very minimum. Only after gathering the Masters of these subclasses could players produce a Guardian Puppet.

However, according to rumors, just the materials needed for one production attempt cost over 2,000 Gold—far more expensive than making a slightly below-average piece of Epic Equipment. The final cost for making the Guardian Puppet would simply be unimaginable.

Meanwhile, the reason why the Guardian Puppet was so valuable was its frightening combat power. Even a Level 0 player could instantly become a monster-like existence with the help of the Guardian Puppet. It was a war weapon that no Epic item or even Fragmented Legendary item could compare to. To a Guild, the Guardian Puppet was a priceless treasure.

In the past, there were some first-rate Guilds that dared to provoke even superpowers yet managed to live to tell the tale. The secret behind their survival was their possession of Guardian Puppets.

Even an ordinary Guardian Puppet had the combat power of a Tier 3 existence. Meanwhile, the Guardian Puppet Design Shi Feng currently held in his hands was for Bronze ranked Guardian Puppets. The Bronze Guardian Puppet possessed strength at the peak of Tier 3, and any player controlling the puppet could wield this strength as if it was their own. Moreover, unlike summoned creatures, which would disappear after a certain duration, Guardian Puppets would not disappear unless destroyed.

Regardless of how far players developed in God's Domain, combat power at the peak of Tier 3 would never become obsolete, because many players could not even reach Tier 3.

As expected of a Bronze Guardian Puppet. Just the materials needed for one production attempt cost over 3,000 Gold. Moreover, a Master Forger would only have a 30% success rate at completing the forging portion. The success of the final assembly isn't even guaranteed. It's no wonder the various superpowers treated their puppets like their own babies. Shi Feng was inwardly astonished as he looked at the list of required materials stated on the design.

However, after giving the matter some thought, he found the price to be reasonable. The Bronze Guardian Puppet possessed combat power at the peak of Tier 3 and could be used indefinitely. If a Guild could produce several hundred of these puppets now, it would basically be invincible. After all, there was no level requirement for controlling a Guardian Puppet. The only limiting factor was one's skillfulness at controlling the puppet.

It seems there's a need to place greater focus on Candlelight's development. Shi Feng could not wait for the day Zero Wing could have its own Guardian Puppets.

Although the materials needed to produce the Bronze Guardian Puppet were rare, aside from the main material, Fine Titan Ingot, the other materials could be collected in bulk relatively easily. The main problem was the requirement of various kinds of Lifestyle Masters. Without the necessary Lifestyle Masters, the odds of producing the Guardian Puppet were zero.

If Zero Wing could mass-produce Bronze Guardian Puppets, whether it was in team battles or siege battles, they would become a formidable support since they dealt increased damage to magic arrays and buildings. Moreover, they were much more powerful than Tier 3 summoned creatures.

Just as Shi Feng was figuring out ways to further improve the standards of Lifestyle players in the Candlelight Trading Firm, he suddenly received a call from Gentle Snow.

“Guild Leader, I just received good news. Heaven’s Burial’s Singular Burial and Lei Jingyang fell out with each other. The Guild has already been disbanded. However, Singular Burial joined Blackwater with some of his trusted aides and Guild experts. Currently, Singular Burial is bringing his men to the Primordial Divine Ruin. By the looks of it, they plan on reaching Primordial City by relying on various resources Blackwater provided them,” Gentle Snow said, smiling.

Heaven’s Burial’s destruction was something she and the rest of Zero Wing’s upper echelon had anticipated. Only, they had not expected Heaven’s Burial to disband so quickly. Caught off guard, they had a hard time taking over the Shops located in the various cities Heaven’s Burial ruled before, many of which were snatched away by other Guilds.

However, Heaven’s Burial’s sudden disbandment also saved Zero Wing plenty of trouble. At the very least, there was no longer any need to wage price wars with Heaven’s Burial’s Shops in Star-Moon Kingdom, nor was there any need to dispatch larger armies to capture Heaven’s Burial’s Guild Towns.

“So, they’ve given up on Star-Moon Kingdom and are shifting their focus to Primordial City?” Shi Feng could not help but chuckle. Looking at Gentle Snow, he asked, “Have you gathered the necessary manpower yet?”

“As you’ve requested, I personally contacted every one of the selected candidates and had them secretly gather at Zero Wing City. Currently, we’re just short by a few dozen people before we have the required number,” Gentle Snow replied.

“Good. Have them gather at Zero Wing City’s Candlelight Trading Firm. I’ll head over there myself right now. It’s about time we gave Beast Emperor and Singular Burial a little surprise,” Shi Feng said with a nod before disconnecting the call.

Even now, Gentle Snow still had no idea what Shi Feng intended to do by summoning 1,500 experts. However, she continued notifying the selected experts to gather at Zero Wing City’s Candlelight Trading Firm.

Meanwhile, after ending the call, Shi Feng spent 3,000 Gold to have the NPCs in the Lost Town construct a Guild Residence. At the same time, he hired 100 Level 150, Tier 2 NPC guards and 1,000 Level 150, Tier 1 NPC guards for town defense. With this, the town should have no problems fending off monster attacks in the short term.

Once that was done, he took out a Guild Transfer Scroll and teleported to Zero Wing City’s Residence.

After the heaven-defying battle at Stone Forest Town, the number of players visiting Zero Wing City each day had skyrocketed. Now, the city’s player population had already shot past the 4,000,000 mark. Just the entrance fees collected each day totaled roughly 22,000 Gold. Not to mention, there was still the income from Stone Forest Town, the Candlelight Trading Firm, and many other enterprises.

Now that there was no longer any need to continue placing bounties on Heaven’s Burial’s members, all that income could be invested into the Guild’s development.

Meanwhile, even after including the Guild’s various expenses such as providing Guild benefits and the Guild’s expansion, Zero Wing still saved up around 15,000 Gold per day. This income could make any first-rate Guild crazy with jealousy. For first-rate Guilds, just being able to get their Guild to operate normally was already a challenging task. Moreover, the Guild benefits they offered their members weren’t even comparable to Zero Wing’s.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that no first-rate Guild in God's Domain could compete with Zero Wing in terms of wealth.

After returning to Zero Wing's Residence, Shi Feng first went to the Guild Warehouse to retrieve some materials obtained from Team Dungeons and through trading with the various first-rate Guilds. Then, he started producing Magic Array Scrolls for the Divine Beast's Descent Magic Array.

Once he completed two sets, he took out the two remaining Elemental Sources from his bag and combined them with the Magic Array Scrolls. Suddenly, the two sets of Magic Array Scrolls started evolving. Originally, Divine Beast's Descent was an Intermediate Magic Array, but after the fusion was completed, the magic arrays exuded an aura that was even more powerful than Advanced Magic Arrays. Following which, Shi Feng stored the two sets of Magic Array Scrolls and left for the Candlelight Trading Firm.

By the time he arrived at Zero Wing City's Candlelight Trading Firm, Gentle Snow and the others were already waiting for him. Currently, the lounge on the second floor was filled with players, every one of whom was curiously wondering why their Vice Guild Leaders had gathered them here today.

However, when they saw Shi Feng, who was currently disguised as Black Flame, enter the lounge, the entire room suddenly fell silent.

"Guild Leader?"

"Why is the Guild Leader here? Were we gathered here today under the Guild Leader's orders?"

Everyone in the lounge could not help but discuss Shi Feng's sudden appearance, excited expressions on their faces.

“I believe you all must’ve heard that our brothers stationed over at the Primordial Divine Ruin have been surrounded and killed by Evil Demons and Evil Beasts. In fact, Beast Emperor, the person controlling those monsters, has even announced that Zero Wing’s members are forbidden from setting foot into the Primordial Divine Ruin, and any who dare do so will be killed without question.

“Although that place isn’t our Guild’s territory, I feel that we should still make a response. Hence, I have gathered you all here today so that we can prepare a surprise for Beast Emperor and his allies! We are going to destroy every Evil Beast and Evil Demon present near the Primordial Divine Ruin! We will let the various major powers know that Zero Wing is not a pushover!”

When Shi Feng was done speaking, gasps filled the entire venue. Even Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose, who stood beside Shi Feng, could not help but turn to look at their Guild Leader, both of them thinking that Shi Feng had lost his mind.

Destroy every Evil Beast and Evil Demon present near the Primordial Divine Ruin?

How can such a feat possibly be accomplished?

Chapter 1707 – Tier 2 Legion

The silence persisted for a short moment before a commotion erupted inside the lounge.

Everyone felt that Shi Feng's intentions were too crazy. Setting aside how many Evil Beasts and Evil Demons were present around the Primordial Divine Ruin, just the Mythic Evil Beasts and Mythic Evil Demons there would be more than enough to annihilate their team of 1,500 players.

Not to mention, they were attacking in enemy territory, which meant plenty of enemy reinforcements.

"I'm sure you all are worried and afraid. If you feel that you are not up to it, you may leave. I won't force any of you to take part in this operation. After all, the operation this time is indeed very dangerous. If you wish to take part in it, though, come to me to register. Note that you will also have to sign a confidentiality contract to take part in this operation," Shi Feng said in a calm tone after carefully observing everyone present.

The reason why Zero Wing was contesting with other Guilds over various resources was to provide its members with better benefits. Meanwhile, the majority of the resources obtained would go to elite and core members of the Guild.

If the Guild's core members were not even willing to put themselves at risk for the Guild, then when the Guild faced greater pressure in the future, nobody would know what kind of actions these core members would take. Thus, there was naturally no need for the Guild to continue nurturing such ungrateful core members.

Previously, when Zero Wing was still in its infancy, he could tolerate feeding the Guild's elite and expert members without asking much in return. However, now that Zero Wing was no longer in its infancy and had already stepped onto the path of becoming a superpower, the Guild would need much more resources than before to continue developing. His latest acquisition, the Lost Town, only made the Guild even more desperate for resources. Now, he could neither afford nor tolerate having freeloaders in his Guild. Hence, there was a serious need to adjust the way the Guild operated.

The first thing he was going to change was how benefits were offered to Guild members. A Guild member's contribution would now also be an important criterion in deciding what kind of benefits they would receive; strength was no longer the only determining factor. The more a person contributed to the Guild, the more returns they would receive.

In the past, many large Guilds had failed to pay attention to this aspect and simply focused on recruiting strong players without bothering with whether those players were truly loyal to the Guild or not. As a result, when the Guild faced an insurmountable foe, it crumbled even before the battle had begun. In contrast, some small Guilds with average strength were able to unite their members to fight against first-rate Guilds and maintain a considerably large territory for themselves.

Shi Feng planned to institute the changes starting with this operation.

After he was done speaking, everyone present fell into a daze for a while. At this time, Gentle Snow, Aqua Rose, and the other core members in the upper echelon of the Guild quickly realized what Shi Feng was trying to do. Hence, they kept their mouths shut and quietly watched from the sides.

“We’ll definitely get ourselves killed by going over there.”

“Wonderful! I’ve been itching to let those bastards know Zero Wing’s amazingness!”

“Guild Leader, just give us our orders!”

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For a time, everyone present discussed among themselves. The members of the Guild’s main force then went up to Shi Feng to register. Only a small number of players that were recently promoted into Dark Gods members hesitated over their decision.

After the registration process continued for around a dozen minutes, Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose could not help but breathe out a sigh of relief.

Of the 1,500 players they gathered, over 1,400 had registered to join the operation with only several dozen players declining. However, this situation also served as a stern reminder to the two of them. The players they had gathered here today were all experts who they believed were trustworthy, yet there were still some people that had betrayed their expectations. If they were to conduct such a test for the other expert and elite members, the percentage of those who would abandon the Guild during its time of need would most likely be much higher. Meanwhile, many more expert and elite players would be joining the Guild in the future.

There are over 1,400 people remaining? Shi Feng was quite satisfied with this outcome, which could also be considered the result of the past few selections Zero Wing had conducted. Not to mention, most of the members that chose to abstain from the operation this time were mainly recent recruits. Following which, he turned to look at Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow and said quietly, "From today onward, start restructuring the Guild ranks. Regardless if one is an expert member or an elite member, their positions are not fixed. If members fail to obtain a sufficient number of Guild Achievements and Guild Contribution Points corresponding to their rank each month, they'll be demoted by a rank. I don't care how strong they are; they can be demoted all the way to a Guild reserve member and eventually kicked out of the Guild."

Upon hearing Shi Feng's words, Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose nodded in agreement, both of them thinking that it was about time for them to make new Guild regulations.

After all, the current Zero Wing was no longer the same Zero Wing as before.

Previously, as Zero Wing was lacking manpower and was constantly waging war with other Guilds, they had no choice but to offer excellent and tempting benefits with lax conditions in order to keep the Guild alive. In contrast, first-rate Guilds got to develop in a stable environment for long periods. Not only were their rules and regulations clearly defined, but their contribution and achievement systems were also perfected. This allowed them to prevent freeloaders from appearing in their Guilds.

After everyone signed the confidentiality contract, Shi Feng distributed Tier 2 Mana Weapons to all the Tier 1 players present.

As for Aqua Rose, Gentle Snow, and the other Tier 2 experts there, Shi Feng handed them Tier 3 Mana Weapons.

This situation stupefied Shadow Sword, who currently wielded the Tier 3 Mana Weapon Edgeless Blade.

He had experienced the strength of a Tier 3 Mana Weapon for himself. Even if he simply wielded the weapon normally, he could exert power at the Tier 3 standard. If he pushed the weapon to its maximum potential, then he was basically an unstoppable god of slaughter.

Meanwhile, for the operation this time, a total of twelve Tier 2 players would be taking part in it, yet Shi Feng had actually given every one of them a Tier 3 Mana Weapon. Shadow Sword found this situation to be simply incredible.

However, the most frightening matter would still have to be the fact that every one of the Tier 1 experts present received a Tier 2 Mana Weapon. That was over 1,400 players they were talking about!

In other words, at this moment, Zero Wing had essentially gained an additional 1,400-plus Tier 2 experts.

With the correct conditions, a 100-man team of Tier 2 experts could definitely raid a Mythic Boss of the same level.

Meanwhile, like Shadow Sword, after Aqua Rose and the others took a look at the Attributes of their respective Tier 3 Mana Weapons, they were similarly dumbfounded.

“Guild Leader, did you raid the armory of a kingdom? We won’t get hunted by some kingdom’s army, right?” Blackie could not help but gulp nervously as he looked at the Tier 3 Mana Staff he held, which completely surpassed his Epic ranked staff in terms of raw power.

The other Tier 2 experts nodded their heads, seconding Blackie’s words.

They never thought that their Guild actually possessed such a hidden hand. Even those in the upper echelon like themselves were utterly clueless about this.

Just by holding the Tier 3 Mana Weapons, they could feel that their combat power had increased drastically. At the very least, the raw power of their attacks should be at the Tier 3 standard already. Although they did not possess the physique and Skills of a Tier 3 player, they were still confident that, unless their opponent was fully geared in Epic Equipment, they could easily stomp on any Tier 2 expert right now.

At this moment, Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow finally understood why Shi Feng would try to annihilate the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons around the Primordial Divine Ruin with such a small number of players.

With so many experts boasting Tier 2 and Tier 3 combat power, they indeed possessed the qualifications to go up against the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts near the Primordial Divine Ruin.

While everyone was reeling from receiving the Mana Weapons, Shi Feng took out four pieces of equipment and handed them to Cola. Originally, Cola wanted to say that his equipment was plenty excellent already and that there was no need for a replacement. However, once he inspected what Shi Feng gave him, his eyes nearly fell out of their sockets.

Without hesitation, he removed the Level 50 Fine-Gold Set Equipment he was wearing and replaced them with the Mana Equipment Set from Shi Feng.

The moment Cola equipped the Mana Equipment Set, the feeling he gave off transformed abruptly.

Right now, Cola's aura gave even Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow intense pressure. Not to mention, the Mana in the room was also surging toward him. Just standing beside the Guardian Knight felt stifling.

"Guild Leader, what kind of equipment did you give Cola? Did you give him four pieces of Epic Equipment?" Gentle Snow asked curiously. At this moment, she could clearly feel that her Attributes were inferior to Cola's. However, she currently had a piece of Fragmented Legendary Equipment equipped, so it was simply unbelievable that Cola's Basic Attributes would be superior to hers. The only explanation she could think of for such a difference was that Cola had just equipped four pieces of Epic Equipment.

"No. It's Tier 2 Mana Equipment Set. It's something similar to the Mana Weapons you all are using," Shi Feng replied, shaking his head. He then turned to Cola and asked, "How does it feel after you've equipped it?"

"Guild Leader, this set is simply insane! I feel that I can tank even a Mythic Boss right now!" Cola's eyes glowed with excitement as he looked at the four silvery pieces of equipment on him.

When the surrounding crowd heard Cola's words, they could not help but gasp. From Cola's expression, they could tell that the Guardian Knight was not joking at all. However, realizing this only served to shock them even more.

Four pieces of Mana Equipment were actually enough to create an MT capable of tanking a Mythic Boss of the same level. This situation was simply too frightening.

“Relax. You’ll have plenty of chances to show off later on,” Shi Feng said, chuckling.

Following which, Shi Feng had Aqua Rose recruit 176 trustworthy Summoners from the Guild’s elite members for the upcoming operation and had them sign confidentiality contracts as well.

“Move out! Our target is the Primordial Divine Ruin! It’s about time we let our enemies pay the price of blood!” Shi Feng commanded after seeing that everyone had gathered.

Chapter 1708 – Miraculous Hunt

Zero Wing City, Four Towers of Elements:

Due to Four Towers of Elements’ teleportation function, the number of players that gathered at the Four Towers of Elements increased with each passing day.

Many among them belonged to the various adventurer teams and large Guilds. This was because teleporting through the Four Towers of Elements was the fastest way for players to reach the Orc Empire. Using this function, players could save up on over ten hours of mounted travel time when traveling to the Orc Empire.

Aside from being able to teleport into the Orc Empire, players could teleport to leveling maps around Zero Wing City. Although these leveling maps weren’t high-resource maps, the easy travel method still made these maps attractive.

Because of this, the Four Towers of Elements weren't any less lively than the city's central district even though they stood at the edges of Zero Wing City, far from most of the city's attractions. Quite a few player Shops had also risen around the towers.

Among these player Shops stood the Purple Pavilion Trading Firm, a trading firm Shi Feng had been quite familiar with during his previous life.

This trading firm was run by none other than Susie, one of Shi Feng's old friends in the past. The Purple Pavilion Trading Firm's business was doing considerably well, and many adventurer teams' players purchased items from its Shop.

"Guild Leader, is there a problem with that Shop?" Gentle Snow asked curiously when she noticed Shi Feng staring at the Purple Pavilion Trading Firm.

"The Purple Pavilion Trading Firm?" Following Shi Feng's gaze, Aqua Rose said, "Based on our information, the trading firm is quite impressive. Its owner had rented a Shop here before we had even revealed the Four Towers of Elements' teleportation function. The Purple Pavilion's owner also has amazing connections and offers many specialty products from other countries. The Purple Pavilion Trading Firm has used this opportunity to partner with quite a few well-known adventurer teams and purchase various rare materials from them at below-market price.

"Right now, excluding the trading firms operated by the various large Guilds, the Purple Pavilion Trading Firm ranks among the top five in Zero Wing City. However, based on our investigations, Purple Pavilion doesn't have a powerful backer. As a result, certain major trading firms have begun to take action against Purple Pavilion in secret."

When Gentle Snow and the others heard Aqua Rose's explanation, they could not help but view the Purple Pavilion Trading Firm's owner in a new light.

In God's Domain, the competition between trading firms was just as intense as that between Guilds. In fact, the competition between trading firms was far more intense. This was because Guilds weren't the only ones operating trading firms in God's Domain. Some independent players and adventurer teams had their own trading firms to earn more resources and Coins, funding their personal development.

Hence, God's Domain had more trading firms than Guilds. Thriving in such a competitive environment without a powerful backer was extremely difficult.

The fact that the Purple Pavilion Trading Firm's Shop ranked among the top five Shops operated by non-Guild entities in Zero Wing City proved how amazing it was.

"Aqua, have someone give the various Shops in Zero Wing City a warning. I don't care what they do elsewhere, but nobody is allowed to play dirty in Zero Wing's towns and cities. If they're caught doing so, they should prepare to face the consequences," Shi Feng quietly instructed, glancing at some of the players on the street who were clearly stalking the Purple Pavilion Trading Firm.

Part of the development of Guild Towns and Cities relied on the development of the Shops in them. If Zero Wing couldn't provide sufficient security and fair competition for the independent merchant players in its towns and cities, these players would eventually refuse to conduct their business in Zero Wing's territories.

"Understood." Aqua Rose nodded. She immediately arranged for some of her subordinates to warn the various player-operated Shops in Zero Wing City.

After dealing with this matter, Shi Feng and the others split into multiple groups and teleported to the Orc Empire's border at intervals.

For this operation, Shi Feng didn't just have his team members sign the confidentiality contract to keep their mouths shut about the Mana Weapons to avoid attracting other Guilds' attentions. It also forced them to keep the operation itself a secret.

Although this method didn't stop spies from simply logging out of the game and notifying their employers, Zero Wing would discover anyone who violated the contract the moment they logged out since these players had been invited at the same time. Unless these spies wanted to blow their cover and lose all of their progress in the game thus far, they wouldn't dare log out.

After arriving in the Orc Empire, everyone gathered in a predetermined location. Once Shi Feng ensured that his team had arrived safely, he had them saddle up and make their way towards the Primordial Divine Ruin.

Each of these players was either an elite or expert in Zero Wing, so they all had their own Guild Mounts. A legion of majestic Thunder Wolves quickly traversed the Orc Empire's barren lands, and as it passed, the areas it left behind looked as if they had been ravaged by a powerful storm.

However, even amongst this legion of majestic beasts, Shi Feng's Demonic Flame Tiger stood out like a sore thumb. Although the Demonic Flame Tiger had shrunk to three meters in height after its evolution, eye-catching, pitch-black flames and arcs of silver electricity danced along its paws. The Demonic Flame Tiger also radiated an aura that rivaled that of a High Lord. It was difficult not to notice the beast.

When other players encountered Zero Wing's legion, they grew nervous.

This was because the Orcs in the Orc Empire also rode gigantic battle wolves and battle tigers. At first, these players assumed that the Orc Empire's armies had ambushed them, and they had nearly turned and fled. However, after getting a closer look, they realized that the Mount's riders were human, not robust Orcs. Seeing this, they relaxed and sighed with relief.

“Crap! Who are those people?! Almost all of them are using the same type of Mount!”

“Don’t they look like Zero Wing’s Thunder Wolves? Those Thunder Wolves are seriously cool. I wish I had one.”

“Zero Wing? That shouldn’t be possible. Those players are heading toward the Primordial Divine Ruin, which is surrounded by Evil Beasts and Evil Demons. If they are Zero Wing’s members, aren’t they just heading towards their deaths?”

“Could Zero Wing be trying to force their way into the ruin?”

“That’s impossible, right? There are more than 100,000 Evil Beasts and Evil Demons at the ruin. They’d even wipe out an army of several thousand experts in the blink of an eye. If not for that Beast Emperor wanting to avoid provoking every major power in the Orc Empire, he could easily stop anyone from entering the Primordial Divine Ruin with his monster army.”

“Zero Wing shouldn’t be underestimated, either. The Guild had already defeated Heaven’s Burial’s Evil Demon army. I’ve watched the recordings of that battle. Zero Wing had even faced-down Mythic ranked Evil Beast and Demons.”

“Didn’t you see Zero Wing summon those Mythic monsters? There’s no way Zero Wing can summon such powerful monsters again easily.”

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The players that noticed Zero Wing's force discussed the Guild's actions heatedly. News that Zero Wing had dispatched a force to the Primordial Divine Ruin quickly spread. After all, it would be difficult for such a powerful army to avoid notice for long.

Soon, the various major powers waiting to enter the Primordial Divine Ruin began to discuss the matter as well.

"Zero Wing is taking action so soon?"

"Is Zero Wing insane? Don't they know that there are over 100,000 Evil Demons and Evil Beasts guarding the Primordial Divine Ruin?"

Zero Wing's actions confused all of the various large Guilds' upper echelons.

"Brother Singular, like Beast Emperor has said, Zero Wing really couldn't hold back and has come running to us on its own. This is a good opportunity for us to take our revenge," Falling Fire said, a cold glint flashing in his eyes as he read the report his subordinate just sent him. "We only lost because we didn't fully understand Zero Wing and fought them on their home turf. However, our battlefield will be set in the Orc Empire this time. We also have eight Mythic monsters under our command. Even if Zero Wing can summon more of those High Demons to suppress our Mythic monsters, we'll have plenty of Grand Lords and Great Lords to spare. We can annihilate this Zero Wing forces!"

"Zero Wing!" Singular Burial gnashed his teeth in anger when he heard the mention of the Guild. His eyes turned bloodshot, and he growled, "I won't let any of your members return alive this time!"

Zero Wing had thoroughly destroyed Heaven's Burial in their last battle. All of the time and effort he had invested in his Guild's development had gone to waste, just like that. Now, hatred for Zero Wing

consumed his thoughts. The Evil Demons and Evil Beasts encircling the Primordial Divine Ruin were a suggestion he had made to Beast Emperor. He had done so to cause as much trouble for Zero Wing as possible, impeding the Guild's development.

As soon as Singular Burial finished speaking, a spatial gate opened above him.

Once the spatial gate opened fully, cloaked figures atop Mounts jumped out, one after another. When these cloaked figures landed, everyone recognized the Mounts as Zero Wing's Thunder Wolves.

"What's going on?"

"Zero Wing's members actually dare to charge straight into the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts' encirclement? Are they seeking death?"

Everyone gaped at Zero Wing's members when they realized who had emerged from the spatial gate. They had assumed that Zero Wing was simply putting up a strong front by marching into the Orc Empire. Even if Zero Wing truly intended to take action, the Guild would employ hit-and-run tactics and target small groups of Evil Beasts and Evil Demons at most.

However, the fact that Zero Wing's members had jumped straight into their enemy's ranks via a spatial gate left them utterly baffled.

Before anyone could react, Shi Feng's gaze shifted toward the nearby Blackwater members.

"Kill them!"

Chapter 1709 – Might of One Hit

Zero Wing's sudden appearance had shocked the players at the Primordial Divine Ruin. Shi Feng's command to attack Blackwater's members only intensified their surprise.

"This is crazy! Zero Wing must be insane! They've actually barged into the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts' encirclement to attack Blackwater?!"

The members from the various major powers and adventurer teams were stupefied as they watched Zero Wing's members charge into Blackwater's on their Mounts.

At a glance, it was clear that Zero Wing had dispatched less than 2,000 members to the Primordial Divine Ruin. Even if all of them were experts, Blackwater's forces weren't to be trifled with.

Although Blackwater had recently suffered a major loss, it had recruited many of Heaven's Burial's expert and elite members. The Guild had sent 4,000 experts and 6,000 elites to the ruin this time, and the lowest-leveled among them was Level 49. Every one of these 10,000 players also wore top-tier equipment. An army of fewer than 2,000 experts stood no chance against Blackwater's forces.

Moreover, the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts currently surrounded the Primordial Divine Ruin. It wouldn't be long before these monsters arrived to support Blackwater's army.

Zero Wing would have more opponents than just Blackwater's army. They would have to face 100,000-plus monsters as well.

While the various large Guilds wondered why Zero Wing had enacted such a ludicrous plan, the Guild's mounted forces had almost reached Blackwater's members.

"Bastards!" Falling Fire cursed as he commanded his players to fall into formation.

Fortunately, the players Blackwater had dispatched to raid the Primordial Divine Ruin were all well-trained, and the 10,000-man army quickly took up arms. The 500-plus Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights formed two rows at the front, raising their shields as they prepared to stop their enemy's advance. Meanwhile, the Clerics, Oracles, and Druids at the rear of the army began to cast their buffs on the army's MTs. Now, the two human walls formed between the army and Zero Wing's members could even stop dozens of Great Lords of the same level, not to mention charging players.

Meanwhile, the ranged forces between the Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights began to cast their offensive Spells.

Blackwater's army had far better reaction speed, combat standards, and far more combat experience than the various adventurer teams who fought others in the fields. The entire army moved as one, utterly organized.

However, the Berserkers leading Zero Wing's charge paid the blockade before them little heed. They didn't even bother to wait for their own Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights to catch up as they plowed into Blackwater's formation.

The moment before Zero Wing's 100-plus Berserkers clashed with Blackwater's MTs, a hint of excitement could be seen flashing in their eyes as they tightened their grips on their weapons. Suddenly, silver runes began to form on their weapons, and the ambient Mana gathered around the Berserker's weapons. Without hesitation, the Berserkers swung their weapons at the massive shields before them.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

A series of loud explosions echoed throughout the area as the Berserkers struck the enemy shields.

“Impossible!”

When Blackwater’s MTs received the Berserker’s attacks, they felt as if they had been hit by a truck. Not only did their shields tremble violently and their arms go numb, but they were also forced to take two or three steps back before they could stabilize themselves.

However, before these MTs could regain their postures, Zero Wing’s Berserkers swung their weapons again, forcing these MTs backward once more.

After three consecutive attacks, Zero Wing’s Berserkers had broken holes in Blackwater’s defensive line. The Berserkers then dashed toward the ranged players like frenzied beasts.

“Zero Wing broke through?”

The various major powers watching from a distance could not help but gape at the scene. Just 100-plus Berserkers had torn apart two defensive lines formed by over 500 Level 49-plus Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights. The clash between these melee players had lasted less than two seconds. It was as if Blackwater’s Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights were made of paper and could barely take a hit.

However, the players from these major powers knew that Blackwater’s MTs all wore excellent equipment. The weakest piece they’d have on them would be Level 45 Fine-Gold rank. MTs of such caliber could easily join the various large Guilds’ main forces. As for their combat standards, they were all elite and expert players. A blockade of such powerful MTs shouldn’t have a problem fending off a

charge of dozens of Great Lords of the same level, yet it had shattered when assaulted by Zero Wing's 100-plus Berserkers. No matter how they looked at the situation, they simply could not bring themselves to believe it.

What these players didn't know was that although these Zero Wing Berserkers were only Tier 1 players, they could unleash Tier 3 power when they maxed out the Tier 2 Mana Weapons in their hands.

Blackwater's defensive lines might be able to stop several dozen Great Lords of the same level, but it definitely couldn't stop the combined charge of over a 100 Great Lords.

"Melee units, stop them! Do not let them reached our ranged unit!" Falling Fire hurriedly commanded when he noticed Zero Wing's Berserkers approach.

However, before Falling Fire could even finish his words, one melee fighter from Blackwater after another was thrown into the air. Even when Blackwater's Level 50 Berserkers tried to stop Zero Wing's Berserkers, the latter easily pushed them back. They lost a significant amount of HP when they crossed blades with Zero Wing's Berserkers.

After repulsing Blackwater's melee players, Zero Wing's Berserkers charged toward Blackwater's ranged force like a sharpened sword. The Berserkers blocked the incoming ranged attacks with little-to-no effort.

In contrast to Blackwater's pitiful ranged attacks, the attacks Zero Wing's several hundred ranged players launched were basically unstoppable. When Blackwater's MTs tried to block these incoming attacks with their shields, their defensive postures shattered under a single blow, rendering them helpless against the following ranged attacks. Every ranged attack that struck an MT directly dealt over - 20,000 damage, and Zero Wing's players only needed three ranged strikes to kill a Blackwater MT. Blackwater's healers hadn't even had enough time to save their allies.

The difference between each side's healers was jaw-dropping.

When Blackwater's healers cast Healing Spells with one- or two-second channeling times, the Spells would restore around 10,000 of the target's HP. In contrast, when Zero Wing's healers used the same Healing Spells, their targets recovered nearly 20,000 HP. Meanwhile, Blackwater's ranged classes only dealt around -10,000 HP when they struck Zero Wing's Berserkers on a direct hit, and the best among them only dealt around -13,000 damage. Zero Wing's healers could easily restore whatever HP their Berserkers lost.

The difference between the two forces was clear for all to see after the battle continued for a short moment. Like a group of ferocious beasts, Zero Wing's members devoured the lives of Blackwater's players, forcing Blackwater to retreat, again and again, as the army began to show signs of crumbling.

The spectating crowd was dumbfounded.

No matter how they thought about it, Blackwater should've had the upper hand, yet Zero Wing had an absolute advantage over its army. This didn't look like an actual battle; it was more of a one-sided beating. Zero Wing and Blackwater's strength simply weren't on the same level.

"So, this is the power of Mana Weapons?" Gentle Snow, who commanded the battle from the rear, was indescribably shocked as she watched her players devour Blackwater's forces.

They were too strong.

Although the Branch Guild she commanded in the Black Dragon Empire hadn't experienced as many battles as the main branch in Star-Moon Kingdom, her Guild had plenty of experience in combat involving thousands of players. Hence, she knew that such a large-scale battle wouldn't reach a conclusion quickly. At the very least, the battle would last 15 to 30 minutes before anyone could tell which side had the upper hand.

Yet, not even one minute had passed since the battle between Zero Wing and Blackwater had begun. However, even an ordinary player could see that Blackwater had no hope of winning this fight. At this rate, Zero Wing wouldn't even need ten minutes to annihilate Blackwater's 10,000 players.

Only Shi Feng knew how typical this battle's outcome was.

Blackwater's players weren't fighting 1,400-plus Tier 1 players, but a force of 1,400-plus Tier 2 experts. With so many Tier 2 experts, Zero Wing could even wipe out an army of 30,000 Tier 1 players without trouble, much less a force of 10,000. This was the difference between tiers.

Silence fell over the Primordial Divine Ruin as players witnessed Zero Wing's overwhelming power. Even the spectating superpowers wore somber expressions as they watched the massacre before them.

"Black Flame! Do you really think that this is the only force I've prepared for the Primordial Divine Ruin?! Pay for your foolishness!" As Singular Burial watched Blackwater's army slide backward, he showed neither surprise nor fear, simply revealing an arrogant sneer. He then turned to the cloaked, bandaged man beside him and snapped, "Flame Blood, it's time for you to take action!"

Nodding in response, Flame Blood immediately took a gray crystal ball from his bag and began to chant an incantation.

He wasn't within a kingdom or empire right now, so it didn't matter if he revealed his identity as an Evil God's Temple player since there weren't any NPCs around to hunt him down.

Suddenly, clouds of pitch-black fog started to emerge from the crystal ball. The fog rapidly transformed into the figures of 10 Evil Demons. These summoned Evil Demons were all Level 70 Grand Lords, which he had actually prepared for the Guardian Boss on the ruin's fourth floor.

Under Flame Blood's command, the ten Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons charged at Zero Wing's army.

Just before they reached Zero Wing's frontline and could swing down their massive claws, a figure appeared before them. This figure was none other than Shadow Sword.

"Scram!" Shadow Sword tightened his grip on the Edgeless Blade and executed a sweeping slash with the rune-covered greatsword.

Tier 2 Skill, Bladestorm!

A silver storm engulfed ten Evil Demons, sending them flying over a dozen yards away. When the monsters crashed into the ground, a damage of over -200,000 appeared above each of their heads...

Chapter 1710 – Gathering Place of Experts

After Shadow Sword's first attack, he used Charge, accelerating toward the nearest Evil Demon as it was standing back up. When he got close to his target, Shadow Sword raised his greatsword high. Once again, silver divine runes lit up along the Edgeless Blade's body. Shadow Sword then executed Blade of Waves, one of the Sea God's Apostle class's Tier 2 Legacy Skills. Blade of Waves was also the most powerful Tier 2 Legacy Skill he had learned.

Currents of blue Mana circled the Edgeless Blade. When Shadow Sword swung his greatsword at the Evil Demon before him, the Mana Weapon transformed into a 40-yard-long blade of water. Players in the distance only saw a dark-blue horizontal wall suddenly bisect the battlefield.

-513,842!

A frightening amount of damage appeared above the Evil Demon's head when the water blade cut through its body. The blade also slammed into other players, and whether they wore plate armor or cloth, all of their HPs plummeted to zero. Their cleaved bodies then transformed into particles of light and disappeared from the battlefield.

After the attack, the Evil Demon that took the hit fell into a heavily injured state, its combat power drastically decreasing.

The surrounding Blackwater members expressed their shock and terror when they saw this.

Strong!

Too strong!

Not only had Shadow Sword repelled ten Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons with one attack, but his follow-up attack had also heavily injured one Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon and killed over a dozen players. Even Shield Warriors and Guardian Knights had died instantly...

"How is he so powerful?"

Confusion filled the experts from the various major powers as they watched Shadow Sword from a distance.

Even if Shadow Sword were a Tier 2 Berserker and had used a Berserk Skill, his damage should not have been so frightening. He should've been lucky to hold his ground against a Grand Lord ranked Evil Demon, yet even without activating a Berserk Skill, Shadow Sword had heavily injured the Grand Lord. This utterly destroyed their understanding of Tier 2 classes' combat power.

"Damn it! Flame, split the other Evil Demons up and have them attack independently!" Singular Burial commanded once he saw that the Evil Demons were no match for Shadow Sword.

They had summoned ten Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons, and although they were no match for Shadow Sword, the Berserker couldn't stop them all if they split up. The Evil Demons Shadow Sword didn't target could continue to slaughter Zero Wing's members.

Hearing Singular Burial's command, Flame Blood had the other nine Evil Demons circle Shadow Sword.

However, as these Evil Demons began to move, Cola landed between three of them and used Justice Roar, forcing all three to focus on him and no one else.

The three taunted Evil Demons immediately brandished their claws at Cola. Seeing this, Cola grinned as he raised the one-handed axe in his right hand. Like Shadow Sword's Edgeless Blade, silver runes illuminated the weapon. Taking a step forward, Cola used Holy Slash.

A silver flash sliced at the three Evil Demons' extended claws. The moment Cola's axe met the monsters' claws, the Evil Demons felt as if a current of electricity shot through them, leaving their arms numb. All three Evil Demons were forced to retreat by several steps, and the difference between their Strength and Cola's was obvious at a glance.

Meanwhile, Gentle Snow, Fire Dance, Flying Shadow, Ye Wumian, Turtledove, and Rampant Blade suppressed the other six Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons. The six Tier 2 players halted the Evil Demons' advance, preventing the monsters from targeting Zero Wing's Tier 1 players.

The spectating powers were stunned to see all ten Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons suppressed.

"Who are these people?"

The various major powers and adventurer teams' members were curious and awed as they watched Shadow Sword and his companions. They immediately began to look into the identities of these Tier 2 players from Zero Wing.

The various large Guilds and adventurer teams present were no strangers to Grand Lord ranked monsters, but they usually needed 100-man teams to raid such monsters. Yet, Shadow Sword and the others actually soloed the Evil Demons. Moreover, they had the upper hand in the battle. This was simply unbelievable.

The moment these various powers received their investigations' results, they were flabbergasted.

Aside from Gentle Snow, the other Tier 2 players were practically unknown in God's Domain. Although these players had shown up in Zero Wing's past battles, none of them had ever displayed such frightening power.

Because of this, the players from these major powers and adventurer teams began to wonder if Shadow Sword and the others had deliberately hidden their strength all this time.

But after today, there was no doubt that these players would become famous in God's Domain.

Their performance today was simply too shocking!

While Shadow Sword and the other Tier 2 players suppressed the Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons, Zero Wing's other members were free to slaughter Blackwater's players without worry. Aqua Rose, Blackie, Violet Cloud, and Alluring Summer, in particular, struck like humanoid Defense Turrets.

All four of them wielded Tier 3 Mana Staffs, which allowed their Spells' power to rival Tier 3 Spells. Against Tier 1 players, these Spells were one-shot, one-kill attacks. Not even blocking these Spells could save the targeted players.

When the four used AOE Spells, each of their attacks could slay dozens of players.

Of those present, only Blackwater's Tier 2 experts barely survived Aqua Rose and the others' attacks. However, none of them could approach the four casters, either, since doing so would be suicidal.

As he watched the one-sided battle, Singular Burial's complexion turned ashen, and the corner of his eyes twitched.

He had visited the Primordial Divine Ruin this time with his closest aides and experts that had originally belonged to Heaven's Burial. These players were supposed to serve as the foundation of his rise through Blackwater. Now that Zero Wing's members had massacred his subordinates, his chances of rising in his new Guild had significantly decreased.

Although he wanted to do something to stop the massacre, he had enough trouble with the Level 50 youth before him. No matter how he struggled, he couldn't get past the youth's defense. To make matters worse, his opponent was only a Tier 1 Berserker, while he was a bona fide Tier 2 Ranger.

Yet, the Berserker's Tier 1 Skills had actually repelled his Tier 2 Skills...

This maddened Singular Burial.

On the other hand, You Ziping, also known as Silent Blade, grew increasingly excited as he fought Singular Burial. He had never felt this wonderful before. The combination of a Tier 2 Mana Weapon and the Level 50 Magic Light Set had granted him an absolute advantage in Basic Attributes over his opponent. From time to time, he even caught Singular Burial by surprised when he used his Mana Weapon's ability.

In addition, through his battle with Singular Burial, someone who had entered the Refinement Realm long ago, You Ziping was able to recognize many of his flaws. If not for his advantage in Basic Attributes and Tier 2 Mana Weapon, the enemy Ranger would've likely killed him already.

"Guild Leader, these people from Zero Wing are too powerful. At this rate, we'll be wiped out before the Evil Beast army arrives," Daybreak Fog, who was similarly entangled in a fierce battle, told Singular Burial anxiously through a private chat.

Hearing Daybreak Fog's worry, Singular Burial glanced at Blackwater's members, who were continuously slaughtered. Suddenly, a sense of helplessness doused the killing intent burning in his heart.

However, just as Singular Burial was about to respond, he noticed a black figure weaving across the battlefield and killing Blackwater's experts with inhuman speed. The figure moved so quickly that by the time Blackwater's experts noticed someone before them, a blue flash filled their vision. Once the blue flash disappeared, the targeted experts collapsed lifelessly to the ground.

“Black Flame!” Singular Burial bellowed with rage, a gut-twisting envy filling his heart as he watched the rapidly moving black figure.

Zero Wing was clearly a Guild that had been established without a background or backers, yet the Guild had gained one powerful expert after another. Fire Dance, Shadow Sword, Flying Shadow, Cola, Violet Cloud, Alluring Summer... Even Super Guilds sought to recruit these experts, yet they had gathered in Zero Wing.

Moreover, the unknown Berserker youth before him also possessed immense talent.

Singular Burial could not understand why so many obscure experts had gathered in Zero Wing, yet he had failed to recruit even one such expert for himself.

While Singular Burial screamed his lungs out, Shi Feng vanished from the battlefield.

In the next moment, Shi Feng reappeared before Singular Burial.

“Singular Burial! Your era has ended!” Shi Feng growled as he swung down his Sacred Sword.

Although Singular Burial had responded quickly, Shi Feng’s appearance had been too abrupt. Even though he had immediately thought of using the Ranger class’s Escape Skill to put some distance between himself and Shi Feng, in the face of the Tier 2 Taboo Skill, Instant Strike, he was a split-second too slow to get away.

After receiving the one attack, Singular Burial’s HP, which was over 50,000, instantly fell to zero...

Chapter 1711 – Blackwater Defeated

When Singular Burial reluctantly collapsed and dropped an icy-blue longbow on the battlefield, the surrounding Blackwater members were dumbfounded and turned to stare at Shi Feng.

A moment ago, Singular Burial had 100% of his HP, yet after one of Shi Feng's attacks, the Ranger had lost it all.

Suddenly, a chilling sensation assaulted Blackwater's members.

If even a Tier 2 player like Singular Burial could not withstand a single hit from Shi Feng, it went without saying Shi Feng could kill Tier 1 players like them with a casual swing of his blade, too.

"Black Flame!" Falling Fire's expression darkened as he glared at Shi Feng.

His combat standard was recognized as one of the best in Blackwater. There were only a handful of people in the Guild that he had to admit were superior. However, despite having such a high combat standard, not even he was confident in keeping up with and blocking the attack Shi Feng had used against Singular Burial.

Shi Feng's attack was simply too fast, but it wasn't just because of his high Attack Speed. His neutral response time and physical acceleration were also ridiculously fast.

After heaving a deep sigh, Falling Fire commanded, "Everyone, retreat!"

Due to Shi Feng's display of overwhelming strength, his team members' morale had received a huge boost. Zero Wing's members now fought with more passion and skill than before. In contrast, the morale of Blackwater's members plummeted. Now, this battle's outcome could not be any more obvious. Continuing to fight would only incur more losses for Blackwater.

Hearing Falling Fire's command, Blackwater's members immediately turned away from their opponents and fled in every possible direction. Meanwhile, Aqua Rose and Gentle Snow commanded Zero Wing's members to exploit their victory.

Seeing that things had gone south for Blackwater, Flame Blood did not dare to linger. He summoned twenty Great Lord ranked Evil Demons to buy himself enough time to activate a Teleportation Scroll.

This battle's outcome had truly exceeded his expectations.

He had thought that ten Grand Lord ranked Evil Demons would be more than enough to butcher Zero Wing's forces, but he had never expected the small army to have so many monstrous players.

"Zero Wing! Just you wait! Sooner or later, I will make you pay for this defeat!" Flame Blood revealed a sneer as he watched Zero Wing's members charge towards him.

He was an Evil God's Apostle, not a Guild member. As long as he escaped capture, he'd always have a chance of making a comeback.

Flame Blood sent his twenty Great Lords to stop Zero Wing's members as he activated his Teleportation Scroll.

The Teleportation Scroll to teleport to the Evil God's Temple had a 15-second activation process, which was slightly shorter than a normal Return Scroll. With the power of twenty Great Lords at his side, he could easily buy enough time to get away.

However, when the seventh second ticked by, Flame Blood noticed a slowly approaching figure out of the corner of his eye.

This figure was none other than Shi Feng.

Flame Blood couldn't help his growing anxiety as he watched Shi Feng approach. Although over 200 yards separated the two, Flame Blood felt as if the Grim Reaper itself had set its sights on him.

Faster! I have to get out of here as quickly as possible!

For the first time ever, Flame Blood felt that the Teleportation Scroll's activation time was too long.

Although Shi Feng's approach appeared slow, in reality, he was extremely fast. In just three seconds, he had halved the distance between him and Flame Blood. Seeing this, Flame Blood had no choice but to split six of the Great Lord ranked Evil Demons from the group, ordering them to hinder Shi Feng's advance.

However, no matter what kind of attacks the Great Lord ranked Evil Demons used, Shi Feng avoided them easily. The Evil Demons couldn't slow Shi Feng down in the slightest.

When only two seconds remained before Flame Blood's Teleportation Scroll activated, Shi Feng was still over 30 yards away from the Cleric. Seeing this, Flame Blood breathed a sigh of relief.

"Black Flame! I'll get even with you sooner or later!"

There was no way Shi Feng could cross the distance between them unless he could use the same move he had employed to take out Singular Burial earlier.

However, the area around Flame Blood abruptly darkened, and the Mana that fed the teleportation array beneath his feet froze instantly. A moment later, the teleportation array began to disappear.

"No! How is this possible?!" Shock and despair flashed in Flame Blood's eyes when he realized that his Teleportation Scroll was no longer an option.

Before Flame Blood could react, Shi Feng shook off the six Great Lords chasing him and appeared before the Cleric.

"Get even with me?" Glancing at the cloaked and bandaged Cleric before him, Shi Feng chuckled and said, "You'll have to be able to get away before that can happen."

"Black Flame! Your forces are now trapped, surrounded by Beast Emperor's Evil Beast army! If you kill me, Beast Emperor definitely won't let you off the hook!" Flame Blood hissed as he looked at the smiling Swordsman before him. Fearfully, he continued, "If you want to leave this place alive, I'm your only hope."

Flame Blood knew full well what Shi Feng was capable of. After all, he had personally witnessed Shi Feng capture Abandon Wave and send the man to the War God's Temple. To Evil God's Apostles like himself and Abandoned Wave, getting sent to the War God's Temple was game over.

Flame Blood deeply regretted his actions. Had he known something like this would happen, he would never have followed Singular burial to the Primordial Divine Ruin. Now that he had been Silenced, it was practically impossible to escape Shi Feng's clutches. His only hope of getting out of this predicament lay with Beast Emperor's Evil Beast and Demon army.

Although Zero Wing's members were absurdly strong, they would definitely fall against 100,000-plus Evil Beasts and Evil Demons.

The fact that Zero Wing had so effortlessly slaughtered Blackwater's members proved that all of the members in this force were the Guild's core members. If these core members were annihilated, it would deal a massive blow to Zero Wing.

"You're my only hope?" Shi Feng could not help but laugh. "Aren't you thinking too highly of yourself?"

To Beast Emperor, Evil God's Apostles were like his own limbs. Each one taken from him was a permanent loss. However, since Beast Emperor had dared to cut off Zero Wing's path to fortune, Shi Feng had to teach Beast Emperor what it felt like to lose a limb to his blades.

Saying so, Shi Feng activated Abyssal Bind and restricted Flame Blood's movements. He then retrieved a Mobile Jail from his bag and started to activate it.

“Black Flame! Are you trying to die?! I am one of Beast Emperor’s Evil God’s Apostles! Capturing me will only increase Beast Emperor’s desire to destroy Zero Wing!” Flame Blood began to panic when he saw Shi Feng activate the Mobile Jail.

He had never thought that Shi Feng would be so daring.

If he were to be sent to the War God’s Temple, he truly would be finished.

Just as Shi Feng was about to entrap Flame Blood in the Mobile Jail, a phantom appeared beside the Cleric. This phantom took the form of an indifferent, middle-aged man in luxurious, dark-gray robes. The man wielded a wooden staff that exuded murky black mist in his right hand, and a pitch-black crown adorned his head. The man radiated an indescribably majestic feeling.

“Beast Emperor?” When Shi Feng saw this middle-aged man, the only person that came to his mind was Beast Emperor. However, he was not absolutely certain as he had never actually seen Beast Emperor’s true appearance before.

“That’s right; I am Beast Emperor. This should be our second meeting,” Beast Emperor said, smiling. “I won’t mince words with you. Release Flame Blood and hand over the Evil God’s Eye in your possession. Do so, and I’ll let your forces leave the Orc Empire safely. Refuse, and neither you nor your subordinates will leave the empire. Your souls will become nourishment for my Evil Demons!”

As soon as Beast Emperor finished speaking, the players at the Primordial Divine Ruin noticed a large group of Evil Beasts and Demons approach on the distant horizon. An NPC elder stood above a gigantic Evil Beast, radiating intense Evil Energy. Even though the old man was thousands of yards away, everyone outside of the Primordial Divine Ruin could feel his horrific aura.

“I admit that you are quite powerful, but even if you lock Flame Blood away in the Mobile Jail, you won’t necessarily be able to leave the Orc Empire with him. As long as I kill you, I can free Flame Blood. I will

only give you ten seconds to consider my offer!” Beast Emperor said, his expression calm as he looked at Shi Feng.

A Mythic NPC? Shi Feng guessed after glancing at the NPC in the distant sky. Revealing a faint smile, he said, “Like your subordinate, you think too highly of yourself! I *will* send Flame Blood to the War God’s Temple!”

Chapter 1712 – The Man Closest to Attaining a Domain

Although Shi Feng’s tone had been dull, the nearby players could all feel the unyielding determination in his voice.

“Crazy bastard! How can a Guild Leader like you exist?!” As Flame Blood glared at Shi Feng, he felt his mental state crumble.

Just how much did Shi Feng hate him?

Shi Feng was actually willing to sacrifice over a thousand Zero Wing experts just to finish him off.

“Black Flame! This is your final chance! You can’t take on a Mythic NPC! Do you really think that you can escape with your life?! If you die at his hands, do you think that the penalty will be as simple as losing a level?!” Beast Emperor’s expression darkened when he heard Shi Feng’s reply. “Do not challenge my patience! Otherwise, I’ll bury you here even if I have to waste my Contribution Points!”

If the Evil God's Apostle slots weren't so incredibly precious to his future and the fact that Shi Feng had a small chance of getting away, he wouldn't have wasted so many words on the Swordsman. He simply would've sent his Evil Beasts and Evil Demons to slaughter Zero Wing's members and devour them.

"Challenge your patience?" Shi Feng could not help but laugh at Beast Emperor. "How many times has your Evil God's Temple targeted Zero Wing's territories? You've even gone as far as to hunt down my Guild members. Have you ever considered Zero Wing's patience?"

Saying so, Shi Feng swung his sword at Flame Blood, lowering the Cleric's HP to a critical level. He then activated the Mobile Jail and entrapped the bound Cleric.

"You!" Beast Emperor gnashed his teeth in rage as he watched Flame Blood disappear into the Mobile Jail.

Suddenly, the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons standing on the distant horizon released deafening roars. They then charged toward the Primordial Divine Ruin.

The various powers' upper echelons wore somber expressions as they watched the 100,000-plus Evil Beasts and Evil Demons surge towards them. These Evil Beasts and Evil Demons were far from just random monsters. Every one of them was Level 60 or higher, and the majority of them were Chieftain rank and above. Only a small number were Elites and Special Elites.

Moreover, eight of them were Mythic ranked.

Such a force was more than enough to destroy a town, not to mention an army of fewer than 2,000 experts.

When the Evil Beasts and Evil Demons began their charge, the NPC elder flew into the sky and waved his staff. Suddenly, a beam of gray light shot out of the staff and toward the clouds above the old man.

When the beam of light was roughly 100 yards above the NPC, it burst.

Ripples of gray light spread across the sky, turning the once-blue view a dull gray. It looked as if Evil Energy had enveloped the entire world.

“What’s going on? Why can’t I use my Return Scroll?!”

“Wait, that’s not right. I can’t use my Instantaneous Teleportation Scroll, either!”

“Isn’t that NPC too powerful? He’s actually sealed off this entire region. Zero Wing is definitely dead now.”

Utter shock filled the spectating powers at the Primordial Divine Ruin as they watched the NPC elder fly towards the ruin.

With their ability to teleport stolen from them, Zero Wing’s only way of escaping this location was to rely on their own two feet. However, trying to break through the blockade of 100,000-plus Evil Beasts and Evil Demons was practically impossible.

The players from the various major powers also began to worry for their own safety. Like Zero Wing’s members, they were now trapped here, and their fate was no longer in their own hands.

If Beast Emperor wanted to, he could definitely have every player at the Primordial Divine Ruin killed.

“Big Sis Melody, what is going through Black Flame’s mind? He’s actually willing to trade Zero Wing’s 1,000-plus experts to capture a single player. Does he hate Beast Emperor that much?” a girl standing amidst the Sacred Temple’s team asked curiously as she watched Shi Feng, who was arranging Zero Wing’s army into a defensive formation. The girl had long, curly, light-blue hair and a lithe but curvy body. She wielded an emerald staff and was clad in white, silken robes.

Although this girl looked quite weak and delicate, she had actually reached Level 51. Even in the Sacred Temple, her level put her at the very top of the Guild. Though, her aura was far more frightening than the girl’s level. However, the intensity of her aura was not just a result of her powerful Basic Attributes. Her tier and Life Rating also contributed.

When the Sacred Temple’s surrounding experts looked at this girl, awe and reverence filled their gaze.

This girl was the Sacred Temple’s new prodigy, Blue Jade, and she had even received high praise from the Guild Leader, stating that she even had the potential to command a Domain in the future.

Precisely because of her talents, Blue Jade had been dispatched to the Primordial Divine Ruin so that she could improve further in Primordial City.

“I don’t know what Black Flame is thinking, but you should pay close attention to his fights. The Secret Pavilion has recognized Black Flame as the person closest to grasping a Domain. Watching him should help you quite a bit,” Quiet Melody said as she looked at Shi Feng.

“Isn’t Miracle Dragon the person closest to reaching the Domain Realm?” Blue Jade asked in astonishment.

“Miracle Dragon is old news. The various superpowers have already recognized Black Flame as the person closest to reaching the Domain Realm,” Quiet Melody patiently explained. “The techniques Black Flame has displayed thus far are simply amazing. He has even defeated Domain Realm experts. The various superpowers have even wondered whether or not he has already obtained a Domain, but after a detailed investigation, they concluded that he’s only as strong as Domain Realm Experts. He doesn’t actually have a Domain yet, though he is extremely close to obtaining one.”

“He can actually rival Domain Realm experts without a Domain? He’s actually that powerful?” Blue Jade was skeptical about Quiet Melody’s claim.

If Shi Feng were so impressive, he should recognize his situation for what it was.

Yet, Shi Feng had made the most unbelievable decision: provoking Beast Emperor instead of saving his companions’ lives.

While Quiet Melody and Blue Jade discussed Shi Feng, the other powers’ upper echelons grew nervous.

Beast Emperor’s monster army was getting closer, and now, it was less than 1,000 yards away. Two Level 80 Mythic Evil Demons and six Level 80 Mythic ranked Evil Beasts led the monster army. Just looking at these monsters, even from so far away, made these players shudder.

Against such a powerful army of monsters, Zero Wing’s forces would likely face annihilation even if the Guild had tens of thousands of experts and hundreds of thousands of elite players present.

Even if Zero Wing could summon three more High Demons, there was no escaping its fate.

Although the Baphomets Zero Wing had summoned were indeed incredibly strong, the army of Evil Beasts and Evil Demons the Guild faced this time was much stronger. There were plenty of Great Lords and Grand Lords in this force. By the time the High Demons defeated the Mythic Evil Demons and Mythic Evil Beasts, the Great Lords and Grand Lords would've devoured Zero Wing's members already.

"Black Flame! Pay for your foolishness!" Beast Emperor, who followed the situation at the Primordial Divine Ruin from Ancient Rock City's Evil God's Temple, sneered.

He had spent 7,000 Evil God's Temple Contribution Points for the Mythic NPC to seal the Primordial Divine Ruin's map. This seal prevented players from both teleporting out *and* physically crossing the map's borders.

The Evil God's Temple Contribution Points were no less precious than the War God's Temple Merit Points. With 7,000 Merit Points, players could purchase a high-quality Epic item from the War God's Temple.

Yet, he had spent so many points just to prevent Shi Feng's escape.

Although the sealing barrier was not particularly strong, it would not be easy to break out of, either. During the time it took for Zero Wing to destroy the barrier, his Evil Beasts and Evil Demons could annihilate the Guild's army several times over.

The 100,000-plus Evil Demons and Evil Beasts grew closer to Zero Wing's army, and seeing this, the Guild's members couldn't help but grow nervous. They felt stifled as they watched the monsters approach, the auras the monsters radiated becoming increasingly frightening.

However, when less than 200 yards separated both sides, a magic barrier appeared and enveloped Zero Wing's army. This barrier was the result of none other than the movement-type defensive magic array.

"Good! Summoners, summon the Divine Beasts!" Shi Feng commanded as he stared at the monster army before him.

Chapter 1713 – Divine Dragons' Might

When the Divine Beast's Descent Magic Arrays activated, two pillars of golden light rose from inside the movement-type defensive magic array.

The two light pillars pierced the sky and cast a dazzling glow over the Primordial Divine Ruin. The light pillars also purified the overflowing Evil Energy in the area and returned a massive fraction of the gray sky to its original blue color. Two gigantic magic arrays then appeared and swallowed Zero Wing's defensive magic array, draining the Mana around the ruin.

Everyone at the ruin gaped at the grand, magnificent scene.

"What are those?"

"Isn't the amount of Mana those magic arrays are absorbing a little too terrifying? Even though we're so far away, I can still feel the Mana around me drying up."

"Wait! I can't even use my Spells any more!"

The members of the various major powers and adventurer teams stared at the two golden magic arrays in the sky in utter disbelief.

This was definitely the first time they had witnessed or experienced such a phenomenon. The two golden magic arrays had actually sucked away all Mana in at least a 5,000-yard radius, even preventing them from using any of their Skills and Spells...

Even Aqua Rose and Zero Wing's other upper echelons, who recognized the two golden magic arrays, were shocked and confused right now.

This certainly wasn't their first time activating the Divine Beast's Descent Magic Array.

At most, the magic array would stir the Mana in a 500-yard radius in the past. Even when they had activated several Divine Beast's Descent Magic Arrays simultaneously, the arrays hadn't absorbed so much Mana that players in the affected area hadn't been able to use their Skills or Spells.

Yet, not only did the two Divine Beast's Descent Magic Arrays affect 5,000-yard radius, but they had also devoured almost all of the Mana in the affected area.

Amazing! Using Elemental Sources as the magic arrays' cores can actually improve them to such a degree? Shi Feng couldn't help his astonishment over the spectacular scene before him.

Based on his knowledge, even Advanced Summoning Magic Arrays couldn't cause such a huge Mana drain. Unfortunately, he had never seen a Master Summoning Magic Array, so he couldn't make a good judgment.

As Mana continued to flood into the two gigantic magic arrays, the figures of two Divine Beasts gradually emerged.

Shortly, two Golden Dragons with wingspans of up to 600 meters appeared above the defensive magic array. Both Golden Dragons were covered in dark-purple runes, which gave the Dragons a sacred and majestic feeling.

Roar!

Once the Golden Dragons fully manifested, they released roars that echoed throughout the Primordial Divine Ruin. Following their bestial announcement, they released powerful shockwaves, which repeatedly shoved back the rapidly approaching Evil Demons and Beasts. Even the defensive magic array beneath the two Golden Dragons trembled violently, looking as if they would shatter at any moment.

The two Golden Dragons had also fully unleashed their auras, freezing the space around them. Even Zero Wing's members, who were protected by a defensive magic array, felt their movements grow stiff.

"Dragons!"

"Are they really Dragons?"

"Are you kidding me? Zero Wing can actually summon Dragons?"

The players from the various major powers who watched from a distance stared at the two Golden Dragons with bulging eyes.

The various major powers knew what kind of monsters Dragons were in God's Domain. They were the personification of destruction. Their Life Ratings were only second to Ancient Gods, and a single Dragon was more than enough to destroy an entire kingdom.

Yet, two of these great monsters floated in the sky before them. Under the pressure the two Dragons emitted, they didn't even dare to think of resisting. It felt as if these two Dragons were this land's absolute overlords.

The pressure the two Golden Dragons exuded was no longer a matter of Basic Attributes; this was the difference in Life Ratings.

However, after using Advanced Identification Skills, some players soon discovered that these monsters weren't real Dragons. Rather, they were merely creatures that contained a small trace of a Dragon's soul.

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[Divine Magic Dragon] (Elemental Creature, Archaic Species, Mythic)

Level 80

HP 600,000,000/600,000,000

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Although the Divine Magic Dragons weren't real Dragons, they still surprised Shi Feng.

These two Divine Magic Dragons actually possessed Domains, which was also why their mere presence affected the space around them so drastically.

"Go! It's time for the slaughter!" Shi Feng commanded Flying Shadow and Shadow Sword, who controlled the Divine Magic Dragons.

A Level 80 Mythic ranked Archaic Species was already a nightmare for current players, let alone a Mythic ranked Archaic Species that could use a Domain. The reason that Tier 4 NPCs could go toe-to-toe with a Mythic monster of the same level was their control of a Domain. While inside their own Domain, Tier 4 NPCs could enhance their abilities and suppress their enemies at the same time. However, it would be a different story if the targeted Mythic monster had its own Domain. Such an existence would be practically invincible among those of the same rank and tier.

Even the High Demon, Baphomet would receive a one-sided beating if it tried to face the Divine Magic Dragon in a one-on-one fight.

Hearing Shi Feng's command, Shadow Sword and Flying Shadow, who stood in the center of two magic arrays on the ground, nodded. They then controlled the Divine Magic Dragons to charge at the approaching Evil Demons and Evil Beasts.

In response, the Divine Magic Dragons flapped their massive wings once and disappeared.

By the time the spectators had reacted to the Divine Magic Dragons' disappearance, the two Dragons had already crossed over 100 yards. After two seconds, one of the two Dragons arrived before a Mythic Evil Demon.

Before the 150-meter-tall Divine Magic Dragon, the five-meter-tall Level 80 Mythic Evil Demon looked like an ant.

The Dragon then swiped its claw at the Evil Demon before it, and as its claw passed, numerous tears ripped apart space.

Although the Mythic Evil Demon tried to dodge the attack, its movements were sluggish due to the pressure from the Dragon's claw. The Dragon's Domain also suppressed the Mythic Evil Demon in every aspect. Not only did the Domain decrease the Evil Demon's Basic Attributes, but the Evil Demon's reaction speed had also slowed. In addition, the Divine Magic Dragon's claw was frighteningly fast. In the end, the mountain-like claw struck the Mythic ranked Evil Demon before it could even begin to move out of the way.

Boom!

The Mythic Evil Demon's body immediately sank into the ground under the immense force, 30-meter-long cracks splitting the ground around it. All nearby Chieftain ranked Evil Demons and Evil Beasts died instantly, and only those at the Lord rank and above managed to survive. However, the surviving monsters sustained a heavily injured state.

In the meantime, the other Divine Magic Dragon had stomped on a Level 80 Evil Earth Dragon, crushing the Mythic Evil Beast's 40-meter-tall body into the ground. The Divine Magic Dragon then swiped its tail, flattening the ground around it and sweeping away a large number of low-ranked Evil Beasts and Evil Demons...

Seeing this, the watching players from the various major powers and adventurer teams were dumbfounded.

Too strong!

The difference in strength between the Divine Magic Dragons and Beast Emperor's monster army was past the point where the latter could compensate with numbers.

The Mythic ranked Evil Demons and Evil Beasts couldn't pin down the Divine Magic Dragons for even a moment. As a result, the Divine Magic Dragons were free to attack the Grand Lord and Great Lord ranked Evil Demons and Evil Beasts, who were trying to attack Zero Wing's defensive magic array.

When the Divine Magic Dragons struck, even the Grand Lords instantly became heavily injured, drastically decreasing their combat powers. Even if these heavily injured Grand Lords and Great Lords reached Zero Wing's defensive barrier, Zero Wing's experts, who wielded Mana Weapons, could repel and kill them easily.

Following which, the two Divine Magic Dragons wreaked havoc across the battlefield. Although the Mythic ranked Evil Demons and Evil Beasts tried to pin the two Dragons down, the Divine Magic Dragons didn't bother with their Mythic opponents. Instead, the two Dragons sent their Mythic opponents flying and focused on the lower-ranked Evil Demons and Evil Beasts.

Even when these Mythic ranked Evil Beasts and Demons targeted Zero Wing's defensive magic array, the Divine Magic Dragons got ahead of them and sent them flying again. With their massive frames, the two Divine Earth Dragons could protect Zero Wing's members almost perfectly. At the very least, none of the enemy's Mythic monsters could touch Zero Wing's defensive magic array.

Before even one minute had passed, nearly 2,000 Evil Demons and Evil Beasts had been killed. The two Divine Magic Dragons were like colossal killing machines that continuously earned EXP for Zero Wing's members...

"So, this is why Zero Wing was so confident?"

Watching Zero Wing's forces rapidly wear down the Evil Demon and Beast army, the various major powers finally understood why Zero Wing had dared to dive into enemy territory with so few members.

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"Black Flame!" Beast Emperor wore a solemn expression as he watched his minions being massacred by the dozens and hundreds from inside the Evil God's Branch Temple in Ancient Rock City.

He had carefully nurtured these Evil Demons and Evil Beasts so that they could serve as the foundation for his rule in the Orc Empire, yet his hated enemy was slaughtering them for EXP.

If the battle continued at this rate, it was only a matter of time before Zero Wing annihilated his minions.

Considering the situation, Beast Emperor gritted his teeth and left to meet with an old man in black robes within the temple. Very respectfully, he said, "Lord Byrne, I wish to hire Lord Dyro to annihilate these ignorant adventurers personally. I hope that you will grant me your permission."

"You want to get Dyro to take action?" the black-robed elder asked indifferently. "That won't be a problem, but Dyro's services aren't cheap. It'll cost you 12,000 Contribution Points per hour."

“So expensive?” Beast Emperor could not help his frown upon hearing this price. He had already spent 7,000 CPs to hire Dyro to cast a sealing barrier over the Primordial Divine Ruin. Now, he only had a little over 14,000 CPs remaining. If he spent another 12,000 CPs now, he’d have to cancel or considerably delay many of his original plans.

“Have you decided?” Byrne asked.

“Lord Byrne, I wish to hire Lord Dyro for one hour,” Beast Emperor responded after giving the matter some thought. The last thing he could afford to lose right now was another Evil God’s Apostle.

As soon as Beast Emperor finished speaking, 12,000 Evil God’s Temple Contribution Points vanished from his stockpile. At the same time, Dyro, the Mythic NPC at the distant Primordial Divine Ruin, became a mercenary under Beast Emperor’s control.

“Black Flame! You will suffer in death!” The first order Beast Emperor gave to Dyro was to slay Shi Feng, who stood inside Zero Wing’s defensive magic array.

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Meanwhile, back at the Primordial Divine Ruin, Dyro, who quietly stood atop a flying Evil Beast, abruptly opened his eyes. Suddenly, the Mana around him vanished, and a powerful surge of Evil Energy replaced it. Dyro’s horrific aura reached across the Primordial Divine Ruin, making the players present to grow nervous and keep a close eye on the NPC.

Dyro lightly tapped his foot on the Evil Beast beneath him. The flying Evil Beast then let out a low screech as it slowly descended toward Shi Feng.

“Impossible! This Mythic NPC can actually participate in the battle?!” Gentle Snow and Aqua Rose’s expressions darkened when they saw the NPC elder approach. Hurriedly, Aqua Rose shouted, “Shadow Sword, ignore the Mythic monsters for now and stop that NPC!”

Hearing Aqua Rose’s command, Shadow Sword promptly nodded. He, too, realized the severity of the situation. Unlike the Mythic ranked Evil Demons and Evil Beasts, allowing a Mythic NPC to get within attack range would be no laughing matter. Immediately, Shadow Sword controlled his Divine Magic Dragon to charge at Dyro.

“Scram!” Shadow Sword then directed his Divine Magic Dragon to slap at the NPC elder.

Chapter 1714 – Fighting a Mythic NPC

“This Beast Emperor can actually convince a Mythic NPC to join the fray?”

“Is this a joke?! That’s a Tier 4 NPC we’re talking about!”

The various major powers and adventurer teams’ members at the Primordial Divine Ruin stared with wide eyes as they watched Dyro descend to the battlefield, their hearts palpitating in fear and shock.

None of these players were strangers to Tier 4 NPCs. Tier 4 NPCs ruled over every major NPC city in the various kingdoms and empires, and anyone who had met such an NPC would know just how powerful they were.

In God's Domain, players were able to face monsters of a higher tier due to having more Skills, Spells, and combat techniques. With this advantage, players could exploit powerful monsters' weaknesses and defeat them, despite having lower Basic Attributes.

However, NPCs had no such weaknesses. Unlike monsters, both the quality and quantity of NPCs' Skills and Spells was far superior to players. They were capable of executing many complex combination attacks with these Skills and Spells, making them far more difficult to deal with than monsters. To make matters worse, although NPCs' Basic Attributes were lower than monsters' of the same rank and tier, they were still overwhelmingly higher than players'...

After Dyro opened his eyes, the pressure he gave off made him feel like an entirely different entity than before.

The Evil Energy Dyro radiated was so incomparably dense that the Evil Energy corroded the space around him. Players over 2,000 yards away could clearly feel this man's aura.

If players felt as if they had been submerged in a pool of water as the Mythic Evil Demons and Mythic Evil Beasts' auras had washed over them, then Dyro's aura felt as if they had been dumped into a pit of quicksilver. They couldn't help but shudder as they bathed in this NPC's aura.

These players finally understood just how terrifying a Tier 4 NPC was.

If this NPC elder wanted to, he could definitely kill every player at the Primordial Divine Ruin, and they wouldn't be able to do anything to stop him...

As the various powers and adventurer teams' members were in shock over Dyro's aura...

A massive figure suddenly appeared before Dyro. This figure was none other than the Divine Magic Dragon under Shadow Sword's control. As soon as it reached its target, the Divine Magic Dragon's mountain-like claw descended on the Mythic NPC.

However, despite having even enough power to send Mythic monsters of the same level flying, Dyro ignored the claw and allowed it to land.

Boom!

The Evil Bat Dyro rode shot to the ground like a bullet. The instant the Evil Bat crashed, the impact formed a crater with a 70-yard radius in the ground. Despite the Evil Bat being a Level 80 Grand Lord, the single attack had heavily injured it. Now, even flight was impossible for the Evil Bat...

Where's the NPC? Shadow Sword examined the bottom of the crater in confusion.

He only spotted the Evil Bat in the crater; Dyro was nowhere to be found. Shadow Sword couldn't even sense the NPC's horrific aura. It was as if the old man had vanished.

A second later, a figure appeared in the Evil Bat's original location, which was none other than Dyro. The old man was in the midst of chanting an incantation, having already written numerous lines of divine runes. As Dyro continued to cast his Spell, a magic array formed behind him, absorbing a tremendous amount of Evil Energy from its surroundings. A short moment later, the space before the array ruptured, creating a black hole that absorbed every form of energy available in its vicinity.

Sensing the growing strength of the magic array's aura, Shadow Sword's expression darkened. He could easily tell how powerful Dyro's Spell would be. It was definitely stronger than Tier 4 large-scale destruction Spells. If this Spell struck the Divine Magic Dragon he controlled, the attack would undoubtedly send the Dragon flying. If that happened, Dyro would have an opportunity to attack the movement-type defensive magic array, and the consequences would be unimaginably dire.

"Die!" Shadow Sword swiftly used the Tier 4 Skill, Five Thunder Fingers, aiming the cone attack at Dyro.

As the Divine Magic Dragon's claw sped towards the NPC, countless arcs of electricity extended from the tip of its digits and reached for Dyro.

However, as if he had prepared for this attack, Dyro lightly tapped the butt of his staff at the air before him. In response, a gray, threefold magic array appeared before the old man, protecting him from the Dragon's attack.

Tier 4 Defensive Spell, Dark Hunt!

"Double-speed-casting?" Everyone gaped in shock as they watched Dyro, who was still casting his first Spell. The magical class players were especially stupefied.

Double-speed-casting was a feat that many magical class players worked to achieve. Unfortunately, very few magical class experts could actually do it. Moreover, the higher a Spell's tier was, the more difficult it would be to double-cast, not to mention double-speed-casting.

Even Tier 2 peak experts had great difficulty double-speed-casting two Tier 2 Spells, yet Dyro could cast two Tier 4 Spells simultaneously. The NPC's spellcasting was already on par with peak experts.

Dyro's threefold magic array instantly stopped the incoming arcs of electricity. None of the arcs had managed to deal any damage.

Seeing that Dyro was about to complete his first Spell, Shadow Sword hurriedly directed his Divine Magic Dragon to attack the NPC from another direction.

Dark Hunt could only block attacks from one direction; it was useless against attacks from other angles.

However, just when the Divine Magic Dragon's claw was about to reach Dyro, the NPC disappeared once again. This time, he reappeared 100-yards away from the attacking Dragon.

Tier 3 Spell, Advanced Movement!

"Crap! Supplementary-casting?!"

The magical class experts' minds were blown when they saw Dyro appear 100-yards away from the Divine Magic Dragon.

Advanced Movement was not a particularly rare Spell. It was actually a common Spell that Tier 3 magical class NPCs used. What was truly astounding was the way Dyro had used the Spell.

In a way, supplementary-casting was similar to double-casting, but rather than channeling two Spells at the same time, one could abruptly cast the second Spell midway through casting their first Spell when supplementary-casting. This technique was even more difficult than double-speed-casting.

Meanwhile, before the Divine Magic Dragon could reach Dyro to launch another attack, the NPC finished writing the last line of divine runes for his Spell. A sneer twisted Dyro's wizened face.

"Do you think you can stop me, the Dark Wizard Dyro, with a lowly summoned creature?" Dyro said as he looked at Shi Feng as he made a wave with his staff.

Suddenly, cracks in space began to split the sky. Boundless Evil Energy then flooded out of these cracks and gathered at the tip of Dyro's staff.

After gathering enough Evil Energy, Dyro created 21 pitch-black spears around him with another wave of his staff. Silver arcs of electricity crackled along these spears.

Tier 4 Curse, Destruction Spear!

"Go!" Dyro waved his hand.

The 21 pitch-black spears flew towards the Divine Magic Dragon.

As the product of a Tier 4 Curse, each pitch-black spear carried a frightening amount of power. When Shadow Sword tried to attack the spears with the Divine Magic Dragon, repelling one spear actually pushed the Dragon back slightly. The Strength within the pitch-black spears was actually on par with the Dragon's.

Although both sides had equal Strength, there were 21 pitch-black spears. Meanwhile, when players controlled a summoned creature, they couldn't control it as easily as their own body, which ultimately decreased their combat standards when controlling the creature. Hence, even though Shadow Sword

had reached the Refinement Realm, he was only able to block five or six spears at a time, while the remaining weapons struck the Divine Magic Dragon.

For a time, the Divine Magic Dragon was at a complete disadvantage as the spears pushed it back towards Zero Wing's defensive magic array.

"Time to finish this!" Dyro waved his staff again, joining two of the pitch-black spears into one weapon and striking at the Divine Magic Dragon, the attack carrying far more Strength than the individual summoned weapons.

However, just before the combination attack reached the Divine Magic Dragon...

Suddenly, a flash of black light bloomed before the Divine Magic Dragon. At the same time, the combined spears that flew towards the Dragon's chest veered off course. The two weapons then split as they brushed past the scales on the Dragon's sides harmlessly.

This confused Dyro slightly.

"What's going on?"

"The Dragon dodged the attack?"

"No, that's not it! Look at Zero Wing's summoning array!"

"Huh? Isn't that Black Flame?"

The spectating crowd was dumbfounded for a moment by the sudden development. They failed to understand how the Divine Magic Dragon had become powerful enough to stop the pitch-black spears combination attack. However, some players with keen eyesight quickly noticed that Shadow Sword was no longer standing in the summoning array for the Divine Magic Dragon; Shi Feng had actually taken his place.

“Black Flame! Do you think you can change this outcome just by switching controllers?!” Beast Emperor could not help but laugh when he saw Shi Feng controlling the Divine Magic Dragon.

Summoned creatures were not as easy to control as a player’s body. Naturally, a Domain Realm expert would have far more control of a summoned creature than a Refinement Realm expert. The Realms of Refinement improved a player’s five senses, but players simply couldn’t merge their senses completely with a summoned creature’s. As a result, one’s combat power when controlling a summoned creature was considerably limited.

“They changed controllers?” Dyro muttered as he glanced at the distant summoning array. As a Mythic NPC, his intellect was incredibly high. Hence, he was quickly able to assess any changes on the battlefield. However, the surprise in Dyro’s eyes quickly faded, replaced by ridicule. “Foolish mortals, do you think you can stop my Destruction Spears because you’ve gained more control of a lowly summoned creature? All you’ve done is prolonged your suffering!”

Saying so, Dyro combined 20 spears into ten pairs, attacking Shi Feng with all of them at once.

Seeing the ten incoming attacks, Shi Feng executed Sword’s Orbit with the Divine Magic Dragon’s claws.

Dang... Dang... Dang...

A series of clangs echoed throughout the Primordial Divine Ruin.

In the end, Shi Feng's Dragon knocked every one of the twenty Destruction Spears aside. The spears hadn't even budged the Dragon an inch, much less damage the Divine Magic Dragon...

Chapter 1715 – Miraculous Effect of the Realms of Truth

“He blocked all of the attacks?!”

“How is that possible!?”

All of the players at the Primordial Divine Ruin were experts. Quite a few of them were even Refinement Realm experts, so they all recognized how impressive the technique Dyro had just executed was.

In their opinions, Dyro's ten combination attacks were simply splendid. Even if there was no difference in Basic Attributes, the Refinement Realms among the spectating crowd weren't confident in blocking all of those attacks without backing up in the slightest. Their likelihood of success would be even lower if they had to do so with a summoned creature.

Yet, not only had Shi Feng successfully blocked every one of Dyro's attacks, but he had also done so with the Divine Magic Dragon.

“His control is amazing!” Shock flashed in Blue Jade's eyes as she watched the Divine Magic Dragon in the sky. “So, this is the strength of the expert closest to achieving a Domain?”

As a Tier 2 Summoner, she had a much clearer idea of how difficult it was to control a summoned creature than other players. It was practically impossible for players to control a summoned creature as well as they did their own bodies. This fact held true even for herself.

Despite reaching the Flowing Water Realm, her combat standards with a summoned creature were barely at the Trial Tower's sixth floor. Even if she made a breakthrough and reached the Void Realm, she was only confident in raising her combat standard—when controlling a summoned creature—to the middle-stage of the Trial Tower's sixth floor.

Yet, Shi Feng could actually reach the Refinement Realm with the Divine Magic Dragon. This was simply unbelievable!

Meanwhile, hovering in midair, Dyro stopped trying to defeat his opponent via quality of attacks after watching his first volley fail. Instead, he had the 21 Destruction Spears attack simultaneously from different directions.

Suddenly, numerous streaks of pitch-black light threatened to devour the Divine Magic Dragon.

“This bastard! He was actually holding back against me?” Shadow Sword tightly balled his fist, frustration filling his gaze as he watched the Destruction Spears dance in the air.

When he had controlled the Divine Magic Dragon, Dyro's attacks with the Destruction Spears had been very straightforward. The NPC hadn't used any particular techniques. Now, however, the Destruction Spears moved in a coordinated and well-choreographed pattern. These movements were obviously the result of some sort of combat technique.

Even if there weren't a difference between Shadow Sword and his opponent's Attributes, he felt that he'd be lucky to block a handful of the spears if he tried to defend against the coordinated attacks personally.

As the Destruction Spears were about to plow into the Divine Magic Dragon, Shi Feng decided to charge forward, rather than retreat.

He controlled the Divine Magic Dragon to fly head-first into the approaching spears.

"What is he trying to do?"

Shi Feng's actions dumbfounded the spectating crowd. Although the Destruction Spears couldn't kill the Divine Magic Dragon, if all 21 spears struck the summoned creature, the impact would certainly send it flying several hundred yards back. If that happened, Dyro would have plenty of opportunities to destroy Zero Wing's defensive magic array.

However, as everyone assumed that Shi Feng was trying to force his way through the attacks, the Divine Magic Dragon began to maneuver agilely around the spears and rapidly closed the distance between it and Dyro. Any Destruction Spear that came near the Dragon either brushed past its scales, or the summoned creature batted it away with a claw; they couldn't actually hit the Divine Magic Dragon. If one wasn't paying attention, they might even assume that the Destruction Spears had actively avoided the Dragon...

"Flowing Water Realm?!"

Blue Jade could not help but rub her eyes as she watched the scene before her, unable to believe it. However, no matter how she looked at the situation, the Divine Magic Dragon's combat standard was definitely at the Flowing Water Realm. There was no other way it could block all of those spear attacks.

However, the situation also left her confused. Just how did Shi Feng accomplish such a feat?

How could something like this be possible?

They were talking about controlling a summoned creature here!

Blue Jade wasn't the only one who was shocked. The many experts at the Primordial Divine Ruin were similarly stupefied.

Leaving aside Shi Feng's personal combat standard, his control of summoned creatures could definitely rank at the very top of God's Domain.

So, this is the true benefit of the Realms of Truth? Shi Feng, who evaded the relentless Destruction Spears, felt the true power of the Realms of Truth for the first time. Unlike the Realms of Refinement, the Realms of Truth focused on exerting the maximum potential of one's body, rather than the five senses. Hence, even when controlling the Divine Magic Dragon, his performance in the Realms of Truth had reached the Ascension Realm.

After deflecting the endless spear attacks for a short moment, the Divine Magic Dragon Shi Feng controlled arrived before Dyro. Shi Feng then had the summoned creature slap at the NPC.

However, Dyro was still a Mythic NPC, and his reaction speed was extremely fast. Before the massive claw could reach him, he used Advanced Instantaneous Movement and appeared 100 yards away from his original location. However, not wanting to give the NPC time to breathe, Shi Feng charged forward once again.

Suddenly, Dyro was at a disadvantage and had no choice but to evade Shi Feng's attacks physically.

While evading, Dyro continued to chant incantations and write divine runes. Although Shi Feng realized what the NPC was doing, he couldn't do anything about it.

Five seconds... Ten seconds... Twenty seconds...

After chanting for a total of 24 seconds, Dyro abruptly stopped and sneered at the Divine Magic Dragon before him.

"Fall into eternal darkness!" Dyro shouted before twirling the staff in his right hand.

Suddenly, the sky darkened, and 36 gigantic magic arrays appeared around the Divine Magic Dragon. Pitch-black chains then emerged from the magic arrays, binding the Dragon. The chains then bound the Divine Magic Dragon in a gigantic, pitch-black ball.

Tier 4 Curse, Dark Prison!

Although the Divine Magic Dragon was powerful, not even a monster of its caliber would be able to struggle free from a Tier 4 Curse's restrictions. After all, a Tier 4 Curse had the power to rival Tier 5 Spells.

"Crap! The Divine Magic Dragon has been tied up!" Shadow Sword's expression darkened when he saw Dyro fly towards Zero Wing's defensive magic array after casting the Tier 4 Curse.

Although the movement-type defensive magic array was strong, it would only last a few hits from a Tier 4 NPC. Moreover, unlike monsters, a magical class NPC like Dyro would have an acute understanding of magic arrays. Breaking through a defensive magic array would be child's play for Dyro.

Once the defensive magic array was gone, the remaining Evil Demons and Evil Beasts would be more than enough to annihilate Zero Wing's army several times over even if Dyro didn't get involved.

"Black Flame, your time is up!" Beast Emperor revealed a victorious grin as he watched Dyro move closer to Zero Wing's defensive magic array.

He had been slightly concerned that the Divine Magic Dragon would be too much for Dyro to handle, but at the end of the day, a Tier 4 NPC was still a Tier 4 NPC. Although Dyro was no match for the Divine Magic Dragon in a direct confrontation, he would have no trouble binding it for a short time, just long enough for Dyro to wipe out a bunch of Tier 2 players.

This made Zero Wing's members in the defensive magic array nervous.

Elsewhere, two Mythic Evil Beasts had managed to force their way past Flying Shadow's Divine Magic Dragon. The two Mythic Evil Beasts then coordinated with Dyro. It was obvious that they planned to break through the defensive magic array with a single attack.

The watching players could already picture the defensive magic array shattering under the three Tier 4 existences' combined assault when Dyro and the two Mythic Evil Beasts were less than 100 yards away from the barrier around Zero Wing's members.

“It seems Zero Wing is doomed this time,” Quiet Melody said, sighing.

Although this battle had been a close one, Zero Wing still wasn't strong enough. She had never imagined that not only would Beast Emperor convince a Tier 4 NPC to take action for him, but that the NPC would also wield so many Tier 4 Curses.

So, this is the true strength of a Tier 4 NPC? Despite watching Dyro and the two Evil Earth Dragons approach, Shi Feng didn't reveal any signs of fear or despair. Instead, he quickly gave Shadow Sword control of the Divine Magic Dragon as he took out the Tier 4 Domain Scroll that he had obtained after killing the Tyrant's Soul.

When he activated the Tier 4 Domain Scroll, a blue light rippled away from him, extending to a 1,000-yard radius. Suddenly, all enemies within range of the Domain Skill were suppressed. Because of this, Dyro, who had already been suppressed by the Divine Magic Dragon's Domain Skill, lost even more Attributes and reaction speed. Now, he only had 80% of his original Basic Attributes. Against a Tier 4 NPC like Dyro, the effects of the Tier 4 Domain Scroll were quite astonishing. Unfortunately, Dyro was still unstoppable for players.

After activating the Domain Scroll, Shi Feng took a Summon Guard Scroll from his bag and summoned Anna.

“Why is the Guild Leader summoning his Personal Guard?” Aqua Rose, Gentle Snow, and the Zero Wing's other members were confused to see Anna join the battlefield.

They were no strangers to Anna. She, without a doubt, had the most frightening Growth Potential of any Personal Guard they had seen in the game. In one-on-one combat, she could even defeat opponents of a higher tier. However, Anna was only a Tier 2 NPC. Even if Dyro's Attributes and reaction speed were suppressed, Anna still had no hope of taking him down.

However, as Zero Wing's members doubted Shi Feng's sanity, Shi Feng retrieved a crimson potion from his bag and handed it to Anna. After receiving the potion, Anna removed the lid on the bottle and drank it without hesitation.

Players weren't the only ones who could use potions in God's Domain. NPCs could as well.

The crimson potion was none other than the Grandmaster ranked Growth Potion Shi Feng had obtained after killing Baphomet. When consumed, the potion would forcefully elevate the user by one tier.

After consuming the potion, Anna's physique began to transform. The surrounding ambient Mana flooded into her, and as it did, golden divine runes began to decorate Anna's body, adding a hint of holiness and beauty to her appearance.

Anna's aura had also undergone a heaven-defying transformation. If her previous aura was like flowing water, her new aura felt like the endless ocean.

If one paid close attention, they would notice that Anna was no longer a Tier 2 NPC, but a bona fide Tier 3 NPC.

"How is this possible?!"

Even the various major powers and Beast Emperor had noticed Anna's transformation, let alone Zero Wing's members. After all, her rise from a Tier 2 NPC to Tier 3 had caused quite the commotion.

"Alright, let's begin the second round!" Shi Feng smiled at the approaching Dyro.

Chapter 1716 – Tier 3 Anna

“A Tier 3 Personal Guard?” Beast Emperor, who watched the battle through a crystal ball in the Evil God’s Branch Temple, was slightly surprised when Anna appeared beside Shi Feng. However, his surprise quickly turned into a sneer as he said, “Do you really think that a measly Tier 3 Personal Guard can stop a Tier 4 NPC?”

To put it simply, Personal Guards were hired NPCs in God’s Domain.

However, since they were enhanced through a contract, Personal Guards’ Basic Attributes were slightly higher than ordinary NPCs’ of the same level.

Although Anna had been promoted to Tier 3, she was only slightly stronger than other Tier 3 NPCs. She might be invincible against current players, but she was still far from being able to contend with Tier 4 existences.

Meanwhile, when the Tier 4 Curse Dark Prison was used on ordinary Mythic monsters of the same level, it could trap the monster for at least an hour. Although the Divine Magic Dragon was extremely powerful, Beast Emperor guessed that the Dark Prison should hold it for at least 20 minutes.

Although no one could damage the sealed monster during that time, it couldn’t do anything, either.

Meanwhile, relying on a Tier 3 Personal Guard to distract a Tier 4 NPC like Dyro was a joke.

Beast Emperor wasn’t the only one who thought so. Every player at the Primordial Divine Ruin agreed with the sentiment.

Although only one tier separated Tier 3 and 4, the gap between the tiers' strength increased with each subsequent tier. In front of a Tier 4 NPC, a Tier 3 NPC didn't even qualify to buy time.

As Dyro and the two Level 80 Evil Earth Dragons drew closer, Anna began to chant an incantation from within Zero Wing's defensive magic array. With her left hand, she swiftly drew line after line of divine runes in the air.

Shortly after, two colossal magic arrays, one white and one black, appeared beside Anna. The ambient Mana then began to flow towards the arrays, and Zero Wing's members could feel the Mana density increase around them by several times.

Double-speed-casting!

"That Personal Guard is quite good. She actually knows how to double-speed-cast. It's a pity that she's going to die here today." When the various major powers' upper echelons saw Anna double-speed-cast, envy gripped their hearts.

While NPCs were indeed powerful, there were significant differences between them.

Magical-class NPCs capable of double-casting were already extremely rare, not to mention NPCs capable of double-speed-casting. This was also why they had been so surprised to learn that Dyro could both double-speed-cast and supplementary-cast.

If a Personal Guard grasped these techniques, they would have an advantage over other NPCs when they reached higher tiers. Take Dyro, for example. Despite Dyro clearly being no match for the Divine Magic Dragon under Shi Feng's control, the NPC could rely on his techniques to mitigate the Divine Magic Dragon's attacks and even entrap it.

As the spectating crowd pondered such things, two pillars of light rose from the two colossal magic arrays, each taking on the color of the array it emerged from.

In the next moment, three summoned creatures stepped out of each of the two light pillars.

Three knights in silver armor had emerged from the white light pillar, each of which wielded a silver sword in their right hands and a shield that could easily serve as a mirror in their left.

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[Knight of Light] (Elemental Creature, Grand Lord)

Level 80

HP 60,000,000/60,000,000

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Meanwhile, three mages in deep-black robes stepped out of the black light pillar. Each of the mages carried a staff that was shrouded in black mist. The crystals embedded in the top of the staves radiated four different colors.

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[Envoy of Darkness] (Elemental Creature, Grand Lord)

Level 80

HP 45,000,000/45,000,000

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Tier 3 Spell, Light Summoning!

Tier 3 Spell, Darkness Summoning!

If players used the Grandmaster ranked Growth Potion, they'd only rise by a single tier, but if an NPC used the potion, that'd be a different story. After Anna rose to Tier 3, she had learned all of the Tier 3 Spells she would know after truly being promoted to Tier 3. Hence, right now, she was a bona fide Tier 3 existence.

The Growth Potion's only flaw was its short duration of 15 minutes. Once the potion's duration ended, Anna would revert to her original state. Hence, players had only used these potions in crucial moments in the past. They could not be treated like trump cards in Guild wars or siege battles.

"What a powerful Personal Guard!"

The instant the six Level 80 Grand Lords appeared beside Anna, silence fell over the spectating crowd. Nobody had thought that Anna was actually strong enough to summon six Grand Lords of the same level. With this, she was basically invincible among Tier 3 existences.

Before the spectating crowd could recover from their shock, Anna controlled the Knights of Light and Envoys of Darkness to charge out of the defensive magic array and attack Dyro and the two Mythic Evil Beasts.

In the next moment, the Knights of Light vanished, reappearing instantly around their Mythic ranked targets. Once the Knights surrounded their opponents in a triangular formation, they raised their shields before them.

Suddenly, a magic array of light manifested beneath each of the Knights, linking with each other to form a Prism of Light that trapped Dyro and the Mythic Evil Beasts. Immediately, Dyro and the Evil Beasts' Basic Attributes fell once more. Now, the three Mythic existences only retained 60% of their original Attributes. Moreover, they couldn't break free of the magic barrier unless they killed the Knights of Light.

By the time the Knights of Light had finished, the Envoys of Darkness had also completed their Spells' chants. Pitch-black mist began to rise from the ground within the barrier, binding Dyro and the Evil Earth Dragons. Although the mist did not reduce the three Mythic existences' Basic Attributes in the least, it did reduce their reaction speed and Movement Speed by 50%.

By the time the Knights of Light and Envoys of Darkness had further suppressed Dyro and the Mythic Evil Beasts, Anna had finished chanting the final verse of her incantation.

Tier 4 Spell, Yin Yang Cycle!

Under her command, a dual-colored magic array appeared in the sky, and 36 gigantic swords emerged, 18 of which were a silvery-white, while the other 18 were an abyss-black. These 36 swords then descended on Dyro and the two Evil Earth Dragons.

Despite seeing the approaching swords, the two Mythic Evil Beasts showed no intention of dodging the weapons. Instead, they swiped their claws at the incoming attacks.

However, the moment one of Evil Beast's claws met one of the silver swords, the impact flung its claw backward, bending its arm at an awkward angle. When the other Evil Beast touched a black sword, the sword passed through its claw and struck the Evil Earth Dragon, dealing over -1,000,000 damage.

As the 36 swords fell, one after another, the two Mythic Evil Beasts screamed in pain and their HPs plummeted. Although the two Evil Beasts wanted to escape, the falling swords pinned them in place.

Naturally, Dyro didn't dare to block any of these swords. Rather, he used Spells to help him evade the attacks. He didn't have any spare energy to strike at the Knights of Light, much less attack Zero Wing's defensive magic array.

Even after another ten seconds of this bombardment, Dyro and the two Evil Earth Dragons still couldn't free themselves from Anna's assault. Not only had they failed to land a single hit on Zero Wing's defensive magic array, but the two Evil Earth Dragons' HP also continued to decrease...

"Are my eyes playing tricks on me? Is that woman really a Tier 3 Personal Guard?" Everyone watched Dyro and the Mythic Evil Beasts struggle with shocked expressions.

Although Shi Feng's Domain Scroll had suppressed Dyro and the Evil Beasts, significantly reducing their combat powers, a mere Tier 3 NPC shouldn't have any hope against them by herself, yet Shi Feng's Personal Guard successfully faced them alone.

Aside from the word “strong,” the spectating crowd truly had no other way to describe Anna.

Despite Anna standing alone, her Skills made her look like a team of NPCs.

So, this is the strength of an Epic Personal Guard? Shi Feng was just as shocked to see Anna overwhelm Dyro and the two Evil Beasts. He had never thought that Anna could really go up against Tier 4 existences at Tier 3.

With Anna’s constant intervention, even after over a minute, Dyro couldn’t attack the Knights of Light. In fact, the Tier 4 NPC’s HP had even begun to decrease as he failed to keep up with Anna and the Envoys of Darkness’s attacks.

As he watched, Beast Emperor’s eyes became bloodshot. However, he still wasn’t particularly worried about this situation. With how powerful the potion Anna had consumed was, the potion’s effects should not last very long. Once the potion’s effects ended, Anna would have no power over Dyro.

One minute... Three minutes... Five minutes...

However, contrary to everyone’s expectations, Anna remained powerful throughout the entire battle. She showed no signs of weakening in the least.

After Forbidden Domain’s Cooldown had ended, Shi Feng cast the Skill on Dyro’s Dark Prison without hesitation.

The giant ball of pitch-black chains shattered instantly. The 36 pitch-black magic arrays around the ball also disappeared. Once the trapped Divine Magic Dragon regained its freedom, it resumed its attacks against Dyro.

The Divine Magic Dragon had already possessed higher Attributes than the Tier 4 NPC, but after Shi Feng had suppressed Dyro with his Tier 4 Domain Scroll and the Knights of Light's Prism of Light, Dyro was only slightly stronger than Grand Lords of the same level. As a result, the difference between the Divine Magic Dragon and Dyro became even more obvious. Furthermore, Shi Feng's Forbidden Domain had also affected the Dark Wizard, and he couldn't use any of his Spells.

After freeing the trapped Divine Magic Dragon, Shi Feng quickly switched places with Shadow Sword again and controlled the summoned creature to swipe at Dyro with its claw.

Boom!

Since the Mythic NPC couldn't use any of his Spells, he had to rely on his physical prowess to block the attack. However, even though he had stopped the attack with his staff, Dyro's Basic Attributes were too much lower than the Divine Magic Dragon's. As a result, he still took the full brunt of the attack and received over -2,000,000 damage. To Dyro, whose maximum HP was only at 60,000,000 right now, that blow had taken one-thirtieth of his HP...

Taking advantage of Dyro's helplessness, Anna followed the Divine Magic Dragon's attack with a Tier 4 Spell, dealing over -7,000,000 damage to the Silenced NPC.

While 60,000,000 HP might seem like a lot to players, to the Divine Magic Dragon and Anna, this much HP was nothing.

After six seconds of constant struggle, Dyro eventually removed the Silenced debuff. However, he only had one-third of his HP remaining by this point.

To make matters worse, although Dyro could again defend himself with powerful Spells, the massive difference in Attributes between himself and the Magic Divine Dragon was beyond the reach of Spells. As a result, the enemy Dragon broke through his defense, again and again, and his HP visibly decreased.

Finally, when less than one minute remained on Anna's Growth Potion, Dyro's HP hit zero. The NPC elder then collapsed to the ground with a face of frustration and reluctance...

Chapter 1717 – Shocking Numerous Countries

As Dyro died, the dark-gray Evil Energy consuming the sky above the Primordial Divine Ruin faded. The land once again bathed in the sun's glaring rays.

Many of Zero Wing's army abruptly leveled up as the Tier 4 NPC awarded more abundant EXP than any ordinary Mythic monster.

Unlike Mythic monsters, the NPC dropped only two items when he had died. After these two items appeared, the Evil Energy surrounding the old man's body quickly dissipated, and shortly after, his body transformed into ash that scattered with the wind.

"He died?"

"A Tier 4 NPC was killed, just like that?"

Everyone at the Primordial Divine Ruin watched Dyro's disintegrating corpse in utter disbelief.

After playing God's Domain for so long, everyone was terrifyingly familiar with the strength of Tier 4 NPCs. They were powerhouses that could guard and rule over major NPC cities. They were definitely invincible to current players.

Yet, players had just slain one such NPC...

This situation had overturned everything they thought they had known about God's Domain.

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"How is this possible?! That's a Tier 4 Dark Wizard we're talking about!" Beast Emperor's countenance twisted as he stared at Dyro's corpse through the gigantic crystal ball in the Evil God's Branch Temple.

He had spent nearly all of his Evil God's Temple Contribution Points to get Dyro to participate in the battle. Aside from getting rid of Zero Wing, he also wanted to give the various superpowers a warning. He wanted everyone to know that the Orc Empire was his territory, yet both his main and side objectives had failed.

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Back on the battlefield, the players from the various major powers and adventurer teams weren't the only ones shocked by Dyro's death. Even Zero Wing's members stared at the NPC's corpse with dumbfounded expressions.

“Did we succeed?” Aqua Rose muttered, finding what had just happened a little hard to believe.

“Relax. He’s dead. Although Tier 4 NPCs are powerful, they’re not invincible. Everyone, continue killing the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts. The battle is not over yet,” Shi Feng said, chuckling. “Shadow Sword, come take back control over the Dragon.”

While Tier 4 NPCs were very powerful, they were not insurmountable. As players reached higher levels and gained more strength, some would even take out the Level 200, Tier 4 NPCs that protected major NPC cities, let alone a lowly Level 80, Tier 4 NPC.

“Understood!” Shadow Sword snapped out of his daze and nodded.

Once Shadow Sword took control back, Shi Feng activated Gale Domain, transforming into a blur as he dashed towards Dyro’s ashes.

NPCs like Dyro rarely dropped loot, which was why players weren’t usually interested in killing God’s Domain’s NPCs. Not only were NPCs built to counter players, but they also didn’t drop much loot even after they died. Normally, players wouldn’t bother with such a thankless task unless they had no other choice.

As for the Tier 4 NPCs that protected cities, they almost never dropped loot. And due to the city’s magic arrays, these NPCs would command even more combat power. To make matters worse, if players killed a city’s protector, the city’s kingdom or empire would post a bounty on their head.

If players had a working brain, they wouldn’t provoke an NPC city’s Tier 4 NPCs without a very good reason.

However, in the rare event such NPCs dropped loot, the items would definitely be top-tier.

Although Shi Feng didn't need to worry about anyone stealing Dyro's loot due to the Evil Beasts and Demons on the battlefield, he thought it would be best to be safe, rather than sorry. On the off chance that some suicidal players decided to give it a go, reclaiming the loot would be troublesome.

The two Evil Earth Dragons were still trapped in the Knights of Light's Prism of Light, and Anna and the Divine Magic Dragon had them thoroughly pinned down. This allowed Shi Feng to reach Dyro's partly disintegrated corpse easily. After retrieving the two items the NPC had dropped, he immediately turned and fled back to the defensive magic array.

When the major powers' players saw this, their eyes became bloodshot with envy.

That was a Tier 4 NPC's loot!

Even if they didn't know what the items were exactly, due to how powerful Dyro had been, those items were guaranteed to be extraordinary.

However, although they were jealous, none of them dared to take action. Whether the Divine Magic Dragons or Anna's Level 80 Knights of Light and Envoys of Darkness came after them, all of these beings were ridiculously powerful. Even if they charged onto the battlefield to steal the loot, they would simply add to these monsters' kill-counts.

Meanwhile, as the various superpowers' upper echelons watched the two Divine Magic Dragons battle, jealousy gripped their hearts.

If Zero Wing could summon more Divine Magic Dragons, then nobody in the Orc Empire could beat the Guild, not even Beast Emperor.

However, they also realized that even if Zero Wing could summon more of these Dragons, it should only be able to do so a limited number of times. It was even possible that Zero Wing only had these two summoning arrays. Otherwise, the Guild could have summoned a third Divine Magic Dragon to take out Dyro, rather than giving Anna a rare potion to increase her strength.

A potion that could elevate a Personal Guard by one tier was far more valuable than a Divine Magic Dragon. Each of these Dragons required 88 Summoners, which had to be protected at all times. On the other hand, the potion Anna had consumed could be carried and used without such challenging restrictions.

Of course, that was just an assumption. They'd have to investigate the situation slowly through their spies in Zero Wing to learn the exact truth of the matter.

But it was safe to say that from today on, no one would dare to provoke Zero Wing at the Primordial Divine Ruin.

When Shi Feng returned to the defensive magic array, he continued to command Zero Wing's army as they slaughtered the Evil Beasts and Demons. After they killed two Mythic Evil Beasts and 30,000-plus lower-ranked Evil Beasts and Evil Demons, Beast Emperor finally gave up and recalled his minions from the Primordial Divine Ruin.

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“Even Beast Emperor is helpless against Zero Wing?” Falling Fire, who watched the battle from a safe distance with a Magic Mirror, frowned as he watched this outcome.

He had planned to send Blackwater’s army back to the ruin after Beast Emperor had severely wounded Zero Wing’s forces, but it seemed that his plan was no longer viable.

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“Sure enough, Zero Wing still won.”

“Amazing! This is simply amazing! Zero Wing actually forced back an army of 100,000-plus Evil Demons and Evil Beasts with a little over 1,000 players! With this, Beast Emperor has lost his position as the Orc Empire’s overlord.”

The spectating crowd at the Primordial Divine Ruin could not help but shudder with excitement as they watched the Evil Demons and Evil Beasts frantically flee.

Zero Wing had come to the Primordial Divine Ruin with fewer than 2,000 players, yet not only had it defeated Blackwater’s 10,000-strong army, but it had also pushed back a force of 100,000-plus monsters. In the midst of the battle, Zero Wing had even killed a Tier 4 NPC and two Tier 4 Evil Beasts.

The watching players finally understood just how powerful Zero Wing was. The various superpowers, in particular, felt a sliver of fear as they watched the Guild. At the very least, they didn’t want to make an enemy of Zero Wing within the Orc Empire’s boundaries.

After all, nobody could say for certain that Zero Wing couldn’t summon more Divine Magic Dragons.

As the battle ended, news of Zero Wing's shocking victory at the Primordial Divine Ruin quickly spread to the kingdoms and empires neighboring the Orc Empire. Meanwhile, this news didn't only reach the ears of the various large Guilds as even ordinary players learned of the battle. The news had reached so many players because many of the players at the Primordial Divine Ruin were from adventurer teams, as well.

Many of these adventurer teams' members began to upload the videos they had recorded of the battle to their respective countries' forums.

"Crap! Is this really a battle between players? Why does it feel more like a battle between NPCs?"

"Quick, look! Isn't that a Tier 4 NPC?"

"What?! Zero Wing even managed to kill a Tier 4 NPC?!"

Due to this masterpiece of a battle, Zero Wing's fame in the various kingdoms and empires rose significantly. Many players even began to consider joining Zero Wing.

For a time, countless players swarmed towards White River City and Zero Wing City.

"Black Flame! Don't think that you've won the war just because you've won this battle!" A cold glint flashed in Beast Emperor's eyes as he read the forum posts. "Since you've severed one of my limbs, I'll make sure that Zero Wing never sets foot in the Orc Empire again!"

He admitted that his Evil Demon and Evil Beast army had been defeated, and the loss had been significant. However, he knew very well that the Divine Magic Dragons were summoned creatures. They could only exist for a limited amount of time. Once that duration ended, he could simply send his minions back to the Primordial Divine Ruin and slaughter Zero Wing's army. Even if Zero Wing could summon the Divine Magic Dragons again, he could just order another retreat and attack at a later time. He had more than enough Evil Demons and Evil Beasts to bleed Zero Wing dry.

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Star-Moon Kingdom, White River City:

After seeing that the battle was over, Shi Feng used a Return Scroll to return to White River City.

However, Shi Feng did not head directly to the War God's Temple. Instead, he visited White River City's Adventurer's Association.

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In a VIP room on the Adventurer's Association's second floor...

When one of the Association's senior administrators entered the room, he greeted Shi Feng, who rested on a sofa, and asked, "Lord Protector, how may I be of service today?"

"I wish to build a town in a neutral map outside of the kingdom, and I need the Adventurer's Association's help," Shi Feng said, nodding. He then revealed the Town Building Order he had acquired from the Lost Town.

Chapter 1718 – Building a Neutral Town

Inside the luxurious VIP Room, the NPC senior adopted a more respectful attitude towards Shi Feng upon watching the Swordsman pull a tattered piece of parchment from his bag and place it on the table. Following which, the NPC inspected the parchment carefully.

Although the Town Building Order was nowhere near as valuable as a Star-Moon Kingdom City Building Order on its own, it could rival, even surpass, the value of the kingdom's City Building Order depending on how it was used.

This was because the Town Building Order didn't have location restrictions. One could even construct a town in a neutral map if they wished to. Neutral maps were not under any kingdom or empire's jurisdiction, so building a town in one of these maps was akin to securing rule over the map.

On the other hand, while the Star-Moon Kingdom City Building Order was indeed very valuable, the city built had to be constructed within Star-Moon Kingdom's borders. In other words, the city would still be under the kingdom's jurisdiction and would be largely influenced by the kingdom.

The simplest example of such influence was the monthly management fee towns and cities had to pay the kingdom. For a Basic City like Zero Wing City, players had to pay a monthly management fee of 30,000 Gold. If the city were promoted to an Intermediate or Advanced City, the fee would increase by several times.

However, if a town or city were constructed in a neutral map, players wouldn't be required to hand over an exorbitant management fee to any kingdom or empire. Instead, players only had to pay a small management fee to the system.

Of course, such a benefit had a huge drawback: the lack of safety. Towns and cities within a kingdom or empire were under that kingdom or empire's protection. Monster attacks were the greatest threat these towns and cities would have to face. However, monsters weren't the only threat in a neutral map. Raids from other races would be commonplace, as well.

If a Guild weren't strong enough, building a town in a neutral map would simply be a waste of manpower and resources. In fact, Guilds had often overestimated their strength during Shi Feng's previous life, constructing towns in neutral maps, which were subsequently destroyed.

However, this drawback included another benefit, which was the greatest benefit of building a town in a neutral map. Since neutral maps were not under a kingdom or empire's jurisdiction, Guild Towns and Guild Cities in neutral maps could trade with other races.

God's Domain had many different races. Aside from creatures with low intellect, which only knew how to slaughter other beings for survival, there were intelligent races that could communicate with players, such as Dwarves, Elves, Orcs, Half-elves, and Half-orcs. Only, these races were prohibited from entering Guild Towns and Cities within kingdoms and empires' borders. At most, players might encounter these races in NPC towns and cities, but even then, these races would only conduct basic trade with players.

However, these foreign races produced many products that were better than those made by human hands. Moreover, each race had their own specialty products that would be of great help to players' survival when fighting in the fields.

Take Dwarven-made weapons and equipment, for example. As the Dwarves had better techniques and special forging methods, their weapons and equipment performed far better than human-made products.

Meanwhile, Guild Towns in neutral maps weren't prohibited from trading with foreign races. As long as a town were attractive enough, it could inspire members of the foreign races to visit.

Aside from trade, players could also employ foreign races to serve as the town's soldiers. Unlike human warriors, these races' warriors generally specialized in a particular aspect. Hence, Guilds that had towns in neutral maps in the past had hired foreign races' warriors to protect their towns.

Because of these aspects, although neutral towns didn't seem any different than ordinary Guild Towns, they could actually function like miniature kingdoms in neutral maps. Although the neutral town couldn't compare to kingdoms and empires in every aspect, it had the qualities to become one.

"Lord Protector, I have ascertained that there are no problems with your Town Building Order. May I know where you wish to build your town?" the NPC administrator respectfully asked as he stored the Town Building Order. He then took out a crystal ball and placed it on the table. In the next moment, a map of God's Domain appeared in the crystal ball.

"Here," Shi Feng said as he pointed at the Orc Empire's Primordial Divine Ruin.

Constructing a town in a neutral map wasn't like building one in a kingdom or empire. Kingdoms and empires would never intervene in matters outside of their borders. Hence, when building a town in a neutral map, the Adventurer's Association was fully responsible for handling the town's construction.

"Lord Protector, this location is currently quite chaotic. The lowest-level monsters nearby are above Level 50. Orcs also wreak havoc in the area. If you wish to build a town there, it will be costly. The basic construction fees alone come to 40,000 Gold. If you wish to employ guards, each Level 100, Tier 1 adventurer will cost 3 Gold per day, 10 Gold per day for a Tier 2 adventurer, and 100 Gold per day for a Tier 3 adventurer. You will also only be allowed to employ them for a maximum of three days.

"Do you wish to hire any guards?"

“I’ll hire 1,000 Tier 1 adventurers, 500 Tier 2 adventurers, and 20 Tier 3 adventurers for three days.”

This wasn’t the first time Shi Feng had built a neutral town, so the cost didn’t particularly surprise him.

While neutral maps were extremely dangerous, the profit one could obtain from them was immense. Hence, towns in neutral maps were only given 3-day protection periods. Not only were these NPC guards expensive, but their levels wouldn’t scale along with players, remaining only slightly higher than the local monsters. These NPC guards were mainly there to repel monster and foreign race assaults, not players.

Zero Wing had recently earned a fortune from selling the equipment it had obtained after killing Heaven’s Burial and Blackwater’s members. It also had the profit from Stone Forest Town and Zero Wing City. However, since a large part of the money had to be invested in the Guild’s development, Zero Wing only had a little over 80,000 Gold in the bank right now.

The construction alone cost 40,000 Gold, which was many times higher than building a town within Star-Moon Kingdom. With how expensive the adventurers were, Shi Feng didn’t dare to hire too many at once.

Furthermore, if a town wished to survive in a neutral map long-term, relying on temporary guards definitely wasn’t a viable solution. Hence, the Guild had to set some money aside to build static defenses in the town, as well.

“Alright! Your total bill comes to 70,000 Gold. No discounts are available at this time,” the NPC administrator said, nodding. “Once you complete the payment, the Adventurer’s Association will send our people to the chosen location within one minute. It will take them roughly 20 minutes to complete the town’s construction.”

Twenty minutes? The senior administrator's explanation surprised Shi Feng a little.

He had never thought that the town's construction would take so long. When the Adventurer's Association constructed a town in a nearby neutral map, it normally completed the construction within ten minutes. Unlike cities, town's had fewer facilities and structures, after all. But his town required twice as long to construct. One could just imagine how dangerous the area around the Primordial Divine Ruin was right now.

However, Shi Feng did not give the matter much thought. He handed 70,000 Gold to the NPC and departed from the Adventurer's Association. He then headed to the War God's Temple to earn himself some Merit Points.

While Shi Feng was on his way to the War God's Temple, he received a call from Aqua Rose.

"Guild Leader, another problem has cropped up at the Primordial Divine Ruin. As soon as we left the ruin, Beast Emperor sent his Evil Beasts and Evil Demons to surround the ruin again. We still can't send our elite members to garrison in the ruin," Aqua Rose reported with a somber expression. She hadn't expected Beast Emperor to be so shameless, making such a move. "One of Beast Emperor's subordinates has also contacted us, informing us that he won't stop harassing us at the Primordial Divine Ruin unless we release Flame Blood."

Although Beast Emperor's actions were shameless, Zero Wing couldn't do anything about it.

Zero Wing only had two magic arrays that could summon Divine Magic Dragons, and both had been used during the previous battle. Now that Zero Wing had nothing to counter the Evil Beast and Demon armies, sending in a player army would be suicidal.

“He’s prepared to fight to the bitter end?” Shi Feng could not help but chuckle. “Since that is the case, let him have his fun. We’ll see how long he can continue his struggle.”

“But what about Primordial City?” Aqua Rose could tell that Shi Feng was determined to destroy Beast Emperor thoroughly. However, Primordial City played a key role in helping Zero Wing’s members reach Tier 2.

“Just ignore him,” Shi Feng said. “For now, gather every architect in the Candlelight Trading Firm and have them gather in the Guild Residence. Then, contact Melancholic and tell her to prepare these materials for me. I’ll need them in a moment.”

After saying so, Shi Feng disconnected the call and quietly waited for his horse carriage to reach the War God’s Temple. Meanwhile, Aqua Rose stared at the darkened screen before her with a confused look.

“Is it really fine to leave him alone?” Aqua Rose muttered to herself worriedly. However, the expression Shi Feng has worn during their conversation indicated that he had a well-thought-out plan in mind. Immediately, she shook her worries out of her mind and sent Beast Emperor’s subordinate a reply. Once that was done, she started to gather the necessary manpower and notified Melancholic Smile to collect the necessary materials.

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Ancient Rock City:

“Good! Very good!” When Beast Emperor received Aqua Rose’s reply via his subordinate, his complexion turned frighteningly ashen, and killing intent radiated from his entire body. He had never thought that Shi Feng would be mad enough to fight him to the bitter end.

Just as Beast Emperor was about to declare a war of annihilation on Zero Wing, the sound of a system notification reached his ears.

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System Announcement: Congratulations to Zero Wing for being the first Guild to construct a town in a neutral map! Rewarding 30,000 Guild Popularity and 10,000 Popularity to the new town.

Chapter 1719 – Zero Wing’s Town

“A town in a neutral map?” Beast Emperor stared at the system announcement, stunned.

He wasn’t unfamiliar with a town’s construction. After all, many Guilds had constructed towns within the various kingdoms and empires before.

However, the building a town in a neutral map held an entirely different meaning.

Neutral maps lacked teleportation points. Players could only rely on their own power to travel to neutral maps. If a Guild constructed a Guild Town in a neutral map, its Guild members could Guild Transfer Scrolls to teleport to said town once it had a Guild Residence, saving plenty of travel time.

Moreover, unlike a captured town, which had a fixed location, the owner could construct their town wherever they wished.

Neutral maps were rich in resources, but the various major powers had only captured premade towns thus far. Nobody had successfully built a town in a neutral map yet. Even so, these powers had reaped plenty of benefits from their captured towns. If they could build a town in a strategic location and occupy it, they could definitely secure more resources.

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Meanwhile, at the Orc Empire's Primordial Divine Ruin...

The players from the various major powers and adventurer teams, who were preparing to fight for the ruin's entry slots, were watching towards the southwest, an indescribable shock filling their gazes.

Suddenly, a town had popped up in the highlands southwest of the Primordial Divine Ruin.

Combined with the previous system announcement, any fool would realize that this constructed town belonged to Zero Wing.

"Am I dreaming?"

"How is this possible?"

"Zero Wing is so awesome! The Guild even had the means to construct a town here?"

Looking at the fully-formed town, the various large Guilds at the Primordial Divine Ruin looked on with envy. Meanwhile, the eyes of the various adventurers glowed with excitement.

Having a town so close to the Primordial Divine Ruin was a dream.

The Primordial Divine Ruin was an important resource, which the various major powers competed for. These powers had even expended endless manpower and resources just to get more members into the ruin. Now that Zero Wing had built a town beside the Primordial Divine Ruin, the Guild would have a massive advantage over the other powers when competing for entry slots.

First, Zero Wing could easily mobilize a large number of Guild members to the Primordial Divine Ruin. Zero Wing's members would not have to face hours of travel.

Second, the players that Zero Wing garrisoned in the ruin wouldn't have to worry about repairing gear and replenishing supplies. The Primordial Divine Ruin wasn't a town, and even though it offered hotels for players to rest in, there were a limited number available. Moreover, the cost was beyond exorbitant. Not even large Guilds could necessarily afford for thousands of their members to rent rooms from the hotels, yet if players set up camp outside of the ruin, their Stamina and Concentration recover would be incredibly slow. This prevented them from grinding the surrounding monsters and leveling up efficiently.

However, towns were a different story. A town could accommodate more players, and most importantly, players could repair their weapons and equipment in a town. Although the Primordial Divine Ruin had restaurants and hotels, it didn't have any smithies. Hence, players would have to return to their respective towns and cities to repair their gear after grinding around the ruin for some time.

With these two advantages, Zero Wing could secure a powerful position in the competition over the Primordial Divine Ruin's resources.

While the various large Guilds were furious over Zero Wing building a Guild Town next to the ruin, the various adventurer teams were elated.

The participating adventurer teams were still far weaker than the various large Guilds in the competition for entry slots. After all, unlike adventurer teams, the various large Guilds had many members under their command and could afford to garrison their members in the Primordial Divine Ruin in shifts without affecting their total combat power within the ruin.

However, now that a town had been built next to the Primordial Divine Ruin, the various adventurer teams could use it as a temporary base, staying close to the ruin long-term. With this, the various adventurer teams could compete with the various large Guilds on a more even playing field.

Meanwhile, news of Zero Wing's new town in the Orc Empire quickly spread to the neighboring kingdoms and empires.

For a time, the various large Guilds and independent experts were all talking about Zero Wing.

"Zero Wing's rise is certain now! Not only does the Guild have the advanced combat rooms and a Guild City, but it also has built a town right beside the Orc Empire's Primordial Divine Ruin!"

"That's right! I heard that many independent experts have chosen to join Zero Wing to better-develop themselves. Apparently, not only has the Guild reserved specific advanced combat rooms for its members, but Zero Wing members can also learn the Guild's combat techniques for a much lower price than non-Guild players. I knew I should've joined Zero Wing earlier."

Many independent experts from the various kingdoms and empires neighboring the Orc Empire were tempted to join Zero Wing after learning about the Guild's latest achievement.

They hadn't known much about Zero Wing previously, and those that had known hadn't had a particularly optimistic view of the Guild. However, that had all changed after the Guild's overwhelming victory against Blackwater and Beast Emperor. Now that Zero Wing had constructed a Guild Town beside the Primordial Divine Ruin, even a fool could tell that the Guild had a very high chance of becoming a super-first-rate Guild in the future.

Many expert players targeted super-first-rate Guilds. If one could become an internal member of such an organization, they'd be able to live a life free of worry in the real world. However, super-first-rate Guilds had plenty of expert players, and only a limited number of people could become internal members. Hence, the competition within super-first-rate Guilds was intense.

However, if players joined a Guild that had the potential to become a super-first-rate Guild, even if they were only ordinary experts, they still had a high chance of becoming an internal member.

Thinking about the potential benefits, many of the various kingdoms and empires' experts hurried toward Star-Moon Kingdom.

For a time, more players gathered before Zero Wing's Residence in White River City and Zero Wing City, allowing the Guild to recruit another large batch of elite and expert players.

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Meanwhile, when Aqua Rose, who was gathering the architects Shi Feng had requested, found out about Zero Wing's new town, realization dawned on her. She was also instantly overjoyed.

Now that Zero Wing had a Guild Town beside the Primordial Divine Ruin, the Guild would have a much easier time collecting combat techniques and entering Primordial City. Most importantly, the town would bring in a massive amount of income for Zero Wing.

Nowadays, a large number of players grinded and leveling in the Orc Empire. All of these players were elites and experts from the various kingdoms and empires, and they all had plenty of resources. Meanwhile, there were only a few Guild Towns in the Orc Empire. Furthermore, Ancient Rock City, which had been a hub for players, had become an Evil Demon nest. This further limited the number of rest areas for players.

Now that a new Guild Town had popped up beside the Primordial Divine Ruin, tons of expert and elite players would swarm the town, giving Zero Wing access to all sorts of rare resources. The Guild's new town would likely be even more profitable than Stone Forest Town, and for Zero Wing's members, this was a golden opportunity to visit the Orc Empire to grind. Their leveling efficiency in the neutral map would definitely be faster than grinding in Star-Moon Kingdom.

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Meanwhile, Shi Feng, who sat in an advanced horse carriage as he headed towards White River City's War God's Temple, remained wholly ignorant of the commotion Zero Wing's new town had caused.

All he knew was that his new town's construction had been completed. The system had also notified him that he needed to inspect the town and complete the handover procedures.

However, Shi Feng wasn't focused on his newest town, but on the contents of his bag.

While he had been embroiled in battle, he hadn't had the chance to inspect his harvest. Now that things had settled down, he had to go through the items. After all, he had obtained much from the battle at the Primordial Divine Ruin.

Not only had Zero Wing's army killed a large number of Blackwater experts, but it had also taken down two Mythic Evil Beasts and a Mythic ranked NPC.

Among the top-tier equipment Blackwater's experts had dropped, the best had to be the Magic Weapon from Singular Burial. The Magic Weapon was a longbow called Firmament Striker.

Magic Weapons were even rarer than Epic Weapons. They were also much stronger than Epic Weapons. Unfortunately, wielding a Magic Weapon came with some severe risks.

The two Mythic ranked Evil Beasts had also dropped splendid items. The monsters had dropped a Growth-type Epic ranked mage robe and an Evil Energy Potion Recipe, an Advanced Alchemy Recipe. The Evil Energy Potion was a precious potion that when consumed, increases players' Strength Attribute by 15% and gave its user a certain amount of Evil Energy resistance for two hours. Naturally, the potion's main material was Evil Energy Crystals.

However, these items did little to hold Shi Feng's attention as he was most eager to find out what the Mythic NPC, Dyro had dropped. Mythic NPCs rarely dropped items, but when they did, the items were definitely top-tier.

Following which, Shi Feng retrieved the two items Dyro had dropped from his bag. He then appraised them with Omniscient Eyes.

Chapter 1720 – Evil God's Inheritance

When Shi Feng started appraising the two items Dyro dropped, the Mana density inside the closed carriage rapidly increased. Like two hungry beasts that had just woken up, the two items absorbed the ambient Mana around them ravenously.

This situation surprised Shi Feng somewhat.

He had never thought that the two items Dyro dropped would be so amazing. Right now, the Mana density in the carriage was slightly above even that of Stone Forest Town.

The Mana absorption process eventually stopped after about ten seconds. The situation inside the carriage then quickly reverted to its original state.

Previously, the two items Shi Feng obtained had been sealed, which gave them the appearance of purplish-gold crystal balls and made it impossible to discern their identity. In fact, the only information Shi Feng got when he tried inspecting the items was their name “Sealed Crystal Ball” and nothing else.

Meanwhile, upon seeing the two unsealed items, Shi Feng could not help but be stunned.

Of the two items, one was a broken longsword, and the other was a gemstone that radiated five different colored glows.

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[Evil God's Inheritance] (One-handed Sword)

A treasured sword that the Evil God once used. However, the sword was destroyed in a battle, shattered into three pieces. Although the Evil God's treasured sword was destroyed, the power of the Evil God contained inside it remains intact. As long as one gathers all three fragments, it is possible for the sword to regain its past glory. This piece is the broken hilt of the sword.

By permanently sacrificing 10 points of all Attributes, the user may execute one slash with the sword. Although this sword has been severely damaged, it can still exert one-tenth of its original power.

When this fragment is within 1,000 yards of other fragments, the fragments will resonate with each other.

Drops upon death.

Cannot be traded.

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[Limit Gemstone] (Epic Consumable)

Can be embedded into a weapon or equipment to permanently improve it. (Can be used on only Epic ranked items or below.)

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Shi Feng shuddered involuntarily as he looked at the descriptions of these two items, his eyes glowing with excitement.

Although he had long since known that the loot of a Tier 4 NPC would be extraordinary and certainly superior to Epic items, he had never imagined that Dyro would drop these two items.

The Evil God's Inheritance was a weapon the Evil God had used frequently when it was still intact. In its complete form, it should be a Legendary Weapon at the very least. Although he had only a fragment of the weapon, it could lead to obtaining a real Legendary Weapon. Its value was definitely higher than that of a Fragmented Legendary Weapon.

After all, Legendary items were exceedingly rare in God's Domain, and every one of them had extraordinary origins. Not to mention, most of the clues players found that were related to Legendary items were usually fake.

Meanwhile, the most valuable aspect about the Evil God's Inheritance was the fact that it could be used. Even though it was capable of exerting only 10% of its original power, that was 10% of a Legendary Weapon's power—not something a Fragmented Legendary Weapon could hope to compare to. Only, the price to use the weapon was a little steep.

Let alone other players, even Shi Feng would feel a sting if he had to pay 10 points in all Attributes just to swing the weapon once.

As for the other item Dyro dropped, it was something Shi Feng had only ever heard about before. During his previous life, the Limit Gemstone had appeared in an auction hosted by a Super Guild. However, the Limit Gemstone sold back then wasn't supplied by the hosting Super Guild. Instead, it was an item some other player had put up for trade.

When this item appeared during the bartering session of the auction, it had immediately caused an uproar at the auction venue.

After all, the best weapon and equipment that peak experts could get their hands on back then were only Epic rank. Fragmented Legendary items were still far out of their reach. Hence, to them, an item capable of improving Epic Weapons and Equipment was far more valuable than even Epic Weapons.

In the end, the Limit Gemstone had been traded for one Epic Weapon and three pieces of top-tier Dark-Gold Equipment of that time.

Back then, nobody had a strong opinion on this price. It was neither too expensive nor too cheap. Only sometime later did everyone find out that the buyer of the Limit Gemstone had ended up making a huge profit. The Limit Gemstone turned out to be even more amazing than everyone thought it to be. Just like its name implied, it improved a weapon or equipment to its maximum limit, not just slightly.

From then onward, whenever a Limit Gemstone appeared, it would sell for astronomical prices, even as much as three Epic items.

Back then, however, Shi Feng was only qualified to use the Limit Gemstone as a topic of conversation. Actually owning one had been far beyond him. He never dreamed that he would obtain one himself in this life.

It can upgrade only weapons and equipment at the Epic rank or below? As Shi Feng looked at the resplendent gemstone in his hand, he could not help but think of the Sacred Sword Killing Ray.

As one of the 36 Famed Swords of God's Domain, Killing Ray was much stronger than any ordinary Epic Weapon. Moreover, it also had immense growth potential as it was one of the fragments of Solomon's Sword, one of God's Domain's Ten Great Legendary Weapons. Since it was once part of a Legendary Weapon, the quality of the materials used to forge Killing Ray went without saying.

One could say that it was the best item to improve with the Limit Gemstone.

Immediately, Shi Feng unsheathed Killing Ray and placed the Limit Gemstone on the flat of the sword. Following which, the sound of a system notification entered his ears.

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System: Do you wish to embed the Limit Gemstone in Killing Ray?

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“Embed it!” Shi Feng agreed decisively.

Suddenly, the five-colored gemstone liquified and spread itself across Killing Ray. A short moment later, the Sacred Sword was encased entirely in a layer of five-colored liquid as if the longsword had just put on a five-colored sheath. Following which, the glow from the five-colored liquid intensified, so much so that Shi Feng couldn’t look at the sword directly.

After several seconds the phenomenon subsided, and Killing Ray reverted to its original state. At this moment, however, several divine runes graced the sword’s body, adding a hint of divinity to the Sacred Sword.

As Shi Feng wielded Killing Ray, he felt a pleasant feeling like never before.

Right now, aside from his impression that the Sacred Sword was more powerful than before, Shi Feng sensed that his compatibility with it had improved substantially. Now, Killing Ray felt more like an

extension of his arm rather than a weapon. He could clearly perceive the layers of air the Sacred Sword was cutting through.

In addition, golden arcs of electricity were sparking along the edges of the sword. Even after the Sacred Sword had moved away, arcs of electricity still lingered in the space it occupied before, vaporizing the air and anything else that came across them.

Amazing! It is actually capable of causing continuous damage to places I've attacked before? Is this the true power of Killing Ray? Shi Feng was astonished as he looked at Killing Ray.

Epic Weapons and Equipment were extremely rare in God's Domain; those that had hidden effects were even rarer.

These hidden effects went unstated in the Attribute Panel and did not appear to be salient. However, only players that had wielded these kinds of weapons and equipment before would realize how significant these hidden effects actually were toward improving one's combat power. In fact, they were much more important than the Attributes listed in the Attribute Panel.

Take Fire Dance's Thousand Transformations for example. The hidden effect the Fragmented Legendary Weapon possessed was simply heaven-defying. No matter what kind of attacks Fire Dance faced, she could easily block it by executing a random swing with her short sword. It was as if the entire space around her was within the attack trajectory of her weapon. It was simply impossible to predict her trajectory with Thousand Transformations.

Due to Thousand Transformations's hidden effect, even if Fire Dance's combat standards were lacking, she could still hold her ground against apex experts.

Meanwhile, although Killing Ray's hidden effect was not a match for Thousand Transformations's, it was still very frightening. Being able to cause damage to places he had attacked before would undoubtedly increase his DPS significantly.

If utilized properly, he could even seal his opponent's movements, preventing all retaliation.

Killing Ray's hidden effect would pose trouble even for Void Realm experts, not to mention other experts.

After playing with Killing Ray's hidden effect for a while longer, Shi Feng could no longer hold back, tapping open the Sacred Sword's Attribute Panel. He was very curious to find out just how much Killing Ray had improved.